

BUFFALO TRACKS

BUFFALO TRAIL COUNCIL

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Annual 10 Commandment Hike & Flag Retirement

Make plans now to join us for our annual "Duty to God" and 10 Commandment Hike on February 4th at 10:00 am for both Midland and Odessa. In Odessa the hike begins and ends at the Duck Pond at UTPB. In Midland the hike begins and ends at the George T. Abell Scout Office at 1101 W. Texas Avenue. Scouting uniform is preferred, but please dress for the weather. This is a great opportunity for all scouts and their families to learn about the different religious organizations in our community and hear each of them talk about the different commandments.

One of the best ways our Scouts can honor our country and the men and women that serve is through our annual "Duty to Country" Flag Retirement Ceremony held after the hike at Veterans Memorial Park across from the CAF museum at 2:00 pm. This event includes special guests and the proper way to retire of an old flag. The Midland office always accepts flags that need to be retired.

These are free events and activity segments will be available. Check out the website for more details at www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

Annual Meeting & Council Recognition Dinner

The Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America will host their annual meeting and banquet on February 11 at the Commemorative Air Force. The evening will include installation of council officers and board members, council award ceremony which includes Venturing awards and the Spirit of Scouting awards, presentation of the class of 2011 Eagle Scouts and the presentation of the Silver Beaver recipients.

Table sponsorships are available. Gold Sponsors receive preferential seating for 10 for \$400. Regular tables of eight are \$200 and individual tickets are \$25 before February 3 and \$30 after February 3.

The Silver Beaver is the highest award granted by a local Boy Scout council to a volunteer. Past recipients of the Silver Beaver include Charles Spence, Neil Florer, Eunice Thixton and Frank Stowers. This year's recipients are Judge Matthew Blair, Kris G. Gregg and Dr. Byron Welch, II.

Also new this year, units will have the opportunity to nominate a unit leader, parent or person associated with their unit with the Spirit of Scouting Award. Applications are available online and at the Scout service center.

The event will be at the end of Scouting Anniversary Week, which the Scouts will celebrate Scouting's 102 birthday on February 8.

2012 Gold Star Unit FOS Recognition

Every Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew that achieves their Friends of Scouting (FOS) goal will qualify as a Gold Star Unit until February 28, 2013. (The goal must be met in cash, check, credit card, or EFT). All contributions must come from parents, grandparents or registered leadership within the unit. In accordance with Boy Scouts of America policies, units cannot solicit businesses. Unit presentation must be completed prior to March 15th.

Why Gold Star Units? FOS is an essential part of the finances needed for the Buffalo Trail Council to support your unit. The Gold Star Unit recognition gives special benefits to those units who understand and communicate this need, and are willing to participate in their *fair share* contribution amount.

How is the FOS Gold Star *fair share* goal determined? Take the “official” June 1, 2011 registered youth membership of the unit, divide by 1/2, and multiply by the \$120 family “sustaining member” level.

Example: A troop/pack has 20 registered youth members on June 1:
 $20 \times 1/2 = 10$; $10 \times \$120 = \1200 ; \$1200 is your goal.

As a recognition/thank you for your unit’s participation, the Council will provide the following to any unit who successfully meets or exceeds their FOS “fair share” goal:

- ◆ Free advancements - cloth patch for Bobcat - Arrow of Light ranks or cloth patch for Scout - Life ranks.
- ◆ Free Gold and Silver Arrow Points and Webelos Activity pins.
- ◆ Free Merit Badges
- ◆ Free Venturing Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards and Ranger Award.
- ◆ Order of the Arrow, Tatanka Lodge 141 also provides FREE Eagle Scout kits.

For more information and forms, contact your District Executive.



Scouts earn funds to give back



The Pack 157 Webelos II Den from Greathouse Elementary are shown shopping for a family that they had adopted this Christmas season. The Scouts raised money through a Dad & Lad bakeoff at their December pack meeting. This was a service project for the Webelos II Den. The Scouts were hands on during all aspects of the project. They raised the money and shopped for the items. The family selected was also from the Greathouse area with special needs during the holiday season. (Photo courtesy of David Baker, Cubmaster Pack 157)



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Popcorn wrap up

Area Scouts hit the streets and the Internet this past fall in order to earn funds to help support their Scouting activities. This year Scouts sold more than \$350,000 worth of popcorn, which was a 24 percent increase over last year's sale.



