

BUFFALO TRACKS

BUFFALO TRAIL COUNCIL

www.buffalotrailbsa.org

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Jan - Mar 2009

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Lyman Gifford, CFRE

10 COMMANDMENT HIKE

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

Come join us for our annual Ten Commandment Hike February 7th starting at 10:00AM for both Midland and Odessa. The Midland Hike will start at the First Baptist Church on West Louisiana and the Odessa Hike will start at the Odessa Scout Shop.



This is a great opportunity for our Scouts to learn about the different religious organizations in their community and to see how each of them talks about different Commandments. Please bring adequate clothing for this hike. For more information visit www.buffalotrailbsa.org.



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



ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT

One of the best ways that our Scouts honor our Country and the men and women that serve it is through our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. This year's ceremony will once again be held at the Veteran's Memorial Park at the CAF at 1:30PM. We have the Mayor's from both Midland and Odessa who will be present and address us at this event. We hope that you can join us in celebrating our nation at this event! For more information visit www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

WOOD BADGE

Time to sign-up for the upcoming Woodbadge course. Please make a reservation today to ensure you have your spot reserved. Contact Charles House, the course director at (432) 352-1335, or the Midland Scout Office at (432) 570-7601, for additional information. Registration materials are also available online at www.buffalotrailbsa.org.



2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Congratulations!
We have selected the Scoutmasters for the 2010 Contingent, and three alternates. They are as follows:

Charles House, SM
Kris Gregg, 1st Asst. SM
Randall Kelly, 2nd Asst SM

Robbie Shepard, SM
Bill Houston, 1st Asst. SM
Mark Hooper, 2nd Asst. SM

The three alternates are Charles Purcell, Ben Maytubby, and Robert Orona.

SILVER BEAVER

Silver Beaver applications were reviewed and recipients have been selected. This year's Silver Beavers are Larry Matschull, Jimmie Ormsby, Charles House, Deborah Presley, and Ricky Sneed.

These recipients will be recognized at the Council Recognition Dinner on Saturday, February 28th.

Look for additional information regarding this dinner on the council website. We hope you'll join us as we recognize these outstanding volunteers.

PUSHMOBILE

Thanks to Kent Companies for underwriting our membership efforts this year along with awards for the Pushmobile and the Baskin Robbins coupon for all new Cub Scouts this fall.

THE KENT COMPANIES

Making your life



FOS DINNER

The Friends of Scouting Leadership Dinner is planned for March 26th. This year's dinner will be held at the Downtown Hilton in Midland. Our speaker will be Dr. Charles Petty. Dr. Petty was reared in the farming communities of England and Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Dr. Petty learned about the importance of family from the school of hard knocks. His parents divorced when he was six and his mother died three years later. He became part of a blended family. When he was sixteen, his father and younger brother were killed in a car accident, so he lived by himself for a year before going into foster care.

Dr. Petty has been a counselor, a visiting professor, a staff member of large corporations in Texas and North Carolina, and, for seven years, a senior staff member for the governor of North Carolina.

Dr. Petty uses humor to present a variety of subjects: Climbing the ladder of success and Taking your family with you; Roaring fires, flickering flames, dying embers of cold ashes; Ambush at the generation gap; Winning communities are made of these: strong economy, caring volunteers, and stable families; Shapers of dreams.

Plan on participating in this year's dinner. By making your 2009 FOS contribution of \$100 or more you are eligible to attend. Table hosts are currently being finalized and you can volunteer to do this as well. Contact your District Executive to become involved or for further information.

POPCORN TOTALS

2008 Popcorn Sales saw a 25% increase over last year!

A fantastic sale! Nearly \$450,000 in total sales with over 70% staying here in our area which will allow the programs to be strong at all levels. Online sales were up 8 fold over last year. More members are using this as a way to expand their sales to those living away from the Permian Basin. Online sales are available year-round which allows for additional sales commissions to be added to the Packs and Troops throughout the year.

Our top salesman for 2008:
Garrett Bryant, T-775, Odessa
Sold \$5,090.00.

