

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

OFFICE HOURS

The Golden Spread Council Office and Scout Shop are open: Monday thru Friday 8:30 - 5:30

OFFICE CLOSURES

The Golden Spread Council will be closed for the following holidays in 2023: Thanksgiving - November 22-24, Friday, December 22, Christmas Day and Tuesday, December 26.

SCOUT SHOP SATURDAY HOURS FOR 2023:

The Scout Shop will be open on the following Saturdays from 8:30 - 12:30:

November 18

The Scout Shop will be closed for inventory on December 28 and 29.

ADDITIONALLY:

We are extending hours on the 1st Monday of each month to 8:30 - 6:30 pm: November 6 and December 4, 2023

Be sure to check out our website calendar for ALL of the exciting events happening in the Golden Spread Council or follow this link:

https://goldenspread.org/





SCOTT KILIAN'S BLOG

From the Assistant Scout Executive-Scott Kilian

We've had a busy Fall with school recruiting and several events such as Spook-O-Ree come and go! If you attended a school recruitment as a pack leader, **thank you** so much for helping **YOUR** Pack grow! We didn't do as well as expected in many areas, but our District Executives are still working the phones and getting into private schools to increase your pack membership. You can still help by making sure all the kids who come to your meeting are on the Pack roster. Please do a check at your next meeting and let us know if someone is coming to the meetings but are not listed- they are not registered so we need to get that taken care of.

We aren't done yet with some activities such as Environmental Science Merit Badge for our Scouts BSA members and Duty to God Workshop for our Cub Scouts. Please see the information in this newsletter to get registered for these two great events.

The districts are all looking for volunteers to be on their District Committees so if you know of a scouter who recently "retired" but would be a great committee member, let us know. Even a parent or leader of an Eagle Scout who still wants to be involved but not at the troop level, would be great as well- just shoot your DE an email or call me at the office and I will pass on the information.

The District Award of Merit Award nominations are due on December 15th to your District Executive. We want to recognize District leaders who have helped the district with events, training, etc., but we need you to submit the form to your DE. These are not folks who help at the unit level- they must be helping at the district level. The Silver Beaver Award is also due to the council on December 7th. There are folks who have done work at the Council level, not the district. Look for the two forms below:

Silver Beaver: https://goldenspread.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Silver-Beaver-Award-Nomination-Form.pdf

Award of Merit: https://goldenspread.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/District-Award-of-Merit.pdf

We wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. We are so thankful for your leadership, your confidence in our program, and your willingness to entrust your children to the best youth serving organization in the world.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Scott

Scott Kilian



EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello Golden Spread Council volunteers, parents, staff and board members!

November is upon us! This is the month that we look to kick start the holidays that will soon appear - Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve and Day. This has been a bum year for my family personally, however, there is still a lot to be thankful for. There are blessings all around us; we just have to look for them! It's a lot easier to be happy and grateful for what I still



have instead of dwelling on what has been lost. Happiness is a choice and I sincerely hope that you will choose happiness through this holiday season! Blessings to you and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lots of events coming in **2024**! The list of Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA activities for 2024 will come out in next month's newsletter so you can get them on your calendar! Be sure to visit the council website at www.goldenspread.org regularly to get information on upcoming events, registration and deadlines and any date changes that may occur.

The newsletter will be going out every month and will contain the most current information available for council, district, and unit events. Please send unit event information, dates and pictures to Gemma Mitchell at gemma.mitchell@scouting.org or call 806-282-8296 and leave me a voicemail. Please turn in all submissions for the newsletter in non-PDF format each month by the 25th! Don't forget to forward all of your unit fun and activities to your district executive! If you don't know who they are or how to contact them, look on the green tabbed district pages here in the newsletter.

We are really excited to get this newsletter out to you and we are even more excited to include you and your youth! The youth of the Golden Spread Council is why we all do what we do in Scouting and when we stay focused on them, we all win!

Yours in Scouting,

Gemma Mitchell

(I used to be an owl and a good 'ole owl too....)



