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News and Thank You's

Son & Me Cub Weekend - BTSR

The Green River Rendezvous held April 21-23 at BTSR was a Great Success! Thanks to **Troop 18** and **Gary Deutsch** for a wonderful event!

BSA Spring Fling Shootout VIII

Thanks to all Adult & Boy Scout volunteers for helping make the May 13th Clay Shoot a success. Also many thanks to our Donors and Underwriters. We raised a record amount. Thanks to **Keith King** for his 3 years as Chair. Also Thanks to **Eric Hanson** for Co-Chairing and the Committee/Staff for all their hard work.

HAB Weekends

We had 69 Scouts that earned over 100 aquatic merit badges at the Hughes Aquatic Base in Colorado City. Thanks to the many volunteer staff who made these weekends possible. Special Thanks to **Donna Cowdrey** for cooking and **Bill Morris** for organizing the weekends. Thanks to **Rodger Burch**, **Gary Owens**, and **Brian Yancey** for bringing their Ski Boats and teaching Water Skiing!

2006 BTSR Summer Camp a Huge Success So Far

The 2006 summer camp season at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch has been a huge success so far. We will have almost 2,500 Scouts from all over the state of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, thousands of merit badges will be earned, and countless memories made. We can all be proud of the summer of 2006 and our beautiful Scout Ranch. Thanks to all 70 staff members and dozens of volunteers working together to provide 8 weeks of camp, it will be a summer that no one will soon forget. The staff has done a wonderful job in providing a quality program, as well as maintaining the tradition of excellence that BTSR's reputation is built on. Thanks to all of you who camped with us this summer and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Get your New Council & District Calendars at your Service Centers!

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 **Jana Hensley** at 570-7601.

Don't forget to log on & record your Unit, Youth, Eagle Scout or Adult Service Hours Monthly!

New Adult and Youth Applications August 1, 2006

BSA National Office just announced that they are coming out with new Adult and Youth Registration forms. As of August 2006 pick up new forms at your service center and at that time destroy all old forms. There is one form for adults and one common form for all youth programs.

Mission Moment

Please send any memorable and touching stories you may have about Scouting and how it has effected you or someone you know in the program (100 words or less). An adult, a youth, a parent, an organization or etc.... Send to **Lyman Gifford** at lgifford@bsamail.org.

Friends of Scouting

Thanks to all of our Donors for their support again this year! We are wrapping up our campaign as we speak. If you have not been contacted and would like more information on Friends of Scouting call your Scout Service Center at 570-7601. See List of Major Donors inside this publication.

Receipts

Please make sure you get a receipt anytime you purchase goods at the Scout Shops, pay at events, or any other monetary transactions. This is especially important when attending events/activities that necessitate "On-Site" Payment(s). Receipts are a proof purchase or payment and accounting standards require their usage!

Upcoming Events

National Order of the Arrow Conference

To be held July 29 through August 3rd at Michigan State University. There is still one youth opening to attend conference. For more information call **Warren Wallace** at 432-270-3507.

Rockhounds Scout Night – “Sleep Under the Stars”

Get your tickets at the Midland Scout Service Center for the Game on Saturday, August 11th. Catch a great game and Camp on the Outfield that night after game. For more information see the web site or pick up flyer at MSSC.

BSA Pro-am Golf Tournament

To be held on Monday August 28th at Hogan Park Golf Course at 1pm. This is a 3-person Team paired with a local Pro and is \$600 per team. This will be a Shamble Format that includes lunch, giveaways and door prizes. Hole-in-one for a vehicle and other great prizes on all Par 3's. Special sponsorships available. For more information call Brad Connel at 570-7601.

School Night For Scouting

Fall Membership Recruitment is almost here. Please Have Your Unit Recruiter from your Unit attend your District Kickoff and Training. We are trying to Scouting do all Rallies on the same night Thursday August 31 or at least that week! Our theme is “Race to Cub Scouting” and we have hundreds of cool yard signs, Posters and Flyers. Each new Cub Scout receives a Pinewood Derby in a lunch box for joining! Watch for the Kickoff dates in your District and start planning a great Fall Roundup now!

Council Outdoor Leader Training

To be held and Hughes Aquatic Base at Lake Colorado City on September 8-10. Will have BALOO Training for Cub Leaders and Webelos & Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Training. This is a great weekend so come join us. For more information see website or Scout Service Center!

Council Camporee and BSA Challenge

To be held on September 15-17 at BTRSR. This will be great fun for your Troop, Webelos, older Boy Scouts and Venturers attending! With a lot of outdoor activities and competitions to participate. This is a quality weekend and great event so come join us. For more info see website or Scout Service Center!

Popcorn Sales

On September 18 please have all of your Unit Kernels attend the information meeting to see the great changes that have been made to popcorn. The Kickoff on Sales will begin on Saturday, September 30th. This is a great way to fund your whole year in Scouting with one Fundraiser! Start working on planning your year in Scouting and budget to see how much it will cost per Scout. We have forms to help in figuring your cost overall and per boy!

