

BUFFALO TRACKS

BUFFALO TRAIL COUNCIL

www.buffalotrailbsa.org

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October - December 2008

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Council Commissioner
Richard Johnson

Council Scout Executive
Lyman Gifford, CFRE



SCOUTING UNIVERSITY

It's time to take a bite out of learning! Scouting University is here once again! Time to brush up on all of the courses that you haven't taken in awhile PLUS maybe take some classes that you have been looking forward to. We are offering Specifics classes for all levels of Scouting as well as Dutch Oven Cooking (limited to 20 participants so hurry up and register NOW), Internet Resources, and a whole lot more. Scouting University will take place on November 15, 2008 from 9:00AM till 5:30PM depending on the classes you register for. Please, NO WALK-INS due to class size and teacher preparation for their classes. Please register by November 7, 2008. There will be a \$10 LATE FEE for those who register afterwards. We hope that you can take advantage of this great training opportunity! Contact Nicole Colletti at nicole.colletti@scouting.org.

WINTER CAMP

Scout Shop

MIDLAND

Mon-Thurs

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.

Fri, Sat

CLOSED

BIG SPRING

Mon-Thur

4p.m. to 6p.m.

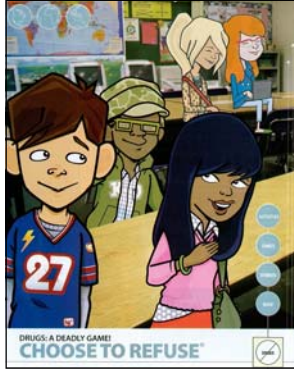
Fri, Sat, Sun

CLOSED

What is the best place during Christmas break to work on merit badges that you don't see at summer camps? BTSR winter camp!!! Mark your calendar for December 27th-30th, 2008 to come earn some great merit badges! We are once again offering Home repairs, Metal work, Trail to Eagle, Farm mechanics, Climbing, Veterinary medicine, Archery, Rifle and Shotgun shooting, Animal Science, Horsemanship, Emergency Preparedness, Forestry, Communications, Citizenship in the World and Nation, Soil and Water Conservation, Photography, Plant Science, and lots of fun!!! The cost is \$125 per Scout and \$75 per Adult. The Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch is located in the beautiful Davis Mountains between Ft. Davis and Balmorhea State Park, Texas. **All campers must have a current physical!!** Please be prepared for winter weather and dress accordingly, it could snow, sleet, rain, during this time of year! Warm clothing and boots, fleece jacket, stocking cap, thermal underwear, gloves, warm socks, can make your camping experience more enjoyable. Bring a great attitude, Scouting spirit, and a smile and take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get yourself some merit badges!! For more information contact Jana Hensley at (432) 570-7601 for registration questions or Nicky Martinez, Camp Director, nicky.martinez@scouting.org, and we will help you the best we can!! We will also have the trading post open, "Merlinda's Mercado," so bring your Christmas money and take home some great souvenirs! Gracias Scouts!!



DRUGS A DEADLY GAME



Choose to Refuse provides a comprehensive, structured and upbeat approach to educating young people about the dangers of drugs and helping them master the skills they need to avoid drug use. Resources available include a Leader's Guide and a 16 page student booklet designed for use in schools, places of worship, community nonprofits, Scout units and other organizations concerned about the threat drugs of all kinds pose to the health and well-being of children and adolescents.

The student booklet is filled with useful and engaging information and activities designed for youth in upper elementary through middle school, but can be modified for older or younger audiences.

Choose To Refuse Pamphlets for leaders and boys are now available in the Midland Scout Shop.

KNOTS



HERITAGE SOCIETY GALA

Are you a member of the James E. West Society, Founders Circle or 1910 Society? Have you included Scouting in your will or estate plans? Do you have an interest in leaving Scouting in your will or estate plans? If you have answered yes to any of these questions you may qualify as a member of the Buffalo Trail Council Heritage Society. This year's Heritage Society Gala will be held on November 13th, which was previously scheduled for October 23rd, at the Odessa Country Club. The Heritage Society recognizes those individuals who have made a donation to the Council's Endowment Fund through cash or deferred methods. This gala allows us the opportunity to recognize those who have joined the Heritage Society in the past year. It has been a few years since we have held this event. This event is now being brought back to ensure Heritage Society members are properly recognized and give them the chance to learn of the current happenings within the Buffalo Trail Council. It is also an opportunity to discuss the future direction of the council and the strategic emphasis. Please plan on attending, contact Michelle Brown for additional information at (432) 570-7601 or michelle.brown@scouting.org

Questions on the Heritage Society may be directed to Lyman Gifford at lyman.gifford@scouting.org or (432) 570-7601 or Sam Howell at sam.howell.2@hei-tx.com or (432) 362-2249.

NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2010



100th anniversary only comes once in our lifetime. Do not miss the opportunity to participate in the upcoming National Jamboree. There are spots for both youth and adults. Adults can go and apply for a member of the council contingent or to be one of leaders from one of two local troops going. Regional and National staff positions are also available. Registration is available on-line through the BSA website for National staff positions. Local applications are now being accepted through the Council offices for local staff positions. Youth planning to attend the Jamboree need to reserve their spot now, all spots are on a first come first serve basis. A \$100.00 deposit will reserve your spot and ensure your opportunity to participate in the upcoming National Jamboree.

Do not miss this opportunity to participate in the historic event, remembering the past 100 years and launching the next 100 years. For information on Jamboree contact Jana Hensley at the Midland Office or Charles House (432) 352-1335. Special fundraisers will be available to those attending Jamboree, Popcorn and Virginia Nuts sales through-out the year. Watch for opportunities to raise funds. Boys selling popcorn can pay their own way to Jamboree by selling in a special fundraiser!!!



USE THE INTERNET TO RE-CHARTER YOUR UNIT

Internet Re-chartering is a web-based method for units to renew their charters from any online location such as the office, home, or public library. It's easy, convenient, and accurate because you enter the information yourself!

A representative of your unit can now complete the paperwork for renewing a charter online. From Internet Re-chartering, you can indicate returning members, add new members, and update information for an individual or the chartered organization.

All Charters are due by December 12th at the latest.

HOW TO USE

Each unit will receive its Charter Renewal Package as usual. The packet includes information including an access code. The unit selects an adult to complete the online process. This renewal "processor" uses the access code to log onto the Internet Re-chartering Website. At anytime, the renewal processor can suspend the electronic re-chartering process and return later to the last complete screen.

The system lets you enter new members, renew current members and update information. When completed, the new unit roster is submitted to ScoutNet and a Unit Charter Renewal Report Package is printed. This package includes the unit charter application. Acquire the signatures for the application, attach applications and fees and take entire package to your district's "Re-charter Turn-in Meeting".

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

Silver Beaver Nominations are now being accepted and are due by December 1st. Any scouting volunteer who has made a significant impact to scouting and the community is eligible for nomination. No specific service time requirement exists, however, most recipients have at least 10 years of service to BSA prior to awarding. We encourage all adults to submit a nomination for a worthy candidate within their sphere of influence.

Please make sure applications are filled out completely and accurately. Additional documentation will not be considered with the application. Councils are limited on how many can be awarded each year. The criterion to determine how many may be awarded is based upon a ratio of 1:50 units or fraction thereof. Example, we have 161 units, so we can give up to 4 awards.

Applications can be downloaded from the council website www.buffalotrailbsa.org or by stopping by the council office.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN-UP FOR SUMMER CAMP

Don't wait until it's too late to get the week you want. Contact Jana Hensley today at (432) 570-7601 or jana.hensley@scouting.org and get first pick!

ATTENTION CREW MEMBERS

We have openings for several crew members for Philmont in the summer of 2009 that need to be filled ASAP! If you would like to attend PLEASE contact Craig McCune at 685-3050.

Hannah Weber
Venturing
Gold Award
2008



The Venturing Gold Award program has been developed to recognize a significant accomplishment in a young person's life; it requires outstanding performance in a broad spectrum of activities. The program was developed to challenge and to motivate young people over an extended period of time.

CONGRATULATIONS!

STAFF CHANGES

Congratulations to **Scott Britton** on his promotion to District Director. Scott has been a tremendous asset to the BTC.



Chaparral Day Camp, Shrek & Fiona



We are pleased to announce the hiring of Gregory Hartman who will assume his duties as the Lone Star

District Executive and HAB Caretaker on November 1, 2008.

