

Buffalo Trail Council



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Buffalo Tracks

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New Buffalo Trail Council Website

The Website has been up and running since April! There will be more additions to the site in the near future. Check it out at www.buffalotrailbsa.org

Charlie Ross Memorial Celebration

On Saturday evening, August 16, 2003 at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch there will be a formal presentation in Charlie's memory. BBQ will be served as the meal and all visitors not participating in OA Close Camp will need to RSVP by the 8th of August to Jana in the Odessa Scout Service Center at 337-2144. Come around 5pm for fellowship and meal will be about 6:30pm.

CAF AIRSHO Sept 27 & 28

The Airsho is one week earlier this year and the Order of the Arrow has decided to take on the project of Parking the Cars and etc... All the money taken in will go towards the camp improvement projects that the Tatanka Lodge undertakes each year. Please mark your calendars to help out this year. Remember all Scouts and Scouters in uniform who help park cars and units that help clean-up the grounds get in free to Airsho! This year the Canadian Air Force Snowbirds will perform at the show. To work parking contact your chapter advisor or sign-up at the Scout Service Centers in late August and September. Thanks for your help!

Friends of Scouting

On June 13th, a victory party was held in Midland to end the 2003 FOS Campaign. Volunteers throughout the council were recognized for their efforts in making this year's campaign a success. Currently, the campaign stands at \$216,434, or 94.1% of goal. Special thanks to Hayes Stripling and Kyle Peeler for directing their campaigns to achieve 100% of goal. Chaparral district has done such a great job, that there are **NO** unworked prospects in their campaign. Great Job Kyle! Current standings:

<u>District</u>	<u>Amount Raised</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
Chaparral	\$100,686	111.9
Lone Star	\$ 42,242	105.6
Big Bend	\$ 6,676	83.5
Comanche Trails	\$ 22,850	50.7
Sand Hills	\$ 1,480	29.6
Council	<u>\$ 42,500</u>	<u>101.1</u>
TOTAL	\$216,434	94.1

October 28, 2003 will kickoff our 2004 Campaign with the District FOS Chairman's Briefing. Until then, let's congratulate ourselves on a job well done in 2003!

Buffalo Gals Weekend

Over 20 ladies had a great time at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch on April 25-27th. They had a great weekend without all the guys!

OA Close Camp Weekend – BTSR

August 15-17th will be the OA Weekend at BTSR. Ordeal and Brotherhood elevations will be offered this weekend and in Sept. at Hughes Aquatics Close Camp. Many worthy tasks to benefit the camps will be undertaken by the candidates and Arrowmen as they share their talents and efforts toward the betterment of our camping facilities. As part of this weekend we are having the Charlie Ross Memorial Celebration on Saturday evening. It will be very important to get an accurate head count for food so please RSVP for work weekends. Please RSVP to the Odessa Scout Service Center, 337-2144 by August 8th, 2003 for BTSR Weekend and by Aug 29th 2003 for Hughes Weekend.

Spring Fling Shootout V

The Spring Fling Shootout V was held Saturday, April 26th at Windwalker Shooting Sports Complex. This was a great event and has grown every year with over 250 shooters again this year. Thanks to all the over 60 Boy Scouts and their leaders who participated and helped make this a success! Thanks also to the Sponsors, Underwriters, other donors and shooters for making this event so great! Thanks to our Gold Eagle sponsors Light Tower Rentals and A-1 Signs. Also our Eagle sponsors Endura Products and Wal-mart.

BSA Bass Classic

The BSA Bass Classic was held on Saturday May 3rd at Lake Alan Henry. There were over 30 participants and all had a great time. Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors and participants for supporting this event.

My Son & Me Cub Weekend

This was an action packed weekend at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch May 16-18th. Exciting activities such as hiking, horses, archery, BB's, crafts and other Scout skills were enjoyed by all. There were over 250 participants in attendance. Thanks to all for making this a great event. A special thanks to Troop 18 for hosting this event and making it a big success!

Rockhounds Scout Night and Campout

On Saturday, June 7th at First American Bank Ballpark the Scouts and their families enjoyed an all you can eat feast, a good game, and unfortunately a bit of bad weather! The Movie and Campout had to be canceled. All had a great evening and look forward to try again next year!

Hughes Aquatic Weekends

June 13-15th & June 27-29th

All Boy Scouts and Venturers enjoyed many water sport activities while earning advancements such as waterskiing, sailing, lifesaving, swimming, motor boating, canoeing, rowing, fishing and oceanography.

BTSR Summer Camp

We had 8 weeks of summer camp with over 2400 campers. This was a great summer and thanks to all who made it a success. A big thanks to the BTSR Staff and all Troops in attendance this summer!

2004 West Texas Rendezvous

On April 23-25, 2004 will be the 5th West Texas Rendezvous at San Angelo State Park. There will be over 2500 Scouters from over 6 Councils from Texas! It will be like a mini Jamboree. Put it on your calendar and come join us! The packets will be out in the Scout Service Centers very soon! For more information call Dan Wagoner at 432-337-1277.

