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FALL RECRUITMENT KEY TO SUCCESSFUL CUB PROGRAM

Will Rogers once said "The only thing wrong with the Boy Scouts of America is that there are not enough of them". With declining numbers in our elementary schools throughout the council this statement takes on new meaning. Cub Scout membership is down nationwide and with 85% of Boy Scouts coming from the Cub Scout program, it is only a matter of time before we see a dramatic decrease in Boy Scout membership. But there is a solution! We need to have a great year of Cub Scout recruitment. You've heard the expression "the more the merrier", well we want to help all of our Cub Scout Packs have the best recruitment effort ever this year.

The plan begins with communication to the school that the Pack recruits from. Find a night early in the school year that does not have any conflicts (Open House, Meet the Teacher, etc.) and schedule a Cub Scout Rally in the cafeteria. Next, arrange for a flier to go out about one week before the rally to all boys in 1st through 5th grades (or 4th if that is as high as the school goes) if the school has a folder day that is the best way to make sure the information makes it home. Another thing to arrange with the school is a Boy Talk. Boy talks should be done the day of the rally. This is the most important part of the rally process. A Boy Talk takes about 5 minutes and can be done classroom to classroom, in an assembly format, or by visiting PE classes (whichever the principal feels would work best for that school). During a Boy Talk, a uniformed Scouter tells the boys all about Cub Scouts (in 5 minutes) making sure to focus on camping, fishing, hiking and mentioning BB-guns and Bows and Arrows doesn't hurt either.

Make no mistakes, the Boy talk is where most boys decide to join Scouting. The more excitement that can be shared with new boys about the fun of Cub Scouting the more Cubs you will recruit. Make sure and tell the boys to bring an adult with them to the rally. Also make sure and tell them the time and place of the rally several times and even ask them to tell you when and where the rally will take place. Next comes the marketing part of Cub recruitment.

Getting the word out in as many ways as possible is the goal—Articles in the local newspaper about Scouting and information about the rally, signs and posters around school, marquis around town announcing School Night and the time and place of rallies. Another marketing tool is to have all existing Scouts wear their uniform to school on the day of the rally.

Finally the night has arrived and it is time to welcome new families to Scouting. Have displays set up showcasing things that your Cubs did last year. Pictures, craft items, Pinewood derby cars, a pop-up tent all make great displays to let a new family get a glimpse of what is to come. Separate the new families by grade, each with their own table. Remember to begin the rally on time. A great way to begin is to have a Boy Scout Troop, or a Webelos Den conduct a flag ceremony, instruct all new Cubs on the Cub Scout salute and let them practice it. After the opening ceremony, introduce all of the existing leaders in the Pack and mention that Cub Scouting is a family activity and works best when everyone helps out. Line up all of the new and existing Cubs and tell them they are going to go outside and have some fun. Send them with two leaders just outside the cafeteria and have them teach all of the boys the Cub Scout Sign, Promise and Motto (this takes about 7-10 minutes). During this time give the parents an overview of Cub Scouts (Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, Den meetings, Pack meetings, etc.) Remind them about Scouting's 93 year record of helping to build character and instill values in boys across America, but mention that the boys only came to have fun and that the character building happens through that fun. About this time the boys outside will be ready to come inside and share with the families what they have learned. Line them up in front of the room and help lead them in the Promise. Then have them say the motto, louder, and one more time even louder! This is a good time to talk about advancement and the Bobcat badge. There are 8 requirements for Bobcat and in 30 minutes all the boys are halfway there! **See Rally—page 2**

POPCORN SALE SEES CHANGES

Fall is a busy time with back-to-school and Cub Scout recruitment but there is no better time to sell Scout Popcorn! This year's sale has many changes from last year. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ **Earlier Sale Dates**—this year's sale will run from September 22 through November 3 with orders being due to the service center no later than November 5th. Delivery will be on November 14 & 15.
- ◆ **New Prize Program**—This year we have contracted with the Keller Marketing Group to provide prizes for the sale. Scouts will be able to earn up to 43 different prizes including Harry Potter LEGO sets, BSA tents and 26" bicycles.
- ◆ **Special Delivery**—Any unit that sells more than \$10,000 in popcorn will have their product delivered to them.
- ◆ **New Product Lineup**—There will be 7 products in this year's sale, ranging from a new 3-way tin with Deluxe Caramel Corn, Gourmet Chocolate Caramel Corn and Cheddar Cheese Corn, to the standby \$7 Caramel Corn with peanuts. Back by popular demand is the Kettle Corn and new for this year is Kettle Corn Light.

More information along with prizes, product samples and pizza will be available at each of these Popcorn Kickoffs:

- September 22** —Ozona United Methodist Church 112 11th St.
- September 23** —1st United Methodist Church 201 NW Water Ave, Sonora
—Trinity Lutheran Church 3536 YMCA Dr, San Angelo
—Latter Day Saints Church 1315 Kings Way, Del Rio
- September 25** —1st Presbyterian Church 202 Oklahoma, Ft. Stockton
—First Methodist Church 301 N. High Street, Uvalde

Attend Popcorn Kickoff and find out how your unit can have 1 and only 1 fundraiser for this year!

