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The Main Thing

Serve more youth with a quality Scouting program

- What does a quality Scouting experience look like for a young person?
 - ◆ *Perhaps it is having leaders who care about them and their interests.*
 - ◆ *Maybe it is pre-planned activities.*
 - ◆ *It could be an active unit where everyone comes to the meetings and activities.*
 - ◆ *It might be advancements and awards.*
- What are the biggest challenges we face in achieving the main thing?
 - ◆ *Having trained leaders.*
 - ◆ *Being able to meet weekly.*
 - ◆ *Making Scouting a priority to families.*
 - ◆ *Focusing on advancement for of individual Scouts.*
- How can we overcome those challenges?
 - ◆ *Go to training.*
 - ◆ *Teach parents the long-term impact of Scouting.*
 - ◆ *Highlight upcoming activities and achievements.*
 - ◆ *Ongoing communication with the families.*

Talk about this as a family unit, and as a Scouting unit.

See the MAIN THING continued on page 2.



BeAScout.org

Fall recruiting is underway. Update your unit information so this great resource works for you.



The MAIN THING continued from page 1

BSA Operating Principles

These principles should guide our thinking and actions as we work to achieve the main thing.

THINK STRATEGICALLY - ACT BOLDLY
 PRACTICE AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP
 ASSUME THE BEST IN EACH OTHER
 THINK AND ACT IN THE GREATER INTEREST OF THE BSA
 IMPACT YOUTH AS ONE FAMILY, ONE BSA
 LIVE AND HONOR THE SCOUT OATH AND SCOUT LAW

- Which of these exemplifies you?
- Which principles can you aspire to better develop?

Strategic Plan

- The National Council and local councils each have strategic plans with unique objectives and goals.
- A strategic plan is your future vision statement and road map.

Journey to Excellence

- Key performance indicators of the operations needed to achieve the main thing.



In 2012, the Journey to Excellence program will launch the BSA's first nation-wide effort to directly engage with our membership base. The initiative is called the VOICE OF THE SCOUTS (VOS), and it is a system of continuous surveys and reports that will capture the value our members, parents and volunteers are associating with Scouting. Through these experiences we can understand what is driving word-of-mouth referrals to Scouting and loyalty to our program, which is represented by a Net Promoter Score. Results from surveys will display on an interactive dashboard and reports will be sent monthly, delivering the information in a clear way for making improvements where they matter most.

More information on this new program is available at www.Scouting.org. Also, watch for more council specific information as we prepare for this program as it becomes national in 2013.



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Take The SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge!

“To keep myself physically strong” has been part of the oath that Boy Scouts have followed for more than 100 years. Even with fitness and wellness already one of its aims, the Boy Scouts of America is making a formal commitment to do even more to address the major health concerns facing today’s youth.

SCOUTStrong was kicked off by announcing a collaboration with the **President’s Challenge, the premier program of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (PCFSN)**, resulting in a Scout-specific Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) challenge. The organization hopes more than 500,000 youth will achieve the SCOUTStrong PALA by 2013, the **year of the BSA’s next national Scout jamboree**. PCFSN members, including council co-chair Drew Brees, quarterback for the New Orleans Saints, and Cornell McClellan, trainer to the First Family, congratulate the BSA on this initiative and will share fitness and health tips in the BSA youth publication *Boys’ Life*.

The SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Challenge will help you add activity to your life, and reward you when you do!

This challenge is for everyone associated with the Boy Scouts of America:

- ◆ Scouts
- ◆ BSA Volunteers
- ◆ Board Members
- ◆ Venturers
- ◆ BSA Parents
- ◆ Local Council Staff
- ◆ Friends of Scouting
- ◆ National Council Staff
- ◆ BSA Alumni



To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge Award, you are required to meet a daily activity goal of 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes a day for kids under 18 for at least 5 days a week, for 6 out of 8 weeks. Stick with the program and **you’ll earn an award in less than two months.**

You can enroll and track your progress either online at: www.Scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA or you can download and print an Active Lifestyle Activity Log at www.presidentschallenge.org/tools-resources/docs/PALA_log.pdf.

Staff Changes



Travis Koneschik, Big Bend’s new District Executive, is a recent graduate of St. Thomas University in Houston. He is from Angleton Texas, an Eagle Scout, and has worked 3 summers at BTR.



Bill Houston, a former Buffalo Trail Council Commissioner, is our new Camping Director.


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CAF AirSHO

October 8 & 9 - Mark your calendars now for the annual CAF AirSHO. See page 6 for more information.

