

High Plains District



Quivira Council, B.S.A.

GUIDE FOR NEW SCOUT LEADERS IN HIGH PLAINS



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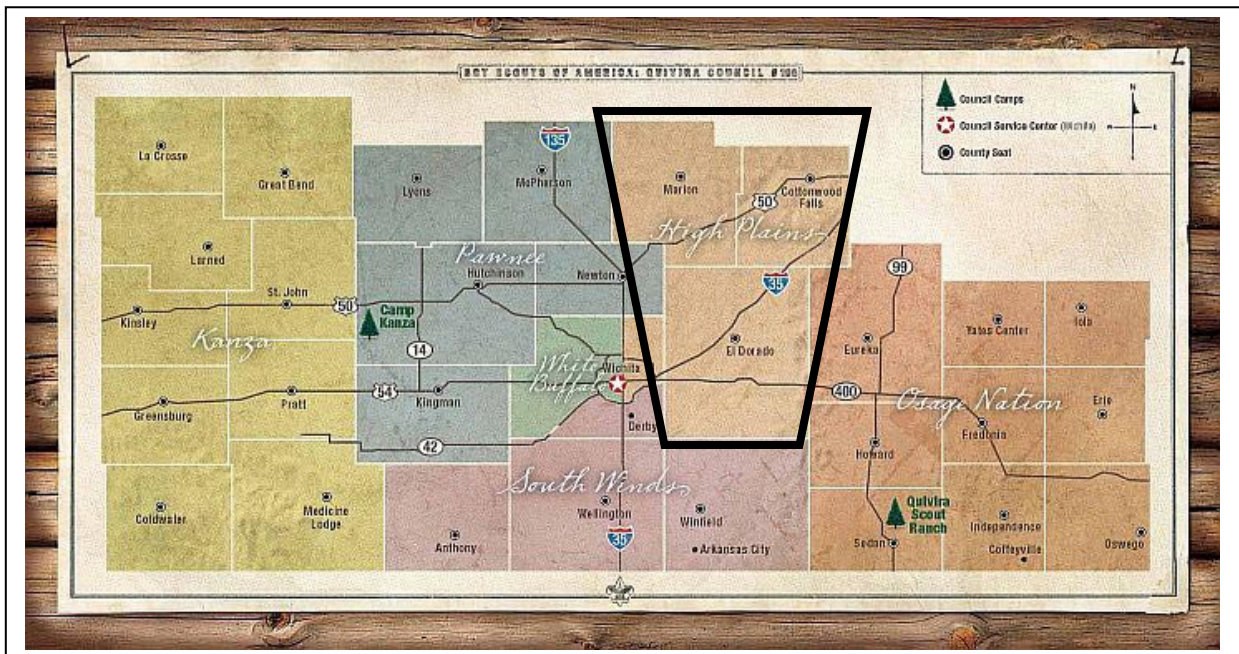
First of all, **THANK YOU** for being willing to give your time and energy as an adult volunteer!

By taking this step you are

- Modeling leadership firsthand for your boy to see
- Greatly increasing the likelihood your boy will stay on the path to Eagle
- Making a difference in literally hundreds of youths' lives
- Gaining rich experiences you and your kids will never forget

This letter is designed to give you some basic information on how things operate in our Council and what resources are available to you.

The Boy Scouts of America is broken down into independently operated Councils across the Country all adhering to National standards. We are located in Quivira Council, which is broken down into 8 Districts. Our District is **High Plains**, see map below. It is helpful to know what District you are in when checking for activities on the web site or attending training events.



RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

Devin Hansen is our **High Plains District Committee Chairman**. He leads the District Committee, a group of volunteers tasked with marshalling the resources of the District. The District Committee supports membership and finance efforts to keep scouting movement going and ensures programs like camping, activities, advancement & training. **ALL VOLUNTEERS are invited to the District Committee meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month!** Check the district calendar web site for meeting place and times!

John Davis is our **High Plains District Commissioner**. He manages a staff of Unit Commissioners, whose sole purpose is to help your unit succeed. Commissioners provide a wide variety of support for all Scout units.

Richard Longstaff is our **District Executive**. Ryan is a paid professional responsible for supporting the overall quality and success of each unit in the High Plains District. Each District has a “DE.”

For complete details about the District committee see the list below or check the High Plains District Committee link at www.Quivira.org.

