

BUFFALO TRAIL COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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2013 Highlights – Buffalo Trail Council

PROPERTIES

Continued development of BTR Circle H ~ Backcountry usage of BTR expanded ~ Water tanks Moved to back country ~ BTR Camp Site Pavilion upgrade project continuing ~ BTR road repairs and improvements continue ~ WB Stowe shower house rebuild underway ~ Helicopter move of 6 new water tanks to positions on mountains in the back country to allow for expansion of backpacking and horseback programs.

PROGRAM

Increase over 2012 of BTR summer camp participants ~ Developed new programs at BTR ~ Increased participation in activities ~ Estimated 600 in attendance at Pushmobile Derbys ~ New ATV Pilot Program for 2014 ~ Merit Badge Academy continues to be a success ~ Summer Camp and High Adventure Camps scored a 100 percent on our National Inspection ~ Day Camps in all districts ~ 3rd International Camporee Scheduled at BTR with an estimated 200 Scouts from Mexico attending, Over 400 participants at our fall Cub-o-ree at BTR!

DEVELOPMENT

Distinguished Citizen Dinner raised \$160,000 ~ New Sustainability Awards Luncheon Scheduled ~ Sporting Clay Tournament raised over \$50,000 ~ New Lifetime Achievement Award Banquet planned with proceeds going toward Endowment and debt reduction

RELATIONSHIPS/MEMBERSHIP

8 new partnerships formed with local Churches, Service Clubs and Community Organizations ~ At-Risk Youth Programs—In School Scouting, R.O.P.E.S. and G.R.O.W. programs show continued success

ADMINISTRATION

~ Compliance with BSA standards reviewed regularly ~ Continued diversification of board ~ Strengthened internal controls ~ Updated By-Laws ~ Balanced Operating Budget ~ Growth in Net Assets over \$200,000 ~ Endowment income increased by \$10,000

OTHER

40 youth & 3 adults attended National Jamboree ~ Continued expansion of BTR year-round usage

OUR VISION

In 2014 we will begin the process of Capital Development at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. Due to the popularity of BTR we are literally overflowing with campers and we must expand our facilities to continue to deliver the promise of Scouting to these boys. New facilities will include a Dining Hall, Sustainability/Nature Center, a First Year Camper Facility, additional shower houses and a great deal of infrastructure upgrades and expansions. To that end we will be reaching out to our Communities to secure funding for these critical needs.



Amazing Adventures in climbing and rappelling



Sparks flew during Welding Merit Badge at Winter Camp

Welding Merit Badge Instruction Winter Camp 2013

Membership

BUFFALO TRAIL SCOUT RANCH

BTSR offers year-round backpacking and horse-back cavalcades to Scouts, Churches, civic groups and businesses.

We are nearing the point where we will be able to offer Philmont type, week long experiences. With the addition of the new water tanks, we are getting closer to this dream.

Our next steps will be to secure funding for road improvements, 2 commissary buildings, three new composting toilets facilities, and 3 additional program sites.

TRAIL CREWS NEEDED AT BTSR

A great deal of brush busting and trail clearing is needed along our backpacking trails at BTSR. We have the shovels, and will supply the food for your hungry trail men, just contact Ranger Dan and he will set you up and point you in the right direction.

“BTSR is amazing, a great place, but is not the place, is the people, is the staff, who makes magic this piece of desert”

Alejandro Melara Chavez
International Staff Member
El Salvador

Boy's Life Magazine

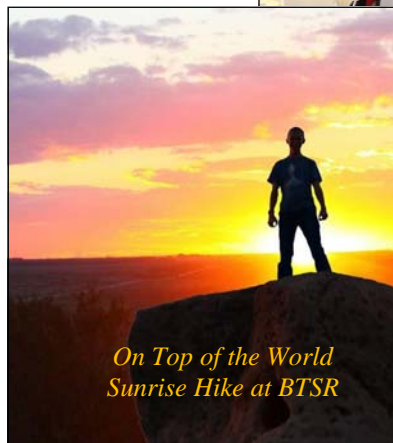
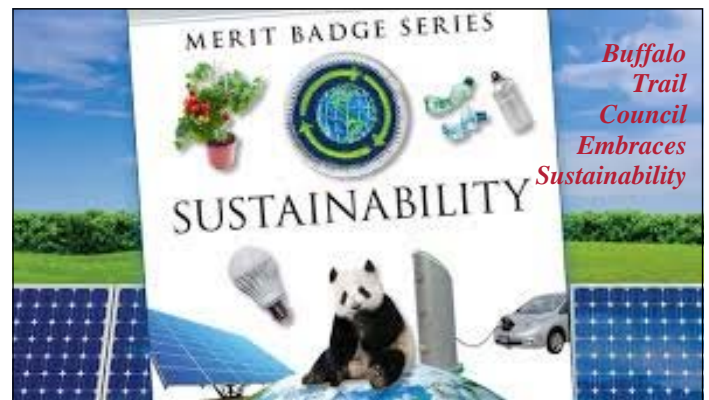
Cub Scouts Subscribed	62.5%
Boy Scouts Subscribed	43.8%