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Do a cheer for the Cubs to recognize that they "Did Their Best" and then send them out to the playground (with supervision) as a way to reward them for learning something new. Take a few minutes while the boys are outside to explain, line-by-line the Cub Scout Promise. Place special emphasis on Duty to God and country and on helping other people. Take a moment to answer any questions and then send for the boys, because it is time to have some fun!

The Newspaper Game

This is a tool to help identify potential leaders, without them ever realizing what happened. The game is simple, families are grouped by grade and each table is given a stack of new newspaper and 1 or 2 rolls of masking tape. Each group picks a "model" and constructs a costume using only the newspaper and the tape. Examples could be a pirate, astronaut, football player, etc. They will only have 5 minutes (this is Cub Scout 5 minutes and can be as much as 10, if needed) to finish the costume so it is important that everyone participate. When the "5 minutes" is over each group will select an adult spokesperson to explain the costume to an independent panel of judges (3 or 4 leaders whose real job is to identify prospective leaders). As soon as you say "Go" you will see several different personality traits emerge. The Delegator—someone who has no trouble asking/telling people he or she does not know, exactly what to do (these people often make great committee members, or chairman). The Smiler—this person is having a great time working with the boys helping them to make the different parts of the costume, smiling all the while (potential Den Leaders or Assistants). The Circus Barker—this person emerges during the description phase of the game. He or she can tell a tale that leaves everyone waiting for more (Cubmaster or Asst.) The last trait you will see is one of negative body posture—arms crossed, no involvement, no smile, etc. These folks are probably not good candidates to be leaders, but might be able to help on some committee. Utilizing nametags, make some notes about people from each group, focusing on Dens that need leadership. When the game is over the judges declare that since everyone did their best, then everyone wins. Because in Scouting "Everyone is a Winner".

The last step for rally night is to explain the paperwork, the fees, the calendar of events and the next meeting time and place. If possible hold a new parent orientation within a week or so to provide more information about Cub Scouting, organize new dens and select leadership for open positions. Your Unit Serving Executive can assist you in any of the steps listed above to insure a successful rally. There are some other tools that can prove useful during this process. Here are just a few:

CUB SCOUT RALLY RESOURCES

2003 Cub Scout Leader's Guide For Successful Recruitment

The new Cub Scout Leader's Guide is a big help for leaders that are trying to recruit new members, adult and youth. The packet gives a brief overview of why we need growth in our packs and then has a calendar that helps with recruitment plans, such as when to have a school night and the best time to follow up with new members. Steps to Success with Cub Scout Recruitment lists very specific steps on how to recruit new cub scouts so that all the hard work of planning is done for you. Many ideas for getting the word out are also included. Agendas and checklists are included for every thing from Boy Talks to School Nights. Information to share with new adults will help recruit the needed leaders that the Council is lacking. This packet takes all the hard work out and puts the fun into recruiting.

These items are available at the council office, or through your Unit Serving Executive. Any questions, call 800-321-7107

Family Packet

This packet is designed to be handed out when a new family joins a Pack. The packet is complete except for the cover page which can easily be created by each Pack for their own touch. The packet contains information on why Cub Scouting is so important and what Cub Scouting can do for the family. The Bobcat Trail gets the Cub Scout started on his way through the program. Also, a uniform inspection sheet is included so that families can work on perfecting the uniform. The last page is Parent and Family Talent Survey Sheet. The survey allows the family to help the Pack and to have the best possible experience by being properly matched with their skills and ideal activities.

Other Tips for a Successful Cub Scout Recruitment

Involving a Boy Scout Troop in the rally process was mentioned earlier, but cannot be overemphasized. New boys and their families getting to see some of the older boys who are a product of Scouting makes an indelible impression.

Follow-up recruitment measures at School Open Houses, PTO meetings and church gatherings provide an excellent opportunity to recruit a few more boys and more importantly, some ideal candidates for leadership positions.

The council office and your unit-serving executive have many years experience in recruiting new members and leaders. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

WHAT ABOUT BOY SCOUT RECRUITMENT

Certainly the biggest push for membership this fall will be in the Cub Scout Packs, but what about Boy Scout Recruitment? Here are a couple of items that can a Troop recruit new members.

Scouting for Fun CD

This CD is an exciting new tool Scouts can use to get their non-Scout friends interested in the program. The interactive CD guides the Scout to create his own activity slide show and email it to his friends*. Developed for younger Scouts to use, the CD addresses this target market of boys who have recently completed the fifth grade. Troop leaders are encouraged to copy the CD for all of their younger Scouts to use and copy for their friends.

* Boys must have a copy of the CD to open the email.

The Scout Recruiter Patch is a program provided by the national office of the BSA. Any Scout who recruits a friend into the program from September 1 to December 31, 2003, will earn a BSA Recruiter patch. Additional patches are available at the Scout Service Center.

A great time to focus on Boy Scout recruitment is around February when other 5th grade boys are crossing over from Cub Scouts. A special rally can be held at each 5th-6th grade Middle School. Involve your Unit Serving Executive in the planning process to help you be successful. Any Troop that would like some help setting up a February rally, call the service center at 800-321-7107.

