

White Buffalo District Leadership:

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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 Logan McGill.

Texas Trails Council

It's Popcorn Time Again!

Show & Sell

Show & Sell is off to a blazing start. Our district has had Troops and Packs at various locations in Abilene and many have reported vigorous sales. Keep it up! Everyone from the consumer to the Council benefits from your hard work.

Remember, the due date for Show & Sell popcorn money is Tuesday, October 26.

District Popcorn Kickoff

"Take Order" popcorn sales kick off on Saturday, October 2. The Council office is sending out a mailout to all registered Scouts from Tiger through the sixth grade.

Troops and Packs may pick up their popcorn packets from the Council office at this time, however, you may not start selling until the official start date.

Important Popcorn Dates

10/02	Popcorn Kickoff
10/26	S&S popcorn money due
11/10	Take Order popcorn orders due
11/19	Pick up Take Order popcorn
12/08	Take Order popcorn money due

Akela's Kiva—New Leader Essentials

This is the training you've been waiting for. This is the training you've been wanting. This is the training you need.

How do you lead a den of Cub Scouts? How do you help a patrol of Boy Scouts grow to their potential? "What do you mean you want me to become a Committee member?" "Cubmaster? Who? Me?"

Leading a pack or den of Cub Scouts or a Troop or Patrol of Boy Scouts is not hard. Being a Committee member who brings the

right support and direction to the Pack or Troop is essential to long term success in your group. You don't have to know everything. Scouting has proven methods, tricks, and tools of the trade.

Akela's Kiva is where you get the knowledge to become a bigger success. Our instructors will tell you who, what, when, where, and why. There is ample time for questions.

Akela's Kiva is actually two training sessions in one. The first session is *New Leader's Essentials*.

This is where you learn the goals and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America—their philosophy and where you fit in. The second session is called *New Leader Specific*. In this session, you will be divided up into groups by your position, den leader, committee member, cubmaster, etc. Each session will last about three hours. There are two more sessions on the fall calendar. The cost is \$5.00.

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Den Chief Training

How can a Boy Scout impart his knowledge to the next generation? By being a Den Chief!

The Den Chief works in tandem with the Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and Den Leader. He helps the Cub Scouts with important achievements and electives for the rank on which they are working.

However, to be an effective Den Chief,

training is very important.

Den Chief Training at Camp Tonkawa will be held on Saturday, October 16, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The cost is \$15, which includes lunch, training materials, and recognition items. After October 6, the cost will increase to \$20.

Class size is limited to 12 boys with paid registrations. Boys must

be 1st Class or higher to participate.

Camping will be available Friday night for Scouts who need it.

Please pick up a registration form at the Council office, 1208 N. 5th.

This is an excellent way to influence Cub Scouts to become future Boy Scouts.

Roundtable Roundup

Our new format seems to be a hit! We would like to start the serving line at 6:45 pm, with the meeting opening promptly at 7:00 pm.

We are encouraging Boy Scout Troops to sign up to post the Colors. Troops are also encouraged to sign up to help cook the meal and to help with any small children who's parents might attend the Roundtables. A sign-up sheet will be at the Roundtable.

Cub Scout Roundtable

Wondering what to do with all the new Scouts from your Fall Recruitment? Come to Roundtable this month and we will help! We will return to our regular format this month.

Roundtable is a monthly "mini-Pow-Wow" where we can share ideas and

hands-on activities to use in our dens and packs. We will play games, learn some new songs, new ceremonies, make a craft, and share accomplishments and/or problems that have arisen so far in our dens this Scouting year.

Wondering how to get families involved in your pack? We will address this issue. Wondering what can encourage Pack meeting attendance? We will talk about it!

Looking for a new, inventive Bobcat ceremony? We will do one! Want to make a new neckerchief slide...and then a holder for all those slides? We will make one!

You've been through Akela's Kiva, but not quite sure what to do week after week at your den meeting...Come to Roundtable and we will

help!

If there is something you would like addressed at Roundtable, feel free to contact me at dyost@fcpc.net. I am looking forward to seeing you on the 14th!
—Donna Yost

Boy Scout Roundtable

During the Boy Scout Roundtable, we will discuss places to go camping. Please bring a list of your favorite places to share with the other Troop representatives.

I would also like to hear what merit badges you would like to have taught at the McMurry Merit Badge Seminar. Please poll the boys in your Troop to find out which merit badges they would like to earn.