Keep Midland Beautiful

October 8th - Great community service opportunity for your unit.


Cub-O-Ree (formerly Mom & Me/My Son 'n Me)

October 14 - 16 at BTRSR - Come learn and get prepared with your family as this exciting weekend takes you through fun and informative activities to help you "BE PREPARED." Enjoy camping with bb guns, archery, horse rides, games and fun. *To comment or for more information, contact Bill Houston or Eilda Pacheco at (432) 570-7601 or Eilda.Pacheco@Scouting.org.*

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet

October 15 - Join hundreds of others as you sharpen your skills and make new friends all over the world. Patches need to be ordered from the Midland Scout Service Center. *Contact Felis Subia at (432) 567-7601 or Felis.Subia@Scouting.org for more information on patches.*

Popcorn


	September 26 - October 22	Unit popcorn sales kick-off training.
	October 24 - November 15	Sales - fund your whole year of activities, uniforms and advancements with this one fundraiser.
	November 16	Popcorn and prize orders due ONLINE.
	December 20	All popcorn monies due to the Buffalo Trail Council at the Midland Service Center.

For more information, contact Valerie Acosta or Tracy MacIlroy at (432) 570-7601.

Cub Scout Saturday at Blackmore Planetarium

October 22 - 6 belt loops being offered; weather, geology, art, (session1); astronomy, science and good manners (session 2). Registration is due October 15 at the Boy Scout Service Center. Only \$8.00 per Cub Scout, per session, with no charge for accompanying adult (parents must accompany Tiger Cubs). Check-in time is 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., session one 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., session two 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch for in-between sessions, drinks are provided. *For more information please contact Ms. Bear at (432) 683-2882 ext. 330 or loveswimmingbear@gmail.com.*

5th Annual Pushmobile Races

 October 29 - Mark your calendars and get your cars ready and plan to attend. Registration deadline is 1:00 p.m., October 27. *To comment or for more information, contact Scott Britton (432) 570-7601 or Scott.Britton@Scouting.org.*

Distinguished Citizen Dinner

November 7 - Join us as we honor Rosalind Redfern Grover at the Petroleum Club. RSVP deadline is October 27. *To comment or for more information contact Tracy MacIlroy (432) 570-7601 or Tracy.MacIlroy@Scouting.org.*

All Charters Due

December 9 - *For questions or more information, contact Gracie Quintela at (432) 570-7601 or Gracie.Quintela@Scouting.org.*

13th Merit Badge Academy

Look ahead and mark your calendars to attend this event where you can earn multiple merit badges: January 21 and 28 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Midland from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. Cost is \$10.00 per person if registered by 12/15. \$15.00 if registered after 12/15. *For more information or if you are interested in serving as a Merit Badge Counselor contact Bill Taylor at (432) 687-7418.*

For forms and more information on all the above events, please visit our website www.buffalotrailbsa.org or call (432) 570-7601

COUNCIL CALENDAR	
<u>OCTOBER</u>	
1st	“Drugs a Deadly Game” begins
6th	Over The Edge
8th-9th	CAF AirSHO
8th	Keep Midland Beautiful
14th-16th	Cub-o-ree @ BTR
15th	Jamboree On The Air & Jamboree On The Internet
24th	Popcorn Sales Begins
29th	Pushmobile Races
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
7th	Distinguished Citizen Dinner
16th	Popcorn & Prize Orders Due ONLINE
23rd-26th	Office Closed - Holiday/Staff Vacations
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
1st	Popcorn Distribution
1st	Silver Beaver Applications Due
9th	ALL CHARTERS DUE!
20th	Popcorn Monies Due
24th-26th	Office Closed - Holiday
<u>JANUARY</u>	
2nd	Office Closed - Holiday
16th	Office Closed - Holiday
21st	Merit Badge Academy
28th	Merit Badge Academy

BIG BEND	
District Chair Byron Welch (432) 447-7202	
District Commissioner Vacant	
District Director Scott Britton, (432) 553-3668	
District Executive Travis Koneschik (432) 770-6996	
<u>OCTOBER</u>	
4th	Roundtable & District Meetings
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
8th	Roundtable & District Meetings
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
6th	Roundtable & District Meetings

