

The Golden Spread

February-March 2017



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## AWARDS BEING ACCEPTED AT THE COUNCIL RECEPTION!



Sean Crosson receiving his Eagle Scout Scholarship from the High Plains Eagle Scout Association



Our Scout Executive and Assistant Scout Executive accepting the Fire Wise Community Designation Signs from the Texas Forest Service



## ADVENTURE ACADEMY

Are you a trained Cub Scout leader? Do you want to take your Pack on an overnight camp? If the answer is no or yes respectively, than the **NEW** Adventure Academy is just for you! How would you like to attend an all day training at beautiful Camp Don Harrington on March 4th and when you leave, you will **NEVER** have to attend another Cub Scout Leader training during your Cub Scouting career? This learning experience is a "pilot program" in our council and will offer you training in **ALL** Cub Scout adult leadership positions and Baloo Training. One and done! Check it out on our web site soon!

## ARE YOU A TRAINED LEADER?

Cub Scout Leaders should be trained in their **current unit position**.

Each position has its own training requirement. Each time you move to a different position, you need to have the training for that position.

To complete your training online, simply visit [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org), create an account, and choose the training you would like to complete. There is also other interesting trainings available for you such as Safe Swim Defense and Weather Hazards.

For more information or for assistance, please call the Scout Service Center.



## WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING

Are you heading to any of the Boy Scout High Adventure Bases in 2017 or 2018? If so, at least one but preferably two participants are required to have Wilderness First Aid Training. Our council will be offering this training (once per year) on March 4th and 5th at Camp Don Harrington. This training is advanced First Aid and CPR is required to complete the course. If you do not have a current CPR Card, you can still enroll in class but will have to discuss CPR Training with the instructor upon arrival. Registration and more information will be available soon on the council web site.

## SCOUTMASTER POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING AND OUTDOOR LEADER TRAINING COMING TO CAMP DON HARRINGTON

The next Scoutmaster Specific Training and Outdoor Leadership Skills Training is scheduled for February 10th and 11th at Camp Don Harrington. The in-class portion is scheduled for Friday evening and the outdoor portion is all day Saturday. You must attend both to receive credit for the course.

This training teaches you the key components of a troop meeting and resources and the outdoor portion shows the many aspects of outdoor camping responsibilities per the Boy Scouts of America. How to properly choose your campsite, backpacking techniques, first aid, and outdoor cooking are just a few of the topics that will be taught by experienced volunteers. You can get more information and register on the council web site today.



## BLUE AND GOLD BANQUETS

Cub Scouts and Cub Scout Packs celebrate Scouting Anniversary Week with a celebration called the **Blue & Gold Banquet**. In nearly all packs, the annual blue and gold banquet, which is often the pack meeting for February, is the highlight of the year. It brings families together for an evening of fun and inspiration. The purpose of the blue and gold banquet is to celebrate the pack's anniversary, recognize pack leaders and other adults who have been instrumental in the pack's success, and inspire the leaders, Scouts, and parents. Packs often like to invite former members and other Scouting or community leaders to take part in the annual blue and gold banquet.

The banquet program must appeal to boys as well as adults. This can be conducted as a regular pack meeting (with songs, skits, stunts, and awards), or it can be something different and a little more special. Your pack may choose to bring in outside entertainment, such as a magician or storyteller, or have a video or slide presentation of the activities the pack participated in over the previous year. Choose a master of ceremonies who will keep the evening moving and enjoyable for all.

Careful planning is necessary for the banquet to be successful. Most packs begin planning at least one to two months in advance. The pack committee should recruit a banquet chair, who in turn may select others to carry out the responsibilities of the program, such as making physical arrangements, handling invitations, choosing a theme, etc. Try to involve as many people as possible, but avoid giving den leaders too many additional responsibilities because it may distract them from their duties to their dens. The Blue & Gold Banquet also typically includes a Friends of Scouting presentation and a Webelos Bridging Ceremony.

## Kwahadi Dancers invite all to attend the 52nd Winter Nights Ceremonials

### The Kwahadi Dancers

Present the 52nd Annual

### Winter Night Ceremonials

## TYUONYI

*Take a journey back in time with the Kwahadis!*

**January 27, 28, February 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 7:00 PM**  
**Matinees January 22 and Scout Sunday, February 5, 3:00 PM**

### Kwahadi Museum

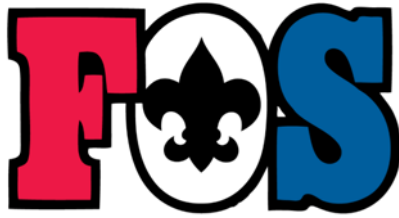
**9151 I-40 E, Amarillo, TX**

I-40 Exit #76, then WEST on frontage road  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to museum

**Ticket includes museum, art exhibits, and performance!**

**For reservations: 806-335-3175**

***Come see the Kwahadis! You'll be glad you did!***



**F**riends of Scouting is an opportunity for families, friends, alumni, business and community organizations to support Scouting. Help us provide the resources necessary to make sure every youth can benefit from Scouting’s fun, exciting, adventure-filled activities that foster character, honesty, respect and life-long values. The \$25 annual Scouting registration fee goes directly to the national office of the Boy Scouts of America. If a Scout unit collects dues, that money stays with the unit to help pay for supplies, advancements and other activities. None of that money helps the Golden Spread Council. In order to keep Scouting affordable for all youth, the council runs an annual Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign.

