



# Texas Trails News

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**Camp Tonkawa Closed**

**Abilene Scout Office Closed**

May 31  
Jul 5  
Sep 6  
Oct 11

**Brownwood Scout Office**

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**NOTE:** The Abilene Scout Office closes at 4:00 p.m. every Wednesday for a staff meeting.



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## SUMMERTIME FUN

**SUMMER IS UPON US** which means summer activities are approaching fast. While it is probably too late to sign up for some of them, it is not too late for others.

**Boy Scout Summer Camp** – It is still not too late to sign up. Newly “bridged” Webleos will not be charged a late fee.

**Twilight Camps** – The Abilene Twilight Camp for Cub Scouts is scheduled for Jun 23 – 25.

**Scout Night** – Late June hosted by the Abilene racetrack.

**Webleos Resident Camp** – July 7 – 9

**Cub Scout Day Camp** (Expedition Camp 2004) – July 12 – 16. This is the most fun that can be packed into a single week for Cub Scouts. Expect swimming, BBs, archery, belt loops, and a whole lot more.

Check your mail for more information or call the Scout office.

### *Outback Camp*

This spring's Cub and Me took on a special flavor with a decidedly Australian theme. Over 90 participants trekked to Camp Tonkawa to try their hand at the Roo Shoot, American Boomerang, Freshwater Jerk, and Shanky's Pony. If these terms seem foreign to you, then you missed all the fun.

In keeping with a typical outback time-table, activities were open according to the participants schedule. Fish were caught, Roo-burgers consumed, American Softball played (Dangerous Dave was even seen smacking a single to right center-field); all with wonderful weather.

The Saturday evening campfire was especially impressive. With the entire camp thinking positive thoughts, the campfire spontaneously burst into flame, lending its soft glow to the program. Skits, songs, and awards followed in one of the most interesting programs this reporter has experienced. Festivities closed with Cub Scout Vespers, quietly sung as campers departed for warm sleeping bags, cheery campfires, and safe tents. Sunday services the next morning took place in the outback chapel; clearly a new experience for many.

Special thanks to all of the volunteer staff who made this a successful campout. A special thanks to DeWayne Kelley, the Event Director, who made Cub and Me what it was.  
G'day mates and see ya next year!

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Brownwood Scout Office will be open the normal hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays only during the month of June.

The Abilene and Brownwood Scout Offices will close every Friday at 1:00 p.m. during the month of July.



### Texas Trails Council Officers

President—H. Miller Richert  
 Immediate Past President -  
     Pat Leatherwood  
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 Scout Executive—Kent Brown  
 Commissioner—Stanley Walker, Jr.  
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     John Cole  
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 VP Endowment—Dan Garrett  
 VP Finance—John Estes  
 VP Membership—Gary Stephenson  
 VP Program—Steve Ellis  
 VP Properties—Robert (Bob) Rider  
 VP Marketing -  
 National Council Representative—  
     Pat Leatherwood

### Double Mountain District Committee

Chairman—Patrick Pace  
 Vice Chairman - Kenneth Patton  
 District Commissioner—  
 VP Finance - Abe Turner  
 VP Membership -  
 VP Program—  
 VP Training - Carroll Osborn  
 VP Advancement/Recognition -  
     Sammy Ferguson  
 VP Activities/Civic Service -  
     Dan Byerley  
 VP Outdoor/Camp Promotion -  
     Mike Allen

### Kickapoo District Committee

Chairman - Rob Lindsey  
 District Commissioner-Roy Curbo  
 Asst. District Commissioner -  
     Frank Griffin  
 VC Program - Pam Rider  
 VC Training - Shirley Teague  
 VC Advancement/Recognition -  
     Hubert Swann  
 VC Finance - Tom Cody Graves  
 Finance - Brown County -  
     Carey Stewart  
 Finance - Lampasas County -  
     John Cole  
 Finance - Mills County -  
     Brandon Grebe  
 Popcorn Sales - Mike Hall  
 VC Membership - Johnny Dodds  
 New Units - Esmerelda Riojas  
 Membership - Brown County -  
     Vince Ornelias  
 VC Activities and Civic Service -  
     Kathy Gist  
 Camping and Outdoor - Joe Shaw

## *Pigs Fly and Scouts Roll at Rendezvous*



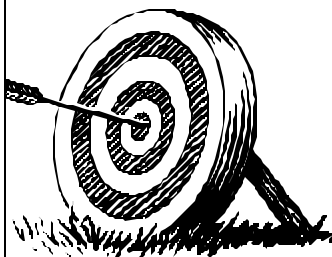
Mac Pauly, from Lometa, launched a tomahawk straight into a big block of wood as his instructor and fellow Scouts cheered. "I've never done this before. I didn't know if I could do it, but I wanted to try - It was cool." Mac was one of 2,500 Cub and Boy Scouts who spent their weekend camping, playing, and competing at San Angelo State Park the April 24th weekend at the fifth annual West Texas Boy Scout Rendezvous.