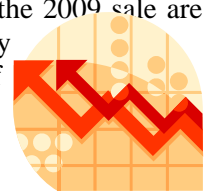
Our Wii winner:
Walden Britt, T-775, Odessa

Video contest winners include:
1st - Pack 231, Midland
2nd - Crew 777, Odessa
3rd - Crew 225, Midland
Honorable mention: Troop 158; Pack's 256, 216, 622
(Note: These videos were fun to watch. We have some very creative people. Look at the website to see our winners.)

36 units submitted videos this year and 831 youth sold popcorn.

The average sales per youth was \$515.09 per person. 263 of these youth filled up at least one sales form, nearly one third of our sales force. Special patches and other prizes were mailed to each of these fill'er up sellers mid-December.

We look forward to a great year of scouting through the basin this year. Plans for the 2009 sale are already underway with Bill Kent of Kent Companies as the overall chairman.





CHECK THESE OUT

NOW IS THE TIME SUMMER CAMP

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

www.scoutingparents.org
www.soccerandscouting.org
www.learningforlife.org

www.scoutingfriends.org
www.scouting.org
www.orderpopcorn.com
Key Code: TEG6NXP

ONLINE TOUR PERMITS

Answer Key can be found at www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

Accessible	Application	Computer	Database
Easy	Electronic	Four Steps	Guide To Safe Scouting
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SPECIAL NOTICE

Merit Badge Academy

Come join us for the 11th Annual Merit Badge Academy! This event is opened to all registered Boy Scouts and will be held on Saturday, January 17th and 24th from 8:00am - 1:00pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 4805 Gateway Street in Midland. 30 merit Badges will be offered. Cost is \$15 and scholarships are available. **Class sizes limited so register now!!!** Contact Bill Taylor (432) 687-7418, or visit our website to download a registration form.

Webelos to Scout Transition

Scoutmaster's, don't forget that February is Blue and Gold banquet time, and a perfect opportunity to ensure all of the Webelos Scouts in our council have the opportunity to join a Boy Scout Troop. What a perfect way to add a new patrol to your Troop by bridging those boys over! Please come by the council office to pick up a flyer called "Patrol Plus" or "Troop Open House" to get some great ideas on recruiting!

Soccer Tournament

February 14th at Martin Luther King center at 10:00am. Contact Celestina Lunda for more information (432) 570-7601.

Train The Trainer

Learn How to Become an Effective Trainer! February 21st from 10:00am-4:30pm at Texas Tech University. Cost is \$5/ per person. Don't forget to bring your lunch. Register online or contact Jana Hensley at the Scout Office (432) 570-7601. More information contact Debra Bean (432) 940-6276.

College of Commissioner Science & District Committee Training

The annual College of Commissioner Science training will take place on March 27-29th at Hughes Aquatic Base. A new twist this year, is the inclusion of training for all members of the District Committee! ALL Commissioners and District Committee members are invited to attend this very important training session. As usual, the Bachelor, Master, Doctorate, and post Doctorate programs will be available for Commissioners, and sessions for the District Key 3 and members of the Committee will take place as well! Cost for the training is only \$35, and includes food, training materials, patch, and valuable information! Registration forms will be available in January, with registration being available online as well. Please check the website for more information. See you there!

Snyder Fish-A-Thon

The Lone Star District invites all Scouts and Scouters to attend the annual Fish-A-Thon! This exciting event will take place on April 4th at Towle Park Pond, in Snyder. Open to all ages of Scouts and their families, and offers an opportunity to catch some big fish and win some great prizes! Prizes are given away every hour for the 3 largest fish weighed in, and a grand prize package worth over \$500 is given to the angler that weighs in the biggest fish of the day! The pond is stocked with 1,000 pounds of catfish prior to the event. Registration is only \$5 and is paid at the gate and patches are available for \$2. Camping is available at the park too, so make a weekend out of it!

**My Son & Me at BTR**

Get ready to go back into time with the dinosaurs for our Jurassic-themed My Son and Me on April 17th through the 19th at BTR. There are going to be a ton of awesome games and activities to be played by all so make sure that you are signed up for this camp out. Please watch the mail and our website for more details about this event in the next few months!