HIGH PLAINS DISTRICT COMMITTEE 2011

Title	Name	H. Phone	W. Phone	Email
District Chair	Devin Hansen	393-6320 ©	634-1700	dhansen@sunflowertravel.com
Marketing	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
Webmaster	Denny Schoch	788-7259	259-9643 ©	dlschoch@yahoo.com
Finance Chair	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
Friends of Scouting - Community	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
Augusta	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
El Dorado	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
Wichita	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
Friends of Scouting - Family	Nancy Pickett	640-9389		nancyfpickett49@cox.net
Popcorn Chair	Beverly Cory	315-0467		hpopcorn08@yahoo.com
Membership Chair	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
Sign Up for Scouting	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
Program Chair	Randy Sessions		259-0570 ©	randy.sessions@sbcglobal.net
Camping Chair	Shirley Lundy	684-4919	213-4772 ©	bsamom@wichitausea.com
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Training Chair	Lary Hill	733-1496		lmhill47@gmail.com
Cub Scout	Lisa Arnett	316-634-1479		
Boy Scout	Denny Schoch	788-7259	259-9643	dlschoch@yahoo.com
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Day Camp Director	Natalie Kuehn	620-4002		nkuehn596@cox.net
Day Camp Program Director	Wanda Roehl			wanda_roehl@hawkerbeechcraft.com
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Nominating Chair	<i>Looking for a place to serve?</i>			
Nominating Member	Brandon Knowles			bknowles@firstam.com
District Commissioner	John Davis	685-7929		dav1229@sbcglobal.net
<i>Roundtable - Boy Scout</i>	Bruce Saunders	682-2944		java_doc@cox.net
<i>Roundtable - Cub Scout</i>	Todd&Kim Gilbert	733-0115		highplainsscouter@cox.net
District Executive	Richard Longstaff	201-7101 ©	491-7771	Richard.Longstaff@scouting.org
Area Director	Ryan Heikes	737-6608 ©	491-2228	ryan.heikes@scouting.org
Para Professional	Ralph Daniel	990-4542 ©	491-7772	rolph.daniel@scouting.org

DISTRICT COMMITTEE: The District committee is full of opportunities to make a difference! The only way High Plains District can successfully offer a strong program to our boys is by having volunteers, just like you, willing to give of their time to impact literally thousands of young men!

Please don't wait until you feel like you 'know enough'. We welcome all your input and ideas!
Stop by and check us out! (3rd Thursday each month at 7 pm in the upstairs meeting room at Rusty Eck Ford)

ROUNDTABLE: You are invited to this monthly gathering of Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders from across the District. Training & Breakout sessions are offered to provide you with program ideas for you to take back and use in your Pack, Troop, Team or Crew in the coming months. This is a valuable resource to every leader who wants to offer the best program possible to their youth!

High Plains District Roundtable currently meets at 7:15 PM on the first Thursday of each month in the **Gym at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2525 North Rock Road, in Wichita.** Contact the Roundtable Commissioners, Todd Gilbert (Cubs), 733-0115, & Bruce Saunders (Boy Scouts), 682-2944 for more information. And check out the Roundtable page on the district website on www.quivira.org. It has additional Roundtable information including Roundtable Commissioner Contacts, a map of the church, monthly topics, a list of Cub Scout Helps, and, occasionally, changes to the schedule.

WWW.QUIVIRA.ORG : This is our Council web site where you can see upcoming news & activities and get to the *High Plains District* site. **Getting accurate, up-to-date information out to such a large district is a real challenge, and the web site is used more and more for this purpose as time goes on!** We encourage you to check it at least **once a week!** You will find information and updates about scheduled activities, training, roundtable, summer camps, advancement, and much more. You can also sign up for email updates by program or topic.

HIGH PLAINS PIONEER : A monthly electronic newsletter for the High Plains District. The *Pioneer* is posted on the High Plains district web page and emailed to all adult volunteers who give us permission. Contact Todd Gilbert, highplainscouter, 316-733-0115 if you would like to subscribe.

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES:

www.macscouter.com

www.scouting.org

www.usscouts.org

<http://www.insanescouter.com>

www.meritbadge.com

<http://www.scoutcamp.org>

<http://www.cubmaster.org>

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com>

<http://www.geocities.com/~pack215>

<http://www.scoutorama.com>

Just about anything you can possibly want help with, can be found on the web! Pack meetings, Crafts, Skits, Camping, Cooking, Cub Master information, Pack Meeting Plans, Scout Master Minutes, Advancement... – ANYTHING!

MANY PROGRAM AREAS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU!

The heart of the High Plains District is **PROGRAM!** A strong Program directly relates to how many boys are in the District, how high retention is, and ultimately how many boys make it to Eagle. **The same applies to your Packs and Troops!** If you have any questions, you can contact the district Program Chair, Randy Sessions, 316-259-0570 (randy.sessions@sbcglobal.net).

TRAINING – CAMPING – ADVANCEMENT – ACTIVITIES!

