



MARCH 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:

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

March Newsletter Blog – From Scott Kilian

Our first Camp Workday is set for April 6 at Camp MK Brown. This adult activity gets the camp ready for upcoming events and the camping season. Most of the work is manual labor so no skills are required. Everyone adult is welcome, and we will find something for you to do. Please register online at <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2024MKBWorkDay> and registration ends on April 3. FREE Lunch is provided.

As we work our way into the Spring and Summer, I want to encourage all Scouts BSA troop to attend the Camporee this year at Camp Don on April 13. This event not only tests the Scouts skills, but they have FUN. Lots of work goes into putting this event on so please support it- even small troops have fun and learn...Check out the information at <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2024ScoutsBSACamporee>

National Youth Leadership Training is scheduled from June 2-7 at Camp MK Brown. This course is for youth who want to learn about how to become a leader, learn communication skills, and be part of a team. Check out the age requirements, fees, and all about the overall program at <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2024NYLT>

Scouts BSA Summer Camp is just around the corner and we encourage you to consider attending Camp MK Brown. The dates are June 16-22. New leadership this year from the Camp Director to Camp Program Director to Polaris First Year Camp Program to the Shooting Sports Director! Should be lots of fun. You can register now at <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2024SummerCamp>

As many of you know, I will be closing out my Boy Scouts of America career on March 31, after 8,581 days (23 years, 5 months, and 29 days). The people I have met, work with, worked for, and you, the volunteers that amaze me every day, will be truly missed. My time as a District Executive and Senior District Executive in Clovis, New Mexico and then here as your Program Director, Director of Support Service, and culminating as your Assistant Scout Executive, has been unforgettable. There have been many challenges during this time from the Bankruptcy to the Pandemic to the ever-changing economic situation to membership challenges but we, the scouting family, have endured all of it and we are stronger now than before. Finally, I believe the Boy Scouts of America is still a relevant organization and I hope all of you will continue in the scouting journey - everyone is important to the Council and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do. My wife, Joy and I bid you farewell but not goodbye as we continue to support scouting here in the Golden Spread!

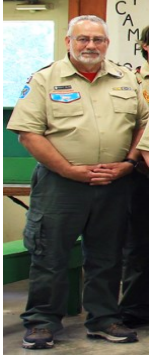
Scott



COUNCIL EVENTS

EDITOR'S NOTE

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



It's March - the month I have dreaded since we, as staff, got Scott's final date of retirement. As a volunteer and then professional, I have had the privilege of working with Scott Kilian for 16 years and like any relationship, we have had our differences and bumped heads on ideas, but we have had a lot of laughs, fun and worked through team challenges. I respect the heck out of Scott and I have learned A LOT from him! This editor will miss her boss; however, we are still friends and I wish him and Joy the very best going forward! I know he will bless us with his New Jersey presence every now and again too! We will miss you Scott!

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)

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”

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

GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL, BSA PREVIEW



2024 CAMP CARD SALE



Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America

Youth join Scouting because the program provides excitement and adventure in camping in the great outdoors. That starts with unit leaders and parents encouraging ALL Scouts to attend a camping experience. To help pay for that experience, we offer two primary funding sources throughout the year—Popcorn and Camp Cards. Both provide parents the opportunity to help pay for camp and Scouts learn how to communicate with confidence, the value of money, salesmanship, proper budgeting, and the value of earning your own way.

The "Camp Card" is an easy fun program to help Scouts earn money to help pay for all types of summer camp or day camp adventures. And, the dollars earned can be used for other Unit approved Scouting activities as well (Talk to your Unit Leader for details). Scouts participating in this program will earn 50% commission (\$2.50) for each \$5 Camp Card they sell. The sale will begin on March 7, 2024, and end on April 16, 2024. Council monies due April 30, 2024. That gives Units 6 weeks to sell and a week to collect any unsold cards and/or monies due.

The Council TOP selling Cub Scout, Scouts BSA Scout, and Venture Scout will receive a \$200.00 Visa Gift

Timeline

Now through February 6

Pre-order Camp Cards directly with your District Executive

March 7th: Roundtable

Camp Card Kickoff & Distribution

March to April:

Sell Camp Cards and earn \$\$ for Camp and other Scouting activities!