Special Programs

Special emphasis was placed on reaching “underserved” populations throughout the council boundaries. Traditional Scouting programs were established and delivered using traditional methodology. Non-traditional methodology was employed to deliver the various programs in some areas..

Partnerships with other Organizations play a big role in providing Scouting in hard to serve areas.

Campfire, Casa De Amigos, R.O.P.E.S., G.R.O. W. and the new Propel program are at the forefront of providing innovative program to youth that we traditionally have had a hard time reaching.



Programs

NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR 2013 BY DISTRICT

CHAPARRAL

Pack 8 - South Elementary PTA
Crew 19 - Westside Lions Club

COMANCHE TRAILS

Pack 756 - First United Methodist Church, Monahans
Team 198 - LDS, 2nd Ward, Odessa, TX Stake
Team 98 - LDS 1st Ward, Odessa, TX Stake

BIG BEND

Pack 810 - LDS, Church of Jesus Christ LDS Fort Stockton

LONE STAR

Pack 2013 (Scoutreach) - Westside Day Care Center
Pack 26 (Scoutreach) - Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
Pack 17 - First Baptist Church of Gail
Troop 2013 (Scoutreach) Westside Day Care Center
Troop 537 - LDS, Church of Latter Day Saints, Snyder

"I thought the experience for the boys here was outstanding. GREAT job by all staff - you made a difference this week!"
Scoutmaster - Troop 34 - Houston



In a letter addressed to the staff of BTSR
"Our future is coming through your gate right now! Thanks for the warm welcome!! Keep up the outstanding work!!!"

Michael E. Fossum - after visiting BTSR in 2013
Attended BTSR as a youth
Eagle Scout, Scoutmaster, NASA Astronaut
STS 121, 124

Outdoor Programs

Base Camp

Troops Attending	148
Youth Attending	1736
Adults Attending	607

High Adventure

Youth	422
Adults	122
Total	2838

Fall time at the Chapel



Cub Scouts hiking back from Needle Rock at Cub-O-Ree

Development & Finance

2013 Development (Fundraising)

Strong quality programs are delivered with quality “Trained” leaders and fiscal soundness. A variety of development activities occur over the year to ensure enough financial resources.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IS COMPRISED OF 3 AREAS OF EMPHASIS

1. Friends of Scouting:\$274,875
2. Special Events (net):\$161,698
3. Foundations:\$195,000
4. Total Direct Support:\$642,780

OTHER DEVELOPMENT AREAS INCLUDE

1. United Way:\$111,725

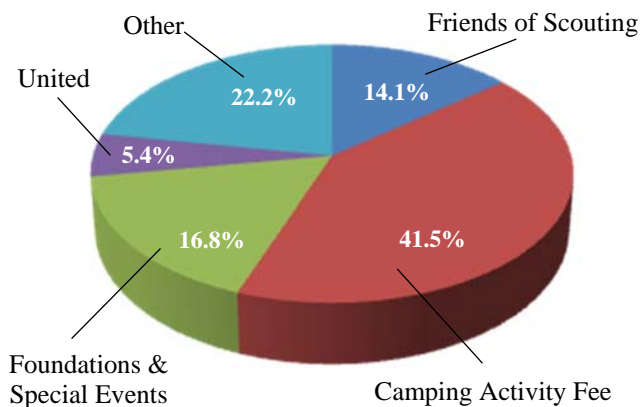


International Camporee

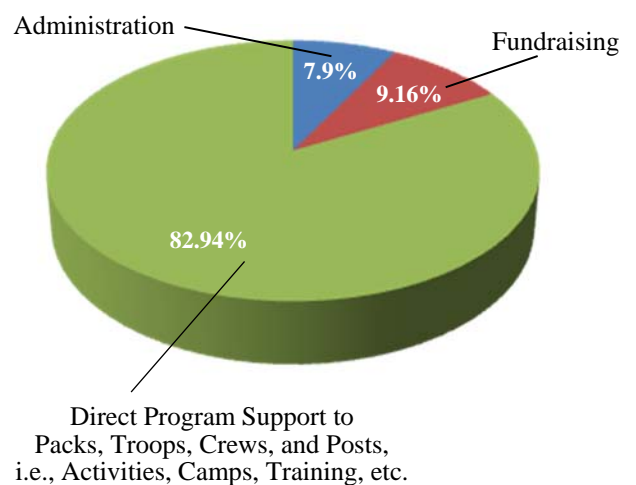
2013 Financial Statement

(Unaudited)

