



The Kickapoo Scoop!

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District Calendar

January

Note: Recharter Your Unit this month!

- 1 - Happy New Year!
- 2 - Commissioner Staff Meeting, Service Center, Brownwood, 6:30 p.m.
- 4 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 - Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene, Session 1
- 7 - Black Arrow Chapter Meeting
- 9 - District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - District Recharter Turn-in
- 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 16 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 - Kickapoo District Banquet, Hostess House, Lampasas, Doors open 6:30 p.m. & dinner served 7:15 p.m.
- 20 - Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene, Session 2
- 20 - Panateka Lodge Banquet

February

- 1 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 - Black Arrow Chapter Meeting
- 6 - Commissioner Staff Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- 7 - Camp Staff Interviews, Abilene
- 8 - Council Banquet, Camp Tonkawa
- 10 - Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, Heartland Mall, Early
- 13 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 - President's Day, offices closed
- 20 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00p.m.
- 21 - Camp Staff Interviews, Brownwood
- 25 - Penateka Lodge LEC

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 13, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

*You Are Cordially Invited to
the Kickapoo District Dinner
Hostess House
1406 US Hwy 281 South,
Lampasas
January 19, 2007*

Who: All Scout leaders, all 2006 Eagle Scouts & Parents

Where: Hostess House, 1406 US Hwy 281 South, Lampasas

When: Friday, January 19, 2007. Doors open 6:30 & dinner served at 7:15 PM

How Much: Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please complete the RSVP form below and mail to the Council Service Center by Friday, January 12, to make certain a seat is available. All 2006 Eagle Scouts are special guests of the district and need not pay, but should register for adequate seating.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the District Award of Merit. Come celebrate the 2006 accomplishments of the Kickapoo District. Questions: 325 - 668-8576

*Mail to: Texas Trails Council, BSA
1208 N. Fifth
Abilene TX 79601*

YES, I will attend the Kickapoo District Dinner on January 19, 2007. We understand that no tickets will be issued for this event, but reservations will be recorded. (Reservations recorded when payment received).

Name of person making reservations:

Number in party: _____ X \$10.00 each = _____ (Payable to Texas Trails Council, enclosed)

Dinewood Derby Coming On February 10th

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos, their leaders and parents are invited to come to **Heartland Mall** in Early, on **February 10**, 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.

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 Cubs have to have time to work on them.

Denateka Lodge Order of the Arrow

Penataka OA Lodge dues run from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Your dues of \$8.00 for 2007 are now due, along with your current Medical Release Form. You can download the form from the Texas Trails Council web site.

The Penateka Lodge Annual Banquet and Auction will be held **January 20, 2007, 6:00 pm**, at the **Beltway Park Baptist Church** in Abilene (Following McMurry Merit Badge College). Cost is \$8.00 and one needs to RSVP by January 12th, \$12.00 after the 12th. This will be our annual dinner, fellowship, live and silent auction and award presentations. Be sure and wear your Scout uniform and OA sash.

From U.S. 83/84 turn west onto FM 707 (South of Antilley). Beltway Park is the second church on the left (South) side of the street, just across from Wylie Jr. High. There is a large sign for the church at the edge of the road.

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 the Internet, you will like this new method. It is easy, convenient, and accurate because you enter the information yourself.

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

Blue and Gold Banquets

February is the traditional month for Cub Packs to hold their annual Blue and Gold Banquet 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 77 years. You will want to start making arrangements for your Pack's banquet early.

Remember to invite your Senior District Executive, the head of your sponsoring institution, Scoutmaster of the troop that takes in your Cubs 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!



POPCORN RESULTS

Congratulations to the following units for their outstanding participation in the 2006 Popcorn Sales.

Pack 100 – Lampasas - \$24,250.00
Pack 55 – San Saba - \$6,426.00
Pack 4 – Brownwood - \$5,520.00
Pack 5 – Goldthwaite - \$3,648.00
Troop 200 – Lampasas - \$3,084.00
Troop 26 – Lometa - \$2,066.00
Troop 14 – Brownwood - \$1,846.00
Troop 316 – Brownwood \$1,822.00 (New Troop!)

We want to thank all Packs and Troops that sold popcorn in the Kickapoo District this past year!

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 3, 2007

Scouts from throughout the state of Texas will converge in Austin on February 3, 2007 to participate in the Annual Report to State Ceremonies and to celebrate the 97th 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 Units

We want to recognize Troop 316 that was organized in November. The New Beginnings Pentecostal Church of God of Brownwood is the charter partner. Michael Jackson is Scoutmaster. There are 5 Scouts and more planning to join. Welcome to the Kickapoo District!

TEXAS TRAILS RECOGNITION DINNER

The Texas Trails Council Annual Recognition Dinner will be held **February 8, 2007, 7:00 pm**, in the Camp Tonkawa Dining Hall. **Cost is \$10 per person (\$15 at the door).**

Mail your check to: Texas Trails Council, 1208 N. 5th Street, Abilene, TX 79601. No tickets will be issued for the event but upon receipt of your check your reservation will be recorded. Reservation deadline is February 2, 2007.

There will be dinner, fellowship, 2006 Council Recognitions, Silver Beaver Awards and recognition of the 2006 Class of Eagle Scouts.



Among the Eagle Scouts being recognized are the following four from Troop 14, Brownwood, L to R: Jay Clark, Cooper Morelock, David Childs and Chris Thompson

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Kickapoo District Executive, Michael Deming, may be reached by cell at 325-668-8576, or email mdeming@bsaemail.org