

# JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE



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## **2013 Annual Report Golden Spread Council, BSA**



# Message from the Council Leadership



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2013 was a great year for Scouting in the Golden Spread Council. 6,120 young people's lives were changed under the leadership of 1,909 adult leaders who reflect the values and character of the Scout Oath and Law that are important to the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

The year began with an outstanding Merit Badge University at West Texas A&M University. Scouts from throughout our council assembled and worked on a variety of merit badges, learning skills and lessons that will help guide them as they grow. Our Cub Scouts got the year started with a competitive BB gun shoot. All Cub Scouts who attended earned the BB gun belt loop and learned firearm safety and shooting skills. The best shooters were recognized with awards – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade level went home with trophies.

Great Scouting continued into the spring with our council's first-ever "Cub Scout Extravaganza" at Camp Don Harrington. Boy Scout Camporee continued for the 3rd consecutive year. Both events were successful and great fun for our Scouts.

Summer Camp saw the first-ever Pistol Shooting program at Camp MK Brown. Golden Spread Council was one of only eleven councils in the nation to offer this program. Boy Scouts ages 13 and over were allowed to participate in a BSA pilot course that teaches handgun safety and respect allowing youth to work toward and earn NRA awards for marksmanship. The course took place at the brand new Shooting Range built just in time for camp.

Our fall activities continued with 4 super Spook-o-Ree events and a variety of other activities at both the council and district levels.

Golden Spread Council continued to receive solid support from the community throughout the year and again operated with a balanced budget. In addition to the new shooting range at Camp MK Brown we completed the much-needed Mack Dick Dining Hall at Camp Don Harrington. Construction began in February and the building was dedicated on November 10th. Our hope is that the new dining hall serves as many meals and creates as many memories as its predecessor.

Scouting continues to grow and flourish throughout our council area. Thank you for your continued support and love for Scouting!

Clint Averitte  
Council President

Joni Mickna  
Council Commissioner

Andy Price  
Scout Executive

# 2013 - Achievements

- **Eagle Scouts** – 55 Boy Scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 2013.
- **Western Heritage** – An older Scout program that took place at Camp MK Brown. Originally instituted in 2012, this program continues to be a great success. Scouts learned about horsemanship, Native American culture, branding, chuckwagon cooking, and many more things.
- **Pistol Shooting Program** – Our council was one of only 11 councils in America authorized to offer Pistol Shooting to Boy Scouts at Camp MK Brown Summer Camp. This program was highly successful and well attended.
- **Spook-o-Ree** – This popular Cub Scout program held on 4 different weekends was attended by over 2,000 attendees.
- **Belt Loop-O-Rama** – This very popular Cub Scout activity was hosted by the Discovery Center and 226 Scouts attended.
- **Merit Badge University** – This annual activity for Boy Scouts was held at WT A&M University and over 226 Scouts attended classes that will help them earn Merit Badges.
- The **2013 Jamboree** was the first of its kind: the first Jamboree held on BSA-owned property at the Summit in West Virginia. This 10,000 acre property was bought by BSA and developed into a Jamboree site and high adventure camp in just three years. The 2013 Jamboree was also the first to invite Venturers as participants. The Golden Spread Council sent a Troop of Boy Scouts and a Crew of Venturers to participate in this exciting adventure.
- The new **Mack Dick Dining Hall** at Camp Don Harrington was built and dedicated in 2013. Demolition of the old dining began February 27th, and the dedication ceremony took place November 10th. The \$1.72 million facility was designed to serve Scouts and leaders for the next 50 years and will become the central focus point of camping activities at Camp Don Harrington.
- 2013 also saw the construction of a **new shooting** range at Camp MK Brown. Located near the existing shotgun shooting area, this new range was built to host the pistol shooting program but designed to accommodate multiple shooting sports. As a lighted shooting range, it can be used day or night by Scouts and leaders learning the exciting activity of shooting sports.



# Journey to Excellence

“Scouting’s Journey to Excellence” is the BSA’s new council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is replacing the Centennial Quality Awards Program as a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. Units, districts, and councils are recognized as Bronze, Silver, or Gold depending on a points system.

