



## DECEMBER 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:

Friday, December 22, Christmas Day and Tuesday, December 26.

### SCOUT SHOP SATURDAY HOURS FOR 2023:

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:

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**

Greetings to all! I am so excited that the holidays are right around the corner and that we've had a successful year in the Golden Spread Council.

Our **activities and camps** were well attended, and our volunteer staff did a wonderful job in putting these events together. We continue to see increased attendance at our more popular events like Spook-O-Ree and Merit Badge University and Merit Badge Week but are lacking a bit in Day Camps and Summer Camp. We know these are great camps, but we need to get more of your unit scouts to attend.....

Our **membership** is a bit lower compared to 2022 but we've made some progress in different areas of the council. Our volunteers across the districts made a concerted effort to be at all the school nights and although some were not as successful as we had hoped, the scouts that were recruited are having a great time. The cost of scouting, time constraints families have, and the overall sense of low volunteerism are all factors. Those of you getting this newsletter know the benefits of scouting and what the end result is so we have to "swing the vote" to get more parents thinking like you!

Our **Friends of Scouting Campaign** started off strong earlier in the year with our community campaigns in the districts and the Good Scout Luncheon at the Council. We hope you participated in these fundraisers as these are designed to help us keep programs and camping fees as low as we can. Without these and our family campaigns, we would have to raise fees significantly to break even at best. As we go into 2024, I ask that your unit supports the campaigns.

Our **Camps** have been in full operation all year long with thousands of visitors from the scouting world but outsiders as well. From Scout Camps, Church groups, weddings, graduation ceremonies, Police K-9 Trainings, to our cattle leasing operations, we have tons of folks using the camp and the facilities. That alone takes a toll on the infrastructure. We had severe road and Dam damage at Camp Don that we are still feeling the effects of! The two Rangers are simply amazing at what they can do and even more amazing, are the volunteers that help them. To drop a few names- DeLynn McGhee, Mike Savage, James Shelton, Robert Hamlin, Lewis Snider, and Kenny Smart. These folks have spent countless hours doing major projects at camp and without them, we have no idea how we would keep up the camps.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our registered unit leaders. You are what makes scouting happen each and every week. Without you standing up and taking a leadership role, your unit wouldn't be around. In addition, our professional and support staff give their all and I'd like to recognize them here. Yes, they are paid to do the job, but they are always going above and beyond the duties assigned. Long evening hours, early morning fundraisers, paperwork, recruiting new scouts, building relationships, pushing papers, decorating the office, stocking shelves, helping customers, training scouters and scouts on their own time and the list goes on. We are one big scouting family and I'm so glad I can be part of our family!

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

*Scott*



## COUNCIL EVENTS

### EDITOR'S NOTE



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

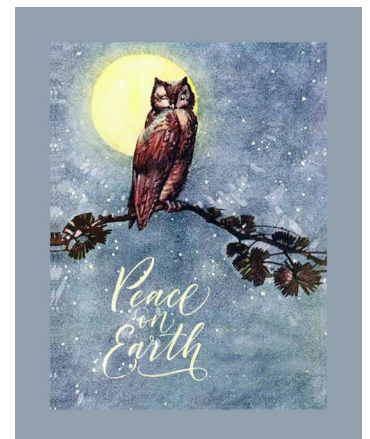
Wow it's the end of the year already! It's always so bittersweet when the end of the year comes. On the one hand, I personally love Christmas! It's my favorite time of the year minus all the shopping frenzy. I love the Christmas lights, decorations, smells and most of all time with family. However, on the other hand, I start reflecting on how fast the year went! 2023 was a hard year on my family with loss of loved ones so I am glad for the year to end and will welcome 2024 with much anticipation of being better and it will make this holiday season that much more special to spend it with those still near and dear to my heart. I pray you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lots of events coming in **2024!** The list of Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA activities for 2024 are located in this newsletter so you can get them on your calendar! Be sure to visit the council website at [www.goldenspread.org](http://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](mailto: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



## COUNCIL EVENTS

### **2024 GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL CUB SCOUTS AND SCOUTS BSA CAMPING AND ACTIVITIES**

- January 20: **Merit Badge University** (WTAMU)
- March 2-4: **OKPIK Winter Adventure Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- March 23: Scouting for Food (Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA event)
- April 13-15: **Camporee** (Camp MK Brown)
- April 26-28: Philmont Family Weekend
- June 2-7: **National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT)** (Camp MK Brown)
- June 16-22: **Scouts BSA Summer Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- July 19-21: **Cub Scout Resident Camp** (Camp Don Harrington)
- August 5-8: **Merit Badge Week** (Camp Don Harrington)
- September 6-8: Powderhorn (Camp Don Harrington)
- September 20-22: **Webelos Woods Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- September 28-29: **Cub Scout Family Campout** (Camp Don Harrington)
- October 19: **Spook O Ree** (Camp MK Brown)
- October 26: **Spook O Ree** (Camp Don Harrington)
- November 9: **Environmental Science Merit Badge Class** (Camp Don Harrington)
- November 16: **Duty to God workshop**