Weekly Fill it Up Drawings:

March 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12

Neighborhood Blitz: March 25 – March 31

April 16: Sale officially ends

April 30: All Top Seller Forms, any unsold cards and money is due to the Council

June to September:

Have FUN, save money, and attend Scout Camp and other Unit Activities!!!!

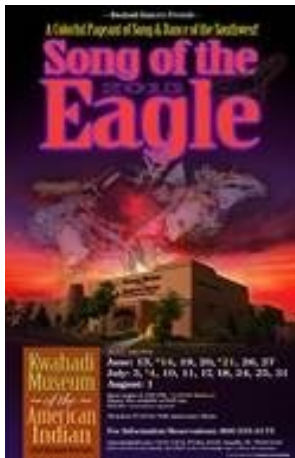
Fill It Up Weekly Drawings: The Council will be providing a weekly "Fill it Up" Contest Drawing for any Scout that sells 20 Camp Cards. Camp Card Coordinators will sign off on approved sales and then email, fax, or drop forms off at the Council Office Those forms will be entered for a chance to win. **Best of all—Sell 20—turn in a form.** Multiple forms may be turned in each week, but all 20 sales must be new, and not previously used. Winners will be drawn each Friday during the sale, and they'll have the option to receive a \$25 Scout Shop Gift Card or a \$25 credit for any Council Sponsored Camp or Event. See Entry Form for more details.



The more cards Scouts sell, the more money they earn to fund their Summer Camp Experience!



COUNCIL EVENTS



We would like to invite one or more of your Scouts, and perhaps a Webelo group for a special role, to participate in the cast of the Kwahadi summer home show, **SONG OF THE EAGLE**. The performance is reminiscent of the *Gang Shows* that began in Scouting in England in the 1930's. Performing for live audiences is another strong opportunity for youth to develop confidence, leadership skills, teamwork skills, and to have fun performing and meeting people! Let me know if we can present to your unit.

We have had Scouts come to perform as Kwahadis from all over Amarillo, but we have also had a great many fine performers and dance Chiefs from Dumas, Dalhart, Pampa, Borger, Canyon, Hereford, Tulia, Wildorado, and even Lubbock! I have been amazed by parents who have made it possible! The Kwahadi Museum and Performance Center is a place where youth are the stars!

All Kwahadi cast members are members of Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting. They remain active in their own troops. The program began in Boy Scout Troop 9 in 1944 with the dedicated leadership of Santa Fe Railway engineer and Scoutmaster, Ralph Irelan. The Kwahadis continued in Troop 80 from 1959 through 1995 and were blessed with the gifted leadership of the late Scoutmaster, Jack Bryant. He was assisted by Ralph Irelan and two of his early Kwahadi dancers, Asst. Scoutmasters Ted Abrahamson and Walter Wolfram. The Kwahadis continue today in our host unit, Venturing Crew 9, in the Sybil B. Harrington Kwahadi Museum and Performance Center.

Over 2500 boys and girls representing all area Scout troops have participated in the performances over the years! We join with you in the pleasure of encouraging all Scouts to earn the rank of EAGLE SCOUT or the GOLD Award in Girl Scouts. Over 300 scouts who have danced as Kwahadis have earned these top honors in their own units!

Performances of the winter show, TYUONYI, continue on Saturdays, Feb 17 and 24, at 7 pm in the Kiva Room at the Kwahadi Museum. We will be delighted to welcome your troop and families as our guests! **Just let me know how many seats you need so we can put your troop's name on them!** Come see the Kwahadis!

This is the 80th anniversary of the Kwahadi program and the 20th Anniversary of the opening of the Kwahadi Museum and Performance Center. I hope you will share this opportunity with your troop or Webelo group. Thanks for all you do for area youth!

I hope to hear from you soon, and have opportunity to present to your troop. Happy Scouting!

