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News and Thank You's

Annual Council Recognition Banquet

Congratulations to **Dr. Randall Kelly, Don Orren, Chip Chapman, & James Busby** for their dedication to Scouting and receiving the Silver Beaver award. 18 Eagles Scouts from the class of 2005 were also recognized for their achievement. Kyle Peeler, our Council President was honored with a James E. West Fellowship. Thanks to **Ginger Harding, Alliance Hospital** staff and all others who made this a wonderful evening.

Merit Badge Academy

Thanks to **David Powers** and the **MBA Committee** for their hard work in having another successful Merit Badge Academy. Thanks also to the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** for sponsoring this event! 275 Scouts earned over 500 Merit Badges. A special Thanks to our **Merit Badge Counselors** for volunteering their time!

Scouting for Food & Coat Drive

We had a good day on Saturday February 4, 2006, and Scouts picked up tons of food and clothing to benefit the **West Texas Food Bank, Goodwill** in Midland & Odessa, and other area **Food Banks & Soup Kitchens!**

Scout Sunday Council Flag Retirement Ceremony

Thanks to **John Crosby** for heading this great event up again in Midland at the Centennial Plaza on Sunday, February 5, 2006. Thanks also to the Scouts, their families, leaders and the community for attending. Over 500 flags were retired at ceremony! Thanks to: **Congressman Mike Conaway, Mayor Mike Canon, & other distinguished guests.** Also a big Thanks to the City of Midland for the use of Centennial Plaza!

Cub Leader Pow Wow and Den Chief Training

Thanks to **Barry Donner** and his committee for putting on this excellent training in Odessa!

College of Commissioner Science

Thanks to **Barbara Biffle, Richard Johnson,** volunteers from other Councils, and all who made this weekend of learning possible. This helps leaders to provide a Quality Program!

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 or need more information call **John Balden** at 697-6257. **Don't forget to log on & record your Unit, Youth or Adult Service Hours Monthly!**

BTSR Summer Camp

The 2006 summer season at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch will be here before we all know it and we are full to capacity! We are ready for a great Summer!

News from BSA National

BSA National Office just announced that they agreed to work with the **Department of Homeland Security** on their new "**Ready Kids**" program which launched on Feb. 2, 2006. This program is a tool to help parents educate children 8-12 years of age about emergencies and how they can help their families prepare. For more information go to: www.ready.gov The site features games, puzzles, as well as age appropriate step by step instructions etc...

Upcoming Events

Son & Me Cub Weekend - BTSR

The Green River Rendezvous, to be held April 21-23 at BTSR in the Davis Mountains is a fun weekend for a Cub Scout and his adult partner. The week-end fills up quick, so get an application at your service center and register ASAP.

Buffalo Gals - BTSR

Ladies Only! Fun weekend away from everyday life stresses! Come join us! For more information pickup flyer at your local Scout Service Center! April 28-30 at BTSR.

Boy Scout Fun Shoot

For all Sporting Clay Scout and Adult volunteers. This is our way of saying thank you for helping. You can shoot 25 rounds of clays, have a Hamburger or Hot Dog and learn how to run your station at Saturday's Event. Come out on Tuesday, May 9th or Wednesday, May 10th between 5:30 and 6:30 pm to the Windwalker Shooting Sports Complex east of Midland. Youths must be older Scouts so they can interact with shooters while scoring and running the stations. Parent/Son partnering is great too! You may bring your own shotgun to the fun-shoot only if your parent comes. We will have shotguns available to use. Volunteers should work at least from 8am to 1pm or Noon to 5pm on Saturday May 13th! Lunch is provided and you will receive a Special Sporting Clay cap! Email **Larry Matschull** for more information about volunteering at lmatschull@tesscousa.com.

BSA Spring Fling Shootout VIII

To be held on Saturday, May 13th at Windwalker Shooting Sports Complex east of Midland. Teams will be participating in Clay Shoot and many sponsorships are still available. For more information pickup a brochure at your local Scout Service Center! Volunteers Needed!

2nd Annual Program Kickoff

All adult leaders in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Council Program Kickoff, to be held in the Mesa Building on the second floor at UTPB., on Saturday, May 20th from 10am to 1pm (optional lunch). Tour the Program Expo, pickup your '07 program packet and calendar, gain insight into program possibilities and attend informative training seminars. Look for a flyer in the mail for more details.

