



## OCTOBER 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:

Thanksgiving - November 27-29,

Christmas - December 24-25th.

### SCOUT SHOP SATURDAY HOURS FOR 2024:

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

October 5 & 12

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

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/>

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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

It's October already!! Halloween is fast approaching and so is our final BIG event of the year - SPOOK O REE! We are getting ready to have a great day of spooky fun, fellowship, activities, a hayride and so much more! Hurry and get your youth signed up today before registration closes!



Lots of events still to come 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



# S P O O K O R E E

## 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 28-29: **Cub Scout Family Campout/Webelos Woods** (Camp MK Brown)
- 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 and there are a lot of Cub Scout and Scouts BSA units that put pictures out there also!**

## 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 Dates - TBD

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”**

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### REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON!

Don't delay in getting your unit to Spook O Ree! Registration closes on October 11th for Camp MK Brown and October 18th for Camp Don Harrington! Come have fun with us at camp and bring your scouts!

A graphic for the 2024 Spook O Ree event. It features a solid orange background. Five black silhouettes of spiders and two black silhouettes of bats are suspended from the top by thin black vertical lines. The year '2024' is written in a large, white, serif font in the center. Below it, the words 'SPOOK-O-REE' are written in a large, white, serif font, with a bat silhouette integrated into the letter 'O'. Below the title, the dates and locations are listed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a list of activities is provided in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, followed by the website address.

2024  
SPOOK-O-REE

OCTOBER 19, CAMP MK BROWN  
OCTOBER 26, CAMP DON  
HARRINGTON

ENJOY HAY RIDES, CARNIVAL GAMES,  
SPOOK WALK, HAUNTED HOUSE, BB  
GUNS, ARCHERY, SLINGSHOTS, AND  
MUCH MORE!

[WWW.GOLDENSPREAD.ORG](http://WWW.GOLDENSPREAD.ORG)

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## BALOO TRAINING!

Attention all Cub Scout leaders! BALOO training is now available for you! This in person training is required before a Cub Scout Pack can go camping and it is a super fun weekend. We have exciting events coming up for Cub Scouts this fall so don't delay - get your leaders signed up today!

**GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL  
PRESENTS**

# BALOO TRAINING

**BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR  
ORIENTATION**



**REGISTER  
NOW!**



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LEADER CANNOT ATTEND A CAMPOUT,*

Training will be given by Experienced Scouters.



**OCTOBER 25-26 2024**  
**CHECK IN: 6:00PM**  
**STARTS: 6:30PM**  
**ENDS 11:00AM**

**CAMP DON  
HARRINGTON**  
15427 Farm to Market Rd 1541,  
Canyon, TX 79015

**Prerequisites**

- ✓ Online Training on your my.scouting.org Account
- Youth Protection Training
- BALOO Prerequisite Training V2
- Leader Position-Specific Training

**What to Bring?**

- ✓ Medical Form AB
- ✓ Training Gear List Items
- ✓ Leader Training Completion Report

**Fees:**  
**Adults - \$15**

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE:  
10/18/2024**

**\*See Registration Page for more information**

**More Information** 806-358-6500 [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org)

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## OCTOBER SCOUT SHOP SALE!

**Happy Halloween to all you Ghouls and Gals!**



### Events For September

October 3

Golden Eagle District Round Table 7pm at  
Scout Office

October 5

Scout Shop Open 12:30pm—1:30pm

October 12

Scout Shop Open 12:30pm—1:30pm

October 19

Camp MKB Spook O Ree

October 26

Camp Don Harrington Spook O Ree

**All Knives 15% off October 1—31, 2024**

(while supplies last, excludes clearance)



# COUNCIL EVENTS

## HERE ARE THE SCHEDULED DATES AND TIMES

JUNE 5: 830AM TO 100PM

JUNE 8: 830AM TO 100PM (COUNCIL WORKDAY)

JUNE 18: 830AM TO 100PM

JUNE 21: NOON TO 5PM

JUNE 27: 830AM TO 100PM

JULY 10: 830AM TO 100PM

JULY 16: NOON TO 100PM

JULY 24: NOON TO 5PM

JULY 26: 830AM TO 100PM

JULY 30: 830AM TO 100PM

AUGUST 8: 830AM TO 100PM

AUGUST 22: NOON TO 5PM

AUGUST 24: 830AM TO 100PM (COUNCIL WORKDAY)

