



The Kickapoo Scoop!

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District Calendar

July

- 11 - District Commissioner Staff, Brownwood, 7 pm,
- 18 - District Committee, Brownwood, 7 pm
- 5 - 8 - Webelos Resident Camp, Camp Tonkawa
- 7 - 9 - Penateka Lodge Summer Ordeal, Camp Tonkawa
- 14 - 16 - Penateka Lodge Summer Ordeal, Camp Billy Gibbons
- 17 - 19 - Kickapoo Twilight Camp, Early United Methodist Church, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

August

- 1 - District Commissioner Staff, Brownwood, 7 pm
- 3 - Roundtable, Brownwood, 7 pm
- 5 - Program Review and Unit Popcorn Training, District Scout Office, Brownwood, 9 am
- 8 - District Committee, Brownwood, 7 pm
- 15 - Roundtable, Lampasas, 7 pm
- 29 & 31 - School Night for Scouting

September

- 5 - District Commissioner Staff, Brownwood, 7 pm
- 7 - Roundtable, Brownwood, 7 pm
- 12 - District Committee, Brownwood, 7 pm
- 19 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7 pm

October

- 21 - Bicycle Rodeo - Wal-Mart Parking Lot, Brownwood

Annual Program Review August 5th

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 the meeting. Your unit's popcorn information packet will be handed out during this training.

Cub Scout Twilight Camp

The Kickapoo District Cub Scout Twilight Camp will be held **July 17-19, 2006 at Early United Methodist Church in Early, TX from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day.**

There will be arts and crafts, games, archery and BB's just to mention a few of the activities planned by Sabrena Musick, Camp Director. A lot of fun events are planned for this camp.

Cost, if paid by July 8th, is only \$35, \$50 after that date. Included in the fee is a T-shirt, insurance, property rental fee and program costs. Application forms are available from the Texas Trails Council office in Brownwood.

Volunteers are needed to help with the program. If you are willing to volunteer your time please contact Sabrena Musick at 325/748-4506 or Michael Deming at 646-0616 or 325/668-8576.



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 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 July 5 - 8, 2006

Webelos Resident Camp will be held at Camp Tonkawa from July 5th to July 8th. Only Webelos Scouts are eligible for this camp. They will be camping overnight and enjoying activities like Swimming, Archery, BB's, Games, Crafts, Nature and much more! Webelos Resident Camp is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while learning camping skills and earning advancements while having fun. Webelos who have completed Aquanaut may experience basic snorkeling

Webelos Den Leaders will need to register their campers as a patrol. Individual campers should not submit their registration directly to the Council Service Center in Abilene. Each Webelos Den must provide at least one adult leader for every 4 campers. The maximum size for each Den is 12 Webelos Scouts.

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. There will be a **School Night to Join Cub Scouts** in all elementary schools in the district.

Safety Week Bicycle Rodeo

There will be a Bicycle Safety Rodeo, sponsored by Law Enforcement Explorer Post 1150, in the parking lot of Wal-Mart Supercenter in Brownwood on **Saturday, October 21, from 10 am to 2 pm**. Events will include:

Bike Inspection, Safety Riding, Driver's License Identification engraving, Fingerprinting, Fire Truck Display, EMS Ambulance Display, Police Cruiser Display, Free hot dogs, chips and drinks, "I did my best" award ribbons.

Denateka Lodge Ceremonies

The Summer Ordeal to induct new candidates will be the weekend of July 7 - 9 at Camp Tonkawa. All Order of the Arrow members are invited to participate!



This patch is given to those who make an investment to the council in the amount of \$125.00 this year.

Friends of Scouting – is the Annual Investment in Character 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, 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. An office staff 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 that has program materials, badges and awards.

Your financial support is urgently needed & gratefully appreciated. Contact Michael Deming, your Senior District Executive, to have a presentation made to your unit this year. Most gifts range from \$50 to \$500 and the commitment is a personal one.

Units that have already held a **Friends of Scouting** presentation by Michael Deming are: Pack 4, Pack, 26, Pack 43, Pack 100 and Troop 100.

National Summertime Pack Award

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 Executive, 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.

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Kickapoo District Executive, 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

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.

Reminder on Tour Permits

In order for your unit to be covered by Council Accident insurance on an outing, campout, or trip, you must file a Local Tour Permit, using Application 34426D available online or form the District office in Brownwood.

The permit should be turned in two weeks prior to your trip or activity. The most common mistakes made in filling out the permit is not getting all the proper signatures of a member of the unit committee and the tour leader, and listing the Public Liability Insurance Coverage on the vehicles.

Here is a suggestion that will help you with this form. Get from those parents who normally take your boys to activities to furnish you the necessary information in advance so you have it on file when it comes time to fill out the Tour Permit.

You may also end up listing more boys than will actually go when all the dust settles at the last minute, but that is okay. List the number that indicated they wanted to go at the meeting prior to filing the permit. It may end up being a couple less or more when you actually go. Michael Deming has authority to sign off on your Tour Permit however, it is preferred to mail it to the Service Center in Abilene.

Advancement Online

Units can now submit advancement for unit youth members online. Use **Internet Advancement** for the following:

- * Add ranks, merit badges, and awards
- * Update information on existing advancements (excepting the Eagle Scout rank)

For more information and instructions go to:

www.texas trailsbsa.org/internet_advancement.htm