

THE EAGLE

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Buffalo Trail Council is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law

LOCAL ARTIST CAPTURES BTSR

On display at the council service center, are two paintings by native West Texan, Steven Napper. "Reflections of Forbidden Mountain BTSR" was originally painted with pastels, the other, "A Scout is Reverent BTSR", with oils. 25% of sales will go to Buffalo Trail Council, and the originals as well as Giclee on canvas prints are available by contacting Mr. Napper through his website www.napperfineart.com.

Mr. Napper currently resides in Odessa. He attended West Texas State University as an art major, receiving both a Bachelors

and Masters degree. After working as a commercial artist in Los Angeles, California, and as an art educator and administrator in Texas, Steven turned his full attention to fine art and developing workshops to share his skills.

He describes his connection with BTSR as, "my home away from home when I was growing up. I watched when this Chapel was constructed and have spent many hours under its roof. This past August I was visiting the ranch during an OA work weekend, painting a couple of Plein air paintings and taking many photos."



Information for this article obtained from www.napperfineart.com

MISSION MOMENT

A MOMENT WHEN WE SEE OUR MISSION BEING MET

"We had a young scout, first time camping for a week and he was somewhat introverted. As the week went on, he started to come out of his shell and interacted some but I think the culmination was the confidence he got from the aquatics team. They worked with him on the final day to help him get his swimming badge. It took an hour for him to

jump into the deep end with multiple members of the staff contributing. After that his confidence took off, he was interacting more with the other boys and when we got back home, he was beaming - ear to ear - when he told his Mom that he was a SWIMMER!!! YOU ALL ARE AWESOME!!!!"



Brian - Troop 202

FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS 2011

BTSR

The NRA Foundation (shooting sports camps).....	\$2,322.00
The NRA Foundation (equipment and ammunition).....	\$4,419.04
The NRA Foundation (archery range equipment)	\$3,882.00
The NRA Foundation (capital improvement)	\$16,000.00

General Operating Fund

Ken W. Davis Foundation	\$15,000.00
Fasken Foundation of Midland	\$15,000.00
Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation of Houston	\$10,000.00
J. Robert Jones Foundation	\$1,000.00
Temple-Inland	\$2,000.00

A Scout is

LOYAL

**A Scout is loyal
to those to
whom loyalty is
due.**

COUNCIL RECOGNITION BANQUET 2011

The Buffalo Trail Council's annual Recognition Banquet was held February, 26, 2011 at the Odessa Regional Medial Center.

Recognized were our Silver Beaver recipients;

Alvey Bass of Odessa (posthumous) and Doug Lunsford of Midland.

Also recognized were our 52 Eagle Scouts for 2010.



LONE STAR DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY ACTION

The Lone Star District has two Learning for Life programs, which are located in Colorado City. The Boy Scouts of the district are always looking for ways to help out in the community whether it be doing service projects or working on an Eagle Scout project.

The district is currently looking to start a Juvenile Diversion Program, which will be based out of Big Spring. The Juvenile

Diversion Program is a pre-trial program for minors, conducted through the efforts of the Boy Scouts. The purpose of the program is to provide first-time youth offenders a positive alternative to juvenile court. Young offenders facing criminal charges will have the opportunity to participate in the program which, through structured activities, aims to improve attitudes about the legal system, self-image,

teaching better methods of communication, conflict resolution and preventing a future decision to break the law.

The goal of the Juvenile Diversion Program is to divert youth away from the court system, hold them accountable for their offense and to reduce the recidivism amongst these participants. The program in other councils



has had an outstanding success rate- 80% of the participants do not re-offend in subsequent years.



MAKING A BEQUEST

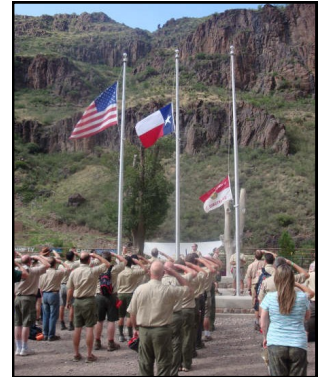
“Thanks for confirming that you have made a provision for Buffalo Trail Council in your will. It has been said that a will is the ultimate expression of a person’s values. We are deeply grateful that you have chosen this manner in which to help Buffalo Trail Council carry out your wishes. It is my great pleasure to welcome you in the Heritage Society that has been established to recognize and honor those who, through their thoughtfulness and generosity, have made a Legacy Gift...” This is part of a letter we send to those who make a gift through a bequest. Bequests make up over 90% of all planned gifts, and bequests more often come from individuals in middle to low-income levels (over 90% of the time). Bequests are fairly simple to create and leave a lasting legacy. Bequests can specify a specific program or purpose or they can be left for general purposes, as most are. If a donor desires, a bequest can also become part of the permanent endowment fund of the council.