2023 GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL CUB SCOUTS AND SCOUTS BSA CAMPING AND ACTIVITIES

January 21: Merit Badge University (WTAMU)

February 24-26: Wood Badge Weekend # 1 (Camp Don Harrington)

March 3-5: OKPIK Winter Adventure Camp (Camp MK Brown)

March 25: Scouting for Food (Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA event)

March 25-26: Wood Badge Weekend # 2 (Camp MK Brown)

April 14-16: Camporee (Camp MK Brown)

April 28-30: Philmont Family Weekend

June 4-9: National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT) (Camp MK Brown)

June 11-14: Polaris Camp (Camp MK Brown)

June 18-24: Scouts BSA Summer Camp (Camp MK Brown)

July 21-23: Cub Scout Resident Camp (Camp Don Harrington)

August 7-10: Merit Badge Week (Camp Don Harrington)

September 15-17: Webelos Woods Camp (Camp MK Brown)

September 23-24: Cub Scout Family Campout (Camp Don Harrington)

October 21: Spook O Ree (Camp MK Brown)

October 28: Spook O Ree (Camp Don Harrington)

November 11: Environmental Science Merit Badge Class (Camp Don Harrington)

November 18: Duty to God workshop

For details on all of these camps, activities and to register, visit www.goldenspread.org. Click on the "Event Registration" tab and scroll to the date to find the camp/activity.

Please check with your unit leader for details on how to register for these events as some are unit registrations and others may be individual registrations.



If you haven't liked us already, go to the Golden Spread Council page on Facebook and like us! We also put a lot of information about upcoming events and news on this page.



Order of the Arrow Nischa Achowalogen Lodge

Important Dates

The following are key dates for Order of the Arrow Members. The LEC (Lodge Executive Committee) sets these dates and events – if you wish to have additional events / activities added – Talk to them!!

2023

Pay your dues! (\$15, subject to change by the LEC)

Fall Fellowship November 3 - 4 (Brotherhood Induction Nov 3 and Lunch Banquet Nov 4) – CDH Fall Fellowship is coming very soon and will include Lodge Office Elections. Check out the Lodge Web page please, scroll to the bottom and click on the link "Lodge Officer Election", where you will find officer expectations, and what is required in a written letter expressing your interest. Letters are due October 20, 2023 by Noon (2 weeks before Fall Fellowship). All interested need to be approved by your unit leader, Lodge Key 3, and Supreme Chief of the Fire.

2024

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LEC Lodge Leadership and Development – TBA – Early January 2024

Section G3 TRIAD – January 2024 Camp Constantine

Unit Elections – Ongoing through May 1st, please try have these completed by May 1st for the year.

LEC Dates - TBD

Section Conclave – April 19th-21st Mikanakawa Lodge, Camp Constantine – Circle Ten Council, Dallas, TX

Beaver Day May 3-5 MK Brown (Ordeal and Brotherhood Inductions)

NOAC – University of Colorado at Boulder, CO. July 29th – Aug 3rd. Conference Dates, Contingent travel dates will be set in early 2024 - final travel options/decision will be a joint delegate decision.

Summer Ordeal - August 23rd – 24th MK Brown (Ordeal and Brotherhood Inductions)

Fall Fellowship Nov 1st - 2nd (Brotherhood Induction Only Nov 1st and Banquet Nov 2nd) - CDH

Key 3:

Aden Cothrin (806-570-0749), Lodge Chief Joe Rahija (806-930-0645), Lodge Advisor Chase Roach (806-341-4491), Staff Advisor

Those Who Chose You....Need You"



Join us for NOAC 2024! This fun-filled weeklong event will be held from July 29th - August 3rd, 2024 at the University of Colorado Boulder. You will be joining as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states! This event is second in size ONLY to the BSA National Jamboree! Lots more information to come on NOAC 2024 so be sure to keep checking the newsletter and/or the Golden Spread Council website!



POPCORN!!!

This is the last month and the last push for popcorn! There's still time to get out and sell at storefronts or wagon wheel sales and earn some more money for your pack, troop or crew! All money is due to the council by November 17th. Go visit our website at www.goldenspread.com for more information. Look on the Scouting.wire page for a fun article on popcorn! You never know who you will meet when selling popcorn!





