



The Kickapoo Scoop!

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District Calendar

January

Note: Recharter Your Unit this month!

- 1 - Happy New Year!
- 5 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - Black Arrow Chapter elections
- 13 - Recharter Turn-in at the Abilene Scout Service Center
- 14 - Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene, Session 1
- 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, offices closed
- 17 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 - Kickapoo District Banquet, Austin Avenue Church of Christ Family Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 - Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene, Session 2

February

- 2 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 - Merit Badge Seminar, Tarleton State University, Session I
- 9 - Council Banquet, Camp Tonkawa
- 11 - Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, Heartland Mall, Early
- 18 - Merit Badge Seminar, Tarleton State University, Session 2
- 20 - President's Day, offices closed
- 21 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00p.m.

March

- 2 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

Blue and Gold Banquets

February is the traditional month for Cub Packs to hold their annual Blue and Gold Banquets as part of the anniversary of Scouting. Cub Scouts started officially in 1930 and has been a part of the Boy Scouts of America for 76 years. You will want to start making arrangements for your Pack's banquet early.

Remember to invite your District Director, the head of your sponsoring institution, Scoutmaster of the troop that takes in your boys to their unit, and other special persons to your banquet. Be sure and order any banquet supplies early so you will have them on hand for the big event!

District Awards Banquet

You will want to put the date of **Friday, January 20th** on your calendar for the Annual Kickapoo District Awards Banquet at Austin Avenue Church of Christ Family Center, 1020 Austin Ave., Brownwood, TX. Doors open at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are due by **Friday, January 13th**. Cost is \$10 per person.

We will recognize the Kickapoo 2005 Class of Eagle Scouts and show a PowerPoint presentation of summer camp, fall Outdoor Cub Adventure and Jamboree. We will present training awards, and present the District Award of Merit. There will be lots of good food and fellowship. The meal will come from Underwood's BBQ.



POPCORN RESULTS

We want to thank the following units for their participation in the 2005 Popcorn Sales:

Troop 1	Troop 3	Troop 14
Troop 22	Troop 26	Troop 90
Troop 100	Troop 200	
Pack 3	Pack 4	Pack 5
Pack 14	Pack 26	Pack 27
Pack 43	Pack 55	Pack 100

Together, the units sold \$52,394.00 worth of popcorn and earned some \$14,670.32 in unit commissions. **The highest selling unit was Pack 100 of Lampasas that sold \$20,584.00 in popcorn and earned \$5,763.52 in commission.**

Pinewood Derby Coming On February 11th

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos, their leaders and parents are invited to come to Heartland Mall in Early, on February 11, to join in the great competition of Pinewood Derby sponsored by the Kickapoo District. This is an annual event where Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos compete against each other in individual races.

Tigers, Cubs and Webelos, in the Pinewood Derby, race their cars in one of the four Divisions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos. Awards are given for the three fastest cars in each Division. Awards are given for the "Best Design," "Best Paint Job," and "Most Unusual" pinewood derby cars.

So now is the time to get your cars ready for the Pinewood Derby. Each new Tiger and Cub Scout received a free derby car kit when they registered this past fall. If you need more cars, now is the time to order the pinewood derby kits. It takes awhile to get them in and then the kids have to have time to work on them.

We wish to thank Mid-Tex Federal Credit Union for underwriting the awards.

Penateka Lodge Order of the Arrow

Penataka OA Lodge dues run from January 1 to December 31st of each year. Your dues of \$8.00 for 2006 are now due, along with your current Medical Release Form. You can download the form from the Texas Trails Council web site.

Here is a list of Penataka activities for the next three months so you can put these dates on you calendar.

- Jan. 8 - Black Arrow Chapter Council Meeting.
- Jan. 21 - Penataka Lodge Banquet
- Jan. 28 - Council of Chiefs Area Meeting, Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Bastrop, TX
- Jan. 29 - Penataka Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- Feb. 5 - Black Arrow Chapter Council Meeting.
- Feb. 26 - Penataka Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- Mar. 5 - Black Arrow Chapter Council Meeting
- Mar. 26 - Penataka Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- Mar.31 - Apr.2 - OA Area Conclave, Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Bastrop, TX

ReChartering Your Unit

January is the month that all the units in the Kickapoo District recharter for another year. You want to make sure you have your recharter papers from the council prior to December 1st so you will have time to fill them out and collect the money needed to recharter your unit. If you do not get your papers by that time, please contact Michael Deming to see where they are.