Each of four Councils (Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, and Midland) were responsible for 8 unique events; and unique they were. From paintball blowguns to zip lines, from mud tug-of-war to barrel races, to flying stuffed pigs launched from catapults, the events were new and challenging. Erich Bussell from Goldthwaite was stuffed inside of a large barrel and pushed by two of his friends in an attempt to be the first ones across the finish line in the barrel race. "When I got out I could see two of everything," Erich said, "I thought it sounded like fun, so I volunteered to be the one in the barrel." Although the events were fun, they all taught lessons like teamwork, communication, and trust.

The Rendezvous is a prelude to the National Boy Scout Jamboree, which will be held in Virginia in 2005. This was an opportunity for Scouts to get a flavor of what it's like.

At day's end, the councils hosted a campfire program complete with rock band "The Embers," and Sahawe Indian Dancers. The last activity for the boys was an interdenominational sunrise worship service held Sunday

## **ARCHERY!**



Camp Billy Gibbons has a new a new Archery pavilion, needed ever since the old one was washed away in a flood several years ago. Thanks to Keith Brown of Prime Building Inc. we now have a building to protect the scouts from the elements. This building was erected at no cost to the Council, as Prime donated the materials. John Seifert of Troop 39, donated his welding services, and the troop erected it during their spring break. Please take the time to thank all those who participated in the donations, or effort to erect this new pavilion.

# CONGRATULATIONS

Lucky Charles Simmons	Crew 207
Michael C de Baca Jr.	Troop 10
Christopher William Harris	Troop 39
Chadwin Thomas Iley	Troop 39
Andrew Duncan Garrison	Troop 136
Cameron, Jacob Short	Troop 136
Cody Dwayne Lee	Troop 143
Colby Travis Cook	Troop 201
Samuel Charles Wolfe	Troop 201
Donavan Louis McPeak	Troop 203
Christopher Allen Semon	Troop 212
Ryan Douglas Long	Troop 217
John Scott Beckham	Troop 251
Brandon Lance Pickard	Troop 258
Aaron Stephen Jerome Herring	Troop 275



## Noreast District Committee

Chairman—  
 District Commissioner—Ray Easterling  
 VC Finance/Membership – David Cleveland  
 Program Chairman – Butch Wakefield  
 Training Chairman - Ray Easterling  
 Advancement/Recognition Chairman – Larry D. Smith  
 VC Activities—

## White Buffalo District Committee

Chairman – Blair Haynie  
 VC Finance – Danny Osborne  
 Vice Treasurer – Bill Thompson  
 District Commissioner-B.J. Pollan  
 Roundtable Commissioners:  
     Boy Scout – Paul Brown  
     Cub Scout – Donna Yost  
 VC Program – Dr. John Dearing  
 VC Training – Larry Beville  
 VC Advancement/Recognition – Terry Yost  
 VC Activities/Civic –  
 VC Camping/Outdoors –  
 VC Membership –  
 Religious Programs—Carroll Osburn

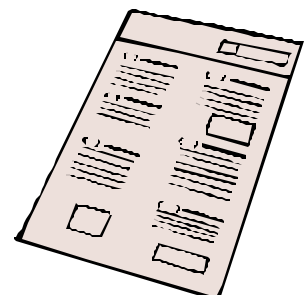
## Council Office Personnel

Scout Executive—Kent Brown  
 District Director—Michael Deming  
 District Executive—Doug Paxton  
 District Executive—Dave Coffield  
 District Executive—Les Zimmerman  
 Ranger—Jeremy Moon  
 Office Manager/Accounting Specialist - Darline Jurkis  
 Brownwood Registrar/Store Manager - Barbara Dixon  
 Abilene Registrar/Store Manager—Cindy Webb

## FROM THE OFFICE

**TRAINING:** At least one member participating in a Cub Scout Pack camping activity MUST have attended Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation.

