



JANUARY 2024 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 2024:

New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving - November 27-29, Christmas - December 24-25th.

SCOUT SHOP SATURDAY HOURS FOR 2024:

The Scout Shop will be only be open for Saturday hours on:

September 21 & 28

October 5 & 12

The Scout Shop will be closed for inventory on December 30 and 31.

The Scout Shop will no longer be open extended hours on the 1st Monday of each month.

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

January 2024 Newsletter Assistant Scout Executive Blog- Scott Kilian

Greetings everyone and I hope you had a joyous holiday season with your family and friends!!

As school starts back up after a long break and scouts start to meet again, I hope that you have started your unit rechartering process. The unit Key 3 members have access to the Internet Rechartering system and should have been collecting renewal fees for everyone who joined PRIOR to August 1, 2023. The fee is \$80.00 for youth and \$60 for adults. Hopefully you participated in the 2023 Popcorn Sale or other unit fundraiser and have set aside these fees. The

deadline to recharter is February 9, 2024 and there is little to no grace period like in the past. The Boy Scouts of America have changed their policy so it's critical this gets done on time. As always, call our office if you need help.

Our first big event is coming up on January 20 with the Scouts BSA Merit Badge University at WT A&M University in Canyon. I hope your scouts have been told about the classes we are offering this year as there are at least 3 new ones and we are excited about those.

The Council Reception and Eagle Scout Recognition event is February 4 from 2pm to 4pm at Camp Don Harrington. We recognize our 2023 Class of Silver Beaver Award recipients and our 2023 Class of Eagle Scouts. Look for invitations soon.

If you are interested in attending the Good Scout Luncheon of February 29, please give us a call. We have a great guest speaker and if you have never attended one of these fundraisers, you are missing out. If your Troop or Pack would like to host a table or buy seats, they are available by calling Chase at 806-358-6500 and he can give you details and options.

There are lots of events coming up in the first quarter of 2024 and we hope to see you and your scouts at as many as you can.

Happy Scouting!

Scott



COUNCIL EVENTS

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

Happy New Year and Happy 2024!

The newsletter has been updated (and corrected!) with all of the activities, Scout Shop hours and Saturday openings for 2024 so be sure to look them over and mark your calendars accordingly so that you will always be ready for the upcoming year! Be on the lookout as well for the upcoming changes to the Cub Scouting program the fall of 2024. As we learn and can release information, we will pass it along to you!

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 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



COUNCIL EVENTS

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

- January 20: **Merit Badge University** (WTAMU)
- March 1-3: **OKPIK Winter Adventure Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- March 23: Scouting for Food (Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA event)
- April 12-14: **Camporee** (Camp Don Harrington)
- 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 Adventure Weekend** (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. 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!!

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 1st, please try have these completed by May 1st for the year.

LEC Dates - TBD

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

Beaver Day - May 3-5 at 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 at 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”

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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!



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RECHARTERS!



**New in 2024! Recharters are due in the Golden Spread Council office by
FEBRUARY 9, 2024!**

Why so early you may ask??

This is important to know - there is NO GRACE PERIOD in 2024 due to changes in the billing system and how your membership will be paid for in the future. Getting your recharters done by the end of February is imperative! When March 1, 2024 dawns, your unit could no longer be in existence and paperwork would be required to start the unit back up and get you back in the system. Therefore, we cannot stress enough how important it is to get your recharters started now - in January - and in the office by February 9th so that any little problems that may surface can be taken care of!

If you have questions, please contact Stephen Keel at the office number 806-358-6500.

COUNCIL EVENTS

EAGLE HONOR ROLL - 2023

Congratulations to all the new Eagles in the Golden Spread Council!

Joseph Raef - Amarillo - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Kaidance Nolan - Amarillo - Troop 4019 (Golden Eagle)
Matthew Thurston - Amarillo - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Alex Alaniz - Sanford - Troop 548 (Adobe Walls)
John Gustafson - Panhandle - Troop 501 (Adobe Walls)
Karsyn Hollandsworth - Amarillo - Troop 4019 (Golden Eagle)
Lane Wann - Amarillo - Troop 89 (Golden Eagle)
Braden Wesley - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)
Layton Lutz - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Hunter McColl - Amarillo - Troop 1776 (Golden Eagle)
Joseph Gifford - Gruver - Troop 551 (Lone Wolf)
Cale Street - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Ethan Thomas - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Lukas Schniederjan - Amarillo - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Dylan Marshall - Wheeler - Troop 472 (Adobe Walls)
Jonathan Larsen - Amarillo - Troop 633 (Golden Eagle)
Collden Crum - Spearman - Troop 551 (Lone Wolf)
Andrew Phillips - Amarillo - Troop 1221 (Golden Eagle)
Trace Downs - Sanford - Troop 548 (Adobe Walls)
Thomas Montgomery - Amarillo - Troop 89 (Golden Eagle)
Austin Melendrez - Amarillo - Troop 548 (Golden Eagle)
Ekaterina Kraus - Canyon - Troop 4004 (Golden Eagle)
Nikolai Kraus - Canyon - Troop 4 (Golden Eagle)
Simon Schrag - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Camden Schaumburg - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Julian Adame - Amarillo - Troop 1776 (Golden Eagle)



