



## DECEMBER 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:

Christmas - December 24-25th.



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!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May the holidays be full of joy, family and old (maybe some new!) traditions that will keep the spirit of the Christmas season a special time of year for you!



The list of Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA activities for 2025 are now listed in the December 2024 newsletter so you can get a jump and put 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



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### **2025 GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL CUB SCOUTS AND SCOUTS BSA CAMPING AND ACTIVITIES**

- January 25: **Merit Badge University** (WTAMU)
- March 1-2: **OKPIK Winter Adventure Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- March 21-23: Weekend #1 of Woodbadge Training (Camp Don Harrington)
- March 22: Scouting for Food (Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA event)
- April 11-13: **Camporee** (Camp MK Brown)
- April 25-27: Philmont Family Weekend
- May 31: **Cub Scout Day Camp** (Camp Don Harrington)
- June 1-6: **National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT)** (Camp MK Brown)
- June 7: **Cub Scout Day Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- June 15-21: **Scouts BSA Summer Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- June 27-29: **Cub Scout Adventure Weekend** (Camp Don Harrington)
- August 4-8: **Merit Badge Week** (Camp Don Harrington)
- September 19-21: **Webelos Woods** (Camp MK Brown)
- September 27-28: **Cub Scout Family Campout** (Camp Don Harrington)
- October 18: **Spook O Ree** (Camp MK Brown)
- October 25: **Spook O Ree** (Camp Don Harrington)
- November 8: **Environmental Science Merit Badge Class** (Camp Don Harrington)

**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

## OKPIK 2025

### COOL CAMP FIRST WEEKEND IN MARCH 2025

My name is James Murry, and I am putting this news letter out on OKPIK asking for volunteer help for OKPIK.

#### “NEEDING VOLUNTEERS”

Merit Badge Counselors.

We have some Scouters already stepping up to teach some new Merit Badges for OKPIK 2025.

But I am asking for anyone who would step up and be willing to teach to please reach out to me. I always welcome new ideas. I am putting the list together and will make final decisions at the Planning Meeting for OKPIK.

Kitchen Staff - If you would like to help with OKPIK Kitchen Staff, please let me know.

#### OKPIK Planning Meeting

I am inviting everyone to our OKPIK Planning Meeting. The meeting will be held at Camp MK Brown on **January 4, 2025** from 10:00am to 12:00pm. This meeting will be where we all come together to finalize the OKPIK Camp Plans. It's a very important meeting so if you would like to be part of this meeting, please send me your contact information, and I will send you the email information on OKPIK.

I have said in the past, since we all started OKPIK, it takes all of us to make this Camp work for our Scouts and I appreciate everyone who steps up to help. I am looking forward to working with everyone to have another “GREAT OKPIK”.

My contact information

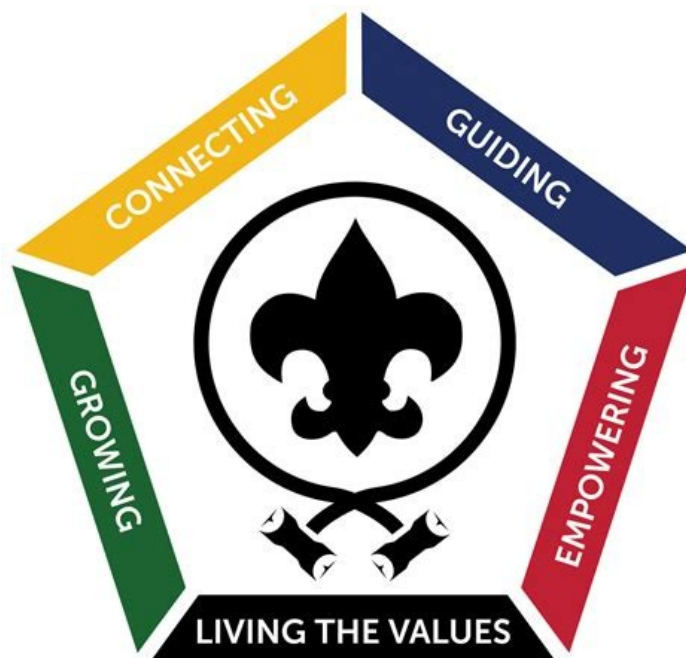
James Murry

Cell # 806-886-1471

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



## COUNCIL EVENTS



### SAVE THE DATE!

Woodbadge 2025 is coming! The dates have been set, the staff has been selected and they are eagerly working to get ready for YOU!

Mark these dates on your calendar:

1st Course Weekend - March 21-23, 2025 (Camp Don Harrington)

2nd Course Weekend - April 5-6, 2025 (Camp MK Brown)

The cost is \$275.00 and registration is open so start brushing up on your mad camping skills and come join us for this amazing 5-day, adult leader training! If you're a new leader or been around a while, have you considered investing time in yourself? Wood Badge is a good option for you - developing skills in communication and leadership. Meeting other adults likely experiencing the same things you are, making life long friendships. Why? Because our youth deserve the best leaders that put their best foot forward! Every youth deserves a well-trained leader.