11th Annual Sporting Clay

Mark your calendars now for April 26th for our 11th Annual Sporting Clay. We need Scouts in uniform to help and support this event. If your Unit would like to help please contact Michelle Brown at (432) 570-7601.

BALOO & Outdoor Leadership Training

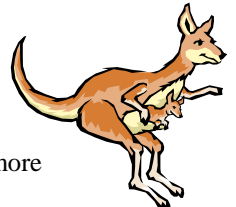
Want to have a campout with your pack or troop and don't know where to start? Than come on down to BTR from May 8th - 10th and learn how it's done by the pros! In order to have an outdoor experience with your pack you MUST have at least one person in your unit that is BALOO trained. Don't miss out on this amazing event! Please watch your mail and our website for more information in the upcoming months! Contact Nicole Colletti for more information.

**HAB Camp**

Once again, the gates at HAB will be open to welcome Scouts and Scouters to our summer HAB program. Take advantage of the opportunity to go boating and swimming and earn a bunch of merit badges while you are at it! This program was revamped in 2007 to include an opportunity to do three days of COPE as well as three days at HAB.

Day Camp

While the older boys are off to summer camp, the Cub Scouts will be in town enjoying some fun of their own! Come join us Down Under this year. The council Day Camp committee will be meeting in January to develop a fun and exciting program for the Cub Scouts and their families. Day camps will take place in June, which will be here before you know it. Be on the lookout for more information soon!



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



EAGLES TODAY

Chaparral District:

Paul Aguirre, T-84, Midland
Jacob A. Huck, T-84, Midland
Reed Williams, T-231, Midland

Comanche Trails District:

Joshua Farrow, T-129, Andrews
Brandon Turner, T-34, Odessa

Lone Star District:

Claude-Michael Steelman, T-16, Big Spring
Brent Yater, T-5, Big Spring

BOBCAT AWARD EAGLES TOMORROW

Big Bend District

Blaine Church, P-141
Sean Gollschalk, P-141
Ray Gomez, P-141
Ricardo Gomez, P-141
Derek Harris, P-141
Levi Ivey, P-141
Andrew Morales, P-141
Jose Ortega, P-141
Erick Terango, P-141
Tristan Terango, P-141
Gage Williams, P-141

Chaparral District:

Bryson Abila, P-155
Fabian Aguilar, P-155
Harrison Alford, P-83
Holden Alford, P-83
Jake Armstrong, P-155
Coby Barr, P-53
Tommy Beebe, P-216
Greyson Brockington, P-51
Levi, Brooks, P-155
Payton Brooks, P-80
Samuel Brooks, P-155
Billy Ray Campell, P-67
Timothy Chappell, P-83
Clayton Criswell, P-28
Brayden Davis, P-216
Mason Davis, P-216
Logan Deal, P-83

Joshua Deatherage, P-28
Michael Diggs, P-155
Caleb Douglas, P-155
Caleb Estes, P-155
Neal Estes, P-51
Carlos Estrello, P-67
Christian Flores, P-28
Andy Galarza, P-67
Casyn Garcia, P-80
Draven Garcia, P-67
Matthew Garcia, P-53
Evan Gomez, P-622
Ian Gonzales, P-80
Jordan Granado, P-83
Shawn Grubbs, P-53
Haden Ham, P-622
George H. Hansard, P-28
Joseph Hatfield, P-28
Dakota Hazelton, P-155
Chance Horton, P-80
Jacob Hunter, P-157
Landon James, P-155
Brian Juarez, P-155
Tyler Kent, P-155
Anthony Lavoro, P-83



