

## White Buffalo District Leadership:

**District Chairman**  
Blair Haynie, P.E.

**District Commissioner**  
Trevor Thuett, P.E.

**District Executive**  
Phillip Terry

**District VC of Finance**  
Danny Brown

**District VC of Program**  
John Dearing, D.V.M.

**District VC of Membership**  
NEEDED

**Adv. Committee Chair**  
Doug Allmand

**Camping Committee Chair**  
NEEDED

**Civic Activities  
Committee Chair**  
BJ Pollan

**Training Committee Chair**  
NEEDED

**Roundtable Commissioner  
Boy Scout—**  
Jimmy Thomas

**Roundtable Commissioner  
Cub Scout—**  
Donna Yost

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

## Texas Trails Council

### White Buffalo District Awards Banquet

Thursday  
January 20, 2005

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
525 Beech  
(enter on north side of church)

\$5.50 per person

To be presented:

District Award of Merit, Twelve Month Camping  
Winter Camping, High Flyer  
2004 District Eagle Scouts  
and more....

## Commissioner's Corner

### What is a Unit Commissioner?

(Continued from previous months)

A unit commissioner is the quality control officer who coaches unit adults toward success.

To help our units succeed, a unit commissioner assists the unit in the following\*:

1. Visit unit meetings to observe the unit in action, assesses its special needs, and

determines ways to help each unit succeed.

2. Regularly visits the unit leader to listen and offer encouragement, and provides appropriate support.

3. Helps in developing a good relationship between unit leaders and chartered organization leaders.

The above list only touches the surface of ways a unit commissioner can get involved with units. I will share more with you all, but I will have to save those for the month's to come.

--Trevor Thuett

\*Listed responsibilities provided by "Highlights for Unit Commissioners...an Overview"

## 2005 Summer Camp

The 2005 Texas Trails Council summer camp CD will be available in your Leader's Packet at the McMurry Merit Badge College. If your Troop is not attending the Merit Badge College, a copy will be mailed to the Scoutmaster. The information can also be downloaded from the Texas Trails website. This CD is action packed with all forms needed and new pricing.

Remember, a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is needed to secure your campsite for summer 2005 at Billy Gibbons and Tonkawa. Campsites will fill up quickly, so get your deposits in soon.

Summer Camp Staff—If you have not completed your application and turned it in to the Abilene service center, you need to get that in ASAP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Roundtable Roundup

### Cub Scout Roundtable Information

January's Cub Scout Roundtable Theme is "It's a Scouting Celebration!"

It's that time of the year again! We will be talking more about Blue Gold banquets, and since this is the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting, we'll want a doosie of a celebration!

We'll make some decorations for your tables, talk about ceremonies and build a marshmallow bridge! We'll also get some ideas for Leader Recognition awards.

Questions??...we'll try to answer them. Fun...we'll have it! Don't miss Roundtable this month.

--Donna Yost

### Boy Scout Roundtable Information

How many times have you heard, "But the boy is in Middle or High School. They won't want to join Boy Scouts..."

Have you asked the *boy*?

The January Boy Scout Roundtable will be "How to Increase Troop Membership in Three Easy Steps."

For instance:

1. Invite—Pick a method to invite youth and adults to an event such as a campout, a Troop open house, etc. A written format is best.

2. Who to Invite—Any youth that might enjoy the program. All Scouts have friends that are not in the program that if asked, would come. Also, adults are the same way. Invite

any boys that have become inactive with a letter.

3. Have a Program in the Troop—Also Ask, Ask. BSA did a study in 2004 that showed with all the different activities for youth and adults, it takes almost 8 times asking before they will join.

Don't forget, the meal begins at 6:45pm. The meeting will get underway at 7:00pm.

Donations are always appreciated. So far, the donations have covered all the meal supplies.

Also, we need Troops to sign up to help prepare the meals and provide childcare for the children of leaders who attend Roundtable.

--Jimmy Thomas

### January Roundtable Topics:

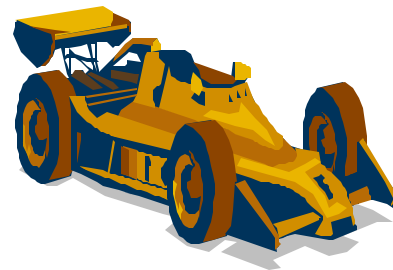
**Boy Scout:**  
Troop Membership

**Cub Scout:**  
Blue Gold Banquet

**St. Paul UMC**  
**525 Beech**  
(North entrance)

**6:45 pm Meal**  
**7:00 pm Meeting**

## WB District Pinewood Derby



**When:**  
Saturday, January 29

**Who:**

Tigers, Wolves, Bears  
and Webelos

Every registered Cub Scout of the Texas Trails Council may race in this event, regardless of results on the unit level.

**Cost:**

Entry fee is \$3 per car, payable at registration on event date.

**Location:**

Enterprise Building  
(Bank of America)  
500 Chestnut

**Registration:**

WOLF & BEAR divisions:  
8:15am – 9:00am  
RACE TIME: 9-10am

**Registration:**

TIGER & WEBELOS  
divisions:  
10:15am – 11:00am  
RACE TIME:  
11am-Noon

**GRAND CHAMPION  
RACE:**

Immediately following the  
final division races  
(approx. 12:15pm)

**Prizes:**

Medals will be presented  
to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for  
the three fastest cars in

each division. These  
same top three cars from  
each of the four divisions  
will compete in the Grand  
Champion race.

Trophies will be awarded  
to the top three cars of the  
Grand Champion race.

Participation ribbons will  
be awarded to all racing  
participants.

Anyone interested in  
working this event please  
contact the Scout Office  
(677-2688).

Track/Crews/Judges  
needed.

## Texas Trails Council Pine Wood Derby Rules

**These rules are for all district  
events and Council Events  
Effective 12/13/ 2004**

All cars must pass the  
following inspection to qualify  
for the race:

1. Width shall not exceed 2-1/4 inches.
2. Length shall not exceed 7 inches.
3. Weight shall not exceed 5 ounces.
4. Axles, wheels, and body shall be from the materials provided in the kit.
5. Wheel bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
6. No lubricating oil may be used. Axles may be lubricated with powdered graphite or silicone.
7. The car shall not ride on any kind of spring.
8. The car must be free-wheeling, with no starting devices
9. No loose materials of any kind are allowed in the car.
10. Previous year cars are not eligible to race.
11. The original wood block must show through on the vehicle's underside. Judges may scrape the bottom to verify material used.
12. No loose materials of any kind are permitted on the vehicle. If an accessory falls off, it will not be reattached.
13. **No FULL AXLES ALLOWED.** Wheel shape and/or structure **MAY NOT** be modified except to sand off the casting ridge.
14. Only 1 vehicle per Scout can be registered and raced.
15. All cars start with noses even (no notches to gain advantage).
16. ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

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**Texas Trails Council**

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**Deadline for February  
issue is:**

**Sunday,  
January 23!**

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### January Events

**6**  
WB District Committee  
Abilene Council Office

**8**  
McMurry  
Merit Badge College  
#1

**13**  
WB Roundtable  
St. Paul UMC

**14-16**  
Penateka  
Winter Fellowship @  
Camp Tonkawa

**20**  
White Buffalo District  
Awards Banquet  
St. Paul UMC

**22**  
McMurry  
Merit Badge College  
#2

**29**  
White Buffalo District  
Pinewood Derby

**30**  
Penateka LEC