Greg grew up in Pampa, TX and is a graduate of Texas Lutheran University, in Sequin, TX with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology with an International Studies Minor. He has a background in non-profits including AmeriCorps VISTA, BSA and a Women's Shelter.

MEMORIALS

Anonymous

Betty Commander-McCulloch
Cottonflat Grocery
Kimberly Owens
Robert Gaines
Scott Johnson
Wells Fargo Foundation

Andrew Beauchamp

Constance Beauchamp
Bob Elliott
Neil Florer

Charles "Bob" Bell

Coy Barnett
Larry Birdsong
Troop 34

Frances Brezina

Barbara Case
Johnnie Brown
David & JoAnn Fee
Neil Florer
Tom Florer
Steve, Joni & Ashley Hodges
Nancy Hubbard
Judge & Mrs. John Hyde
Brian & Evelyn Martin
Jane McKenney
Michael & Teresa Newman
Sal & Lesley Pagano
Wayne & Barbara Ransbotton
Mary Watson
Mr. & Mrs. William Watson

Clyde Chenowith

Pemila Singh, MD

Ben Cowling

Norma Alexander
Rosalie Yap
Jones-Day Foundation

James Dublin

Fay Smith

Marvin Eastman

Janice Amarine
Alta Bishop
Yvonne Brooks
Violet Davis
Charles E. Hannon
Ted S. Hannon
Milton Heinze
John Martinez
Neil A. Renton
Mary E. Reynolds
Kevin Taylor

Ted Harmon

Luchini & Mertz Land Surveying Co.

James "Jim" Harrison

Neil Florer
Mr. & Mrs. Armando Subia
Dan Wagoner

John A. Hord

Jaral & Marialyce Aston
Leroy Bell
Sherry Bell
Frank Cahoon
Joseph Canon
Mary Chambliss
Jim & Alice Grissel
Ann Harges
Edwin Magruder, Jr.
Jane E. McKenney
Forrest Muire
Marion Stewart
Tom Waldrop
Charlie Harris Insurance

Betty Johnson

Armando & Felis Subia

E.L. "Buck" Kent

Barry Beck
O.P. Fields
John C. Hurt
Dan Kent
Monahans Pharmacy

"Bob" Leon Moody

Surviving members of the
Jefferson High School (Marshall, TX)
Class of 1955

H.L. Moore

Nona Ray

Merrill Rigger

Wilson & Sharon

Terry Perkins

Dan Wagoner

Mary Spruell

Jack Hightower

St. Clair P. Yates

Elizabeth Harrell

FOUNDATIONS

Anonymous
BSA Southern Region Trust Fund
Chaparral Foundation
Exxon Mobile
Fasken
Grande Communications
Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust
J. Robert Jones Trust
The NRA Foundation
RBC Dain Rauscher
Stinson

EAGLES TODAY

Big Bend District:

Michael Pastis, C-1441, Ft. Davis

Chaparral District:

Andrew G. Abbott, T-232, Midland
Chad Adams, T-175, Midland
Nicholas Beard, T-84, Midland
Caleb C. Conder, T-232, Midland
Layton J. Cox, T-158, Midland
Todd Cox, T-232, Midland
Chance Cross, T-152, Midland
George Cross, T-331, Midland
Brent Daugherty, T-175, Midland
Danny Dillman, T-232, Midland
Spencer Hilliard, T-232, Midland
Jacob A. Huck, T-84, Midland
Tyler S. Hudgins, T-232, Midland
Kenneth H. Hunter, T-232, Midland
Benjamin Kennady, T-175, Lenorah
Mason King, T-84, Midland
Jonathan D. Moore, T-175, Midland
Alexander Purdy, T-232, Midland
Aubrey Sewell, T-158, Midland
Robert W. Shepard, T-51, Midland
Grant Sykes, T-232, Midland
Jackson A. Wilkins, T-232, Midland



Comanche Trails District:

P. Christian Fierro, T-77, Odessa
Logan Foust, T-34, Odessa
Corey Houston, T-372, Odessa
Travis McGuire, T-77, Odessa

Lone Star District:

Dustin R. Wright, T-5, Big Spring

Sand Hills District:

Cameron S. Lynch, T-316, Monahans

ENDOWMENTS

1910 SOCIETY

Joseph & Selina Castillo

**JAMES E. WEST
AWARD**

Gary M. Deutsch
William F. Houston



BOBCAT AWARD - TOMORROWS EAGLES

Chaparral District:

