



The Golden Spread

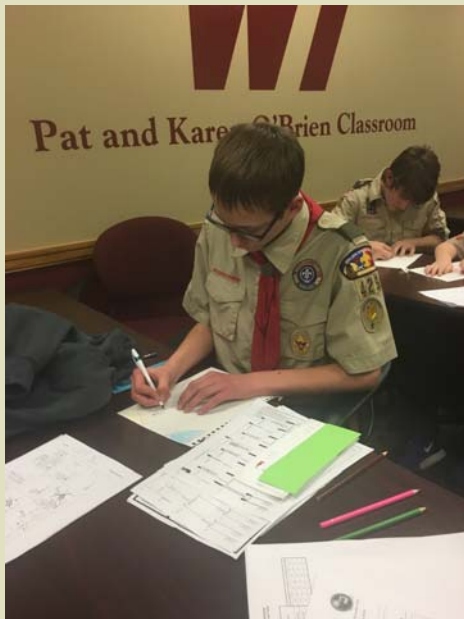
February-March 2016



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## SCOUTS WORK ON THE ART MERIT BADGE AT THE 2016 MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY!



Scout from Troop 423 practices a sketch!



Scout from Troop 87 taking notes!



## 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 February 27th 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 today!

## 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 2016 or 2017? 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 5th and 6th 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 is now available on the council web site.

## OUTDOOR LEADER TRAINING COMING TO CAMP DON HARRINGTON

The next Outdoor Leadership Skills Training for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Webelos Leaders is scheduled for February 27th at Camp Don Harrington. The in-class portion is scheduled for February 11th in the Scout Service Center. You must attend both to receive credit for the course.

This all-day training teaches you 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 51st Winter Nights Ceremonials

**Complimentary Admission for Scouting Families and Units**  
**Just call for reservation to show of your choice for Family, Den, Pack, Troop, or Crew**

### The Kwahadi Dancers

Venture Crew 9, Girl Scout Troop 99

Present the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Shows

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### A Journey in Art, Song, and Dance

**14 Performances, Weekends Jan and Feb!**

February 5, 6, 19, 20, 21\*, 26, 27

**7:00 PM ( \*3:00 PM matinees )**

### Kwahadi Museum, 9151 I-40 East

(I-40 exit #76 (Airport Road), then  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile WEST on I-40 frontage road.

**Optional Mexican Buffet Dinner, 6:00 PM**

**Regular Show Tickets: Adults \$9.00 Youth (16 and under): FREE with Adult**

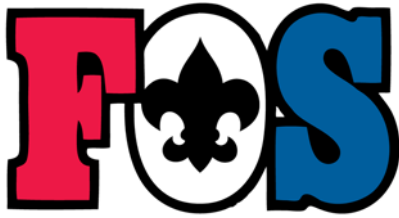
**Complimentary for Scouting Families and Units**

**Reservation Required to ensure seat!**

**Dinner: \$11.00 Dinner reservations required and recommended for show.**

**Ticket purchase includes museum and art exhibit! Come early!**

**RESERVATIONS: 806-335-3175**



**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 \$24 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 Community Service Hours			Honor Roll Boy Scout Advancement			Honor Roll Cub Scout Advancement		
Unit	Community	Total Service Hours	Troop	Community	Rank Advancements	Pack	Community	Rank Advancements
Troop 89	Amarillo	5,139	87	Amarillo	44	3021	Amarillo	58
Troop 87	Amarillo	2,326	86	Amarillo	30	3050	Hereford	57
Troop 562 (OA)	Amarillo	1,910	89	Amarillo	29	3578	Spearman	57
Troop 86	Amarillo	1,315	124	Amarillo	25	3024	Amarillo	53
Troop 473	Shamrock	1,238	97	Amarillo	20	3565	Borger	51
Troop 94	Amarillo	1,038	10	Amarillo	17	3001	Amarillo	47
Troop 507	Borger	1,035	633	Amarillo	17	3301	Amarillo	46
Troop 10	Amarillo	791				3010	Amarillo	46
Crew 86	Amarillo	485				3080	Amarillo	44

