



# Texas Trails News

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### Scout Offices Closed

September 4  
November 23 – 24  
December 25, 26, 29

### Camp Tonkawa Closed Office Hours

Mon – Thur - 08:30 – 5:30  
Friday – 8:30 – 3:00



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## 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 35%** 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. Adult leaders also have some exciting new incentives this year to consider as you organize your youth for their Ideal Year of Scouting plans. 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 your District Executive or the Scout office (67-SCOUT) for materials or more information. 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



### Texas Trails Council Officers

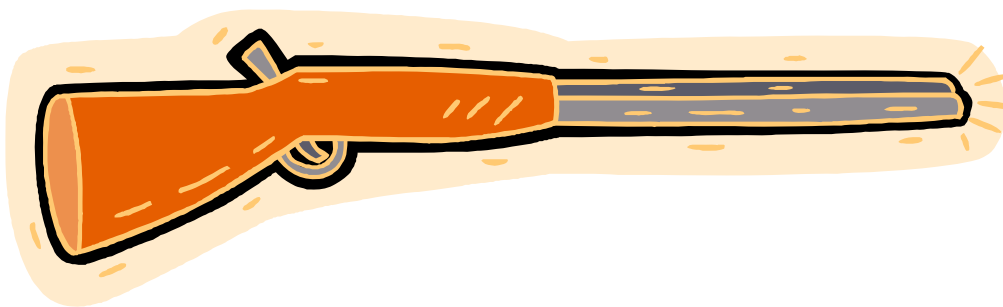
President—H. Miller Richert  
 Immediate Past President -  
     Pat Leatherwood  
 Scout Executive—Kent Brown  
 Commissioner—Blair Haynie  
 Treasurer—John Cole  
 Legal Counsel—Dan Fergus Jr.  
 VP Administration—Larry D. Smith  
 VP Endowment—Dan Garrett  
 VP Finance—John Estes  
 VP Membership—Gary Stephenson  
 VP Program—Pat Leatherwood  
 VP Properties—Robert (Bob) Rider  
 VP District Operations – John  
     Beckham  
 National Council Representative—  
     Pat Leatherwood

### Double Mountain District Committee

Chairman—Patrick Pace  
 Vice Chairman –  
 District Commissioner—Wesley  
 Helmer  
 VP Finance – Dan Byerly  
 VP Membership - Randy Smith  
 VP Program—Mike Allen  
 VP Training – Marquita Helmer  
 VP Advancement/Recognition -  
     Sammy Ferguson  
 VP Activities/Civic Service -  
     Bobby Lee  
 VP Outdoor/Camp Promotion -  
     James Edwards

### Kickapoo District Committee

Chairman – Dale Nix  
 District Commissioner-Roy Curbo  
 VC Program –  
 VC Training – Michelle Wiley  
 VC Advancement/Recognition –  
     Hubert Swann  
 VC Finance – Vince Ornelas  
 Goldthwaite IC Chairman – Dr. Tom  
     Graves  
 Lampasas IC Chairman – Dick  
     Johnson  
 San Saba IC Chairman – Randal  
     Hawkins  
 Brownwood IC Chairman -  
 VC Membership – Vince Ornelas  
 VC Activities and Civic Service –  
     Frank Griffin  
 Camping and Outdoor – Roy Curbo



## Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, BBs, Archery

The *Guide to Safe Scouting for Unit Activities*, VII, page 35 – Guns and Firearms; and yellow age-appropriate guidelines states:

“Youth members of Cub Scouting are permitted to participate in the shooting activities named in here only.

Archery and BB gun shooting are restricted to day camps. Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, council managed family camping programs, or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced. Archery and BB gun shooting are not to be done at the pack level.”

What this means for the Texas Trails Council is this: The only time a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout can participate in Archery and BB activities is at a council Day Camp, Twilight Camp, Trail Blazers, council run Family Camps, and council run Cub ‘n Me and Adventure camps. The council’s BB and Archery ranges are NOT available for rental or use by any Cub Scout Den or Pack.



### Merit Badge Seminars

There is change to the Merit Badge Seminar schedules this year. The seminar at Tarleton State University will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 instead of February of each year. There should be a special mailing to all Scoutmasters soon.

### Texas Trails Council Camp Usage

The Texas Trails Council is adopting a fee policy that many other Boy Scout Councils have already implemented.