Free Camp Physical Exams

Dr. Randall Kelly and other physicians from Texas Tech Clinic will give free camp physicals on April 29th. **Only those who have proper forms filled out and have an appointment will be accepted. No exceptions.** Call Patsy at 570-7601 Ext.12 for your appointment and pick up proper physical forms at your service center.

Council Calendar

April

- 31-Apr 2 OA Southern Region Area 2 Conclave**
- 1 Youth Protection Training Month – Let's all get Trained!**
- 14 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Good Friday**
- 20 Council Commissioner Meeting**
- 25 Council Executive Board, 6:30pm Big Spring Scout Service Center**
- 21-23 Son & Me Cub Weekend - BTSR**
- 28-30 Buffalo Gals Weekend - BTSR**

May

- 5-7 OA Open Camp - BTSR**
- 9-10 Scout Fun Shoots**
- 11 Sporting Clay Auction**
- 13 BSA Spring Fling Shootout VIII**
- 17 Council Coordinated Program Planning Meeting**
- 16 Council Commissioners Meeting**
- 20 Program Kickoff and Youth Protection Training - UTPB**
- 24-26 National BSA Annual Meeting – Washington D.C.**
- 28-Jun 3 BTSR Staff Week**
- 29 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Memorial Day**

June

- 2-4 OA Open Camp - HAB**
- 4-10 1st Week of BTSR Camp**
- 9-11 HAB Aquatic Weekend #1**
- 14 Council Leadership Breakfast - TBA**
- 16-18 HAB Aquatic Weekend #2**

District Calendars & Information

Big Bend District

Dist. Chair – Dr. Dan Petrosky 729-3550
District Comm.– Harris Clanton 837-5763
Dist Exec. –Warren Wallace-270-3507

District Notes:

District Committee and District Roundtable will be held Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 6:30 pm. in the Parish Hall of the Holy Cross Anglican Church, 907 N.

2nd St. in Alpine. All unit leaders, den leaders, committee members and interested parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sand Hills District

District Chair-
Dist Comm.–Frank Dotson 943-3748
Dist Exec.-Warren Wallace-270-3507

District Notes:

We will have a Leader Roundtable and Planning Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at the Bethel Baptist Church in Monahans at 6:30pm. All leaders in the Sandhills District are invited to attend.

Webelos crossover at 6:30pm. This is presented by local Scout Troops and open to all Second Year Webelos who have not yet crossed over to a Boy Scout Troop. Saturday, the Expo will start at 9am.

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

April

- 6 District Committee Meeting
6pm 1101 W. Texas
- 6 District Commissioners
Meeting 7pm, 1101 W. Texas
- 7-8 Scout Expo, Martin Luther
King Jr. Community Center
- 9 Eagle Board Reviews &
Project Approvals, 2pm MSSC
- 13 Roundtable 7pm, 1101 W Texas
- 21-23 My Son and Me @ BTRSR
- 26 Basic Leaders Essentials
Training 7pm, 1st Presbyterian
800 W. Texas, Room 201-FLC
- 26 Basic Leaders Specifics
Training 7pm, 1st Presbyterian
800 W. Texas, Room 201-FLC
- 28-30 Buffalo Gals @ BTRSR
(All adult registered females
leaders & parents can attend)

May

- 4 District Committee Meeting
6pm 1101 W. Texas
- 4 District Commissioners
Meeting 7pm, 1101 W. Texas
- 5-6 OA Open Camp @ BTRSR
- 11 Roundtable 7pm, 1101 W Texas
- 13 Basic Leaders Essentials
Training 7pm, 1st Presbyterian
800 W. Texas, Room 201-FLC
- 14 Eagle Board Reviews &
Project Approvals, 2pm MSSC
- 20 Council Program @ UTBP
(all unit leaders serving in any
capacity should attend)

June

- 1 District Committee Meeting
6pm 1101 W. Texas
- 1 District Commissioners
Meeting 7pm, 1101 W. Texas
- 2-4 OA Open Camp @ HAB
- 8 Roundtable 7pm, 1101 W Texas
- 11 Eagle Board Reviews &
Project Approvals, 2pm MSSC

Pushmobile

We had a cold and windy race, with the **Webelos** from **Pack 84** taking the Grand Championship. This was a great time for all and we are looking for Volunteers for the next Pushmobile Race. Contact **Scott** @ 570-7601 if interested.

Scout Expo

Scout Expo is April 7th and 8th at the **Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center**. Friday Night is the Campfire and

Scout Expo – cont....