Troop Open House

The Troop Open House packet can be very useful when recruiting new members to a Troop. It is divided into five steps with each step describing how to run a successful School Rally. The packet includes a sample letter to send to parents and an agenda to follow at the open house.

Bring-A-Buddy campouts are also a great way to attract and recruit new members to a Boy Scout Troop. Plan a fun-filled activity, then have all of your existing Scouts invite one or two friends to come along. Fill out a Scout application on each guest so that they are covered by our insurance. Follow up by inviting the new boys, along with their parents to attend the next Troop Court of Honor and recognize them with a special patch or plaque for participating in the event. Then extend an official invitation to join the Troop followed by a special ceremony.

Share ideas that have been successful recruiting Boy Scouts with other Troop leaders by emailing them to bsa741@gte.net.

Training Dates

Permian Basin Cub Leader Training

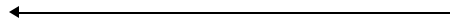
September 13.....9AM-4PM
1st Presbyterian Church, Fort Stockton
October 25.....9AM-4PM
1st United Methodist Church, Sonora

To register for training please contact the Council Service Center at 655-7107 or 1-800 321-7107 to hold your spot TODAY! For units needing individual training dates in your community please contact your District Executive, Mike Mitchell, for scheduling.



Woodbadge Training

October 24-26.....1st Weekend
Buffalo Trails Ranch, Balmorhea
October 24-26 (SR550).....1st Weekend
Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Bastrop
November 7-9.....2nd Weekend
Buffalo Trails Ranch, Balmorhea
October 24-26 (SR550).....2nd Weekend
Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Bastrop
March 26-28.....1st Weekend
Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Bastrop
April 16-18.....2nd Weekend
Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Bastrop



Philmont Volunteer Leader Training

Philmont is one of the most famous Scout Ranches in existence. Many boys have gone on treks there and had a great time. Philmont also offers a top notch training center. The best part about the training center is that while the adults are in training conferences their children can attend planned activities, so the whole family can have fun. The Philmont training course outline lists the trainings that Philmont offers by the month they are offered in. Each month has a theme associated with a specific area in Scouting. Your month might be just around the corner. Please hurry though, reservations and payments need to be made through the Council Office. For more information please check out the Philmont Training Centers website: www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc/index.html



Amistad Cub Leader Training

September 13.....9AM-4PM
St. James Episcopal Church, Del Rio
October 25.....9AM-4PM
1st United Methodist Church, Uvalde
March 6.....9AM-4PM
1st United Methodist Church, Del Rio

Amistad Boy Scout Leader Training Boy Scout Leader Specific Training

March 6.....9AM-4PM
First United Methodist Church

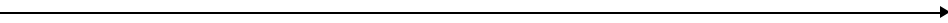
To register for training please contact the Council Service Center at 655-7107 or 1-800 321-7107 to hold your spot TODAY! For units needing individual training dates in your community please contact your District Executive, Gerardo Martinez, for scheduling.



Webelos Woods Trainings Nov. 7-9

Youth Protection Training9PM-10PM
BALOO Fri. - Sun.
Cub Leader Basic Training..... 9AM-4PM

November Training is offered for those NOT counted as Leaders for the Webelos Woods. The Cost for these trainings will vary depending on the course and materials needed. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER** to attend these trainings. For more information, please contact the service center.



BOY SCOUT SHOOTOUT

Take part in the 2003 Boy Scout Shootout Sporting Clays Invitational to benefit the Concho Valley Council BSA Scoutreach Programs. Bring your friends and clients, shoot clays, have a great time, tune up for dove season and help in sending underprivileged Scouts throughout West Texas to Summer Camp.

The Shootout will be held at the San Angelo Clay Bird Association, Highway 67 West on Sunday, August 31, 2003. Registration and practice is at 8:00 am. The 1st rotation is at 9:00 am and the 2nd rotation is at 2:00pm.

The Fun Shoot is \$125.00 for all shooters and includes 14 stations and 100 targets. Scoring will be based on Lewis Class Scoring. A Baretta 391 shotgun will go to 1 of every 10 shooters. There are sponsorships available ranging from \$250.00 to \$750.00, this includes 1-3 shooters and sponsor signage.

Scouts and Troops are needed to help with this activity. Service opportunities include a flag ceremony in the morning, manning the 14 different stations, helping with food service and clean up after the event. Steve Middlebrook will be heading up these efforts on the day of the shoot.

For more information please contact Dennis Luellen at (800) 321-7107 or (325) 655-7107, or by e-mail at bsa741@gte.net.

Amangi Trail Cub Leader Training

September 13.....9AM-4PM
September 16 (part 1)..... 6-9PM
September 18 (part 2)..... 6-9PM
October 25.....9AM-4PM
January 17.....9AM-4PM
March 27.....9AM-4PM
April 24.....8PM-9PM

Amangi Trail Boy Scout Leader Training Boy Scout Leader Specific Training

September 13.....9AM-4PM
October 25.....9AM-4PM
January 17.....9AM-4PM
March 27.....9AM-4PM

These trainings are to be held at the Council Office and will break for lunch so bring a sack lunch or money to buy lunch.

To register for training please contact the Council Service Center at 655-7107 or 1-800 321-7107 to hold your spot TODAY! For units needing individual training dates in your community please contact your District Executive, Matt Vercher, for scheduling.