Zachary Leonard, P-216
Joshua Lindsey, P-51
Michael Loftis, P-157
James Lozano, P-155
Micheal Madrid, P-216
John Mathis, P-131
Ethan Medrano, P-67
Aditya Nair, P-622
Hagan Nicholas, P-80
Caleb Olson, P-155
Allan Padilla, P-67
Evan Parum, P-155
Ethan Quaid, P-28
Zavier Ramirez, P-67
Tristan Rich, P-155
Bradon Richmond, P-83
Dylan Robinson, P-80
Charles W. Solley, P-67
Lincoln Steffens, P-131
Raymond Straub, P-28
Pedro Suchil, P-83
Nick Teleschow, P-216
Fabian Urias, P-67
Braden Waggoner, P-28
Elijah Warner, P-155
Kelton Weigle, P-80
Carter West, P-155
Triston Wiggins, P-67
Cameron Williams, P-622
Dawson Wilitis, P-80
Jordan Wilson, P-157
Tyler Wilson, P-216
Joshua Wood, P-51
Hunter Zachary, P-28

Comanche Trails District:

Seth Aiken, P-58
Corey Allen, P-129
Justin Ballard, P-58
Kobe Boswell, P-129
Kyle Bramley, P-129
Ryan Brazela, P-775
Casey Gardner, P-775
Seth Gray, P-129
Ryan Gutierrez, P-129
Evan Haley, P-775
Haden Hardin, P-63
Jacob Hawkins, P-775
Pedro Hernandez, P-775
Erick Ibarra, P-129
Seth Infante, P-129
Bradley Kelly, P-64
Bailey Martin, P-775
William Mayfield, P-129
Nathan Parks, P-129
Jackson Poindexter, P-775
John Propp, P-775
Michael Purdy, P-64
Terry Rimer, P-58
Zecharia, Rodriguez, P-129
Maldamar Saiz, P-129
Nicholas Salcido, P-129
Tyler Scott, P-58
Jeremiah Sewell, P-129
David Smart, P-129
Conner Sutphen, P-129
John C. Tull, P-775
Justen Tull, P-775
Timothy Voitik, P-129
Jeremiah Wooten, P-64
Lone Star District:
Jakob Brake, P-179
Noah Brake, P-179
Kody Bryant, P-29
Remington Collette, P-179
Steven Davis, P-29
Peter Dubose, P-29

Hannah Weber

Venturing
Silver Award
2008



The Buffalo Trail Council is proud to announce our newest Silver Award Recipient! Hannah Weber, a Venturer from Crew 7 in Big Spring, finished her requirements for the Silver Award on November 21st. Prior to earning her Silver, she also earned the Gold Award, the Sports Bronze Award, Arts and Hobbies Bronze Award, and the Religious Life Bronze Award. She has served in a variety of leadership positions, including Crew President, Youth Group President, and 4-H 2nd Vice President. Hannah has also completed the Venturing Leadership Skills Course, and has organized a variety of community service projects, including Christmas food delivery, and Salvation Army bell ringing.

The Venturing Silver Award is available to all Venturing youth members of the Boy Scouts of America. Its purpose is to provide a pathway for personal development; encourage Venturers to learn, grow, and serve; and recognize the high level of achievement of Venturers who acquire Venturing skills. It is the highest recognition award in the Venturing Program, equivalent to the Eagle Scout award in Boy Scouting. Only a handful of Venturers in the Buffalo Trail Council have earned this Award since 1998.

Please join us in congratulating Hannah for this significant accomplishment!

CONGRATULATIONS!

RECOGNITION

JANUARY

- 1st Office Closed
Family FOS Kick-Off
- 2nd - 4th OA Fellowship/Vigil Weekend @ BTRSR
- 17th - 19th Office Closed, Martin Luther King Holiday
- 17th Merit Badge Academy
- 23rd Petroleum Museum Lock-In (Webelos)
- 24th Merit Badge Academy

FEBRUARY

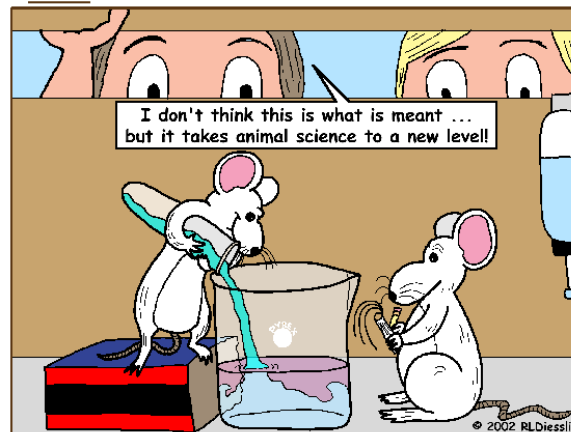
- 1st Webelos to Scout Transition Begins
District FOS Kick-Off
SCOUT SUNDAY
- 7th Ten Commandment Hike
Flag Retirement Ceremony
- 8th BSA Birthday (1910)
- 14th - 16th Office Closed, President's Day Holiday
- 14th Soccer Tournament
- 21st Train the Trainer
- 28th Council Recognition Dinner