As reported on the JTE website Jan-Dec 2015

Reflects rank (Tenderfoot-Eagle) advancements earned Jan-Dec 2015

Reflects rank advancements earned Jan-Dec 2015



# 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!

# MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES

**In Memory of:**

**From:**

Judy Wagnon  
Theodore Abrahamson

Neil & Lisa Veggeberg  
Cliff Bickerstaff  
Duane & Virginia Fincher  
Sharon, Paul & Stephen Stradley  
Pamela Lamkin  
John K. Boyce, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter M. Boyce  
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Boyce  
David & Amy Head

Grace Gething

Mike Guess  
Pampa Trap & Skeet Club  
Mike & Kathy Haynes  
Ida Ruth Price  
Gaye Nell Fraser  
Bill & Loralee Philpott  
S. Gene & Helen Hall  
Sharon Haynes  
Susanne & Don Lane  
Phyllis Curtis  
Mert & Betty Cooper  
Patricia Teed

Jim Barfield  
Dave Bailey

Rick Beecher  
Robert McGinnis  
Brown, Graham & Company  
Robert McGinnis  
Mr. & Mrs. Schroeder Jr

Dick Aull  
Fred & Shirley Cariker

# EAGLE SCOUTS (JAN-DEC 2015)

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 2015.

First	Last	Troop	City
Jarric	Weber	560	Borger
Christian	Marr	507	Borger
Blake	Skipper	257	Booker
Jared	Blashill	124	Amarillo
Weston	Reams	507	Fritch
Jordan	Tucker	80	Amarillo
Ryan	Karcher	97	Amarillo
Nathan	Gimpel	87	Amarillo
Jack	Buckley	86	Amarillo
William	Amos	501	Panhandle
Landon	Work	127	Canyon
Jacob	McNeil	472	Wheeler
Ethan	White	199	Dumas
Jacob	McCathern	52	Hereford
Jacob	Hewett	433	Clarendon
Edwin	Leland IV	124	Amarillo
Connor	McLain	633	Amarillo
Triston	Sherwood	97	Amarillo
Jarrett	Lykens	87	Amarillo
Matthew	Bruckner	94	Amarillo
Blake	Farr	1221	Amarillo
James	Brock	94	Amarillo
Iain	Carpenter	124	Amarillo
Nathaniel	Markley	89	Amarillo
Mitchell	Gresham	98	Amarillo
Chandler	Amason	86	Amarillo
Kyle	Graham	199	Dumas
Herrick	Allen	89	Amarillo
Jackson	Crain	79	Amarillo
Jared	Brown	507	Fritch
Blake	Bruckner	94	Amarillo
John	Flatt	31	Canyon
Raymond	Jaramillo	433	Clarendon
Joshua	Johnson	87	Amarillo
Ryan	Gross	10	Amarillo
Ryan	Ginithan	87	Amarillo
Riley	McCullough	Tm6124	Amarillo
Joshua	Jayroe	1221	Amarillo
Barak	Reeves	413	Pampa
Preston	Williams	86	Amarillo
Brennan	Umsted	472	Wheeler

## 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.

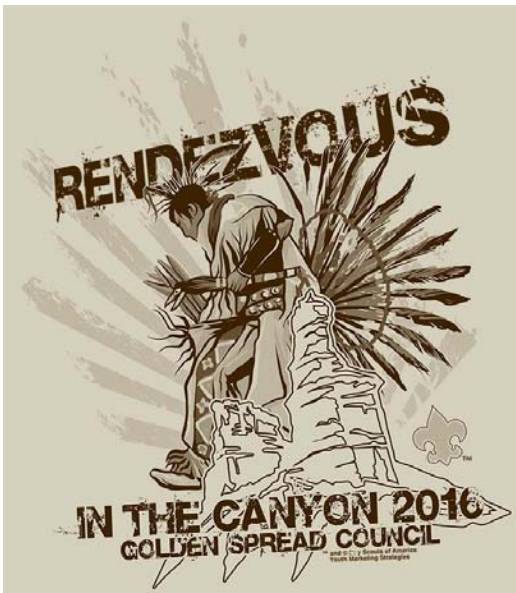
It is helpful for parents of Cub Scouts crossing over to know that Boy Scouts is quite different from the program they've experienced in their pack. Boy Scouts should be planning and running the troop meetings and outings and the leaders are there to ensure no one is acting unsafely. Good troops let 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 2016 Boy Scout Camporee is right around the corner and we hope you are practicing all your Scout Skills***



On April 22-24 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.

