

BUFFALO TRACKS

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Fri, Sat, Sun

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Closed for Summer

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WORDS TO LIVE BY

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A new national recruitment campaign is coming, it's called Words to Live by and it will motivate more young people to join Scouting, energize staff and volunteers, and give you the right tools to find and create tomorrow's leaders.

As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the essence of Scouting is clear and best expressed by the 12 principles of the Scout Law. These truly are words to live by. They differentiate Scouting from all other activities for kids, young adults, and their families. They guide the progression from Tiger Cub to Eagle Scout to remarkable adult. And they are the core of a message that motivates people to join the Scouting program.

Words to Live By gives you everything you need to drive recruitment. The materials are comprehensive. All of the materials reflect cultural, ethnic, regional, and age diversity.

For more information visit www.scouting.org/wordstoliveby for a look at this campaign.

To comment or for additional information contact Lyman.Gifford@scouting.org

FROM SCOUT TO MARINE

As I grow older, I treasure more and more my experience in the Boy Scouts. The values and skills I learned in Scouting stayed with me throughout college, and into my military career.

Scouting helped me feel comfortable in the outdoors, away from the conveniences of modern life. A lot of my training so far has been, and much of my military career will be spent in, "the field" or outside. The basic outdoor skills taught in scouts are the same in the Marines; hydrate, plan properly, keep your pack as light as possible, take care of your feet, and wear layered clothing. Land navigation skills are also basically the same. Although the U.S. military uses state of the art navigation equipment, every officer is required to be proficient in the use of a compass. My scouting experience introduced me to the compass, and basic map reading techniques. Obviously, rifles and pistols are a big part of Marine Corps life. Scouting introduced me to proper weapons handling, and gave me a respect for the very powerful tool that is a firearm.

But the most enduring lessons I received from Scouting had little to do with any specific skills I may have acquired, and more to do with the larger lessons about life. Most importantly, the

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SOCCER & SCOUTING

Soccer & Scouting has been such an amazing program and has grown so much. Over the past three months they had a great Tournament that was hosted by Troop 270 and Martin Luther King Community Center. They received their popcorn prizes and won medals. Weeks after the Tournament, six families participated at the Order of the Arrow PowWow weekend at BTSR. Congratulations to Pedro Martinez for 3 first place prizes! The camp fire was hot and the Indian Dancers were great! On May 8th, Soccer and Scouting will join up with our new local Soccer Adult Team and present the colors on the field at Grande Stadium.



To comment or for additional information contact Celestina.Lunda@scouting.org

NEW COURSES AVAILABLE

New training courses are being added almost every week to the BSA On-line Learning Center at <http://olc.scouting.org>.

Did you know that New Leader Essentials was replaced in mid-March by an online course called "This Is Scouting", and Boy Scout Leader Fast Start is now available in Spanish?

Did you know there's a Fast Start course for the ScoutParents unit coordinator?

Did you know that Hazardous Weather training is required by someone in the unit for a unit to apply for a tour permit?

See what you're missing and get trained!

To comment or for additional information contact Nicole.Colletti@scouting.org

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FROM SCOUT TO MARINE

Scouts helped reinforce in me the idea of a strong, good character. Underneath every practical lesson was a larger life lesson meant to shape young boys into responsible and honorable adults. Nothing, in my opinion, can prepare a young man for the rigors of adulthood like forcing him to prepare for and then carry out a hiking trip in the middle of the woods. Now that I am an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, soon to have a platoon of marines under my command, I am grateful that my adolescence included such experiences. Introducing boys to the nature of leadership is an invaluable scouting lesson. I remember after one tough day of being my crew's leader at Philmont Scout Ranch being told by my father that it is impossible to please everyone when you're in a leadership position. That lesson and others like it have stayed with me, and will hopefully make me an effective military leader when my time comes in the next few months.

Finally, my Boy Scout experience helped to instill in me an ardent patriotism. An appreciation for the United States, its history, and its ideals is something that my generation may not fully grasp. The Boy Scouts of America should be proud to stand up for such intense love of our country.

Michael Wood
Eagle Scout
2nd Lieutenant USMC
Son of Sue and Gary Wood

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ON-LINE TOUR PERMITS ARE HERE!

It's official! Unit Leaders can submit local and national tour permit applications electronically. This new system has four easy steps, and it will save the transportation and training information so leaders can easily recall it for future permits.