There will be a **Charter Turn-In Day** held at the Branch Scout Office in Brownwood on Saturday, January 21, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. The Commissioner staff will be available to help check in your charter. Please pay your charter fees with one check. You can start planning for your recharter now by listing all the active adults and youth in your unit that will be rechartering and collecting their fees. As you know, it takes awhile to get all this done. This will also give you time to check on those kids who have not been active.

Electronic ReChartering

Internet Rechartering of your unit is a Web-based method for you to renew your unit charter from any online location - at home or at the office. For those who use to use the Internet, you will like this new method. It is easy, convenient, and accurate because you enter the information yourself.

http://www.texastrailsbsa.org/Council/Internet_Rechartering.htm

2005 Eagle Scouts

We congratulate the seventeen Scouts who made Eagle Scout in 2005 in the Kickapoo District. This is one of the highest achievements a boy will make as a youth and is an award that he can truly be proud of throughout his adult life. Our Eagle Scouts will be recognized with a special framed certificate at the District Banquet on January 20th.

Troop 3 Brownwood - John M. Collins

Troop 14 - Seth E. Griffin

Troop 22 Early - Stephen T. Cox, Wesley R. Givan, Russell W. Hair, Tyler F. Talley

Troop 27 Bangs - Locke Ray Gamblin

Troop 99 Lampasas - Seth Bailey, Correy A. Mason, Stephen Miranda

Troop 100 Lampasas - Alan Cardon, Michael Munn

Troop 200 - Lampasas - Britt S. Boivin, Christopher F. Cruz, Timothy S. Engrav, Walter Oosthuizen, Charles R. Ragland

District Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is a council award presented by the district in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 units, or fraction thereof. The Kickapoo District is entitled to two awards this year.

Requirements

- A nominee must be a registered Scouter
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to boys.
- The nature and value of "noteworthy service to boys" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of boys or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
- Consideration should be given to the nominee's position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond expectation of duty.
- The nominee's attitude toward, and cooperation with, the district and council is to be taken into consideration.

Nominations forms are available from Michael Deming or either Scout Office or on the website.

ANNUAL REPORT TO STATE FEBRUARY 4, 2006

Scouts from throughout the state of Texas will converge in Austin on February 4, 2006 to participate in the Annual Report to State Ceremonies and to celebrate the 96th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Scouts to participate in a Capitol Area Council tradition surrounded by their fellow Scouts, leaders, and dignitaries of their State. Don't miss this great Scouting event! Open to all programs of the Boy Scouts. Contact the Abilene Scout Office for more information.

The Kickapoo Scoop newsletter is published every other month to bring you the news of the Kickapoo District, serving Brown, Lampasas, Mills and San Saba Counties of the Texas Trails Council, BSA. *The Scoop* also appears on the Texas Trails Council web site at <http://www.texas trailsbsa.org>, emailed to those we have email addresses for, and hard copies to pass out at meetings and district activities. Feel free to copy this newsletter and pass it on to the other volunteers and parents in your unit.

Welcome New Unit

We want to recognize Troop 55 that was organized in San Saba in December. The First United Methodist Church of San Saba sponsors them. There are ten Scouts and plan on having more join in the months to come. Welcome to the Kickapoo District!

New Unit Organizer Award



Congratulations to **Randal Hawkins** of San Saba for becoming the first Kickapoo District volunteer to be recognized with the "**William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award**". Randal was instrumental in organizing Troop 55 chartered to the San Saba First United Methodist Church. Randal serves as Cubmaster, Pack 55 and Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 55.

The William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award is to recognize volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units. The award is a square knot to be worn on the uniform above the left pocket. The award has three colors, representing the three phases of our program - Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing.

The knot is earned by organizing one traditional unit. A program device is earned for each additional unit organized, allowing the award to recognize a volunteer for organizing up to four new units. The award recognizes volunteers for organizing traditional units after, but not before, March 1, 2005. The award program is administered by the Relationships Division, BSA, and awards are presented by the local council.

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Kickapoo District Director, Michael Deming, may be reached at the Kickapoo District Office; 602 E. Adams, Brownwood, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except when attending staff meetings, appointments, and other functions away from the office.

The office phone number is 325-646-0616, with message voicemail. Michael can also be reached by cell at 325-668-8576 or mdeming@bsaemail.org.