Powder Horn Training

September 12-15.....1st Weekend
Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Bastrop
September 19-21.....2nd Weekend
Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Bastrop

2004 Boy Scout Auction

The 2004 Auction is just around the corner and there are already donations piling into the office. The purpose of the Auction is to benefit the over 7,000 youth that are served by the Concho Valley Council throughout the 24 county service area. Each of the 185 Scouting Units receive training, program support, and outdoor camping facilities to support the youth members. Also, the proceeds allow the Executive Board to offer camping programs at the lowest cost to the participating families. The mission of Scouting is to build character, and train young men and women in citizenship and personal fitness; the mission of the auction is to help financially support those ideals.

If you have any items that you wish to donate please drop them off at the Council Office or call us at (800) 321-7107 or (325) 655-7107. Did we mention that we pick up?

The warehouse location for the actual auction will be announced closer to the date of the auction. Last year we filled up a warehouse with everything from vehicles, to boats, to saddles, and everything in between. Any item is accepted, if it is not good auction material then it can be sold in the garage sale adjacent to the auction.

Refreshments will be available so you can plan to make the auction an all day affair. Hope to see you there and bring all you treasures to help support the Boy Scouts.

WEBELOS WOODS 2003

Webelos Woods is an opportunity for Troops to recruit Webelos into their Troops. The Webelos will join the Boy Scouts in an all out outdoor experience. This joint-adventure will happen on November 7-9, 2003 at the rustic Camp Fawcett. During this weekend everyone will be participating in great events such as knot-tying, dutch-oven cooking, outdoor games, pioneering, first aid, orienteering, and the best campfire program ever to be held at Camp Fawcett.

The opening campfire will be at 8:30 pm on Friday but you can check in as early as 4:00pm that day, but you have to bring your own meals for that day. All day Saturday each Webelos den will participate in activities that the Boy Scout Troops put on. The only breaks from the fun will be at Lunch and Dinner. After dinner, don't forget to go to the campfire and see all the funny skits. Sunday will start with a non-denominational Worship service before the groups pack up and head for home.

The Trading Post will be open all day Saturday. It has many neat things, and plenty of refreshments.

The whole weekend is just \$5.00 per person (youth or adult). T-Shirts are available through the Scout Office but they have to be **preordered and prepaid** by October 15th. There may be a few t-shirts available at camp on Saturday. If you need to be paired up with a Troop or need more information please contact the Council Office at (325) 655-7107 or toll free at 1 (800) 321-7107. E-mail is also available at bsa741@gte.net or check us out on the web at cvcbsa.org.

Have a Great Time!



PERMIAN BASIN CAMPOREE

On the Trail Camporee

The Great Permian Basin is hosting a Camporee October 10-12. The Camporee will be in Stiles, Texas. This is going to be a competition Camporee so uniforms and campsites will be inspected. The boys will be graded on their class A uniforms as soon as they arrive so 'Be Prepared.' Saturday while the Scouts are competing in other events the campsites will be visited several times to be inspected. Also, make sure your Patrol Flag is clean because it will be inspected too.

The events that are happening Saturday are life-saving bouy throw, the 3 man preparation and log saw, Archery, 4 man land snow shoe relay, the hatchet throw, BB rifle marksmanship, shot put throw, fire starting, and a compass activity. The Troops will perform skits at the Saturday night campfire. The awards for all events will be given Sunday.

The Camporee is just \$10.00 for Scouts and Adults. Restrooms and water will be provided on the 1200 acre pasture. So bring all your equipment and great ready to outshine all the other Troops. For more information call (800) 321-7107.

CUB-DAD 2003

BUGS! BUGS! BUGS! It's going to be a Bug's Life at this year's CUB-DAD. September 27-28 and October 4-5 are the dates set for this event and we are buzzing with excitement about the great time planned just for Cubbugs! Besides the opportunity to explore Camp Sol Mayer and hang out with Dear Ole Dad, Cubbugs will be able to practice their poison sting attack by shooting bows and arrows at the archery range. BB gun target practice will test their bug eyesight. And what would a trip to camp be without a trip through the worm pit? There will even be a creature crawl on Saturday to find the fastest bug in camp. Don't forget some of the other favorite camp pastimes like: catching grasshoppers to go fishing in the San Saba River, or horseshoes or washer tossing, and digging around for authentic artifacts., such as arrowheads or beads. Or you can try your hand in the craft center creating a unique treasure that you can take home to Mom.

Registration is just \$18 per person and includes a patch. T-shirts are available for only \$10 but you need to prepay by September 15th. Extra t-shirts may not be available. You can register as a Pack or as an individual but please pre-register before September 15th to ensure your place at this year's Cub-Dad. Spaces are limited so make your reservation today. For more information, or a list of what to bring, contact the Council Office at (325) 655-7107 or toll free at 1 (800) 321-7107. You can also check out our web site at cvcbsa.org.

WINTER CAMP

For the first time in many years, the Concho Valley Council will offer a Winter Camp December 27-31. This camp is designed to help Scouts work toward Eagle required merit badges. Most of the merit badges that are being offered are not offered at summer camp. Since the Scouts are out of school this time of year the winter camp is designed to give him something fun and exciting to do over Christmas break.

