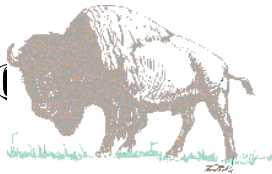




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Council President- Kyle Womack: 697-1447
Council Commissioner - Ron Harkrider: 367-5711
Scout Executive- Mark W. Compton: 570-7601 ext. 13

Welcome New District Executive

Welcome **Nicholas Cook**, Eagle Scout and long time volunteer for Chaparral District. Nick will be spending some of his time in Chaparral District and the rest in Big Bend & Sand Hills Districts. We look forward to working with him and are glad to have him aboard in the Buffalo Trail Council.

28th Annual BSA Pro-am Golf Tournament

Held on Monday August 30th at **Hogan Park Golf Course** in Midland. We had a great tournament other than a little thunderstorm. A great time was had by all and a big thanks to **Bob Williamson** and our **Pro-am Committee** for a successful tournament. We raised a good amount of money for Scouting and this would not have been possible without all of the sponsors. A Special Thanks to **Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Atmos Energy, Reece Albert, Rogers Ford, NorthStar Operating Co., & BJ Services**. Thanks to all our **sponsors, pro players**, and to our Hosts: **Hogan Park Golf Course and The Caddy Shack**.

BSA Challenge at BTSR

Held on Labor Day weekend September 3-6th at BTSR with older Boy Scouts and Venturers in attendance. This was a great weekend full of adventure on top of Forbidden Mountain! Thanks to **Donna Cowdrey & Tim Parnell** for a great weekend!

The Importance of Popcorn Sales

This fundraiser is a Fun & Easy way to pay for your son's Scouting experience without having to pull money out of your pocket during the year. We are selling during October so attend your unit kickoff if you haven't already and set your goal to sell and fund your year of Scouting! One fundraiser can fund it all, so get out and sell!

AIRSHO 2004

Airsho will be held on October 2nd & 3rd this year. Free admission to all Scouts and Scouters in uniform who volunteer to help. The Commemorative Air Force greatly appreciates Arrowmen, Scouts, and leaders who help at this event. For more information call **Col. Jim W. Adams** at 694-6375.

Permian Basin Open Pro Golf Tournament

To be held at Midland Country Club on Oct. 14-17, 2004. The funds that we receive help support our Scouting program. We hope that you will consider volunteering for this fun event. This is the only PGA Tour stop in West Texas and we would like to keep it here. Come watch excellent golf and volunteer. Adults are needed each day for many positions and Boy Scouts on Sat. or Sun. to be standard bearers. Note the OA is setting up and tearing down again this year as well. When you fill out a Volunteer form please be sure to put Boy Scouts as your charitable organization. The Percentage of volunteer hours worked is used to figure the percentage of funds disbursed to each charity. For more information call **John Dee Johnson** at 570-7601 ext. 17 or pickup a form at your Local Scout Service Center!

National Jamboree 2005

Chip Chapman & Jay May are the Scoutmasters for Troop 1818 and 1825 from the Council. There are no spots left at this time, but if you would like your scout to be put on a waiting list please fill out an application. 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. Troops will leave on July 20, 2005 and return on August 3rd. The trip will cost \$1980. For more information call **Chip Chapman** at 352-0391 or **Jay May** at 889-7195.

OA Information

The Tatanka Lodge wants to remind all Arrowmen that it is time to pay your yearly dues. Please do so ASAP at your local Scout Service Center or send them to **James Busby**.

My Son & Me Cub Weekend

To be held at **Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch** in the Ft. Davis Mountains on October 15-17. This is a great camping opportunity for you and your son! Please sign up at your Scout Service

Center ASAP because space is limited! Sponsored by **Troop 775** of Odessa. For more information call **Ralph** or **Ginger Harding** at #557-4495.

Boy Scout, Webelos Outdoor, & BALOO Training

This is your only opportunity in the Fall for this Training, which will help you deliver a better program and besides "It's Fun". Don't miss this opportunity! This training will be held on October 8-10 at **Hughes Aquatic Base** at Lake Colorado City. The cost will be \$25 paid by Oct 1st or \$30 after deadline. Please sign up at your Scout Service Centers. For more information call **Gary Wood** at 697-7084 or **Warren Wallace** at 270-3507.