INCOME: \$2,111,393



EXPENSES: \$1,893,141



Recognition

Eagle Scout Class of 2013

The Buffalo Trail Council would like to congratulate the following young men for their significant achievement in attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout. Their journey to Eagle was no small task; their accomplishment is the pinnacle of the Scouting program!

Big Bend District

Ethan-Shane Isola, T30, Ft. Davis
 Tanner Whitesell, T30, Ft. Davis
 Brandon Gilmore, T410, Alpine
 Jared Parker, T410, El Paso
 Cole Hunt, T410, Alpine
 Brooks Freeland, T410, Alpine
 Jason Roman, T30, McDonald Ob

Lone Star District

Kolt Fox, T203, Big Spring
 Connor Furqueron, T1, Big Spring
 Jared Smith, T27, Snyder
 Mason Knowlton, T100, Westbrook

Comanche Trails District

William Houston, T372, Odessa
 Robert Cartwright, T74, Odessa
 Gideon Donner, T34, Odessa
 Sean Jarma, T775, Odessa
 Jimmy Morgette, T46, Andrews
 Robert Morgette, T46, Andrews
 Benard Hendrick VIII, T34, Odessa
 Joseph Vore, T98, Odessa
 Landon Drake, T46, Andrews
 Edward Sparks, T775, Odessa

Chaparral District

Samuel Fields, T270, Midland
 Travis Baur, T84, Midland
 Oscar Romo, T152, Midland
 Devin Johnson, T222, Midland
 Brandon Russell, T331, Midland

Daniel Gomez, T80, Midland
 Phillip Gibson, T270, Midland
 Preston Conlin, T231, Midland
 Timothy Dent, T231, Midland
 Hunter Smith, T160, Midland
 Walker Spear, T152, Midland
 Garrett Cain, T80, Midland
 Preston Clements, T270, Midland
 Austin Britton, T160, Midland
 Jonathan Yee, T270, Midland
 Ben. Williams, T196, Broken Arrow, OK
 Jonathan Childers, T232, Midland
 John O'Leary, T51, Midland
 Kevin DeHoff, T152, Midland
 Zachary Robbins, T160, Midland
 Tristan Bollinger, T84, Midland
 Nathan Richter, T84, Midland
 Alejandro Gomez, T80, Midland
 Anthony Dragan, T84, Midland
 Eric Rittenhouse, T51, Midland
 Robert Black, T160, Midland
 Zachary Dalton, T232, Midland
 River Atwood, T331, Midland
 Davis Baker, T160, Midland
 Noble Sublett, T331, Midland
 Jake Pollock, P331, Midland
 Christian Perez, T233, Midland
 Kalan Hunter, T131, Midland

Ranks And Awards Earned

	2013
Bobcats	446
Webelos Award	92
Arrow of Light	40
Tenderfoot	70
First Class	46
Eagles	56
Total Merit Badges Awarded	1,206

Top 10 Merit Badges

	2013
First Aid	62
Emergency Preparedness	55
Environmental Science	38
Communications	38
Swimming	37
Environmental Science	36
Rifle Shooting	34
Camping	33
Wilderness Survival	31
Citizenship in the Nation	31



*Totem Poles
 Keep Watch
 Over BTSR*

Leadership

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<i>President</i>	Charles House
<i>Council Commissioner</i>	Byron Welch, Ed. D
<i>VP Finance (Treasurer)</i>	Paul Lucas
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	David Baker
<i>Past President</i>	Deana Savage, Ed.D
<i>VP Development</i>	Pat Canty
<i>VP District Operations</i>	Gary Wood
<i>VP Program</i>	Bob Ferguson
<i>VP Properties</i>	Ralph Truskowski, PE
<i>VP Membership/Relationships</i>	Martin Reuhl
<i>VP Governance</i>	Ted Hogan
<i>Corporate Secretary</i>	David Chapman

Presidents Council

Steve Castle	James Rikken
Neil FlorerSam Howell II	John Scott
William B. Kent	Ladd Smith
Ken Peeler	Charles Smith
K. Kyle Peeler	Kyle Womack
Mark Philpy	