Friends of Scouting contributions provide approximately 29% of the support the council receives each year. The success of Scouting depends on those who support it. Please help Scouting provide the resources necessary to make sure every youth can benefit from Scouting’s fun, exciting, adventure-filled activities that foster character, honesty, respect and life-long values. Your generous tax-deductible gift to the Boy Scouts of America provides direct funding for educational initiatives and active learning that program fees alone do not cover – is a statement about your belief in Scouting, our programs and our properties and in our belief in educating the entire mind of the young people.

District Executives will be calling all unit leaders to schedule a time and day where they can talk to parents about scouting in the Golden Spread Council. They will explain what the funds are used for. It’s important that all units and parents of scouts have the opportunity to give if they would like. Do not make that decision for parents– let them decide.

A successful Scouting program is made possible by the generosity of families, business community, and individuals believing in the Scouting mission. You can help today by supporting the annual Friends of Scouting campaign.

## IS YOUR UNIT MAKING THE HONOR ROLL?

Honor Roll Boy Scout Advancement		
<u>Troop</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Rank Advancements</u>
87	Amarillo	38
10	Amarillo	21
86	Amarillo	20
52	Hereford	20
507	Borger	17
124	Amarillo	16
501	Panhandle	14

*Reflects rank (Tenderfoot-Eagle) advancements earned Jan-Dec 2016*

Honor Roll Cub Scout Advancement		
<u>Pack</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Rank Advancements</u>
3080	Amarillo	75
3024	Amarillo	64
3100	Amarillo	63
3007	Amarillo	57
3021	Amarillo	53
3501	Panhandle	52
1776	Amarillo	51
3063	Amarillo	50
3301	Amarillo	47

*Reflects rank advancements earned*



# PINEWOOD DERBY RACES

The pinewood derby is one of the most popular and successful family activities in Cub Scouting. Pinewood derby cars are small wooden models that Cub Scouts make with help from their families. Then they race the cars in competition. The cars are powered by gravity and run down a track.

Most packs have a pinewood derby every year. It can be run indoors or outdoors. Every boy can design and build his own "grand prix" car to enter in the race.

Typically, a pinewood derby race is held in each Cub Scout pack, as well as each district. It is a fun activity to help build positive scouting spirit as well as camaraderie within your pack.

To see if your Pack is having a Pinewood Derby Race, contact your Cubmaster today!

# EAGLE SCOUTS (JAN-DEC 2016)

Congratulations to the following Boy Scouts who have completed all requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout and have been approved for that rank in 2016.

First	Last	Troop	City
Anthony	Anaya	1581	Borger
Caleb	Baumert	101	Dalhart
Josef	Baumert	101	Dalhart
Joseph	Benitez	1221	Amarillo
Jackson	Blake	97	Amarillo
Jeffrey	Blashill	124	Amarillo
Ethan	Chase	52	Hereford
Colby	Cochran	2012	Amarillo
Miles	Crain	79	Amarillo
Peyton	Creery	124	Amarillo
Hunter	Creery	124	Amarillo
Noah	Dawson	1221	Amarillo
David	Derrick	87	Canyon
Remington	Escamilla	87	Amarillo
Kevin	Fletcher	79	Amarillo
Dylan	Fox	97	Amarillo
Matthew	Garnett	250	Spearman
William	Hayes	94	Amarillo
Dylan	Hope	94	Amarillo
McKay	Humpherys	2116	Amarillo
Ben	James	87	Amarillo
Dylan	Kemp	551	Guymon
Conner	Knotts	87	Amarillo
John	Kopeccky	97	Amarillo
Nicholas	Morris	4	Canyon
Jacob	Owens	47	Dumas
Trenton	Pharis	86	Amarillo
Brady	Quirk	10	Amarillo
Josiah	Raab	10	Amarillo
Aaron	Raef	1221	Amarillo
Steven	Raymond	31	Amarillo
Lucas	Robertson	548	Borger
Sean	Rogers-Trainer	87	Amarillo
Nathan	Sisson	1581	Borger
Jack	Smalligan	97	Amarillo
Trenton	Smith	433	Clarendon
Tanner	Stevens	86	Amarillo
William	Truelock	633	Amarillo
Taylor	Valdez	264	Adams
Jason	Velasquez Jr	6401	Pampa
Hunter	Williamson	87	Amarillo

# MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES

In Memory of:	From:
Chuck Slaughter	Robert Altman
Joel Coacker	Terri Kitts
Leon Gheer	Mr. & Mrs. Michael A. Tinsley
Minta Dewey	Ken & Tammy Reed
Bill Quackenbush	Thomas & Norma Cambridge J. Winston Inc. Juile Puckett Mr. Donald K. Riffe Robert McGinnis Snook Alice Snook Trustee Mr & Mrs Beaumont S Boyce Kimberly Snelgrooes FirstBank SouthWest Clay & Edie Carter Joe & Betty Howell Stephen & Shari Gunzelman John R. Buckthal Stranton Morris Michael Young Doshier, Pickens & Francis LLC

## IS YOUR PACK HAVING A WEBELOS CROSSOVER CEREMONY?

Scouting is all about adventure. Camping, hiking, climbing. Shooting, canoeing, swimming. Scouts get to try all kinds of new and exciting things that expose them to potential hobbies and careers that will impact them throughout their lives.

As a program that offers young people ages 6-21 so many opportunities, it's important to remember that various activities are appropriate for youth at different ages and stages of their development. BSA has a great resource available online called "Age Appropriate Guidelines for Youth" to help leaders and parents plan appropriate programs.

One of the exciting steps takes place when a boy is able to 'crossover' from Webelos and the Cub Scout program to Boy Scouts. This typically takes place late in his fifth grade year around the time he turns eleven. Great packs usually make a grand ceremony out of the crossover. This symbolizes the special transition about to take place in the Webelos' transition into Boy Scouting and also encourages the younger boys to make the transition when they're ready.

Likewise, great troops make a grand ceremony out of the crossover. This is a great time to help 'sell' their troop to Cub Scouts in the community who will likely be looking forward to joining Boy Scouts when they're able.

It is helpful for parents of Cub Scouts crossing over to know that Boy Scouts is quite different from the program they've experienced in their pack. Boy Scouts should be planning and running the troop meetings and outings and the leaders are there to ensure no one is acting unsafely. Good troops let their boys make mistakes and rarely do the adult leaders stand up and actually lead the meetings. This is quite a contrast from Cub Scouts.

It is also helpful for Boy Scouts leaders to be reminded that most parents of newly crossed-over Boy Scouts don't know how the troop runs. They don't know how boys progress in rank, what is expected of parents, or where to go for assistance. Great troops usually have a meeting with new parents to help them learn about the troop and how they can support the troop's operation and programs. Finally, it is important to remember that a Webelos hasn't completely crossed over to Boy Scouts until his BSA Youth Application has been turned in and processed by the Scout Service Center. This actually transfers the boy's membership from the pack to the troop.



## BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

***The 2017 Boy Scout Camporee is right around the corner and we hope you are practicing all your Scout Skills***

On April 21-23 at Camp Don Harrington, the annual Boy Scout Camporee will commence with great fun and friendly competition. Knot Tying, Compass work, Scout Trivia, Stretcher Relay, and a special Saturday evening event will have your Boy Scouts screaming for more!

A volunteer committee of Scoutmasters and others have been planning this event for over 6 months and they have done a fantastic job in putting this event together. Chairman Marlo Escamilla, has updated the Leader's Guide and revamped the judging process and scoring to make the events as fair as possible. We invite ALL Boy Scout Troops no matter how big or small as this Camporee is for everyone.

Parents- your scout will learn scouting skills, learn how to work together with other members of the troop, and gain a sense of satisfaction when he completes an event. It's important that your scout attends this Camporee. It's part of scouting!

For more information and to register, please see the Camporee Leader's Guide and Registration link now available at the council web page.

## NRA CHIEF RANGE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

If you are an NRA Certified Range Safety Officer (RSO) and you're looking to help us certify other Range Safety Officers within our Council, we need you sign up to be a Chief Range Safety Officer.

**WHEN:** SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2017

**TIME:** 8:00AM - 6:00PM

**WHERE:** CAMP DON HARRINGTON TRAINING ROOM

**COST:** \$275.00 / \$100.00 DEPOSIT - Remaining due on arrival

If you have not had BIT (Basic Instructor Training) within 2 years, you are required to take it for your NRA Shotgun Instructor, NRA Rifle Instructor, and RSO certifications.

\*\*BIT will be offered on the morning of Saturday April 29, 2017. Call for details and cost.

**Sessions Will Include:**

- Standard Operating Procedures
- Inspections
- Emergency Procedures
- Firearm Stoppages and Malfunctions
- Safety Briefings

Chief RSO Candidates must demonstrate organizational and teaching skills via participation in practical exercises and complete an open book exam. Once the course is completed, the RSO will be upgraded to an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer.

**DON'T WAIT, SIGN UP TODAY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED!**

To register for this class, please contact: JAMES SPENCER at 806-336-8743.

**\*\*NO AMMUNITION WILL BE ALLOWED IN CLASSROOM\*\***

## SCOUT SHOP INFORMATION

**Scout Sunday** is February 5, 2017, is your Pack or Troop ready? Place your order today to have a great Scout Sunday at your church.

Yes! It's time for **Blue & Gold Banquet**. Is your awesome Pack ready? We have everything for your amazing Blue & Gold Banquets.

