

BUFFALO TRACKS

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NEWS AND THANK YOUS

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**Council Scout
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Lyman Gifford, CFRE

Scout Shop Hours!

Midland

Mon-Thur
10a.m. to 6p.m.
Friday
10a.m. to 1p.m.
Saturday
9a.m. to 12p.m.

Odessa

Mon & Wed
10:30a.m. to
1:30p.m.
Tue & Thur
3p.m. to 6p.m.
Friday
CLOSED
Saturday
9a.m. to 12p.m.

Big Spring

Mon-Thur
4p.m. to 6p.m.
Fri Sat Sun
CLOSED
June & July
CLOSED

Son & Me Cub Weekend - HAB

A great time was had by all at the Cub Scout Weekend at Hughes Aquatic Base in Colorado City on September 22-24. Thanks to **Lone Star District** and all volunteers for making it a success!

BSA Pro-am Golf Tournament

Was held on Monday August 28th at Hogan Park Golf Course. We had 27 Teams participate, many underwriters, sponsors, and Annual BTC Investors took part. A big thanks to all and especially to **Western National Bank, ATMOS Energy, and Reece Albert, Inc.** for their major sponsorships.

School Night For Scouting

Fall Membership Recruitment is here and we have nearly 600 new Cub Scouts in the Council's 18 Counties so far. If your unit has not had a fall recruitment rally please contact your District Executive. 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 Car Kit in a lunch box for joining!

Bring a Friend

You can bring a friend to Join Cub or Boy Scouts and you will get a cool Recruiter Patch! If you are a Cub Scout, you and your friend will get a free Pinewood Derby Car Kit for him joining as well!

Council Outdoor Leader Training

We had 14 leaders in attendance at Hughes Aquatic Base at Lake Colorado City on September 8-10. It was a great weekend of Outdoor Training! Thanks to Dr. Randall Kelly, Eunice Thixton, Bill Houston and Mona Free for helping Staff the Event. If you missed it we will have another one in May 2007!

Get your New Council & District Calendars online at www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

Quality Unit Award has Changed

The Quality award program for 2007 is being changed to the **Centennial Quality Award program**. The commitment and qualifying for the award will **not be connected to the rechartering process for units and will be completed on a calendar year basis**. See your unit commissioner or district executive for more information forms.

Council Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit Awards

These are the highest volunteer recognition in the Council and District. Please pick up an application at your Scout Service Center or on the Website and get it in before December 1st to the Council Office or Scout 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!

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@bsaemail.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Adult Leader Training for all Positions in the Units

Training is crucial for all units adult leaders to provide a quality experience to their boys! Please make sure all of your Unit Leaders are Youth Protection, Fast Start, Basic Essentials, and Position Specific trained at minimum. Remember every time an adult switches positions they need to go through Specifics for the new position! See any districts calendar for training opportunities. If you cannot make one of these see your District Executive about possibly doing a training in your unit!



Popcorn Sales Kicked Off

On September 18 most Unit Kernels attended the information meeting to see the great changes that have been made to popcorn. If your unit has not received its packet please call your District Executive for more information. The Kickoff on Sales begins on Saturday, September 30th. It's not too late!
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!



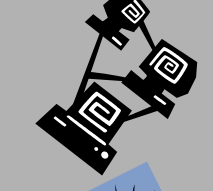
AirSHO 2006

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. We need OA Members to help with parking on both days. For information on AirSHO cleanup call **Jim Adams** at 694-6375. For AirSHO parking to volunteer call **Ralph Harding** at 362-5743.



Permian Basin Open Charity Golf Classic

To be held on October 7-15, 2006 at Midland Country Club. The Order of the Arrow needs volunteers for setup & teardown. Call **Ralph Harding** for information at 362-5743.



"Frontier Days" My Son & Me Cub Weekend - 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 and applications see web site or your local Scout Service Center!



Jamboree on the Air/Internet

Scouts from all around the world talk on H.A.M.M. Radio and by Internet about the Great Adventures they have had. This is a great chance to meet a new friend from around the World. If you know a local Radio H.A.M.M. Operator they are usually more that willing to setup a time for your unit to talk! See your District Executive for more information!



