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Council President- Kyle Peeler: 688-0209
Council Commissioner - Ron Harkrider: 367-5711
Scout Executive- Mark W. Compton: 570-7601 ext. 13

Council Popcorn Sales – Top Sellers 2004

Council Overall Winners:

1st-Brance Armstrong \$4041, 2nd- Kevin Yancey \$3035, 3rd- Derek Bass \$2317

Big Bend Winners:

1st-Brandon Trevizo \$1102, 2nd- Alex Clark \$904, 3rd- Keller Hardaway \$762

Chaparral Winners:

1st-Paras Gupta \$1789, 2nd- Phillip Downing \$1683, 3rd- Brandon Lily \$1502

Comanche Trails Winners:

1st-Brance Armstrong \$4041, 2nd- Kevin Yancey \$3035, 3rd- Derek Bass \$2317

Lone Star Winners:

1st-Edward Yrueques \$1100, 2nd- Colby Adams \$888, 3rd- Charles Underwood \$748

Sand Hills Winners:

1st-Eldon Niblett \$903, 2nd- Zachery Renshaw \$770, 3rd- Nathan Martinez \$726

OA Information

The Tatanka Lodge annual recognition banquet was held on Saturday, Dec. 18th at Alliance conference center in Odessa with over 150 in attendance. The Lodge recognized James Busby with a James E. West Fellowship. Founders Awards were given to Trevor Morris and Ray Mosely. Arrowmen called out for Vigil honor were Brandon Hayse, Ken Rust, Colin Rust, Sammy Hunnicut, Sonny Heath, Jacob Smith, Clare Andergg, Derek Bass, Chip Chapman, Matthew Ellsworth, Ralph Foust, and Kristian Gregg. The Lodge Chief for 2005 will be Josh Gregg and the Lodge Advisor will be Don Orren.

My Son & Me Cub Weekend

There were over 250 in attendance at this event held at **Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch** in the Davis Mountains on October 15-17. This was a great event for all and many thanks to **Troop 775** of Odessa, **Ralph & Ginger Harding, and all of the Staff.**

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 late registration is still being accepted at \$15 per Scout. For more information call **Bill Taylor** at 687-7418.

Council Banquet & Eagle Recognition 2004

To be held on January 29, 2005 at the First Methodist Church in Midland. Please see insert and RSVP by Wednesday at 4:00 pm on January 26, 2005.

2005 Annual Flag Retirement

This ceremony will be held on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at Centennial Plaza in Midland at 3pm. Boy Scouts and Adult leaders will be there at 1:30pm to help prepare flags for retirement. For more information call John Crosby at 694-3408.

OA Family Campout Weekend

This is a great opportunity for scouts of all ages and their families to go camping at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains on March 11-13th. For more information or forms contact your local Scout Service Centers after January 15th.

Summer Camp Spots Still Available

The 2005 summer season at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch will be here before we all know it! Hopefully, your unit has made plans to attend and have sent in your reservations. However, if you have not sent those in, time is running out fast! Five weeks of camp are already full with over 2,000 participants, with more reservations on the way. We still have room for you at this moment, so please make plans to bring your Troop to BTSR this summer. Drop by the Scout office, or log on to the Buffalo Trail Council website to find your reservation forms. Also, we are in the midst of hiring another great staff and are looking forward to serving you

this summer! If you have any youth in your unit that are interested in applying for summer camp staff, you may pick up an application at any one of the Scout service centers.

BTSR to Host Two Cavalcades per Week

New to the summer of 2005 will be TWO Cavalcade crews during every week of camp! This program has always been in high demand, so to meet that demand we have doubled the available crews! We have six, 10 person crews still available at this time. Please get your reservation forms in and reserve one of these slots for your Troop! This is an outstanding opportunity for your Troop to enjoy a high-adventure experience like no other!

Philmont Trek 2005

The Council has reserved a Philmont Trek for July 5-17, 2005. We would like for Scouts from any unit to have the opportunity to attend Philmont. The cost for this experience is approximately \$500 plus travel expense and personal equipment. If you as a leader or your Scouts are interested in going to Philmont this summer please call Warren Wallace at 432-270-3507. Crew members will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis!