Miles Baker, P-157
 Cooper Beauchamp, P-83
 Francis, Biggar, P-84
 Tanner Bushman, P-231
 Caleb Cofresi, P-157
 Miguel Cruz, P-157
 Zachary Flowers, P-83
 Andy Galarza, P-67
 Jeremiah Gonzales, P-231
 Alexander Harbour, P-157
 Bennett Hoagland, P-131
 Alexander Hoak, P-157
 Michael Huzzey, P-231
 Karter Keling, P157
 Alex Kerr, P-157
 Phillip LaCroix, P-157
 Santiago Lombardi, P-157
 Rudy Mireles, P-612
 Blake Morgan, P-157
 Sammy Ochoa, P-83
 Carlos Padilla, P-613
 Landon Parish, P-157
 Cameron Payne, P157
 Carson Payne, P-157
 Jesiah Pitts, P-222
 Caleb Portiloo, P-157
 Javier Reyna, P-83



Eric Rios, P-613
 Carlos Rubins, P-157
 Derek Sanchez, P-157
 Evan Sanchez, P-157
 Canton Sherman, P-157
 Carson Smith, P-157
 Matthew Stansell, P-157
 Michael, Whitlock, P-157
 Nathan Woolridge, P-51
 Cristian Wray, P-157
 Angel Zubia, P-612



Comanche Trails District:

Brian Acosta, P-213
 Jamie Acosta, P-213
 Adrian Alvarez, P-213
 Michael Brown, P-58
 Ezekiel Donner, P-58
 Estevan Escalante, P-213
 Julio Garcia, P-213
 Jaime Gonzales, P-213
 Justin Gonzales, P-58
 Seth Gray, P-129
 Tyler Griffith, P-213
 James Haney, P-18
 Kobe Hernandez, P-213
 Abraham, Herrera, P-213
 Blake Hoffman, P-775
 Robert Johnson, P-58

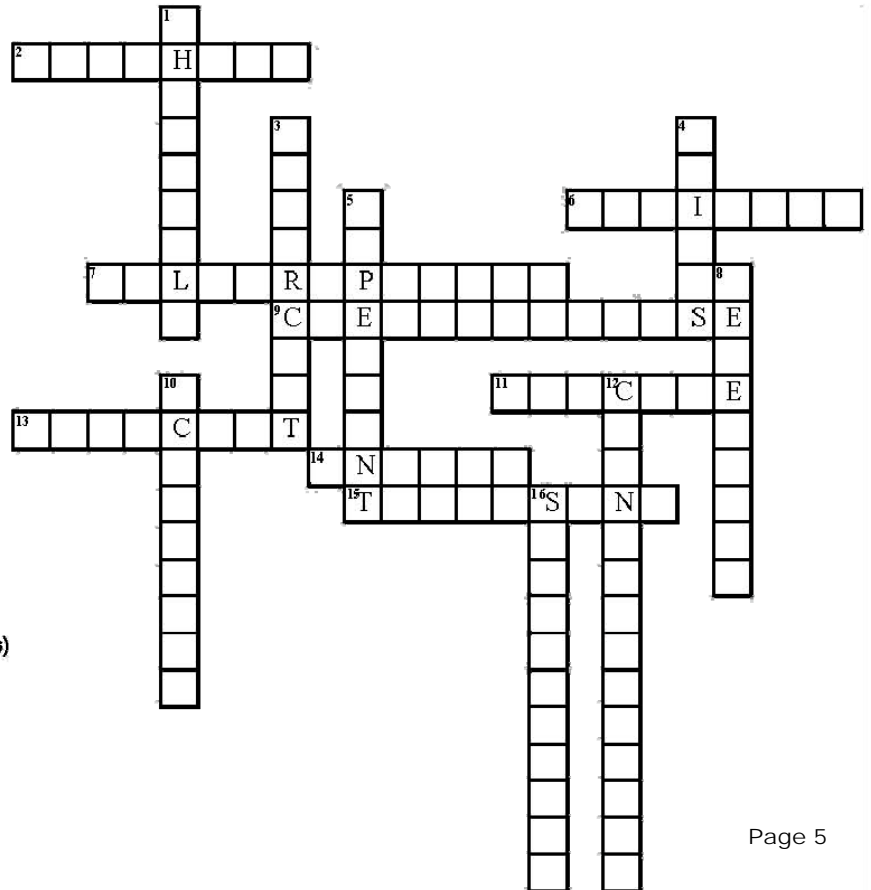
Alejandro Lopez, P-213
 Oscar Lozoya, P-213
 Ricardo Lujan, P-213
 Juan Madrid, P-213
 Caleb Moore, P-58
 Tyler Oates, P-775
 Luis Quintana, P-775
 Zecharia Rodriguez, P-129
 Bryson, White, P-58