## STAFF BIOGRAPHY

Each newsletter will feature one of our staff members so you have the opportunity to get to know them, their background, and what they do for Scouting in the Golden Spread Council. In this edition, we are featuring our Exploring District Executive, Gemma Mitchell.

Gemma was born in Amarillo, TX, went to school in Canyon and then migrated back to Amarillo where she currently resides.

She started with the Boy Scouts of America in the mid-80's when she became a youth member of Post 800 which was under Troop 80. She continued until 1991 as an Adult Associate Advisor/Committee Member.

She came back to scouting in 2007 as a Cub Scout Wolf/Bear Den Leader for Pack 9 and served on the committee. She then became involved in forming a new Quanah Parker District Committee and Commissioner base, becoming a Unit Commissioner in 2009 and then Quanah Parker District Commissioner in January 2013 serving until December 2015.

Gemma was also active in leader training for the Golden Spread Council and being a lifeguard at Cub Scout Resident Camp for 3 years.

Gemma is the proud mom of daughter Dakota, 20, who is at Amarillo College studying to become a veterinarian (thank you AACAL!) and son Tucker, 16, who is a sophomore at Tascosa High School.

"I am excited to serve the Exploring District and look forward to working with the youth of this district and the adult volunteers!"



## SCOUT SHOP INFORMATION

### Scout Sunday

Scott Kilian is showing you the 2016 Sunday Scout Neckerchief and Pin. We also have emblems and inserts for your Sunday program. There is the student book, adult mentor book, and we have a counselor book to complete your Duty to God Award.

### Emergency!!!!!! Hurry, Hurry Troops!!!

All Troops with unused scout handbooks with no writing or damaged books can may return them for credit. They must have the following skus on the back of the book: Coil sku# 34622, Perf bound sku# 34554, Spanish sku# 34718. The latest day to return for credit is February 20, 2016. After February 20, 2016 we will not be accepting any of the old program Boy Scout Handbooks for credit.

### New Scout Handbook

The new scout handbook will be here February 15, 2016. Preorders are welcome. The Bound Book price is \$14.99 and the Coil Book price is \$19.99. Please visit [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) for updated changes on the new requirements and scout handbook.



### New Troop Guide Books.

Gemma Mitchell is showing you some updated guide books for your Troop. We have the new program books on merit badges and record book to help keep track of equipment and attendance training etc. We have guides for your senior patrol leaders and patrol leaders. So come on down and have a look at them. We have a copy of our guides in a binder so you can test drive before you ride them to your Troop meeting!

### Pinewood Derby Cars

Do you have everything you need for your pinewood derby race. Looks like Pack 3 did. These are just some of their race cars you can see at the scout shop. They did a great job. We are a one stop shop for pinewood derby race cars. So grab your friends and family and come on down to your scout shop for all your pinewood derby car needs.

### Saturday Operating Days and hours

Your scout shop will be open on the following Saturdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm  
February 20, 2016 and March 19, 2016



## 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 several one-day camps around the council along with four- 5 day Day Camps at Camp Don Harrington. Why do we offer different types of camps? We do this so parents can choose what's best for your family schedule.

Camps are offered throughout the Council so there maybe one in the town you live in or nearby. We encourage all Scouts attend a Day Camp of their choice because this is where they have fun, learn many new things, and become better boys!

The Camp Don Harrington 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 10-12, June 24-26, and July 8-10. These three-day, two night camps are designed to have lots of fun-filled activities that have a theme. This year the theme is "Outback Adventure" and we are excited to have many new and exciting programs that represent our friends "Down Under".

Australian safari, animal study, nature, conservation, and many other cool activities will be on tap for your scout!

Take a look at our web site for more information!



## CAMP CARDS– YOUR “LET’S GO TO CAMP” FUNDRAISER

For 5 years, our council has offered one of the best fundraisers for scouts to earn their way to camp. Over 63,254 cards have been sold by our scouts providing more than \$156,260 in unit revenue. Is your Pack or Troop participating in the 2016 sale?

These Discount Cards offer customers many awesome discounts from local food vendors to tire rotations to flower arrangement discounts! All the cards are personalized for the area– this year we are offering 8 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 2015, 80 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 cold swimming pool 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
- Teams of two paddling wildly in a six-boat canoe race on a shimmering lake



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!). New 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.

This is a half day program so in the afternoon, scouts can still participate in merit badge offerings..... 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?

