

White Buffalo District Leadership:

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Roundtable Commissioner
Boy Scout—
Jimmy Thomas

Roundtable Commissioner
Cub Scout—
Donna Yost

If you or someone you know has the abilities needed for the two open Committee positions, please contact Blair Haynie or Phillip Terry.

Texas Trails Council

Commissioner's Corner

As we enter the season of Christmas and fellowshiping with loved ones, let us also remember our Scouting family. We share good and bad times with this Scouting family all year long; at events, camping, meetings, and community activities. Let us remember that we are here for one reason: to see our boys grow

up to be men of character and honor.

During this time of joy and celebration with our families, let us remember to "Do a Good Turn Daily" for our fellow man. We are blessed with every moment we have with friends and family, so treat one another with the love and respect that God has shown each of

us.

I pray that each and every one of you have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year celebration.

From my Scouting family to yours;

--Trevor Thuett

Introducing Phillip Terry, WB District Executive

Phillip Terry was born in Widbly Island, WA.

He grew up in Abilene, Texas, attending Abilene High School. Phillip received his Eagle Rank in 1994.

From 1989-1998, Phillip worked on Summer Camp staff teaching Small Boat Sailing and also teaching non-swimmers to swim.

He was in the US Army and the Texas Army Guard. He is a Commercial rated pilot in both Single and Multi

Engine aircraft, with flight instructor privileges including over 3000 hours of flight time.

Phillip graduated from Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, in 2004.

From the Top

Have you every listened to National Public Radio?

They have a program called "From the Top". They travel around the United States produce live broadcasts of young people with musical

talents. I would like any and all Scouters who play a musical instrument or sing, to submit an application to be on the broadcast.

The local date for "From the Top" is Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at the Abilene Historic Paramount Theater.

The web page to apply is www.fromthetop.org.

Let's support our fellow musicians.

--Phillip Terry



Tonkawa/Billy Gibbons Christmas Tree

In the foyer of the Abilene Scout Office, we will have a Gift Tree with needed items to supply both Council camps. Please take a second to stop by the Gift Tree and see if there is an item your family or individual Scout would like to help purchase for supply inventory at the camps.

There will be tags of all the needed items on the tree. When you see something you would like to supply, write your name in the ledger. Leave the tag on the tree for the next person to come by. If you want to purchase more than one of a specific item, indicate how many by completing that

number of lines in the ledger book.

Think of our camps as you are doing your last second Christmas shopping.

These items are things needed year-round and Santa Claus is always welcome!

Roundtable Roundup

Cub Scout Roundtable Information

Spreading the News! Cub leaders, do you have problems with information getting out to all your parents? Do you find yourself saying the same things over and over again to the same people? Are you frustrated that you call people and they still say they "didn't know about that event"?

We will deal with getting the information out in a fun and concise manner to your pack during December Roundtable. We'll look at some sample newsletters in different formats to see what might work for your pack.

For the Webelo leaders, we will talk about the Arrow of Light award, and how to make that a very memorable event for your scouts. After all, it is the

highest award a Cub Scout can earn, and what a morale booster for the younger scouts!

Oh, by the way...we will also do some sample Blue Gold banquet centerpieces, invitations, decorations, etc., etc. You remember the Blue Gold Banquet...one of the major highlights of the Cub Scout year...that causes a lot of stress for many committee chairs!

Wow, we will be busy so you don't want to miss any of the next roundtables!

Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions, problems, solutions or ideas you want addressed at Roundtable.

Donna Yost, (h) 695-9370
or e-mail:
dyost@fcpc.net.

Boy Scout Roundtable Information

December's schedule is for discussion on Junior Leader Training.

Our Troops are only as good as the weakest leader, so why not have our Scouts properly trained?

I would ask all leaders to come prepared to discuss your methods of Junior Leader Training. Also, come with a list of questions. Another leader may have the answer!

If your Scoutmaster cannot attend the Roundtable, please send a representative. We've had some excellent discussions in the recent months, and it is due to the involvement of the units.

--Jimmy Thomas
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December Roundtable Topics:

Boy Scout:
Junior Leader Training

Cub Scout:
Communication,
Arrow of Light,
Blue/Gold Banquet

St. Paul UMC
525 Beech
(North entrance)

6:45 pm Meal
7:00 pm Meeting

District and Council Awards Deadline Set

Every year, several awards are given to deserving Scouters in our District and Council.

Following is just a partial list of awards. Please go by the Council office and they will be happy to help you obtain the appropriate nomination form(s). The nomination deadline is Friday, December 31.

Unit Camping Awards

Twelve Month Camping Award

Winter Camping Award

National Camping Award

Unit Scouter Award

Every unit has someone who goes out of his/her way for their unit. The District Committee would like to thank these people for the efforts in their unit. Therefore, the Unit Committee is asked to nominate one person who should be recognized.

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is a Council award presented by the District. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the District level. The nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of

Scouting, or both. The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or a fraction thereof.

Silver Beaver

The Silver Beaver Award is one of the more prestigious awards made by the Boy Scouts of America. The award is presented by the National Boy Scouts and is the highest award that a local Council can bestow on a volunteer for rendering outstanding service to Scout youth.

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people within a BSA local council.



December Events

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WB District Committee

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OA Tribal Council
Scout Office

23
Scout office
closes at Noon

8
Popcorn Money Due

24
Scout Office Closed for
Christmas

9
WB Roundtable
St. Paul UMC

27-31
Scout Office Closed
for Inventory

15
Deadline
McM MB College



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**Deadline for January
issue is**

**Friday,
December 17!**

Seeking Troops/Scouts for Summertime Adventure

Boy Scout Troop 228 would like to do a special summer trip, but our small size makes that difficult. Therefore, we would like to ask if there are any other smaller troops that would like to join in.

The initial idea would be an easy, week-long touring trip to destination(s) to be determined. Probable dates would be July 23-30, 2005 (Saturday to Saturday).

Possible destinations could be the mountains of New Mexico or Colorado; the Texas coast; or as far east as the Mississippi River.

Possible attractions: Stop at Philmont or the Pike's Peak/Colorado Springs area; a ride on a narrow-gauge mountain railroad; mountain or forest backpacking; Padre Island, the aircraft carrier Lexington and a tour of NASA; hunting diamonds in Arkansas; visiting Vicksburg Civil War battlefield or other historic sites; horseback riding and/or river tubing.

The trip could also go heavily into backpacking, canoeing or similar activities.

All these ideas are preliminary and subject to change based on the group's desires. Other

input would also be welcome.

By camping all the way, group cost could be held to around \$150 per person (barring a big jump in fuel prices or a pricey side trip), plus personal spending money.

It would be nice to know the level of interest by late January. A lot of planning would have to be done, but the rewards could be excellent. (I've planned these type trips before, by the way.)

If any troops (or individual Scouts or adults) would be interested, contact Carl Kieke, (325) 673-3552; kiecec@reporternews.com