Sandhills District:

Sean Allen, P-756
 Sebastian Almanza, P-756
 Aiden Carlos, P-756
 Robert Early, P-756
 Richardo Gomez, P-756
 Devin Gonzales, P-756
 James Kahle, P-756
 Anthony McDaniel, P-756
 Shane Olson, P-756
 Gabriel Padraza, P-756
 Isaiah Ruiz, P-756
 Mark Smith, P-756
 Tyler Spencer, P-756
 Zachery Spencer, P-756
 Matthew Ulrich, P-756

POPCORN PUZZLE

You can find the answers by looking in your Popcorn Leader and Parent Guides. Answer Key can be found at www.buffalotrailbsa.org.



Across

- 2 Form of payment to council (2 words)
- 6 New product this year (2 words)
- 7 Night with the Odessa Jackalopes (3 words)
- 9 New product this year (2 words)
- 11 Allows friends & family to place orders online (2 words)
- 13 Bonus #3 (2 words)
- 14 Where do we place our orders at?
- 15 America's Best Popcorn (2 words)

Down

- 1 One way to increase sales after door-to-door sales (3 words)
- 3 Base commission (2 words)
- 4 Besides popcorn order, what else do we place online?
- 5 Bonus #2 (2 words)
- 8 Money deadline (2 words)
- 10 Order deadline (2 words)
- 12 Nintendo Wii (2 words)
- 16 Earn by selling a minimum of \$2,500

“YOUR RETIREMENT CAN BE A GIFT TO SCOUTING”

Like most individuals, you have probably given some thought to what you will do for retirement income. A lot of thought. And again, like most individuals, you probably didn't know how you could make a large gift to Scouting and get extra retirement income at the same time. But you can!

A BSA retirement trust is just a form of the popular charitable unitrust. It can be created easily with cash, stocks, bonds, or land that you already own. You place the property into the trust and receive income and tax deductions usually based on the full fair market value of the property. If your gift was appreciated property, you also avoid capital gains tax. *You* decide who receives the income, the amount of income, when you want to start receiving the income, and how long the trust will last. When the trust ends, your local council receives the trust property.

Of course, these trusts aren't limited to retirement income. They can be created at any time, for any reason. But contact us for more information about the BSA retirement trust, and about how you, your family, and your local council will all benefit. You'll see that these income trusts are a real gift to retirement planning.

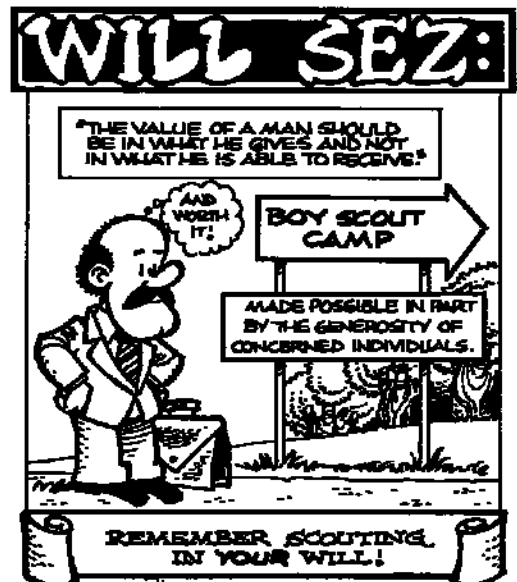
“PAINLESS PHILANTHROPY: INCOME TRUSTS AND YOU”

Almost everyone wants to provide financially for their families and have enough left over to make major gifts to their favorite charitable organizations. But very few realize how easy it is to make this dream a reality. Charitable income trusts -- such as the unitrust -- can do just that.