2023 Popcorn Sales Plan & Timetable

Online Sales

Now through October 13

Show N Sale Order Placed in the Leader Portal

Show-N-Sale- Product Distribution

Location TBA-Pending Distribution Amounts August 24-26

Take Order Kickoff & Sales Materials Distribution

Scout Service Center 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo 10am August 26

Show-N-Sale Sale Dates August 24 - October 13

Take Order Sale Dates

All Unit Neighborhood Blitz

September 24 - September 30

"Fill it Up" Drawings September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13

Show-N-Sale Money Due to the Council

October 20, by 5:00pm

All Take Order Sales Placed in the Leader Portal

October 17, by 5:00pm

October 26-28 - Location TBA-Pending Distribution Amounts

Take Order Money Due to the Council

Take Order Sale Pick Up and Distribution

November 17, by 5:00pm

\$1,000 POPCORN SELLERS CLUB PARTY at AMP'D

25 TOP SELLERS PARTY at THE SCOUT SERVICE CENTER

January 27, immediately following the AMP'D Party





POPCORN PICKUP & DISTRIBUTION

SHOW-N-SELL PICKUP August 24 -26

TBA Amarillo, TX.

SHOW-N-SELL MONEY DUE October 20, by 5:00pm

TAKE ORDERS DUE By Tuesday, October 17 Use leftover Show-N-Sell product to fill Take Order

TAKE ORDER PICKUPS October 26-28

TBA Amarillo, TX.

TAKE ORDER MONEY DUE

November 17, by 5:00pm

Be sure to bring a large enough vehicle to haul your order:

EARN MORE! EARN EASIER!

20 cases Mid-SizeCar 40 cases Mid-SizeSUV 60 cases Minivan 70 cases Large SUV







1.25 Points Per \$1 Sold APP CREDIT / DEBIT CARD & ONLINE DIRECT 1 Point Per \$1 Sold CASH

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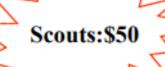
Environmental Science Merit Badge



Hosted by West Texas A & M University Environmental Science Department Conducted at Camp Don Harrington

This class is conducted by experts in the field of Environmental Science in both the academic setting and the real world. While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world. Environmental Science is one of the required merit badges for the World Conservation Award for Scouts BSA, and one of the required merit badges for the William T. Hornaday Awards for Scouts BSA.

- November 11, 2023
- Arrive 8:30am to check-in (Admin Building) with class starting at 9:00am. Class will end at 5:30pm. Might end earlier if all goes well!
- Lunch will be served on-site on Saturday along with snacks during the day.



REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Registration takes place online beginning August 15.
- Please visit www.goldenspread.org and click "Event" tab then scroll down to Environmental Science Merit Badge".
- Lunch will be served as will snacks. Water bottles are encouraged as well as a hat and sunscreen. Dress for the weather. This is a rain or shine event.
- Adults are welcome but must pay \$10.00 fee- no exceptions
- Your Scout will contact you via phone about one hour prior to needing to be picked up.
 Sometimes this class is over early depending on the size of the class. Please make sure you are available to pick up your scout.
- Registration ends on November 3.
- Credit Card payment is required.
- Once the registration ends, we will NOT accept anymore due to WT's requirements.



Golden Spread Council, BSA 401 Tascosa Rd. Amarillo, TX 79124 806-358-6500 www.goldenspread.org

Important Information

- This will be an outdoor event- no classroom instruction!
 Everything will be hands on! All requirements will be completed
- This is a rain or shine event
- Bring a hat and camera (if you want to take photos)
- Bring a pen
- Bring a change of pants (you might get wet taking samples)
- Bring a change of shoes (NO open toe shoes will be allowed)
- Lunch and all supplies for Scouts is included in the fee.

What: Duty to God Workshop

When: Saturday, November 18, 2023

Time: 9:00-12:30 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders (lunch provided)

9:00-2:00 for 4th and 5th graders (lunch provided)

Where: Pinnacle Community Church 7305 S. Coulter St.

Cost: \$20 (includes workbook, certificate, knot and lunch)

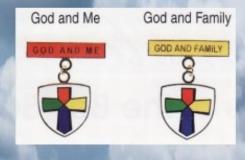
RSVP: www.goldenspread.org to register under "Duty to God Workshop"

Come join us as we put on a Duty to God workshop for all Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts. This will be a one-day workshop that will help satisfy the Duty to God Adventure for all levels and the workbook will be provided (there will still be some activities to do with family!). The Cub Scout will in turn earn the religious knot to be worn on the uniform and begin work toward earning the religious emblem of their chosen faith.

