



# The Kickapoo Scoop!

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## District Calendar

### November

- 2 – Roundtable, Brownwood; 7:00 pm
- 4 - **New Leader Essentials** - Session II, 7:50 - 10:30 am
- Cub Scout Leader Specific** - Session II, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Youth Protection - 1:00 pm; Brownwood
- 4 - Merit Badge Seminar – Tarleton State University, Stephenville
- 4 -Boy Scout Leader Training, Tarleton State University - *includes Boy Scout New Leader and Boy Scout Leader Specific Training.*
- 8 - Unit Popcorn Orders & Prize Request Forms Due in Abilene Service Center
- 7 – Commissioner Meeting, Brownwood; 6:00 pm
- 11 - Order of the Arrow Food Drive
- 14 – District Committee Meeting, Brownwood; 7:00 pm
- 17 – Popcorn Pickup Day
- 18 - Merit Badge Seminar – Tarleton State University, Stephenville
- 21 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 - Thanksgiving
- 24 – Council Office Closed

### December

- 1-3 - OA Winter Fellowship, Camp Tonkawa
- 5 – Commissioner Staff Meeting; 6:00 pm; Brownwood
- 6 – Take Order Money Due for Popcorn. Due in Abilene Service Center
- 7 - Roundtable, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 – District Committee Meeting; 7:00 pm; Brownwood
- 15 – Registration Deadline for Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene
- 19 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 – Christmas Day
- 25 - 26 - Council Office Closed for Christmas
- 29 – Council Office Closed for Inventory

### January

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

- 4 - Roundtable, Brownwood, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 - Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene
- 13 – Recharter Turn-in
- 16 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 – Kickapoo District Banquet
- 20 - Merit Badge Seminar at McMurry University, Abilene
- 20 - OA Lodge Banquet



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

As we come to the end of 2006 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  
Kickapoo District

## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Michael Deming, may be reached by cell phone at 325-668-8576 or by e-mail at [kickapooscouts@bwoodtx.com](mailto:kickapooscouts@bwoodtx.com) or [mdeming@bsaemail.org](mailto:mdeming@bsaemail.org) Due to fall rallies, Deming will not be in the local Brownwood office.





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

There were 217 Cubs and parents representing 15 packs camping out the weekend of October 14-15, 2006 for a weekend of adventure. Activities included archery, BB guns, crafts, games, hiking, campfire, fishing, and more. In spite of the weather, all enjoyed the Cub Adventure Weekend at Camp Billy Gibbons.

We want to thank:

Frank Griffin - Chairman  
Crafts - Karen Lynch, Troop 1, Brownwood  
Games - Troop 1 Scouts  
Archery - Ray Easterling  
Stephen McCarty  
BB Range - Lynn Gunter  
Joey Greenhaw  
Chefs - Leroy & Wanda Forbes  
First Aid - Paul Ciraso

**And a special thanks to Troop 1 who had the following Scouts and Scouters helping out:**

**Scouts** - Robert Lynch, Jamison Greenhaw, Matthew Ruiz, and Michael Cox  
**Scouters** - Karen Lynch, Joey Greenhaw, Marie Wilson

## **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.



## **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 Abilene Service Center  
Nov. 17 - Popcorn Pickup Day, begin delivering popcorn & collecting money.  
Dec. 6 - Take Order Money Due – Due in Abilene Service Center

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.





**Goldthwaite Boy Scout Timothy Duus salutes the United States Flag as it is raised to half-mast Monday during the 9-11 remembrance ceremony held at the Mills County Courthouse lawn. Photo by Steven Bridges**

### **Camp Usage Fees**

There will be a \$2.00 per person day usage fee due for every council member using any of the camps.

There is also a \$5.00 per person per weekend camping fee applicable for all council units that wish to camp at all four camps. If you are camping you do not also have to pay the \$2.00 day usage fee.

The fees apply to all of the council's four camps and there may also be additional charges for any equipment or buildings use.

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## **District Awards Banquet**

You will want to put the date of January 19th on your calendar for the Annual Kickapoo District Awards Banquet, location to be announced. As part of the banquet we will recognize the Kickapoo 2006 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 two awards 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, the Scout Office in Abilene or online.

### **Philmont 2008**

For more information on going to Philmont Scout Ranch in 2008 check out the information found on the council's website at:

<http://www.texastrailsbsa.org/>