### Popcorn! Come Get Your Popcorn!

Did you know that we have popcorn for sale? That's not all- it's 40% off the regular price. So grab 2 bags or more of your favorite flavor as once it's gone, it's gone until next year. Come by the office and get your favorite popcorn and enjoy.

### 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 17th 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 around June, we will begin a major remodel of the 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 key pads 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.

### Tap Tap Direct Messaging Service

Our council has engaged a local company to host a cell phone messaging service whereby you opt-in to receive Text Messages from your individual District and/or Council. NO SPAM but just another way we can communicate with you. Most schools are using the same type service to inform parents of activities, events, emergencies etc. Email Scott at [scott.kilian@scouting.org](mailto:scott.kilian@scouting.org) with your name, District, and unit type (Pack, Troop, Crew) and he will email you the phone number and key code so you can opt-in.

## 2016 CUB SCOUT-O-RAMA

The Cub Scout-O-Rama will be held at the Don Harrington Discover Center on Saturday, April 2. There will be two sessions– one in the morning and one in the afternoon. You attend one or the other depending on your family schedule.

The details on what we will offer has not yet been determined but we are positive they will be exciting, fun, and interesting for all scouts.

Look for more information soon at the council web site.



## CUB SCOUT EXTRAVAGANZA 2016

Cub Scout Packs should be making plans to attend the Cub Scout Extravaganza scheduled for April 15-17 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!!

## JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Several years ago BSA replaced the old Quality Unit program with a new program called "Journey to Excellence." JTE is a tool for units, districts, and councils to plan and ensure they are doing the things that result in a high quality program for youth.

A key part of JTE is that units are recognized in one of four categories—GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE, and 'did not qualify.' Every unit should use the JTE requirements as a tool to plan and execute their Scouting year. In 2015, there were 194 units throughout the Golden Spread Council. Of these, 35 achieved GOLD, 42 achieved SILVER, and 5 achieved BRONZE.

Requirements and information on JTE can be found at [www.scouting.org/jte](http://www.scouting.org/jte). A couple items that typically trip up units include:

- Community service hours must be logged into [servicehours.scouting.org](http://servicehours.scouting.org). If you need assistance with your log in please contact the council's Registrar.
- Retention is a measurement of quality that is defined as "percentage of youth who can recharter, who do recharter." You can get your unit's retention from 2014 and 2015 by contacting the council's Registrar.

Units qualify in the JTE program based on the calendar year (January–December). Your unit's JTE scorecard is due by February 19, along with your unit's completed recharter paperwork. If you need assistance with the recharter or your JTE form, please contact your District Commissioner, your District Executive, or the council Registrar.

If your unit "did not qualify" in the JTE program in 2015 you should review the 2016 requirements and start working on the items you need to improve on. JTE is a great tool to help you plan your unit's program year.

To help units begin planning, the 2016 JTE requirements and scorecards have been posted at [scouting.org/jte](http://scouting.org/jte). Take a look now, and begin the conversation about how your unit can achieve GOLD in 2016 at your next unit committee meeting!

Good luck!

# COUNCIL COMMISSIONER'S PAGE



*From your Golden Spread Council Commissioner Team*

**UNIT / DISTRICT / ASSIST. COUNCIL COMMISSIONERS!!**

Every month College of Commissioner Science classes are held for you to earn your Associate, Bachelor, Master or Doctorate Degree!! Beginning on and continuing on the following dates, Feb 11, March 10, April 14, and May 12; 6:45pm at the United Cafe (Henry D's) at 45th & Bell St. You will receive awesome training by experienced Commissioners that will help you in your role. Come join us and continue your training!

For those commissioners in our outlying Districts, make it plan to come into the city and make it an afternoon/evening outing! Every Unit deserves a trained Commissioner!!

The Commissioner mission of retaining our units remains the same. We still want to focus on **Four Things** that we know will drive unit retention:

1. Drive improvement in Journey to Excellence performance.
2. Contact units and record the data in Commissioner Tools.
3. Identify and link unit needs to the resources of the district and council.
4. Renew that unit's charter!

**WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS IN THE GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL!**



AW District Commissioner  
Laura Paul  
Clarendon



LW District Commissioner  
Lucy Villa  
Spearman

# WANTED! Unit Commissioners

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*From your Golden Spread Council Commissioner Team*

## TRAINING!!

The Boy Scouts of America offer the most elite training in America today! Our motto is "Every boy deserves a trained leader!" I would like to take that a step further and say "Every Unit deserves a Trained Commissioner!"