"Treasure Island" Mom & Me Cub Weekend - HAB

Moms, its time to mark your calendars for the Mom & Me weekend November 3-5th at Hughes Aquatic Base at Lake Colorado City. Find your treasure at an exciting fun-filled weekend with your son. We hope you will come join us! For more information or applications see the web site or your local Scout Service Center!



Boy Scout Junior Leader Training - HAB

To be held on Friday and Saturday November 10-11th at Hughes Aquatic Base at Lake Colorado City. for all registered Boy Scouts. All participants must be present by 9:00pm on Friday and expect to be done by 4:00pm on Saturday. A \$10 fee for adults and youth will cover food. For more information or to sign-up, contact Jana Hensley at the Midland Scout Service Center.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BTSR Leaders Orientation

Get a preview of BTSR Summer Camp for 2007. Mark you calendars to attend on Tuesday, November 14th at the Midland Scout Service Center. Watch for your invitations to the Dinner that will begin at 6:30pm. For more information contact David O’Neill at the Midland Scout Service Center.

Cub Leader Pow Wow & Den Chief Training

The Cub Scout PowWow Cub College is being held November 18 from 9-5. Location to be announced. You Come and Bring your Scout too. We are planning activities to keep the boys attention and to help them with their rank advancement and sports & academic belt loops. We will be offering several courses ranging from Essentials and Specifics to Cubs and Chemistry, Camping with Cubs, Meeting Dazzlers and more! Enroll your Scout in activities just like at Day Camp. Den Chief Training is being offered for Boy Scouts also! The cost is \$12 per person and includes LUNCH. So get ready for a great experience at the 2006 Cub College. Information will be out soon to The website and Scout Service Centers.

Winter Camp at BTSR

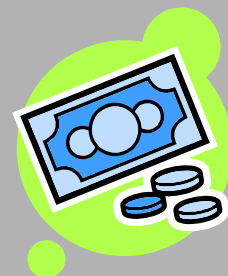
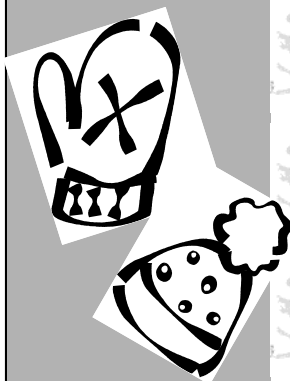
BTSR is hosting a Winter Camp in 2006! December 27-30, the Ranch will become home to Scouts who want to work on merit badges. There is an emphasis on Eagle required merit badges, but other things will be offered too. Horsemanship Merit Badge, Astronomy, Trail to Eagle and oh so much fun. The outback will be open too! What better time is there to do a 50-miler? The cost is \$110 per Scout and \$75 for leaders. Sign up individually or by Troop. Fill out your application to attend today! Information will be out soon to Website and Scout Service Centers.

Family FOS Campaigns by Units Kick Off

This is a perfect way for your unit and your family to help insure a great time in Scouting in the Buffalo Trail Council. We have great Camps, Stores, Facilities and other resources at your disposal. One resource the Council helps provide is a popcorn sales fund-raiser, so if your son sells popcorn this can fund your whole year in Scouting and then it costs you little or nothing to be in Scouting. But as they say “money does not grow on trees”. One way that Scout Councils around the globe raise a portion of the monies needed to operate and fund their local Scouting Programs is called “Friends of Scouting”. There are Community Campaigns consisting of donors/supporters from the community & businesses and the Unit Family Campaigns which consists of you the Scouting Family who directly benefits from the Scouting Program! So please support your local scouting program through your unit Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. For each \$75 you donate receive a special collector Council Strip patch to wear on your uniforms!

Merit Badge Academy

Sponsored by the **Church of Jesus Christ’s Troops 131, 231, & 331** in Midland to be held on Saturday January 20th and 27th, 2007 4805 Gateway Street in Midland. 30 or more Merit Badges to be offered. Adult Leader training to be offered both days of the Academy. Watch for Registration coming to Scoutmasters, on the Web and in the Service Centers by November 1, 2006. Any leaders willing to serve as Merit Badge Counselors please call **Travis Bushman** at 682-8855. For more information on the Academy call **Bill Taylor** at 687-7418.





