



# The Kickapoo Scoop!

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March - April 2007

## A BSA 2006 Quality District District Calendar

### March

- 1 - Roundtable, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - 11 - Penateka OA Lodge Pow-Wow, Camp Tonkawa
- 13 - District Committee - Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mills County State Bank, Goldthwaite
- 20 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

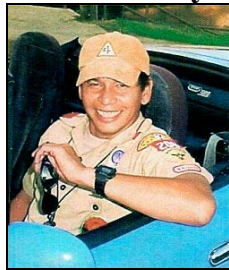
### April

- 5 - Roundtable, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - District Committee - Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Location TBA
- 13 - 15 - District Camporee, Camp Billy Gibbons
- 17 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 - 22 - OA Spring Fellowship

### May

- 3 - Roundtable, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - District Committee - Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Location TBA
- 15 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 - Memorial Day - Office Closed

## In Memory



**Frankie Salas Cruz**  
Scoutmaster Troop 200



**Jade Christine Cruz**



**Christopher Frankie Cruz**  
Eagle Scout Troop 200

## District Camporee

The Kickapoo District Boy Scout Camporee will be held at Camp Billy Gibbons the weekend of **April 13-15**. The theme of the camporee is **Legends of the San Saba**, There will be a tomahawk throw, knot contests, fire building contest, a "lost mine", as well as drawings for individual prizes based on answers to Scout skill questions.

Webelos are encouraged to attend. Webelos must be hosted by a Boy Scout Troop. Registration and cost is the same as for Boy Scouts, and should be coordinated through the Host Troop. **Cost is \$8 per person.**

Complete information concerning this adventure will be mailed to each Scoutmaster in March. Place this event on your calendar now and prepare your Scouts for a great weekend, rain or shine.

## Receives District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that a district can present to a volunteer for outstanding service to youth in the district.



Pictured above are Hubert Swann and David Hass who were presented with the District Award of Merit during Scout Sunday at First United Methodist Church, Brownwood. They were unable to attend the District Banquet held in Lampasas in January.

## Summer Camp Coming Up

Boy Scout Summer Camp is just around the corner and will be here before we know it! Dates for this year's camp are as follows:

**Camp Tonkawa** – June 3-9 & June 10-16, 2007

**Camp Billy Gibbons** – June 25-30 & July 1-7, 2007

Each Scoutmaster will receive a special Leader's Guide this spring to help the troop plan their participation in one of the two camps. A 2007 Texas Trails Council summer camp CD is available now from the Council Office in Abilene.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is needed to secure your Troop's reservation for summer camp.

As of this printing, the following Scout Troops have signed up for summer camp and paid their \$50.00:

Troop 22 – Troop 90 - Troop 100 – Troop 200

Troops that have indicated that they are going to summer camp but have not paid a \$50 deposit: Troop 1, Troop 14, Troop 26, Troop 27, Troop 55, and Troop 77

## Summer Camp Staff Needed

Applications are now being accepted for adults and youth to serve on the summer camp staff. Please contact Les Zimmerman, Camp Director, for more information and a staff application. His mailing address is 512 E. Elm St, Dublin, TX 76446, phone number 325/660-4928 and his e-mail address is: [leszimmerman@hotmail.com](mailto:leszimmerman@hotmail.com).

## Donkey Day - Camp Billy Gibbons

Donkey Day will be held at Camp Billy Gibbons on the first Saturday in May, which is May 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the time when everyone comes out to camp to help get it ready for summer camp. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this annual cleanup, fix-up and fellowship weekend. Most of the work will be done on Saturday so if you can come out for only the day, this is the day to come. Lunch will be served to all workers on Saturday. Scout Troops may come and campout for the weekend. Don't forget to file a **Local Tour Permit** for your troop and the **\$5 per person weekend camp fee**. Those coming out for only Saturday will only have to pay \$2.

Families may also come and campout. Be sure and bring your work clothes, and some tools that you think might be needed to help trim the grass, sweep out the buildings, kill wasps and all those other necessary things needed to open camp.

**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, 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.

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

## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Kickapoo District Executive, Michael Deming, may be reached by cell at 325-668-8576, or email [mdeming@bsamail.org](mailto:mdeming@bsamail.org)

## Pinewood Derby Winners On February 11th

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos, their leaders and parents participated in the Kickapoo Pinewood Derby on February 10th. This was our annual event where Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos compete against each other in individual races. Trophies were given for the three fastest cars in each Division. We wish to thank Mid-Tex Federal Credit Union for underwriting the awards.

### Tiger Cubs

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Aidan Perez – Pack 14
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Logan Dick – Pack 14
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clay Townsend – Pack 14

### Wolf

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Connor Harris – Pack 55
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cason Taylor – Pack 27
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – David Wiley – Pack 4

### Bear

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Brandon Bell – Pack 143
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tristen Bell – Pack 4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Roy Argote Pack 55

### Webelos

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Chris Dulaney – Pack 27
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Keith Clardy Pack 4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Talon Taylor – Pack 27

### Grand Champion

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Chris Dulaney Pack 27
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brandon Bell – Pack 143
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Logan Dick – Pack 14

### Most Unusual

Wesley Musick - Pack 4

### Best Design

Steven Arceneaux - Pack 4

### Best Paint Job

Caleb Calloway - Pack 4

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## "Scouting in Iraq"

The following story was taken from the February Boys' Life magazine.

"In 2003, retired U.S. Navy Commander Chip Beck arrived in Iraq. While there, he began a mission: to bring back Scouting. For many years, boys in Iraq were not allowed to participate in Scouts."

"The Iraqi Scouting program has 5,000 members, but they're still a ways from conducting regular Scouting events like jamborees or camporees."

"If you're interested in helping the Iraqi Scouts, write to them at: The Iraqi American Foundation, Iraqi Scouts Initiative, P.O. Box 1017, Lampasas TX 76550."

Scouter Mike Bradle, of Lampasas, is deeply involved in this project. He did so under a formal initiative signed by Ambassador Paul Bremer and then under a formal Iraqi initiative signed by Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. They have raised a lot of money for the program.

Bradle is still working with Eagle Scout projects around the country identifying schools that need supplies in Iraq, troops that need supplies etc.

## Boys' Life The Magazine for All Boys

Boys' Life magazine benefits Cub Scout in many ways including:

- Advancement – The advancement rate for Boys' Life subscribers is more than twice that for non-subscribers
- Good Reading – Boys' Life is a good mix of exciting stories and valuable information that makes it fun for Cub Scout – age boys to read. Reading is a survival skill.
- Family Support – Parents, brothers, and sisters read Boys' Life and become more supportive of Scouting.
- Longer Tenure – Boys' Life subscribers stay in scouting an average 2 ½ times longer than non-subscribers.

## Webelos Residence Camp

Webelos Residence Camp will be held at Camp Tonkawa June 17-20, 2007.