Philmont Scout Ranch, on June 12-18, will be offering Commissioner Training. You will spend a glorious week in Cimarron, NM with many other UC's and learn many new ways to give service to your assigned Units. Make it a family week! While you are in class, your family are all being cared for and they are in their own programs! I took my son, an Eagle Scout, and he joined up with the Silverados and they enjoyed horseback riding, white water rafting, shooting sports and much more!!

## FEBRUARY 20TH!!

Joy Kilian, Assistant Council Commissioner, will be training our **NEW** Commissioner Staff at the Scout Service Center at 9:00am to 11:00am. **Register by sending her an email** at [joykilian@hotmail.com](mailto:joykilian@hotmail.com). Please come with pen, paper and a great enthusiasm for your district's success!





## 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!



## 2016 NAYLE SCHOLARSHIPS NOW BEING OFFERED

The Philmont Training Center will be issuing a limited number of scholarships for the 2016 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program. These may be used for courses conducted at Philmont Scout Ranch only. Each scholarship will be limited to \$200. You must be registered with a paid deposit for a 2016 Philmont NAYLE session to be considered for a scholarship.

Please visit <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/nayle.aspx> for the application and additional information.

## 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

### LIVE SCOUTING'S ADVENTURE AT THE 2017 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

The Boy Scouts of America just announced the official theme and logo for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, a celebration of Scouting held every four years for Scouts, Venturers, volunteers, and staff from across the nation. The 2017 theme, "Live Scouting's Adventure," speaks both to Scouting's century-old tradition of creating adventures that develop young people into the leaders of tomorrow and to the developing adventures of the next century of Scouting.



The "Live Scouting's Adventure" theme and logo symbolize the adventurous spirit and exciting high-adventure and outdoor opportunities available to youth and adult members in the Scouting program. The jamboree is open to active youth members and adult volunteer leaders in BSA programs and will be held July 19-28, 2017.

Registration for youth and adult participants opened in May 2015 but it's not too late. To learn more about the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, please visit [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org) or <https://summit.scouting.org>.

## DISTRICT NEWS

### Quanah Parker District

<b>Chairman</b>	Steve Walthour (swalthour@northplainsgcd.org)
<b>Commissioner</b>	Vacant
<b>District Executive</b>	Brian Lamirande (806)-220-9158 brian.lamirande@scouting.org

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

#### Cub Scout/Boy Scout Roundtable

1st Thursday of the Month - 7:00pm @ Scout Service Center, 401 Tascosa Rd.

#### Moore County Roundtable

1st Tuesday of the Month - 7:30pm @ North Plains Groundwater District Office, 603 E 1st St, Dumas, TX 79029

#### District Key-3 Meeting

1st Thursday of the Month - 6:00pm @ Scout Service Center, 401 Tascosa Rd.

#### Venturing Key-3 Meeting

Varies-By Appointment- Contact District Executive for Details

#### District Committee Meeting

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

#### District Commissioner's Meeting

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

#### Eagle Scout Service Project Review and Eagle Rank Review

Contact District Eagle Coordinator, Joe Rahija at [Joe.Rahija@valero.com](mailto:Joe.Rahija@valero.com) to set up a time and date to meet for review.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Please plan on joining the **Quanah Parker District Pinewood Derby** taking place on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2016.

More information, event flyer and registration are available on [www.Goldenspread.org](http://www.Goldenspread.org) under District Sites->Quanah Parker.

#### Cub Scouts-After School - SPREAD THE WORD!!!

We are excited about the new Cub Scouting program and the potential it has to impact the lives of the youth in our area. In an after school program known as "Scout Reach", program specialists have been able to positively affect the lives of Amarillo's inner-city youth with a reduced rate Scouting program. We've realized significant growth in some of these challenging areas where Traditional Scouting has struggled to take hold. We are currently looking to expand further and are in need of **immediate assistance**. We have paid Scouting positions available to individuals 18 years of age and older. Pay is competitive

and the hours are flexible. For more information, Contact Brian Lamirande at 806-220-9158 or email [Brian.Lamirande@Scouting.org](mailto:Brian.Lamirande@Scouting.org).

