



# The Kickapoo Scoop!

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## District Calendar

### September

- 5 – District Commissioner Meeting; Brownwood; 6:00 pm
- 7 – Roundtable, Brownwood; 7:00 pm
- 9 - **New Leader Essentials**, Session I, 7:50 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Cub Scout Leader Specific** - Session II, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
- Youth Protection**, 1:00 p.m.; Brownwood
- 13 – District Committee Meeting, Brownwood; 7:00 pm
- 19 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 - **New Leader Essentials**, Session I, 7:50 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Cub Scout Leader Specific** - Session II, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
- Youth Protection**, 1:00 p.m.; Lampasas

### October

- 3 – District Commissioner Meeting; Brownwood; 6:00 pm
- 5 – Roundtable, Brownwood; 7:00 pm
- 7 - **New Leader Essentials**, Session I, 7:50 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.,
- Cub Scout Leader Specific** - Session II, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
- Youth Protection** - 1:00 pm; Brownwood
- 10 – District Committee; Brownwood; 7:00 pm
- 14-15 - Cub Scout Adventure Weekend, 9:30 a.m. Sat. to Noon on Sunday - Camp Billy Gibbons
- 17 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 - Bike Rodeo, Wal-Mart Parking Lot, Brownwood - Sponsored by Brownwood Police Explorer Post
- 21 – **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

### 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 - *include Boy Scout New Leader and Boy Scout Leader Specific Training.*
- 7 – Commissioner Meeting, Brownwood; 6:00 pm
- 11 - Order of the Arrow Food Drive
- 14 – District Committee Meeting, Brownwood; 7:00 pm
- 18 - Merit Badge Seminar – Tarleton State University, Stephenville
- 21 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.



## FALL CUB SCOUT RECRUITING

All packs should begin making plans now for giving boys an opportunity to join the fun and adventure of Scouting. This year's recruiting theme is **RACE TO CUB SCOUTING**. There will be a lot of exciting and fun items to go with the fall recruiting program.

There will be a **School Night to Join Cub Scouts** in all elementary schools in our communities. Flyers are available to pass out at your school printed with the time and place of your rally. Contact Michael Deming, to set a date for your School Night to Join Cub Scouts.

## Denateka Lodge Order of the Arrow Congratulations

We want to congratulate Robert Lynch, Boy Scout in Troop 1 Brownwood on being elected as Lodge Treasurer of the Penateka Lodge.

## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

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



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

Save the weekend of October 14-15, 2006 for a weekend of camping adventure for all Cub Scouts and adult partners. Activities will include archery, BB guns, crafts, games, hiking, campfire, and more.

Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and everyone will depart by noon on Sunday.

Cost is \$35.00 per team of Cub Scout and adult partner and \$10 for each additional scout that attends with an adult. Supper on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday will be provided. Bring a sack lunch for noon on Saturday.

Additional registration information will be coming soon by mail so you can sign up for this great weekend!

## **Merit Badge Seminar**

Please note that the Merit Badge Seminar at Tarleton State University that has been normally held in February will be held the Saturdays of November 4 and 18, 2006. Look for your special mailing to Scoutmasters.

## **Contacting the Council Office**

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**Office Hours:**  
Monday - 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday - 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



## **POPCORN TIME!**

It's that time of the year for your unit to sell popcorn and earn money to your unit's activities! Your unit can earn **up to 30%** commission on each sale! Select your Popcorn Chairman and send in his name, address, phone number and e-mail address today! Be sure he gets your unit's official sales kit which includes Popcorn Sign-up Sheet, order forms, prize sheets, popcorn sales schedule, collection envelopes, & fact sheet.

Your boys can earn all kinds of prizes depending on how much popcorn they sell. You will pay for you popcorn with cashiers or certified check or money order from the unit. 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 6th.

If you have not received your unit's popcorn packet, contact Michael Deming immediately. Here is the complete schedule and details.