It's **Pinewood Derby** time!! Do you have everything you need? We are a one stop shop for Pinewood Derby Race.

We have received the new **2017 Boy Scout Requirements Book**. Get yours today!

**Popcorn sale!** Popcorn goes better with your favorite movie. Popcorn is 60% off. That's right 60% OFF, you could get more of our favorite popcorn flavor at that price. So come on down to the Golden Spread Council Scout Shop and stock up on your favorite popcorn.



## CUB SCOUT DAY CAMPS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Scouts want to have fun and attending Cub Scout Day Camp is where it's at!



This year, we are offering three Weeklong Day Camps at Camp Don Harrington and a One day Day Camp at both Camp Don Harrington and Camp M.K. Brown. Why do we offer different types of camps? We do this so parents can choose what's best for your family schedule.

All Scouts should attend a Camp of their choice because this is where they have fun, learn many new things, and become better boys!

The Weeklong Day Camps are open to girls and boys in 1st through 5th grade! For more information, visit our web page.

## CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMPS

Camping takes you on exciting adventures into the natural world. You'll learn to live with others in the out-of-doors. You'll learn to be a good citizen of the outdoors. Camping is fun, and it's good for your mind, body, and spirit. It helps you learn to rely on yourself—on your own skills and knowledge. When you go camping as a Cub Scout, you get skills you will learn and use more, later, as a Boy Scout.

Cub Scout Resident Camp takes place this year at Camp Don Harrington during the weekends of June 9-11 and June 23-25. These three-day, two night camps are designed to have lots of fun-filled activities that have a theme. This year the theme is "Cub Craft" and we are excited to have many new and exciting programs.

Imagine an exciting weekend of building your own world of fun! Join us as we craft, build, create, and design at camp. Camping, cooking, woodworking, art design, & so much more!

Take a look at our web site for more information!



## CAMP CARDS— YOUR "LET'S GO TO CAMP" FUNDRAISER

For 6 years, our council has offered one of the best fundraisers for scouts to earn their way to camp. Over 79,197 cards have been sold by our scouts providing more than \$195,260 in unit revenue. Is your Pack or Troop participating in the 2017 sale?

These Discount Cards offer customers many awesome discounts from local food vendors to tire rotations to flower arrangement discounts to free offers! All the cards are personalized for the area— this year we are offering 9 different cards representing our entire council.

Cards are ordered by the unit leader or Camp Card Coordinator who will learn about the program, attend a kickoff, and keep track of cards. Order now by the way of our council web page! Cards sell for just \$5.00 each and you may keep 50 % to use towards camp or other activities that you determine best fits your needs. Check with your unit leader on the actual unit policy regarding what you get to keep and what the unit might keep to cover expenses etc.

In 2016, 60 units sold camp cards and we expect that to increase this year! This is an easy fundraiser for your scout to participate in. Let him earn his own way (with the help of family, friends, coworkers, grandparents etc.) to camp.

Ask your unit leader if the unit is participating this year. If so great, if not, ask why not! For more information, please call the Scout Service Center at 806-358-6500.



## BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP – CAMP MK BROWN

Picture this:

- *Boys splashing into a cool lake on a hot day*
- *An archery bow stretched tight by a small hand and aimed at a colorful bull's-eye 30 feet away*
- *Hikers on a brush-laden trail stopping to admire a spider forming its web in a tree*



Our Boy Scout Camping program is one of the best around. Set at Camp M.K.Brown, we have an outstanding First Year Camping Program along with one of the best Aquatics Programs that can be offered. Our lake is full of fish for those who like to try their hand at that. We have a newer Rifle Range and are making improvements at our Shotgun Range. Our camp is full of cottonwood trees that keeps you in the shade so you can relax (adults!). This year, we are offering an older Scout program called A.W.A.Y. which stands for Advanced Wilderness Adventure for Youth. This program will get Scouts excited about canoeing, wilderness survival, First Aid, and Pioneering. Scouts will earn those Merit Badges while in the program. What if they already have them, even better! The program will be very demanding and Scouts will utilize their knowledge and skills during the program.

We also have bought 6 additional Kayaks, several new Stand-Up Paddleboards, Canoes, and other Program supplies that will be ready for you to use. We have also purchased new Steam Serving Tables and an additional Salad Bar for our food operations!

Take a look at the Camp Leader's Guide located on our web page in the "Camping Tab". Reservations for Camp are being taken know. Don't delay!!!!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Cool T-shirts!

Did you know that we know have T-shirts (long sleeve and short sleeve) that depict our council area and both camps? We have multiple sizes and colors to meet your interest. Come in and take a look at them and be proud to be part of the Golden Spread Council!

### Good Scout Luncheon

Did you know that the Good Scout Luncheon is an annual fundraiser where we recognize community members, businesses, and others who represent good members of the community and who are a friend of scouts? This year, the lunch takes place on February 22nd in the Amarillo Civic Center. Call Bob Altman at 806-358-6500 if you would like to attend.