The Winter Camp will be held at Camp Sol Mayer, which is located by Ft. McKavett. Scouts are allowed to arrive and set up camp on December 26. The check-in will be December 27 at 8am. The first meal will be lunch that day.

The camp fee is \$100.00 per Scout. The fee covers meals, program materials, insurance, and the best part, a patch. An advance registration fee of \$25.00 must be into the Council Office by December 8th, with full payment in by December 22.

For more information please contact the Council Office at (800) 321-7107 or (325) 655-7107. Our email address is bsa741@gte.net. Registration will also be available on our website: cvcbsa.org.

MOM 'N ME 2004

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to see stars up close, learn about space, or want to build your own Space Derby racer then Mom 'n Me is for you. May 1-2 and 8-9 are the dates for space shuttle Sol Mayer's liftoff into the great unknown. All Cub astronauts and their rocket commanders will experience an out of this world adventure. The craft center will be the place to design and build your own space derby rocket and then you can test it out on our very own rocket launch facility. Astronauts must undergo very physical training to qualify for flight status so spend some time at our moon base obstacle training pad to help develop your muscles to prepare for the hardships of space travel.

Bring your spacesuits to camp so we can add the necessary components for your launch and moon walk. Astronauts train in water to prepare for the weightlessness of space, so get ready to train at our aquatics center to prepare yourself. There may be hostile life forms on the planet so make sure to attend the field sports training facility to qualify for laser (BB-guns) and particle emitter (Archery) practice. Remember, the Scout you save may be you!!!

All of this and a patch for just \$18 per person. T-shirts are available for only \$10 but you need to **prepay** by April 15th. Extra t-shirts may not be available. You can register as a Pack or as an individual but please pre-register before April 15th to ensure your place on our Rocket. Spaces are limited so make your reservation today. For more information contact the Council Office at (325) 655-7107 or toll free at (800) 321-7107. To infinity and beyond!!!



Brochures and Leader's Guides are available at the Council Office for every event listed in this newsletter.

Summer Camp 2004

Trail-Blazer Program

Summer Camp will undergo a complete overhaul to make it a whole new experience for 2004. Merit badges have been added, others deleted. The RAGE (older boy) program has become the West Texas Ranch Adventure, and the First Class Quest has become The Trail-Blazer Program.

Each of these changes has been made with the Scout in mind. There will be more of a focus on occupying the boys' time and helping them along the advancement trail.

Some things won't change. Scouts and Leaders will still enjoy great food in the dining hall. Canoeing, fishing and hanging out on the banks of the beautiful San Saba river will still be some of camp's favorite pastimes.

Staff week will be May 30—June 5 followed by three weeks of camp; June 6-12, 13-19 and 20-26. Reservations are starting to come in and with the changes in the program we are anticipating a full camp all three weeks. Pick your week, select your favorite campsite and get your reservation in as soon as possible for Summer Camp 2004 at Camp Sol Mayer. Reservations can be made by phone to the service center at 325-655-7107 or toll free 800-321-7107.

Here is an overview of the new Trailblazer and the West Texas Ranch Adventure programs:

Our Trail-Blazer program is an exciting week long introduction to Scouting for all those who have not yet completed the requirements for First Class rank. Trail-Blazers will learn basic skills in an environment of fun and cooperation. Teamwork is emphasized along with team spirit. The Trail-Blazer program will be led by older, experienced Scouts. We also encourage Troop Leaders to get involved in this program. Each Scout will be assigned to a Patrol and will be supervised from 8:30 until 11:50 and again from 1:30 until 4:50.

The Trail-Blazers will work on achievements necessary for ranks up to First Class. In addition, all Scouts in the Trail-Blazer program will work on the Swimming and First Aid Merit Badges, and the Totin' Chip. The highlight of the week will be the Ft. McKavett Trek where Scouts will participate in an evening hike to historic Ft. McKavett and stay overnight in the Buffalo Soldiers bunkhouse. They will enjoy a tour of the fort followed by a campfire program. Morning will begin with reveille, breakfast, a service project and a hike back to camp, qualifying each Scout for the Ft. McKavett medal and the Historic Trails award.

West Texas Ranch Adventure

The West Texas Ranch Adventure is a ranch-based, off-camp program designed for advanced campers, ages 14-18, that have done everything at camp before.

Each Scout will be assigned his own horse to ride and take care of along the trail. After mastering the art of riding, the crew will depart from Camp Sol Mayer and will spend each night at a different ranch and one night in one of the Fort McKavett barracks built in the 1800's. Six nights, six ranches, any questions?

The adventure will include an opportunity to round up sheep, cattle and goats, first hand experience working on a wildlife ranch including feeding, scoring and management of elk, black buck, fallow, axis and whitetail deer, experience in predator calling and shooting sport competition, goat roping, swimming in the San Saba River and ranch tanks and river barge fishing. Chuck wagon grub will include wild game meals prepared at the headquarters of the ranches, pancakes, hamburgers, Dutch oven deserts, homemade cookies and more.

The West Texas Ranch Adventure has a limited number of slots available each week, so register early.