Cub Scout Adult Leader Pow Wow Training

Cub Leader Pow Wow will be held on Saturday, November 6th. Watch for more information at your Roundtables and at your Scout Service Center. **Ann & Bill Houston** are heading up this wonderful training experience. For more information call them at 550-3628.

BTSR Kickoff Dinner

To be held on Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30pm at the Midland Scout Service Center. For all Scoutmasters interested in coming to BTSR in the Summer of 2005. The leader's guide and registration forms will be handed out that night. We will discuss any changes for camp in 2005, view a slide show and answer any questions. RSVP by Friday November 12th at noon to the Council Scout Service Center. If you have any questions call **David O'Neill** at 432-263-3407.

Silver Beaver & District Award of Merit Nominations

Silver Beaver is the highest recognition a council can bestow on its volunteers. Please send your Nominations to the Council Scout Service Center by December 1st. The District Award of Merit is the highest recognition on the district level. These nominations are due by November 23rd. Please nominate any whom you feel are deserving of these awards!

Merit Badge Academy

It is time for the 7th Annual Merit Badge Academy sponsored by Latter-Day Saints Troops 131, 231, 331 in Midland, Texas. This will be held at the Church located at 4805 Gateway Street on the following Saturdays, January 22 & 29th, from 8am to 1pm. More than 30 Merit Badges will be offered and the pre-registration deadline is on Dec. 11, 2004. The cost is \$10 per Scout and \$15 for late registration. Information will be sent to all Scoutmasters by Nov. 1, 2004. For more information call **Bill Taylor** at 687-7418. Any Adult Leaders willing to serve as Merit Badge Counselors please contact **Barbara Biffle** at 570-7811 or **Travis Bushman** at 682-8855

Council Calendar October

Oct 2-3 CAF Airsho 2004
Oct 8-10 Boy Scout & Webelos Outdoor Adult Leader Training – Hughes Aquatic Base
Oct 11 Scout Service Center closed in Observance of Columbus Day
Oct 11 BTSR Capital Campaign Celebration
Oct 14-17 Permian Basin Open Pro Golf Tournament
Oct 15-17 My Son & Me Cub Weekend at BTSR
Oct 20 Council Cub Day Camp Meeting 6pm at Midland Service Center
Oct 21 Council Commissioners Meeting, 7pm in Midland at Scout Service Center
Oct 27 Popcorn Orders due in Council Office by 4pm or Postmarked by Oct 25th

November

Nov 6 Adult Leader Pow Wow Training
Nov 8-9 Popcorn Delivered to District Kernels
Nov 15 Council Key Scouter Training in Midland at 7pm, Location TBA
Nov 16 BTSR Kickoff, 6:30pm, Midland Scout Service Center
Nov 17 Council Cub Day Camp Meeting 6pm at Midland Service Center
Nov 18 Council Annual Business Meeting in Midland, 6:30pm, Location TBA
Nov 25-26 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

December

Dec 1 Silver Beaver Nomination Deadline
Dec 10 Popcorn Money Due in Council Office by 2pm or postmarked by Dec 6th.
Dec 16 Council Commissioners Meeting, 7pm in Midland at Scout Service Center
Dec 18 OA Training & Banquet in Odessa
Dec 24 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Christmas
Dec 29-31 Scout Service Center closed for Inventory

District Calendars & Information

Big Bend District — 2004

Dist. Chair – Dr. Dan Petrosky 729-3550
District Comm. – Harris Clanton 837-5763
Dist. Exec. – Nicholas Cook 570-7601 x11

October

18 Dist. Committee & Roundtable in Marfa 7pm Hotel Paisano- For More

Information Call Bunny or Dan Petrosky at 729-3550

23 Adult Training in Alpine 9am- For Info call Robert Savery at 837-5474
27 Popcorn Orders due to Council Office by 4pm or Postmarked by Oct. 25
30 Costume Party at Buffalo Hall for

Venturers and older Boy Scouts. For more information go to the Big Bend link at www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

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November

- 8 District Committee & Roundtable at Ft. Davis- District Business Meeting- United Methodist Church, 7pm
- 10 Popcorn pick-up. Schedule your pick-up with Chuck Smith- 837-3971
- 23 District Award of Merit Applications due to Nick Cook

December

- 10 Popcorn money due in council office by 2pm or Postmarked by Dec 6.
- 13 District Committee and Roundtable Christmas Party- Alpine at the Wesley Center at 7pm

In Search of a Few Good Leaders

It is the time of year that we are in search of placing new members on our District Committee. If there is a community leader that you would like to nominate for the committee, please contact **Nicholas Cook** at nicook@bsamail.org.