### Camp Promotion Specialist Position

Did you know that we are looking for a adult who would visit every Pack in the District and do a Cub Scout Camp Promotion to parents and Scouts? We are looking for an adult with a drivers license (and insurance) who can schedule a visit with each Pack and talk about all the Camping possibilities we are offering this year. This is a paid position and all work will be done in the evenings. Call Scott at 806-358-6500 if you are interested.

### Scout Service Center Remodel

Did you know that about April of this year, we will have a completely remodeled Scout Service Center? We will be enhancing the entire building with new carpet, wallcoverings, office spaces, kitchen, HVAC, parking lot, and what is really exciting is the Conference Room remodel. It will be upgraded with the newest technology and will feature a separate entrance so you, our volunteers, can use the facility for Pack Meetings, Eagle Courts of Honor, Trainings, and other events without having to have a staff member open and close the building. We will have a key pad entry system that will enable you to come and go. Kitchen access and bathroom access will also be included. All current council operations will still take place in the building with as little inconvenience to you as possible. You can follow the process by visiting our Construction Blog- just go to our web page and it's at the top of the page!!!

## CUB SCOUT EXTRAVAGANZA 2016

Cub Scout Packs should be making plans to attend the Cub Scout Extravaganza scheduled for March 31- April 2 at Camp Don Harrington! This **FAMILY** Campout allows entire families- Mom, Dad, Scout, Sibling etc. to come out to camp on Friday and/or Saturday, camp overnight and enjoy lots of fun activities on Saturday.

Activities planned for this year are Archery and BB Gun shooting, slingshots, trapping displays, animal displays (snakes, bugs, rabbits, raccoons etc.), and maybe even hot-air balloons or helicopter displays. You won't want to miss out on this great **FAMILY** activity. Look for more information soon at the council website!!

## NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING

The NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) program was developed in response to the demand for a nationally recognized range safety officer certification. To become a NRA Range Safety Officer, you must pass the RSO course and demonstrate that you possess the knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations.

The Golden Spread Council needs your help in becoming an NRA Range Safety Officer in order to properly conduct our camps and shooting sports program.

**\*\*Please sign-up to attend 1 of the 2 classes that will be offered to our members\*\***

DATES:	SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2017	8:00AM - 5:00PM	\$35.00
	SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2017	8:00AM - 5:00PM	\$35.00

Both classes will be held at the Boy Scout Kwahadi Indian Dancers Museum and Kiva, located off I-40 out by the airport. (9151 I-40, Amarillo Texas 79118)

All participants must contact class instructor, Raymond Duran - Chief RSO, at (806)336-2678 to sign up.

**CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED, SO DON'T WAIT!**

Class Participants need to bring:

- Pen and highlighter
- Sack Lunch with Drink (no adult beverages)
- Positive Attitude

**\*\*\*\*\*NO LIVE AMMUNITION WILL BE ALLOWED IN CLASSROOM\*\*\*\*\***

# COUNCIL COMMISSIONER'S PAGE



*From your Golden Spread Council Commissioner Team*

*"Real philanthropy consists of helping others, outside our own family circle, from whom no thanks is expected or required." - Waite Phillips*

First and foremost I would like to extend a heartfelt GRATITUDE to the Golden Spread Council Commissioners who took time out of their busy schedules to participate in our local College of Commissioner Science in January! We had excellent instruction, leadership, training and fun fellowship! Thank you to Joy Kilian, Chuck Jewell, Anna Knobloch, Scott Hollabaugh, Darryl Hersey, Laura Paul, Mike Keyser, Ashley Orr and Charlotte Moczygamba for philanthropic spirits!



### 2017 ONLINE UNIT RECHARTERING DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

As a reminder - please follow up with all of your assigned Units (and any other Unit needing your assistance) to make sure they are on track to have their Recharter completed by February 15th! If you are in need of guidance or have concerns about a particular unit, please contact your District Commissioner and District Executive as soon as possible so that assistance can be given ASAP.

### REGISTER NOW FOR THE SOUTH PLAINS COUNCIL COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE FEB. 11th, 2017 (Lubbock)

Register today to attend this AMAZING OPPORTUNITY for Commissioners and Scouters to continue their training and build fellowship with Commissioners from surrounding Councils. Courses will be offered to assist individuals in achieving their Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees of Commissioner Science. The highlight of the day will be the lunchtime guest speaker, Charles Dahlquist, the BSA's National Commissioner. You can register online by visiting [www.southplainscouncil.org](http://www.southplainscouncil.org) or by calling: (806) 747-2631

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 NATIONAL COMMISSIONER  
 MEMBER OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD  
 PREVIOUS YOUNG MEN GENERAL PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
 UTAH NATIVE, ATTORNEY AND CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LEADER

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SOUTH PLAINS COUNCIL

## WHAT IS EXPLORING?

The Exploring program is a program rich in history that has its origins dating back to the 1930's. It is designed to give real-world, hands on career experiences that are delivered through a partnership with businesses, organizations and government agencies to boys and girls ages 14-20.