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Cody Wright - Borger - Troop 548 (Adobe Walls)
Kian Lammes - Amarillo - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Luke Smith - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Kiran Bolton - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Peyton Trebucq - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)
Sawyer McCaslin - Amarillo - Troop 633 (Golden Eagle)
John Lenz - White Deer - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Payton Maddox - Guymon, OK - Troop 163 (Lone Wolf)
Kamron Davis - Amarillo - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Adler Grosz - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Draven Schluterman - Fritch - Troop 548 (Adobe Walls)
Wyatt Willburn - Amarillo - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Logan Robinson - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)
Meredith Flake - Amarillo - Troop 4086 (Golden Eagle)
Paige Tobler - Amarillo - Troop 4086 (Golden Eagle)

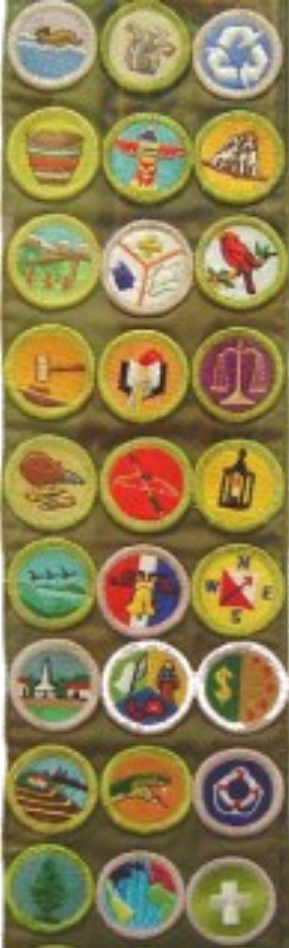
42 NEW EAGLES IN 2023!



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 1st – 3rd, 2024.

See you at Camp MK Brown on January 6th!

James Murry

806-886-1471

jmurry@crmwa.com



COUNCIL EVENTS

SCOUT SHOP SALE!



2024 Happy New Year's !

15% All Eagle Rank Items

January 1-31, 2024 while supplies last. some exclusions may apply.



25% off

All Religious workbooks instock

While supplies last



DISTRICT EVENTS

ADOBE WALLS

District Executive: Gaylyne Manns - 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 January 11, 2024!
6:30 pm at First United Methodist, 201 E Foster, Pampa, TX**



K-9 Narcotics unit from Hutchinson County Sherriff's Office visits
Pack 548 in Fritch.



Adults, Mark your Calander for January 6th at 9:00 am at MK Brown Scout Camp for Planning Meeting for OKPIK. Hope to see you there!

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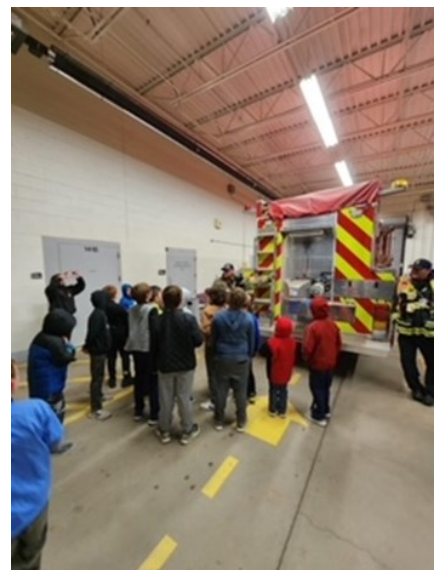
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201 E Foster, Pampa, TX



The Cub Scouts in Panhandle had a good time touring the Carson County Jail & the 911 Call Center. The Apollo Medflight Crew even showed up and let the boys sit in the Chopper!