Charles Ritchie

Advisor, VC 9

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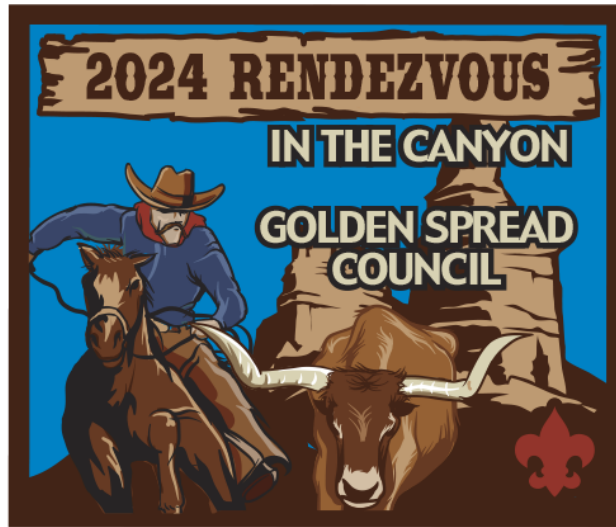
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The Kwahadi cast performs **SONG OF THE EAGLE** for 1500 or more traveling Scouts each summer in the Plaza of the Kwahadi Museum!

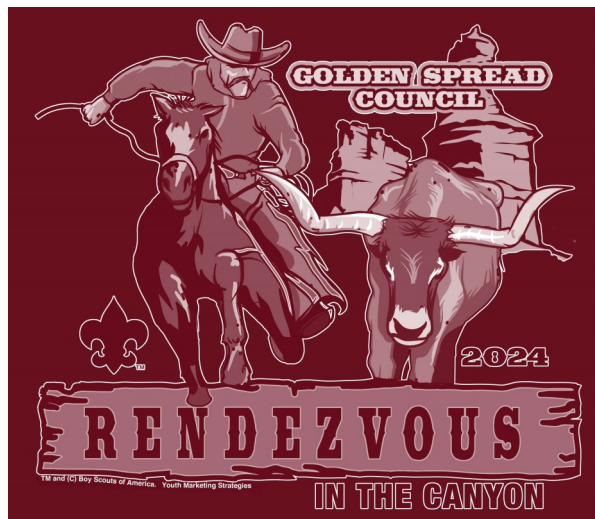
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IT'S CAMPOREE TIME!



Camporee time is here! It's time to Rendezvous in the Canyon at Camp Don! This fun-filled event will be held on April 12-14, 2024 at Camp Don Harrington! We have re-worked the first aid relay, the "A" trestle event as well as the Campsite inspections to make this event even better!

Cost is \$30.00 for Scouts and \$15.00 for adults which includes lunch on Saturday! An optional Camporee T-shirt is available for purchase for \$15.00 (t-shirt is a new polyester blend that is lighter!). The newly designed patch is shown above and the new design and color for the t-shirts is shown below! For more information and to register go to www.goldenspread.org and get your unit registered for this year's Camporee!



COUNCIL EVENTS

MKB WORK DAY



This is a day where volunteers can go to Camp MK Brown and help us do project around the camp in preparation for upcoming activities and summer camp. We typically need general labor and the occasional skilled labor depending on the projects. This year, we will be hauling branches and tree limbs from downed trees and getting some of the campsites that haven't been used in a while, ready for use! This will allow us to shut down others that are getting overused and damaging the ground cover. We serve a nice lunch to everyone who helps out. We prefer that no children attend but will consider older Scouts BSA members. There is no camping this weekend so plan ahead.



COUNCIL EVENTS

SCOUT SHOP SALE!

March Madness

15% off **All** Drinking Mugs, Bottles, socks

March 1-31, 2024

While supplies last

March 7, 2024 Golden Eagle Round Table 7pm

March 7, 2024 Golden Eagle Camp Card pick up 7pm
At Council Office .

March 17, 2024 Happy St.. Patrick's Day!

March 29, 2024 Good Friday (We will be Closed)

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday



COUNCIL EVENTS



What is National Youth Leadership Training?

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a weeklong course which features instruction in skills that can be used at home, at school, on the job, and at the Scout unit level. Through activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work hard and play hard together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Course Goals:

The primary goal of NYLT is to develop Scouts as leaders by teaching the skills necessary to manage group dynamics and performance. These leadership skills include:

Finding Your Vision
Setting Goals
Preparing Plans
Developing a Team
Solving Problems
Effective Teaching

Effective Leadership
Effective Communication
Servant Leadership
Resolving Conflict
Making Ethical Decisions
Valuing People

How Do I Sign Up?