**TOUR PERMITS:** Tour permits MUST be turned in to the Scout office at least two weeks prior to the trip and MUST be on form # 34426C. (This is the long form)



## SUMMER CAMP

### Camp Billy Gibbons

Campsite	Week 1	Week 2
	Jun 6 - 12	Jun 13 - 19
TBD	Troop 3	Troop 17
TBD	Troop 14	Troop 18
TBD	Troop 22	Troop 26
TBD	Troop 30	Troop 37
TBD	Troop 39	Troop 103
TBD	Troop 100	Troop 201
TBD	Troop 127	Troop 231
TBD	Troop 146	Troop 259
TBD	Troop 228	Troop 281
TBD	Troop 272	
TBD	Troop 275	
TBD		

### Camp Tonkawa

Campsite	Week 1	Week 2
	Jun 20 - 26	Jun 27 - Jul 3
Tonkawa	Troops 223 & 221	Troop 280
Navajo	Troop 178	Troop 544
Comanche	Troops 203 & 119	Troop 245
Kiowa	Troop 220	
Apache	Troop 206	Troop 255
Yuma	Troop 217	
Ute	Troop 275	
Pima	Troop 235	
Lakota	Troop 68	
Hopi	Troop 212	
Pagos	Troop 140	Troop 143

**UPCOMING EVENTS****June 2004**

Jun 1 – 4 – Combined Summer  
Camp Staff Development  
Jun 3 – WB District Committee Mtg  
Jun 3 – WB Commissioner's Mtg  
Jun 6 – OA Lodge Chapter LEC  
Jun 6 – 12 – Boy Scout Summer  
Camp Week 1 @ Billy Gibbons  
Jun 13 – 19 – Boy Scout Summer  
Camp Week 2 @ Billy Gibbons  
Jun 18 – 20 – OA Ordeal at Camp  
Billy Gibbons  
Jun 20 – 26 – Boy Scout Summer  
Camp Week 1 @ Tonkawa  
Jun 26 – 27 – OA Vigil @ Camp Billy  
Gibbons  
Jun 27 – Jul 3 – Boy Scout Summer  
Camp Week 2 @ Tonkawa  
Jun 27 – OA Lodge LEC

**July 2004**

Jun 27 – Jul 3 – Boy Scout Summer  
Camp Week 2 @ Tonkawa  
Jul 2 – 16 – Brownwood Philmont  
Trek  
Jul 7 – 9 – Webelos Resident Camp  
@ Tonkawa  
Jul 9 – 11 – OA Ordeal @ Tonkawa  
Jul 11 – OA Lodge Chapter LEC  
Jul 12 – 16 – Cub Scout Day Camp @  
Tonkawa  
Jul 17 – OA Banquet & Elections @  
Camp Tonkawa  
Jul 18 – OA Lodge Officer Training  
@ Camp Tonkawa  
Jul 25 – OA Lodge LEC  
Jul 31 – Aug 5 – OA NOAC  
(National Order of the Arrow  
Conference)

**August 2004**

Jul 31 – Aug 5 – OA NOAC  
(National Order of the Arrow  
Conference)  
Aug 7 – Program Preview in Abilene  
Aug 8 – OA Lodge LEC  
Aug 9 – DM Roundtable  
Aug 11 – Abilene/Wylie Principal's  
Breakfast  
Aug 12 – Stephenville/Dublin  
Principal's Breakfast  
Aug 12 – WB Roundtable  
Aug 14 – Program Preview in  
Brownwood  
Aug 16 – Brownwood Principal's  
Breakfast  
Aug 29 – OA Lodge LEC



## National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

NOAC is fast approaching. What is NOAC you ask? NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Conference where over 7000 Arrowmen from all over the country will converge on Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa for a week of FUN, learning, competition, and discovery. This is Scouting's second-largest national program event and is held every two years. It starts with dinner on July 31 and ends with breakfast on August 5.

There will be competitions for Call-outs and Ceremonies, sports competitions, shows, training, American Indian events, Founder's Day, and much more. It is impossible to participate in every event in one year since NOAC has something for everyone of all backgrounds and all ages. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining training events.

The conference fee is \$335.00 for youth and adult members who pay their total conference fee **by May 31, 2004** (postmark date). Conference fees paid after May 31, 2005, will be \$385.00 for youth and adult members. **All late fees must be received by the OA Director no later than June 30, 2004.** The fee includes five night's housing, 14 meals, program and support materials, and recognition items during the six-day conference. This is the registration fee only and does not include transportation and meals to and from NOAC.

We have reserved 12 spaces but may be able to get some more if other lodges do not reserve their full quota. The youth to adult ratio is 2:1 so we can take eight boys and four adults. Please contact the Scout office, email Roxanne Schoen at [aggied@abilene.com](mailto:aggied@abilene.com) or go the OA website ([www.aa-bsa.org](http://www.aa-bsa.org)) and click on the NOAC link for more information. We are also looking for a volunteer to take over the duties of contingent leader. More information will follow.

