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SERVING MIDLAND Buffalo Trail scout executive gets chance to serve on committee

Scout Executive Lyman Gifford with the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, was asked by the Association of Fundraising Professionals International to serve on its Education and Training Committee, which is responsible for reviewing the curriculum used in educating fundraising professionals locally and internationally.

The committee's largest task is planning the annual AFP International Conference. The 2012 conference will be in Vancouver and the committee members are from the United States and Canada.

"One of the great things about being a member of an international organization is that there are opportunities to get involved both on a chapter and an international level," he said. "We can give back locally, building our network within our home communities, while also meeting and working with professionals located throughout North America and the world."

The Association of Fundraising Professionals is the professional association of individuals and organizations that generate philanthropic support for a wide variety of charitable institutions.

The Permian Basin Chapter of AFP said National Philanthropy Day — which recognizes local philanthropists — is planned for 11:30 a.m. Nov. 2 at Midland Country Club.

Nominations are being accepted for Outstanding Philanthropic Business, Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation, Outstanding Fundraising Professional, Outstanding Philanthropic Family, Outstanding Philanthropist, Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy and Outstanding Philanthropic Organization.

For more information on National Philanthropy Day or nominations, contact me at kcrites@bbbsmidland.org.

The Permian Basin Chapter of AFP also recently welcomed several new members, including Chelsea Dey with the I20 Wild Life Preserve, JoAnn McComack with United Way of Odessa, Richard Reeve with the Concho Valley Council and Laurie Turpin with Buckner Foundation.

For more information on the Permian Basin Chapter of AFP, go to www.afppermianbasin.org.

*** The Buffalo Trail Council will be hosting the 36th annual BSA Pro-Am Tournament Aug. 29 at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Team fees are \$800 for a team of three amateur golfers. The professional golfer's fee is an additional \$75. The fees include golf shirts, lunch, drink coupons, sleeve of golf balls and use of carts.

Sponsorship opportunities still are available. For more information, contact Valerie Acosta 570-7601 or valerie.acosta@scouting.org

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