Council Team

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

<i>Scout Executive/CEO</i>	David Chapman
<i>Assistant Scout Executive/Camping Director</i>	Mark Richardson
<i>Development Director</i>	Aaron Bedell
<i>District Director Chapparral</i>	Matt Vercher
<i>District Executive, Comanche Trails</i>	Vacant
<i>District Executive, Big Bend</i>	Christopher Cooper
<i>District Executive, Lone Star</i>	Brian Sweeney
<i>Camp Director</i>	Mark Richardson
<i>Scout Reach Para Professional</i>	PJ Aguire

RANGERS

<i>BTSR Head Ranger</i>	Dan Damon
<i>Assistant Ranger</i>	Christopher Cooper

SUPPORT TEAM

<i>Accounting Assistant</i>	Mary Pearce
<i>Camping Registrar</i>	Gracie Quintela
<i>Scout Store Manager</i>	Tracy Cooper
<i>Registrar</i>	Hailey Harpole

PART-TIME SUPPORT TEAM

<i>Big Spring Satellite Office</i>	Eunice Thixton
<i>Odessa Satellite Office</i>	Vacant

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chris Aycock
Larry Adams, CPA
Chris Aycock
David Baker
Blaine Bushman
Christi Callicoate
Pat Canty
Robert Ferguson
Marcus Fernandez
David Garcia, RTSBA
Ron Harkrider
Ted Hogan
Charles House
Richard Johnson
Dr. Randall Kelly
Paul Lucas
Doug Lunsford
Jordan Partee
Deana Savage, Ed.D
Frank K. Stowers
Sandy Thomas
Dr. Steve Thomas
Don Tomlin
Ralph Truskowski, PE
Dan Wagoner
Dr. Byron Welch
Gary Wood
David Chapman

IN MEMORIUM

In 2013 we lost many great Scouters including the following members of the Presidents Council:

Oley Hedrick
Jack Ladd
Hayes Stribling



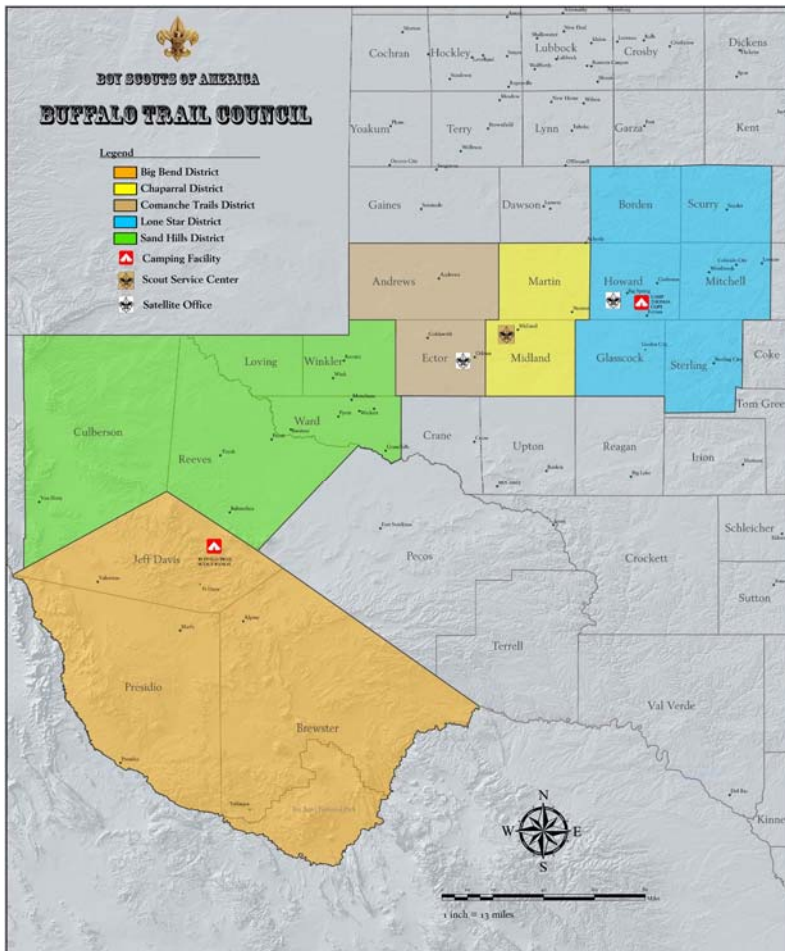
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Buffalo Trail Council Mission Statement

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law



Please send your comments or questions to Aaron.Bedell@Scouting.org