Council Calendar

July

July 17 Council Popcorn Training – For all District Kernels at Cattleman’s in Midland
July 23 Council Executive Board Meeting - BTSR

August

Aug 15-17 OA Close Camp – BTSR
Aug 16 Charlie Ross Memorial Celebration Dinner - BTSR
Aug 25 BSA Pro-am Golf Tournament – Hogan Park Golf Course in Midland 1pm

September

Sept 5-7 OA Close Camp - Hughes Aquatics Base
Sept 25 Council Executive Board
Sept 27-28 CAF AIRSHO 2003

2003 Buffalo Trail Council Eagle Scouts

Troop, Team, or Crew # Chartering Organization

Chaparral District

Trevor J. Williams	T80	Northwestern Baptist Church
Gregory A. Martini	T19	Westside Lions Club
Trevor W. Morris	T109	Suburban Lions Club
Tyson E. Carroll	T231	LDS 1 st Ward
James E. Bowden	T231	LDS 1 st Ward
Andrew W. Castle	T80	Northwestern Baptist Church
Jeffrey P. Alexander	T175	Midland Texas, Inc
Brian J. Taylor	T175	Midland Texas, Inc
Justen A. Farr	C231	LDS 1 st Ward
Alexander J. Gorski	T84	St. Ann’s Catholic Church
Robert G. Henkhaus	T84	St. Ann’s Catholic Church
Justin R. Roland	T232	First Baptist Church
Scott Rogers	T232	First Baptist Church
Trevor M. Hannon	T232	First Baptist Church
Ronny Hise	T80	Northwestern Baptist Church
Alfredo Perez	T80	Northwestern Baptist Church
Zackariah R. Plagg	T233	Memorial Christian Church
Matthew D. Demel	T232	First Baptist Church
James C. Demel	T232	First Baptist Church

Comanche Trails District

Jared M. Howell	T98	LDS 1 st Ward
James E. Taylor	T74	Parents Club Inc.
James D. Stewart	T74	Parents Club Inc.

Sand Hills District

William C. Armstrong	T68	Pecos Rotary Club
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Lone Star District

Orrin L. Mansfield	T25	Midway Baptist Church
Mark Warrington	T1	First United Methodist Church

Council Fall Adult Leader Training

We have a lot of training going on in the Council. Watch your calendar, pickup training sheets in your local service center, or for more information, call **Gary Wood**, council training chairman, at work 685-6922 or home 697-7084.

Memorials

Bill Bradford
Marie Hall

Steve Odom
Marie Hall

Rudy Wright
John Dee & Jo Ann Johnson
Neil & Jan Florer

Chad E. Bales
Warren & Sandy Wallace

Big Bend District

District Chairman -
Dist Comm. Robert Culpepper 837-1464
Dist. Director – Roy Loris W- 570-7601

Big Bend Roundtable

No meeting June, July, or August

July: ALL Scout Offices will be closed from June 30-July 6

September:

- 8 District Committee, District Commissioners, Cub & Scout Leader Roundtables & Popcorn Kickoff-Wesley Student Center-7:00p.m.,Alpine, TX
- 27 Cub Leader Training Part 1&2 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
- 28 District Wide Pushmobile Race- Presidio County Courthouse-2:00 p.m. \$4.00 per scout. Sponsored by Marfa pack & troop. Contact Bunny Petrosky for more information, office 729-3550 or home 729-9744.

Chaparral District

District Chair- James Rigger- 689-1503
Dist. Comm- Richard Johnson- 697-8544
Sr. District Exec- Brad Connel- 570-7601

July

- 4-11 Midland Scout Service Center Closed
- 16 District Key Three

August

- 4 Accepting Nominations for District Committee
- 7 District Sub-Committee 5:15pm- Committee 6:00pm Service Center
- 12 Trainer Development Conference – For all Packs Unit Trainer!
- 14 District Commissioner Meeting 6:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 14 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, Midland Scout Service Center- For all Leaders!
- 14 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable & **Fall Rally Training** 7:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC.
- 20 District Key Three
- 21 Cub Scout Rally Training and Packet Pickup for all Units! Midland SSC
- 26 Fall Rallies for District Begin!
- 27 Basic Leader Training - Essentials with Fast Start for Cub, Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders.

September

- 4 District Unit Popcorn Kickoff for all Units Popcorn Kernels.
- 7 District Sub-Committee 5:15pm- Committee 6:00pm Service Center
- 8-9 Chaparral Fall Rallies Continue!
- 11 District Commissioner Meeting 6:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 11 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, Midland Scout Service Center- For all Leaders!

- 11 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC.
- 13 Basic Leader Training - Essentials with Fast Start for Cub, Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders. 9am to Noon
- 13 Basic Leader Training – Specifics form 1-4pm.
- 14-15 Chaparral Fall Rallies End!
- 17 Basic Cub Leader Training - Essentials with Fast Start for Cub, Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders.
- 17 District Key Three
- 18 Basic Cub Leader Training - Specifics 7-9:30pm at MSSC
- 20 Basic Cub Leader Training – Essentials with Fast Start for Cub, Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders. 9am to Noon
- 20 Basic Leader Training – Specifics form 1-4pm.