MARCH

- 1st Troop Open Houses Begin
- 6th Petroleum Museum Lock-In (Cubs)
- 6th - 7th Horses In Council
- 13th - 15th OA PowWow @ BTRSR, Family Campout
Horses In Council
- 26th FOS Leadership Dinner
- 27th - 29th College of Commissioner Science

KNOTS

Animal Science Merit Badge



Learning Something New Can Be Fun!

Petroleum Museum Lock-Ins

January's Petroleum Museum Lock-In is for all Webelos. The theme will be Geology. March's Lock-In will be for all Cub Scouts and the theme will be Wild Life. Mark your calendars for these special dates.

Council Annual Meeting

The Buffalo Trail Council's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will take place at the Odessa Lions Club. Participants will include current board members, board members nominated for reelection or election in the 2009 year, current charter organization representatives and board members at large. This year's Nomination Committee is chaired by Linda Foster. Other's interested in attending are welcome to observe this annual event.

Council Recognition Dinner

This event honors the Silver Beaver recipients and Eagle Scouts for the year. It will be held on February 28th at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Tickets will be available on January 7th for \$20.00/per person (\$25 after 2/20) and Eagle Sponsorships are \$40. Register online or contact Jana Hensley at (432) 570-7601 or jana.hensley@scouting.org

OA PowWow & Family Campout

Are you ready? The first big campout of 2009, sponsored by Tatanka Lodge 141, is open to all Scouts and their families! Space is limited to the first 325 people so sign-up by March 2nd. Come campout in the beautiful Davis Mtns. with your family and experience 100 years of traditions, fun and adventure. We will have great meals, plenty of hot chocolate and coffee and a camp staff to see that you have a memorable time. Once again we will have horse back riding, archery, hiking and much more and we'll end with a campfire on Saturday night full of skits, songs and more. The cost is \$20/per person if registered by March 2nd. Contact Nicky Martinez (432) 570-7601.

Riding the Ranch

Bring your group to the Scout Ranch this spring and ride through the crisp air of the Davis Mtns. There are open dates for horsemanship training and cavalcades. For reservations contact Ranger Dan (432) 426-3709.



Soccer & Scouting

Welcome Soccer and Scouting fans!! We would like to let you know that we are so excited about the great summer fun that we had in July. Our kids shot bb guns, bow and arrows and had tons of fun on the boat rides. Now we are heading for more fun in the fall with two new packs. Yeah!! We look forward to more fun. Contact Celestina Lunda (432) 570-7601.

BIG BEND

District Chair, Vacant
District Commissioner, Bob Gray, 426-3105
District Director, Nicky Martinez, 570-7601 x17

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

5th District Committee
Roundtable

CHAPARRAL

District Chair, Keith King, 556-6980
District Commissioner, Randy McClay, 520-4404
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 (upstairs) on Texas and A Street

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

8th Roundtable
OA Meeting
Leader Training

5th District Committee
District Commissioner
12th Roundtable
Leader Training
OA Meeting

5th District Committee
District Commissioners
12th 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.**

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

6th District Commissioner
Roundtable
13th District Commissioner
17TH District Banquet

3rd District Commissioner
Roundtable
10th District Committee

3rd District Commissioner
Roundtable
10th 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

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

7th Snyder Leader Mtg.
8th District Committee
Roundtable
Unit Commissioners
Cub Leader Training
22nd District Banquet

4th Snyder Leader Mtg.
5th District Committee
Roundtable
Unit Commissioners
Leader Essentials
13-14th District Campout

4th Snyder Leader Mtg.
5th District Committee
Roundtable
Unit Commissioners
Leader Specifics
28th Pinewood Derby

SAND HILLS

District Chair, Vacant
District Commissioner, Linda Vargas, 208-0281
District Executive, Nicole Colletti, 570-7601 x23
District Director, Scott Britton, 570-7601 x18

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

12th District Commissioner
Monahans

2nd District Commissioner
Kermit

2nd District Commissioner
Monahans

Sand Hills units are encouraged to attend Roundtable with Comanche Trails District.

