

Buffalo Council



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Buffalo Tracks

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2005

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

Council Spring Fling Shootout VII

We still need older Boy Scouts to volunteer to run stations at the shoot on April 16th. There will be training on April 12 and 13th for all volunteers. You must attend one night only and arrive between 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Each volunteer will be trained, fed hamburgers and hot dogs, and shoot 25 rounds of Sporting Clays. You will sign up at training for your rotations on Saturday. For more information call **Brad** at 570-7601 ext 15.

My Son & Me Cub Weekend

To be held at the **Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch** in the Davis Mountains on April 22-24. This will be a great event for all and many thanks to **Troop 18** of Odessa, **Gary Deutsch**, and **all of the Staff** for making this event possible. For more information contact your local Scout Service Center.

Buffalo Gals Weekend

Ladies getaway from home for the weekend and leave those men behind. Enjoy Fun and Fellowship with other lady Scouters. Bring a friend! For more information call **Mona Free** 699-2369.

C.O.P.E. Venturing Weekend

Saturday April 30th from 9:00am to 5:00pm at Camp Thomas in Big Spring. Come for a great day on the Ropes Course as Individuals or with your Crew. \$20 per person, which includes your meal. Join in on the excitement with other from around the council. To RSVP or for more information call **Warren Wallace** at 270-3507.

Council Program Kickoff for all Units

Come get information on all Council and District Programs in the Buffalo Trail Council. This event will showcase all program activities and events for the coming year in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring. Everyone welcome and leaders from all units in the council encouraged to come! This will be held on May 21st in Odessa at **UTPB** in the Mesa Building. More information to come at Roundtables or at your Scout Service Centers.

Council Cub Day Camps

Registration forms will be mailed to all Cub Scouts and Leaders by District by April 15th. So watch your mail boxes and return your registration forms ASAP. Comanche Trails June 6-10th, Chaparral June 13-17th, and Lonestar June 15-17th.

Rockhounds Game & Campout

Come join us on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at the stadium in Midland for a great game, food and sleep under the stars after the game. For tickets and information check with your local Scout Service Center!

Hughes Aquatic Weekends

Water's Up! Fish are Bitin' & Aquatic Merit Badges are to be earned during two HAB Weekends. June 17-19 & June 24-26th. Attend with your unit or as an individual and earn up to 3-4 merit Badges each weekend. Cost is \$50 for 1 weekend or \$80 for both weekends. There is a \$10 additional Fee for Water Skiing Merit Badge. Registration forms can be picked up at your local Scout Service Center. For more information call **Warren Wallace** at 270-3507.

Council Banquet & Eagle Recognition 2004

Thanks to all in attendance at the 2004 recognition Banquet. A special thanks to all of our **Eagle Sponsors!** Congratulations to all of our **Eagles** on their achievement and to all the **volunteers** for a successful year in 2004.

Silver Beaver Recipients for 2004

Congratulations to **Gary Deutsch**, **Ginger Harding**, **David Harrington**, **Frank Stowers**, and **Kyle Womack** for receiving this prestigious award from the **Buffalo Trail Council**, **BSA**.

2005 Annual Flag Retirement

This ceremony was held on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at Centennial Plaza in Midland. This was a great event and Thanks to **John Crosby**, his volunteers and **Troop 158** for making this a

success again this year. Over 600 Flags were retired at the ceremony as soldiers from our area who have made the ultimate sacrifice were honored.

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. If you have lost your unit's code for website call **Patsy Davis** at 570-7601 ext. 12.

