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White Buffalo News

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Abilene, TX

White Buffalo District Leadership:

District Chairman

vacant

District Commissioner

John Dearing, D.V.M.

Senior District Executive

Alan E. Eggleston

District VC of Finance

Xavier Villarreal

District VC of Program

vacant

District VC of Membership

vacant

Adv. Committee Chair

Doug Allmand

Camping Committee Chair

vacant

Civic Activities

Committee Chair

BJ Pollan

Training Committee Chair

vacant

Roundtable Commissioner

Boy Scout

Jimmy Thomas

Roundtable Commissioner

Cub Scout

Melissa Woodard

If you or someone you know has the abilities needed for the open Committee positions, please contact John Dearing or Alan Eggleston at the Scout Service Center.

District Plans Cub Scout Family Campout at Tonkawa

Plans are underway to hold the White Buffalo District Cub Scout Family Campout, May 12-14, 2006, at Camp Tonkawa near Buffalo Gap. Cost is \$25 per Cub and adult, with additional Cubs costing \$5. Deadline to receive early bird fees is May 1, with prices increasing after that date. Steven Goats is the chairman, and has put together a great weekend of fun and activities for Cub Scouts of our District. For more information, contact Alan Eggleston at 325-677-2688.

Welcome Alan Eggleston to White Buffalo District

Alan comes to Abilene from Jacksonville, Florida, and has served Scouting for the past 10 years in South Bend and Evansville, Indiana, and Jacksonville, Florida.

Alan and his wife Shannon have 4 children, ages 21, 19, 12 and 11, and they attend the S. 7th and Locust Street Church of Christ.

Alan is an Eagle Scout 1972, Vigil member of the OA 1975, District Award of Merit recipient 1981 and completed his Woodbadge in 1976.

Welcome to Abilene, Alan!

White Buffalo/Double Mountain Districts hold Fun Day at McMurry University

Mark your calendars for April 23rd. It will be held at McMurry University football field, with registration beginning at 1:30pm and events beginning at 2:00pm.

Cost is \$3 per Cub Scout, and patches are guaranteed for the first 100 Cub scouts who attend. Be sure to arrive early!

For more information, contact Melissa Woodard at 325-672-5497.

Boy Scout Resident Camp Registration in Full Swing!

If you have not yet registered your unit for summer camp, now is the time to make your intentions known. Camps are filling up, and every boy deserves an opportunity to go to camp, earn some merit badges, and have fun while learning about getting along with others in camp, making goals for his future Scouting advancement, and just getting out in the woods and sunshine!

Cost for 2006 is \$170 per boy. You are allowed 1 free leader for every 10 boys, and additional leaders are \$85 each. You must have 2 adults in camp at all times, according to BSA policy of 2-deep leadership. There may be scholarship funds available for those in need.

For more information, contact the Scout office at 325-677-2688 or Les Zimmerman, Camp Director, at 325-660-4928. A deposit of \$50 is required.

Summer camp can be a great tool for your troop. It can help solidify your youth leaders, and puts into practice what you have prepared for all year. This is also a great time to train your new youth leaders for the fall, practice Scout skills, or even have troop committee meetings out in the great outdoors.

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PINEWOOD DERBY TO BE HELD MARCH 18 AT MALL OF ABILENE

Come one, come all Cub Scouts to the Mall of Abilene to participate in the Texas Trails Council Pinewood Derby. You can register at the Mall between 9:30-11:00am, and judging begins at 11am. The races will begin after judging.

Cost is \$3 per car, and must be newly made for the 2006 season. Award will be for the top 3 in each division, and for the top 4 cars in the Championship race. There are also awards for design. You must be registered no later than 11am to compete in design.

Only official BSA cars are eligible to compete, and be 5 oz. or less. Judges decisions are FINAL.

SPORTING CLAYS EVENT NEEDS YOUR HELP

Sporting Clays is a fundraising event we host that involves trap and skeet shooting to help raise money for program and activities our Scouts need and deserve.

We are asking for volunteers to help both on Friday and Saturday, and you need to be over 18 years old, wear your uniform, and be willing to help where needed.

To volunteer your time, please contact Alan Eggleston at 325-677-2688.

ZOO OVERNIGHTER NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION!

So far, only one family is signed up for the Zoo Overnighter to be held March 31-April 1 at the Abilene Zoo. Cost is \$32 per youth, and \$22 per adult. A minimum of 15 youth and 5 adults are required to have this event. You must pre-register no later than March 29 or it will be cancelled.

Activities include education classes, dinner (pizza and drinks), breakfast and making an enrichment item for a group of animals.

You will need to bring a sleeping bag and personal items (medication in original bottles, please), and a physical form for everyone attending.

For more info, please contact the Scout Office at 325-677-2688.

WHITE BUFFALO BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE COMING UP SOON!

Snell's Fish Farm is the place to be on April 7-9, 2006! The annual District Boy Scout Camporee will feature fishing for catfish, cleaning and cooking them up, and other events designed to let your Boy Scouts have some fun before summer camp.

If you catch the fish, you must purchase them according to health codes. Cost is \$1.75 lb. if you clean them, or \$2.05 lb. if they clean them.

For more information, please contact Alan Eggleston at 325-677-2688. Registration deadline is March 24.