Effective October 2, 2006, 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. 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 used.

Please contact the Scout Office for more information.

# CONGRATULATIONS

Trevin Collier King	Troop 14
James Andrew Taylor	Troop 22
Adam Wade Harris	Troop 63
Trevor Scott McGuire	Troop 100
Richard Issac Dickey	Troop 201
Wilfred Logan Cross	Troop 272
James Matthew Carroll	Troop 277
Landon Scott Lindley	Troop 277



## Noreast District Committee

Chairman—Buddy Teague  
 District Commissioner—  
 VC Finance/Membership – Sam Mangrum  
 Program Chairman – Butch Wakefield  
 Training Chairman – David Cleveland  
 Advancement/Recognition Chairman – Larry D. Smith  
 Roundtable Commissioner – Inge Easterling

## White Buffalo District Committee

Chairman –  
 VC Finance –  
 District Commissioner- John Dearing  
 Roundtable Commissioners:  
 Boy Scout –  
 Cub Scout – Melissa Woodard  
 VC Program –  
 VC Training –  
 VC Advancement/Recognition – Doug Allmand  
 VC Activities/Civic –  
 VC Camping/Outdoors –  
 VC Membership – Mark Stockdale

## Council Office Personnel

Scout Executive—Kent Brown  
 District Director—Michael Deming  
 District Executive—Doug Paxton  
 District Executive—Alan Eggleston  
 District Executive—Les Zimmerman  
 Ranger—Chris Wallace  
 Office Manager/Accounting Specialist - Darline Jurkis  
 Abilene Registrar/Store Manager—Cindy Webb  
 Order Fulfillment Specialist – Jaque Harmon

## FROM THE OFFICE

### E-Commerce is coming

It's a little behind schedule, but starting soon you will be able to purchase items from the Scout Office and register and pay for activities and events on-line from the council website. Stay tuned for more information.



### NO 2 – PARTY CHECKS

Please remember that the Scout Office cannot accept any 2-party checks.

## INSURANCE



Do you tow the troop trailer for your campouts? Do you tow a personal trailer for any reason? If you do then you need to make sure that either the trailer (and contents) is insured or your vehicle includes towing insurance. If you do not have towing insurance or insurance on your trailer and contents then you will not be covered in the case of an accident or equipment loss.

## New “Kid” on the block

Welcome to Jaque Harmon, the council’s new Order Fulfillment Specialist replacing Cindy Callahan who has moved on to other endeavors. Jaque (as in “Jackie”) joined the council August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and is learning more and more of our Scouting world every day.

So the next time you stop by the Abilene Scout office and see an unfamiliar face behind the counter, say Hi to Jaque and welcome her into our family.

## Fire Bans and Cooking Requirements for Advancement

A significant part of the country is currently under fire bans that prevent the use of open flames outdoors. Some of these bans have been in effect more than six months and are preventing Scouts from completing Tenderfoot requirement 3 and Second Class requirements 2e, 2f, and 2g.

The National Advancement Committee has approved the substitution, during periods of fire bans only of the use of a cook stove or, when no outdoor cooking is allowed, completion of these requirements over a kitchen stove. Please appreciate the importance of these exceptions to Scouts and leaders currently working on these requirements.

These Substitutions are allowed only during periods of fire bans.



**UPCOMING EVENTS****September 2006**

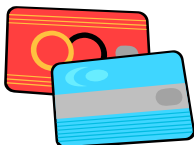
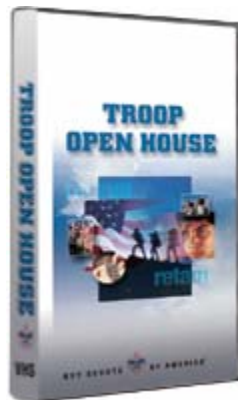
Sept 2 – DM Kids Fishing Tournament  
 Sept 5 – KP Committee Meeting  
 Sept 7 – KP Roundtable – Brownwood  
 Sept 7 – WB District Meeting  
 Sept 8 – 10 – OA Chapter Fun Weekend  
 Sept 9 – KP NLE & CLS  
 Sept 10 – OA Chapter Elections and mtg  
 Sept 11 – NE Roundtable – Eastland  
 Sept 12 – DM Roundtable  
 Sept 12 – KP District Meeting  
 Sept 12 – NE Roundtable – Sphenville  
 Sept 14 – WB Roundtable  
 Sept 15 – 17 – NE Camporee  
 Sept 16 – Popcorn Kickoff  
 Sept 19 – KP Roundtable – Lampasas  
 Sept 23 – KP NLE & CLS  
 Sept 23 – NE Cub Scout Leader Training  
 Sept 23 – WB All Leader Training  
 Sept 24 – OA Chapter Officer and Adviser Training  
 Sept 24 – OA LEC  
 Sept 30 – DM Rain-gutter Regatta

