



The Kickapoo Scoop!

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May - June 2005

District Calendar

May

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 13-15 **Donkey Day at Camp Billy Gibbons**

May 17 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

June

1-3 - Summer Camp Staff Training

5-11 - 1st Week of Summer Camp, Camp Billy Gibbons

12-18 - 2nd Week of Summer Camp, Camp Billy Gibbons

19-25 - 3rd Week of Summer Camp, Camp Tonkawa

26-Jul. 2 - 4th Week of Summer Camp, Camp Tonkawa

July

5-8 - Webelos Resident Camp, Camp Tonkawa

8-10 - Penateka Lodge Summer Ordeal, Camp Tonkawa

15-17 - OA Section Conclave

Donkey Day - Camp Billy Gibbons

The Annual Donkey Day at Camp Billy Gibbons will be held the weekend of May 13-15. 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.

Boy Scout Summer Camp Is almost here!

Time is running out! Summer Camp is just a few weeks off! The following Boy Scout Troops have signed up for Summer Camp from the Kickapoo District:

1st Week, CBG: Troops 14, 22, 26

2nd Week, CBG: Troops 1, 77

1st Week, CT: Troops 100, 200

The 2005 Texas Trails Council summer camp CD is now available through the office in Abilene & online at the Council website. 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 at 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 operate for two different weeks. Those weeks are June 19-25 and June 26-July 2, 2005.

Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos Camp will be July 5-8, 2005 at Camp Tonkawa and will provide an exciting program for all Webelos. **Remember, 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.**

Penateka Lodge Ceremonies

Here are the dates for the Penateka Lodge Ceremonies this summer. Each Friday night during summer camp they will have calling out ceremonies for new candidates. The Summer Ordeal to induct new candidates will be the weekend of July 8- 10 at Camp Tonkawa. The OA Section Conclave will be July 15-17.

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.

Joe Galbraith Presented 80-Year Veteran Award

A special highlight for the South Texas Council, BSA, at their annual banquet held February 11, 2005, was the presentation of the **80-year veteran award** to Joe Galbraith. Galbraith, 91, began in scouts when he was 12. "I'm just so grateful, humbled and appreciative of Scouting."

For those of you who may not know who Joe Galbraith is, he was Scout Executive of the former Comanche Trail Council, BSA, from 1955 to 1962 and is now retired, living in Corpus Christi, TX. He continues to be a great supporter of Scouting.

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.

Council Pinewood Derby

Congratulations to those who participated in the Texas Trails Council Pinewood Derby at the Mall of Abilene on March 5, 2005. Here are some winners from the Kickapoo District.

Best Design: 3rd Place - Tanner Hawkins Pack 55

Wolf: 1st Place - Robert Pick Pack 14

2nd Place - Chris Dulaney Pack 27



Kickapoo Camporee Results

The Kickapoo Camporee was held April 22-24, at Camp Billy Gibbons. The theme was Orienteering Skills, and patrols from 11 Scout Troops participated in an Orienteering and Scout Skills Challenge. The following patrols were the high scorers in events.

Fastest time through the orienteering course:

Troop 14, Gator Patrol

First Place, Orienteering: Troop 119, River Rates

Second Place, Orienteering: Troop 245, Wolf

Third Place, Orienteering: Troop 100, Buffaloes

First Place, Scout Skills: Troop 245, Wolf

Second Place, Scout Skills: Troop 14, Gators

Third Place, Scout Skills: Troop 22, Barracudas

Dutch Oven Cooking:

Best Tasting: Troop 119, River Rats

Best Looking: Troop 100, Buffaloes

Worst Disaster: Troop 90, Navajos

Thanks to Frank Griffin, Camporee Chairman; Janet Griffin, Alvin Stewart, Kelly Ricks, Laura Stair, Scott Morelock, Tully Hair, John Gressett, A. J. McCatherine, Joe Woodard, Jimmy Lewis, Ettore Strada, Mitch Newell, and Gene Case for helping to make the Camporee a success!

2005 Family Friends of Scouting

UNIT	DATE HELD	TOTAL \$
PACK 3		
PACK 4		
PACK 5		
PACK 14		
PACK 26		
PACK 27		
PACK 43		
PACK 49		
PACK 55		
PACK 100	19-Mar	\$1,737
PACK 1910		
TROOP 1		
TROOP 3		
TROOP 14	17-Jan	\$875
TROOP 22		
TROOP 26		
TROOP 27		
TROOP 49		
TROOP 77		
TROOP 90		
TROOP 99		
TROOP 100		\$125
TROOP 200		
CREW 14		
CREW 16		
CREW 55		
CREW 2000		
TOTAL		\$ 2,737

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.texastrailsbsa.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.

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. Your financial support is urgently needed & gratefully appreciated.

To your left you will find the results of the Family Friends of Scouting presentations held with each unit. If you have not yet had your Family Friends of Scouting, please contact Michael Deming to schedule a unit presentation.

Cub & Me 2005

The Texas Trails Council Cub & Me will be held **May 13-15 at Camp Tonkawa**. There will be archery, BB's, Rockets and loads of fun. This weekend is for registered Cub Scouts and their parents. Early registration is \$20 for Cub and guardian, \$5 for each additional Cub. After May 11 \$25 for Cub and guardian, \$7 for each additional Cub. Check in is 4:30 p.m. Friday night or 8:30 am on Saturday morning. **You can sign up at the scout office or mail in your registration.**

Go to the Texas Trails Council web site for application form at: http://www.texastrailsbsa.org/Cubs/cub_and_me_2005.htm