These trusts generate income for you and, if you want, another beneficiary. It can last either for your lifetime or for a certain number of years. You can create these income trusts with cash, stocks, land, or other types of property. You get an immediate income tax deduction (usually based on the fair market value of your gift), avoid capital gains tax (if you created the trust with property that had appreciated in value), save estate taxes and probate costs on that property, and make a major gift to Scouting -- all at the same time!

Many donors use these trusts to generate income to their children to pay for their education. It's an inexpensive way to provide tuition, room, board, books, and the other costs of an education. Many use them to provide additional income for their parents in retirement. And many use them just because an income trust is a great way to provide additional income, tax deductions, and a major gift to Scouting. It's a gift where everyone benefits!

Contact us for more information about these income trusts. Becoming a major philanthropist for your local council can be a painless proposition!



Popcorn Sales

Don't forget that October is the month for Popcorn Sales. Be sure to check the council calendar for deadlines.

Keep Midland Beautiful

Come out and support the community on October 11th at the annual fall clean up day. Registration deadline is September 29th to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Celebration picnic for all volunteers will be at Hogan Park from 10:30am-12:30pm. Contact (432) 687-7400 or register online at www.keeptmidlandbeautiful.org.

Mom & Me @ HAB

Adventure In Books! Come out to HAB and join the fun! October 17th - 19th. Cost is \$40/per person which includes a youth t-shirt, special patch and meals. Register online at www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

Jamboree-on-the-Internet & Jamboree-on-the-Air

Don't miss out on these 2 great events on October 18th! Join hundreds of others as you sharpen your skills and make new friends all over the world.



Emergency Preparedness Camporee

October 24th - 26th join us for an Emergency Preparedness Camporee at BTRSR, hosted by Chaparral District's Troop 270 & Crew #196. For more information contact Scott Britton at scott.britton@scouting.org.

Distinguished Citizen's Dinner

The Distinguished Citizen Dinner will be held October 30th at Green Tree Country Club in Midland. Our honoree is Judge John G. Hyde. For information on table sponsorships and participation in this black-tie optional event contact Michelle Brown at (432) 570-7601 or michelle.brown@scouting.org.

Annual Pushmobile Races

Ready, Get Set, GO!!! Come join us on November 1st at Grande Stadium for our 2nd annual Pushmobile Races. Get your cars ready and plan to attend. Contact Scott Britton for more information at scott.britton@scouting.org.

My Son & Me at BTRSR

Be sure to make plans to attend our "Discover Indian Nations" My Son & Me November 7th - 9th. Cost is \$40 per person which includes a t-shirt and all your meals. This weekend will be full of Indian lore. Register online and call Nicky Martinez at nicky.martinez@scouting.org for more information.

Scouting University

Need some training? Don't miss this opportunity! November 15th from 9:00am till 5:30pm at UTPB in Odessa. Cost is \$15 and lunch is included. Please register early so out teachers can prepare. Late registration fee of \$10 if registered after November 7th. Contact Nicole Colletti for more information at nicole.colletti@scouting.org.

Popcorn Fill'er-up Party

You don't want to miss the fun at this event! Make sure you fill up at least one full order form (one customer per page) so you get free admission. Picnic dinners can be purchased through the Midland office. For more information contact Michelle Brown at michelle.brown@scouting.org.



Winter Camp



Ready for some real fun and adventure? Come out to Winter Camp December 27th - 30th at BTRSR. Cost is \$125 per Scout and \$75 per adult. Classes will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Money. \$50 deposit for troops and \$25 deposit for an individual will hold your spot. Register online at www.buffalotrailbsa.org or forms will be available soon on the website or in the Service Centers. For more information contact Jana Hensley at jana.hensley@scouting.org or (432) 570-7601.

For more information on all the events above, please visit our website:
www.buffalotrailbsa.org

OCTOBER

1st - 28th Popcorn Sales
 1st "Drugs A Deadly Game" Begins
 3rd - 5th Cavalcades
 11th Keep Midland Beautiful
 10th - 12th Cavalcades
 17th - 19th Mom & Me @ HAB
 17th - 19th Cavalcades
 18th Jamboree on the Air/Internet
 24th - 26th Horses In-Council
 29th Popcorn & Prize Orders Due
 31st - 2nd Cavalcades

NOVEMBER

1st Annual Pushmobile Races
 Rechartering process begins
 Election Day
 4th My Son & Me @ BTSR
 7th - 9th Horses In-Council
 Office Closed, Veterans Day
 11th Pick-up Popcorn
 12th Scouting University
 15th Cub Scout Powwow
 Den Chief Training
 19th Program Planning (All District Reps)
 17th - 20th Soccer Kick-Off
 27th - 30th Office Closed, Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

1st Silver Beaver Nominations Due
 9th Popcorn Money Due
 12th All Charters Due
 12th Popcorn Fill'r-Up Party (Invite Only)
 20th OA Training & Banquet
 24th - 31st Scout Shops Closed, inventory
 25th Office Closed, Christmas
 27th - 30th Winter Camp @ BTSR

LOOKING AHEAD...