District Banquet and Program

January 21-23 should be marked on your calendar. BTSR will host a program for all Scouts (Cubs, Boys, and Venture) that ends with the District Banquet on Saturday night. If you need more information, please contact **Nick Cook** at nicook@bsamail.org.

Chaparral District

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

October

- 7 District Committee, MSSC, 6pm
- 7 District Commissioner, MSSC, 7pm
- 7 Unit Re-charter Night 7:30pm, MSSC (January 2005 Unit Charters Only)
- 14 Cub Leader Roundtable, MSSC, 7pm
- 14 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, #201FLC
- 14 Venturing Roundtable, 8pm, 201FLC First Presbyterian Church
- 20 District Key Three
- 27 Popcorn Orders due to Council by 4pm or Postmarked by Oct. 25
- 22-24 Chaparral District Camporee, HAB
- 30 Chaparral Venturing Road Rally

November

- 6 District Committee, MSSC, 6pm
- 6 District Commissioner, MSSC, 7pm
- 6 Unit Re-charter Night 7:30pm, MSSC (February 2005 Unit Charters Only)
- 10 Unit Popcorn Pickup for Unit Kernels 3:30 to 6:30pm at Rocky Ford
- 11 Cub Leader Roundtable, MSSC, 7pm
- 11 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, #201FLC
- 11 Venturing Roundtable, 8pm, 201FLC First Presbyterian Church
- 17 Key Three
- 23 Dist. Award of Merit Nominations due

December

- 2 District Committee MSSC 6pm

- 2 District Commissioner, MSSC, 7pm
- 2 Unit Re-charter Night 7:30pm, MSSC (January 2005 Unit Charters Only)
- 9 Chaparral District Adult Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 6:30pm TBA
- 10 Popcorn money due in council office by 2pm or Postmarked by Dec 6.
- 15 Key Three

Unit Re-charter Nights

These nights are for Units to come get their charter packets. We will send letters to invite Each Units Chartered Organization Institution Head, Charter Representative, Committee Chair and Leader to get together on this night. This way you can get all signatures, visit about your unit, and possibly get re-charter completed in full or at least get close to finishing. January re-charters in October, February in November and March in December. See calendar for exact date. Watch for your reminder letter! For more information call **Barbara Biffle** at 570-7757.

2004 Friends of Scouting

We are at 90% of our 100,000 Goal and expect to be at the goal before December. If your unit has not done a Friends of Scouting presentation please call **Brad Connel** at 570-7601 ext 15.

District Roundtable's:

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

Training for Leaders

Please get all of your leaders trained ASAP! This will help insure that you provide the best quality program to the Scouts. **If you have changed positions you need to go through specifics for that new position. Also all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Crew Advisors need to be trained.** Check with your Scout Service Center on your training status.

Chaparral Popcorn Sales

Hope you have all had your Unit Kickoff and are selling lots of Popcorn. If your unit has not kicked off please contact your unit leader or popcorn kernel for your sales materials. You can get more information at the Scout Service Center as well. Please call **Brad Connel** with any questions or if you have not kicked off your unit sales campaign. This is a great fundraiser where you can pay for each boy's year in Scouting! Thanks to **Mary Lou Lara** and **Jay May** for being District Co-Kernels.

Chaparral District Camporee

Set for Oct 22-24 at Hughes Aquatic Base at Lake Colorado City for all Webelos and Boy Scout Troops. Call **Mona Free** at 699-2369 or **Robbie Shepard** at 682-8821 for more information on this fun event!

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Fall Roundup for Tigers and Boy Scouts

All Cub Packs and Boy Scout Troops!
Packs get ready to invite all 1st graders to join your unit. We are getting a special VHS Tape approved by your school that we received from National BSA Office. We have a copy that will need to go out with a flyer or personal invitation from your pack to come check your pack out and Join! I would probably try to have a special Saturday Signup or do it 30 minutes before your October Pack Meeting.