We will have some interfaith praise and worship to open the day, then begin learning about our Duty to God, break for lunch and play games, finish learning and then end the day with a special presentation. Come join us for a fun day filled with lots of activity!

Parents and Cub Scout leaders, we want you to stay and enjoy this workshop with your Cub Scout! If you want to eat lunch, cost will be \$10 for food.

Deadline for registration will be November 10, 2023 so don't wait!

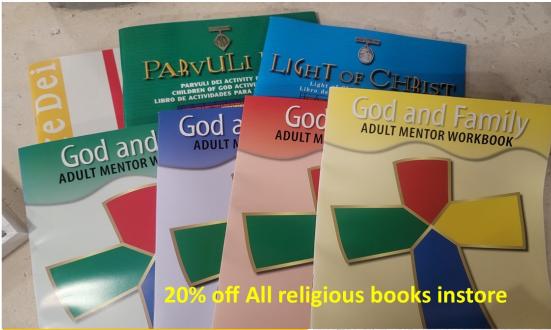


SCOUT SHOP SALE!



Thanksgiving November 23, 2023

November 1—30, 2023
20% off All Religious workbooks
while supplies last



Some dates to put on your calendar

November 5, 2023

Day light saving time turn back clock's 1 hour

November 18, 2023

Saturday Scout shop open 8:30am-12:30pm

November 22-24, 2023

Office and Scout Shop Camps Closed (Thanksgiving)



NEWS TO KNOW AS WE HEAD INTO BRIDGING SEASON FOR CUB SCOUTS TO SCOUTS BSA

Webelos-to-Scout Transition

Pack Responsibilities:

It should be the goal of the Cubmaster and Webelos den leaders to graduate every Webelos Scout into a Scouts BSA troop. The key to accomplishing this is to begin promoting the full Scouting journey when Cub Scouts are still in their Tiger, Wolf, and Bear dens, helping Scouts and their families view Scouting as an ongoing adventure.

Pack and den leaders can use these tips to help Webelos take the next step and bridge into a Scouts BSA troop:

- Develop a working relationship with the leadership of a Scouts BSA troop or troops in the community. Most troops should have either an assistant Scoutmaster or a committee member assigned to new Scouts. Your unit commissioner can help put you in contact with troop leaders.
- Compare calendars of troop and pack activities to coordinate. Community events
 can be done together, and planning can help prevent conflicts in use of
 equipment and facilities.
- Work with troop leaders to secure den chiefs for each Webelos den and Cub Scout den.
- Work with troop leaders to plan and conduct Webelos overnight activities.
- Work with troop leaders to plan visits to troop meetings. Never show up without first calling in advance.
- Invite the Scoutmaster and troop youth leaders to special pack activities. This
 will help create familiarity and a level of comfort for the Webelos Scouts and
 their parents as they ease into the troop.
- Plan a meaningful crossover ceremony. Include troop leadership to be present to accept the Webelos Scouts as they graduate.
- Webelos leaders should be strongly encouraged to move into the troop with their Scouts, either as assistant Scoutmasters or troop committee members. This will give them a familiar face at troop meetings and a connecting link.
- If a troop does not exist in your community, discuss with the head of the pack's chartered organization about the possibility of organizing a troop. A graduating Webelos den can form the nucleus of a new troop.

Scout Shop Holiday Giving Tree Begins November 20



YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED

Hello Leader, the Golden Spread Council Scout Shop is providing an opportunity for the Scouting community to help local Scout members who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.

This help will be done through **The Holiday Giving Tree** program starting November 20 through December 15, 2023. **The Holiday Giving Tree** program works on a donation basis. A Holiday Giving tree (similar to an Angel tree) will be set up at the Scout Shop with Holiday Giving cards on it. Each card will have the rank of the Scout along with the uniform items that they need. There will also be a space for other items they may want such as books, crafts, camping items, etc. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase the item(s) in the local Scout Shop and give them to the store staff to collect for each child.

