



# Buffalo Council



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## Buffalo Tracks

1101 West Texas  
Midland, Texas 79701  
October/November/December  
2005

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### Council & District Nominations for Members at Large

Will be accepting Nominations until November 1<sup>st</sup> for Members At Large to serve on the Council Executive Board and District Committees! Please turn in your nominations to your respective Scout Service Centers or Executives!

### Popcorn Sales Information

Hope you are all having Great success Selling popcorn for your unit fundraiser this year! This is a perfect way to pay 100% of your full year in Scouting with your Unit! Important Dates are listed in your District and Council calendars for your unit in this Newsletter. See your Units Popcorn Kernel for more information and specific unit dates that have been set!

### CAF Airsho 2005

On October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Annual Airsho. Scouts & Adult Leaders in Uniform get in free. The only catch is to pick up a bag of trash before you leave. The Order of the Arrow will be doing parking at the Airsho as well. For more information on Airsho or cleanup call

**Jim Adams** at 694-6375.

### Boy Scout & Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

To be held at Hughes Aquatic Base at Lake Colorado City on October 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up as soon as possible for these trainings. Forms & information are available at your Scout Service Center and on the Council Web Site.

### Permian Basin Golf Classic

To be held at Midland Country Club on October 9-16, 2005. This is the only stop in Texas for this PGA Event. Please come out and volunteer to help with this great fundraiser for our Council. The OA is doing setup and tear down of tournament. Other Adult volunteers needed during the week of the tournament. For volunteer forms go to your local Scout Service Center. Call Tournament Office for more information at 432-620-0149.

### My Son & Me Cub Weekend

On October 14-16<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains, we will have a great weekend of events for Cubs and their parents. Forms are available at your local Scout Service Center and on the website. Hurry and get your reservation in soon, filling up fast!

### Jamboree on the Air

JOTA will be on the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup> this year. This is your chance to talk to Scouts around the World on H.A.M.M. Radio. Contact your local H.A.M.M. radio operator or club. Contact Midland Amateur Radio Club for information at [W5QGG@ARRL.NET](mailto:W5QGG@ARRL.NET)

### Wood Badge Weekends

We still have a few spots open for this great training opportunity to be held on two 3-day weekends on Oct 21-23<sup>rd</sup> & Nov. 5-7th, 2005. For all Adult Leader positions in Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing. This is a lot of fun and you will learn a lot to help you in your Scouting program! For more information call James Riggen at 685-1924. Forms available at Service Centers and website.

### Venturing Road Rally

Start your engines!! October 29<sup>th</sup> is the second annual Venture Road Rally. This was great fun last year and we look forward to much more this year. Registration Deadline is October 24<sup>th</sup> and a pre-rally meeting is on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$15 per person. Registration, Rules and Regulations will be at Scout Service Centers and on Council Web Site.

### Cub Leader Pow Wow and Den Chief Training

To be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at Bethany Christian Church in Odessa. \$10 Fee includes registration and lunch. This is a supplemental training opportunity for Cub Scout Leaders. Come re-charge your creative batteries, an idea & informational bonanza. Forms at your Scout Service Center or on the Website.

### BTSR Kickoff

Boy Scout Troop Leaders are all invited to preview 2006 BTSR Summer Camp and pre-register for 2006 season. To be held at Midland Scout Service Center on November 15th. More information to come in the mail.

### Boy Scout Camporee

Fall Camporee at BTSR all units welcome to attend this fun event. To be held on Nov. 18-20<sup>th</sup>, see write-up in Chaparral District section below for more information.

### BSA Challenge

Dutch Oven Iron Chef is the theme this year for BSA Challenge. The event will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. This is for older Boy Scouts and Venturers. Any questions please contact **Donna Cowdrey** at 570-6389.

### Merit Badge Academy

Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in Midland at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 30+ merit badges and adult leader training being offered. Pre-registration deadline is Dec. 12, 2005. Registration forms mailed to Scoutmasters on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and available at Service Centers. Need Merit badge Counselors, if interested call Barbara Biffle at 570-7811 or Travis Bushman 682-8855.

### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual BSA Pro-am Golf Tournament

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 we held the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-am Tournament at **Hogan Park Golf Course** in Midland. Thanks to the more than 25 **local professionals** from courses in a 2-3 hour radius that competed. We had over 30 2-person teams paired with these pros. It was a great tournament and set a new record in dollars raised this year! Thanks to **Parkhill Smith & Cooper** for being our Major Underwriter. Also a big thanks to our other Underwriters: **Light Tower Rentals, Western National Bank, N C Sturgeon, Eddins Walcher, Northstar Operating, First National Bank, Permian Basin Area Foundation, Reece Albert, & ATMOS**. We appreciate all the Team sponsors and other donors that helped make this a great event! Last, Thanks to our **BSA Pro-am Committee** chaired by **Bob Williamson** and **Kyle Womack**!

### My Son & Me Cub Weekend

Thanks to Troop 775 and Ginger & Ralph Harding and Staff for a great Cub Luau at Hughes Aquatic Base! 125 Campers attended and a special thanks to Mark Hooper for the wonderful Cobblers and the Roasted Pigs Head! Special Hula Dance was enjoyed by all!

### Good Turn for America

The Good Turn for America website, [www.goodturnforamerica.org](http://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 or need more information call **John Balden** at 697-6257.

## **Council Calendar**

### **October**

- 1-2 CAF Airsho 2004
- 7-9 Boy Scout & Webelo Leader Outdoor Training – HAB
- 8 OA Permian Basin Golf Set-Up - 8:30am @ Midland Country Club
- 10 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Columbus Day
- 9-16 Permian Basin Golf Classic
- 14 Petroleum Museum Lock-In-Webelos Geology
- 14-16 My Son & Me Cub Weekend – BTSR
- 15 Jamboree on The Air
- 16 OA Permian Basin Golf Tournament Tear Down
- 20 Council Commissioners 7pm, MSSC
- 21-23 Wood Badge Weekend #1
- 26 Unit Popcorn Orders Due by Noon to Scout Service Centers
- 29 Venturing Road Rally – See Chaparral District Page for more information!

### **November**

- 5-7 Wood Badge Weekend #2
- 11 Closed in Observance of Veterans Day
- 11 Petroleum Museum Lock-In- Cub Scouts: Dinosaurs
- 12 Cub Leader Pow Wow & Den Chief Training, Odessa Bethany Christian
- 15 or 16 Popcorn Delivery Dates
- 15 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 15 BTSR Kickoff
- 17 Executive Board-Annual Meeting in Midland 6:30pm, Location TBA
- 24-25 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

### **December**

- 1 Silver Beaver Nomination Deadline
- 9 Petroleum Museum Lock-In- Cub Scouts: Scientist
- 9-11 BSA Challenge-BTSR. For older Boy Scouts and Venturers
- 15 Council Commissioners 7pm, MSSC
- 16 Popcorn Money Due by noon

- 17 OA Training and Banquet
- 23 & 26 Scout Service Center Closed in Observance of Christmas
- 27-29 Scout Service Center closed for Inventory
- 30-Jan 1 Closed in observance of New Years

**District Calendars & Information**

**Big Bend District**  
 Dist. Chair – Dr. Dan Petrosky 729-3550  
 District Comm.– Harris Clanton 837-5763  
 Program Dir. –Warren Wallace-270-3507

**District Notes:**

Rallies are proceeding as quickly as possible in each community and popcorn sales have started in several units. If your unit has not received its popcorn sales kit please call Warren Wallace 432-270-3507.

**Chaparral District**  
 District Chair- Charles House– 683-9527  
 Dist. Comm. - Barbara Biffle- 570-7757  
 Dist. Exec – Scott Britton-570-7601x18

**October**

- 6 District Committee 6pm MSSC.
- 6 District Commissioner 7pm MSSC.
- 13 District Roundtables for Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders.
- 22 Unit Popcorn Blitz # 2 at the Old - Kmart Building 10:00 am.
- 29 Venturing Road Rally.

**November**

- 3 District Committee 6pm MSSC.
- 3 Dist. Commissioner 6pm MSSC.
- 10 District Roundtable for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, & Venturing Leaders.
- 12 Cub Scout Pow-Wow and Den Chief Training@ Odessa Bethany Christian Church
- 18-20 Camporee - BTSR
- 23 District Award of Merit Nomination - Deadline.