Troops we are getting permission to talk to all 6th grade boys in their PE Classes again this fall. We have a special survey and will be going to schools in Oct and Nov. Please Contact **Brad Connel** at 570-7601 ext 15 or **Nick Cook** at Ext 11 with questions.

Chaparral Venturing Road Rally

For Venturers and older boy Scouts over 14 years old. Saturday October 30th at 8am is the starting point! Final Destination, now we cannot give that away or it would be no fun. Road Rally is a series of clues leading you on a zany journey around our area to reach a final goal. This is Not a Race! This will be a fun adventure. Pickup rules and information sheets at the Scout Service Centers or call **Nick Cook** at 570-7601 x 15 or **Randy Bell** at 522-2991.

Comanche Trails District

District Chair
District Comm. – Steve Harry –H 367-1158
Dist. Exec. – Tiffanye Thomas – 337-2144

October:

- 4 District Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Odessa Scout Service Center
- 5 District Commissioners Mtg-6:30pm
Troop 775 Scout Hut
- 5 Cub & Boy Scout Leaders
Roundtable 7:00 p.m., Troop 775
Scout Hut, 2501 E. Pearl
- 7 Fast Start Training, Odessa SSC
- 12 Basic Leader Training-Essentials
6:30 p.m.- Odessa Scout Service
Center
- 14 Cub Leader Specific Training
6:30 p.m.-Odessa Office
- 23 Pushmobile, Graham Central Station
- 26 Popcorn Orders Due to Odessa
Office between 11:30AM - 1:30PM

November:

- 1 District Committee Mtg.,7:00 p.m.
Odessa Scout Service Center
- 1 CT District Annual Business Mtg,
8:00 p.m. – Odessa Service Center
- 2 District Commissioners Mtg-6:30pm
Troop 775 Scout Hut
- 2 Cub & Boy Scout Leader
Roundtable 7:00 p.m., Troop 775
Scout Hut, 2501 E. Pearl
- 8-9 Popcorn Pick up for Unit Kernels
at Willis Permian Movers
- 13 Venturing Crew Orienteering Day at
Pegasus

December:

- 6 District Committee Mtg.7:00 p.m.
Odessa Scout Service Center
- 7 District Commissioners Mtg-6:30pm
Troop 775 Scout Hut
- 7 Cub & Boy Scout Leaders
Roundtable 7:00 p.m., Troop 775
Scout Hut, 2501 E. Pearl
- 10 Popcorn money to due to Council
by 2pm or Postmarked by Dec. 6th

Adult Training

Adult Training will be conducted in September & October. Training will include Fast Start, Cub Basics, New Leader Essentials & Specifics, and Youth Protection. Contact **Laura Cunningham 362-4779** or go by the Odessa Scout Service Center to sign up and for more information.

Fall Cub Scout Rallies

Pack fall rallies have been very successful this year! Each unit has had new cubs join their pack. All 1st grade boys in Ector & Andrews counties will be receiving a special Tiger Cub video. Expect your Tiger dens to grow or start a second.

Pushmobile

This year's Pushmobile will be held on Saturday, October 23 at **Graham's Central Station**. All units are invited to participate. Sign up at the Odessa Scout Service Center.

Popcorn

Every scout can cover their annual expenses just by selling popcorn and meeting their sales goal through **The Ideal Year of Scouting** plan. Popcorn sales make the difference in each unit's activity funding. The more you sell the better your program!

Lone Star District

Dist Chr. – Carl Johansen 267-5275
Dist Com. –
Dist. Exec. – David O'Neill 263-3407

October

- 4 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center, Noon
- 6 Snyder Roundtable, 5:30 pm
China Dragon
- 7 District Commissioner Meeting,
Service Center, 6:00 pm
- 7 Big Spring Roundtable, Service
Center, 7:00 pm
- 27 Popcorn Orders due to Council by
4pm or Postmarked by Oct. 25
- 30 Pushmobile Race – Wal-Mart
Parking Lot, 1-3 pm

November

- 1 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center, Noon
- 3 Snyder Roundtable, 5:30 pm
China Dragon
- 3 District Commissioner Meeting,
Service Center, 6:00 pm
- 4 Big Spring Roundtable, Service
Center 7:00 pm

- 8-9 Popcorn pick up for Unit Kernels
Higginbotham Bartlett-Big Spring
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December

- 1 Snyder Roundtable, 5:30 pm
China Dragon
2 District Commissioner Meeting,
Service Center, 6:00 pm
2 Big Spring Roundtable, Service
Center, 7:00 pm
6 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center, Noon
10 Popcorn Money due in Council
by 2pm or Postmarked by Dec. 6.

