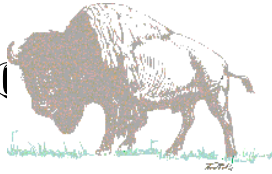




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Council President- Kyle Womack: 697-1447
Council Commissioner - Ron Harkrider: 367-5711
Scout Executive- Mark W. Compton: 570-7601 ext. 13

Merit Badge Academy

The Merit Badge Academy was held on Saturday, January 17th and 24th at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Midland. There were over 250 Scout in attendance from all Districts in the Council. Thanks to **David Powers** and his committee for their hard work in making this a great success again this year.

Council Banquet & Eagle Recognition Dinner

The Buffalo Trail Council held its Council Recognition Banquet on Saturday January 24, 2004. Thanks to all the volunteers for making 2003 a great success in the Buffalo Trail Council.. Thanks to **Ralph and Ginger Harding** who helped put on the banquet. Congratulations to all the Eagle Scouts. We had Four Scouters receive the highest award a volunteer can receive on the Council level, the **Silver Beaver Award**. They are as Follows: **Baine A. Beane, Jr., William (Bill) John Morris, James A. Nickel, and Hayes Stripling, Jr.** Congratulations to all and Thanks again for your Service to Scouting and The Community!

Food Drive

The Council Annual Scouting for Food Drive on Feb 7th was a great Success in Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Snyder and other communities. Over 25,000 pounds of food was collected for the benefit of local Food Banks and Soup Kitchens. We also had a clothing drive for Goodwill that was a Huge Success in Odessa & Midland. Thanks to all the Units and volunteers that made this possible.

Flag Retirement

On Scout Sunday Feb 8th, in Downtown Midlands' Centennial Plaza, was the Annual Flag retirement Ceremony. Over 500 Flags were retired. Thanks to **John Crosby** for Chairing the Event and to our Speakers.

Family Pow-Wow Campout Weekend at BTR

293 Scouts and their Families in attendance. Thanks to the Order of the Arrow for putting on this event in March.

College of Commissioner Science

Great training held at Hughes Aquatic on March 26-28, 2004. Thanks to the Ron **Harkrider** and his commissioners staff who put this on for our Council.

2004 RENDEZVOUS

The 2004 Rendezvous is approaching quickly. The date is April 23-25, 2004, at San Angelo State Park. Five councils will be participating in this really fun event. Scout troops, Venture crews, and Webelos Dens are welcomed to come and camp. Webelos dens must camp with a Boy Scout troop. Cubs are welcome to come and observe the activity on Saturday only. Registration forms are available at your local service center.

BTR Gearing Up For Summer Season

In only a few short months, thousands of campers will flood the gates of Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. The staff has been hired and is preparing for another great camping season at the ranch! Several new merit badges have been added to the program as well as a SCUBA program, all the while bringing back the usual favorites. Troops are even already registering for classes using our new online pre-registration system! Look for some great changes to the ranch with our repaired pool, new pool showers, and even a new rock range target! We hope that you all have your reservations made for summer camp and are looking forward to a great

time at the ranch this summer. For more information on summer camp, go to the camping section of the Buffalo Trail Council website. See you at camp!

BSA Spring Fling Shootout VI

Our 6th Annual Sporting Clay shoot is set for Saturday, May 1st at Windwalker Farms North of Midland. We need older Boy Scouts to help run the Stations at the shoot. There will be a training at Windwalker for the Scouts on Tues. April 27th and Wed. April 29th. Please come to one or the other and arrive between 5:30 to 6:30pm. We will have Hamburgers and a free Fun Shoot for the Scouts. For more information on the Shoot call Keith King at (432) 556-6980 or Brad Connel at (432) 570-7601 Ext 15. For Scout Signup and Info call Jeremy Linebarger at (432) 528-9642 or Email jlinebarger@cox.net.

National Jamboree 2005

This will be your next opportunity before 2010 and the 100 year anniversary of Scouting to attend Jamboree. Chip Chapman & Jay May have been selected as Scoutmasters for our two Troops from the Council. 30 Scouts have already signed up for this once in a lifetime trip and there are 40 more spots available. There are application forms at your local Scout Service Center. This will be 6 days in Washington D.C. and 9 Days camping at Fort A.P. Hill, Caroline County, Virginia. Will leave on July 20th 2005 and return on August 3rd. The trip will cost approximately \$2000 and payable in \$100 monthly installments. For more information call **Charles House** at 683-6743 or **Ron Harkrider** at 362-0344 or **Warren Wallace** at 270-3507.