January 17th & 24th Merit Badge Academy
 January 23rd Webelos Petroleum Museum Lock-in
 February 1st Scout Sunday
 Webelos Scout Transition begins
 February 7th Ten Commandment Hike &
 Flag Retirement (Duty to Country)

Are You Going To Be Entered?

Make sure you fill-up at least one order form to be entered (only one customer per page). Get entered for every sheet you fill-up!



Cavalcades

So you hiked the Scout Ranch and all you saw were your own boots? Come see BTSR from the back of a horse! Let him watch his feet while you enjoy the scenery. Two or three-day horseback treks called Cavalcades take off on select dates in the spring and fall for the roughest and prettiest parts of the Scout Ranch. Participants get plenty of quality saddle time during the day and sleep under the stars at night. Come earn your Horsemanship merit badge and do it in one day. Dates: October 3rd - 5th, 10th - 12th, 17th - 19th with half price weekends for in-council October 24th - 26th and November 7th - 9th. Some restrictions apply. More information is available at www.buffalotrailbsa.org. For reservations call Ranger Dan at (432) 426-3709 or rangerdan7@hotmail.com.



11th Annual Merit Badge Academy

Mark your calendars now to attend this event where you can really earn multiple merit badges! You don't want to miss this. January 17th and 24th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from 8:00am - 1:00pm. 30 merit badges will be offered and information should be available soon. If you are interested in serving as a Merit Badge Counselor, please contact Bill Taylor (432) 687- 7418. Pre-registration deadline is December 10th.

OA Training & Banquet

Calling all Arrowmen, Tatanka Lodge 141 needs you! As new Staff Advisor to the Lodge I would like to invite everyone to start getting involved with all Lodge activities as well as Chapter meetings. We are looking for talent: can you drum, sing, dance? This Lodge is well known around the state of TEXAS for having Great dancers and singers represented at Section Conclaves. We also need Arrowmen for ceremony teams and to help our election teams at the Troop level. If you need help building an outfit, learning more about our Lodge Traditions, or meeting dates, please email our Lodge Chief, Corey Houston, lodgechief@tatanka141.org or call him (432) 614-2263. So are you going to show Scouting spirit? Looking forward to meeting everyone. I am in the Comanche War Dance Society in Lawton, Oklahoma, a traditional dancer, Vigil member, Eagle Scout, and I would love to share my experiences with everyone!! Nicky Martinez (432) 570-7601 ext.17, nicky.martinez@scouting.org. Upcoming Events: December 20th - OA Lodge Officer Training and Banquet, Odessa Alliance Hospital. January 2nd-3rd, 2009, OA Fellowship/Vigil weekend BTSR.



10 Commandment Hike & Flag Retirement (Duty to God)

"Duty to Country" Annual flag retirement ceremony will be held after the "Duty to God" Ten Commandment Hike at 10:00am on Saturday, February 7th. Plan to attend and get the special edition patch for this year's event. Collect them all! Keep a look out for more details to come.



BIG BEND

District Chair, John Isola, 426-3116
 District Commissioner, Bob Gray, 426-3105
 District Director, Nicky Martinez, 570-7601 x17

OCTOBER

2nd District Committee Roundtable

NOVEMBER

6th District Committee Roundtable

DECEMBER

11th District Committee Roundtable

CHAPARRAL

District Chair, Gary Wood, 638-4372
 District Commissioner, Ben Turpen, 520-3816
 District Executive, Nicole Colletti, 570-7601 x23
 District Director, Scott Britton, 570-7601 x18

Until further notice, all meeting will take place at First Presbyterian Church on Texas and A Street

OCTOBER

2nd District Committee
 9th District Commissioners Roundtable
 Leader's Training
 OA Meeting