Helpful messages advise the leader about any missing information. You can also submit applications for traditional units or Learning for Life posts. The on-line Help document explains how to complete and submit permit applications to the council.

Remember, local tour permits should be submitted two weeks before the tour, and national applications at least one month before the tour start date.

To comment or for additional information contact Jana.Hensley@scouting.org

SMOKING STINKS CAMPAIGN



The Smoking Stinks Campaign and Video Contest is one of the BSA's exciting new initiatives!

To learn more and how you can use this program, visit www.boyslife.org/smokingstinks to view the videos and cast your vote by April 30th.

SCOUTING ALUMNI WEB PAGE

The redesigned BSA Alumni Connection Web site (www.BSAalumni.org) was launched in August 2008.

Among the most exciting new features of the new site is the 100th Anniversary on-line scrapbook. Alumni can upload photos and share stories from their Scouting experiences and read others.

Future plans for the site include an alumni directory and discussion forums.

Our alumni are our greatest untapped resource and could play an invaluable role in the next century of Scouting.



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My Son & Me at BTSR

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 BTSR. 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. *To comment or for more information contact Nicole.Colletti@scouting.org.*



11th Annual Sporting Clay

Our 11th Annual Sporting Clay will be held April 25th. Don't miss out on our 100th Anniversary Collectible Rifle auction. We need Scouts in uniform to help and support this event. If your Unit would like to help contact Michelle Brown at (432) 570-7601 or Michelle.Brown@scouting.org. *To comment or for more information contact Scott.Britton@scouting.org.*

BALOO & Outdoor Leadership Training

Want to have a campout with your pack or troop and don't know where to start? Then come on down to BTSR 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 check-out our website for more information in the upcoming months! *To comment or for more information contact Nicole.Colletti@scouting.org.*

Aquatics and COPE Camps

Camp Thomas in Big Spring and Hughes Aquatic Base on Lake Colorado City are two great venues for summer fun, challenge, and advancement. (Two one-day opportunities are coming up soon for older Scouts, Venturers and Explorers.) Project COPE focuses on teamwork, goal-setting, problem-solving, self esteem, decision-making, and leadership skills. Individual Scouts, as well as Troops and Crews are welcome. Discounts are available for multiple sessions in addition to a week at BTSR. For more information and to register on-line visit www.buffalotrailbsa.org or contact Jana Hensley at (432) 570-7601 or Jana.Hensley@scouting.org. *To comment or for more information contact Scott.Britton@scouting.org.*

Venturing/Exploring COPE Day

May 16th, Camp Thomas, Big Spring – All Venturers, Explorers and **older Scouts** are invited for a day of challenge, fun, and excitement at the Camp Thomas COPE course in Big Spring, TX. With your group, you will take on a variety of initiative games, the trust sequence, high, and low elements all throughout the course. This day will challenge you to overcome fear, to help solve problems, and to work as a team! The cost is only \$20 and includes lunch. Contact Greg Hartman for more information at 432-212-3577. *To comment or for more information contact Greg.Hartman@scouting.org.*

Venturing/Exploring Aquatics Day

June 27th, Hughes Aquatic Base, Colorado City - Another exciting event designed for the **older Scouts** in Venturing, Exploring, and Troops! Spend a day of fun in the sun and water at Hughes Aquatic base! Sailing, Canoeing, Water Skiing, and Swimming are all on the schedule for you to enjoy! The cost is only \$20 for the day, which includes a great lunch! This is an exciting summertime event. *To comment or for more information contact Scott.Britton@scouting.org.*

Cub Scout Day Camp

G'day mates! Cub Scout Day Camp is taking a trip *Down Under* this year as the Cub Scouts get to experience everything Australian at this year's camp. Everything from boomerang making to crocodile wrestling will be present for your Scout's enjoyment. Flyers will be hitting your mailbox soon so be on the lookout for this year's event. So bring all your rellies (family) and don't forget your sprogs (children) and let's have a beauty of a time! *To comment on or for additional information contact Nicole.Colletti@scouting.org.*

Big Bend District:	June 27th
Chaparral District:	July 18, 20th - 24th
Comanche Trails District:	June 15th - 18th

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

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FREE CAMP PHYSICAL EXAMS

April 18th

Texas Tech OB/GYN Clinic
 701 W. 5th in Odessa

Call Jana Hensley to make your appointment
 (432) 570-7601

Walk-ins will not be accepted



EAGLES TODAY

Well Done!