Philmont-2004

July 8 to July 22, 2004 our Council Philmont Contingency will enjoy hiking panning for gold, homesteading, mountain biking, spar-pole climbing, fly fishing, rock-climbing, or many other activities at the National High-adventure Base on the 137,000 acre Philmont Scout Ranch located in the Sangre de Cristo Mtns. near Cimarron, New Mexico. Come join us if you are at least 13 by January of this year and will be a ninth grader in the fall. There is room for 8 more scouts and 2 or 3 adults. Contact Warren Wallace at 270-3507 if you might be interested

Hughes Aquatic Week-ends

Lake Colorado City is looking great and the fish are coming back. The council will hold two Aquatic Merit Badge or Ranger requirement week-ends at the Hughes Aquatic Base June 12-13 and June 25-26 for individual Scouts and Venturers or Units. Aquatic merit badges such as swimming, lifesaving, small-boat sailing, motor-boating, fishing, first-aid, oceanography, canoeing, rowing, and waterskiing will be offered as well as some tenderfoot second class and first class requirements. Costs are \$50 for one week-end or \$80 for both week-ends. BSA Lifeguard will also be offered. Registration forms will be available at your service centers or you may call Warren Wallace at 432 270-3507.

Council Calendar

April

- April 9 Scout Service Centers Closed in Observance of Good Friday
- Apr 15 Council Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm Midland Scout Service Center
- Apr 16-18 **Outdoor Leader Training** at HAB for Webelo Leaders and Boy Scout Leaders
Register at Scout Service Centers or call **Gary Wood** for Info at (432) 697-7048
- Apr 16-18 OA Conclave – Southern Region Area 2
- Apr 20 Council Cub Day Camp Meeting, 7pm Midland Scout Service Center
- Apr 22 Executive Committee Meeting
- Apr 23-25 West Texas Rendezvous – San Angelo State Park – O.C. Fisher Reservoir
- Apr 27 Boy Scout Sporting Clay Training & Fun-shoot (See Article for more Info)
- Apr 28 Boy Scout Sporting Clay Training & Fun-shoot (See Article for more Info)
- Apr 30-2 Buffalo Gals Stampede – All Girl Weekend for Female Adults at BTSR
For Info call **Mona Free** 699-2369 or **Donna Cowdrey** W-683-3351 H-570-6389

May

- May 1 BSA Spring Fling Shootout VI – Sporting Clays – Windwalker Farms, Midland
- May 7-8 OA Fellowship - BTSR
- May 20 Council Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm Midland Scout Service Center
- May 22 Council Program Kickoff
- May 30 BTSR - Staff Week Begins
- May 31 Scout Service Centers Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

June

- June 4-6 OA Fellowship – Hughes Aquatic Base
- June 6-12 BTSR – Week #1 of Summer Camp
- June 11-13 Aquatics Weekend Camp at Hughes Aquatic Base

June 17 Council Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm Midland Scout Service Center
June 22 Nominating Committee Chairs Briefing
June 25-27 Aquatics Weekend Camp at Hughes Aquatic Base

District Calendars & Information

Big Bend District — 2004

Chair – Dr. Dan Petrosky (432-729-3550)
District Commissioner –
Dist Executive – Jim White (432-661-5289)
Jim White – Email ID: chapjimw@aol.com

Big Bend Monthly Mtgs for Adults

- * **April 12** — 2nd Monday at 7 pm at Paisana Hotel... in down-town **Marfa**.
- * **May 10** — 2nd Monday at 7 pm at Sul Ross Wesley Center on Ave B in **Alpine**.
- * **June 14** — 2nd Monday at 7 pm at First United Methodist Church... in **Fort Davis**.
- * **June 14** — And... today is **FLAG DAY**.

***Call **Bunny or Dan Petrosky** at above #'s for particulars ~ Please Attend ~ We do need the help of "all-adults" in Big Bend. **Thank you Dr. Petrosky...** for agreeing to be our 2004 Big Bend Chair — **Who will ask others to help Dan on District level?**

***Also try to have 2-3 adults from your Pack, Troop, Crew, Group or Post attend monthly meetings — This is best time to hear about all events (+) Invite a friend.