COMMANCHE TRAILS	
District Chair Brooks Landgraf, (432) 332-0893	
District Commissioner Raquel Lopez, (432) 528-8469	
District Director Scott Britton, (432) 553-3668	
District Executive Chase McKinney, (432) 296-2447	
<u>OCTOBER</u>	
2nd	OA Meeting
4th	Roundtable & New Leader Training
18th	Committee/Commissioner Meeting
21-23rd	Camporee
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
1st	Roundtable & Leader Training
6th	OA Meeting
15th	Annual Meeting Committee/Commissioner Meeting
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
6th	Roundtable & Leader Training
20th	Committee/Commissioner Meeting

CHAPARRAL	
District Chair Larry Matschull, (432) 889-0019	
District Commissioner Gary Simmons, (432) 689-3359	
District Director Karl Boroski, (432) 296-1028	

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
6th	District Committee District Commissioner
13th	OA Meeting Roundtable
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
3rd	District Committee District Commissioner
10th	OA Meeting Roundtable
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
1st	District Committee District Commissioner
8th	OA Meeting Roundtable

LONE STAR	
District Chair Marcus Fernandez (432) 816-3923	
District Commissioner Shannon Duncan (432) 517-4354	
District Executive, Brian Sweeney (432) 212-3577	

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
6th	Committee/Commissioner Meeting
Roundtable & OA Meeting	
28th	Haunted Fellowship
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
3rd	Committee/Commissioner Meeting
Roundtable & OA Meeting	
19th	Scouting for Food
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
1st	Committee/Commissioner Meeting
Roundtable & OA Meeting	





Let's get ready to race!

Plan your car and register your team for the Buffalo Trail Council 5th Annual Pushmobile Event!

ALL Cub Scouts, council-wide, are encouraged to participate. Registration deadline is 1:00 p.m., October 27. The race is Saturday, October 29th behind the Citibank Ballpark in Midland.

We provide the awards and patches. You provide the fun and excitement of a great race!

Go www.buffalotrailbsa.org for more information and rules.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE



Register NOW to attend the 2011 Cuboree for a fun way for Scouts and their families to learn emergency preparedness.



Held October 14-16 at BTSR, the weekend will include meals, archery, BB guns, horses, as well as fun and informative activities to help you BE PREPARED for emergencies.

For more information, contact Eilda Pacheco at (432) 570-7601 or Eilda.Pacheco@Scouting.org.

To register and more information, go to www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

Before time runs out!



Community service with a bonus!

During the CAF AirSHO, October 8 - 9, at the Midland International Airport, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are needed to help pick up trash at the airport. For their community service, Scouts and their leaders get in to see the CAF AirSHO for free when they follow the following guidelines:

1. Scouts wear their uniform.
2. Older Scouts, who are members of the OA, are asked to help with parking the cars.
3. We will try something new this year: PICK UP TRASH BAGS AS YOU ENTER THE MAIN GATE.
4. Pick up trash wherever you find it all day.
5. For your safety, DO NOT GET NEAR ANY AIRPLANES AT ANYTIME.
6. Enjoy the show!
7. If you want a volunteer CAF patch, come by the orange announcer's tower on the flight line and get assigned to a certain clean up area.

Questions? Call Jim Adams in Midland at 694-6375 or Mark Russell in Odessa at 333-2208.

Red Ribbon Week

Observed annually from October 23 - 31, Red Ribbon Week is a national celebration promoting youth education on the dangers of substance abuse.

Websites www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com and www.JustThinkTwice.com offer facts, ideas, forms, etc. designed to educate and inform youth and parents.

Although the Just Think Twice website reports that they cannot take any more registrations for the DEA Red Ribbon Week patch, units are still encouraged to participate in Red Ribbon Week activities, attend drug prevention education, and make a pledge to "Live Drug Free." Leaders may also download a Certificate of Participation for each Scout's involvement with Red Ribbon Week activities.

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

Silver Beaver Nominations are now being accepted and are due 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.

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

THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS DINNER



Rosalind Redfern Grover will be honored at the Buffalo Trail Council's annual Distinguished Citizen Dinner, on Monday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Petroleum Club of Midland. Dress is cocktail attire and a private reception begins at 6:15 p.m. Information is now available for table sponsorships and attendance.

Highly respected citizens throughout the Permian Basin previously have been honored, including Charles Spence, General Tommy Franks, Laura Bush, President George Bush, Dr. David Daniels, Dick Sivals, Lorraine Bonner Perryman, Don Evans, Congressman Michael Conaway, Judge John Hyde and Ed Magruder. These, and many others have been recognized for their generous and varied contributions to our community.

To comment or for more information, contact Tracy MacIroy at Tracy.MacIroy@Scouting.org or (432) 570-7601.

