



# The Kickapoo Scoop!

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## District Calendar

### July

5-8 - Webelos Resident Camp, Camp Tonkawa  
8-10 - Penateka Lodge Summer Ordeal, Camp Tonkawa  
15-17 - OA Section Conclave  
19 - Lampasas Roundtable  
25-27 - Cub Scout Twilight Camp, Early

### August

4 - Roundtable, Brownwood  
13 - Program Review and Unit Popcorn Training,  
District Scout Office, 9 am, Brownwood  
13 - Penateka Lodge OA Banquet and Elections  
16 - Roundtable, Lampasas

### September

1 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center,  
Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.  
15 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.  
23 - Abilene Office closed for Special Inventory  
28 - Abilene Office closed for Computer Update

## Denateka Lodge Ceremonies

Here are the dates for the Penateka Lodge Ceremonies this summer. Each Friday night during summer camp they will have calling out ceremonies for new candidates. The Summer Ordeal to induct new candidates will be the weekend of July 8- 10 at Camp Tonkawa. The OA Section Conclave will be July 15-17.

## Annual Program Review August 13th

You will want to put this Saturday date on your "must attend" calendar to receive all the information concerning the Texas Trail Council and Kickapoo District activities this coming school year. You will also receive a calendar with all the dates on it and information flyers on many of the programs.

In addition, you will receive training for the upcoming UNIT POPCORN sales for this fall. Be sure and bring your Unit Popcorn Chairman to this meeting with you. Your unit's popcorn information packet will be handed out during this training.



## Leroy Forbes and Gene Case Honored

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award was presented to Leroy Forbes, a member of Saratoga Lodge in Lampasas and Troop 200 along with Gene Case a member of Lometa Lodge and Troop 26 in Lometa.

The award is named after a fellow Freemason and the first National Commissioner and cofounder of the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Daniel Carter Beard. This selective award is presented to any Master Mason who has made significant contributions and shown outstanding service to youth through Scouting. Forbes received his award in February and Case his in May.

We congratulate both these fine Scouters for their contribution to Scouting and their community.

## Roundtables Starting Up Again

Fall Roundtables will be starting up again in September. The Roundtable for Brownwood area is always the first Thursday of the month and the Roundtable for the Lampasas area is always the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Kickapoo Scouters may attend either Roundtable.

## National Summertime Pack Award

NOW IS THE TIME to apply for your Pack's National Summertime Pack Award! By now you have already had your June activity and have your July and August events on your calendar.

A Cub Pack really needs to give their boys a full year of Cub Scout fun and activities. Having a summer program keeps a pack healthy, parents interested, and Cub Scouts eager to stay active for another year. Your pack must qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award before dens and individual Cub Scouts may be recognized.

**All the Pack has to do is plan and conduct a monthly pack activity for June, July, and August.** A full-color certificate and an attractive streamer for the pack flag are available for those packs that qualify. A den ribbon for each den that has 50 percent or more of its boys participating in each of the three activities. A pin for each boy who takes part in all of the summer months' activities is available.

Contact Michael Deming, your District Director, for an application and planning chart to use this summer to keep up with what the pack is doing. Activities can include a visit to a museum or one of the industries in your community. Have a pack picnic, watermelon party, swim party, cookout or a visit to the local newspaper office or radio station. In other words, have fun! It does not have to be a Pack meeting.

## FALL CUB SCOUT RECRUITING

All packs should begin making plans now for giving boys an opportunity to join the fun and adventure of Scouting. This year's recruiting theme is **RACE INTO SCOUTING**. There will be a lot of exciting and fun items to go with the fall recruiting program. More information will be given before the start of school, as the program is rolled out nationally. There will be a **School Night to Join Cub Scouts** in all elementary schools in our communities

## 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 voicemail for messages. Michael can also be reached by cell at 325-668-8576 or [mdeming@bsamail.org](mailto:mdeming@bsamail.org).