**SEE YOU AT NOAC!**

## Texas Trails News Distribution Changes

To increase availability and distribution to better serve you, we are changing the way the Texas Trails News is being distributed. We are currently mail copies of the Texas Trails News to all registered families of the Texas Trails Council. While this may sound good, it is not the most efficient method.

The Texas Trails News will be available in three formats: On-line on the Texas Trails Council web site for reading, downloading, and printing; An electronic copy e-mailed to anyone wishing direct distribution; Paper copy mailed to your post office address. These options are available to you at no additional cost.

To continue receiving the Texas Trails News we need to know what format you want it in. While the on-line version is available to everyone at any time (and does not require any additional response from you), we need to know if you would like a copy e-mailed or sent to you. We will need your email address if you want it e-mailed to you, and your physical mailing address if you want it mailed to you via the UP Postal Service. You may e-mail me at [ajurkis@cox.net](mailto:ajurkis@cox.net) with the information, or give the information to anyone at the Abilene Scout Office. If we do not hear from you then we will assume you will access it on-line and do not wish a copy sent to you.

If you have already told us how you want to receive the Texas Trails News you do not have to tell us again. If you have not told us, then please do so as soon as you can. This is the last issue that is being mailed to everyone.

Thank-you.

# Under the Big Top



What a wonderful weekend it was “Under the Big Top” on April 16 – 18. The Noreast District Cub Scout family campout was outstanding. About 263 people arrived a little after 10 a.m. on Saturday ready to set up camp. After pitching the tents it was time for lunch and a little fishing in Lake Proctor before the days activities were to begin. The weather was windy and cloudy but the rain held off. Pack 18 did an excellent job opening the day’s events with a flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance. Some of the events included football toss through the tire, monkey bridge walking, bow and arrow shooting, b-b gun shooting, coconut bowling, and ring toss. There was free popcorn, peanuts and cotton candy. When the events were done it was time to turn to cobbler cook off. There were lots of entries and loads of fun. Later that evening, the party started at the evening ceremony.

It started with some skits and some signs to follow along with. Even Elvis showed up at the end to sing some classic songs. I would like to say a special thanks to the Post in Brownwood for all their help. The staff (Troops 18, 30, 67, Post 1150, and Pack 18 as well as Janet Griffin, Lisa Chrane, Ray and Inge Easterling, and many others) did an excellent job.

Extra thanks goes to the Staff cooks: Shirley Teague, Pam Rider, and Marc and Hilda Griffin. Special appearances were made by Uncle Bob, Larry Smith (Noreast District Chairman), Doug Paxton (Double Mountain District Executive), and Kent Brown, our very own Scout Executive.

I want to thank everyone that helped to make this event happen. A special thank-you goes to Sharon Johnson who kept us all organized and served as the program director.

Thanks, this was one of the best Fun and Sons there’s been.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **September 2004**

- Sep 2 – WB District Committee Mtg.
- Sep 3 – 11 – West Texas Fair and Rodeo
- Sep 9 – WB Roundtable
- Sep 12 – OA Lodge Chapter Tribal Councils
- Sep 25 – WB Akela’s Kiva
- Sep 26 – OA Lodge LEC

### **October 2004**

- Oct 1 – 3 – Woodbadge
- Oct 3 – OA Lodge Chapter Tribal Councils
- Oct 7 – WB District Meeting
- Oct 8 – 10 – Family Camp
- Oct 14 – WB Roundtable
- Oct 21 – Akela’s Kiva #1
- Oct 22 – 24 – Woodbadge
- Oct 22 – 24 – West Texas OA Lodge Gathering
- Oct 28 – Akela’s Kiva #2
- Oct 31 – OA Lodge LEC

## **Venture Weekend**

25 youth and 12 adults from Venturing Crews 30, 37, and 67 had a fun-filled blast of a weekend at Camp Tonkawa during April 30 – May 2.

## DEPARTURES

**James Myers** has resigned from the Texas Trails Council and has moved on to other endeavors. We wish him luck in his new career.

**Dave Coffield** has accepted an offer from the Air Force and will be resigning in mid-June. We also wish him luck working for the government.

## Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award

Marc Griffin was presented with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award by the Bloomfield Lodge in Kaufman, Texas and is the first in either the Texas Trails or Circle Ten Council to receive it. It is presented by the Masonic Lodge to Scouters who have been nominated by other Masonic members for their work in the scouting program and is recognized by the National Boy Scouts of America. It was started by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to recognize Boy Scout Leaders all over the United States. Each nomination has to be approved by the state's Grand Lodge, local councils, and local lodge.