**December**

- 1 District Committee 6pm MSSC.
- 1 District Commissioner 7pm MSSC.
- 2 District Annual Banquet.
- 8 District Roundtables for Cub Scout, Boy Scouts and Venturing.
- 9-11 BSA Challenge - BTSR.

**Chaparral Fall Rallies**

Chaparral had great rallies thanks to the following volunteers who helped conduct all 26 of the Fall Rallies in 7 days.

**David Eberle, Lance Armor, Deborah Presley, Danna Presley, Liz Thorton, John Downing, Sam Valenzuela, Wendi Lyle, James Riggen, Teresa Sewell, David Baker, Perry Fields.**

Thank You again for making this a great success.

**Chaparral Popcorn Kickoff**

September 17, Kickoff went well. We had over 30 boys show up to sell for the opening Blitz. Congratulations goes to Pack 216 for selling the most popcorn that day. Remember October 22 is the second

blitz day. Come join in for a great time and a chance to win Pizza Parties and other great prizes.

**Camporee**

November 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, at BTSR.  
 This is for Webelos and Boy Scouts.

**Cost: \$12.00**

**Late Registration fee: \$15.00 after October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Thanks to **Mona Free & Jamie Subia** for taking on this event. Any one who would like to help, please call **Mona Free** at 432- 699-2369 or **Jaime Subia** at 432-218-6892. Applications are at the Scout Service Center in Midland and on the website.

**District Planning**

We are looking forward to a great year in Scouting for the District. Our district committee is looking forward to working with you all in planning and carrying out a great Scouting Program for the District. Anyone interested in sitting on the District Committee please let me know. My phone is always on so call me if you need information or have any input at 349-3104. **Scott Britton**

**Comanche Trails District**  
 Dist. Chair – TBA  
 Dist. Comm. – Bill Houston– H 632-3851  
 Dist. Exec.–Nicholas Cook- 425-9844

**October**

- 1 OA Chapter Meeting, 2:30 775 Scout Hut
- 2 District Committee Meeting 7:00PM @ Service Center
- 4 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30PM @ 775 Scout Hut
- 4 Combined Cub and Scout Roundtable- 7:00PM @ 775 Scout Hut
- 11 Cub Leader Essentials, 6:00 @ Scout Service Center
- 13 Cub Leader Specifics, 6:00 @ Scout Service Center
- 25 Unit Popcorn Orders Due to Odessa Office
- 29 Comanche Trail Pushmobile
- 31 District Committee Meeting 7:00PM @ Service Center
- 31 CT Annual Business Mtg., 8:00 PM @ Service Center

**November**

- 1 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30PM @ 775 Scout Hut
- 1 Combined Cub and Scout Roundtable- 7PM - 775 Scout Hut
- 6 OA Chapter Meeting, 2:30pm Troop 775 Scout Hut

- 12 Cub Scout Pow-Wow and Den Chief Training@ Odessa Bethany Christian Church  
 15-16 Popcorn Delivery Dates

have information available at the Odessa Scout office regarding this event, so mark your calendars and let's race!

**December**

- 4 OA Chapter Meeting, 2:30 775 Scout Hut  
 5 District Committee Meeting 7:00PM @ Service Center  
 6 Pot Luck Dinner for Commissioners and Roundtable- 7:00PM @ 775 Scout Hut  
 6 District Award of Merit Nominations due at Dinner  
 16 Popcorn Money due to Scout Office  
 17 OA Training and Banquet-Midland

**Roundtable**

Don't forget that Roundtable is held for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts on the first Tuesday of every month. Roundtables provide additional information and training to all leaders of your unit. If you feel like you are in the dark, attend roundtable and we will give you information important for your unit!

**Popcorn**

Popcorn has begun! It is popcorn time and everyone is encouraged to sale. The first blitz was held Saturday, September 17 and after eating hotdogs, the top Cub Scout seller, Boy Scout seller and a representative of the unit that sold the most got to pie **Nicholas Cook** with whipped cream and chocolate pies. Watch for the pictures at future events!

**Training**

We have some training dates coming up shortly. If you are in need of a specific training course, please let **Nicholas Cook** know and he will make arrangements with the training team. Let's have all of our units with trained leaders in every position.