Fall Pushmobile

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 30th from 1-3 PM to be at Wal-Mart in Big Spring for the fall Pushmobile race! Get your new boys and old boys together to create that award winning car that will take the championship trophy! This is always a fun event for the Cubs and parents alike, so start making your plans now to be there! Registration forms for your teams may be picked up at the Scout Office on 610 S. Scurry St. Call **David O'Neill** at 432-263-3407 with questions. See you at the races!

Popcorn Sales

Popcorn time is here! Thanks to all who attended the kickoff and good luck to everyone as you build up your sales. Don't forget about the Lone Star District special prize program: for every boy that sells over \$500 worth of popcorn, their name will be placed in a drawing for a new Play Station (1st Prize) or a new bike (2nd and 3rd Prizes). Also remember the Trails End prize program for \$1,000 sellers and the Scholarship program for \$2,000 sellers. Good luck to everyone as you get ready for your ideal year of Scouting!

Sand Hills District — 2004

District Chair- Valera Gatewood 445-4814
Dist Comm.-Frank Dotson 943-3748
Dist. Exec. – Nick Cook 570-7601 x11

October

- 5 District Committee & Roundtable in
Pecos Church of Christ- 7pm
27 Popcorn Orders due to Council by 4pm
or Postmarked by Oct. 25
30 Road Rally starts in Midland. For
more information, go to District Link
at www.buffalotrailbsa.org

November

- 2 District Committee & Roundtable in
Pecos Church of Christ, Business
Meeting- 7pm
9 Popcorn pick-up in Pecos- Schedule
pick up with Frank Dotson at above
number
23 Dist. Award of Merit Nominations Due

December

- 10 District Committee & Roundtable
Christmas Party in Pecos Church of
Christ- 7pm
10 Popcorn Money due in Council by

2pm or Postmarked by Dec. 6.

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Council Youth Recognitions:

2004 BTC, BSA Eagle Scouts to Date:

Big Bend District:

Eric S. Roddy, T-41, Alpine
Richard R. Savery, T-41, Alpine

Chaparral District:

Brendan S. Lauritzen, C-231, Midland
Keith B. Windham, T-158, Midland
Zack Setzler, Troop 175, Midland
David A. Zant, Team 231, Midland
Aubrey L. Olson, T-270, Midland
Zachary G. Bias, T-109, Midland
Stuart G. McDonald, T-131, Midland
Ryan W. Calhoun, C-231, Midland
Michael H. Orr, T-80, Midland
Christopher R. Chapman, C-231, Midland
Jason W. Pribyla, T-10, Tarzan
Cole A. Wehner, T-160, Midland
Timothy R. Sneed, T-233, Midland
Justin M. Stephenson, T-152, Midland
Kenneth J. Faircloth, T-232, Midland
Ryan J. Morris, T-109, Midland
Christopher N. Clavin, T-19, Midland
Michael J. Rigger, C-152, Midland
Klein K. Allison, T-19, Midland
Colby D. Woods, T-80, Midland
Samuel S. Cumings, T-233, Midland
Christopher J. Hale, T-628, Stanton
Samuel C. Wehner, T-160, Midland
Kelby R. Schrader, T-270, Midland
Ryan T. Speer, T-225, Midland
Jeffrey W. Parker, T-232, Midland
Patrick Lynch, T-225, Midland
Ross H. Irvin, T-232, Midland
David A. Little, T-84, Midland

Comanche Trails District:

Timothy Wilhem, T-34, Odessa
Sean Little, T-34, Odessa
Michael Ellsworth, T-178, Odessa
Thomas Alan Pitt, T-198, Odessa
Ezekiel S. Galvan, T-775, Odessa
Ryan Terrell Hayse, T34, Odessa
William B. "Billy" Foust, T-34, Odessa

Lone Star District:

Blake J. Chudej, C-5, Garden City
Barrett K. Munson, T-27, Snyder
Cole C. Ferqueron, T-5, Big Spring