Scouts that sell popcorn earn more than just money for camping and activities. Boy Scouts that sold \$1500+ of popcorn earned a week at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. Cub Scouts that sold \$750+ of popcorn earned free day camp and Cub-O-Ree admission. Scouts that sold \$1000+ of popcorn earned tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters game coming up this February. And \$600+ sellers earned tickets to the Jackalopes game along with zyclones that were furnished through Trail's End.

This year's top salesmen were Garrett Bryant from Troop 775 in Odessa selling \$4040, Joseph Hernandez from Pack 177 in Snyder selling \$3151 and tied for third place is Simon Hernandez and Seth Williams from Troop 775 in Odessa selling \$2714 each.

Scouting units were offered extra commission if they meet specific criteria. One requirement is for the Scouting unit to sell more popcorn this year than in 2010. Of the 48 units that sold popcorn this year, eight were new to the popcorn sale and 29 had an increase over last year.

"We had packs and troops that have historically sold around \$9,000 of popcorn come in with sales this year over \$16,000," said Development Director Valerie Acosta.

When asked why this area saw such an increase in the sale, Acosta said it had a lot to do with the dedication of the Scouting volunteers, Scouts and their parents.

"I also like to think our Scouts are cuter and better salesmen," Acosta added.

International Camp

The International Camporee is scheduled for May 11-13 at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. Buffalo Trail Council has partnered with the Chihuahua Sur Council, Scouts of Mexico. Scouts from Mexico and Scouts from the Buffalo Trail Council will camp together, sharing different Scouting skills as well as cultural differences.

Approximately, 200 Scouts from Mexico will be attending the weekend camporee. Many of the Mexican Scouts have heard about and attended past camporees and read about the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in camping guides.

For more information, contact Bill.Houston@Scouting.org

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13th Merit Badge Academy

Register today to attend this event where you can earn multiple merit badges. First come, first serve, so get your requests in today! January 21 and 28 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Midland from 8:00am - 1:00pm. Cost is \$15.00 per person. *For more information or if you are interested in serving as a Merit Badge Counselor, contact Bill Taylor at (432) 687-7418.*

Life to Eagle Training

For all Life Scouts their parents and Scoutmasters, come learn the steps to complete your Eagle Scout rank. In conjunction with Merit Badge Academy at 9:00am - 10:00am both Saturdays. *For more information or to register, contact Eilda.Pacheco@Scouting.org or call (432) 570-7601.*

BALOO Training hosted by Lone Star District

February 18th, 8:00am at the Big Spring Scout Service Center. *For more information, contact Brian.Sweeney@Scouting.org.*

Webelos to Scout Transition

Scoutmasters, 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!

10 Commandment Hike & Flag Retirement Ceremony

Join us for this annual event on Saturday, February 4th: The "Duty to God" 10 Commandment Hike starts at 10:00am in Odessa and Midland. Our annual "Duty to Country" Flag Retirement Ceremony starts at 2:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park across from the CAF Museum. *For more information, contact Scott Britton.*

Scout Night with the Odessa Jackalopes

FREE TICKETS FOR EVERYONE for February 4. Come celebrate Scouting's birthday. Wear your Scout uniform. Tickets available at the Midland Service Center through the 3rd.

Harlem Globetrotters

February 8th. Scouts who sold \$1000+ get in for FREE!, get to participate in a meet and greet with some of the Harlem Globetrotters and get a patch. Great job! Additional tickets are available for \$14. Contact the Scout office for more information.