Big Bend District Area Schools

Alpine, Fort Davis, Marathon and Marfa. Panther Junction, Presidio, Terlingua and Valentine — **If you know adults** who are **ex-scouters** (part of our alumni), **or if you know adults** in who live in **these areas** who will help, please call **Dan Petrosky or Jim White**.

Pinewood Derby — April 25

Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 pm in Fort Davis. More specifics at April 12 Monthly Mtg.

Topic: Scouting & Volunteerism

When you hear about 'civic-community' groups or 'school-congregational' groups needing Guest Speakers — Contact **Dan Petrosky** or **Jim White** — We will go or have someone go and "talk-about" **BSA**.

Big Bend FOS Campaign — 2004

On April 12th— President of West Texas National Bank in Apline, **Mr. Doug Burns** will host the "kick-off" for our FOS (Friends of Scouting) Campaign — **Doug Burns, Bob Ward and Bill Ivey** need the assistance of everyone — Please say **YES**, I'll give, and **I will ask** others to give also.

Chaparral District

District Chair- James Riggen- 689-1503
Dist. Comm.- Barbara Biffle- 570-7757
District Director-Brad Connel-570-7601x15

April

- 1 District Committee meets 6:00pm, Midland Scout Service Center
- 8 District Commissioner Meeting 6:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 8 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, Midland Scout Service Center
- 8 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 8 Venturing Roundtable 8:00pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 14 Basic Leader Essentials Training for all Adults in all Units at MSSC 7pm
- 15 Adult Leader Specific Training at MSSC at 7pm

May

- 6 District Committee meets 6:00pm, Midland Scout Service Center
- 13 District Commissioner Meeting 6:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 13 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, Midland Scout Service Center
- 13 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC.
- 13 Venturing Roundtable 8:00pm, 1st Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 28 MISD Summer Break Begins

June

- 5 Rockhounds Campout
- 14-18 Cub Scout Day Camp
- 19 Tiger Day for New 1st Graders

Friends of Scouting 2004

We are at About 80% of our 100,000 Goal and expect to be at goal by Easter Weekend.

District Roundtable's:

Please promote District Roundtable to your Den Leaders. This is great training for them on the next months' program. There are a lot of great ideas brought up at roundtable that are very helpful. Roundtable is held the second Thursday of the month.

Scouting for Food Drive

On Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, we had a great Food Drive and many thanks to our Chairperson, **Barbara Martini for our Success**. We also had many clothes donated to Goodwill on our first year to add the clothing drive. Great Job to all Units!

RSVP – Laura Cunningham
362-4779 – 5 days prior

Pushmobile

On Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004 at Beal Park we had a great day of racing. The Grand Champion was Webelo Den from Pack 154. Congratulations to all Winners! Thanks to **Brent Shuler** for his great job in Chairing this Event. We hate to see him retire!!!!

Scout Expo/Pinewood Derby

We had 5 Webelos cross to Boy Scouts at the Friday night Campfire. We had a number of Troops and Packs in attendance for this years Scout Expo on Saturday March 20, 2004 at Midland College. We held the District Pinewood Derby and the Cubs had a fun morning of competition! **Thanks to all the volunteers that made this possible and to all our Sponsors. A Big Thanks to our Special Guest Organizations from the Community.**

Training for Leaders

Basic Essential is on April 14th at 7pm and Specifics for your position is on the 15th at 7pm at the Midland Scout Service Center. The Cost is \$3 per night and we need you to call in and let us know you are coming and your position. For all Leaders in all Units!!

Summer Day Camp

This is June 14-18th and will be a blast! There are a lot of new ideas and programs and at a New Location. Please pick up your registration form at the Scout Service Center and Call **Nick Cook** for more information at 520-5814 or **Jamie Subia** at 699-6999.

Tiger Day Signup

Will be on Saturday Morning June 19th at Day Camp for all who just graduated from Kinder to 1st! Need a Representative from each pack to attend who will be in charge of getting new Tiger Group Started and active in Pack Summer Program!