The Value of Patience

With today's low interest rates and CD yields, many people are excited about the benefits of a charitable gift annuity. A charitable gift annuity can be established with a simple, 2 page contract between you and the Boy Scouts of America. In return for your gift of cash or appreciated marketable securities, the BSA promises to pay you or someone you designate a guaranteed, unchanging income for life, beginning immediately!

But if you are under age 65, you may want to consider a variation on this popular theme. A deferred charitable gift annuity pays a fixed amount to one or two beneficiaries beginning at a future date when the beneficiary will need additional income (like a retirement date). The rate on a deferred charitable gift annuity which determines the annual payment varies according to the age and number of the beneficiaries and the time between the date of gift and the date annuity payments begin. So, by deferring the starting date of your income payments, you receive a higher payment rate, and in most cases, a higher portion of the gift will be deductible for income tax purposes.

A deferred charitable gift annuity can be especially attractive if you are still in high-income years and are looking for both tax deductions and additional sources of retirement income.

Benefits

Immediate Tax Savings: You can take an income tax charitable deduction in the year you make the gift. If you fund your annuity with appreciated securities, you can avoid or defer capital gain taxes you would have paid had you sold the asset.

Dependable Fixed Income: Receive fixed lifetime income beginning at a future date.

Safety: charitable gift annuities are backed by all of the Boy Scouts of America's assets, not just the annuity reserve.

Simplicity: Deferred charitable gift annuities are easy to establish through a two-page contract.

Flexibility: Unlike qualified retirement plans, there are no limits on the amount you can give to a charitable gift annuity.

Efficiency: There are no fees involved with setting up a deferred gift annuity; service and maintenance fees are not borne by the annuity reserve.

Philanthropy: Your gift will ensure our that Scouting's benefits will be available to future generations.

Participation Details

Beneficiaries: Choose one or two beneficiaries who will receive guaranteed quarterly income for life.

Age: Each beneficiary must be at least 50 years old at the time the annuity payments begin.

Amount: Fund your charitable gift annuity with as little as \$2,500.

Property: You can use cash or appreciated marketable securities to create a BSA charitable gift annuity.

Payments: You'll receive a check shortly after the end of each calendar quarter for the rest of your life.

Remainder: The remainder of your gift goes to the council.

Example

Ray is an enthusiastic Scouter who wants to do something to help the council. He's 55, and is contemplating a gift of stock worth \$50,000, for which he paid \$40,000. In deciding between an immediate or deferred gift annuity, he realizes that he won't need additional income until his retirement years. He also realizes that now, during his peak earning years, a large charitable deduction will be more useful to him than after retirement. He determines to makes a current gift of \$50,000 and requests that his annual payments begin in 10 years. This year, he can claim an income tax deduction of about \$24,774. Then, after ten years, at age 65 he will receive approximately \$4,800 each year (paid quarterly). The following table illustrates the financial difference between an immediate and a deferred charitable gift annuity:

	Payable immediately	Deferred 10 years
Annuity Rate	5.5%	9.6%
Tax deduction	\$17,320	\$24,774
Annual amount	\$2,750	\$4,800

A portion of Ray's annuity payment will be tax-free; how much depends on the amount of capital gains in the property he gives. If he gives cash, he will receive a higher proportion of tax-free income. The following table illustrates the difference between using cash or stock with \$10,000 of capital gain to fund a deferred gift annuity:

	Cash	Stock
Ordinary Income	\$3,581	\$3,581
Capital Gains Distribution	0	\$3244
Tax-free	\$1,219	\$975
Total	\$4,800	\$4,800

