



The Kickapoo Scoop!

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District Calendar

2006 National Quality District

July

6 - 8 - Penateka OA Lodge Work Weekend and Summer Ordeal, Camp Tonkawa

10 - District Committee & Commissioner Staff;
1318 Fisher; Goldthwaite; 7:00 pm

13 - 15 - OA Conclave at TSU in San Marcos, TX

August

6 - Program Review and Unit Popcorn Training,
Brownwood, 9 am

7 - District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg;
1318 Fisher; Goldthwaite; 7:00 pm

16 - Roundtable, Lampasas, 7 pm

Summer Camp Attendance

We had 82 Scouts and 21 adults attend summer camp this summer. Here are the results: Six troops went to Camp Tonkawa and five troops went to Camp Bill Gibbons.

Troop 1, Brownwood	5 Youth & 3 adults
Troop 14, Brownwood	16 Youth & 4 adults
Troop 22, Early	8 Youth & 2 adults
Troop 26, Lometa	6 Youth & 2 adults
Troop 27, Bangs	6 Youth & 1 adult
Troop 55, San Saba	4 Youth & 2 adults
Troop 77, Goldthwaite	13 Youth & 2 adults
Troop 90, Kempner	6 Youth & 1 adult
Troop 100, Lampasas	8 Youth & 2 adults
Troop 200, Lampasas	10 Youth & 2 adults

Annual Program Review

August 11th

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.

The location TBA.

Cub Scout Twilight Camp

The Kickapoo District Cub Scout Twilight Camp will be held in Alcorn Park, **July 23-25 near Troop 14 cabin on Indian Creek, Brownwood 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 David Dulaney, Camp Director. A lot of fun events are planned for this camp.

Cost, if paid by July 13th, 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.

Volunteers are needed to help with the program. If you are willing to volunteer your time please contact David Dulaney at 325/200-2610 or Michael Deming at 325/668-8576.

FALL CUB SCOUT RECRUITING

All packs should begin making plans now for giving boys an opportunity to join the fun and adventure of 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.



Denateka Lodge Work Weekend

The Penateka Lodge need your skills, expertise, and equipment at **Camp Tonkawa on July 6-8, 2007**. This will be a work weekend to help improve Tonkawa to make it a safer and great place to visit. The first Ordeal to induct new candidates will be this weekend at Camp Tonkawa. All Order of the Arrow members are invited to participate!

There will be no cost for members. It will be FREE. They only want your labor. Arrive at camp after 5 p.m. July 6 (dinner will not be available). Leave before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 8th.

You must sign-up for the work weekend. Contact Chris Wallace at chwallac@bsamail.org to volunteer you unique skills and equipment and to request a project as soon as possible.

Latch Key Winners!



The Pearl Griffin Memorial Latch Key Program's Cub Scout Pack 1910 have been working hard on their derby cars for the past month with David Dulaney and Michael Deming. The boys were responsible for designing their cars, sanding and decorating their cars in preparation for this day.

It all paid off Monday when they had their derby car races. Pictured left to right back row: Angel Arriaga, Marco Jaquez, Angel Vasquez, Albert Elizondo, Miguel Elizondo, Joshua Wisniewski and Phillip Salas. Front row: Kolton Cotton (1st place winner), Wyatt Burleson (2nd place winner), Benjamin Wisniewski (3rd place winner) and Andrew Lewis. All the boys did a wonderful job with their cars. The Latch Key Program is a United Way organization.

Jessica Hardy is Director of the Pearl Griffin Memorial Latch Key Program in Brownwood, Texas.



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.

Texas Trails Council Kids only Turkey Shoot

Camp Tonkawa
July 21, 2007, 8:00am
You must pre-register by July 11

Basic information

1. Any youth (7-10 yrs. old) may compete
2. Cost is \$7.50 for 1 round (25 BB's); you can shoot 2 rounds (50 bb's)
3. We supply the gun and bb's
4. Each round high score wins a bb gun and a frozen turkey
 - a. 2nd high score wins a trophy and a frozen chicken
 - b. 3rd high score wins a ribbon and a frozen game hen
5. Tie scores will shoot to break tie
6. Lunch is provided for shooters
7. Fill out a form for each shooter

Contact the Texas Trails Council for application form.
Texas Trails Council
1208 N. 5th St.
Abilene, TX 79601

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.

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.

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. Activities can include a 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.

Contact Michael Deming, for an application, and planning chart to use this summer to keep up with what the pack is doing. You still have July and August to plan activities.

<http://www.scouting.org/forms/33748.pdf>

Roundtables Starting Up Again

Fall Roundtables will be starting up again in August. 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.

New Chief Scout Executive

The Chief Scout Executive Selection Committee of the Boy Scouts of America selected Robert J. Mazzuca, Assistant Chief Scout Executive, to serve as the new Chief Scout Executive, effective September 1, 2007. He was approved by the National Executive Board Meeting on June 1, 2007.

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

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