## POPCORN

All units should begin plans for a highly successful popcorn sales campaign in the unit. "An Ideal Year of Scouting" is an excellent way to do everything your unit wants to do in the coming year. By doing this, the unit does not have to spend all year earning money to do the all the great Scouting activities for next year and can concentrate on providing a quality program for the youth in the unit. Information will be out soon, with an in depth presentation at the Program Planning Conference.

## Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos Camp will be July 5-8, 2005 at Camp Tonkawa and will provide an exciting program for all Webelos. **Remember, a Cub Scout who is in the 3rd grade now, will be a Webelos when he graduates in May and eligible to attend the Webelos Camp this summer.**



## New Unit Organizer Award

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.

Contact Michael Deming for a copy of the specific requirements for this award. Look around your community for a place to organize a new Pack, Troop or Venturing Crew this Fall.

**INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER** – is the Annual Campaign the Texas Trails Council conducts to pay for the programs, activities, and resources which help to ensure a continued Scouting program for your son. The registration fee you paid when your son joined Scouting goes directly to the National Office to help pay for all the services they provide to make Scouting possible. The TTC must spend over \$125 per member to provide Scouting for one year, with 89% of the total budget directly affects your son and the program he receives. The remaining 11% is spent for office and administrative costs. Almost half of the total budget will fund the outdoor Scouting activities and programs your son and his unit can be a part of. The TTC owns and operates two camps, Camp Billy Gibbons and Camp Tonkawa. Both camps are filled with Boy Scouts, Webelos, Cub Scouts with summer camp, winter camp, Cub family weekends. The TTC supports volunteers by training adult volunteer leaders through basic training, Pow Wow, Wood Badge and much more by partially underwriting the costs. Each district has a full-time professional to make sure that kids get into the program by setting up rally nights, start new units, help train new leaders, make sure activities of the TTC properly supplement the units program. There is an office staff who maintains registration records, advancement records, program and activity registration, produce flyers and newsletters. The TTC maintains the Scout Service Center which offices staff, adult leader training and a Scout shop full of program materials, badges and awards. Where does the money come from? About 15% of our budget comes from the United Ways in our Council; other income comes from activity fees, product sales, and a Trust Fund. This year, “\$140,000 will have to be raised in our Council to provide the “BEST” quality program for your son. How can I help? It takes a lot of people who feel Scouting is important to meet your need. Most gifts range from \$50 to \$500 and the commitment is a personal one. You may want to consider how much your son is getting out of the program and how much your family is getting out of the program. Your financial support is urgently needed & gratefully appreciated.

**If you have not yet had your Family Friends of Scouting, please contact Michael Deming to schedule a unit presentation.**

*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.

## **CUB SCOUT TWILIGHT CAMP**

**July 25 – 27**

**Early First United Methodist Church**

**5:45 – 9:00 P.M.**



### **Parent Information**

Twilight Camp is an evening program for all Cub Scouts. It introduces the Cub to the excitement of Cub Scout Day Camp in an evening setting. Activities will include Archery, BB gun range, Indian Tracking, Flag Folding Instruction, Square Knot Tying, Indian Possibles Bag, Popsicle Firecrackers, Water Rockets, and many more exciting and fun filled activities. A meal will be provided and is part of the camp fee of \$35.

### **Who Can Attend**

All registered Cub Scouts and their friends who wish to join. The program is especially designed for the Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts. **PARENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND & PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR SON.**

### **Location and Dates**

The Twilight Camp will begin at the Early First United Methodist Church, 1073 Early Blvd, July 25 to 27 from 5:45 to 9:00 p.m.

### **How to Register**

Registration for Twilight Camp is on an individual basis (see registration form).

### **Health Form**

All Cub Scouts attending camp must bring a Cub Scout health form. It can be found at [www.texas trailsbsa.org/forms.htm](http://www.texas trailsbsa.org/forms.htm)