NOVEMBER

6th District Committee
 13th District Commissioner Roundtable
 Leader Training
 OA Meeting

DECEMBER

4th District Committee
 11th District Commissioners Roundtable
 Leader Training
 OA Meeting

COMANCHE TRAILS

District Chair, Bob Ferguson, 563-1418
 District Commissioner, Mark Evans, 332-0806 H
 District Director, Nicky Martinez, 570-7601 x17

**Commissioner Meetings and Roundtables are held at the LDS Church in Odessa.
 Committee Meetings will be at the Odessa Scout Shop until further notice.**

OCTOBER

7th District Commissioner Roundtable
 14th District Commissioner

NOVEMBER

4th District Commissioner Roundtable
 11th District Committee

DECEMBER

2nd District Commissioner Roundtable
 9th Annual Business Mtg.
 District Committee

LONE STAR

District Chair, Brian Marlar, 263-8140
 District Commissioner, Troy Tompkins, 267-8769
 District Executive, Greg Hartman, (11/1) (325) 728-8887
 District Director, Scott Britton, 570-7601 x18

OCTOBER

1st Snyder Leader Mtg.
 2nd District Committee Roundtable, Big Spring
 Unit Commissioners
 Cub Leader Training

NOVEMBER

5th Roundtable, Snyder
 6th Roundtable, Big Spring

DECEMBER

3rd Roundtable, Snyder
 4th Roundtable, Big Spring

SAND HILLS

District Chair, Ralph Foust, 634-4999
 District Commissioner, Linda Vargas, 208-0281
 District Executive, Nicole Colletti, 570-7601 x23
 District Director, Scott Britton, 570-7601 x18

OCTOBER

6th District Commissioner

NOVEMBER

10th District Commissioner

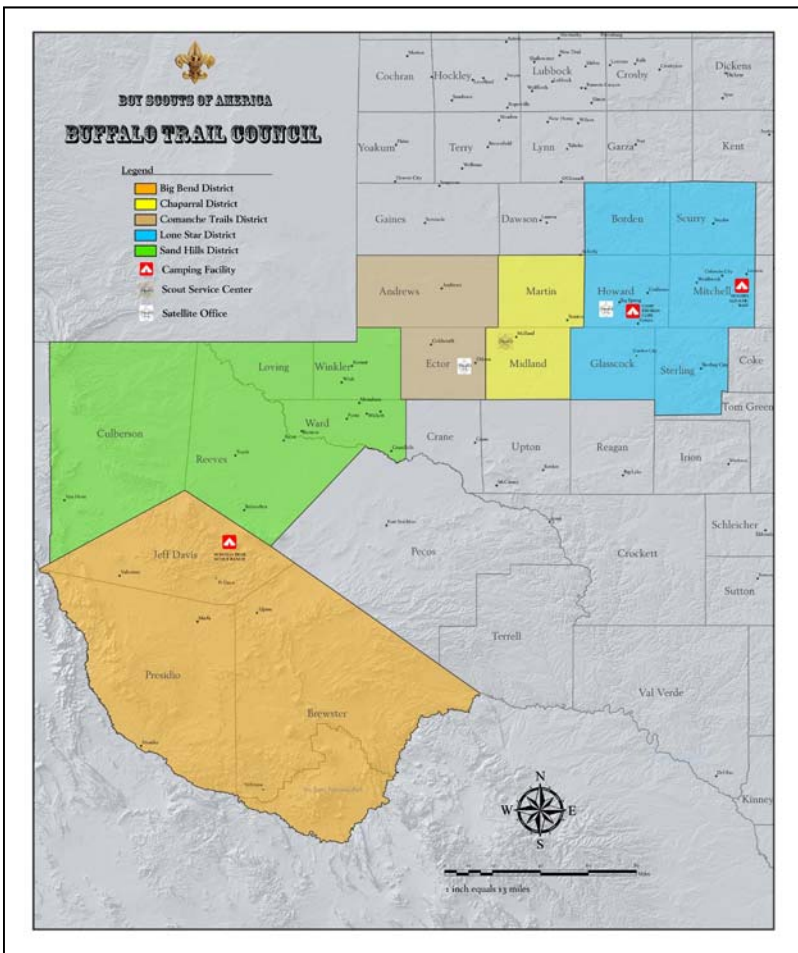
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