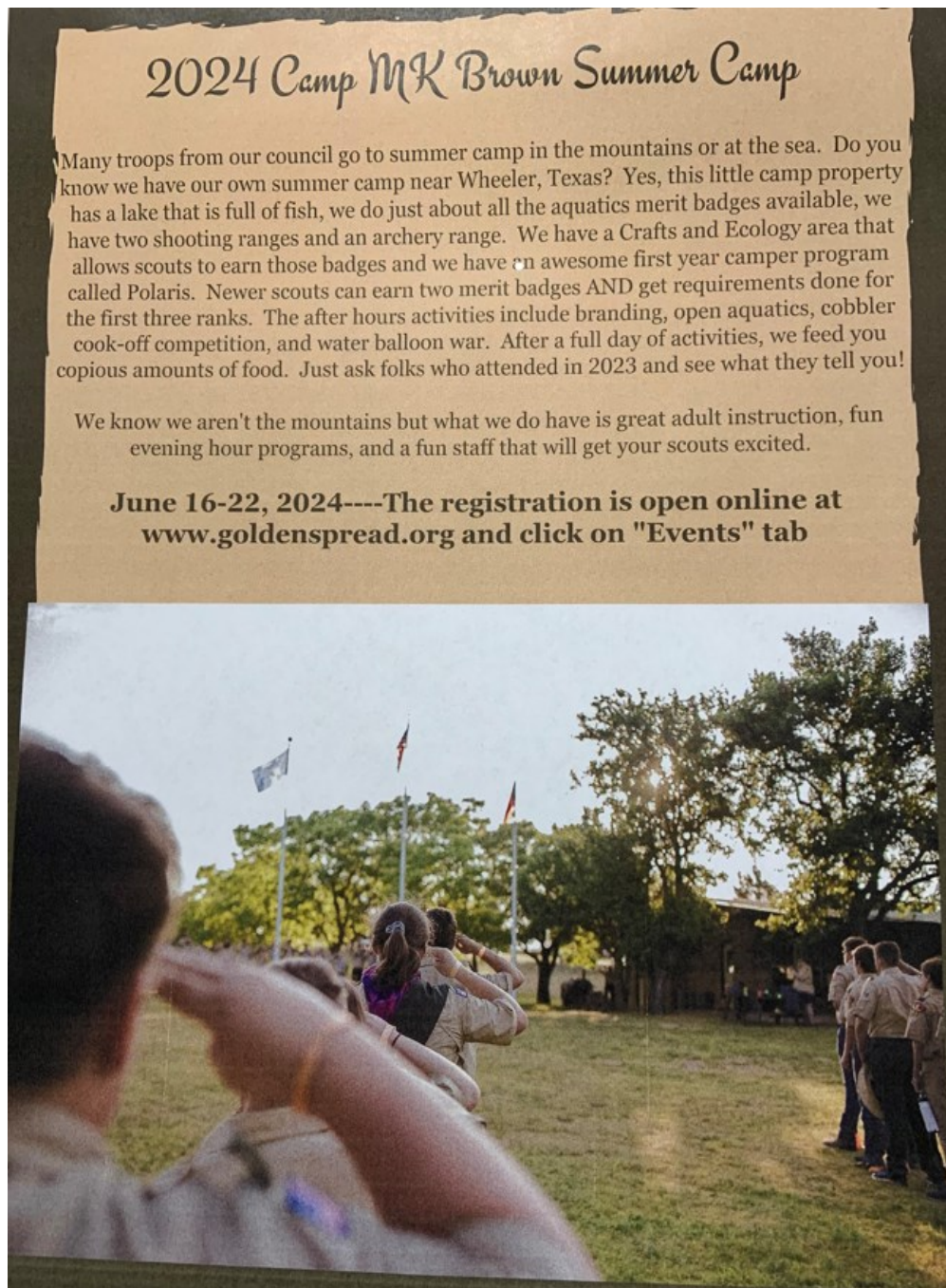
Visit www.goldenspread.org or click on the NYLT Flyer below to register today! There you will also see more information on what to expect from your NYLT experience and how to prepare for camp. For questions contact David Sirmon at 806-678-0348 or by email at 4sirmon@suddenlink.net.

[NYLT FLYER](#)

COUNCIL EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMP 2024!!

Registration is already open and Camp MK Brown will be waiting for you to come have fun and adventure. We have a couple of new merit badges that will be offered (more to come!) and its always a blast at camp! Get your unit/scouts registered today at goldenspread.org.



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

Roundtable is 1st Thursday of the month ZOOM.

Next District Meeting will be March 14, 2024.

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



Congratulations to our District Chairman, Kris Anaya for receiving the District Award of Merit!



