



# The Kickapoo Scoop!

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This is the first issue of *The Kickapoo Scoop* newsletter that will be published every other month to bring you the news of the Kickapoo District. It will appear 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.

## Popcorn Sales

By now your unit is busy selling as much popcorn as you can to raise the necessary funds for you unit's activities. We want to remind you of some very important dates coming up that will affect the percent of profit you make from your sales.

Nov. 10 - Popcorn Orders Due in Scout Office  
Nov. 19 - Popcorn Pick Up for your "Take Orders"  
Dec. 8 - Popcorn Money Due in Scout Office

## District Dates

Nov. 8 - District Committee Meeting, Goldthwaite, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 9 - Commissioner's Meeting, Brownwood, Branch Scout Office, 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 16 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7 p.m.  
Nov, 25-26 - Offices Closed for Thanksgiving  
Dec. 7 - District Annual Business Meeting, To Be Announced  
Dec. 14 - Commissioner's Meeting, Brownwood, Branch Scout Office, 6:30 p.m.  
Dec. 21 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7 p.m.  
Dec. 23 - Offices closes at noon  
Dec. 24 - Offices closed for Christmas  
Jan. 3 - Office Closed for New Years  
**Jan. 8 - All Unit Re-Charters Due into Branch Council Office, Brownwood, 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
Jan. 10 - District Committee Meeting, To Be Announced  
Jan. 14 - District Awards Banquet, Brownwood, Place and Time to be announced  
Jan. 17 - Offices closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday  
Jan. 18 - Roundtable, Lampasas, First Baptist Church, 7 p.m.

**Branch Scout Office Hours, M-F:  
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

## District Awards Banquet

You will want to put the date of January 14th on your calendar for the Annual Kickapoo District Awards Banquet, place to be announced. As part of the banquet we will recognize the Kickapoo 2004 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 entitle to one award this year.

### Requirements

- A nominee must be a registered Scouter
- A nominee must have rendered norteworthy 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 o f 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.

## 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 8, 2005 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.

## District Training

Two New Leader Essentials and Cub Leader Specific Training Courses were held in the Kickapoo District in September and October. We had Cub Leaders from Pack 12, Brownwood; Pack 26 Lometa; Pack 100, Lampasas; Pack 55, San Saba; and Pack 5 of Goldthwaite participate in the training.

We want to thank Jimmy Lewis, Pam Rider, Laura Stair and Shirley Teague for serving as instructors for the courses!

## Cub Scout Fun & Son

We want to thank the following Scouters from the Kickapoo District who helped to make the Cub Scout Fun & Son a great success at Camp Billy Gibbons the weekend of October 16-17. The theme was pirates. There were crafts, activities, BB shooting, archery, night hike, early morning hike and a treasure hunt. There was a campfire where the packs put on skits and sang pirate songs and a chapel service Sunday morning. Some 300 Cubs and Parents were involved in the weekend.

**Overall Chairperson** - Pam Rider - Super Job  
**The Cooks** - Leroy and Wanda Forbes - Great Food  
**Program Helpers** - Crew 2000 of Lampasas and Post 1150 of Brownwood - They really knew how to help make the weekend a success!  
**Others who were on the staff** - Bob Rider, Shirley Teague and Roy Curbo

## FOS - Friends of Scouting

We want to thank all of you that made a pledge or contribution to the FOS (Friends of Scouting) campaign this year. To date, your Kickapoo District has collected \$24,925.00 in Pledges and contributions. **It is not too late to add your contribution to that list.** FOS plays a vital role in the financing of the Texas Trails Council!

## Wood Badge 625

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is a National BSA advanced adult leadership training program for all leaders involved in the Scouting program including Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, District and Council Scouters.

The Texas Trails Council, under the leadership of Blair Haynie as Wood Badge Scoutmaster, has just completed such a course at Camp Tonkawa. The course was held the weekends of October 1-3 and 22-24, 2004. Those who participated in the course and served on the staff from the Kickapoo District will be recognized in our next newsletter.

## OA Black Arrow Chapter

Some 98 Arrowmen and candidates attended the Penateka Lodge Fall Fellowship at Camp Billy Gibbons. Here are the results of the elections on 10/9/04 at the OA Fall Fellowship for the Black Arrow Chapter Officers for 2004-2005:

**Chapter Chief:** Alex Huse  
**V.C. Activities:** John Gressett  
**V.C. Native American Affairs:** Kevin Lewis  
**V. C. Camp Promotions:** Pickle McCarty  
**V.C. OA Representatives:** Buck Peeples  
**Secretary:** Phillip Ramirez  
**Treasurer:** Zach Murray  
**Chapter Adviser:** Roy Curbo  
**Staff Adviser:** Michael Deming

Congratulations to the following new **Ordeal Members** from the Kickapoo District: T-1 Jimmy Lewis & Ashton Randle; T-14 - John David Childs, Josh Hoffman, Adam Owens, Joshua Pearce; T-22 - Ryan Rives; T-100 - Trevor McGuire & Chris Poston

Projects included building a new Brotherhood Ring, rocks were hauled for additional campsite flag poles and markers, and stones were laid in front of the dining hall. The camp was also cleaned up for Fun & Son.