#### District Award of Merit

Each year Scouters of the Quanah Parker District nominate and elect 2 special individuals to receive the District Award of Merit. This award is the highest achievement a Scouting District can bestow upon an adult volunteer. This recognition distinguishes each individual for their service at the district level by participating, leading or organizing district events, roundtables, membership registration events, fundraising events and/or serving on the district committee.

Please join me in recognizing the 2015 Quanah Parker District Award of Merit Recipient's

Mr. Art Perez of Boy Scout Troop 88

&

Mr. David Sirmon of Boy Scout Troop 86

Please take a moment to congratulate these individual's when appropriate.

#### Friends of Scouting

2016 is upon us and as proactive Scouters we are already underway and executing the plans for an awesome 2016. While 2015 was very successful pertaining to fundraising it only helps us one year at a time. In order to provide sought after summer programs and other activities we need to start securing the funds to continue operations for the 2016 year. Your Scouting unit (pack/troop) plays a vital role in the success of our district and council. Through Family Enrollment presentations conducted your pack's Blue & Gold banquets and Boy Scout Troop Courts of Honor, our council is able to allocate those desperately needed resources which are critical to our council's survival and implementation of our mission. **We can't do it without your help!** As your unit further plans the 2016 Scouting year, sure to include these recognition events and share those dates with your District Executive, Brian Lamirande, so that presentations can be scheduled. The Family Enrollment presentation is quick, less than 5 minutes long and will not take away from magic that our youth experience through the joy of recognition for their accomplishments.

#### Quanah Parker District Committee - Positions Available!!

The Quanah Parker District is growing and we need your help! The District Committee is responsible for all aspects of District Operations including Scouting Events and programs, Leader Training, Fundraising, Membership recruitment and making sure all of our Scouting units (Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews and Exploring Posts) have the training and resources necessary to organize a top quality Scouting program. For more information on the available ways that you can get involved to make our district excellent, please contact District Executive, Brian Lamirande at 806-220-9158 or [Brian.Lamirande@Scouting.org](mailto:Brian.Lamirande@Scouting.org).

## DISTRICT NEWS

### Adobe Walls District

<b>Chairman</b>	Richard Carter (slrjrcarter@cableone.net)
<b>Commissioner</b>	Laura Paul (lauraine@email.phoenix.edu)
<b>District Executive</b>	Gaylyne Manns (806) 207-0037 (gaylyne.manns@scouting.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 18** – Pampa Friends of Scouting Breakfast— FUMC 7:00 am  
 Borger Friends of Scouting Lunch —Faith Covenant Church at 12:00 noon  
 20 - District Dinner MK Brown Scout Camp 5:00 pm

**March** 3 - Camp Card Kick off FUMC Pampa 6:30 pm  
 5 – Pampa Unit host Pinewood Derby for AW Units, Pampa Mall.

#### District Dinner

I hope you have sent in your RSVP for our District Dinner that will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Dining Hall at Camp M.K. Brown. The cost is \$10.00 per person includes, celebrating of adults, awards, fellowship, Ben Ed's cooking, and the great camp M.K. Brown atmosphere!

Can't get much better than that! Send in your name, unit #, Number of people attending in your group and your fees to the Council.

#### Blue & Gold/ Courts of Honor

Are you planning your Blue & Gold Banquet for 2016? It's time again to celebrate Scouting with advancing the boys ranks and with awards for all their fun and learning experience they have accomplished so far. I or someone on the District Committee would love to come witness this occasion and at the same time give every parent the opportunity to help the Scouting Movement in the Golden Spread Council by supporting our Friends of Scouting Campaign.

Please contact me with your dates, if not I will be contacting you!

#### Report to State

Good luck & safe travels to Pack 480 (Pampa) on their trip to Austin, Texas for the Report to State event.

#### Camp Card Kickoff

Mark your Calendar for March 3, 6:30 pm FUMC Pampa for Camp Card Kickoff. Register now at [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org)

#### Pinewood Derby

Pack 480 will be hosting a Pinewood Derby in Pampa on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>. This is not a District Event but all units are sure encouraged to attend and participate in all the fun. For more information contact Kyle at 806-683-9971

#### February

Feb 4 7:00pm Adult Leader Training; Booker, TX  
 Feb 19- 20 Super Troop Perryton "Horsemanship" Merit Badge

#### March

March 11-13 Super Troop Campout Black Mesa State Park "Orienteering" Merit Badge  
 March 19 9:00am District Pinewood Derby, More info to come soon.