Who??



Adobe Walls District Zooming



Troop 565 Borger



WOW! Santa shows up at the Pack 501 Christmas Party! (Look at all those Scouts)

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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



Special Needs Troop 657 Pampa is learning about Photography!



Pack 423 Pampa take advantage of the City Lake on a Saturday morning!

See you at OKPIK – March 1-3
Camp Card Kickoff March 7th at the Council or on ZOOM

Gaylyne Manns your Senior District Executive



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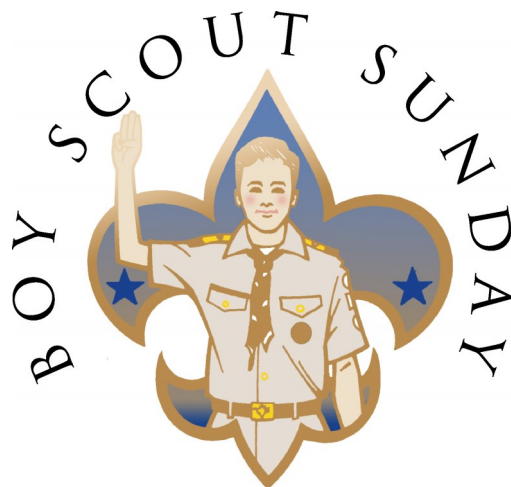
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SCOUT SUNDAY



Troop 89 from Amarillo participates in Scout Sunday at Pleasant Valley Christian Church on February 11, 2024.



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PINEWOOD DERBY RESULTS!



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SCOUTING FOR FOOD!

Save the Date

March 23, 2024



Join Us As We Push To Raise 125,000 Meals

In 2021 Scouts raised 13,862 meals. In 2022, Scouts raised 72,840 meals. In 2023, Scouts raised 101,545 Meals

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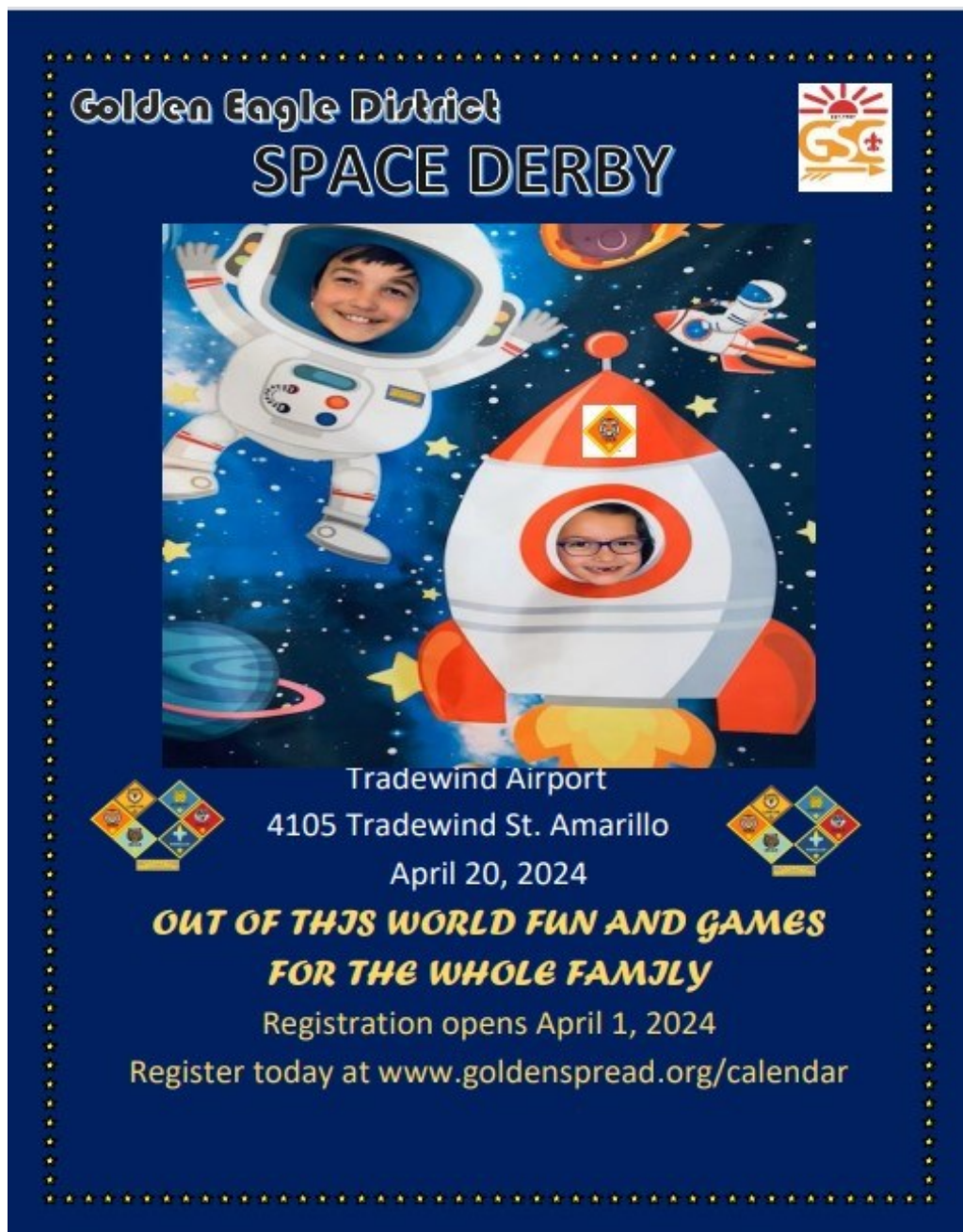
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The poster features a dark blue background with a dotted yellow border. At the top, the text "Golden Eagle District" is in a light blue, bubbly font, and "SPACE DERBY" is in a larger, white, outlined font. In the top right corner is the Golden Eagle Scout Council logo. The central image shows a boy in a white astronaut suit floating in space, and a girl's face peering out of a white and orange rocket ship. The background includes a planet, stars, and another rocket. Below the image, the text "Tradewind Airport" and "4105 Tradewind St. Amarillo" is centered, followed by "April 20, 2024". At the bottom, the slogan "OUT OF THIS WORLD FUN AND GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY" is written in yellow, bold, italicized letters. Below that, it says "Registration opens April 1, 2024" and "Register today at www.goldenspread.org/calendar". Two diamond-shaped icons with various symbols are placed on either side of the address text.