Council Calendar
April

- Apr 9 Adult Leader Basic Training: Essentials 9am – Specifics 1pm Midland Office
- Apr 12 Council Cub Day Camp Meeting – 6:30pm Midland Service Center
- Apr 12/13 Boy Scout Fun-shoot for all Scout Volunteers of Clay Shoot
- Apr 16 Boy Scout Spring Fling Shootout VII at Windwalker Sporting Clay Complex
- Apr 21 Commissioners, 7pm Midland Scout Service Center
- Apr 22-24 My Son & Me Cub Weekend – BTSR
- Apr 22-24 Boy Scout & Webelo Outdoor Leader Training at Hughes Aquatic Base
- Apr 22-24 College of Commissioner Science – Camp Tonkawa in Abilene
- Apr 27 Council Coordinated Program Committee Meeting 6:30pm at Midland Service Center
- Apr 29-1 Buffalo Gals at BTSR
- Apr 30 C.O.P.E. Venturing Activity in Big Spring at Camp Thomas 9:00am to 5:00pm

May

- May 10 Council Cub Day Camp Meeting 6:30pm at Troop 775 Scout Hut
- May 13-15 OA Fellowship Weekend - BTSR
- May 17 Council Commissioners, 7:00pm Midland Scout Service Center
- May 18 Council Program Committee Meeting 6:30pm in Odessa
- May 21 Council Program Kickoff at UTPB
- May 26 Council Executive Board Meeting
- May 29 BTSR Staff Week Begins
- May 30 Scout Service Centers closed in observance of Memorial Day

June

- June 3-5 OA Fellowship Weekend – Hughes Aquatic Base
- June 5 1st Week Summer Camp at BTSR
- June 6-10 Comanche Trials Cub Day Camp
- June 10-12 Jamboree Shakedown at Hughes Aquatic Base
- June 11 Rockhounds Game and Campout
- June 13-17 Chaparral Cub Day Camp
- June 15-17 Lone Star Cub Day Camp
- June 16 Council Commissioners Meeting 7:00pm at Midland Service Center
- June 17-19 Hughes Aquatic Weekend #1
- June 24-26 Hughes Aquatic Weekend #2

District Calendars & Information

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

April
1-3 Scouting Weekend at BTSR- A Day Camp for Cubs, Camporee for Scouts and the Awards for the District 2004.

May
9 District Committee at Marfa Hotel Paisano, 7pm

June

District Banquet and Programs
The District Banquet and weekend program for Cubs, Boy Scouts, and Venturers is April 1-3, 2005 due to unforeseen scheduling problems. Follow-up info will be available on the web.

HELP!
We are in need of people to help in several aspects of the District. We need someone to help plan programs, training, recruit new units, recruit at the fall rallies, help serve units, and many other roles. You or someone you know can help!

Please contact **Bunny** or **Dan Petrosky** at the numbers above to help.

Chaparral District
District Chair- Charles House– 683-9527
Dist. Comm. - Barbara Biffle- 570-7757
District Dir.-Brad Connel-570-7601x15
Dist. Exec – Nicholas Cook-570-7601x11

- April**
- 7 District Committee, MSSC, 6pm
 - 7 District Commissioner, MSSC, 7pm
 - 9 Chaparral Push-mobile
 - 9 Basic Leader Training, MSSC Essentials 9am – Specifics 1pm
 - 14 Cub Leader Roundtable, MSSC, 7pm
 - 14 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, #201FLC
 - 14 Venturing Roundtable, 8pm, 201FLC First Presbyterian Church
 - 27 Adult Leader Essentials Training, 7pm Midland Service Center
 - 28 Adult Leader Specifics Training 7pm Midland Service Center

May

- 5 District Committee, MSSC, 6pm
- 5 District Commissioner, MSSC, 7pm
- 12 Cub Leader Roundtable, MSSC, 7pm
- 12 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, #201FLC
- 12 Venturing Roundtable, 8pm, 201FLC
First Presbyterian Church
- 14 Tiger Recruitment Day

June

13-17 Chaparral Cub Day Camp

Pushmobile

Re-scheduled to April 9th due to bad weather in February. Webelo II that crossed will be eligible to race. For more information call **Nick Cook** at 570-7601 ext 11.