## Congratulations to the following units that also attained GOLD status:

Crew	2009	Kwahadi Heritage Inc	Pack	3425	McLean United Methodist Church
Crew	2108	LDS 2nd Ward Amarillo TX Stake	Pack	3450	Lions Club Childress
Pack	2954	American Legion Hanson Post 54	Post	5031	Canyon Fire Department
Pack	3004	University Church Of Christ Inc	Post	5599	Moore County Office of Emergency Management
Pack	3007	St Stephens West	Post	5600	Randall County Sheriff Department
Pack	3010	Windsor PTA	Team	6079	LDS 1st Ward Amarillo TX Stake
Pack	3021	St Marys Knights Of Columbus Council	Troop	0009	Kwahadi Heritage Inc
Pack	3024	Olsen Park PTA	Troop	0010	St Stephens West
Pack	3025	Plum Creek Fellowship	Troop	0031	First United Methodist Church Of Canyon
Pack	3050	Hereford First United Methodist Church	Troop	0052	Hereford First United Methodist Church
Pack	3056	Evening Lions Club Friona	Troop	0079	LDS 1st Ward Amarillo TX Stake
Pack	3064	Western Plateau PTA	Troop	0080	Eighty Scouts, Inc.
Pack	3077	Lions Club Lake Tanglewood	Troop	0086	St Paul United Methodist Church
Pack	3081	Kingswood United Methodist Church	Troop	0087	St Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church
Pack	3108	LDS 2nd Ward Amarillo TX Stake	Troop	0094	St Stephen United Methodist Church
Pack	3124	LDS 3rd Ward Amarillo TX Stake	Troop	0108	LDS 2nd Ward Amarillo TX Stake
Pack	3130	Gene Howe PTA	Troop	0425	McLean United Methodist Church
Pack	3301	St Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church	Troop	0473	First United Methodist Church Shamrock
Pack	3404	Pampa First Christian Church	Troop	0633	Panhandle Christian Home Educators
Pack	3423	First United Methodist Church of Pampa	Troop	1776	Comanche Trail Church Of Christ



**And congratulations to the following units that earned SILVER status:**

- Crew 2004 University Church Of Christ Inc
- Crew 2012 Marine Corps League Roan Creek 992
- Pack 1776 Comanche Trail Church Of Christ
- Pack 3016 Kiwanis Club Vega
- Pack 3047 LDS Dumas Branch Amarillo TX Stake
- Pack 3079 LDS 1st Ward Amarillo TX Stake
- Pack 3088 Amarillo Knights Of Columbus #4621
- Pack 3089 South Georgia PTO
- Pack 3100 Kiwanis Club of Amarillo South
- Pack 3435 Lions Club Memphis
- Pack 3473 First United Methodist Church Shamrock
- Ship 0001 Jacks Marine Service
- Troop 0066 Historic Route 66 Association of Amarillo
- Troop 0098 Paramount Baptist Church
- Troop 0124 LDS 3rd Ward Amarillo TX Stake
- Troop 0256 Perryton First Christian Church
- Troop 0413 St Matthews Episcopal Church
- Troop 0507 Kiwanis Club Borger
- Troop 1581 Borger Elks Lodge #1581

**The following units earned BRONZE status:**

- Crew 2905 Trinity Fellowship Church
- Pack 3017 Claude American Legion Post 344
- Troop 0088 Amarillo Knights Of Columbus #4621
- Troop 0548 Billy Dixon Square And Compass Club



# Operating Budget

## 2013 Revenue

Friends of Scouting	480,716
Project Sales	102,162
Special Events	101,518
Legacies	5,280
Foundations & Trusts	43,612
United Way	304,717
Sale of Supplies	57,921
Product Sales	251,528
Investment Income	158,503
Camping & Activities	277,913
Other Revenue	12,707

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**Total Support & Revenue**     **1,796,577**

## 2013 Expenses

Employee Expenses	987,146
Professional Fees	26,307
Supplies	199,401
Telephone	14,569
Postage & Shipping	14,075
Occupancy	94,053
Rental & Maintenance	33,485
Printing	10,506
Conferences & Meetings	54,477
Specific Assistance	51,648
Recognition Awards	41,567
Interest Expense	-
Insurance	44,779
Other Expense	10,200
Charter & National Service Fee	23,225

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**Total Expenses**     **1,770,989**

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**Revenues less Expenses**     **25,588**

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1.4%



# Scouting Membership

Youth	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Cub Scouts	3,026	3,076	2,946	3,383	3,623	3,512
Boy Scouts	1,128	1,104	1,220	1,127	1,290	1,380
Venturers	1,120	1,105	1,121	989	267	230
Explorers	48	57	44	51	931	998
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>5,342</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>6,111</b>	<b>6,120</b>

Units	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Packs	103	105	107	111	110	110
Troops	73	75	76	75	76	78
Crews	43	40	38	35	27	29
Posts	4	5	3	4	15	17
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>234</b>

Total Adults	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Packs	908	871	789	795	937	887
Troops	768	706	713	696	750	746
Crews	188	175	158	126	103	114
Posts	16	22	16	17	59	61
Unit Commissioners	17	25	24	18	24	27
District Committees	61	63	53	49	51	58
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>1,909</b>