My Son & Me – HAB

Get ready for a great Cub Scout Weekend at Hughes Aquatic Base in Colorado City on September 22-24. There will be a lot of fun and excitement so come join us! For more information see web site or get at your local Scout Service Center!

AirSHO 2006

On October 7th and 8th 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 information on Airsho or cleanup call **Jim Adams** at 694-6375.

October My Son & Me - BTRSR

Get ready for another great Cub Scout Weekend but this time at BTRSR on October 13-15. There is always a lot of outdoor adventure planned so come join us! For more information see web site or get at your local Scout Service Center!

Council Calendar

July

- 31-Apr 2 OA Southern Region Area 2 Conclave**
- 3-7 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Good Friday**
- 19 Council Executive Board, 6:00pm BTRSR**
- 29-3 NOAC at Michigan State**

August

- 1 District & Council Nominations Open**
- 11 Rockhounds Scout Night – “Sleep Under the Stars”**
- 11-13 OA Close Camp - BTRSR**
- 16 Council Program Committee**
- 17 Council Commissioners Meeting**
- 28 BSA Pro-am Golf Tournament – Hogan Park G.C. in Midland**
- 31 School Night for Scouting**

September

- 4 Scout Service Centers Closed in Observance of Labor Day**
- 8-10 BALOO, and Outdoor Training at HAB**
- 8-10 OA Close Camp HAB, (Ordeal and Brotherhood)**
- 15-17 Council Camporee & BSA Challenge at BTRSR**
- 18 Popcorn Sales Orientation for all Unit Kernels**
- 20 Coordinated Program Planning Committee Meeting (All Dist Reps. Attend)**
- 22-24 My Son & Me at HAB**
- 30 Popcorn Sales Begin**
- Oct 7-8 CAF AirSHO**

District Calendars & Information

Big Bend District

Dist. Chair – Tom Greenwood 837-9419
 District Comm. – Mark Parenti 364-2744
 Scout Exec. – Lyman Gifford 570-7601

July

No Meetings

August

3 District Committee/Roundtable
 in Alpine

19 District Day Camp in Alpine

26 Den Chief Training in Alpine

September

7 District Committee/Roundtable
 in Alpine

Sand Hills District

District Chair-
 Dist Comm.-Frank Dotson 943-3748
 Sr. Dist Exec.-David O’Neill 570-7601

July

No Meetings

August

1 Roundtables in Odessa

September

5 Roundtables in Odessa

Fall Roundup Just Around the Corner

With summer moving along quickly, it will be time for school to start before you know it! We will be working hard this fall to reach out to all of the boys that want to be involved in the Scouting program. With the help of our great volunteers we can make this the best fall roundup Sand Hills District has ever seen. Be on the lookout for information on your local rally soon. See you there!

Chaparral District

District Chair- Charles House– 683-9527
 Dist. Comm. - Barbara Biffle- 570-7757
 Sr. Dist Exec. David O’Neill 570-7601
 Dist. Exec – Scott Britton-570-7601x18

July

10-14 District Day Camp in Midland

13 Roundtable/Prep Fall

August

3 District Committee Meeting
 6pm 1101 W. Texas

3 District Commissioners
 Meeting 7pm, 1101 W. Texas

10 Roundtable Fall Kickoff 7pm,
 MSSC at 1101 W Texas

13 OA Chapter Meeting

26 Basic Leaders Essentials &
 Specifics Training

September

7 District Committee Meeting
 6pm 1101 W. Texas

7 District Commissioners
 Meeting 7pm, 1101 W. Texas

9 Basic Leaders Essentials &

Specifics Training

10 OA Chapter Meeting

September – cont.

13 Basic Leader Essential Training

14 Roundtables

20 Basic Leader Specific Training

21 Basic Leader Specific Training

27 Basic Leader Essential Training

Cub Day Camp

There is still plenty of room. Get your boys signed up for this FUN TIME. For additional information call **Jamie Subia** @ 557-6577 or scout office @ 570-7601

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 helping Units fulfill the Scouting Mission.

Roundtable

Come have FUN and enjoy learning what to share and teach your scouts.

Roundtable is a great way to get new ideas and make new friends in scouting. We hope to see you there. **Scott Britton**

Fall Rally Season Here Soon!

Before we all know it school will be starting and Cub Scout activities will be back in full force! Be on the look out for your school and Pack rallies in August and September. We will be working hard to offer Cub Scouts to all boys in our District and we will need your help at the rallies to make this happen. Cubmasters will be in touch with you soon to give you more details on times, dates, and places. See you all there!

Popcorn Sales Just Around the Corner

After rallies kick off into full swing, it will be time once again for your annual Popcorn fundraiser. This is a great way to raise the funds to make that ideal year of Scouting a reality and to keep the boys involved with the activities of your Pack or Troop. Be on the lookout for your invitation to the Popcorn Kickoff where you will receive all the information about this important fundraiser. Don’t forget, this fundraiser not only helps your unit, but supports the council and its many resources!