Units can setup starting at 8am. The pinewood derby registration starts at 9am to 9:45am. The races begin at 10:15am with **Troop 160** running the race. Please EMAIL or call **Scott Britton** with the Names of your Fastest, Best Looking and Most Unique in each rank including Second Year Webelos. Awards will be given out at 1pm. For additional information call **Jamie Subia** @ 557-6577

District Needs

Chaparral District would like to invite you to join us at our District Committee Meeting. The District Committee ensures the growth and success of Scouting within Midland and Martin Counties. Please come and visit our meetings. Charter Representatives should attend.

Chaparral District Commissioners is also in need of Volunteers to serve as Unit Commissioners. This is a great opportunity for anyone who loves to meet people and help Units fulfill the Scouting Mission.

Roundtable

Come have FUN and enjoy learning what to share and teach you scouts. Roundtable is a great way to get new ideas and make new friend in scouting. We hope to see you there. **Scott Britton**

Comanche Trails District
Dist. Chair – Gary Deutsch- H 333-6897
Dist. Comm. – Bill Houston– H 631-3851
Dist. Exec.–Nicholas Cook- 425-9844

April

- 3 District Committee Meeting,
7:00 (Odessa Satellite
Office)
- 4 District Commissioners
Meeting, 6:30 (775 Scout
Hut)
- 5 Roundtable, 7:00 (775 Scout
Hut)
- 7-9 District Camporee (Florey
Park, Andrews)
- 9 CT Day Camp Meeting, 4:00
(775 Scout Hut)

May

- 2 Combined District Committee,
Commissioner and
Roundtable, 7:00 (775 Scout
Hut)

- 12 CT Day Camp Meeting, 6:00
(775 Scout Hut)
- 20 Program Kick-off, 9:00A
(UTPB Multipurpose Room)

June

- 19-22 CT Day Camp (St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton)

District Banquet

The District Banquet was held in January and we recognized many unit and District Scouters. Please make plans to attend this event in the future as it is a great opportunity for unit leaders, district leaders, and units to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Food Drive

Thanks to everyone who participated in this food drive. We were able to collect a lot of food for the **West Texas Food Bank** and clothing for **Goodwill**. Both agencies were pleased with the community response and the service of the Scouts. Special thanks go out to **Patti Seale** for her commitment to the Food Drive and for making it a success!

Roundtable

Don't forget that Roundtable is held every month (except June and July) to help you and your unit leaders plan activities for the next month of Scouting. **Mark Evans** and **Terry Hooper** are putting together plans for each roundtable to make it interesting and important to you. Make plans to attend.

Camporee

Mark Hooper has been planning a camporee for the district at **Florey Park** in Andrews on April 7-9. All units are invited to attend this event. Competition will occur between Boy Scouts to compete in Scout skills. Let's find out what troop has the best patrol. You can only be the best if you attend and show off your skills!

Membership and Training

Robert Orona, the District Membership Chair, has been working with his committee and unit leaders to plan rallies for the Spring and Fall. Spring rallies will be occurring soon so keep your minds open and be prepared in the event we ask for your help. (And we will be asking!) **Ben Maytubby** and **Laura Cunningham** are trying to help the units by providing training to our adult leaders. Committee Chairs, please make sure that you and all of your unit leaders are trained for the position that they hold. Training dates will be available soon.

Day Camp

All Cubs have the opportunity to attend a 4-day day camp in Odessa! All boys received an application in the mail, but additional applications are available at the Scout Office. Leaders, WE NEED YOUR HELP! For Day Camp to be successful, it takes dedicated adults to provide a program that barrels past the rest. Join our race by joining **Barry Donner** and

Channon Gregg in planning and putting on Day Camp.

FOS

The Friends of Scouting campaign is underway and doing well. We are at \$28,000 of our \$40,000 goal. If your unit has not conducted a Family FOS campaign, we will be scheduling to do those in April. Please e-mail **Nicholas Cook** with your requested date and he will pass it on to **Ed Stewart**, the Family Campaign Chair. A special thanks goes to **Dewey Bryant** for his leadership in getting us where we are. The campaign should be at goal by the end of April.

Lone Star District

Dist Chr. – Brian Marlar 230-4077

Dist Com. – Vacant

Dist. Exec. – David O'Neill 263-3407

April

- 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
- 10 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center, Noon
- 29 Snyder Fish-A-Thon, 9am-
3pm, Towle Park Pond, Snyder

May

- 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
- 8 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center, Noon

June

- No Roundtables or
Commissioner Meetings in
June or July
- 21-23 Lone Star District Day Camp,
Hughes Aquatic Base

Food Drive Project a 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 1,500 pounds of food in Howard County alone! Scurry County collected over 1,000 items during their drive. THANKS SCOUTS!