TRAINING:

- **Youth Protection*** training *must be completed before your volunteer application can be processed.* Youth Protection is very important to providing a safe zone for our youth and teaching us how to practice safe scouting.
- All leaders are encouraged to accomplish **Fast Start*** Training within 48 hours of registering and if position specific training cannot be accomplished within the first month. *Fast Start* provides an important overview of how scouting units functions.
- **This is Scouting* and Leader Specific** Training. These are the steps necessary to learn the responsibilities of your specific volunteer position and to wear the “trained” patch on your shirt.
- **BALOO** is *Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation* and is required for Cub leaders who lead an overnight Pack activity. This is very informative and interesting for those new to Cub camping!
- **OWL** training is *Outdoor Webelos Leader Training* required for Cub leaders who lead any Webelos camping activity. IOLS training satisfies this requirement.
- **Troop Committee Challenge*** is a great resource for those serving on troop committees or parents interested in how your Troop Committee is meant to operate.
- **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific** Training is a course orienting the adult Boy Scout volunteer to the organizational operations of a boy-run troop and patrols.
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** Training is designed to teach adult volunteers First-class rank abilities in out door skills. The course is designed around a model, boy-run troop with hands on examples and demonstrations by staff and participants.
- **Wood Badge** – This is the highest level of training offered by the Boy Scouts at the council level and, if you ask any past participants, well worth the time and treasure!
- ***On-line Training*** – *Many of these training* courses are currently available at <http://olc.scouting.org/>



Complete details about these training events will be available at Roundtable or the High Plains web site. Your District Training Chair is Lary Hill, 733-1496 (lmhill47@gmail.com).

CAMPING:

Taking your Cubs on an overnight camping trip is ENCOURAGED! For those of you new to Cub camping, the High Plains web site has a simple step-by-step guide including places to go.

Day Camp is a 3-day event held once a year primarily for Cubs. We generally offer bb guns, bows and arrows, fishing, swimming and other activities the boys love. Keeps the “OUT” in Scout.

Big Bear Camp is a 3-day event offered once a year for the Bear Cubs and is held at Camp Kanza. Bears will accomplish many requirements and have the chance to canoe, swim, earn their whittling chip, and much more. This is generally the first time Cubs will have the opportunity to camp without a parent present.

Webelos Camp is a resident camp held once a year at Camp Kanza. It is more involved than Big Bear given the boys’ ages and how close they are to being in the troop.

Boy Scout Camp at Quivira Scout Ranch is an experience boys will remember forever! The new dining facility is awesome!

Complete info about Quivira Scout Camps are available under the “Camping” tab at www.quivira.org/. Or contact the District Camping Chair, Shirley Lundy, 684-4919 (bsamom@wichitausea.com).

ADVANCEMENT

Advancement is one of the 8 “Methods of Scouting.” Information is available online at www.Quivira.org on the *RESOURCES* page. For more information please contact your Troop Advancement chair or your District Advancement Chair, Pete Dueringer, 733-5545 (rdueringer@yahoo.com).

ACTIVITIES

High Plains sponsors a number of annual activities for you to provide opportunities to your youth for outdoor fun, a chance for advancement, and community service. Here are a few:

Scouting for Food – Usually held in October/November, this is the largest single day food drive in the world!

Spring & Fall Camporee – These weekend events are usually held in early October and late April and give boys from across our district an opportunity to get together, have fun, compete in events and work on rank or merit badge requirements.

Aquatics Advancement – Opportunity for Cubs and older boys to accomplish many requirements and electives. Usually held in January for Cubs and February for older Scouts.

District Dinner – Annual event in January to recognize High Plains Volunteers and all the adults who make Scouting possible! The district awards adults and recognizes Eagle Scouts from the previous year.

Program Preview – Held in August, it is the biggest Roundtable of the year! You will receive the Council and District calendar and visit the booths of many different exhibitors who have activities geared toward Scouts! You don’t want to miss this! It also helps you organize your unit’s “Big Five” contacts for the coming year: Summer Camps, Popcorn sales, Scouting for Food, Recruiting Membership, and Training.

For more information please contact your District Activities Chair, Angie Reilly, 733-5470 (areilly@pixius.net).

PS: **If you have a passion in any of these program areas and would like to help out**, even if just for one afternoon, please contact the respective chairs or Devin Hansen, High Plains District Chairman, at 393-6320 (dhansen@sunflowertravel.com).

TIPS FOR MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR ADULT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

- It is no secret that the most active, successful leaders who make the biggest impact with youth **attend training!** In addition to the chance to sharpen your skills, it also gives you an opportunity to meet some truly great people and learn from their experiences. You’ll also make friends and contacts in your district.
- Get involved! Helping with an event like Day Camp, for example, will give you the opportunity to network, learn new skills, and meet people who can help you and your boys get the most out of the Scouting experience together!
- Remember Scouting is what *You* make it. If you look for the positive and put the boys first, Scouting is full of rich opportunities for you and your boy. You can look forward to memories that will last forever.

This letter was designed as a guide for new leaders by Matthew Rupp. Any input that would make this guide better for new leaders in years to come would be greatly appreciated. Please call or e-mail the editor, Denny Schoch at dlschoch@yahoo.com or 316-259-9643 with any questions or suggestions.