Comanche Trails District

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

July

- 10 District Committee Meeting
- 10 District Commissioner Meeting

August

- 1 Roundtable
- 1 District Commissioner Meeting
- 7 District Committee Meeting
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting

September

- 5 Roundtable
- 5 District Commissioner Meeting
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 District Committee Meeting

District Note:

The District Committee & Commissioner staff are meeting through the summer as to set the example of year-round Scouting. Next summer, we have intentions of holding Roundtable during the summer. Please make plans to meet next summer and have a summer program. This year-round program is meeting summertime!

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 led the way for a great Camporee for the district at **Florey Park** in Andrews on April 7-9. Many units attended the event where competition occurred between Boy Scouts in Scout skills. The best troop was **Troop 775** of Odessa and the best pack was **Pack 129** of Andrews. Congratulations to those units for performing their best in the the competition. A huge thank you goes to all the adults who volunteered to make this a great program.

Membership

Robert Orona, the District Membership Chair, has been working with his committee and unit leaders to plan rallies for the Fall. Plans are being made to hold all of the ECISD school rallies on the night of Tuesday, August 29. We will need the help of all Unit Leaders, Commissioners, and pack adults that can to help us complete this goal in one night. We will be holding a celebration of completion at 8:00 that night and we want all Charter Representatives, Cubmasters, and Committee Chairs to be in attendance so we can get all the necessary signatures.

Training

Training is being scheduled so that all leaders can be trained. At the OA weekends, training will be offered for all to attend. **Laura Cunningham** and **Ben Maytubby** are in need of help on their training teams. If you are interested in helping train, please contact **Nicholas Cook** or **Gary Deutsch**.

Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp was a great success in Odessa! We had 66 youth in attendance at the four day camp at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, June 19-22. "Off to the Races", the 2006 Day Camp theme, gave kids the opportunity to see the science of racing (aerodynamics) and a Fire Truck, which was a great success. The kids also experienced building their own cars, racing in games and sports, BB gun shooting, Archery, and other Scout skills. Thanks goes out to all of those leaders who helped make sure that camp was a great success. --

Submitted by **Barry Donner** and **Channon Gregg**, Camp Director and Program Director
Great Job and Thanks to Barry and Channon and the rest of the Volunteers!

FOS

The Friends of Scouting campaign has been a great success! The Comanche Trails District has raised \$40,000.00 under the leadership of **Dewey Bryant**. Thank you Dewey for your outstanding service!

Popcorn

Popcorn sales are soon going to be underway. **David Patton** is the Popcorn Kernel for the District. The Popcorn Committee has gotten excited about popcorn sales this year and have many new ideas to reward those selling. Sales start September 30th, but we need to know who your popcorn kernel is. Please make plans on selling popcorn and send your unit's Popcorn Kernel's name and address to David Patton at general55patton@yahoo.com

Lone Star District

Dist Chr. – Brian Marlar 263-8140
Dist Com. – Troy Tompkins 267-8769
Dist. Exec. – Warren Wallace 263-3407

July

No Meetings

August

- 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
- 8 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center. Noon

Religious Awards

September

- 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
- 11 District Committee Meeting,
Service Center, Noon

Snyder Fish-A-Thon

We had an outstanding Fish-a-thon with record attendance. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors for making this event such a great success!

Lone Star District Day Camp

Please come join us for a Day at the Lake! 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 Saturday July 22 beginning at 1:00pm. For more information call Warren Wallace.

Tributes:

Edwin H. Magruder, Jr.

Mary B. Wilkerson

Memorials:

Jo Sperry

James & Joy Allega
Mr. & Mrs. Lockwood
Chivington Baptist Church
Sylvia Peterson
Debbie & Terry Wooten
Billy Ray
Suzanne Greer

Mary Womack

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Howell

Arthur "Ike" McCarroll

Terry Tubb, M.D.

James Oda Stewart

Jan and Neil Florer

Noma Wallace

The Paige Family

Katherine Smith

Jan & Neil Florer

Patricia S. Pate

Peter S. Pate

Bill Grist

Jan & Neil Florer

God and Son Awards:

Stephen G. Vaughan, T175, Midland
First Christian Church
William E. Taylor, T175, Midland
Christian Church of Midland
Mark Wright, T175, Midland
Fairmont Park Church of Christ
Berdyne Ross, Odessa
St. Lukes United Methodist

Council Eagles to Date:

Comanche Trails District:

John T. Baulch, T-74, Odessa
Michael Sellars, T-74, Odessa
Christopher Castonquay, T-775, Odessa
Derek N. Bass, 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
Jeffrey Smith, Team 231, Midland
Adam Peeler, T-225, Midland
Adam Hill, T-131, Midland
Clark Osterlund, T-232, Midland
Danny Rigney, T-225, Midland
Trevor McDonald, T-131, Midland

Lone Star District:

Paul Wylie, T-5, Big Spring

Major Donor Recognition

Platinum Eagles

Brenda and Kyle Womack
Jodi and Ted Hogan
Marie Hall

Golden Eagles

Kay and Steve Castle
Jan and Neil Florer
Community National Bank

Eagles

Mark A. Philpy
Chuck Sturgeon
Nick Taylor
Conoco Phillips

Foundations

Stinson Family Foundation

Helen Greathouse Foundation