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 most likely some will come available due to cancellations. So 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.

Good Turn for America

The Good Turn for America website, www.goodturnforamerica.org, is a place for your unit to log its service hours. Check out the site and start recording your unit's community service.

Council Calendar

January

Jan 8-9 OA Vigil Weekend - BTSR
Jan 17 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 20 Council Commissioners, 7pm Midland Scout Service Center
Jan 22 Merit Badge Academy Week #1 in Midland – See Article Above!
Jan 29 Merit Badge Academy Week #2 in Midland
Jan 29 Council Executive Board Meeting in Midland
Jan 29 Council Annual Recognition Banquet in Midland at First United Methodist

February

Feb 5 Scouting for Food Drive Day
Feb 6 Scout Sunday-Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in Midland
Feb 12-13 OA Fellowship Weekend - BTSR
Feb 15 Council Cub Day Camp Meeting 6pm at Midland Service Center
Feb 17 Council Commissioners, 7pm Midland Scout Service Center
Feb 21 Scout Service Center Closed in Observance of Presidents Day

March

Mar 11-13 OA Family Campout Weekend at BTSR
Mar 17 Council Commissioners Meeting, 7pm in Midland at Scout Service Center
Mar 22 Council Cub Day Camp Meeting 6pm at Midland Service Center
Mar 24 Council Executive Board Meeting in Odessa
Mar 25 Scout Service Center closed in Observance of Good Friday

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

January

10 Dist. Committee & Roundtable in Marfa 7pm Hotel Paisano- For More Information Call **Bunny or Dan Petrosky** at 729-3550
10 Commissioner Meeting 7pm Hotel Paisano

February

14 District Committee & Roundtable at Ft. Davis- District Business Meeting- United Methodist Church, 7pm
14 Commissioner Meeting 7pm at Ft. Davis United Methodist Church

March

14 District Committee and Roundtable in Alpine at the Wesley Center
14 Commissioner Meeting- Alpine at the Wesley Center at 7pm

April

1-3 Dist. Banquet and Weekend – BTSR

Re-charter Time

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District Banquet and Programs

The District Banquet and weekend program for Cubs, Boy Scouts, and Venturers has been moved to April 1-3, 2005 due to

unforeseen scheduling problems. More information will be available by January 15.

District Web Page

Does your unit have something that should be publicized to everyone in the District or on the internet? If yes, send **Nicholas Cook** (nicook@bsaemail.org) the information and I will see about putting it online.

Popcorn

The Big Bend District had an increase of over 18% from last year's sales. A Big Thank You goes out to the Popcorn Kernel, **Chuck Smith**. Congrats to the top sellers on Council page of Tracks!

District Help

We are looking for people to help in various positions throughout the district. We are currently looking for unit commissioners, trainers, and membership committee members. If you would like to volunteer for one of these or any other position, please contact **Nicholas Cook or Dr. or Mrs. Petrosky** at the above contact information.

Chaparral District

District Chair- Charles House- 683-9527
Dist. Comm. - Barbara Biffle- 570-7757
District Director-Brad Connel-570-7601x15
Dist. Executive- Nicholas Cook-570-01x11

January

- 6 District Commissioner, MSSC, 7pm
- 7-8 District Committee Planning Retreat, Midland Scout Service Center
- 13 Cub Leader Roundtable, MSSC, 7pm
- 13 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, #201FLC
- 13 Venturing Roundtable, 8pm, 201FLC First Presbyterian Church
- 19 District Key Three
- 25 Chaparral FOS Kickoff

February

- 1 Chaparral District FOS Dinner
- 3 District Committee, MSSC, 6pm
- 3 District Commissioner, MSSC, 7pm
- 5 Scouting for Food Drive
- 10 Cub Leader Roundtable, MSSC, 7pm
- 10 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, #201FLC
- 10 Venturing Roundtable, 8pm, 201FLC First Presbyterian Church
- 16 Key Three
- 26 Chaparral Push-mobile