# Leadership



President  
Commissioner  
Scout Executive  
Treasurer  
VP-Administration  
VP-District Operations  
VP-Endowment  
VP-Finance  
VP-Marketing  
VP-Membership  
VP-Program  
VP-Properties  
VP-Special Events

Clint Averitte  
Joni Mickna  
Andy Price  
Riley Hill  
Puff Niegos  
Dean Sather  
Paul Strouhal  
Brian Bruckner  
Edie Carter  
José Garcia  
Rob Law  
Bob Rathbun  
David Prescott

## 2013 Board Members

James Anderson, Amarillo, TX  
K.C. Hamill, Amarillo, TX  
Bill Quackenbush, Amarillo, TX  
Jay Barrett, Amarillo, TX  
Matt Hand, Amarillo, TX  
Tom Riney, Amarillo, TX  
Alan Bellinghausen, Amarillo, TX  
Paul Harpole, Amarillo, TX  
Duane Rosa, Amarillo, TX  
Scott Bentley, Amarillo, TX  
Robert Hayes, Booker, TX  
Todd Singleterry, Guymon, OK  
Richard Carter, Borger, TX

Heath Hendricks, Amarillo, TX  
Joe Street, Amarillo, TX  
Carson Christie, Amarillo, TX  
Ben Ed Hillhouse, Wheeler, TX  
Lisa Veggeberg, Amarillo, TX  
John Curry, Pampa, TX  
Bob Juba, Amarillo, TX  
Steve Walthour, Dumas, TX  
Steven Denny, Amarillo, TX  
Bill McCarty, Amarillo, TX  
Lee Waters, Pampa, TX  
David Eck, Amarillo, TX  
Bob McGinnis, Amarillo, TX

Brian Weis, Amarillo, TX  
Bill Gething, Pampa, TX  
Will Miller, Amarillo, TX  
Roger Williams, Amarillo, TX  
Gary Gibson, Amarillo, TX  
Jeff Nunn, Amarillo, TX  
Larry Wirtz, Guymon, OK  
Charlie Graham, Amarillo, TX  
Jim O'Connor, Amarillo, TX  
George Hall, Clarendon, TX  
Barry Peterson, Amarillo, TX





# 2013 Eagle Scouts



Lukas Chandler Amos, Troop 501  
Garrett Lee Andis, Troop 2472  
Javier R Benitez, Troop 1221  
Bryan Blake Benson, Troop 87  
Andrew Joseph Boren, Troop 87  
William Luke Bowling, Troop 4

Travis A Brewer, Troop 163  
Thomas Matthew Britt, Troop 79  
Austin Thomas Bruce, Troop 94  
Trenton Charles Burt, Troop 80  
Trevor Lyndon Burt, Troop 80  
Seth William Choate, Troop 94  
James Terrell Christian, Troop 17  
Matthew D Cuellar, Troop 1221  
Luke Patrick Danner, Troop 633  
Hayden Markham Denny, Troop 86  
Jacob Thomas Denny, Troop 86  
Tyler Jay Dixon, Troop 46  
Jacob Alan Earls, Troop 98  
Sean Andrew Easley, Troop 1581  
Jacob H L Easley McPherson, Troop 86  
Adam L Fick, Troop 142  
Joshua Jose Fierro, Troop 88  
Riley Peyton Guile, Troop 46  
Wyatt James Gwyn, Troop 4  
Cole Gwyn, Troop 4  
Kaleb Albert Haaland, Troop 46  
Josef Phillip Haaland, Troop 46  
Tyler John Higgins, Troop 47  
Keenan M Hughes, Troop 404  
William Christian Johnson, Troop 633

Jeremy R Jones, Troop 501  
Charles Lucas Knight, Troop 80  
Nicholas Laughlin, Troop 80  
Cooper Andrew Lillico, Troop 2116  
Tracy D Massey III, Troop 66  
Zay Bill McCasland, Troop 472  
Zack Don McCasland, Troop 472  
Winston C McElwain, Troop 79  
Jacob Andrew Meyer, Troop 86  
Patrick Aaron Miller, Troop 4  
William T Miracle II, Troop 97  
Sage Aiden Pistocco, Troop 31  
Ethan James Robinson, Troop 4  
Christopher Matthew Roelle, Troop 80  
Javier Sanchez III, Troop 47  
Cordell Daniel Scaggs, Troop 62  
Aaron Joseph Shehan, Troop 31  
Ryan Patrick Steele, Troop 94  
William A Thetford, Troop 46  
Jeffrey Wayne Thetford, Troop 46  
Noah Kyle Truelock, Troop 633  
Hayden Mark Vogler, Troop 86  
Devon Ammon Weber, Troop 2012  
John Garrett Williamson, Troop 633





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