We will keep the name of the individual(s) confidential. Only the store staff will have access to the Scout's name and your contact information. A code will be issued that will match a card in the safe that will have your contact information, so as the donations are collected store staff will contact you so arrangements for pickup can be made.

We need your assistance to make this project a success. Please fill out the information below and return to the store by November 20, 2023 for every Scout who would benefit from donations.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the store staff by email: Heidi.Anuszkiewicz@scouting.org. Thank you in advance for your assistance. With leaders like you, this program will greatly benefit our Scouting community.

Scout Information:

Youth's Name Leaders Name Troop or Pack #		Phone #	(For Scout Shop Only)
Items that would be	nefit the Scout:		
Shirt: Size	Neckerchief	Pant: Size	
Slide	Cap: Size:	Socks: Size	
Belt: Size	Insignia	Beit Buckle	
Other Items		Book	

Thank you, Golden Spread Council Scout Shop Staff!

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Country music superstar buys popcorn from local Cub Scouts



Photo courtesy of Pack 311

Five years ago, Cub Scout Pack 311 in Valley Village, California, had a celebrity stop by and make a contribution while the pack was selling popcorn at a grocery store.

A couple of weeks ago, the same pack, selling popcorn at the same grocery store, was once again approached by a celebrity who was more than willing to contribute to the cause.

This time it was country music superstar Reba McEntire, one of the most successful recording artists of all time, who just happened to be shopping (by herself!) when she noticed the Cub Scouts selling popcorn and walked over to say hello.

"She was very nice," says Pack 311 popcorn kernel Aaron Picot. "She was smiling brightly the whole time and chatting with us."

Picot says he doesn't think the Cub Scouts knew who she was, but they must have handled themselves well enough — McEntire walked out with three bags of popcorn.

McEntire was born in Oklahoma and spends much of her time in Nashville, Tennessee. However, she's likely in California to film **The Voice**, the popular reality singing competition show that she hosts alongside some of the music industry's biggest names.

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McEntire has sold more than 75 million records in her career and appeared in multiple movies and TV shows, including *Reba*, her own sitcom that ran for six seasons on The WB.

In 1992, she opened **Reba's Ranch House**, built for families who have a loved one hospitalized in North Texas or South Oklahoma.

Why do Scouts sell popcorn?

Since 1980, BSA members have sold popcorn to offset the costs of experiences such as day camps, summer camps, high-adventure camps and exciting activities at the unit level. Scouts can even sell popcorn to pay for a trip to the National Scout Jamboree or a trip overseas.

The process of selling popcorn also teaches skills that Scouts can take with them into adulthood, like decision making, money management, goal setting, business ethics, entrepreneurship and people skills.

The smartest way to sell popcorn as a fundraising tool for your unit is to follow the guidance of your local council. That way, you're guaranteed to be partnered up with an authorized, licensed supplier, which helps support the brand, and Scouting itself.

If your unit isn't selling popcorn already, now is the time. Contact your local council to get everything you need to get started fundraising in time for the fall.



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District Chair: Jason Eugea Ph # 806-335-6805

District Commissioner: Kris Anaya Ph # 806-626-8833

Roundtable: 1st Thursday of the month - ZOOM, District meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month - 6:30 pm

First United Methodist Church, 201 E Foster St., Pampa

Next District Meeting will be November 9th 6:30 pm at First United Methodist, 201 E Foster, Pampa, TX

RECRUITMENT RECRUITMENT RECRUITMENT POPCORN POPCORN



Movie Night for Pack 501 in Panhandle!







Troop 413 from Pampa holds a camp out at Lake Meredith with lots of good food!