**For details on all of these camps, activities and to register, visit [www.goldenspread.org](http://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.**



## COUNCIL EVENTS



### **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**

Nischa Achowalogen Lodge Fall Fellowship was a tremendous success and honored several members. The special recognitions included :

New Vigil Honor Members – Grant Bowen and Brian Tobler

Arrowman of the Year - Tobi Sandoval and James Huddleston

Distinguished Service – 2022 - Franks Plumbing and 2023 - Alan Bellinghausen

Congratulations to Payton Maddox and James Murray – the 2023 Founder’s Award Recipients

Those who serve selflessly, humbly looking past their own needs and desires for the benefit of others

#### **2024**

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

LEC Lodge Leadership and Development – TBA – Early January 2024

Section G3 TRIAD – January 2024 Camp Constantine

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

LEC Dates - TBD

Section Conclave – April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. Conference Dates, Contingent travel dates will be set in early 2024 - final travel options/decision will be a joint delegate decision.

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

Fall Fellowship Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> (Brotherhood Induction Only Nov 1st and Banquet Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>) – 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”**

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## OA FALL FELLOWSHIP AT CAMP DON!



# COUNCIL EVENTS

## OA FALL FELLOWSHIP (CONT'D)



Aden - You big show off!!

## COUNCIL EVENTS



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!





# COUNCIL EVENTS

## 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_ Code/Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Scout Shop Only)

Leaders Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Troop or Pack # \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

#### Items that would benefit the Scout:

Shirt: Size \_\_\_\_\_ Neckerchief \_\_\_\_\_ Pant: Size \_\_\_\_\_

Slide \_\_\_\_\_ Cap: Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: Size \_\_\_\_\_

Belt: Size \_\_\_\_\_ Insignia \_\_\_\_\_ Belt Buckle \_\_\_\_\_

Other Items \_\_\_\_\_ Book \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you, Golden Spread Council Scout Shop Staff!

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## DUTY TO GOD IS A SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN!

A HUGE Thank you to Pinnacle Community Church and Pastor Justin Roberts for hosting the 2023 Duty to God workshop! There were 36 excited Cub Scouts that came and learned about God and Jesus during the workshop while playing games and some building their own “pizza”. Then we ate pizza for lunch! This workshop is always a fun way to learn while fulfilling the Duty to God requirement in the Cub Scouting program.



# COUNCIL EVENTS

## MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN - GET REGISTERED NOW AS CLASSES WILL FILL UP QUICK!**



The annual Golden Spread Council University hosted by WT A&M University in Canyon, Texas offers an opportunity for Scouts BSA members to work on Merit Badges in a great learning atmosphere! Held in the month of January it is MBU's intent to create an environment where Scouts have an opportunity to continue their advancement program and earn valuable merit badges that may not be readily available elsewhere. It gives youth the opportunity to earn up to three merit badges in one day, while helping them on their path to earn their Eagle Scout rank and serve our community.

These badges range from Citizenship in the Community to Nuclear Science to Crime Prevention and lots more! Scouts are offered a diverse set of Merit Badges that will be either partially earned or completed on the day of the event (contingent upon the completion of pre-requisites prior to the event). Scouts will be able to enroll in up to three separate Merit Badge classes of their choice.

Registration for classes are first-come-first-served basis.

The classes are conducted by experts in their field of instruction and most are outside of scouting.

There will also be First Aid/CPR Class offered and the always popular Council Briefing Session. Adults will learn all about events scheduled for 2024 with the volunteer in charge presenting the information.

### Schedule for the Day

Gather and Opening: (Check-in): 8:15am - 9:00am

Session 1: 9:15am – 11:15am

Lunch: 11:30am

Session 2: 12:45pm - 2:45pm

Session 3: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

New merit badge classes for 2024:



Nuclear  
Science



American  
Business



Personal  
Management

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### OKPIK

#### Winter Adventure 2024

#### PLANNING MEETING

The OKPIK Winter Adventure planning meeting will be held at Camp MK Brown on January 6, 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon).

This planning meeting will be held to plan for merit badges (and new merit badges!) to be offered at the 2024 OKPIK and to help plan for OKPIK meals. There will also be open discussions and ideas to help make this an amazing weekend for all!