EAGLES TODAY *Well Done!*

CHAPARRAL DISTRICT

Zachary Andrews, T-84, Midland
 Christoffer Dyrssen, T-175, Midland
 Scout Lee McKinney, T-152, Midland

COMMANCHE TRAILS DISTRICT

John Jacob Smith, T-74, Odessa
 Zachariah Wallace, T-34, Odessa



Congratulations to Patrick Hooper of Troop 46 and Crew 144 in Andrews for being featured on the front page of the Andrews County News on September 1. Patrick was featured for earning 130 merit badges, 126 now being offered and 4 that have been retired. Records indicate that Patrick is the first Scout to achieve this accomplishment in the Buffalo Trail Council, and only 16 others have ever done it in the state of Texas.

MEMORIALS

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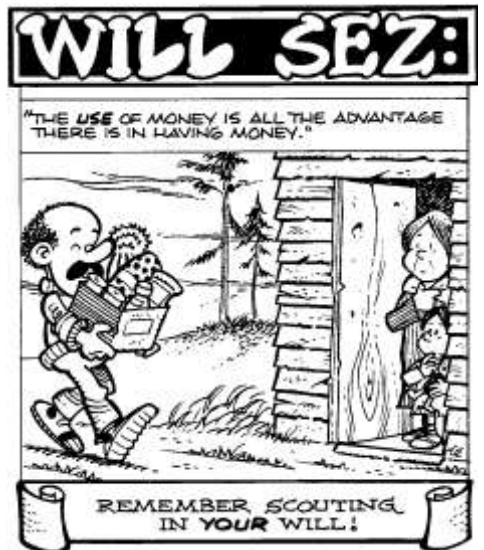
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FOUNDATIONS

The council submits proposals to area foundations seeking grants for specific programs and projects; the resulting grants are restricted.

Abell-Hanger Foundation
 Chaparral Foundation
 Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust
 National Christian Foundation
 Temple-Inland



WHAT MAKES A TRAINED UNIT LEADER?

Adult unit leaders are considered trained, and eligible to wear the official Trained emblem, once they have completed the basic training requirements outlined below.



BASIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULTS +

(E-Learning training is available as indicated, but instructor-led training is the preferred method)

CUB SCOUTING

- Youth Protection* (EL)
- Leader Specific, by position (EL)
- This is Scouting (EL)

BOY SCOUTING & VARSITY SCOUTING

- Youth Protection* (EL)
- Leader Specific (or Troop committee Challenge (EL) for committee members)
- This is Scouting (EL)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills***

VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING

- Youth Protection (Venturing Version)* (EL)
- Leader Specific (by position)
- This is Scouting (EL)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills **

SUPPLEMENTAL AND ADVANCED TRAINING FOR UNIT ADULTS

CUB SCOUTING

- B.A.L.O.O.*
- Cub Casts (Scouting.org)
- Fast Start (EL)
- Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders

BOY SCOUTING & VARSITY SCOUTING

- Fast Start (EL)
- Roundtables/Huddles

VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING

- Fast Start (EL)
- Program Forums
- Seabadge
- Seabadge Underway

FOR ALL UNIT LEADERS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Climb on Safely (EL) | <input type="checkbox"/> Powder Horn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trek Safely (EL) | <input type="checkbox"/> Roundtables/Huddles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weather Hazards* (EL) | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Swim Defense* (EL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Sea Base conferences | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Afloat* (EL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philmont Leadership Challenge | <input type="checkbox"/> ScoutParents Unit Coordinator Fast Start (EL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philmont Training Center Conferences | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Training Modules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Wellness (EL) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Trainer's EDGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University of Scouting | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Badge |

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

CUB SCOUTING

- It Happened to Me

BOY SCOUTING & VARSITY SCOUTING

- Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops-ILST
- Den Chief Training (EL)
- A Time to Tell

VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING

- Crew Officer Orientation
- Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews-ILSC
- Wood Badge (18 + of age)
- Youth Protection (for Venturing) (EL)

FOR OLDER SCOUTS & VENTURERS

- National Youth Leadership Training-NYLT
- Kodiak Challenge
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience-NAYLE
- Powder Horn



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| (EL) | E-Learning page at www.myscouting.org |
| * | Required for Tour Plan review |
| ** | Crew with outdoor programs only |
| *** | Not required for committee positions |
| + | Chartered Organization representatives take Youth Protection and Chartered Organization Representative training |