2005 National Scout Jamboree

The 2005 Jamboree will be July 21-August 3 in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. 36 Scouts and 4 Leaders are representing the Concho Valley Council. Requirements to be in the Troop are the Scout must be at least 12 and have earned his 1st class by July 1, 2005 but not have reached his 18th birthday before September 1, 2005. Approval must come from a Scoutmaster or Post Advisor and from the Council. You also have to be active in a Troop for at least 6 months prior to July 1, 2005. There is a special application for the Jamboree Troop places.

Once you arrive in Washington, D.C. there will be a 3day tour of many places, such as the Smithsonian Institute, The Capitol, the FBI Headquarters, and the Pentagon. Then on July 25th, you will travel to Fort A.P. Hill for the Jamboree and the real fun will begin.

The Jamboree fee will be about \$1,900. This covers all transportation, tours, admission fees, meals, lodging, Troop and Patrol equipment, insurance, and Pre-Jamboree training. A deposit of \$50.00 is due with the completed application form. The remaining fee will be divided into equal payments with the final payment due May, 2005.

For applications, or more information please contact the Council office at (800) 321-7107 or (325) 655-7107. You can also check our Website at cvbsa.org

Philmont 2004 Expedition

All the slots are full with a few alternates waiting but now is the best time to think about going in 2005.

Philmont is an adventure that every boy should experience. Towering peaks-two miles high throw down a mighty challenge that means rugged he-man adventure in the tradition of the mountain man! You can backpack for 12 days into the towering Rocky Mountains and survive on your outdoor skills. It means doing more, and going farther, than you thought you could. It's a chance to discover yourself on this 214 square mile mountain range.

Registered Scouts have to be at least 14 by January 1 of the year they plan to go, have achieved the rank of first class, and be in good physical condition to go on the trek. Participation in the pre-Philmont training and a high-adventure medical form are also required.

The fee is \$525.00, this covers Philmont fees, meals, crew equipment, and pre-Philmont training. Any transportation cost will be extra.

Call the office at (800) 321-7107 or (325) 655-7107 to reserve a spot in 2005 or to get more information. There is an application form that must be filled out and turned in with a \$50.00 deposit. The slots are first come first serve.

West Texas Rendezvous

Over 2,500 Boy Scouts and leaders will gather at San Angelo State Park, near San Angelo, Texas on the Weekend of April 23-25, 2004 to participate in a 4 council "Scouting Jamboree".

This event is part of the 94th anniversary celebration of the Scouts in Central and West Texas. Under the theme "Rekindle the Spirit", Scouts will participate in patrol events which reflect the skill of the program. These events will include first aid, knots, lashing, compass, group cooperation, physical fitness, climbing, challenge, and patriotism.

There will be many exhibits. Plans include Mountain Men, Texas Army, Indian Village, Armed Services, Border Patrol, Archery, Motor Boating, Radio Control planes and boats, and some commercial exhibits.

A participation fee of \$ 6.00 paid by April 10, 2004 will include all awards and a participation emblem. Participant fee at the gate will be \$ 8.00 per person. There will be no fee for visitors. Extra event emblems will be available for purchase at the Rendezvous Trading Post.

San Angelo State Park is located about 2 miles West of San Angelo, off Highway 2288 on the shores of Lake O. C. Fisher.

2004 West Texas Rendezvous marks the fifth time for the event.

Eagle Scouts-January to July 2003

In order of receipt

Name	Parents	Town	Troop
Warren Wallace	David and Beth Wallace	Sonora	19
Benjamin Miller	Curtis Miller	San Angelo	363
James Vaughan	Tom and Polly Vaughan	San Angelo	6
Wesley Smith	Wesley and Nancy Smith	San Angelo	332
Kyle Morgan	Mark and Deborah Morgan	Del Rio	280
Adrian Garcia	Jerry and Elma Garcia	Del Rio	280
Andrew Garcia	Jerry and Elma Garcia	Del Rio	280
Kyle Carr	Beth and Terry Carr	Fort Stockton	54
Scott Kelso	John Kelso	San Angelo	1
David Adkins	Russell Adkins	Sonora	19
Walter Snyder	Gerald H. Snyder, Jr	San Angelo	20
Ryan Schmidt	Bobby and Kenny Schmidt	Brady	402
Ryan Thiers	Kathy Thiers	Mertzon	116
Elih Mattison	Kenneth Mattison	Laughlin AFB	272
Jeffery Tipps II	Lydia M. Tipps	Brackettville	257
Reese Schwiening	Rick and Vickie Schwiening	Eldorado	18
Jeffrey Bybee	Robert Bybee	Eldorado	18
Kolby Dombroski	Joe and Tammy Dombroski	Eldorado	18
Travis Joiner	Shirley and Wayne Joiner	Eldorado	18
Monte King	Kim and Robin King	Brady	425
Andrew Daniels	Kurt and Rita Daniels	Laughlin AFB	280
Tyler McGaughey	Cheryl McGaughey & Don McComas	San Angelo	374
Manzy Lowry	Liz Harlan	Ballinger	430
William Harper II	Ray and Delilah Harper	San Angelo	1
Chester Husk III	Chester and Stephanie Husk	San Angelo	20
Steven Jones	Roy R. Jones	San Angelo	20
Robert Mapel	Ron Mapel	San Angelo	1
David Pedersen	Martin Pedersen	San Angelo	9
Kurt Farris	Hollis and Katherine Farris	San Angelo	9
Nathaniel Shouse	Mr and Mrs Frank Shouse	San Angelo	9
Collyn Brown	Michael and Debra Brown	San Angelo	1
Melvin 'Glenn' Conner, Jr.	Melvin and Linda Conner	Ozona	153
Benny Garcia	Karal L. Garcia	San Angelo	313
Evan Clayson	Rick and Rozanne Clayson	San Angelo	313
Ernest Lunderville	Juanita Lunderville	Del Rio	271
Andrew Rahaman	Nazeer and Chantalle Rahaman	Knippa	277
Elio Perez	Janie Perez	San Angelo	7
Joel Cryer	Judy Cryer	San Angelo	313