Annual Meeting & Council Recognition Banquet

Join us for our annual meeting and dinner Saturday, February 11th at the CAF Hanger at 6:30pm. This event honors our Silver Beaver recipients and our 2011 Class of Eagle Scouts along with other council-wide recognitions. Sponsorships available. Individual tickets are \$25 if registered by Feb. 3rd. Register with Eilda.Pacheco@Scouting.org. *For more information, contact Tracy.MacIroy@Scouting.org or call (432) 570-7601.*

Order of the Arrow Family Campout @ BTR

Sponsored by Tatanka Lodge 141, this campout weekend at BTR is open to all scouts and their families. March 9-11, the weekend includes BB guns, hiking, archery, campfire and horseback rides. Cost: \$20 per person if registered prior to March 5th and \$30 per person after the 5th. Register with Eilda.Pacheco@Scouting.org

Spring Break Camp @ BTR

Join us for a full camp this year. More details on page 6. *For more information, contact Eilda.Pacheco@Scouting.org at (432) 570-7601 or Bill.Houston@Scouting.org*

Snyder Fish-a-thon

Hosted by the Lone Star District, all Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend April 14th at Towle Park in Snyder. Registration is just \$5 and starts at 7:00am. Camping available the night before. Pond is stocked prior to event. *For more information, contact Brian.Sweeney@Scouting.org.*

14th Annual Spring Fling Sporting Clay Event

This year's clay shoot takes place at Jake's Clays on Cinco de Mayo! Come out and partake of the festivities. All shooters will received lunch, range fees and one team member on each team will win a gun. Sponsorships available. *For more information, contact Valerie.Acosta@Scouting.org.*

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

COUNCIL CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 2 Office Closed, Holiday
- 6-8 OA Fellowship/Vigil Weekend
- 14 Key 3 Conference
- 16 Office Closed, Holiday
- 21 Merit Badge Academy & Life to Eagle Training
- 28 Merit Badge Academy

FEBRUARY

- 1 Webelos to Scout transition
- 4 10 Commandment Hike
Flag Retirement
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 8 BSA Birthday (1910)
- 11 Annual Meeting & Council Recognition Dinner
- 20 Office Closed, Holiday

MARCH

- 2 Cub Scout Petroleum Museum Camp-In
- 9-11 OA Family Campout @ BTRSR
- 11-17 Spring Break Camp
- 17-18 BTRSR Work Weekend

APRIL

- 1 Youth Protection Awareness
- 6-7 Office Closed, Holiday
- 14 Fish-a-thon, Snyder
- 12-14 Wood Badge
- 23-28 Wilderness EMT Course

Scout Night with the Odessa Jackalopes

FREE TICKETS

February 4 at 7:00pm
Come celebrate Scouting's birthday. Wear your Scout shirt and receive a free patch.

Tickets available at the Midland Service Center through the 3rd

BIG BEND

District Chair
Byron Welch (432) 447-7202
District Commissioner
Ken Smith (432) 837-7058
District Executive
Travis Koneschik (432) 770-6996

JANUARY

- 3 Roundtable & District Meetings

FEBRUARY

- 7 Roundtable & District Meetings

MARCH

- 6 Roundtable & District Meetings

CHAPARRAL

District Chair
Larry Matschull (432) 889-0019
District Commissioner
Gary Simmons (432) 689-3359
District Director
Scott Britton (432) 553-3668

JANUARY

- 5 District Committee
District Commissioner
- 12 OA Meeting
Roundtable

FEBRUARY

- 1 FOS Kick-Off
- 2 District Committee
District Commissioner
- 9 OA Meeting
Roundtable

MARCH

- 1 District Committee
District Commissioner
- 8 OA Meeting
Roundtable

COMMANCHE TRAILS

District Chair
Terry Howard (806) 683-85262
District Commissioner
Doug Mackey (432) 550-4942
District Executive
Chase McKinney (432) 296-2447

JANUARY

- 3 Roundtable & Leader Training
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17 Committee/Commissioner Mtg
- 28 District Banquet

FEBRUARY

- 5 OA Meeting
- 7 FOS Kick-Off
- 7 Roundtable & Leader Training
- 11 Council Recognition Banquet
- 12 Cub Scout Belt Loop Day
- 21 Committee/Commissioner Mtg

MARCH

- 6 Roundtable & Leader Training
- 20 Committee/Commissioner Mtg

LONE STAR

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

JANUARY

- 5 Roundtable & OA Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 1 FOS Kick-Off
- 2 Committee/Commissioner Mtg
- 2 Roundtable & OA Meeting
- 18 BALOO Training
District Banquet