### **Schedule**

Aug. 31 - Show and Sell Order Due – Due in Abilene Service Center  
Sept. 14 - Show and Sell Product Pick Up  
Sept. 16 - Take Order Sales Begin (Check for Brown County for possible different date)  
Oct. 26 - Show and Sell Dollars Due in Council Office by 5:00 P.m. Due at Abilene Service Center  
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

## Troop Open House



Recent focus group studies of 11-year-old boys revealed most would consider joining a troop if invited by a friend.

One successful way to encourage boys to invite their friends is to conduct a troop open house. An open house has three essential steps:

1. Set up a campsite display wherever boys gather, ideally at their school. Make sure each boy gets a flier with the date, time, and place of the open house. Ask each boy to fill out a high-adventure survey to obtain follow-up information.
2. Follow up by phoning and inviting parents to a meeting about how to join the troop. Refer to how the completed high-adventure survey indicates the boy is interested in the troop's activities. Emphasize that the boy and a parent should attend and be sure they know the date, time, and location of the open house.
3. Roll out the red carpet for the open house and make visitors feel welcome and wanted. Give parents an orientation of the troop's activities and the values of Scouting. Take the boys to another location and play an action game or teach them a new skill. Get new boys to attend an exciting outing as soon as possible. Boys join with the promise of fun and adventure. Some troops even use an outdoor activity in conjunction with their open houses to give guests a good taste of Scouting.

For more information, please refer to the Troop Open House guide, No. 18-706, and video, AV-02V018.

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## Bicycle Rodeo October 21, 2006

Law Enforcement Explorer Post 1150, sponsored by the Brownwood Police Department, is sponsoring a "Safety Week Wal-Mart Supercenter Bicycle Rodeo" in Brownwood from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Saturday, October 21, 2006. Anyone old enough to ride a bike is encouraged to participate in this event.

There will be Bike Inspection, Safety Riding, Driver's License Identification Engraving, Fingerprinting, a Fire Truck Display, an EMS Ambulance Display, a Police Cruiser Display, Free Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks. I did my best" ribbons will be awarded.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
**LOCAL TOUR PERMIT APPLICATION**  
FOR TRIPS AND CAMPS UNDER 500 MILES

LOCAL PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be filed with local council service center two weeks in advance of scheduled activity for proper clearance. It is used for trips of less than 500 miles. If destination is 500 miles or more one way or outside the U.S.A. (local council camp accepted), use National Tour Permit Application, No. 44108. If backcountry trip, be sure to know BSA Wilderness Use Policy.

Name of unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ hereby applies  
for a permit and submits plans herewith for a trip from \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Give itinerary if tour, or destination if camp, including route description for reaching campsite (for long trip attach map indicating route and overnight stops):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Type of trip:  One day  Touring camp  Short-term camp  Long-term camp (Furnish copy of program and manual)  
Activity Standards: Where overnight or boating is included in the program, Safe Swim Defense, No. 34370A, and/or Safety Afloat, No. 34392B, standards are to be followed. If climbing/roping is included, Iron Climb On Safety, No. 3209 (which recommends the American Red Cross's standard first aid and When Help is Delayed or equivalent course), must be followed.

One adult in the group must be trained as outlined:

Name	Age	State Swim Defense Expiration Date	Safety Afloat Expiration Date	First or Safety Afloat Taken

## Reminder on Tour Permits

In order for your unit to be covered by Council Accident insurance on an outing, campout or trip, you must file a Local Tour Permit, using Application 34426D available online or from the Council office.

The permit should be turned in two weeks prior to your trip or activity. The most common mistakes made in filling out the permit is not getting all the proper signatures of a member of the unit committee and the tour leader, and listing the Public Liability Insurance Coverage on the vehicles.

Here is a suggestion that will help you with this form. Get from those parents who normally take your boys to activities to furnish you the necessary information in advance so you have it on file when it comes time to fill out the Tour Permit.

You may also end up listing more boys than will actually go when all the dust settles at the last minute, but that is okay. List the number that indicated they wanted to go at the meeting prior to filing the permit. It may end up being a couple less or more when you actually go. Michael Deming has authority to sign off on your Tour Permit however, it is preferred to mail to the Service Center in Abilene.