2005 Friends of Scouting

The District Community Campaign is coming to a close and should have no problem passing our goal. The Family campaigns within the units are still ongoing. If you have not had your Blue & Gold or Court of Honor please call **Bruce Peeler** at 335-5900 to let us know the date so that we can schedule your 5-10 minute presentation. There is a special shoulder patch for uniforms of those who give to FOS that has a CAF Fighter plane on it and has the first point of the Scout Law! You have to see it! Thanks for your support of Scouting in West Texas!

Cub Day Camp

June 13-17th, at the Girl Scout Complex in Midland, just off A Street south of COM. Come enjoy a fun week! Call Jamie Subia for more information at 218-6892. Forms will be mailed out soon or pickup at the Scout Service Center after April 15th.

Summer Scouting Program

Packs can earn the Summer-time Pack Award. Go to the Rockhounds Campout, attend Day Camp and meet a few times this summer to keep in touch! Plan a Picnic this summer, go bowling, to the pool or go play Putt-Putt. This will make getting started in August a lot easier! Have a great summer!

Food Drive/Clothes Drive

Scouting for Food & Clothes Drive Day held on Saturday, February 5th was a great success. Thanks to **Barbara Martini**, all the volunteers and units who made this a success!

Expo & District Pinewood Derby

We had most of our Packs & Troops in attendance and all had a great time at the Expo. Thanks to **Missey Sigler, Jamie Subia**, all the other volunteers and units for making this a fun event! Thanks to

Missey Sigler, Wendi Lyle, and Liz Thornton for agreeing to help coordinate 2006 Expo. Also a big thanks to **Midland College** for their support!

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.** See Dates in April.

Comanche Trails District

Dist. Chair – TBA

Dist. Comm. – Bill Houston – H 632-3851

Dist. Exec.–TBA

April

- 3 Comanche Trails OA Chapter Mtg. 2:30PM @775 Scout Hut
- 4 Dist. Committee Mtg. 7:00PM @ Scout Service Center
- 5 Dist Commissioner Mtg. 6:30PM Followed by Cub & Scout Roundtable @ 7:00PM, 775 Scout Hut; All Packs need a representative at Cub Roundtable because Day Camp information will be handed out there.
- 8-10 Camp-O-Ree @ Andrews County Park
- 30 Cub Basic & Youth Protection Training, 8:00AM @ Odessa Scout Service Center – Contact Laura Cunningham @ 362-4779 for additional information.

May

- 1 Comanche Trails OA Chapter Mtg. 2:30PM @775 Scout Hut
- 3 Combined Dist. Committee, Commissioners, & Roundtables, 7:00PM @ 775 Scout Hut – Pot Luck Dinner
- 21 Cub Day Camp Leader Training – Time & Location TBA

June

- 6-9 CT Cub Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp

Day Camp information will be handed out at the April Roundtable. Applications will be handed out through the units this year. Please be sure to have someone representing your unit at Roundtable.

Friends of Scouting Family Campaign

As of March 21st, Comanche Trails was half-way to their goal. This year's family

campaign has been extremely successful. Thanks to **David Belknap** for serving as this year's Family FOS Chairman. Keep those dollars coming.

Camp-O-Rec

The Comanche Trails Camp-O-Rec will be held at the **Andrews County Park** located approximately 8 miles North of Andrews on April 8-10, 2005. Webelos are encouraged to find a Troop to camp with for the weekend. Cubs are encouraged to register and come out for the day Saturday. Registration is \$8 due into the Odessa Scout Office by March 31st. The registration fee covers a Patch and Lunch that will be provided by the Andrews Scouters. There will be fun activities for everyone. Contact **John Gillian** at 337-4972 for additional information.

OA Troop Elections

It's time for the Order of the Arrow Troop Elections. Alvey Bass is the Chapter Adviser and is in charge of elections this year. Each Troop needs to contact Alvey at 556-4890 with the date you would like to have your elections held. All elections must be completed by May 23rd.

District Retreat

Thanks to **Bethany Christian Church** for hosting the District Planning Retreat. The meeting was well attended with representatives from several Cub and Scout Units.