Comanche Trails District

District Chair – Carl Rogers W 498-4150
District Comm. – Steve Harry –H 367-1158
Dist. Exec. – Tiffanye Thomas – 337-2144

April:

- 2-4 Camp-O-Ree @
Andrews County Park
- 4 OA Chapter Meeting
- 5 District Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m.-Odessa Office
- 6 District Commissioners Mtg-
6:30 p.m. – Troop 775 Scout Hut
Cub & Scout Leaders Round-
Tables 7:00 p.m.
Troop 775, Scout Hut, 2501 E.
Pearl
- 9 Office Closed Good Friday
- 17 Cub Leader Training – Basic
& Leader Specific

May:

- 3 District Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m.-Odessa Office
- 4 District Commissioners Mtg-
6:30 p.m. – Troop 775 Scout Hut
Cub & Scout Leaders Round-
Tables 7:00 p.m.
Troop 775, Scout Hut,
2501 E. Pearl
- 8 OA Chapter Mtg after Dinner

June:

- 28-Jul 1 Cub Scout Day Camp @
Odessa College Sports Center

Adult Training

Adult Training will be conducted in April 17. Training will include Fast Start, Cub Basics, New Leader Essentials, and Youth Protection. Locations and times will be announced later. Contact **Laura Cunningham** at 362-4779 by **April 12** or go by the Odessa Scout Office to sign up and for more information.

Roundtables

All Units should have at least one leader attend Roundtable each month to get the newest information on District and Council events. Roundtable for both Packs and Troops is the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at Troop 775 Scout Hut 2501 E. Pearl St.

Friends of Scouting Family Campaign

The 2004 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign is operating. Comanche Trail District's total 2004 FOS goal is \$45,000. **Kathy Womack** is the Chair for the Comanche Trails District and will be overseeing all FOS Campaigns. **Ed Stewart** has volunteered as the Odessa Family FOS Chairman This year there are some great prizes that will be given away based on your level of donation. Please contact Ed for Odessa at 550-3449 or Jana at the Odessa Scout Office 337-2144 with the date of your Unit's next Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Banquet. Ed will pass out pledge cards and make a short presentation during the meeting. That's all there is to it, so let's all get out there and give to the scouting program.

CT District Recognition Banquet

The Banquet was well attended and a great success! A big THANKS goes out to **Carol Harry** for organizing this event.

Sand Hills District — 2004

District Chair –
Dist Cmsr – Deborah Bean (432-943-2921)
Dist Executive – Jim White (432-661-5289)
Jim White – Email ID: chapjimw@aol.com

Sand Hills Monthly Mtgs for Adults

* **April 5** — At 7 pm in **Monahans** on 1st Monday at Bethel Baptist Church... behind Post Office at corner of 3rd & Doris Streets.
* **May 3** — 7 pm in **Kermit** on 1st Monday at The Scout Hut... take Hwy 18 north from Hwy 302 to Rosemont – Go one block east.
* **June 7** — 7 pm in **Pecos** on 1st Monday at Scout Hut — Hwy 285 North off IH 20 to West Texas Nat Bank — It's bldg out back.

***Please call **Debra Bean** or **Jim White** at above #'s to verify meeting place and to get specifics ~ **Please Attend** ~ We do need help from 'family & friends' in Sand Hills. Special Thanks to Debra Ann Bean and John Puckett... **they are always available.**

***Also try to have 2-3 adults from your Pack, Troop, Crew, Group or Post attend monthly mtgs — This is the best time to hear about all events (+) **Invite a friend.**

Sand Hills FOS Campaign — 2004

On April 13th — President of West Texas National Bank in Pecos, **Mr. John Grant** will host the "kick-off" for Sand Hills' FOS (Friends of Scouting) Campaign — Please say **YES** — I will give — And **I will ask** others to give.