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SPOOK O REE 2023 MK BROWN

















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New Lion in Pack 548 Fritch



Cub Master Randy Reece plays games with the Lion Den Pack 548



Thanksgiving

Gaylyne Manns your Senior District Executive

GOLDEN EAGLE

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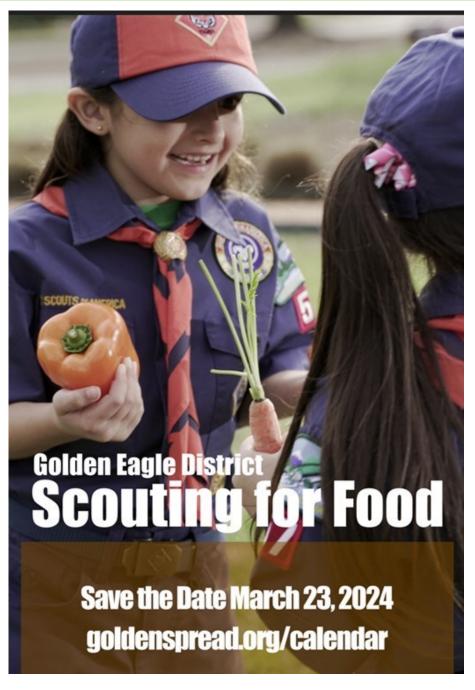
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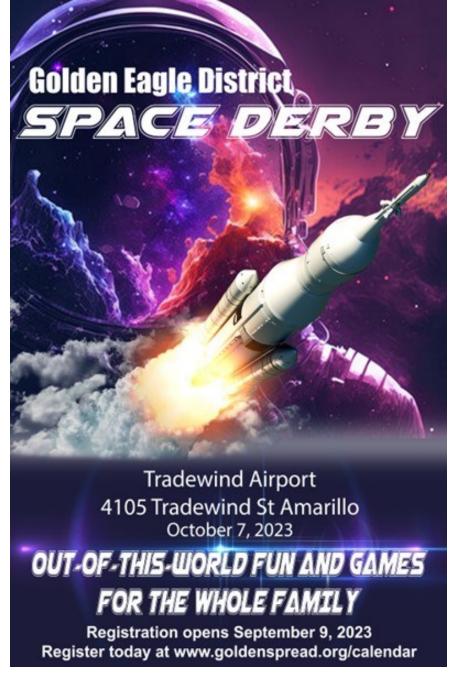
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This is a rescheduled event to April 27, 2024!

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CLARA DUGAN IS OUR GOLDEN KERNEL POPCORN WINNER!

Congratulations Clara for knocking on the golden kernel popcorn house and winning the \$25.00 prize!



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CAMP DON SPOOK O REE 2023!

















It was a nice brisk weekend for Spook O Ree at Camp Don Harrington. Thank you to all who braved the weather to make it a fun and memorable weekend!



LONE WOLF

District Executive: Aaron Couch - aaron.couch@scouting.org Ph # 806-710-0424 for information

District Chair: Jim Lear Ph # 806-202-4507

District Commissioner: James Bentley Ph # 806-260-1596

Roundtable: 1st Thursday of the month - ZOOM

Lone Wolf District



Come Visit the Lone Wolf District!

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District Chair: Jim Lear Ph # 806-202-4507

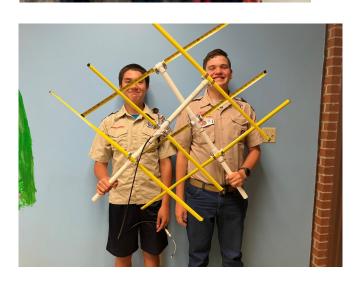
District Commissioner: James Bentley Ph # 806-260-1596

Roundtable: 1st Thursday of the month - ZOOM

Lone Wolf District

Bert Couch, Michelle Uptergrove, Lori Daniels and Spook Ree attendees showing off their costumes and having fun!





Troop 256, Perryton scouts Ernie Pina, Liam Drum and James Shockley work with TOPARC Top of Panhandle Amateur Radio Club members Jerome and Bobbette Doerrie to fashion working radio antennas.



QUANAH PARKER (SCOUTREACH)

District Executive: Gemma Mitchell - gemma.mitchell@scouting.org Ph # 806-282-8296

District Chair: Jeremy Bradford Ph # 972-955-7177

District Commissioner: Chuck Jewell 806-220-3288





Congratulations to ADVO Troop 8020 for the new additions to the troop! They have added 9 more troop members in the last couple of months,

The original members are working hard in teaching the new members flag skills and practicing in order to be ready as a color guard in more events!

Shhh, there is more exciting news to come from ADVO also! Keep your eyes open and ready!