In the past, the planning committee has gone to Mel's Diner in Wheeler to eat lunch after the meeting concludes. Lunch is not provided and is on your own. James Murry will watch the weather ahead of this meeting time to make sure of safe driving conditions for all who want to attend. There are already several volunteers for OKPIK that have stepped up; however, it takes a village to make this event the "BEST FOR OUR SCOUTS" so please accept this invitation and place this meeting on your calendar to attend!

OKPIK Winter Adventure will be held at Camp MK Brown on the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

See you at Camp MK Brown on January 6<sup>th</sup>!

James Murry

806-886-1471

[jmurry@crmwa.com](mailto:jmurry@crmwa.com)



# COUNCIL EVENTS

## SCOUT SHOP SALE!

# Merry Christmas



Some dates to put on your calendar

Offices , Scout Shop, Camps Closed **December 22-26, 2023**

Scout Shop Closed (Inventory) **December 28 -29, 2023**

Offices , Scout Shop, Camps Closed **January 1, 2024**



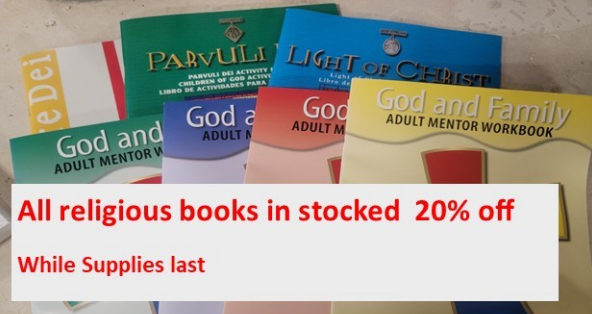
**Looking to help out a Scout in need.**

**Come in and pick one off our Giving Tree. We thank you for your support.**

## 15% off All Craft Kits

**December 1–31, 2023**

**Excludes Pinewood derby, Raingutter Regatta Kits**



**All religious books in stocked 20% off**

**While Supplies last**

## DISTRICT EVENTS

### ADOBE WALLS

District Executive: Gaylyne Manns - [gaylyne.manns@scouting.org](mailto:gaylyne.manns@scouting.org) Ph. # 806-207-0037

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 December 7th**

**6:30 pm at First United Methodist, 201 E Foster, Pampa, TX**



Pack 423 Pampa takes part in the Veterans Day Parade!



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Roundtable/District meeting combined: 1st Thursday of the month – 6:30 pm at First United Methodist,  
201 E Foster, Pampa, TX



James Murry Troop 548 Fritch, receives an Award at the recent OA Fall Fellowship at CDH



Pack 548 in Fritch attend Duty to God!



Pack 423 and Troop 413 Pampa brings in the Colors at the United Way Banquet.