—Jimmy Thomas

October Roundtable Topics:

Boy Scout:

Places to Go
Camping
&

Merit Badge Classes

Cub Scout:

Webelos Activity
Badges:
Craftsman & Scientist

Theme:

Cub Scout Collectors

St. Paul UMC

525 Beech
(North entrance)

6:45 pm Meal

7:00 pm Meeting

Commissioner's Corner

As promised, I wanted to introduce you to what a District and Unit Commissioner's roles are within the Scouting organization.

District Commissioner:

- Leads the Commissioner staff, which includes Roundtable Commissioners and Unit Commissioners.
- Identifies and recruits the right people to serve as unit commissioners to ensure that each unit is receiving

regular, helpful service.

These above duties for the District Commissioner are the two I wanted to focus on first. We currently have two fine Roundtable Commissioners, Donna Yost and Jimmy Thomas, who provide interesting and informative discussions for their respective roundtables. I believe they are doing a great job and please give them your support by being in attendance at the monthly Roundtable. Also, please give your suggestions as to topic ideas, so that we are meeting the needs that

you as leaders have and are supplying you with helpful information to aid you in operating successful units.

The second duty is one that I need your assistance. I need you to contact me with potential candidates with the following qualities:

- Is an enthusiastic leader of adults
- Inspires confidence and builds morale in unit adults
- Has practical knowledge of Scouting, or is a fast learner

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October Events

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Woodbadge #1
Camp Tonkawa

2

Popcorn Kickoff

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District Committee Meeting

10

**Tosa Tasiwoo
OA Tribal Council**
Council Office

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Columbus Day
Scout Office Closed

14

WB Roundtable
6:45 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Meeting

16

Den Chief Training
Camp Tonkawa

21 & 28

Akela's Kiva
Council Office

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Woodbadge #2
Camp Tonkawa



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New Leader Specific training for Boy Scout leaders will be offered during the October 28 session only.

**October 21 & 28
(Thursdays)**
6:30-9:30 pm
Council Office
1208 N 5th—Abilene

**November 9 & 16
(Tuesdays)**
6:30-9:30 pm
1st United Methodist
309 Cedar—Sweetwater

Registration: Call or go by the Council office to register. Be sure and tell them what dates and the office for which you will be training (committee member, den, leader, etc). The deadline to register is the day before the session.

If you have questions, please contact Larry Bevill at 676-9039, or Doug Paxton, 677-2688.

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- Is diplomatic and can handle difficult unit situations
- Strongly believes in Scouting and its ideals

These are but a few qualities that are needed for a person to be considered for a Unit Commissioner. Ideally, I am looking for someone who has recently been involved with Scouting. Someone who might have just seen their son successfully obtain the rank of Eagle, or completed Boy Scouts, and they still have an interest in being involved in some way with Scouting.

Cub Scouting needs good Unit Commissioners also. A parent who was involved with Cub Scouts and still would like to be involved

to some degree, but their son has gone on to Boy Scouts or further, would be an excellent choice. There is a great need for Cub Scouting Unit Commissioners because Cub Scouting is where it all starts. If the boys have a fun and exciting time in Cub Scouts, they are more inclined to continue into the Boy Scout program.

In next month's installment, I will include more information as to the role of the Unit Commissioner. Until then, I hope to see each of you at Roundtable. Remember, Scouting is what you, as adult volunteer leaders, make of it both for you and your boys. Let's make a successful and fun year for all.—*Trevor Thuett*

Webelos Woods—Scouting the Texas Trails

White Buffalo and Double Mountain district's annual Webelos Woods is scheduled for November 5-7. This is a fun-filled weekend where Webelos patrols and Boy Scout Troops camp together at Camp Tonkawa.

Webelos are able to fulfill an Arrow of Light requirement by camping with a Boy Scout Troop. The Webelos and parents also have an excellent opportunity to observe many Troops at one time, which helps

the decision on which Troop is best for their Webelos.

The Boy Scout Troops select a Scout skill to demonstrate to the Webelos patrols as the patrols tour all the campsites on Saturday. Each Troop will give them a "totem" to put on their patrol flag. This totem will have the Troop number on it so the Webelos will remember which Troop had what demonstration. Most Troops will also

hand out a Troop information flyer so parents can make an informed decision about the Troops their son will visit.

The cost for the weekend is \$5 per person. Webelos leaders may contact the Council office to locate a Troop with which your patrol will camp.

The registration deadline is October 22. Troop and Pack Leaders should receive a mail out shortly listing all details.

Reminder:

If you have information to include in the district newsletter, please email your completed write-up to me by the 23rd of the month.