**October 2006**

Oct 1 – OA Chapter Meetings  
 Oct 3 – KP Committee Meeting  
 Oct 5 – KP Roundtable – Brownwood  
 Oct 5 – WB District Meeting  
 Oct 6 – 8 – NE Webelos-O-Ree  
 Oct 7 – KP NLE & CLS  
 Oct 9 – NE Roundtable – Eastland  
 Oct 10 – DM Roundtable  
 Oct 10 – KP District Meeting  
 Oct 10 – NE Roundtable – Stephenville  
 Oct 11 – 15 – Council Adult Couples Retreat  
 Oct 12 – WB Roundtable  
 Oct 14 - 15 – KP Cub Adventure CBG  
 Oct 17 – KP Roundtable – Lampasas  
 Oct 20 – 22 – OA Fall Fellowship CBG  
 Oct 21 – 22 – OA Vigil – CBG  
 Oct 21 – Bike Rodeo – Brownwood  
 Oct 21 – KP NLE & CLS  
 Oct 22 – OA LEC  
 Oct 27 – 29 – WB Webelos Woods  
 Oct 28 – NE Cubscout Leader Training

**Credit Card Sales**

The Scout office must now charge and additional 3% fee on all non-merchandise sales paid for by credit card.

**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.

**Good Turn for America**

We want to hear about your Good Turn Project you have done in the last several months. We know that Scouts across the nation are answering the call to service. Tell the story of how your den, pack, patrol, troop, team, crew, or ship is contributing to this effort. Go to the [www.goodturnforamerica.org](http://www.goodturnforamerica.org) website and log in using your units login.

Every Project you do can be added to the website. If you need help in inputting your hours, please call or stop by the Council office and we will help you.

After you input your projects, you will get a certificate online to take to the Council Scout Shop and can purchase this years Good Turn for America patch. Anyone who worked on the project is eligible to receive a patch. If you need help, please call or stop by and we will help you input your data.



# Webelos Woods

## October 27 – 29, 2006 Camp Tonkawa

Calling all **Webelos Patrols** in the White Buffalo and Double Mountain Districts! It's time for the best Webelos experience of the year – *CAMPING* with the Boy Scouts! Every Boy Scout troop will take over a campsite at Camp Tonkawa. They will demonstrate their skills or favorite activities and introduce their troop to Webelos patrols. Webelos get to fulfill an Arrow of Light requirement by camping with a Boy Scout troop. The Webelos and parents also get an excellent opportunity to observe many troops at one time - helping their decision on which troop is best for them.

Webelos (first and second year), their leaders and interested parents are all welcome. Registration should be made by Webelos Patrol in the Council Office **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20th**. [remember to observe the *scout to leader* ratios when turning in your paperwork – including your travel permit and health forms] To be able to attend each Webelos patrol needs to register and must have a Boy Scout troop to host your patrol. If you don't already have a troop to host your patrol contact the council office and they will assist you.

Your patrol will camp and eat with your host troop. The cost of the camp [\$5.00] covers the patch and other expenses. Patrol leaders will coordinate with their host troop for meal costs. All Webelos and leaders need to wear their full Scout Uniforms on Saturday and for Scout Worship on Sunday. But bring other clothes for other fun evening activities. A tradition among many scout troops and at Webelos Woods is *Capture the Flag* games at night!

During the day on Saturday, Webelos Patrols will visit all scout troops and see their demonstrations. You can ask questions, participate in the fun and find out about the best scout troops in the BSA. In past years, there have been demonstrations on camp crafts (rope bridges), knots and lashings, proper flag etiquette, cooking, backpacking and much more.

Your host troop will tell you what you need to bring such as tents, plates, utensils etc. You should plan on bringing sleeping bags, personal toiletries, raingear, blankets, camp chairs, flashlight and a cup. Don't forget your patrol flag!