SEPTEMBER 5: NOON TO 5PM

SEPTEMBER 7: 830AM TO 100PM (COUNCIL WORKDAY)

SEPTEMBER 16: NOON TO 5PM

SEPTWMBER 25: 830AM TO 100PM

OCTOBER 5: 830AM TO 100PM

OCTOBER 10: 830AM TO 100PM

OCTOBER 21: 830AM TO 100PM

OCTOBER 24: NOON TO 500PM

OCTOBER 30: 830AM TO 100PM

NOVEMBER 5: 830AM TO 100PM

NOVEMBER 7: NOON TO 5PM

NOVEMBER 18: NOON TO 500PM

NOVEMBER 21: NOON TO 5PM

DECEMBER 4: 830AM TO 100PM

DECEMBER 7: 830AM TO 100PM (COUNCIL WORKDAY)

DECEMBER 18: NOON TO 500PM

ALL DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



## COUNCIL EVENTS

### A Tale of 4 Bases

Sailing the high Seas in the Caribbean, hiking through the back country of New Mexico, canoeing the boundary waters in Minnesota, or paddling the New River in West Virginia, boy do these scouts have stories to tell.

5 members from Troop 87 (3 youth and 2 adult) have completed a series of incredible adventures culminating in what is known as the Grand Slam of National High Adventure Award.

Jackson Beecher, Grant Bowen, and Sawyer Imel with the help of two of their advisors Tim Beecher and Chris Imel earned this rare award this past summer. To our knowledge these 5 are the first in the Golden Spread Council to earn this award.



To earn your Triple Crown of National High Adventure Award, you must attend at least one qualifying high adventurer program from three of the four national high adventure bases. Those bases are Northern Tier High Adventure, Philmont Scout Ranch, Sea Base High Adventure, and Paul R. Christen High Adventure Base (The Summit). <https://www.nationalhighadventureawards.org/requirements>

The triple crown in and of itself is an incredibly rare award that is nothing to take lightly. It is estimated that an average of 1,100 out of more than the 2.4 million scouts earn this award each year (2016). A total of 8 youth and 5 adults from Troop 87 completed the High Adventure Triple Crown over the last couple years as well.

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To earn your Grand Slam, you must attend a qualifying program from all four High Adventure Bases. It is estimated that around 200 Scouts earn the Grand Slam of high Adventure award each year out of the roughly 15,000 that attend Boy Scouts of America High Adventure camps.

These scouts started their journey at Sea Base St Thomas in 2020. We took 13 youth and 7 adults as part of 2 lucky crews that snuck past a little thing called Covid 19 just before the island was shut down (Troop 87 had 4 additional crews to the keys that were canceled). While at Sea Base these boys explored abandoned sugarcane mills, performed turtle surveys, hiked to the top of Ram's Head in the Virgin Islands National Park and even participated in what we believe is the first Troop 87 fender rodeo. Staying up on night watch, learning nautical terms like Port, Starboard, and Land poo, these west Texas folks took it all in. We even got the opportunity to get delicious pies from the Pizza Boat on the last night of our adventure.



Next, 9 youth and 3 adults embarked on a 9-day Philmont trek in 2021 after Jamboree plans were cancelled. They scrambled and were able to get a last-minute trek booked in August. Here we did lots of backpacking, river crossings, rock climbing, black powder shooting, spar pole climbing, homesteading and hopefully all remembered what a taut-line hitch was. We met new friends along the way, shout outs to Charlie and Charlotte, and enjoyed fellowship at several campfire programs. We were also able to summit Trail Peak, Mt Phillips, Comanche Peak, Big Red, Schaeffer's Peak and the Tooth of Time.