Gaylyne Manns your Senior District Executive



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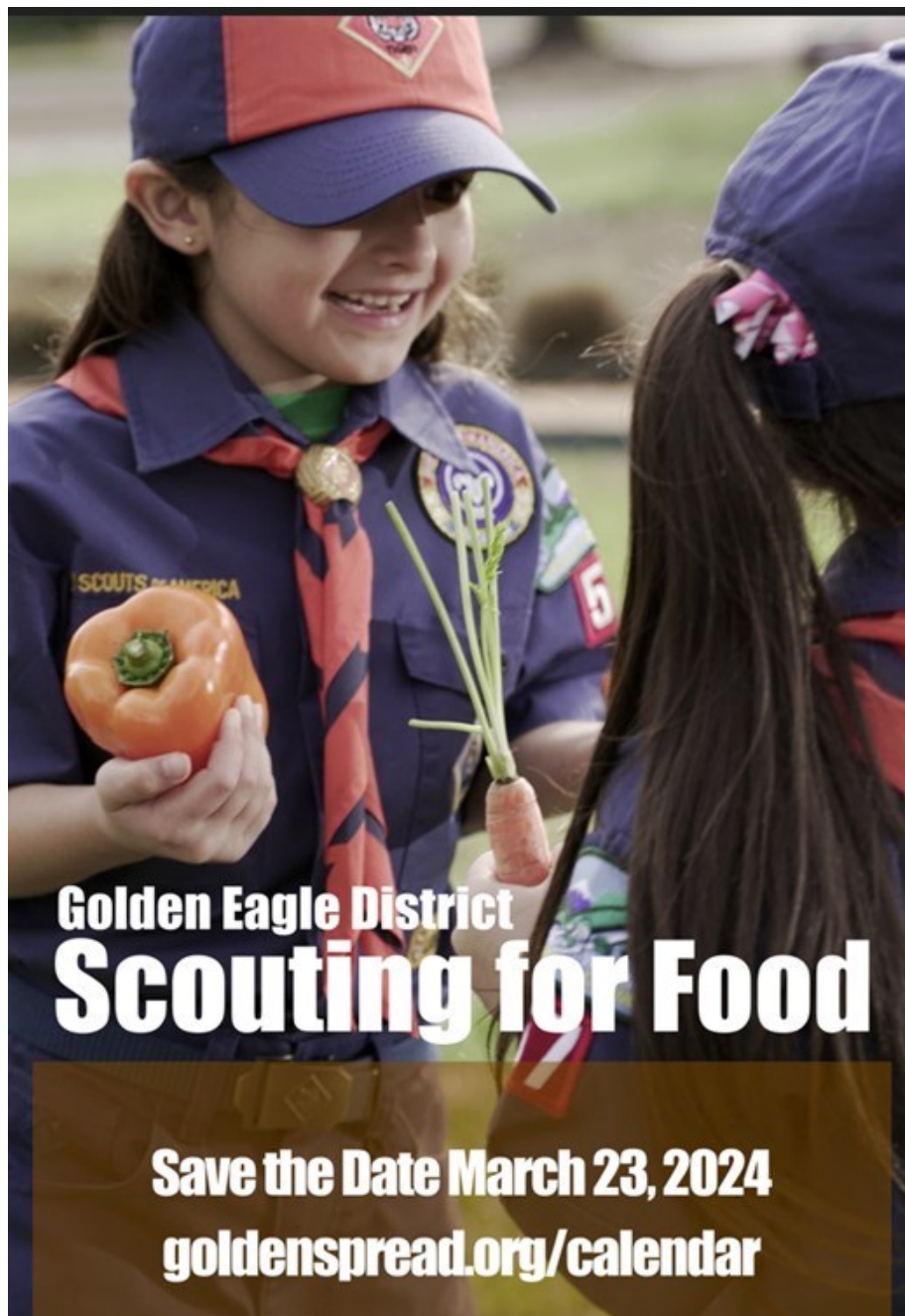
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This is a
rescheduled event
to April 27, 2024!

A vibrant poster for the Golden Eagle District Space Derby. The top half features a rocket launching from a planet's surface, with a large, stylized eagle head in the background. The text "Golden Eagle District" is in white, and "SPACE DERBY" is in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below the rocket, the text "Tradewind Airport", "4105 Tradewind St Amarillo", and "October 7, 2023" is displayed. At the bottom, it says "OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD FUN AND GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY" in bold, white letters with a blue outline, followed by "Registration opens September 9, 2023" and "Register today at www.goldenspread.org/calendar".

Golden Eagle 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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Lone Wolf District! We have had an exciting year in 2023, with Scouts from across the District achieving advancements, attending events at both the District/Council *and* National levels, and most of all having fun with their fellow Scouts! It was a tough year for all of us, but Scouting continues to remain important in towns all over the Lone Wolf District.

As we reflect on the past year, we have to keep an eye on the future of the District as well. In the coming months, we have plans for former units in several towns to come back online, as well as expanded Program opportunities for all our Scouts. I hope that by reintroducing these former units to the District and engaging with our small-town communities in different ways than we have previously that Scouting will be able to grow further in the Lone Wolf District.

We also have a lot of great opportunities for adult volunteers who want to do more. Currently, the Lone Wolf District is looking for people to help serve as Unit Commissioners and Committee Members – so if you want to help your local unit grow, it is time to step up and be the change you want to see!

I pray that you all have a safe and happy Holiday Season! Enjoy the time with your family, and I hope to see you all back in January ready to help make the Lone Wolf District even better; there is a lot of potential to do more, and with your help we will be able to achieve our goals!

Aaron Couch
Lone Wolf District Executive



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Lone Wolf District



Come Visit the Lone Wolf District!

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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



Scoutreach has been busy in November making first aid kits for their backpacks and learning how to “Stay Alive” by learning and then practicing their CPR!

Then the scouts at Rolling Hills paused to take a picture and say “Thank you” to the Friends of Scouting donors in the Quanah Parker District - oh, and of course, show off their first aid kits!