CONCHO VALLEY COUNCIL

Council President Joe Hoelle
Commissioner..... Roy Dudley
Scout Executive Carl Cummins
Assistant Scout Executive . Dennis Luellen

Calendar

August

28 Executive Committee Mtg.
 30-31 Camp Sol Mayer Closed
 31 Boy Scout Shoot-Out

September

1 Labor Day, Office Closed
 18 Executive Board Mtg.
 22 Popcorn Sales Kickoff
 27-28 Cub Dad, Camp Sol Mayer

October

4-5 Cub Dad, Camp Sol Mayer
 17-19 OA Fall Ordeal, Camp Fawcett
 30 Executive Committee Mtg.

November

5 Popcorn Orders Due to Council
 7 Silver Beaver Nominations Due
 7-9 Webelos Woods, Camp Fawcett
 14-15 Popcorn Delivery
 20 Council Annual Business Mtg.
 27-28 Thanksgiving, Office Closed
 27-30 Camp Sol Mayer Closed

December

5 Popcorn Money Due
 18 Executive Committee Mtg.
 24-26 Christmas, Office Closed
 27-31 Winter Camp, Camp Sol Mayer

Annual Volunteer Council Recognition Banquet

Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 5:30 PM the Concho Valley Council will recognize its outstanding volunteers for their dedication to serving young people through Scouting. The recognition dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 37 East Beauregard in San Angelo. The awards will include event and activity leadership certificates and plaques, Eagle Scouts, Veteran recognition, Distinguished Commissioner Awards, and the Silver Beaver award. Silver Beaver nominations are due to the council service center by Friday, November 7, 2003. Unit leaders, District and Council Committees, and the Executive Board members will be recognized. All leaders of dens, packs, troops, crews, and posts as well as district and council volunteers are invited.

The dinner will be a 'POT LUCK' dinner. The council will provide the main course, bread, tea, coffee, water, and dinnerware. Each participating family is requested to provide two dishes (vegetable, salad and or dessert.)

The cost is only \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of the main course, drinks, tableware, decorations, and recognition. Please, pre-register today so that the Council can plan accordingly.

CHANGES AROUND THE CONCHO VALLEY COUNCIL

We have seen a lot of changes around the Concho Valley Council in the last several months. Personnel changes, camping changes, new program features. Even the name of the newsletter has changed. All of these changes are meant to be in the best interest of everyone in the council. There are still more changes to come.

Recently a marketing consultant volunteered some time to the council to help develop a marketing plan to help the council spread the good news of Scouting. Since marketing involves just about everything we say or do from how we answer the phone to the way we communicate with volunteers or to the media, we asked this consultant to take a good look at our council and tell us where we could do better.

You may have noticed some changes already, like the title of District Executive changing to Unit Serving Executive. This one makes perfect sense, after all what do the executives do? They serve the units in their districts.

After looking at a map of our council, the consultant asked "Why is it called the Concho Valley Council when only one-third lies in the Concho Valley." We shared the story of the merger in 1937 and how the name came to be, but still we were asked "why not change the name to more completely reflect the geographic boundaries and makeup of the council?". Good question.

Here are three suggestions for a new council name:

- The Southwest Texas Council**
- The Tejas Council**
- The Greater Southwest Texas Council**

Please take time to call the service center (another change) and let us know which one you prefer, or do you have another suggestion? The decision will be announced at the annual recognition banquet January 10, 2004.

AMANGI TRAIL DISTRICT

District Chairman Joe Gibson
 District Commissioner Frank Berthold
 Unit Serving Executive Matt Vercher
vercher169@yahoo.com

September	
4	District Committee Meeting
11	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Cub & Scout Roundtables
13	Basic Leader Training
16 & 18	Basic Leader Training
23	AT Popcorn Kickoff
October	
2	District Committee Meeting
9	OA Chapter Meeting
9	Cub & Scout Roundtable
10	Venturing San Angelo After Dark
25	Leader Specific Training
November	
6	District Committee Meeting
13	OA Chapter Meeting
13	Cub & Scout Roundtables
15	Popcorn Delivery San Angelo
December	
4	District Committee Meeting
11	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Cub & Scout Roundtables

PERMIAN BASIN DISTRICT

District Chairman Jim Miles
 Commissioner Mike Bahm
 Unit Serving Executive Michael Mitchell
TxWarthog@aol.com