Continuing on the journey, in 2022 Troop 87 took 4 crews up north. 3 to Ely (15 youth and 9 adults) and 1 to Bissett (8 youth and 4 adults) and canoed in the boundary waters. Exploring this untouched wilderness paradise, we were able to see lots of waterfalls, pictographs, birds of all sorts, smooth as glass lakes (when the wind wasn't blowing), and 87.2 Million mosquitoes (except in Canada.) I guess they did not have their passports. Not seeing people for days, learning that Deno has a direct line to the man upstairs, and talking our guide on to a brief 4 mile portage, we took this adventure by the horns. We also learned that bath day in the Grosz house happens on Tuesdays!

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Finally this group headed off to West Virginia in 2023 (7 youth 2 adults) to conquer the New River in West Virginia at the Summit. We paddled the river in our personal duckies, learned what duckie wars were, and learned to build duckie catamarans to leisurely float down the river at times. Nothing can beat having a pushup contest under a waterfall to impress your friends or watching your advisors “get the full experience of the trip” when they get sucked into the Class 3 rapids. We finished the trip off with whitewater rafting, ziplines and a big steak dinner.

Along the way, this group was able to be at the Northern Tier for its 100th Year anniversary, as well as celebrate with the Summit for its 10th year anniversary.

They were able to earn a multitude of awards at each base from Duty to God as well as various conservation awards. These scouts also earned their 50 Miler at each stop which racked up more than 280 miles of Sailing, Hiking, Canoeing, and Rafting.

In the end, many memories were made, friendships strengthened and a goal completed. There were tough days made perfect by a single moment that was different for each of us. As they say in the movie Up, “Adventure is out there!”



## DISTRICT EVENTS

### ADOBE WALLS

District Executive: Colter Morrison Ph # 580-716-0231

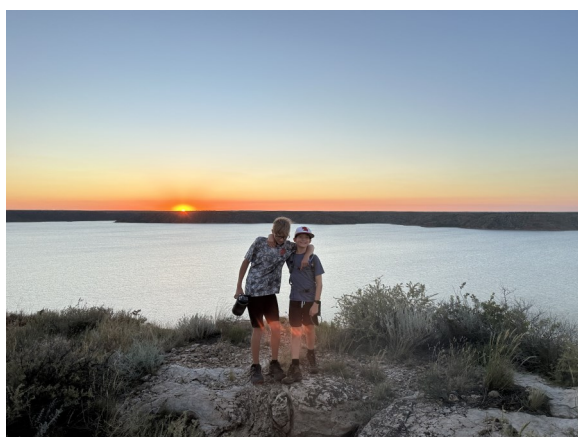
District Chair: Jason Eugea Ph # 806-335-6805

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



Pack and Troop 548 of Fritch, TX were asked to put the flags out at all of the home games for 2024!



Two pals for life - Grayson and Peyton from Troop 548 enjoying a beautiful sunset at Lake Meredith after a hard day's play!

You will meet your forever friends in Scouting!