COUNCIL CALENDAR

October
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- 7-8 **CAF AirSHO**
- 13-15 **My Son and Me at BTSR**
- 14 **Jamboree on the Air/Internet**
- 19 **Council Commissioners Meeting**
- 25 **Popcorn/Prize Orders, Budgets, and Calendars Due to Council by all Units**



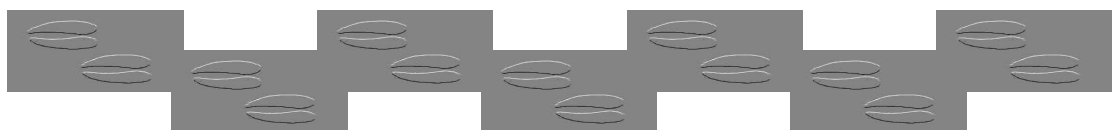
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- 3-5 **Mom & Me Cub Weekend – Hughes Aquatic Base**
- 7 **Don't Forget it is "Election Day" Please Vote!**
- 7-8 **Popcorn Pickup – See your District for Specific time and day!**
- 11 **Junior Leader Training Course**
- 10-11 **Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day**
- 14 **BTSR Summer Camp Orientation for Unit Leaders**
- 16 **Council Commissioners Meeting**
- 18 **Cub College (Pow Wow) & Den Chief Training**
- 23-26 **Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Day**
- 28 **Council Executive Board Annual Meeting**



December
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- 1-2 **Scout Service Centers Closed for Inventory**
- 5 **Popcorn Monies Due from all Units**
- 16 **OA Banquet & Training**
- 23-25 **Office Closed in Observance of Christmas Day**
- 26-31 **Winter Camp at BTSR**
- 30-Jan 1 **Office Closed in Observance of New Years**
- Jan 5-7 **OA Fellowship and Vigil Weekend - BTSR**



DISTRICT INFO



Big Bend

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

October

5 District Committee/Roundtable
 21 District Unit Leader Training

November

2 District Committee/Roundtable
 22 District Award of Merit Nominations Due

December

7 District Committee/Roundtable



Unit Leader Training

For all Un-trained Leaders whether New or Old. Come get trained and it will help you provide a Quality Program for your boys. Cost is \$5 per person and will be held on Saturday, October 21 at Holy Cross. Church is located at 907 N. 2nd Street in Alpine. Call the Midland Scout Service Center for more information or get sign up form off the Website!

Sand Hills

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

October

3 Roundtables in Odessa

November

7 Roundtables in Odessa

December

5 Roundtables in Odessa

Fall Roundup is happening Now!

If your unit has not had its Fall Recruitment Cub Pack Rally or Troop Open House and we can help please me to set up. I am the New District Executive in Sand Hills and have been with the Council for 5 years in Midland and Big Spring Service Areas. I look forward to meeting you all and please feel free to give me a call at the Midland Scout Service Center or Email me at doneill@bsamail.org



Big Bend Sand Hills





DISTRICT INFO

Chaparral

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

October

- 2 OA Chapter Meeting
- 5 District Committee
- 5 District Commissioners
- 12 Roundtable
- 21 Pushmobile

November

- 2 District Committee & Annual Business Meeting
- 2 District Commissioners
- 6 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Roundtable
- 10-12 Camporee BTSR (Tentative)
- 22 District Award of Merit Deadline
- 30 District Committee Training for New Members
- 30 District Commissioner Training for New Commissioners

December

- 1 District Banquet
- 4 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 District Planning Conference
- 14 Roundtable (Holiday Pot Luck Meal)

Thank You

I would like to thank all the Units that helped make the Fall Rallies such a great success. Pack 28, 51, 53, 67, 80, 83, 84, 153, 157, 216, 222, 270, Troop 19, 84, 160, 270, and a special thanks going out to the following people. Charles House, Madeline Averill, Doug Lunsford, Mrs. Ann Lunsford, David Pearce, Jay May, Scott Johnson, Deborah Presley, Teresa Sewell, Jamie Subia, Felis Subia, Wendi Lyle, Lori Gentry, Brad Bollinger, John Downing, David Baker, Susan Lilly, Gary Cain, David Eberle. Without your help we would not have been able to complete all the School Rallies in two nights.