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony took place on February 5th, Scout Sunday. There we performed a special ceremony to respectfully retire US flags from all over the community. Over 100 Scouts, families, and members of the community were in attendance for this annual event.

Pinewood Derby Race a Hit

It's Pinewood Derby time again! Over 50 cars came to race at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring on March 18th. Cars from all around the Lone Star District competed and ultimately decided the grand champion for 2006! The races went very smoothly thanks to an organized effort by our Pinewood Derby committee led by Chris Adams. Also special thanks to Troop 5 for running the concession stands. Make sure you make plans to join the fun next year! The winners from the race are:

Tigers

1st: Vaughn Green, Pack 179
2nd: Bryce Gartman, Pack 113
3rd: Noah Carriger, Pack 305

Wolves

1st: Kenneth Priest, Pack 29
2nd: Chase Billings, Pack 305
3rd: Quentin Gaston, Pack 501

Bears

1st: Jared Parker, Pack 29
2nd: Dalton Taylor, Pack 29
3rd: Kasey Foster, Pack 29

Webelos

1st: Colby Adams, Pack 179
2nd: Brandon Gartman, Pack 113
3rd: Chris Hughes, Pack 176

Adult

1st: Chris Adams, Pack 179
2nd: David O'Neill
3rd: Kelton Gaston, Pack 501

Open

1st: Brent Yater, Troop 5
2nd: Matt Tompkins, Troop 5
3rd: Joshua Baker, Pack 305

Best Looking

1st: Brent Yater, Troop 5
2nd: Kenneth Priest, Pack 29
3rd: Willie T. Davis, Pack 501

Most Unique

1st: Bryce Gartman, Pack 113
2nd: Donald Barber, Pack 501
3rd: Alex Bowman, Pack 29

OVERALL CHAMPIONS

1st: Colby Adams, Pack 179
2nd: Kenneth Priest, Pack 29
3rd: Chase Billings, Pack 305

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 11th annual event will be held on Saturday, April 29th from 8 am – 4 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! Your Troop or Pack can even have an overnighter at the park the night before! 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 21-23. Keep your eyes peeled for more details in the official registration packet!

Tributes and Memorials:

Betty McKinney

Rheta Bleeker
G. C. McKinney
Ronnie Roberts
William Snyder
Larry Wright

Arthur "Ike" McCarroll

Archie Davidson
Neil Florer
Edwin Magruder, Jr.
Frank Kell Calhoon
Kenneth Peeler

Tributes and Memorials – cont...:

Martha Turpen

Basin Controls, Inc.
Barbara Hales
John Latimer
William Lewallen
Midland Montessori House
Berdyne Ross
Felis & Armando Subia
Vinson Process Control Co.

Noma Wallace

Peggy Harrison
Northrop Grumman
Ladd Smith

Craig Combs

Sandy & Warren Wallace

Mary Womack

Jan & Neil Florer

Jo Sperry

Ann & Bill Kleine
Debra & Burt Johnson
Donna Amos
Stella & Harvey Tinkler
Charley & Ken Standifer
Jamie & Mark Josephs
Elizabeth & David Gray
June and Robby Rogers

Dr. David & Naomi Elaine Davis

Norton

Helen (Toney) Toney

Oscar Corral II & Oscar Corral III

Gay & Joe Odom
Martha & Mark Odom & Family
Lisa & Kyle Moore & Family
Cheri Detraz & Family

James E. West

Matthew Blair

Council Eagles to Date:

Comanche Trails District:

John T. Baulch, T-74, Odessa

Michael Sellars, T-74, Odessa

Christopher Castonquay, T-775, Odessa

Chaparral District:

Robert E. Buck, T-160, Midland

Russell Pool, T-158, Greenwood

Shawn Scott, T-175, Midland

Keith Hunter, T-131, Midland

Peter Ortez, T-84, Midland

Mitchell Parnell, T-80, Midland

Samuel Aaron Young, T-270, Midland

Ryan Wollaston, T-152, Midland

Justin McConnell, T-19, Midland

Stephen Reyes, T-628, Stanton

Clay Woody, T-628, Stanton

Miles Wilkins, T-232, Midland

Kyle Sheldon, T-175, Midland

Timothy Burke, T-160, Midland

Lone Star District:

Paul Wylie, T-5, Big Spring