Please be sure to read the Council Page for Important Dates on council-wide events, training and other information!
For more Information on any Calendar dates or events, please call or come by the Scout Service Center in Midland.

Thank You's & Past Events

Chaparral Cub Day Camp

Thanks to Allen and Missy Sigler and all the volunteers who made this event come together! There were over 100 Cub Scout that were in attendance at Reyes Mashburn Park in Midland. It was a blast and they cannot wait until next year to do it again!

Chaparral Scout Expo

On April 5th we had a fun Scout Expo at Midland College. Thanks to all the units, volunteers and sponsors for making this event a success. A special thanks to Midland College for their support and letting us use the facilities.

Chaparral Pinewood Derby

The derby was held at Scout Expo on Sat. April 5th at Midland College. This was a blast and we had some fast cars racing to win it all! Congratulations to all the racers on making the District Race!

Upcoming Events & Information

Adult Leader Training

We had some great training in the spring and have a full schedule set for the Fall. Get a list of all trainings at the Scout Service Center or call **Jay May** at work or home 697-7084.

District Roundtable's:

Please have at least one unit leader attend your district roundtables to get important unit information on district and council events. Roundtable is held the second Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Scout Service Center. No Roundtable in July.

August Roundtable is very important to have a good start to the new year!

District Notes:

Fall Rallies – Don't Forget that it is a good idea for your pack or troop to have a table at open house night at your school and even

earlier at meet the teacher night. Don't miss the Rally training and packet night on August 21st at Midland Service Center!

Training is very important for your new leaders to get ASAP and it is good review for past leaders. Some current leaders may not be trained in the Specifics of a New Position they have taken. Please have your pack trainer attend the meeting on August 12th at MSSC and promote training for a greater quality program for the kids and leaders.

Popcorn sales are starting earlier to give you a bigger window to make big bucks!

You can pay for a whole years program with a good sale. Have your units popcorn kernel attend the training on September 4th.

I know with rallies, training, and popcorn it makes for a busy time but if we do good in these areas for August and September you will have a great year. You will have a lot easier year to boot! Lets pull together and have a great year and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Brad Connel

Comanche Trails District

District Chair – Barney Welch W-563-1061
District Comm – Steve Harry W-337-1534
Dist. Director – Roy Loris W-570-7601

Note there will be no Roundtables in June or July.

Comanche Trails District Calendar:

July:

- 4 **ALL Scout offices will be closed from June 30-July 6**
- 22 Key Three-11:30 a.m. Odessa Office

August:

- 4 District Committee & District Commissioners Mtg. 7:00 p.m.-Odessa Office
- 5 Cub & Scout Leaders Roundtables-7:00 p.m.-Troop 775 Scout Hut, 2501 E. Pearl
- 26 Key Three-11:30 a.m.-Odessa Office

September:

- 8 District Committee & District Commissioners-7:00p.m.-Odessa Office
- 9 Cub & Scout Leader Roundtables & Popcorn Kickoff-7:00 p.m. Troop 775 Scout Hut-2501 E. Pearl
- 17 Cub Leader Fast Start Training- 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.-Odessa Office
- 23 Key Three-11:30 a.m.-Odessa Office
- 23 & 25 Cub Leader Training, Part 1 & 2 Odessa Office-7:00p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Sand Hills District

District Chair- Oscar Saenz W - 445-1053
Dist. Comm- Deborah Bean W- 943-4316
Dist. Director – Roy Loris W – 570-7601

Note that there will be no meetings in June and July.

July: ALL Scout offices will be closed from June 30-July 6

August:

- 11 District Committee, District Commissioners, Cub & Scout Leader Roundtables-7:00 p.m. First Methodist Church, Pecos

September:

- 8 District Committee, District Commissioners, Cub & Scout Leaders Roundtables, & Popcorn Kickoff-7:00 p.m.-First Methodist Church, Pecos

Lone Star District

Dist Chr. – Carl Johansen 267-5275
Dist Com. – Ralph Truszkowski 267-6930
Sr. Dist. Exec. – Warren Wallace 263-3407

July

- 3 Independence Day Celebration, Comanche Trail Park. Flag Detail will gather at 7:45pm.
- 12 11-12 SR2 Section Conclave, San Marcos, SWTU Campus

August

- 4 District Committee Meeting, 12 noon, EASC
- 6 Snyder Leader Roundtables, 5:30, Spanish Inn
- 7 District Roundtables 7 pm. EASC
- 15-17 OA Close Camp - BTSR

September

- 1 District Committee Meeting, 12 noon, EASC
- 3 Snyder Leader Roundtables, 5:30, Spanish Inn
- 4 District Roundtables 7 pm. EASC
- 5-7 OA Close Camp - HAB
- 27-28 CAF Airsho

Annual Fish-a-thon

On May 10th at Towle Park Pond in Snyder from 8 to 4pm the 7th Annual Fish-a-thon was held. There were many youth and adults who participated and had a great time! Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, and participants for supporting this event this year!