Sample Deferred Annuity Rate

One Life

Age	Years Deferred	Rate
50	5	6.8%
50	10	9.1%
50	15	12.4%
55	5	7.0%
55	10	9.6%
55	15	13.2%
60	5	7.4%
60	10	10.2%
60	15	14.2%

Two Life

Age	Years Deferred	Rate
50/50	5	6.2%
50/50	10	8.6%
50/50	15	11.5%
55/55	5	6.7%
55/55	10	8.9%
55/55	15	12.0%
60/60	5	6.9%
60/60	10	9.3%
60/60	15	12.8%

These gift annuity rates became effective 7/1/07. Tables published here do not contain rates for all ages. For more detailed information, call 1-800-BSA-INFO.

For More Information

Thank you for your interest and continuing support of Scouting. We would be pleased to visit with you or your advisors about deferred charitable gift annuities, as well as other gift ideas. If you'd prefer exploring gift options on your own, you'll find some great resources on the internet at www.bsagiftplan.org.

You may also want more information about what Scouting and the council are doing for our youth and community. Feel free to contact us as follows:

Lyman Gifford (432) 570-7601 or Lyman.Gifford@scouting.org.

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IT'S OFFICIAL!

*U.S. Mint to Produce
BSA Silver dollar*

The Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 5872) passed & was officially signed into law by the President. Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) championed the bill in the Senate.

- 350,000 silver coins will be produced in 2010
- \$10 per coin will directly benefit Scouts in hard-to-serve areas.

This legislation brings some amazing new opportunities to the BSA!



Concept Drawing

MANY THANKS

Visit the Council's website and check out what you've been missing...

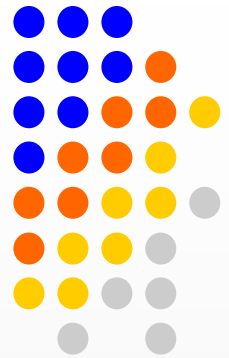
There are several easy to use tools on-line that by utilizing you can ensure greater accuracy and cut down on the number of trips you take into the Council office. When you use the "Good Turn For America" option to log service hours, this information is reported directly to the President of the United States.

- ◆ Advancement
- ◆ Forms
- ◆ Merchandise
- ◆ Good Turn For America
- ◆ Tour Permits (new)
- ◆ Re-chartering
- ◆ Register for Camps & Activities

These are just a few of the items you can access...check it out today!

Did you know that now you can fill out Tour Permits on-line?

- ◆ Go to www.scouting.org
- ◆ You will need your Member ID prior to setting up account, which can be found on your registration card or you can call the Council.
- ◆ Click on "My Scouting"
- ◆ Create Account
- ◆ In order to use this program a separate account for the Scoutmaster, Assistants, Committee Chair, Institutional Head, Crew Leaders and any District Committee members that might accompany your troop will need to be set up.



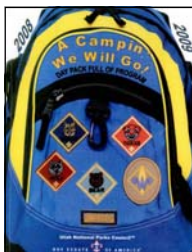
Please call the Council with any questions. We are aware of some issues and need your help to get them fixed.

We hope to make this a great tool for you to use in the future.

POWWOW BOOKS

The Midland Scout Office has a limited supply of the PowWow Books for sale.

They are \$12.00 a piece and are filled with great ideas and crafts for your Cub Scouts. Please call Felis Subia for more information and availability (432) 570-7601.



MIDLAND SCOUT SHOP

**Come In
For Special Sales
On These Items
in January**

Tiger Cub T-Shirts
Popcorn T-Shirts
Cub Scout Blue Pants
(Boys & Ladies, certain styles)
Craft Kits & Books
Visor Kits
(Tiger, Wolf, Bear)

Quantities limited. No rain checks

Congratulations!

David & Dollie O'Neill on the birth of their daughter Lillie born on October 2, 2008



Ben & Tricia Ormsby on the birth of their daughter Addison born on October 31, 2008

FALL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to all our units that worked hard to achieve their goals for membership growth in 2008.