**Membership**

The Fall Rallies are winding up in Comanche Trails for 2005 and we are already planning for Spring and/or Fall of 2006 recruiting. If you are interested in being on a team for spring and or fall, more information will be coming shortly. There is also a new knot for being a new unit coordinator (starting a new unit). For more information, contact the District Commissioner **Bill Houston**.

**Pushmobile**

Cub Scout Packs, on your mark. Get set. GO! The pushmobile is just around the corner. More information will be available at the next Roundtable, so please have someone attend. We will also

**Lone Star District**

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

**October**

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

**November**

- 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 and Ann. Business Meeting, Service Center, Noon  
 12 Cub Scout Pow-Wow and Den Chief Training@ Odessa Bethany Christian Church

**December**

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

**Fall Pushmobile**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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! Be on the lookout for registration forms and car blueprints at your next roundtable meeting!

**Fall Rallies Big Success**

Thank you unit leaders for helping make our fall roundup a huge success! With your help, we recruited over 100 new boys into Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts across our 6 county area! Whether it was Movie Night in Big Spring, or a cafeteria rally in Hermleigh, everything went according to plan to help bring Scouting

to more and more boys! Thanks for your help and let's have a great year for all of our Scouts!

### **Roundtable Meetings Very Important**

The District Committee would like to encourage all leaders in the Lone Star District to take advantage of all of the resources available to you to help make this a successful school year for your unit. One of the greatest resource tools that our district provides is the monthly roundtable meeting. At 5:30 on the first Wednesday in Snyder and 7:00 on the first Thursday in Big Spring, you can attend one of these meetings and get the information and resources you need for a great Scouting program. Tamara Sneed is the new Lone Star District Roundtable Chair and is looking forward to a great year of roundtable meetings. So come join the fun and get all of the information you need about upcoming events, monthly themes, games and activities for your boys and much, much more! See you there!

### **Sand Hills District**

District Chair-  
Dist Comm.-Frank Dotson 943-3748  
Program Dir.-Warren Wallace-270-3507

### **District Notes:**

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### **Youth Religious Awards**

Congratulations to the following Scouts from Troop 628 who all earned their God and Country Award in May 2005 at First United Methodist Church in Stanton:  
**Stephen Reyes, Tyler Fulton, Nathan Nix, Dillon Kennedy, Clay Woody, Shawn German, and Samuel Hopkins.**

### **Council Eagles to Date:**

#### Big Bend District

**Travis J. Young**, T-30, Fort Davis  
**Spenser T. Smith**, T-42, Marfa

#### Comanche Trails District:

**William Page III**, T-775, Odessa  
**Barrett M. Harry**, T-18, Odessa  
**Trevor D. Nichols**, T-786, Odessa  
**Cooper Daniel**, T-34, Odessa  
**Nick Cunningham**, T-18, Odessa  
**Kevin Yancey**, 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  
**Michael C. Prall**, C-109-, Midland  
**Adam C. Edelbrock**, T-80, Midland  
**James H. Kahlich**, T-160, Midland  
**Scott E. Runyan**, T-160, Midland  
**Samuel J. Sirgo**, T-160, Midland  
**Brian A. Langhoff**, T-233, Midland  
**Kyle Sheldon**, T-175, Midland  
**Ryan T. Scott**, T-152, Midland  
**Travis Ice**, T-152, Midland  
**Forest Lybrand**, T-232, Midland  
**Jonathan Ireton**, T-628, Stanton  
**Mark Friday**, T-233, Midland  
**Matthew Candler**, T-158, Midland  
**Michale Hill**, T-225, Midland  
**David Yoxsimer**, T-232, Midland  
**Parker Jarrett**, T-232, Midland  
**Derek Webb**, T-232, Midland  
**Samuel McBride**, T-233, Midland  
**Harrison G. Prather**, T-160, Midland  
**Kevin C. Dawson**, T-152, Midland  
**Leonel, D. Ramirez**, T-225, Midland  
**Michael C. Graves**, T-28, Stanton  
**Jacob D. Nelson**, T-84, Midland  
**Cory D. Helms**, T-175, Midland  
**Andrew I. Tipton**, T-160, Midland

#### Lone Star District:

**Jerry Sims**, T-16, Forsan  
**Thomas C. Hefner**, T-27, Snyder  
**Matthew D. Buske**, T-5, Coahoma