**Scouts and Scouters:** White Buffalo and Double Mountain District's annual Webelos Woods is just around the corner and is your opportunity to sell your Troop. This event gives Webelos and parents a chance to explore Boy Scouts and see you in action. It gives your scouts a chance to "entice" Webelos to join. Webelos Woods also gives you a chance to talk to leaders and parents about the quality of your troop and what you are teaching the boys. You might even recruit a future leader! Webelos Woods demonstrates that Scouting is *the best thing going for boys*.

Webelos Woods will not change much from last year. We would like to continue the totem competition so depending on the Scout skill being taught by your unit, please bring at least 20 pre-made totems to hang on the Webelos Patrol flags as they visit you. Be sure to include your troop number on the totems! You should also turn in a totem and a copy of any flyer you hand out for a little good-natured competition when you register Friday night. Be sure to include your charter organization, Scoutmaster and SPL names and phone numbers as well as your meeting time and date on the flyers. Many parents look at the flyers when their sons arrive home.

Please limit yourself to two (2) patrols or no more than 15-20 Webelos so that all scouts will receive more attention and for safety/security reasons. If you do not have a patrol to host, please contact the council office. You will need to coordinate with the Webelos Leader for the cost of meals – they will depend on you for their meals. Be sure and tell them what equipment they will need to bring such as tents, eating utensils, plates, etc.

Demonstrations will be assigned on a first come – first serve basis, regardless of past demonstrations. Troops that sent a representative with their choices to the Roundtable in September should have recorded their choices – all others will be chosen by the date turned into the Council Office or postmark date. Campsites will be assigned according to the number in your troop and visitors who attend.

Visit [www.texasrtailsbsa.org](http://www.texasrtailsbsa.org)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### November 2006

- Nov 2 – KP Roundtable – Brownwood
- Nov 2 – WB District Meeting
- Nov 4 – KP NLE & CLS
- Nov 4 – NE BS New Leader Training
- Nov 4 – Tarleton MB College 1<sup>st</sup> Session
- Nov 4 – Tosa Tasiwoo OA Food Drive
- Nov 5 – OA Chapter Meetings
- Nov 7 – KP Commissioner's Meeting
- Nov 9 – WB Roundtable
- Nov 10 – 12 – NE Baloo Training
- Nov 11 – Black Arrow OA Food Drive
- Nov 13 – NE Roundtable – Eastland
- Nov 14 – DM Roundtable
- Nov 14 – KP District Meeting
- Nov 14 – NE Roundtable – Stephenville
- Nov 17 – Popcorn Pick-up
- Nov 18 – NE BS Leader Specific Training
- Nov 18 – Tarleton MB College 2<sup>nd</sup> Session
- Nov 19 – OA LEC
- Nov 21 – KP Roundtable – Lampasas

#### December 2006

- Dec 1 – 3 – OA Winter Fellowship
- Dec 3 – OA Chapter Meetings
- Dec 5 – KP Committee Meeting
- Dec 7 – KP Roundtable – Brownwood
- Dec 7 – WB District Meeting
- Dec 8 – 10 – DM Winter Camporee
- Dec 11 – NE Roundtable – Eastland
- Dec 12 – DM Roundtable
- Dec 12 – KP District Meeting
- Dec 12 – NE Roundtable – Stephenville
- Dec 14 – WB Roundtable
- Dec 17 – OA LEC
- Dec 19 – KP Roundtable - Lampasas

### ADDRESS CHANGES

The Boy Scout Membership program (ScoutNet) is not able to accurately keep Order of the Arrow records so a separate database must be kept. People have moved or changed telephone numbers and have notified the Scout Office. Unfortunately, unless you tell them, they do not know you are an OA member since this is not tracked ScoutNet. If you have any change in contact information, please let the Scout Office know if you are a member of the OA so we can get the new information also. Thank you.





## 2008 Texas Trails Council Double H Ranch Contingent

The Double H High Adventure Base, is a partnership between the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Boy Scouts of America, and is operated by Philmont Scout Ranch. The Double H is located southwest of Albuquerque, surround by the Cibola National Forest. With no established trail system, the Double H is a rugged southwestern experience covering over 100,000 acres and elevations over 7,000 feet. The trek is 7 days of Scouting adventure and is a great alternative to Philmont!