MARCH

- 1 Committee/Commissioner Mtg
- 1 Roundtable & OA Meeting

Spring Break Full Camp

For our second year we will have Spring Break Camp. The dates are March 12 – 17. This year we will have a full base camp not just our high adventure programs. We will have cavalcades, hiking treks, outback climbing, Mountain Man and Circle H camps. To learn more about our

Outback programs, visit our High Adventure page at:

www.buffalotrailbsa.org/camping/btsr_highadventure.html

This spring, camp will be not only be high adventure, but a complete camp program as well. **Cost for this year's camp is \$300 for youth and \$250 for each Adult (not including cavalcade).** The week will include all meals, program supplies and an experienced BTSR guide.

For more information contact Bill.Houston@Scouting.org.



For the first time in 10 years Van Horn, Texas is offering the Scouting program. Photos are taken at the Van Horn Christmas Parade of Pack, Troop and Crew 142.

Wilderness EMT Course Offered at BTSR!

Wilderness EMT Upgrade is a 40-hour course for those who are already certified as EMTs, RNs or Medical Doctors. The course builds on EMT training and adds wilderness concepts and skills, with many role-playing scenarios. Students are expected to minimize the need for lecture by studying and preparing thoroughly for each class. WEMT Upgrade may also be taught as an add-on module to a regular EMT course. Most states will count the 40 hour course towards professional **CEU's**. Non medical personnel can take the course in an audit status, but must have an advanced knowledge of

emergency medicine. This is a demanding course and is conducted over a 5-day period. The course will be April 23 - 28 and food, lodging and course materials are included.

If you would like more information, please contact Todd.Bennett@Scouting.org or call (432) 570-7601.



Annual Clay Shoot



The Council invites you to participate in the Annual Spring Fling Sporting Clay event on May 5. This year join us for a Cinco de Mayo celebration. Again this year, one member of each team will win a gun!

Sponsorships are available. Please consider being a sponsor for this awesome event. There are many opportunities and options available to you and your company.

We would also like to offer any company, Scout troop or individual the opportunity to assist us in the operations of this event.

Watch our website for further information.

For more information contact, Valerie.Acosta@Scouting.org.

Silver Beaver Recipients

Silver Beaver nominations were reviewed and recipients have been **selected**. **This year's recipients** are:

Judge Matthew Curtis Blair

Kris G. Gregg

Dr. Byron Eugene Welch, II

CONGRATULATIONS!

Join us as we honor these recipients and our 2011 Class of **Eagle Scouts** at the Council's Recognition Banquet on February 11th at the CAF Hanger.

**JAMES E. WEST
RECIPIENTS**

Frank Dotson

Ralph Foust

Jesus "Bevo" Lopez

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Becky Yancey

FOUNDATIONS

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

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Congratulations to Patrick Hooper of Crew 144 in Andrews who was recently awarded the Venturing Silver Award.

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Sterling Beadle, T-160, Midland

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Zackery Gray, T-231, Midland

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Stefano Herrera, T-232, Midland

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Paul Peterson, T-175, Midland

Jackson Reed, T-160, Midland

Matthew Scoggins, T-84, Midland

Amado Sotelo, T-84, Midland

Brett Weidmann, C-331, Midland



COMMANCHE TRAILS DISTRICT

Ira Campbell, T-74, Odessa

LONE STAR DISTRICT

Bowden Case Ingram, T-1, Big Spring

St. Luke's Lead Pastor Kathryn Boren makes it to the top on her recent Guadalupe Mountain hike with Boy Scout Troop #160. The group had a terrific time sleeping under the stars, and Kathryn said it was a fantastic journey for her and the St. Luke's troop. Special thanks to Scout leader Chris MacLeod and cook Aaron MacLeod for fueling the expedition.



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March 14 & May 8

March 17 - 18 & May 12 - 13

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Please RSVP

To Eilda Pacheco so we know how many to plan for

For more information contact Bill.Houston@Scouting.org