Learning for Life has been in partnership with the Exploring program since 1998 and is designed to be delivered through the school curriculum to all youth ages Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade by teaching academic and character education specifically designed for learning by grade level. There is also a specially designed curriculum for special needs youth.

Want to know more? Please check out the website at [exploring.learningforlife.org](http://exploring.learningforlife.org)!

Look for more exciting news about the Exploring program for your youth! If you have a youth age 14-20 that would be interested in getting involved or if you just have general questions, please contact Gemma Mitchell at 806-358-6500 or by cell at 806-282-8296.

## YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

All registered leaders are required to complete Youth Protection Training every two years. You can do this online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org). If you are not sure if you are due for training, you can ask the registrar at the Scout Service Center. Once you register for the first time in the Boy Scouts, you have 30 days to complete this training. Please don't wait- just go online and complete the hour-long training. After you have completed the course, you will be aware of what is required by law to report, how to protect yourself and those Scouts you are involved with. This is an award winning training so check it out today!



## EXPLORING IN THE COMMUNITY

The Exploring district is getting to celebrate 2 successes this newsletter!



First of all, congratulations go out to the 27 Exploring students who graduated by putting forth the time and effort to go through the 17-week student academy program with the Randall County Sheriff's Office. They studied what it truly takes to enter into the career of law enforcement. The students learned such items as shoot/don't shoot scenarios, they "worked" at the jail, proper handcuffing technique, self-defense, physical fitness testing, and CSI. These students put in a lot of extracurricular time and were well rewarded with a graduation ceremony and ability to have earned scholarships for college. Congratulations again to these outstanding youth!

Secondly, about 70 peace officers from all over the Texas Panhandle gathered at the Randall County Event Center for the Texas Panhandle Peace Officer's Association luncheon to hear Sheriff Joel Richardson of Randall County talk about the benefits of each county sheriff office having an Exploring Post in place to help give the youth of the Panhandle that have expressed an interest in law enforcement an opportunity to learn. There were sheriffs from 7 different counties, Amarillo Police Dept., Canyon Police Dept. and West Texas A & M Police Dept. that were present to hear the story of Exploring and how it can benefit them and the youth of their counties.

If you know any youth age 14-20 and want more information about this Explorer Post or other posts, please contact Gemma Mitchell at 806-282-8296 or at 806-358-6500. As always the [Exploring.org](http://Exploring.org) website will give you information about career fields available and list the current events happening all across the nation in each career field so come Discover Your Future with Exploring!



## DISTRICT NEWS

### Quanah Parker District

**District Chairman:** Steve Walthour  
swalthour@northplainsgcd.org

**District Commissioner:** Darryl Hersey  
sjbcexpastor@suddenlinkmail.com

**District Director:** Brian Lamirande  
brian.lamirande@scouting.org

#### **\*\* District Meeting Schedule \*\***

##### **District Key-3 Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month - 6:00pm @ Scout Service Center,  
401 Tascosa Rd. Amarillo

##### **District Committee Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month - 7:00 pm @ Scout Service Center,  
401 Tascosa Rd. Amarillo

##### **District Commissioner's Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month - 7:00 pm @ Scout Service Center,  
401 Tascosa Rd. Amarillo

#### **Scouts Rocket into Adventure!**

During the end of the 2016 fall school year and continuing on into 2017, Cub Scouts participating in the after-school Scouting program(s) have had the opportunity to take part in the exciting voyage into the craft of Space Derby! For those that are unfamiliar, this Cub Scout activity involves assembling, decorating and racing a miniature rocket ship made of balsa wood in a similar manner seen in the traditional Pinewood Derby race. Our eager new Scouts have been busy building and racing during the fall and are excited to quickly transition into Pinewood Derby season!!

During the upcoming weeks of February and March, our Scouts will be beginning and racing their own unique Pinewood Derby cars. The after-school Scouting program(s) offered in the Quanah Parker district are only at select locations, and are led by qualified trained staff. For more information on the current programs being offered as well as a complete listing of available site locations, contact Brian Lamirande at [Brian.Lamirande@Scouting.org](mailto:Brian.Lamirande@Scouting.org).

#### **Seeking Part-Time Paid Staff** - *Want to help make a difference?*

Scouting programs have traditionally been led by volunteer parents and adults who plan, organize and deliver the program

to a group of youth at nearby sponsoring schools, churches or civic clubs. Through an initiative set forth by the Golden Spread Council, the Quanah Parker District-ScoutReach Division employ's part time paid staff members that deliver the newly released Cub Scouting program in an after school style format at select locations across Amarillo.

These paid positions include the traditional roles of Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee/activity planner, etc. We are currently looking to expand and are seeking qualified candidates.

We have paid Scouting positions available to individuals 18 years of age and older. Pay ranges from **\$12.50 - \$15.00 Per Hour** depending on experience and weekly hours are flexible. For more information, contact Brian Lamirande at 806-220-9158 or email [Brian.Lamirande@Scouting.org](mailto:Brian.Lamirande@Scouting.org). More information on our programs can be found by clicking on the link below.