Chaparral District:

- Stewart Aaron, T-84, Midland
- Aaron Anderson, T-84, Midland
- Matthew Barnes, T-232, Midland
- Eric Christensen, C-131, Midland
- Loyal Hughes, T-270, Midland
- Joseph Kerrigan, T-175, Midland
- Matthew McCallum, T-84, Midland
- Michael McLane, T-232
- Glen Minor, T-232, Midland
- Leonardo Ramirez, T-225, Midland
- Ryan Russell, T-331, Midland
- Justin Tohkubbi, T-51, Midland



Comanche Trails District:

- Stewart Fannin, T-34, Odessa
- Chad Maytubby, T-34, Midland
- Patrick Hooper, T-46, Andrews

EAGLES TOMORROW

BOBCAT AWARD

Chaparral District:

- Cody Beasley, P-28, Stanton
- Aaron Boyle, P-83, Midland
- Tyler Dobbs, P-154, Midland
- Nathan Dumas, P-154, Midland
- William Durrett, P-131, Midland
- Zachary Evans, P-67, Midland
- Ryley Flud, P-157, Midland
- Brandon Foster, P-157, Midland
- Chase Foster, P-154, Midland
- Tommy Frances, P-154, Midland
- Bryan Galaviz, P-154, Midland
- Zachary Horrell, P-53, Greenwood
- Sebastian Jernigan, P-53, Greenwood
- Grayson Jones, P-154, Midland
- James Kersey, P-154, Midland
- Hunter King, P-157, Midland
- Chris Lonigro, P-154, Midland
- Nick Lonigro, P-154, Midland
- Zon Allen Lout, P-157, Midland
- Jonathan McCann, P-154, Midland
- Evan Nunez, P-154, Midland
- Matthew Oneil, P-157, Midland
- Kellen Parker, P-154, Midland
- Joseph Robles, P-157, Midland
- Steven, Serio, P-80, Midland
- Trenton Smith, P-154, Midland
- Brett Stamback, P-157, Midland
- Jake Trela, P-154, Midland
- Benjamin Witt, P-84, Midland
- Deaven York, P-157, Midland

Big Bend District:

- Jacob Guthrie, P-30, Ft. Davis
- William Hunt, P-30, Ft. Davis
- Oscar Nunez, P-30, Ft. Davis
- Manuel Perez, P-30, Ft. Davis
- Tyler Wright, P-30, Ft. Davis
- Cody Wyatt, P-30, Ft. Davis

Comanche Trail District:

- Christopher Aguirre, P-64, Odessa
- David Beck, P-64, Odessa
- Mike Daniels, P-58, Odessa
- Braden English, P-64, Odessa
- Nicholas Etier, P-64, Odessa
- Ricky Heffington, P-58, Odessa
- Robert Hickman, P-775, Odessa
- Robert Rodriquez, P-64, Odessa
- Tyler Scott, P-58, Odessa
- Chase Shuler, P-58, Odessa

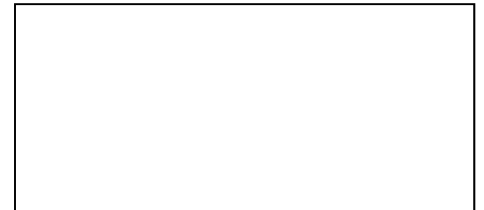


Lone Star District:

- William Griggs, P-29, Big Spring
- Joseph Lancaster, P-179, Big Spring
- Brayden Settles, P-29, Big Spring

Sand Hills District:

- Jerry Casares, P-300, Monahans
- Sebastian Gilbreath, P-300, Monahans
- Matthew Hardaway, P-300, Monahans
- Corbin, Holland, P-300, Monahans
- Donathan Pinson, P-300, Monahans
- Deshaun Rogers, P-300, Monahans
- Ehon Smith, P-300, Monahans