September	
4	District Committee Meeting Ft Stockton 6 pm
13	Cub Leader Training
22	Ozona Popcorn Kickoff
23	Sonora Popcorn Kickoff
25	Ft Stockton Popcorn Kickoff
October	
2	District Committee Meeting Fort Stockton 7 pm
10-12	District Camporee Big Lake
25	Cub Leader Training Council Office
November	
6	District Committee Meeting Fort Stockton 6 pm
14	Popcorn Delivery Sonora 4 pm
15	Popcorn Delivery Ft. Stockton 9 am
December	
4	District Committee Meeting Fort Stockton 6 pm

AMISTAD DISTRICT

District Chairman Tom Lee
 Commissioner Steve Moynihan
 Unit Serving Executive Gerardo Martinez
gmartjct@kfc.com

September	
4	Cub & Scout Roundtable /OA Mtg.
13	Basic Leader Training Del Rio
15	District Committee Meeting
23	Popcorn Kickoff Del Rio
25	Popcorn Kickoff Uvalde
October	
2	Cub & Scout Roundtable/OA Mtg.
10-12	District Camporee Camp Fawcett
25	Leader Specific Training Uvalde
November	
6	Cub & Scout Roundtable /OA Mtg.
14	Popcorn Delivery Del Rio 9 am
15	Popcorn Delivery Uvalde 9 am
17	District Committee Meeting
December	
4	Cub & Scout Roundtable /OA Mtg.
15	District Committee Meeting

Welcome Back Mr. Martinez

You've heard the expression, "I've got good news and bad news"? Well the bad news is that due to personal reasons Nicky Martinez has resigned from the Boy Scouts and has gone back to Wichita Falls to be with his family. We wish Nicky the very best in his future pursuits.

The good news is that we are welcoming back Gerardo Martinez to the position of Unit Serving Executive for the Amistad District. Gerardo served the district from 1989 until 1993 and was then transferred to the East Texas Area Council where he worked for another year or so. Gerardo left the Boy Scouts in 1994 and has been living in Junction and working for the State of Texas in the Department of Social Services. He and his family will remain in Junction for this school year so his High School Senior son can play football and graduate. Then the Martinez family will relocate south, somewhere inside the district. Gerardo brings a lot of experience to the district and remembers many of the volunteers who are still working hard to bring the Boy Scout program to the youth of the district. Gerardo can be reached through the council service center at 1-800-321-7107 or on his cell phone at 830-703-6343. Please take time to welcome Gerardo back to Scouting and back to the Amistad District.

More Changes

You may have noticed an omission of any references to the Winter Garden District in the story above. This is not a mistake. The Council Executive Committee voted last month to merge the two districts back into one service area to make it easier to serve by one Executive.

The Joys of Email

It has occurred to us that the Great Permian Basin District does not have a current e-mail list for all leaders and committee members for our units. This list would be a tremendous help to the council and the District committee. We would like all leaders and committee members to email (if you have the capability) Mike Mitchell so he can start a new e-mail list. E-mail him at TxWarthog@aol.com. You may also use this address to keep in touch with Mike.

Enter Some New Volunteers

The Great Permian Basin District would like to welcome two new volunteers to the district, Mike Bahm and Wayne Byrd, both of Big Lake.

Mike Bahm has taken on the responsibility of Scoutmaster of Troop 58 and District Commissioner for the Permian Basin. He is a Silver Beaver Recipient, Wood-badged trained, and has served on several committees in the Sam Houston Area Council.

Wayne Byrd joined scouting in May of 2003. Wayne is the middle school principal in Big Lake, his enthusiasm and outstanding personality is something we could not overlook. Wayne is already planning our Fall Camporee (Oct. 10,11,12 in Big Lake) and is our membership chairman for Big Lake and surrounding areas.

If you know anyone like Wayne or Mike in your town please let Mike Mitchell know. Due to the distance and time constraints in this district he is trying a new idea where each town has a community committee. These committees will help the District and Council committee keep in touch with each town. We need about three to five people in each town to make this plan work. E-mail Mike with ideas or questions at TxWarthog@aol.com



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Religious Recognition Programs

Religious recognition programs are available for Cub and Boy Scouts of all faiths. The religious groups, not the Boy Scouts of America, have created the programs. There are two to six levels available; one for every level of scouting.

The program is optional and achieved through the religious organization, who also awards the medal. The workbooks are available at the scout shop or they may be in the religious organization's library. The program may take three or more months to complete, depending on the program.

The silver knot on purple cloth is the knot that accompanies the medal. There are also medals that may be worn on the uniform, for important occasions, above the knot.

A religious emblem is highly revered by the Boy Scouts of America. Call the scout office for a Duty to God pamphlet or program workbooks.

God and Me Recipients (Grades 1-3)

Cub or Scout	City	Pack	Religious Organization
Kevin Bowers	Junction	420	Junction First UMC
Hunter Haby	San Angelo	007	Trinity Lutheran

God and Family (Grades 4-5)

Cub or Scout	City	Pack	Religious Organization
Tanner Boyd	San Angelo	005	Tree Of Life
Ethan Durham	Del Rio	222	First United Methodist
Samuel Herring	Junction	420	First Baptist
Wilson Webb	Fort Stockton	154	First Presbyterian

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