Register and order camp cards for these at [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org)

#### District Committee and Commissioners

We are looking for volunteers to help lead our district by serving on the District Committee and as Unit Commissioners. Unit Commissioners work directly with unit leaders to help guide and advise them throughout the year. Committee members serve a variety of roles in the district leadership. We need leaders in many positions, so we can match your position to your talents, interests, and the amount of time that you are able to commit. Please contact James or Jim to find the role that is right for you.

#### From the District Executive:

The year is under way!! There are a lot of great events going on and it is great time to be a scout. Merit Badge University was a great success and we have many other great events coming up. The big events are listed in the calendar, please RSVP for these so that we can have supplies, etc. we need for everyone to participate.

Recharter is upon us, let's get those turned in ASAP. February is Scout month so, Blue and Gold banquets are happening around our district. Take pictures so that we can show everyone's achievements on our Facebook page. If you haven't gone and liked the page please do so as we are updating it all the time. It's [Lone Wolf District- Golden Spread Council](#). We also have some great Friends of Scouting events coming up so be looking forward to those announcements as well.

Sir Baden Powell said it best:

"Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise."

## DISTRICT NEWS

### Golden Eagle District

**Chairman** Andrea Cochran- [akcochran@yahoo.com](mailto:akcochran@yahoo.com) (806) 654-2932

**Commissioner** Vacant

**District Executive** Chase Roach (806)-341-4491  
chase.roach@scouting.org



#### Calendar:

February 4<sup>th</sup>—7PM—Roundtable—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall

February 4<sup>th</sup> —6:30PM—District Committee—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall

February 4<sup>th</sup> —6:30PM—Unit Commissioner Meeting—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall

March 3<sup>rd</sup>—7PM—Roundtable—St. Thomas the Apostle Fellowship Hall

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#### 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!

#### GE Pinewood Derby

It's Pinewood Racing time again in Golden Eagle District! We are looking forward to having the largest District Pinewood Derby race in GE's history. Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM-12:00PM, at St. Thomas Church, Pack 10 is hosting a 3 heat race for all GE Cub Scout Packs. Everyone is invited to register and race. There will be 4 divisions, including an Open Division for Adult Leaders and/or Boy Scouts. We're very excited to announce that Troop 87 will be having their Pancake Breakfast at the same time. Bring extra money to have a pancake while we race. See everyone there!! Lets Race!!

For full details please follow this link to the Derby Flier: [Flyer](#) or check it out on our web page in the District section (Golden Eagle)

#### 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, Mellessa Denny, & Lori Nolan. Mellessa can be contacted at: [mellessa.denny@amaisd.org](mailto:mellessa.denny@amaisd.org)



**From Phil Shipley, Scout Executive**



In 1909, Chicago publisher William D. Boyce lost his way in a dense London fog. A boy came to his aid and, after guiding the man, refused a tip, explaining that as a Scout he would not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. This gesture by an unknown Scout inspired a meeting with Robert Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts. As a result, William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910.

Amazing that a program founded over 100 years ago, still has youth helping other by doing good turns. As we celebrate the anniversary of Scouting, as leaders, remind your youth about ways they can “help other people at all times.”

Helping others is one of the key components to the Scouting program. We need to teach our Scouts this more than ever. At Scout Sunday, at their school, in their community, and at home, our Scouts in the Golden Spread Council should be helping others, not for the rank advancement, or recognition (remember our Scout in the fog), but because it is what a Scout does.

Thank you for all your help that you give to our Scouts. It is noticed.

Phil

**Golden Spread Council Leadership**

<b>Chairman</b>	Brian Bruckner (bbruckner@brucknertruck.com)	<b>Asst. Scout Executive</b>	Bob Altman (robert.altman@scouting.org)
<b>Commissioner</b>	Joni Mickna (sjmickna@sbcglobal.net)	<b>Program Director</b>	Scott Kilian (scott.kilian@scouting.org)
<b>Scout Executive</b>	Phil Shipley (phil.shipley@scouting.org)	<b>Scout Shop Manager</b>	Heidi Anuszkiewicz (heidi.anuszkiewicz@scouting.org)

The Golden Spread Council serves more than 5,324 youth and 1,900 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**- Southwest Amarillo/Canyon/Hereford/Friona/Bovina/Vega/Farwell

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

**Quanah Parker District**- Northeast Amarillo/Dumas/Cactus/Sunray