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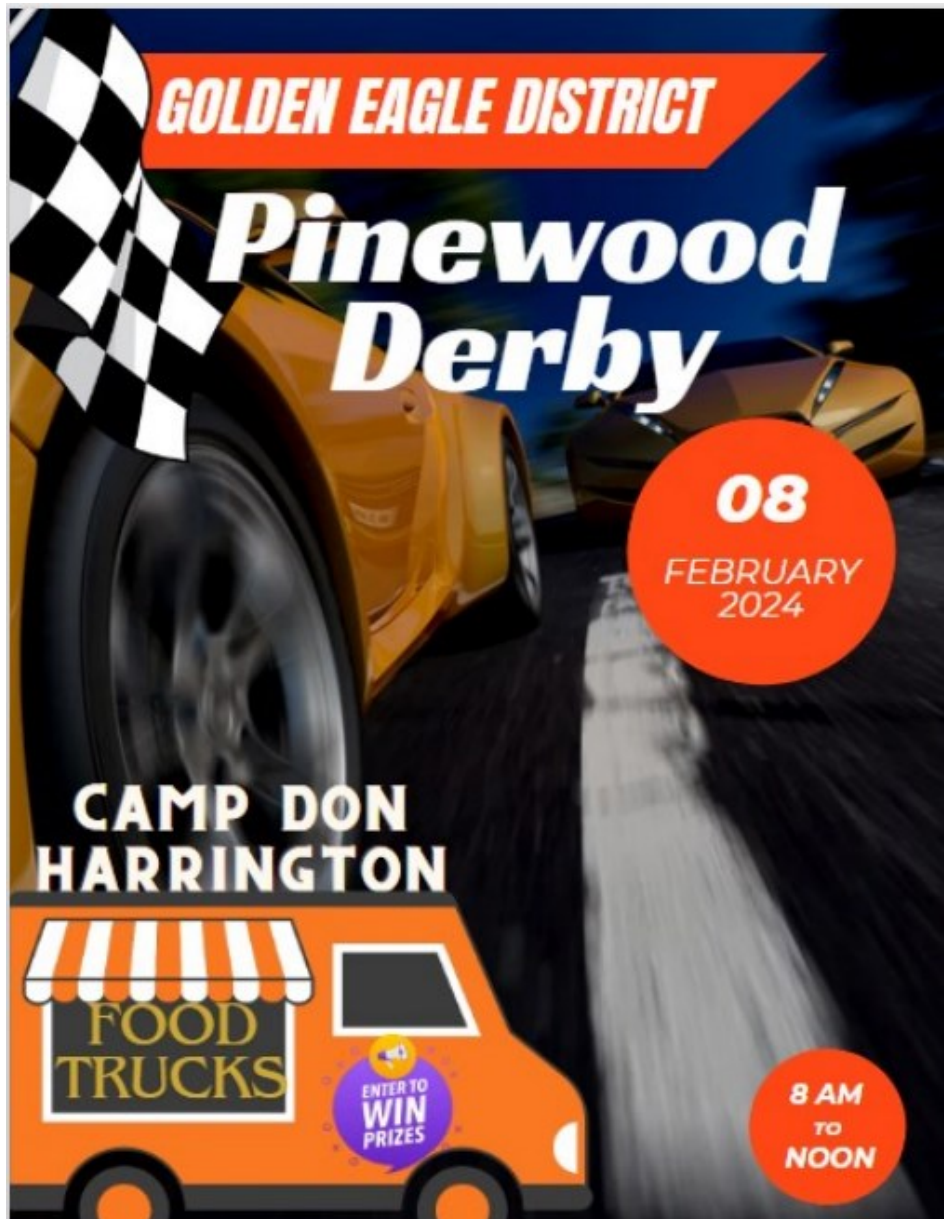
### **GOLDEN EAGLE**

District Executive: Michael Lopez - michael.lopez@scouting.org Ph. # 505-699-6552

District Chair: Richard “Buddy” Todd Ph # 806-367-3847

District Commissioner: Dallas Sharp Ph #

Roundtable: 1st Thursday of every month from August thru June - 7:00 pm at the Scout Office



## 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: Lori Daniel Ph # 806-228-1771

District Commissioner: Audrey House Ph # 580-522-1085

Roundtable: 1st Thursday of the month - ZOOM

### Lone Wolf District



Pack 163 and Troop 4163 from Guymon, OK out selling popcorn to support their unit!



Congratulations go out to Ryan Jett, Adult leader of Troop 256 Perryton for completing his Wood Badge project at Camp MK Brown! The Tumbling D campsite has two new concrete pads for rooftops and shade!

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Pack 163 having their pack meeting and then Troops 163 and 4163 hold their Court of Honor!



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### Lone Wolf District



Pack 256 had fun making and launching rockets at one of their recent Cub Scout meetings!



## DISTRICT EVENTS

### QUANAH PARKER (SCOUTREACH)

District Executive: Gemma Mitchell - [gemma.mitchell@scouting.org](mailto:gemma.mitchell@scouting.org) Ph # 806-282-8296

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

District Commissioner: Chuck Jewell 806-220-3288



**WE ARE HIRING FOR SCOUTREACH!!**

Calling all college students (Must be 18 or older!)

We need YOU!

This is a fun position that gets to mentor and play with elementary age children as they learn the Cub Scouting program.

Scouting families: If you have youth or know youth (or if you are retired or a stay at home mom) that may be interested in working for the Golden Spread Council, please contact Gemma Mitchell at 806-358-6500!