Sand Hills District (School Locations)

Culberson County (Town of Van Horn), Loving and Reeves County (Towns of Pecos and Balmorhea), Ward and Winkler Counties (Towns of Grand Falls, Kermit, Monahans, Wink) — **And ~ If you know** ex-scouters (part of our alumni), or adults from 5 counties — **Please ~ Let us know.**

Topic: Scouting & Volunteerism

When you hear about 'civic-community' groups or 'school-congregational' groups needing a guest speaker — **Please call...**

Lone Star District

Dist Chr. – Carl Johansen 267-5275
Dist Com. – Jim Billings 267-5725
Dist. Exec. – David O'Neil 263-3407

April

- 1 District RT Meeting, 7:00pm at the EASC
- 5 District Committee Meeting, 12 noon at EASC
- 7 Snyder Leader RT – 5:30pm China Dragon, Rest.
- 17 Snyder Fish-A-Thon, Towle Park Pond, 8-4, \$5 each

May

- 3 District Committee Meeting, 12 noon, EASC
- 5 Snyder Leader Roundtables, 5:30, China Dragon Rest.
- 6 District Roundtables 7 pm. EASC

June

- 16-18 Cub Scout Day Camp, Hughes Aquatic Base

District Banquet a Success

Thanks to all who attended the Lone Star District banquet on January 16th. Congratulations to **Sammy Hunnicutt** who was presented the 2003 District Award of Merit. His volunteer service to the youth of Howard County is much appreciated!

Pinewood Derby Race

The annual Lone Star District Pinewood Derby race was held on March 27th at the Big Spring Mall. Championship races were held for all dens, and there was even a competition bracket for some adult cars! Thanks to all of you who made this event a success. The kids really enjoyed their day at the races!

Snyder Fish-A-Thon

It's time once again for the Snyder Fish-A-Thon. The 9th annual event will be held on April 17th at Towle Park Pond in Snyder, TX. Fishing will last from 8am – 4pm, and admission to the event is only \$5. Prizes will be given away hourly, and a grand prize will be given away at the end of the day. We encourage all Scouts and their family members to come have a great day of fun at the park. See you there!

Lone Star Day Camp

Get ready for another fun filled Day Camp this summer! Lone Star District will hold its summer day camp at Hughes Aquatic Base on June 16-18. The schedule for the 16th-17th will be from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and on the 18th activities will begin at 1:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. For 3 days of fun and excitement, the cost will only be \$35. Make plans now to bring your den to this great time at the lake! To ensure this activity will be a success, we will need volunteer staff members. To toss your name in the hat, please call the Big Spring office at 263-3407.

2004 Buffalo Trail Council Eagle Scouts

<u>Chaparral District</u>	<u>Troop, Team, or Crew #</u>	<u>Chartering Organization</u>
Brendan S. Lauritzen	C231	LDS 1 st Ward
Keith B. Windham	T158	Parents of Troop 158 Greenwood
Zack Setzler	T175	Midland, Texas, Inc
David A. Zant	Team 231	LDS 1 st Ward
Aubrey L. Olson	T270	Grace Lutheran Church
Zachary G. Bias	T109	Suburban Lions Club
Michael Hughes Orr	T80	Northwestern Baptist
Stuart McDonald	C131	LDS 2 nd Ward
Ryan Wesley Calhoun	C231	LDS 1 st Ward

Comanche Trails District

Timothy Wilhem T34 St. Luke's United Methodist

Lone Star District

Blake J. Chudej C5 First Baptist Church

Memorials

J. William Russell, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Merwin H. McConnell
James and Jean Allen
Ms. June McNatt
Dorothy G. Foster
Frederic & Janet Tietz
Sybil L. Stephens
Livona & Otis Vermilion
Kent Vermilion
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williamson
Paul and Ruth Dillion
Jan and Neil Florer
Becky & Jack Huff
Robert C. Leibrock
L. W. Randerson
June and Frank Cowden
John Dee & JoAnn Johnson
Betty & Don Ewan
Linda & Jerry Roudebush
Brenda & Jim Shuke
Sharon and Jay Floyd
Liz and Jim Henderson
Ann and Bill Kleine
Elwin M. Peacock
Lillian B. Rhodes

Mr. Blaylock

Jenny Rhodes

"Mac" McCaslin

Mr. & Mrs. R.K. Ganter

Beth Wright

John Dee & JoAnn Johnson

Henry Clay Atchison, Jr.

Mrs. Steve Boone, Jr.

M. Craig Clark

Harm Musgrave

John Dee & JoAnn Johnson

Gordan Craig

John Dee & JoAnn Johnson

Newel Beauchamp

Neil & Jan Florer

Tributes

For **Morgan Brown, DVM**
From: Tom & Kathy Wurster

For **Eagle Scout Bradley Lanier**
Happy 15th Birthday!
From: Bob & Gladys Nicke