



# The Kickapoo Scoop!

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## District Calendar

### November

- 3 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 - New Leader Essentials, Session I, 7:50 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Brownwood Scout Office
- 5 - Cub Scout Leader Specific - Session II, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Brownwood Scout Office
- 5 - Youth Protection - 1:00 p.m., Brownwood Scout Office
- 8 - Unit Popcorn Orders & Prize Request Forms Due in Council Office in Abilene
- 15 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 - Popcorn Pickup

### December

- 1 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 2 4 - OA Winter Camp, Camp Tonkawa
- 7 - Deadline for Popcorn Money Turn-In
- 15 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 - 26 - Council Office Closed for Christmas and Inventory
- 27 - 30 - Boy Scout Winter Camp, Camp Tonkawa

### January

#### Note: Recharter Your Unit this month!

- 5 - Roundtable, Kickapoo Scout Service Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 - Recharter Turn-in at Scout Service Center
- 14 - Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene
- 17 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 - Kickapoo District Banquet, Place to be announced.
- 28 - Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene

## Good Turn For Red Cross

The Kickapoo District Office has been doing a "good turn" for the Pecan Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross by allowing their excess supplies from the evacuee shelter be stored in the office space formerly used for the Council trading post. We were glad to do our part to help them as they administered to all the displaced persons from the two hurricanes. We had baby supplies, blankets, sheets, MREs, cots and even two basketball goals stored for over a month as they tried to sort through all the supplies and find a more permanent place to keep them. Our neighbor next door is the Red Cross and we appreciate what they do for others!



## POPCORN ALMOST OVER!

Your unit should be completing their popcorn sales soon and getting ready to turn your orders and prize request forms into the council office. As you know, your boys can earn all kinds of prizes depending on how much popcorn they sell.

You will be paying for your popcorn with cashiers or certified check or money order from the unit so you will want to make plans now to be able to do that prior to December 7. You pay the council money for the amount your unit has sold and they will then send your commission check to your Unit Committee Chairman by December 31st for all units that have paid their popcorn in full by December 9th.

Here is the final schedule and details.

**Nov. 8** - Unit Popcorn Orders & Prize Request Forms Due in Council Office

**Nov. 18** - Popcorn Pickup Day, begin delivering popcorn & collecting money.

**Dec. 7** - Earn 26% commission or 30% Commission if unit meets requirements.

**Dec. 14** - Earn 21% Commission

**Dec. 21** - Earn 16 % Commission

**After Dec. 22** - Earn 10% Commission

All units in Brown County will pick up their popcorn at Nelson Wholesale in Brownwood. Units in Mills, San Saba, and Lampasas Counties will pick their popcorn up at Centex Telephone Co-op in Goldthwaite. Scheduled pick up times for your unit will be sent to you in the next few weeks.



## **Cub Adventure Weekend Held At Camp Billy Gibbons**

The weekend of October 8 - 9, 2005 featured camping adventure for all Cub Scouts and adult partners. Activities included archery, BB guns, crafts, games, hiking, campfire, and a bottle rocket contest. We want to thank the following volunteers for all the effort they put forth to make this weekend a great adventure for 230 Cub Scouts and their adult partners! A special thanks to all who helped make the Adventure Weekend a success: Pam & Bob Rider, Shirley Teague, Christy & Hubert Swann, Frank Griffin, Mike Beverly, Alvin Stewart, Ray Easterling, Patrick Mooney, Chris Bell, Melissa White, Skylar Bell, Jarrett Stewart.

### **Training**

Congratulations to these individuals who took time away from their families to learn more about the Scouting program through training. Each leader completed training courses in New Leader Essentials, Cub Leader Specific, and Youth Protection. They are: Abel Palacio, Andy Sequinet, Robert Meek, Johnnie McGehee, Stephanie McGehee, Ann Alvear, Greg Henderson all of Pack 100 in Lampasas; Laura Wilson, Pack 5 in Goldthwaite; Louis Hall & Chris Ross, Pack 27 Bangs.

### **Denateka Lodge Calendar Order of the Arrow**

Congratulations to Cooper Morelock, who was elected recently at Lodge Secretary. The Penateka Lodge still has a full calendar of events scheduled for this fall. Here are some of the major dates:

Nov. 5 - OA Annual Food Drive

Nov. 6 - Black Arrow/Taso Tasiwoo Chapter Council, Brownwood and Abilene

Nov. 20 - Penateka Lodge Executive Committee, Place to be announced

Dec. 2-4 - OA Winter Camp, Camp Tonkawa

January is the month to pay your 2006 Dues of \$8.00.

## **ReChartering Your Unit**

January is the month that all the units in the Kickapoo District recharter for another year. You want to make sure you have your recharter papers from the council prior to December 1st so you will have time to fill them out and collect the money needed to recharter your unit. If you do not get your papers by that time, please contact Michael Deming to see where they are.

There will be a **Charter Turn-In Day** held at the Branch Scout Office in Brownwood on Saturday, January 7, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. The Commissioner staff will be available to help check in your charter. Please pay your charter fees with one check. You can start planning for your recharter now by listing all the active adults and youth in your unit that will be rechartering and collecting their fees. As you know, it takes awhile to get all this done. This will also give you time to check on those kids who have not been active.

### **Electronic Rechartering**

Internet Rechartering of your unit is a Web-based method for you to renew your unit charter from any online location - at home or at the office. For those that are use to using the Internet, you will like this new method. It is easy, convenient, and accurate because you enter the information yourself.

**A special training for all those who plan on using this new method will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 207 E. Graham in Comanche on Tuesday, November 1 at 7pm. Call the Scout Office and let them know if you will be there 325-677-2688 or 1-888-407-2688.**

## District Awards Banquet

You will want to put the date of January 20th on your calendar for the Annual Kickapoo District Awards Banquet, place to be announced. As part of the banquet we will recognize the Kickapoo 2005 Class of Eagle Scouts, present training awards, and present the District Award of Merit.

## District Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is a council award presented by district in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 units, or fraction thereof. The Kickapoo District is entitled to one award this year.

### Requirements

- A nominee must be a registered Scouter
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to boys.
- The nature and value of "noteworthy service to boys" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of boys or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
- Consideration should be given to the nominee's position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond expectation of duty.
- The nominee's attitude toward, and cooperation with, the district and council is to be taken into consideration.

Nominations forms are available from Michael Deming or either Scout Office.

*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.

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

As we come to the end of 2005 let me thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the Scouting program. The lives of many youth throughout our district are richer because of you. Wishing you and your family a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Michael Deming, DD  
Kickapoo District

## 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 message voicemail. Michael can also be reached by cell at 325-668-8576 or [mdeming@bsaemail.org](mailto:mdeming@bsaemail.org).



## Winter Camp 2005

**When:** Check In December 27th @ 1PM  
Check Out December 30th @ 12PM

**Who:** All Registered Boy Scouts

**Where:** Camp Tonkawa

**Cost of Event:** \$90.00 per youth, includes food and patch

1st Leader: For 1-10 Scouts \$50, Free over 10 Scouts

2nd Leader: For 1-10 Scouts \$50, Free over 16 Scouts

**Registration is Due By Wednesday November 30th.**

**For more details go to:**

[http://www.texas trailsbsa.org/Outdoors/winter\\_camp.htm](http://www.texas trailsbsa.org/Outdoors/winter_camp.htm)