**Program Overview and Detailed Position Description can be found at the following link:**

<http://www.goldenspread.org/Districts/QuanahParker/QuanahParker.htm>



## DISTRICT NEWS

### Adobe Walls District

<b>Chairman</b>	Richard Carter (slrjcarter@cableone.net)
<b>Commissioner</b>	Laura Paul (lauraine@email.phoenix.edu)
<b>District Executive</b>	Gaylyne Manns (806) 207-0037 (gaylyne.manns@scouting.org)

#### February

9 -	District Meeting
11-	Pinewood Derby
18-	District Dinner
25-	OKPIK Winter Adventure

#### March

9 -	Camp Card Kickoff
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#### FOS

The Friends of Scouting Campaign is a vital component to the programs and services of the Golden Spread Council. Money raised through FOS offsets cost of training leaders, operating camps and our service center, as well as providing other resources to other units throughout our council. If you have not signed up for a presentation to be at your February pack meeting or special event please contact Gaylyne 806-207-0037

#### Pinewood Derby

Saturday February 11, 2017 12:00 pm, at the Gathering Place, 2545 Perryton Parkway, Pampa. Pack 480 in Pampa would like to invite all area Scouts and families to the Pinewood Derby. All registered Scouts race for free in their rank. They will also run an outlaw class! Cost is \$3.00 per entry. Check in starts at noon, racing starts at 3:00 pm. For more information contact Kyle Flood 806-683-9971

#### OKPIK Winter Adventure

Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> at Camp M.K. Brown OKPIK-pronounced as (OOK' pick) is a "cold-weather adventure program" held at Camp M.K. Brown. You are invited to participate in this first Winter Adventure! All Troops and Arrow of Light Webelos are welcome to attend. Merit Badges Offered are: Auto Maintenance, Communication, Electricity, Fingerprinting, Astronomy, Painting, Radio Animal Science, and Chess.. To register, you MUST call James Murry at 806-886-1471 or Email him at jmurry@crmwa.com.

See more information at this link: <http://www.goldenspread.org/Districts/AdobeWalls/Forms/2017AwOKPIK.pdf>

#### District Dinner

Saturday February 18, 2017 5:00 pm. All Adults in Adobe Walls are invited to attend our. We will celebrate the accomplishments of volunteers in our District and to award the Award of Merit, the highest award a district can bestow upon an individual. We will be doing pot luck, so please bring a dish to share.

#### Camp Card Kick off

Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm @ FUMC Pampa to receive your units cards. The Camp Card is designed to help Scouts earn their way to Boy Scout Summer Camp, Cub Scout Day Camp, or other Activity. Scouts can earn 50% commission (\$2.50) for each \$5 Camp Card they sell. All the information is in the Leader's Guide which is located at [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org).

### Lone Wolf District

<b>Chairman</b>	Jim Lear (n5lnr@ptsi.net)
<b>Commissioner</b>	Lucy Villa (lucy_villa@hotmail.com)
<b>District Executive</b>	Jimmy Boswell (jimmy.boswell@scouting.org)

#### February

9	6:00pm District Committee Meeting (Visiting Spearman Pack Blue and Gold) First Baptist Church 124 S. Bernice St. Spearman, TX. (Meeting will commence following the banquet at 7:30pm)
15	Unit Rechartrs Due!!
25	9 am Lone Wolf Pinewood Derby Northridge Christian School Guymon, OK

#### March:

9	District Committee Meeting
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To the great people of the Lone Wolf District:

Happy New Year!! What an amazing start to a new year. We have so many great things going on its hard to keep up. First up, Rechartrs are due! They need to be turned in by February 15<sup>th</sup>, this is so important to revisit attendance, leadership, etc. Just remember if this is not done you cannot get your advancements and lose the insurance coverage.

Pinewood Derby is coming up in a couple of weeks. There is an email that has gone out to the unit leaders and another one will go out again in the next week. You can also find all the information on the Lone Wolf District Facebook page.

What a great year to be a scout! Remember, as stated by Robert Baden-Powell "Scoutcraft is a means through which the veriest hooligan can be brought to higher thought and to the elements of faith in God; and, coupled with the Scout's obligation to do a good turn every day, it gives the base of Duty to God and to Neighbor on which the parent or pastor can build with greater ease the form of belief that is desired."

#### Calling all adults:

Unit Commissioners needed! We need people who love meeting other people and youth from different areas and who love being a help to these units that we already have and the new units that are sure to come. Please let me know if you are interested, will train and you are sure to have fun.