Pushmobile

October 21st @ Grande Stadium! \$25.00 a Team or \$4.00 a Scout! Don't let your youth miss out on this fun and exciting part of Scouting. Medals for all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each rank. There will be a trophy for the Grande Champion Team members. Pushmobiles available for new units and teams that don't get a chance to build one. Call Scott @ 349-3104

District Committee

Chaparral District would like to invite you to join our District Committee. The District Committee ensures the growth and success of Scouting within Midland and Martin Counties. Please have your Charter Representatives attend. Your Charter Rep. can vote on the decisions made for Scouting in our District.

District Commissioners

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

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.

Please See Council Calendar and Articles for information on exciting Events such as Cub Weekend Campouts!

Scott Britton



Chaparral



DISTRICT INFO



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

October

- 2 District Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
Odessa Scout Service Center
- 3 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30pm
Andrews Community Building
- 3 Roundtable, 7:00 Andrews Community Bldg
- 28 Pushmobile, 9:00 AM
Graham Central Station

November

- 6 District Committee Meeting, 7:00
Odessa Scout Office
- 7 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30
LDS Church
- 7 Roundtable, 7:00 LDS Church

December

- 3 OA Chapter Meeting, 2:30 775 Scout Hut
- 5 Dist. Committee, Dist. Commissioner,
Roundtable, 7:00 LDS Church



Roundtable

Make your program rock? Attend Roundtable and get program ideas, help with the next month's Cub Scout Theme, or information and ideas to take back to your Unit. The October meeting will be at the Community building in Andrews. The regular meeting place is at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 5401 JBS Parkway in Odessa. **Mark Evans** and **Terry Hooper** are putting together plans for each roundtable to make it interesting and important to you. Make plans to attend.

Good Turn for America

Congratulations also to all of those units who have reported hours in Comanche Trails totaling 322 hours: Pack 58 (37 hours), Pack 64 (111 hours), Troop 18 (73 hours), Troop 98 (31 hours), Troop 129 (70 hours). **Be sure to log your service hours** for Eagle projects, conservation projects, food drives, toy drives, community clean-ups, flag retirements and more. Thanks to **Patti Seale** for making GTFA a more utilized program.

Membership

Robert Orona, the District Membership Chair, and **Billy Johnston** helped us to a great start for the fall rallies. Thanks to their help, the district recruited 122 Cub Scouts in two nights. A huge thanks goes out to all of those unit leaders, commissioners, and others that helped us to accomplish this task.

Training

Laura Cunningham, with the help of **Rachel King**, put on a great training September 9. We need to make sure that all of our leaders attend training. Every boy deserves a trained leader, so if you have any questions about your training, its time to attend! If your unit would like a training to come to you, please let us know. If you are interested in helping train, please contact **Nicholas Cook** or **Gary Deutsch**.

Pushmobile

The Pushmobile is fast approaching and teams are already starting to practice! October 28, the Graham Central Station Parking Lot will turn into Comanche Trails Pushmobile Raceway! The entry fee is \$20 per car (8 boys). The reward is another great program! **Dr. Randall Kelly** has started the planning and the Order of the Arrow is helping to put this event on. OA members call Dr. Kelly 362-3073 or 335-5200 (office) or Ginger Harding at 362-5743 to help with Pushmobile. See you at the races!

Popcorn

Popcorn sales are now underway. **David Patton** is the Popcorn Kernel for the District. If you missed the meeting or need more forms, please contact the Scout Office or David at general55patton@yahoo.com

Comanche Trails





DISTRICT INFO

Lone Star **Dist Chair** **Brian Marlar 263-8140**
 Dist Com. **Troy Tompkins 267-8769**
 Dist. Exec. **Warren Wallace 263-3407**

Lone Star

October

- 2 District Miniature Golf Night at Park & Putt in Big Spring from 6:30 to 9:00 pm
- 4 Snyder Roundtable – 5:30pm at the China Dragon
- 5 District Commissioners 6:30pm Big Spring Service Center
- 5 Howard County Roundtable - 7:00pm Big Spring Service Center
- 12 District Committee Mtg. Serendipity at 12 noon
- 17 New Leader Essentials & Specifics, 6:30pm at Big Spring Service Center
- 19 New Leader Essentials & Specifics, 6:30pm at Big Spring Service Center
- 21 District Pushmobile Races
1:00pm Registration-2:00pm Races