Golden Eagle District
SPACE DERBY

Tradewind Airport
4105 Tradewind St. Amarillo
April 20, 2024

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Lone Wolf District



Come Visit the Lone Wolf District!

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HOMETOWN HERO!

Back on July 24, 2022, Justin and his father, Ryan, came upon the scene of a motor vehicle accident and Justin immediately called 911. On scene, they found one person inside the pickup trapped and one who had been ejected. Justin went to the person who was ejected to check him out and thankfully, he was breathing but in a confused state. He didn't have any obvious broken bones, but being thrown from the truck, there was likely spinal and head injuries. At this point he tried to restrict head movement and control bleeding until the local EMS arrived. From there, he assisted EMS getting supplies from the unit, helped relocate the patient to the backboard and held his arm for the placement of an IV. He also provided comfort to the patient as best he could.

Justin has the First Aid Merit Badge which taught him what to do in this type of situation, what information to provide to the Dispatchers, and how to treat spinal injuries and control bleeding.

For his actions that day, the Boy Scouts of America, National Court of Honor, presents the Medal of Merit for outstanding service and implementing Scouting Skills and Ideals to Scout Justin Jett!

Congratulations Justin and thank you for your quick actions that day!



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START YOUR ENGINES!

THE LONE WOLF DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY IS COMING UP ON MARCH 23rd IN PERRYTON, TEXAS!! THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT:

OCHILTREE COUNTY EXPO CENTER
402 EXPO DRIVE
PERRYTON, TX 79070

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE, MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE COMING OUT SOON! FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL AARON COUCH (806) 710-0424 OR EMAIL TO AARON.COUCH@SCOUTING.ORG



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SCOUT SUNDAY



Troop 256 from Perryton participates in Scout Sunday on February 11, 2024 at First Christian Church in Perryton.

DISTRICT EVENTS

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



PINEWOOD DERBY TIME!

Cars, cars, cars and even more cars! It's time for Pinewood Derby in Scoutreach and we have had a lot of fun designing our cars this month. Stay tuned for all the photos of the youth racing in next month's newsletter!

Drivers - Start your engines!