March

- 3 District Committee, MSSC, 6pm
- 3 District Commissioner, MSSC, 7pm
- 7-11 MISD Spring Break
- 16 Key Three
- 17 Cub Leader Roundtable, MSSC, 7pm
- 17 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, #201FLC
- 17 Venturing Roundtable, 8pm, 201FLC First Presbyterian Church
- 18 Scout Expo Setup 5-8pm Midland College
- 18 Expo Campfire & Webelo Cross 8pm
- 19 Expo & Pinewood Derby 10am-4pm 4:30 Awards followed by cleanup!

Chaparral District Camporee

Many Webelos and Boy Scout Troops attended the Oct 22-24 weekend at Hughes Aquatic Base. Thanks to **Mona Free** and **Robbie Shepard** and all those who helped make it a great weekend!

Unit Re-charter

If your unit did not get its re-charter packet yet please call your unit commissioner or District Commissioner, **Barbara Biffle** at 570-7757.

BSA Challenge

Thanks to Donna Cowdrey, Tim Parnell & all who helped with this fun adventure on top of Forbidden Mountain at BTSR on Labor Day Weekend!

Chaparral Venturing Road Rally

Many Venturers and older Boy Scouts participated on Saturday, October 30th. This was an exciting event and Thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen!

2004 District Banquet

Adults were recognized in many areas for their volunteer hours given to Scouting! District Award of Merit Recipients were: **Gina King, Jamie Subia, Jay May, Randy Bell & Jerry Zant**. The Baden Powell Service Award was given to **Barbara Martini**. Congratulations to all!!!!

2005 Friends of Scouting

The District is kicking off Community, Business and Unit campaigns to raise funds to help provide the best quality program for our Scouts. Please have your unit call **Bruce Peeler** at 335-5900 to let us know the date of your Pack Blue & Gold or Troop Court of Honor ASAP so that we can schedule your 5-10 minute presentation. Thanks for your support of Scouting in the Permian Basin!

Food Drive

Scouting for Food Drive Day is on Saturday, February 5th. There will be information at January 13th Roundtable or call **Barbara Martini** to be assigned your area or for more information at 699-6060.

Pushmobile/Scout Expo

& District Pinewood Derby

Please see above calendar and mark the dates in your unit calendar for these events. Their will be sign up sheets and information soon in the Midland Scout Service Center. Most information will be available at Jan. 13th and Feb. 10th Roundtables on all these events. For information or to help call **Jamie Subia** at 556-6564 or **Nick Cook** at 570-7601 x11.

District Roundtable's:

Please promote District Roundtable to your Cub Den Leaders and Assist. 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 & next opportunity for adult leader training.

Comanche Trails District
 Dist. Chair – Mark Cowart – W 552-0004
 Dist. Comm. – Bill Houston – H 632-3851
 Dist. Exec.–Tiffanye Thomas –W-337-2144

January

- 3 Dist. Committee
Scout Service Center
- 4 Dist Commissioner & Roundtable
774 Scout Hut
- 15 District Retreat
Bethany Christian Church
- 22 District Recognition Banquet
Vette's Sports Grill

February

- 5 Scouting for Food Drive Day
- 7 District Committee
Odessa Scout Service Center
- 8 Dist Commissioner & Roundtable
Andrews
- 11 Cub –Wildlife Petro Museum

March

- 7 Dist. Committee
Odessa Scout Service Center
- 8 Dist Commissioner & Roundtable
774 Scout Hut
- 14-18 ECISD Spring Break

Charter Review

Review of the January re-charter packets will be conducted on **Wednesday, January 12th** from 6pm thru 8pm. In attendance should be the Chartered Organization Representative, Institution Head, Unit Leader and Committee Chair. Additional changes may be made to the application. The renewal application with appropriate signatures, applications for new youth and adults, appropriate fees, and Quality Unit worksheets are all reviewed at this meeting. All January re-charter forms and fees are due **no later than Friday, January 14th**.