November

- 1 Snyder Roundtable – 5:30pm at the China Dragon
- 2 District Commissioners 6:30pm Big Spring Service Center
- 2 Howard County Roundtable - 7:00pm Big Spring Service Center
- 9 District Committee Mtg. Serendipity at 12 noon

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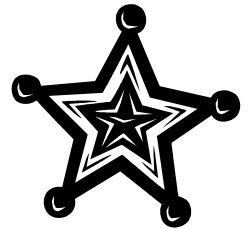
- 6 Snyder Roundtable – 5:30pm at the China Dragon
- 7 District Commissioners 6:30pm Big Spring Service Center
- 7 Howard County Roundtable - 7:00pm Big Spring Service Center
- 14 District Committee Meeting, Big Spring Service Ctr. - Noon

New Leader Training

If you are a new leader or a untrained leader, then please try to attend the training opportunities on the 17th or the 19th of October. The only good or better leader is a trained leader. Call and let us know if you are coming.

Son & Me at HAB

Thanks to all our Staff and volunteers who helped make Cub Castaways at HAB a most enjoyable fun filled week-end. Your help made it possible for us all to have a wonderful experience.



RECOGNITIONS



Tributes

Donald C. Orren

Randall T. Kelly, MD

Donald McConnell



Memorials

Walter R. Berger Jr.

Naomi J. Moore

Virginia N. Kudla

Margaret Cowden

Steve Dennis

James Busby

Paul Geesin

Mike & Barbra Watlington

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Howell III

HL Brown Jr.

Clem & Betty George

George Harley

Frank Kell Cahoon

Charles E. Hannon

Wanda P. Cambell

George & Carol Cockerham

Bob & Evelyn Halvorsen

Barbra Bruno

Bob & Pam Leibrock

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Betty Rhotenberry

Exchange Club

Lois Newbold

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Tomas McRae Sloan

Joe & Mary McRae

Ike McCarrol

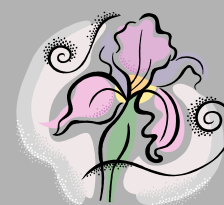
Terry Tub, MD

Edith Harrington

Berdyne Ross

Coy Pearson

Mrs. Berkley G. Craig





RECOGNITIONS

Eagles to Date

Comanche Trails District:

John T. Baulch, T-74, Odessa
Michael Sellars, T-74, Odessa
Christopher Castonguay, T-775, Odessa
Derek N. Bass, T-775, Odessa
Sean Carruth, T-121, Andrews
Max Cunningham, T-18, Odessa
J.C. Cooper, T-775, Odessa

Lone Star District:

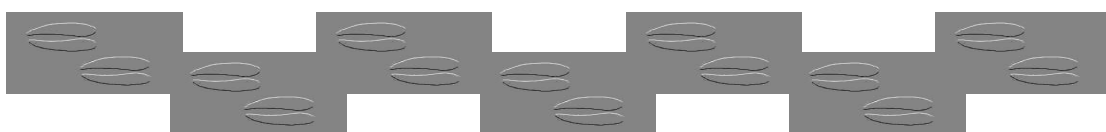
Paul Wylie, T-5, Big Spring



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
Matthew McClaine, T-152, Midland
Sean Callahan, T-158, Midland
Clyde Findlay III, T-225, Midland
Ryan May, T-158, Midland
Paras Gupta, T-84, Midland
Stephen Everett, T-232, Midland
Ethan Lord, T-331, Midland
Stephen Everett, T-232, Midland
Ethan Lord, Crew 331, Midland



