



The Kickapoo Scoop!

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District Calendar

May

- 2 – Commissioner Staff Meeting, Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 5-6 - Order of the Arrow Webelos Lock-in
- 6 - Trailblazer Adventure Day, Camp Tonkawa
- 9 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Brownwood
- 12-14 Donkey Day at Camp Billy Gibbons
- 16 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 19-21 - OA Spring Fellowship, Camp Tonkawa
- 30 - June 3 - Summer Camp Staff Training

June

- 4 - 10 - 1st Week of Summer Camp, Camp Billy Gibbons
- 6 – Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - 17 - 2nd Week of Summer Camp, Camp Billy Gibbons
- 13 – District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 - 24 - 1st Week of Summer Camp, Camp Tonkawa
- 25 - Jul. 1 - 2nd Week of Summer Camp, Camp Tonkawa

July

- 5 - 8 - Webelos Resident Camp, Camp Tonkawa
- 7 - 9 - Penateka Lodge Summer Ordeal, Camp Tonkawa
- 17 - 19 - Kickapoo Twilight Camp, Early United Methodist Church, 5:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Summer Camp Time

Yep, it's that time of year again to be thinking of a week of summer camp at either Camp Billy Gibbons or Camp Tonkawa. Have you made your troop's campsite reservation yet?

There is a \$50.00 campsite deposit required at time of making your reservation. It will be deducted from you final payment for camp. **Cost per camper is \$170, which is due by May 10th.** Now is the time to get those Scouts to start setting aside money for camp. Troops that are now signed up for summer camp at either Camp Billy Gibbons or Camp Tonkawa are:

Troop 1 and Troop 14 – Brownwood Troop 22 - Early
Troop 26 – Lometa Troop 100 - Lampasas

District Camporee A Success



The Kickapoo District Camporee was held at Camp Billy Gibbons the weekend of April 21-23. The Theme for this year's Camporee was "1836 - A Revolutionary Camporee." Each "Ranger Patrol" was prepared to meet whatever the wilderness may throw at them as they scouted West Texas for Mexican troops attempting to join with Comanche allies and attack the Texian Army from the west.

Some 84 Scouts and 33 leaders participated in the weekend events. Those attending included T-1 and T-14, Brownwood; T-26, Lometa; T-27, Bangs; T-39, Stephenville, T-90, Kempner; T-100 and 200, Lampasas; and T-101, Cisco.



We want to thank Frank and Janet Griffin, Hubert Swann, Ray and Inge Easterling, Roy and Pattie Curbo, Stanley Walker, Jr., Renee Greenhaw, and Lynn Gunter and Crew for their help. Griffin served as Camporee Chairman.

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.

The registration fee of \$95.00 per Webelos and \$70.00 per adults and must be paid before June 16th to receive a T-shirt and a patch. Registrations received after the 16th will have an additional late fee of \$20.00 per person. There is a form to be filled out and is available from either the Abilene or Brownwood office.

Donkey Day - Camp Billy Gibbons

The Annual Donkey Day at Camp Billy Gibbons will be held the weekend of May 12-14. 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.

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.

Penateka Lodge Ceremonies

Each Friday night during summer camp Penateka Lodge will have calling out ceremonies for new candidates. 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. 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 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 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.

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.

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 5:45 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 325/677-2688 or 646-0616 in Brownwood.



Philmont Scout Ranch

Philmont is a wilderness camping area near Cimarron, New Mexico, located in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. Philmont has mountains which dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. Waite Phillips gave his beautiful mountain ranch to the Boy Scouts of America in 1941, along with his ranch home, the Villa Philmonte.

Each year Scouts from the Texas Trails Council attend this high adventure base for eleven days of backpacking and camping experiences. Going this year from the Kickapoo District are Troop 22, Early, and Troop 14, Brownwood.