Bequests help the Buffalo Trail Council live out our dreams! Bequests build financial stability. Our dreams include establishing reserves to protect our assets, especially BTSR. The various programs at BTSR have future dreams that with the help of bequests can see fulfillment. The horse program has the dream of building a covered corral and riding arena with storage for equipment and feed. The kitchen area would like a new dining hall with modern appliances. The well needs upgraded and a secondary well established. These are just a few of the “dreams” for BTSR.

The outreach programs dream of involving more “underserved” youth. The COPE program dreams of weatherizing their equipment and completing their climbing program equipment supplies. The scholarship program dreams of having an ongoing “endowment” to fund the many scholarships awarded each year to needy youth members.

An anonymous donor left a bequest to the council of 10% of the residual estate. They still wanted their surviving spouse and children to be cared for first. They also wanted to leave some of their estate to their religious institution and university the husband attended. In the end, both spouses agreed that scouting had been a profound positive influence in their lives. Scouting had shaped the character of the husband, an Eagle Scout. That character transferred into his daily life and into the life of the family. The wife loved what Scouting did for their son and daughters and now their families. They felt strongly that Scouting made the world a better place and wanted to help ensure its future through a bequest.

You can make a difference today by naming the Buffalo Trail Council in your will and making a bequest. Contact Lyman Gifford to have a confidential discussion on making a bequest.



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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU, HELP US?

In attempt to meet the needs of our donors, the Buffalo Trail Council has compiled a list of major gifts/sponsorship initiatives. These are classified under four areas: program needs, event sponsorships, capital needs and equity/endowment needs.

Program needs identifies existing and potential programs that may appeal to different corporations or donors such as our afterschool programs, horse program, Big Bend District outreach, special needs or camperships/scholarships. The Big Bend outreach program would help expand the Scouting

program into areas that are not currently served or area drastically underserved: Balmorhea, Pecos, Van Horn, Marfa, Presidio, Terlingua and Marathon.

Event sponsorships like the BSA Pro-Am Golf Tournament Presenting Partner include exclusive billing, three, 3-person teams plus professional golfers for those teams and media coverage.

Capital needs include a water system upgrades at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR), sewer system upgrades at BTSR and BTSR staff housing. The water system upgrades include bringing the system up to health standards, tying

two systems together and provide extra storage capacity and down-line pressure.

Equity and endowment needs includes traditional Scouting, BTSR maintenance, technology and training are just a few areas donors can choose. The technology and training area will help maintain all technological equipment to current levels, web site maintenance and updates, training materials and training opportunities for Scouting members.

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas or for a complete list of major gifts opportunities, please contact Lyman Gifford at (432) 570-7601 or Lyman.Gifford@Scouting.org

Upcoming Special Events:

July 14 – Odessa Good Scout Luncheon, Odessa Country Club, 11:30 a.m.

August 11 – Big Spring Good Scout Dinner, Big Spring Country Club, 6:30 p.m.

August 25 – Over the Edge, Downtown Midland, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

August 29 – 36th Annual Boy Scout Pro-Am Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. Shot Gun Start

November 3 – Distinguished Citizen Dinner, 7 p.m.



EAGLES - LEARNING TO LEAD IN THE COMMUNITY

In a letter to family and friends asking for their support with his Eagle Scout project, Zachary Curtis of Troop 84 in Midland, had this to say about his Scouting experience, "Since I was in Kindergarten, I have been involved as a Cub Scout and more recently as a Boy Scout. I am just a sliver of work away from achieving the highest award in Boy Scouts, the Eagle Scout rank!! Only 4% of boys who start out as Cub Scouts earn this rank and it is usually a

deciding factor between 2 people with identical grades, when applying for college scholarships or potential jobs...All that remains is my "Eagle Project" in which I help the community by providing service...."

That "sliver of work" he refers to, took 4 days and 315.75 hours of his and volunteer's time, to complete. His project, as described in his Eagle Scout project workbook, is "I plan to place trees and install irrigation around the BMX Park at

Reyes-Mashburn Park to act as a wind break, as well as add scenery to the otherwise barren area."

Crucial to Zachary's project was meeting and coordinating with the City of Midland Urban Forester, as well as arranging for funds, machinery, and work time to be donated. His hope is that, the trees "will eventually provide much needed shade and wind block for when the park is used in full capacity for years to come."



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