The Double H gives you an experience unlike any High Adventure. You will have a chance to hike cross country utilizing Leave No Trace Principles. Along the way, your Wilderness Guide will be providing programs for your crew like astronomy, challenge/team events, geo-caching, and much more. At the Martin Camp, you will have a chance to shoot state of the art black powder and participant in a western dinner. All in all, a recipe for a great adventure full of fun and the outdoors.

We will be looking to fill one crew of 12 participants from each District. A number of waiting list spaces will be available for those units that have not attended a Texas Trails Council summer camp in 2005, 2006 or 2007, or if there is already a crew from your District. Open spaces will be filled after Nov. 1, 2006 with waiting list participants. All participants must be 14 by Jan. 1, 2008, or completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and at least 13 by the day the trek begins. Only 4 adults maximum may attend per crew.

**RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING OCTOBER 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.**

**COST:** \$400 per person. This DOES NOT include transportation, council contingent items, food for the trip there and back, spending money, or personal equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, etc.

**DATES:** Yet to be determined, but most likely beginning in mid-July and ending at the end of July, 2008.

**RESERVATION FEE:** \$50 deposit per person when application is submitted. All fees are not refundable, except for waiting list participants.

**You must submit the deposit to reserve your spaces, even waiting list spaces.**

Payments of:

- \$90 due no later than February 1, 2007
- \$90 due no later than May 1, 2007
- \$90 due no later than September 1, 2007
- Final payment of \$80 due no later than February 1, 2008 for a total of \$400 per person.

Spaces may be forfeited if payments are not received by those dates. If you discover you cannot attend, you are required to find your own replacements.

For more information, please contact Staff Adviser Alan Eggleston at 325-677-2688.



## 2008 Texas Trails Council Philmont Contingent

Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico is comprised of 137,000 acres in and around the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in northeastern New Mexico. It is a highlight of any youth or adult Scouting experience. It takes strength and determination to complete the arduous trek, which is typically over 50 miles in length over the course of 12 days.

We are asking that council contingent youth participants be first-time Philmont attendees. We will give preference to those young people who will be attending Philmont for the first time. All crews will be filled to a maximum number of 12 participants per crew, and no more than 4 adults will be allowed per crew. More adults mean fewer youth can attend. A crew can have as few as 2 adults. We are also asking that you limit your crew to those older boys who are over 15 or 16 to allow more youth from around the council to attend. Your crew must provide its own transportation.

We will be looking to fill one crew from each District. A number of waiting list spaces will be available to those units having previously attended Philmont, for those units that have not attended a Texas Trails Council summer camp in 2005, 2006 or 2007, or if there is already a crew from your District. Open spaces will be filled after Nov. 1, 2006 with waiting list participants. All participants must be 14 by Jan. 1, 2008, or completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and at least 13 by the day the trek begins.

**RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING OCTOBER 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.**

**COST:** \$590 per person. This DOES NOT include transportation, council contingent items, food for the trip there and back, spending money, or personal equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, etc.

**DATES:** Yet to be determined, but most likely beginning in mid-July and ending at the end of July, 2008.

**RESERVATION FEE:** \$50 deposit per person when application is submitted. All fees are not refundable, except for waiting list participants.

**You must submit the deposit to reserve your spaces, even waiting list spaces.**

### Payments of

- \$135 due no later than February 1, 2007
- \$135 due no later than May 1, 2007
- \$135 due no later than September 1, 2007
- Final payment of \$135 due no later than February 1, 2008 for a total of \$590 per person.

Spaces may be forfeited if payments are not received by those dates. If you discover you cannot attend, you are required to find your own replacements.

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## Memorials

### In Memory Of

### By

John Clardy

LaNelle Franklin  
Randal and Lesa Crosswhite  
Robert Fee  
Randal Haney  
John Lott  
Point A Media, Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hines  
Minnie Graves  
Berry, Odom and Gordon, LLP  
Richard Clardy  
James and Doris DeHay  
Henry McGinty  
Don and Sandy McClaugherty  
William Ellis  
Chuck and Chris Greenman  
Jim and Pat Anderson  
The Good Friends of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Lunch Bunch

### In Memory Of

### By

Mrs. Aline Terry  
Earl Jones  
Dr. Morris D. Mann  
Martin Cooke  
Curt Wall  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wells  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wells  
Stephen and Sherry Autry  
Henry McGinty  
Lorraine Morelock  
The Mann Family