Units achieving the Presidential Growth Award receive the red, white, and blue Presidential Ribbon, a FREE Pinewood Derby Car for each boy in the Pack and a FREE BSA Lobster Claw Carabiner for each boy in the Troop.

Those units with 5% growth received the blue Arrow Ribbon, and those with 2% growth earn the gold Bobcat Ribbon.

Achievement Ribbons for Unit Growth:

Presidential - 10%

Crew 196	Troop 12	Pack 2	Pack 154
Crew 270	Troop 18	Pack 29	Pack 156
Crew 331	Troop 19	Pack 30	Pack 157
Crew 720	Troop 37	Pack 53	Pack 176
	Troop 51	Pack 64	Pack 179
Team 231	Troop 84	Pack 80	Pack 198
Team 331	Troop 98	Pack 83	Pack 213
Team 198	Troop 196	Pack 91	Pack 222
	Troop 320	Pack 129	Pack 414
Troop 1	Troop 331	Pack 131	Pack 612
Troop 5	Troop 432	Pack 141	Pack 613
	Troop 628	Pack 153	

Arrow - 5%

Troop 34
Troop 41
Troop 74
Troop 129

Bobcat - 2%

Pack 622
Troop 775

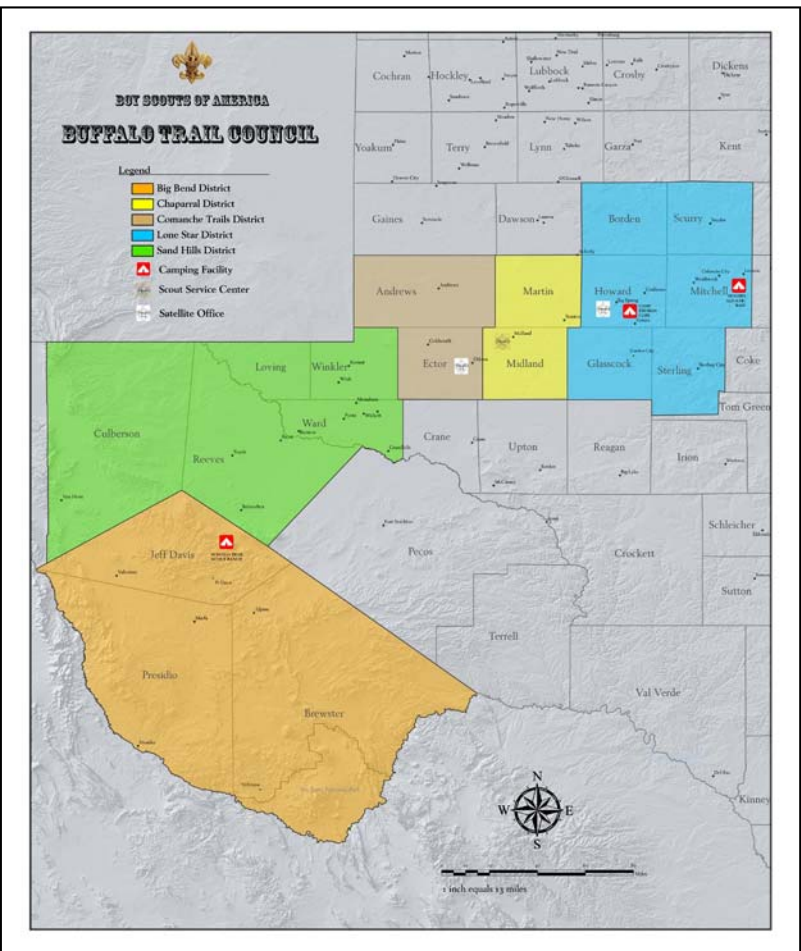
GOLD STAR UNIT RECOGNITION

Gold Star criteria recognizes those units that meet their Friends of Scouting "fair share" goal amount. We encourage every unit to strive to be a Gold Star unit and receive the benefits which include free advancements. Check the Buffalo Trail Council website for more information. If you have not scheduled your unit presentation, please do so now by contacting your District Executive or Commissioner.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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Buffalo Trail Council Mission Statement
To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

 A United Way Member in Ector, Howard, Midland, & Scurry Counties

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