District Retreat

All District Committee, District Commissioners, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors are invited. The retreat will focus on annual planning, recruitment plans and district activities. The retreat will be held at Bethany Christian Church located at the corner of 49th and Everglade, Saturday, **January 15th** from 10 am to 3pm or until we're finished. Please bring a bag lunch as there will be a 30 minute break. Please RSVP to **Tiffanye or Jana** by Wednesday, January 12th at the Odessa Service Center.

District Recognition Banquet

The Comanche Trails District Recognition Banquet will be held **Saturday, January 22** at 7PM at Vette's Sports Grill at 4651 N. Grandview, in their new catering and banquet facility just to the south of the

restaurant. (Vette's is located just south of Houston Copeland's office on Grandview and 52nd St.) The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Reservations need to be made at the Odessa Scout Office by Wed. January 19th. District awards, popcorn prizes and new officer installations will be on the agenda as well as a great meal. Make plans to attend.

Food Drive

The Council Annual Scouting for Food Drive will be held on **February 5th** in Odessa and other communities. Food will benefit the local Food Banks and Soup Kitchens. We also will have information about a clothing drive for Goodwill that will happen at the same time. Get more information at your January Roundtable. Your unit will be contacted by the District Food Drive Chair.

Friends of Scouting Family Campaign

The 2005 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign begins in January. **Mike Marshall** is the Chair for the Comanche Trails District and is overseeing all FOS Campaigns. **David Belknap** is the Odessa Family FOS Chair. This year there are some great recognitions that will be given away based on your level of donation. Please contact **Tiffanye** at 889-7110 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. The district presenter will have a 5-10 minute presentation at the beginning of meeting. Thanks for your Support of Scouting!

Lone Star District

Dist Chair. – Brian Marlar 230-4077
 Dist Comm. –
 Dist. Exec. – David O'Neill 263-3407

January

- 10 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center, Noon
- 12 Snyder Roundtable, 5:30 pm
China Dragon
- 13 District Commissioner Meeting,
Service Center, 6:00 pm
- 13 Big Spring Roundtable, Service
Center, 7:00 pm

February

- 2 Snyder Roundtable, 5:30 pm
China Dragon
- 3 District Commissioner Meeting,
Service Center, 6:00 pm
- 3 Big Spring Roundtable, Service
Center, 7:00 pm
- 5 Food Drive Service Project –
9:00 am, Scout Office
- 6 Flag Retirement Ceremony
- 7 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center, Noon

March

- 2 Snyder Roundtable, 5:30 pm
China Dragon
- 3 District Commissioner Meeting,
Service Center, 6:00 pm

- 3 Big Spring Roundtable, Service Center, 7:00 pm
- 7 District Committee Meeting, Service Center, Noon

Our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place once again on Scout Sunday. (Feb. 6th, 3:00 PM) Here we will perform a special ceremony to respectfully retire US flags from all over the community. Look for more information at the Scout office as this event approaches!

Fall Pushmobile A Success!

Thanks to all of you Cubs, parents, and leaders that came out to enjoy the annual Lone Star District Pushmobile Race! There were tons of great looking cars, and some really fast ones too! Congratulations to the winners and we hope to see you all out at next year's race in Big Spring.

Overall Fastest Pack

- 1. Pack 12, Sterling City (13.58 sec.)
- 2. Pack 113, Garden City(15.98sec.)
- 3. Pack 176, Big Spring (16.48 sec.)

Overall Fastest Cars

Tigers

- 1st Place - Pack 29, Forsan
- 2nd Place – Pack 305, Big Spring
- 3rd Place – Pack 29

Wolves

- 1st Place - Pack 113, Garden City
- 2nd Place – Pack 113, Garden City
- 3rd Place – Pack 2, Colorado City

Bears

- 1st Place – Pack 2, Colorado City
- 2nd Place – Pack 501, Coahoma
- 3rd Place – Pack 501, Coahoma

Webelos 1

- 1st Place – Pack 12 Sterling City
- 2nd Place – Pack 501, Coahoma
- 3rd Place – Pack 305, Big Spring