APRIL

- 1st Cub Scout Spring Recruitment Begins
- 1st - 20th Spring Nut and Popcorn Sales
- 4th Snyder Fish-a-thon
- Keep Midland Beautiful
- 7th Nat'l Jamboree Meeting, Odessa
- 9th Nat'l Jamboree Meeting, Midland
- 10th - 12th Holiday, Office Closed
- 17th - 19th My Son & Me @ BTR
- 21st Nut & Popcorn orders DUE!
- 25th Annual Sporting Clay

MAY

- 4th - 8th Character Camp: Learning for Life
- 5th Nat'l Jamboree Meeting, Odessa
- 8th - 10th BALOO & Outdoor Training @ BTR
- 9th Soccer Tournament
- 11th Big Spring Office closed for summer
- 14th Nat'l Jamboree Meeting, Midland
- 15th Leader Appreciation BBQ (Invite Only)
- 16th Venturing/Exploring COPE Day
- 23rd - 25th Holiday, Office Closed

JUNE

- 20th Odessa Office closed for summer
- 27th Venturing/Exploring Aquatics Day

JULY

- 3rd - 5th Holiday, Office Closed
- 18th - 19th Soccer & Scouting Family Campout
- 27th - 31st Midland Scout Shop closed, inventory

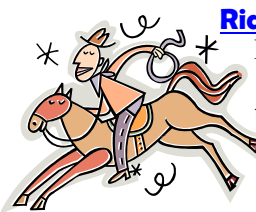
AUGUST

- 2nd Fall Membership Recruitment Begins
- 8th Soccer Tournament
- 13th Council wide School Night Training
- 17th Big Spring Office reopens
- 29th "Year Round Camping Award" due
- "Summertime Pack Award" due
- 31st Annual BSA Golf Tournament

National Jamboree Informational Meetings

The council has set-up several informational meetings in Midland and Odessa to help recruit participants for National Jamboree in 2010. These meetings are for those who have not decided yet and are looking for more information to help them make a decision. If you know of someone interested in attending, please make them aware of these meetings (see calendar on left).

To comment or for more information contact Charles House (432) 352-1335 or Leasehound@aol.com Chip Chapman (432) 352-039 or ChipChapman@sbcglobal.net



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, to comment or for more information contact Ranger Dan (432) 426-370 or rangerdan7@hotmail.com

Annual BSA Pro-Am Tournament

The 35th Annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament, held at Hogan Park Golf Course in Midland, is coming August 31st. Mark your calendars and plan on participating.



If you would like to join us, have a team in the tournament, or be a sponsor let us know. Call Michelle or Lyman for details at (432) 570-7601. As in past years the tournament is a shamle format. Teams of 3 with a golf Pro as your 4th member are only \$800 (includes hole sponsorship).

Sponsorships are available for: Holes, Shirts, Dinner/BBQ, Drinks, Hole-in-one, Golf Balls, and more. Space is limited so reserve your spot today!

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The council has 2 newsletters that are sent out to 18 counties that the council serves. *Buffalo Tracks* is distributed 4 times a year to all registered adult volunteers and special guests. Distributed to approximately 1,200+. *The Eagle* is distributed 3 times a year to major contributors, business leaders, and special guests throughout the Permian Basin. Distributed to approximately 250+. Every year our membership is growing which means our mailing distribution grows as well.

For more information call (432) 570-7601

Celestina Lunda at Celestina.Lunda@scouting.org or Lyman Gifford at Lyman.Gifford@scouting.org

LONE STAR

District Chair, Brian Marlar, 263-8140
 District Commissioner, Troy Tompkins, 267-8769
 District Executive, Greg Hartman, (325) 728-8887

APRIL

1st Snyder Leader Mtg.
 2nd District Committee Roundtable
 Unit Commissioners
 Leader Training
 4th Snyder Fish-a-thon

MAY

6th Snyder Leader Mtg.
 7th District Committee Roundtable
 Unit Commissioners
 Leader Essentials
 16th Venturer/Explorer COPE

JUNE

27th Venturer/Explorer Aquatics
 NO MEETINGS

CHAPARRAL

District Chair, Keith King, 556-6980
 District Commissioner, Randy McClay, 520-4404
 District Executive, Celestina Lunda, 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

APRIL

2nd District Committee
 District Commissioner
 4th District Pinewood Derby
 9th Roundtable
 OA Meeting
 Leader Training

MAY

7th District Committee
 District Commissioner
 14th Roundtable
 Leader Training
 OA Meeting