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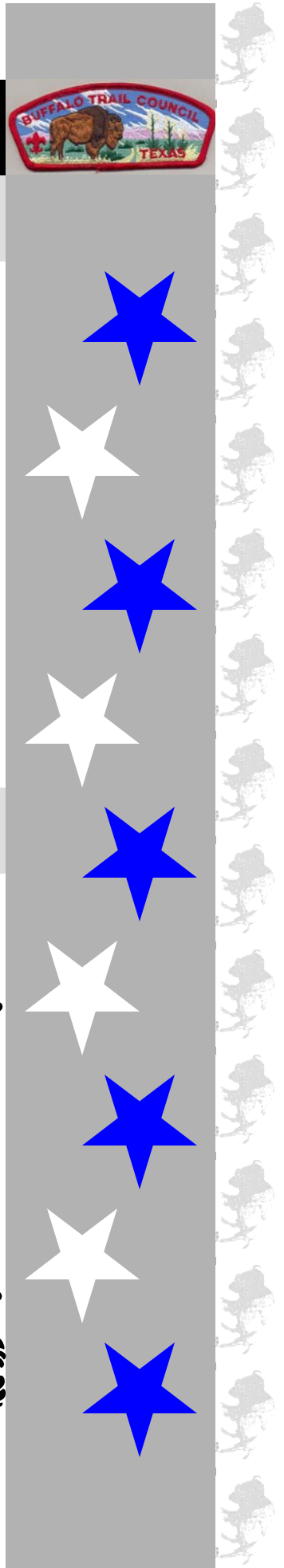
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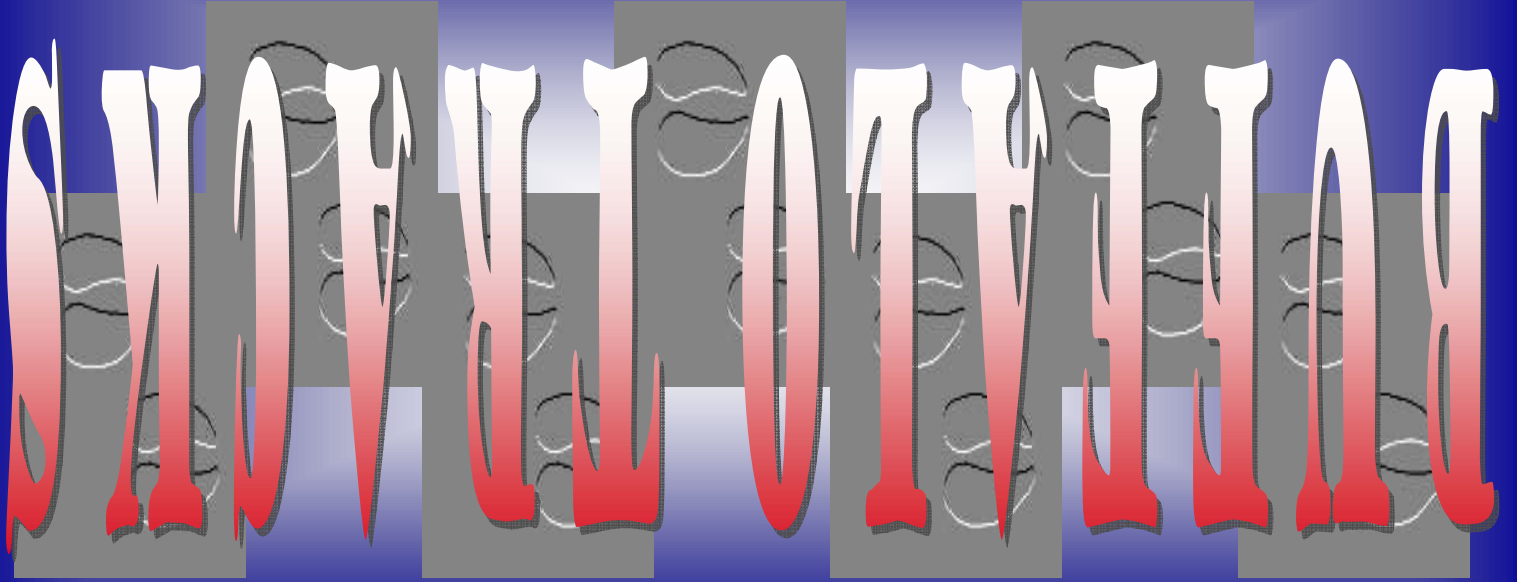


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