**Gaylyne Manns your Senior District Executive**

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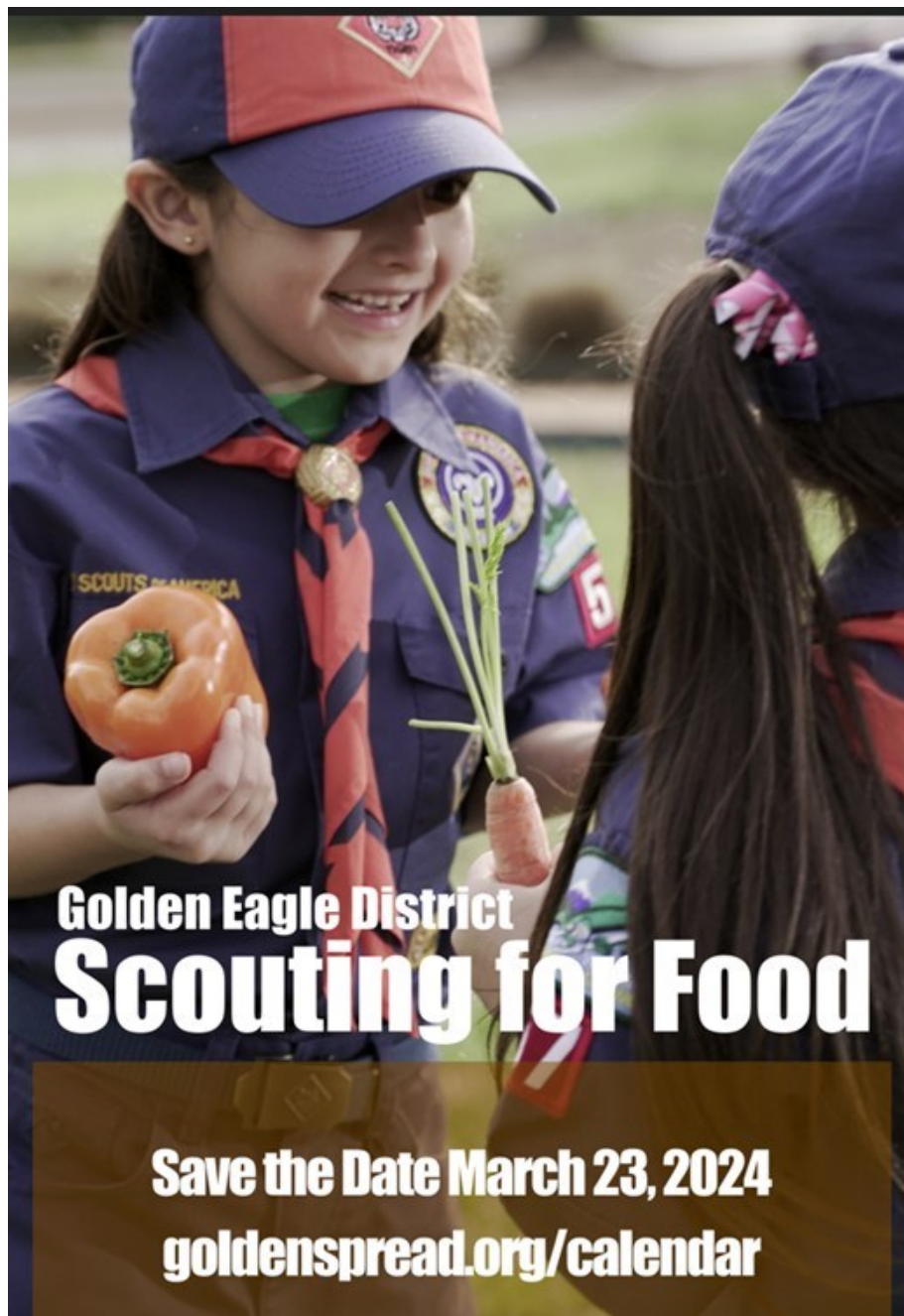
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This is a  
rescheduled event  
to April 27, 2024!

A vibrant space-themed poster for the Golden Eagle District Space Derby. The top half features a rocket launching from a planet's surface, with a large, glowing nebula in the background. The text "Golden Eagle District" is in a bold, white font, and "SPACE DERBY" is in a large, stylized, white font with a blue outline. Below the rocket, the event details are listed in white text: "Tradewind Airport", "4105 Tradewind St Amarillo", and "October 7, 2023". The bottom half of the poster has a dark blue background with the text "OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD FUN AND GAMES" and "FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY" in a bold, white font with a blue outline. At the very bottom, it says "Registration opens September 9, 2023" and "Register today at www.goldenspread.org/calendar".

**Golden Eagle District**  
**SPACE DERBY**

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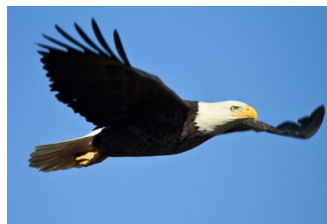
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Eagle 1967, Eagle 2023, Girl Scout Gold Award 1992

Congratulations to Deno Grosz (Grandpa), Meredith Flake and Earon McCurdy (Mom)



Three generations of Eagle Scouts:

Deno Grosz (Grandpa), Class of 1967, Adler Grosz, Class of 2023 and Cortney Grosz (Dad), Class of 1992

## DISTRICT EVENTS

### **LONE WOLF**

District Executive: Aaron Couch - [aaron.couch@scouting.org](mailto: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!

# DISTRICT EVENTS

## QUANAH PARKER (SCOUTREACH)

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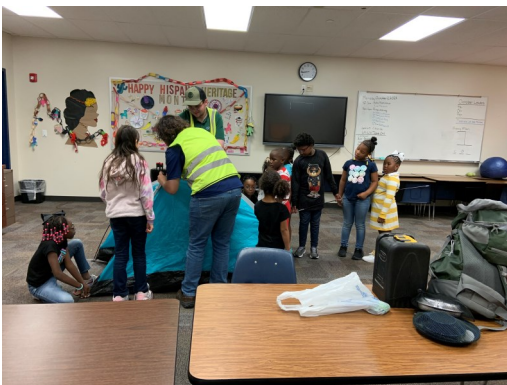
District Chair: Jeremy Bradford Ph # 972-955-7177

District Commissioner: Chuck Jewell 806-220-3288



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW SITE AT HAMLET ELEMENTARY!!

We have been busy doing Hiking and Adventure this month. The youth learned all about camping, which included basic first aid, pitching their tent, playing in the tents and eating popcorn by the “campfire”!



Wesley  
Community  
Center