JUNE

13th District Committee
 Cookout
 Roundtable Special
 Event

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.**

APRIL

7th District Commissioner
 Roundtable
 14th District committee
 11-13th District Camporee

MAY

1st Camporee @ HAB
 5th District Commissioner
 Roundtable
 12th District Committee

JUNE

2nd District Commissioner
 Roundtable
 9th District Committee
 15-18th Cub Scout Day Camp

BIG BEND

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

APRIL

7th District Commissioner
 Roundtable
 13th District Committee

MAY

11th District Committee
 12th District Commissioner
 Roundtable

JUNE

8th District Committee
 9th District Commissioner
 Roundtable

SAND HILLS

District Chair, Byron Welch, (940) 390-5205
 District Commissioner, Linda Vargas, 208-0281
 District Executive, Nicole Colletti, 570-7601 x23

APRIL

6th District Commissioner
 Kermit

MAY

4th District Commissioner
 Monahans

JUNE

1st District Commissioner
 Kermit

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

Enlarge the Pie

Individual Retirement Accounts, 401(k) plans, and other tax-deferred retirement savings plans have become a huge part of many Americans' overall assets. It used to be that by taking minimum distributions from retirement savings plans, ninety percent of people who were ninety years old would still have in their accounts ninety percent of the original fund amount. But recent changes to the minimum distributions rule makes it possible for even more money to be left in the account by age 90.

That poses a problem from an estate planning perspective, because retirement plan assets can be the most *expensive* things to leave to heirs. Not only are they taxable for estate tax purposes, the plans will be subject to income taxes as well. For those in the top estate tax and income tax brackets, that means that almost nothing could be left of the IRA after the IRS takes its "slice."

The good news is that for taxable estates, giving a portion of a retirement account to Scouting can actually *increase* the amount of property left to the heirs. Turn the page to see how it's done.

Charitable Bequests at Death

It's a fact: testamentary gifts of retirement plan assets can provide some the greatest tax benefits available. Why? Because retirement plan assets produce taxable income, while other assets have no income tax consequences to heirs.

Although they are not difficult to create, gifts of retirement plan assets must be structured correctly.

Lifetime Gifts of Retirement Assets

Tax-deferred retirement accounts have proven to be great places to accumulate money. Not surprisingly, then, many people wonder how they can give some of the excess in their retirement plans to Scouting. Unfortunately, there is currently no way to transfer funds from a retirement plan directly to any charity without including those amounts in your income. Legislation to allow such "charitable roll-overs" has been proposed several times in recent years, and promises to come up again in future Congresses.

Meanwhile, for some people, making a taxable withdrawal to fund a charitable gift may make sense. Talk to your tax advisor about your situation.

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 gifts involving retirement plan assets, as well as other gift ideas. You may also want more information about what Scouting and your local council is doing for our youth and community.

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HAZARDOUS WEATHER

You can find the answers by doing taking the Hazardous Weather Training found on the council website.

