



The Kickapoo Scoop!

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District Calendar

March

- Mar. 8 - Summer Camp Staff Interviews, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood. Times to be announced
- Mar. 10 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 15 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 17 - District Committee Meeting, TBA
- Mar. 17 - District Commissioner's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Brownwood

April

- Apr. 7 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 14 - District Committee Meeting, TBA
- Apr. 14 - District Commission's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Brownwood
- Apr. 19 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 22-24 - Kickapoo District Camporee - Details to be mailed to all Scoutmasters

May

- Workday at Camp Billy Gibbons to be announced.
- May 5 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- May 12 - District Commission's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Brownwood
- May 12 - District Committee Meeting, TBA
- May 17 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

ROUNDTABLES

Roundtables in Brownwood are the first Thursday each month and are held at the Kickapoo District Office; 602 E. Adams; 7:00 p.m. Roundtables in Lampasas are held the third Tuesday each month; First Baptist Church; 402 S. Key Ave.; 7:00 p.m. All unit volunteers, especially the unit leader & committee chairman should attend. Roundtables are open to everyone. Roundtables are held for the purpose of receiving information, sharing of ideas, training, fun and fellowship. Come out and see what is happening!

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. **Call the district office now to schedule a unit presentation.** Your financial support is urgently needed & gratefully appreciated.

Quality Units

Congratulations to these units that made *Quality Unit* in 2004. Some of these units have made this award for many years. It shows the quality of the program the youth are receiving in these units. A special *Quality Unit Year Patch* may be purchased for each person in the unit to wear on their uniform, both youth and adults.

UNIT #	CHARTER PARTNER/COMMUNITY	UNIT LEADER
Pack 4	Elks Lodge, Brownwood-Early	Michael Vita
Pack 26	Parents Club of Lometa	Sheri Stone
Pack 43	Rotary Club, Brownwood	Jimmy Lewis
Pack 55	San Saba First United Methodist	Randal Hawkins
Pack 100	Community Church of Christ, Lampasas	Greg Henderson
Troop 1	First Christian Church, Brownwood	Marie Wilson
Troop 3	United Pentacostal Church, Brownwood	Alvin Hall
Troop 14	First United Methodist, Brownwood	Scott Morelock
Troop 22	Kiwanis Club, Brownwood	Tully Hair
Troop 26	Parents Club of Lometa	William Pauly
Troop 90	Volunteer Fire Dept., Kempner	Ettor Strada
Troop 99	Kiwanis Club, Lampasas	Kevin West
Troop 100	First United Methodist, Lampasas	Howard Phelan
Troop 200	First Baptist Church, Lampasas	Frank Cruz

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@bsaemail.org.

District Spring Camporee

Plans are currently being made for the Kickapoo District Camporee to be held April 22-24, 2005. Scout Troops will want to put this weekend on their outdoor event calendar. More information as to place and events will be sent to all Scoutmasters later this spring.

Order Your Supplies From Council Office In Abilene

To order your supplies call the Council Office in Abilene at:
1-888-407-2688

Pinewood Derby Results

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos, their leaders and parents were invited to come to Heartland Mall in Early, TX on **Saturday, February 5**, 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 events.

The Scouts race their cars in one of four Divisions: Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos. Awards are given for the three fastest cars in each Division. Special Awards given for the "Best Design," "Best Paint," and "Most Unusual" pinewood derby cars.

Special awards:

Most Unusual - Christopher Dulaney, Pack 27, Bangs
Best Design - Morgan Macke, Pack 4, Early
Best Paint - Kyle Vogel, Pack 27, Bangs

Tigers:

First - Timothy Porr, Pack 100, Lampasas
Second - Payton Hamrick, Pack 27, Bangs
Third - Dalton Ketcherside, Pack 27, Bangs

Wolf:

First - Ryan Goetz - Pack 260, Abilene
Second - Robert Dick, Pack 14, Brownwood
Third - Ehren Thomas, Pack 55, San Saba

Bear:

First - Garrett Barnum, Pack 43, Brownwood
Second - Nicholas Wilkins, Pack 14, Brownwood
Third - Keith Clardy, Pack 4, Early

Webelos:

First - Blake Dulaney, Pack 27, Bangs
Second - Robert Byrd, Pack 100, Lampasas
Third - Matthew Lewis, Pack 43, Brownwood

District Dinner

The Kickapoo Annual District Dinner was held January 21, at First United Methodist Church in Goldthwaite. We recognized the Kickapoo 2004 Class of Eagle Scouts and presented the District Award of Merit to Greg Henderson, Cubmaster Pack 100 in Lampasas. The District Award of Merit is the highest award the Kickapoo District may present to a volunteer for outstanding service to youth in the district.

John William Knight, a scout in Troop 77, received a \$100 US Savings Bond for being the highest popcorn seller in the district. There was 52 in attendance. The Master of Ceremony was Stan Walker.

SILVER BEAVER AWARD

Congratulations to **Bob Rider** of Brownwood who was recently recognized as recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, which is a national award of the Boy Scouts of America, presented on the council level. Bob was a member as a youth. As an adult, he has served as Explorer Post advisor, Unit Commissioner, Scoutmaster, Kickapoo District Chairman, and Associate Crew Advisor. He is currently Vice President of Properties, Texas Trails Council. Bob is a Vigil Honor, Order of the Arrow; served on Woodbadge SR379 and SR625 staffs, Powder Horn training, and as a committee member of the West Texas Rendezvous. Bob has earned the Scoutmaster Key Award, Scout Training Award, God & Country Adult Award, Distinguished Commissioner Award, Doctor of Commissioner Science, and the District Award of Merit. He is past Senior Warden, St. John's Episcopal Church; recipient of the St. George Award for work with youth; St. John's Episcopal Church licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister and Worshipful Master; and a Mason.

Cub Scout Camp

Cub Scouts will have their opportunity to attend Cub Scout Camp at Camp Tonkawa at two different times. The first session will run from July 11-13 and the second session will run from July 13-15, 2005.

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.

Boy Scout Summer Camp

The following Boy Scout Troops have signed up for Summer Camp at one of the two camps of the Texas Trails Council:

Troop 14 Troop 26 Troop 200

Has your Troop included Boy Scout Summer Camp in your planning? The 2005 Texas Trails Council summer camp CD is now available through the office in Abilene. It is action packed with all the forms needed and the new camp fees. Have you made your campsite reservation yet while the best sites are still available? Remember a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is needed to secure your campsite for summer 2005 with Billy Gibbons or Tonkawa.

Camp Billy Gibbons will be operating two different weeks this summer. The first week is June 5-11 and the second week is June 12-18, 2005

Camp Tonkawa will also operate for two different weeks. Those weeks are June 19-25 and June 26-July 2, 2005.

Summer Camp Staff

The Texas Trails Council is now accepting applications for adults and older youth to serve on the summer camp staff. You will want to contact Les Zimmerman, Camp Director, for more information and a staff application. His address is 512 E. Elm St., Dublin, TX 76446, phone number 254/445-2190 and e-mail address is leszimmerman@hotmail.com

Staff interviews will be held Tuesday, March 8 in the Brownwood Service Center. Times to be announced.

Webelos Camp

Webelos Camp will operate from July 5-8, 2005 at Camp Tonkawa and will provide an exciting program for all Webelos. Remember that 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. More information coming.

Denataka Lodge Dues

Penataka OA Lodge dues run from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Your dues of \$8.00 for 2005 are now due, along with your current Medical Release Form. You can download the form from the Texas Trail Council web site.