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Golden Eagle District

**District Chairperson-** Andrea Cochran- akcochran@yahoo.com  
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**District Commissioner-** Lori Nolan –lorinolan@yahoo.com  
(806)570-1975 (cell)

**District Executive-** Lynsey Davis – lynsey.davis@scouting.org  
(806)679-3314 (cell)

**February**

2 –7PM—Roundtable—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall  
 2 –6:30PM—District Committee—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall  
 2 –6:30PM—Unit Commissioner Meeting—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall

**March**

2 –7PM—Roundtable—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall  
 2 –6:30PM—District Committee—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall  
 2 –6:30PM—Unit Commissioner Meeting—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall

**Golden Eagle District Committee & Roundtable**

Roundtable is a fun, informational meeting/training for all leaders and interested adult volunteers of the Golden Eagle District. Roundtable is a form of supplemental training held monthly on a district basis. Roundtable provides Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders an opportunity to share ideas and activities with leaders from other units. It is a source of continuing information. Come be a S.T.A.R. (Scouter That Attends Roundtable)

The Key 3 would like to remind everyone that the District Committee and Roundtable is open to anyone that would like to attend. Scouting is about Volunteers and the great things they do. We are always looking for new Unit Commissioners and other Specific Committee Members. Come and help or just come and have fun! Come each week to increase your chances of winning our incentive items!!!

**Cub Scout Happenings**

Coming up this month, February 25<sup>th</sup> will be the Golden Eagle Pinewood Derby!!! I know many units have been doing their unit Pinewood Derby, and we can't wait for the district wide event. Please send me pictures from your unit derby to be featured in next month's newsletter.

**Recharter**

Recharter time is here!! Your recharter captains should have received an email with their online recharter information. Please make this a top priority, and don't wait until the last minute to get your recharter done. They must be turned in to Stephen by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget that you are going to need signatures from leaders, new

parents, and charter organization representative. If you have any questions about any of the process, please contact Stephen at the Scout Office.

**2017 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign**

It is that time of year again for our Family Friends of Scouting campaign. We need your help and support in making this year's campaign a huge success. If you have not already submitted your unit's date and time for a family presentation, please contact Lynsey Davis 679-3314 to get it scheduled asap. We want to be able to provide the scouting program to every child that wants to participate, regardless of economic status, and we need your help to accomplish that goal. We believe in the scouting program, and know that you do too.

**GE EAGLE Boards of Review**

**PLEASE, we need your help!** – We have a core group of volunteers who help us every month. But they cannot do it alone. We cannot complete these project reviews and Eagle ranks without your help. Please encourage your Troop Advancement Chairman, Troop Committee Chairman, Troop Outdoor Chairman, etc. to join us. All the training is provided, and as a bonus to your unit, these board volunteers will bring back valuable information to your unit concerning the Eagle Project and Eagle Rank Board process.

Thank you for your help! Clara Carpenter

Clara Carpenter <clara.carpenter@sprouselaw.com>



Pack 80 Space Derby



Pack 21 Flag Ceremony for Harlem Globetrotters



Pack 21 Learning about science

Don't see your unit in the pictures featured above? Please email/text me pictures of all of the wonderful things you are doing with your unit so that they can be featured in future newsletters. **Lynsey Davis – GE District Executive**



**From Phil Shipley, Scout Executive**

Moving from a Webelos to a Scout is an exciting transition for every boy in Scouting. The passage from Cub Scout pack to Boy Scout troop should be smooth, with no time lost in between. It should be the goal of the Cubmaster, Webelos den leaders, and troop leaders to graduate every Webelos into a Boy Scout Troop. Scouting should be viewed as an ongoing adventure, and the progression should be as normal as moving from elementary school to middle school. Below are the tips to keep your Webelos engaged in moving on to Boy Scouts!



- \* Plan & Coordinate with troop to have Webelos participate in troop activities this spring.
- \* Select troop activities for Webelos to attend that allow for them to meet the older Scouts in the Troop.
- \* Pack should invite troop to attend and participate in the Blue and Gold Banquet.
- \* Webelos should attend Spring Camporee with Troop.
- \* Troops should develop relationships with Pack and supply Den Chiefs for all Dens.
- \* Do a summer camp promotion at your Pack Meeting for your Webelos.
- \* Plan a Cross Over Ceremony (A great place to do this is at Camp Don Harrington or Camp MK Brown)

By having a successful Webelos to Scout Transition, you ensure the future of Scouting.

Phil

**Golden Spread Council Leadership**

<b>Chairman</b>	Scott Bentley (sbentley@firstunited.net)	<b>Asst. Scout Executive</b>	Bob Altman (robert.altman@scouting.org)
<b>Commissioner</b>	Chrystene Speed (cspeed@speedpainting.com)	<b>Program Director</b>	Scott Kilian (scott.kilian@scouting.org)
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The Golden Spread Council serves more than 4,100 youth and 1,300 adult volunteers in the 26 counties of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.



**Adobe Walls District**- Pampa/Borger/Canadian/Wheeler/Mobeetie/Clarendon/Childress/Memphis/Shamrock/McLean/Memphis

**Golden Eagle District**- Amarillo/Canyon/Hereford/Friona/Bovina/Vega/Farwell

**Lone Wolf District**- Guymon/Perryton/Spearman/Dalhart/Boise City/Hooker/Booker/Stratford

**Quanah Parker District**- Scout Reach

**Exploring District**- All Posts throughout the Council