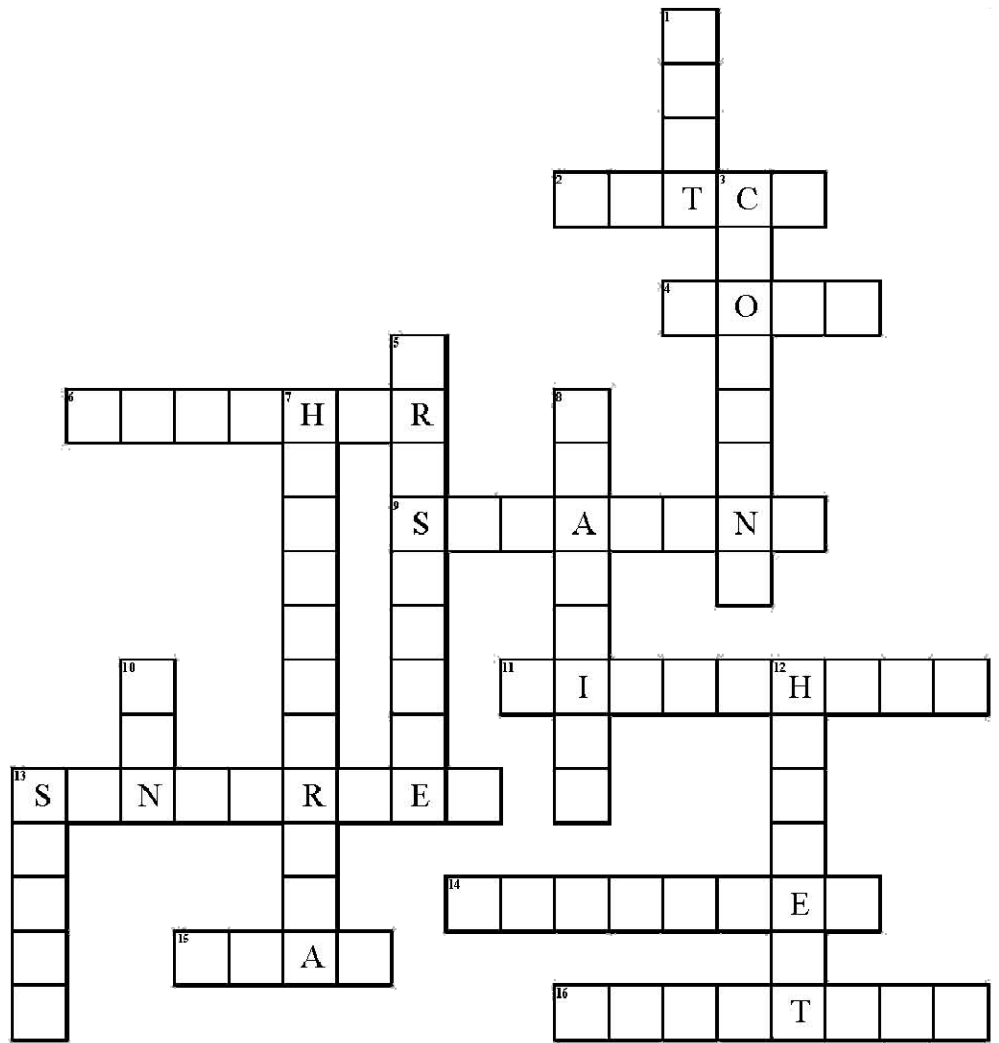
Answer Key can be found at www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

Across

- 2 The safest place to be if you are caught outside during a tornado.
- 4 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- 6 Check the _____ before leaving on your trip.
- 9 Natural air conditioning.
- 11 How wind and cold feel on the skin. (2 words)
- 13 Always wear in sunny weather.
- 14 Be _____.
- 15 Have an emergency weather _____ mapped out.
- 16 the largest hailstone ever recorded in the U. S. was over _____ inches around.

Down

- 1 Causes the most deaths in the U.S.
- 3 Adjust _____ layers to match changing conditions.
- 5 Damage to exposed body tissue. (2 words)
- 7 One of the most common cold weather danger.
- 8 Good _____ can make or break your trip.
- 10 Lightening can strike up to _____ miles away.
- 12 Make sure you are not the _____ object when lightening strikes.
- 13 Stay in good _____ so you are ready for physicals demands.



Zach Bias (on right) is a Midland Marine and Eagle Scout.

Provided by Linda Foster



GREAT JOB TROOP 30!

Fort Davis Boy Scout Troop 30 was named Volunteer of the Year 2008 at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Saturday, December 31st, 2008. This award was accepted by 23 Scouts, leaders and friends of Troop 30 in attendance. The award is highly cherished by those individuals and groups who have been selected and is the major accolade made by the community of Fort Davis.

The Chamber also presented a certificate from the Wreaths Across America project which was conducted by the Troop in December 2008.

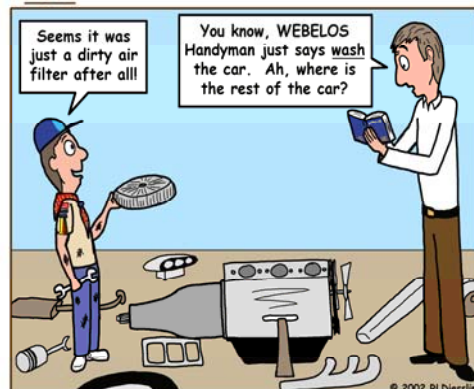


Josiah Bencomo, Adam Butson, Malcolm Duncan, Harrison King, Jason Roman, and Scoutmaster Brian Roman



To share your unit's story contact Lyman.Gifford@scouting.org.