Marc has been in Scouting for over 20 years and is currently registered as a member-at-large with Texas Trails Council, multiplied with Circle Ten Council, and oversees the Boy Scout Leader Training for the Cherokee District in Circle Ten Council. He is a brotherhood member of the Penateka Lodge - Black Arrow Chapter and still helps with Scouting events in Texas Trails Council as well as in Circle Ten Council.

Marc has been selected to work on National Camp School to be held in May at Camp Cherokee and has also been selected to be on staff for the 2005 National Boy Scout Jamboree.



Left: Danny Webb, Worshipful Master of Bloomfield Lodge. Right: Marc W Griffin



The long awaited **Penateka Back Patch** has arrived and is now available at both Scout offices. Help support your Order of the Arrow Lodge by purchasing one, two, or as many as you like. Take them with you to Philmont, NOAC, Jamboree, or where ever you would like. Each patch is \$12.00 but we only have 150 in this first order. As long as there is demand we will order more to keep them in stock.



**DUES:** If you have not paid your dues for 2004, please do so now. Paying your dues is the only way to keep up on OA Activities and to make sure you keep receiving the newsletters. Dues are \$8.00 per year or you can get a "Life" membership for \$150.00. (This is good in Penateka Lodge Only and is not transferable)

# Texas Trails Council Sporting Clays Event Honors Amelia Perry



Mrs. Amelia Perry, mother of Governor Rick Perry, received the Boys Scouts of America Exceptional Service Awards April 30<sup>th</sup> at a special reception hosted by Star Toyota of Abilene. The reception was the opening salvo for the annual Sporting Clays event which raises money to fund Scouting in our Big Country service area. This year's event attracted 37 four-person teams and netted \$30,000.00 for Scouting.

Mrs. Perry currently resides in Paint Creek, Texas, where six generations of Perry's have been raised. She is an avid quilter and, for the second year in a row, donated a special hand-pieced quilt for the Friday night Sporting Clays auction. Mrs. Perry has a special fondness for the Council since this is where her sons earned their Eagle rank. Her quilts are not for sale, but are gifts to family members and very select fundraising opportunities. Her father-in-law adapted plow disks for her to use as a quilting frame. "They are not just for looks", says Mrs. Perry, "I can get five or six people around them quilting at one time." She is known for exhibits where over 82 of her hand-made quilts were on display.

After auctions, silent auctions, fellowship, and food, participants left to prepare for Saturday morning's shooting. 148 shooters converged at the Abilene Gun Club Saturday morning in brisk, breezy weather. Teams wound their way through 14 challenging stations vying for bragging rights, trophies, and shotgun prizes. At least one participant found a new hobby; Paul Lefkowitz together with his wife Joan, (owners of Sunshine Emblem) travel to Abilene from Hollywood, Florida, to meet some of their best Scouting patch customers. Paul decided at the last minute to give clay shooting a try and neatly dispatched 49 clays in his first ever outing with a shotgun.

The event was a tremendous success, thanks to the generous support of our presenting sponsors: The Star Family of Dealerships, First American Bank, and Red Star Fuels (Shell Gas and Co.); and Gold Sponsors: Hendrick Health Systems, Associated Publishing, and Mr. and Mrs. Donny Vogler. We want to thank all of the participants and auction donors for making this event the best ever.

## *Kickapoo Gets Lucky*

*The Texas Trails Council welcomes **Michael Deming** to our professional Staff as the District Director of the Kickapoo District. He comes to us with 21 years of experience with the Boy Scouts of America; serving in councils as varied as Corpus Christi, Beaumont, and Kansas City Missouri. He is a Vigil Honor, and has served as Camp Director, Cub Day Camp Director, Webelos Leader, Post Advisor, 1985 Jamboree staff, and two Philmont expeditions. Michael was a Cub Scout in San Antonio, a Boy Scout in Oklahoma City, and is a graduate of Texas A&I University in Kingsville. A more knowledgeable individual we could not have hoped for. Please join us in welcoming Michael to our West Texas family!*

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### Memorials

**IN MEMORY OF: Doyle Hufsedler III**

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Loyshock Family  
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Janie Alexander  
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**Royce Brooks** by Rusty Beard  
**Cally Parker** by Emily Halbren  
**Downing Bolls** by Rusty Beard  
**Bill Parker** by Rusty Beard  
**Frank Fite** by Brody Cox