Webelos 2

- 1st Place – Pack 29, Forsan
- 2nd Place – Pack 305, Big Spring
- 3rd Place – Pack 176, Big Spring

Best Pushmobile Design

- 1st - Pack 29, Forsan
- 2nd - Pack 29, Forsan
- 3rd - Pack 305, Big Spring

Most Unique Pushmobile

- 1st - Pack 29, Forsan
- 2nd - Pack 176, Big Spring
- 3rd - Pack 12, Sterling City

Food Drive Good Turn Project

This annual service project for the community will take place on February 5th beginning at 9:00 am at the Scout Office in Big Spring. We will need help from Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, leaders and parents to canvas the city for donated canned goods. Notices will go out in the newspaper and the Scouts will do the rest. See you there!

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Sand Hills District — 2004
 District Chair- Valera Gatewood 445-4814
 Dist Comm.–Frank Dotson 943-3748
 Dist. Exec. – Nick Cook 570-7601 x11

January

- 11 District Committee & Roundtable in Pecos Church of Christ- 7pm

February

- 7 District Committee & Roundtable in Pecos Church of Christ, Business Meeting- 7pm

March

- 7 District Committee & Roundtable in Pecos at Church of Christ- 7pm

April

- 1-3 District Banquet and Weekend Program- BTSR

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Memorials

In Memory of:

Larry Wheat
Averil Bradford

In Memory of:

James L. Pierce
H. L. Brown, Jr.
Frank Kell Cahoon
Citibank, F.S.B
Louie and Betty Cure
Betty and Charlie Dean
Barbara Bemis Duke
Art W. Gibson
Wendell W. Iverson
John R. Kirwan
Mrs. Clifford Matthews
David & Evelyn Moon
Fred T. Owen, Jr.
Earl and Betty Sharp
Citibank Employees
Glenda, Gloria, Dan, Gll & Susan
Wright
Thomas C. Brown

In Memory of:

Mrs. Mary Fowler
John Dee & JoAnn Johnson

In Memory of:

Robert N. Watson, Jr.
William G. Watson

In Memory of:

Judge Gary Watkins
Edwin H. Magruder, Jr.

In Memory of:

Garland Harrison
Warren & Sandy Wallace

In Memory of:

Alta Sneed
Warren and Sandy Wallace

In Memory of:

Doris Pegues
John Dee & Jo Ann Johnson

In Memory of:

Jack Towzen
Archie Nell Davidson

Honoring:

In Honor Of:

Jack Hood
Mr. and Mrs. James D.
McLaughlin

In Honor of:

Rev. Lane Boyd
Beverly Pevehouse

James E. West:

James W. Rikken

Presley Family
Mona Free
Troop 175
Morgan & Linda Brown
Jim Newman
Don Judson
Felis Subia
Rod Stephenson
Bill Morris
Roy Loris
Randy Bell
Steve Dennis
Charles House
Gary Wood
David Powers
Barbara Biffle
John Balden
Shirley Teague
Kyle Womack
Chip Chapman
Nick Cook
Jay May
Neil Florer
Patsy Davis

Barbara Biffle

Deborah Presley
Bill Alexander
Sam Valenzuela
Charles House
Chip Chapman
Nick Cook
Bill Morris
Jay May Neil Florer
Felis & Mando Subia
Mona Free
pack 83
Gary Wood
Patsy Davis
Neil Florer
Jay May
Joe Pickering
Mark and Terry Hooper
Randy McClay

James C. Busby

Order of the Arrow

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. Rikken, 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
Nolan L. Coombs, C-331, Midland
Garrett L. Wilkes, C-152, 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
Brian Wilhite, T-775, Odessa
Matthew W. Hays, T-34, Odessa
Xavier R. Castelazo, T-198, Odessa
Christopher Ormsby, T-198, Odessa

Lone Star District:

Blake J. Chudej, C-5, Garden City
Barrett K. Munson, T-27, Snyder
Cole C. Ferqueron, T-5, Big Spring
Zachary L. Phillips, T-25, Big Spring
Christopher Smauley, T-27, Snyder