District Recognition Banquet

Thanks to **Bethany Christian Church** for hosting and to **Carol Harry** for coordinating the District Recognition Banquet. There was lots of food, awards and prizes. Congratulations to **Mark and Terry Hooper** for receiving the **District Award of Merit** and to **Jana Hensley** for receiving the **James E. West Award**.

Food Drive

Comanche Trails units collected approximately 7,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank and several pickup loads of clothes for Goodwill this year. WAY TO GO SCOUTS!!!!

Lone Star District
 Dist Chr. – Brian Marlar 230-4077
 Dist Com. – Marshall Horn 267-3312
 Dist. Exec. – David O'Neill 263-3407

April

- 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
- 9 Lone Star District Pinewood Derby Race, 1st Baptist, 9am
- 30 Snyder Fish-A-Thon, 9am-3pm, Towle Park Pond, Snyder

May

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

June

- No Roundtables or Commissioner Meetings in June or July
- 15-17 Lone Star District Day Camp, Hughes Aquatic Base

Food Drive Project HUGE Success

The annual Good Turn for America project in the Lone Star District was a great success. Thanks to all boys and leaders that helped us collect over 3,500 pounds of food in Howard County alone! Scurry County collected over 1,300 items during their drive. THANKS SCOUTS!

Flag Retirement Ceremony & 75th

Anniversary Celebration

Our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony took place on February 6th, Scout Sunday. There we performed a special ceremony to respectfully retire US flags from all over the community. After the flag ceremony we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting with a special ceremony, a proclamation from the Mayor's office, and of course, birthday cake! Over 100 Scouts, families, and members of the community were in attendance for these wonderful festivities.

Pinewood Derby Race set for April 9th

It's Pinewood Derby time again! Come to the First Baptist Church in Big Spring on April 9th and race your car against others from around the Lone Star District! See who the next grand champion will be! We will even have a bracket for adult cars! \$1 registration fee covers cost of medals for all of our winners. Patches will be available for purchase for \$1.25. We will have prizes for the following categories:

- Fastest Car per Den**
- Best Looking Cars**
- Most Unique Cars**
- Open Class Cars**
- ADULT RACE CARS**

The race will be run on the Lone Star District's race-track and will be managed by an electronic pinewood derby race system. Please submit your registration by Monday, April 4, 2005. (With registrants already in the computer, this will save us time!) Please see official rules for guidelines on your cars and the race! Pick up rules and registration forms at the Big Spring

office. Call chairman, **Chris Adams** at 263-1414 for any questions.

Snyder Fish-A-Thon

The Lone Star District welcomes you to come to **Towle Park Pond** in Snyder, TX to enjoy a day of fishing with your boys. This 10th annual event will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 9 am – 3 pm. We will have prizes for the biggest fish by the hour and a grand prize for the biggest catch of the day! Registration fee is only \$5, and the game warden waives the fishing license for the event. There were over 350 who had a blast last year, we hope you come and join the fun this time around! Call 432-263-3407 for any questions!

Lone Star District Day Camp

Please set your calendars now for this great summertime event! We hope to see you all for some fun in the sun and on the lake at Hughes Aquatic Base in Colorado City. The day camp will be held daily from June 15-17. Keep your eyes peeled for more details in the official registration packet!

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

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MEMORIALS

John La Bouff

By Jerry and Wilma Cleaver

W. D. (Tiny) Ladd

By Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cole

Rayburn Williams

By Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Flynt

Derek Churchwell

By Sandy and Warren Wallace

Vincent Sakura

By Sandy and Warren Wallace

Olan B. Draper

By Sandy and Warren Wallace

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By Troop 175

Council Eagles to Date:

Comanche Trails District:

William Page III, T-775, Odessa

Chaparral District:

Donald Garrett Fulton, T-628, Stanton

Jacob D. Phillips, T-160, Midland

Robert F. Shelton, T-225, Midland

Nathaniel J. Burns, T-109, Midland

Ryan N. Edmiston, T-80, Midland

Jonathan Alexander, T-175, Midland