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SILVER VENTURING AWARDS

Both Kimberly and Amber finished their requirements for the Silver Award in January. They also earned the Outdoor Life Bronze Award, the Arts and Hobbies Bronze Award, and the Gold Award.



*Kimberly Ellsworth
Crew 777
Odessa*



*Amber Horton
Crew 777
Odessa*

Kimberly and Amber began their Venturing adventure in Crew 777 when it was chartered in the Spring of 2006. They completed the VLSC (Venturing Leadership Skills Course); attended and

competed at the Comanche Trials District Camporee, completed all the requirements for Sailing, Canoeing, Motorboating, and Oceanography. And last summer they participated in Chisolm Trail High Adventure at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch.

BIG SPRING CHAMBER'S MAN OF THE YEAR

Carl Bradley, who came to Big Spring approximately 50 years ago, was presented the Man of the Year plaque by the 2006 award winner, Jim Little.

A member of the local Chamber of Commerce, in addition to serving with the Shriners and Masons, Bradley is a charter member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club and has been named Rotarian of the Year in the past. He has also received numerous awards for his work with the Boy Scouts of America, First United Methodist Church and had the Rotarian of the Year Award renamed the Carl Bradley Service Award in his honor.

Bradley has worked for Caldwell Electric, which later became his own company, Bradley Supply, and has been awarded the Boys Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service. A veteran of the U.S. Navy and native of Mineral Wells, Bradley accepted the Man of the Year Award with a smile. "Thank you very much," said Bradley as a wave of emotion swept over his face. And while keeping the award winners a secret until they are announced is certainly a challenge each year.

Written by **THOMAS JENKINS**, Staff Writer Big Spring Herald

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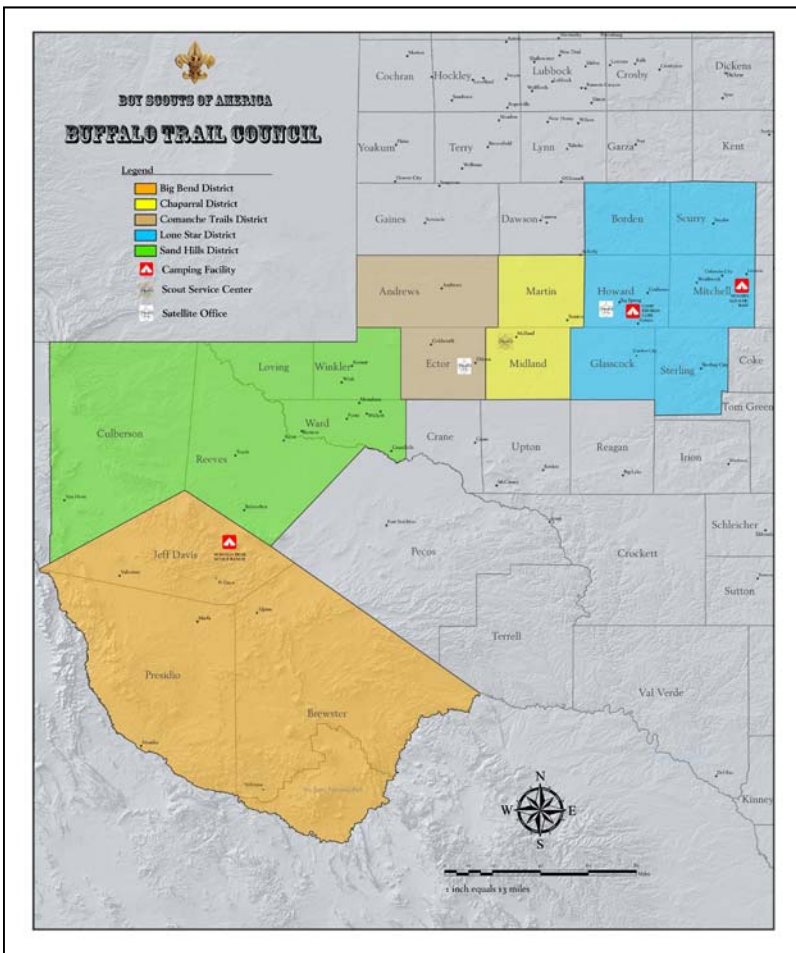
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