Contact Kris Anaya by phone at 806-626-8833, email at [rockinoutforjesus@yahoo.com](mailto:rockinoutforjesus@yahoo.com) or for more information click on the link below:

<https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025WoodBadge>



## COUNCIL EVENTS

### Cast Call, Kwahadi Winter Night Ceremonials, 2025

All youth in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older are eligible to train to perform in the upcoming winter shows. Scouts can train as individuals to perform on the team, or troops can compete as a troop performance group in the Mirror Ball Contest. Group Contest winners will receive \$500 and the Mirror Ball Trophy for their Scout troop! The Saturday night performances begin in mid-January. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 – 4:30 pm at the Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian.



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Youth have come from communities in and around Amarillo to be a part of the team! No youth or adult receives any pay, but proceeds from performances help the youth team to travel, experience live audiences, and learn about teamwork, leadership, and performing skills. Come visit us, and check it out! You'll be glad you did!

#### **The Kwahadi Dancers are celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

The Kwahadi youth program began in the fall of 1944. Since that time, over 2500 area youth have performed over 4500 shows in 48 states, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East! The group has built their own fine museum and performance center located at 9151 I-40 E. (Directions: exit I-40 East at Buckee's and travel west ½ mile on I-40 W to the museum.)

Youth registered in all Webelo, Scout, Venturing units and girl scout units are eligible to represent your unit in the shows! Scouts can pa

For more information, contact Charles Ritchie, team advisor, 806-654-4890 or [charles.ritchie99@gmail.com](mailto:charles.ritchie99@gmail.com).

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## SCOUT SHOP SALE!



**Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!**



### Coming Events

December 5

Round table training at scout Office 7pm

December 6

Giving Tree Applications due to office

December 7

Volunteer Work Day at CDH

December 13

District Award of Merit nominations due to your DE's

December 24-25

Offices & camp MKB & CDH closed

December 25

Merry Christmas!

**All Collector coin and plaques 15% off**

**December 1-31, 2024 (While supplies last)**



## COUNCIL EVENTS

### JOIN THE “NUTS AND BOLTS” TEAM

A group of adults who volunteer at Camp Don Harrington on various scheduled times and days to assist in making camp the best it can be!

**WHO CAN JOIN IN?** ANY BSA REGISTERED ADULT WHO IS AVAILABLE ON ANY OF THE LISTED DATES! THIS COULD BE RETIRED FOLKS WHO WANT SOMETHING TO DO, STAY AT HOME DADS AND/OR MOMS, WORKING FOLKS WHO WANT TO TAKE A HALF DAY TO VOLUNTEER.

**SO WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU?** ON THE DAY (S) YOU CHOOSE TO HELP OUT AT CDH, THE TEAM WILL BE PROVIDED AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF PROJECTS ONCE YOU ARRIVE. YOU OR A GROUP OF OTHER VOLUNTEERS WILL PICK A PROJECT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON AND FOR A MINIMUM OF 4 HOURS THAT DAY, YOU WILL WORK ON THAT PROJECT. IF THE PROJECT CANNOT BE COMPLETED IN THAT TIME FRAME, IT WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST UNTIL COMPLETED ANOTHER DAY!

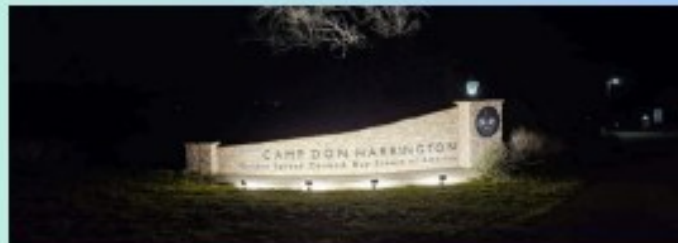
**WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS ARE AVAILABLE AND DO I NEED SKILLS?** THERE IS A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS FROM PICKING UP BRANCHES, TO LIGHT TREE TRIMMING TO PAINTING, TO BUILDING RENOVATION, TO SIMPLE CLEANING! THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERY ADULT AGE, SKILL LEVEL, INTEREST, AND ARE ALL FOR MALE AND FEMALE VOLUNTEERS- WE WELCOME EVERYONE!

**WHY ARE WE PUTTING THIS TEAM TOGETHER?** THERE IS AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF PROJECTS TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE GROUNDS AND HAVE BETTER PROGRAM AREAS FOR YOUTH. OUR RANGER SIMPLY CANNOT DO IT ALONE.

**WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?** VOLUNTEERING TO HELP MAINTAIN A PROPERTY IN WHICH WE ALL ENJOY, HAVE FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND LAUGHS THAT ARE WORTH YOUR TIME AND ENERGY. **WE WILL PROVIDE A SMALL BREAKFAST OR LUNCH TO ALL VOLUNTEERS** (DEPENDING ON THE SCHEDULED TIMES). PENDING SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM, VOLUNTEERS MAY BE PROVIDED A COOL HAT!!!

**OK I'M INTERESTED, NOW WHAT DO I DO?** WE WILL START THIS PROGRAM IN JUNE AND RUN THROUGH DECEMBER AS A TRIAL BASIS. SIMPLY LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE, SEE WHAT DAY YOU ARE AVAILABLE (NO NEED TO DECIDE RIGHT AWAY- YOU CAN LET US KNOW THE DAY BEFORE), AND USE OUR NEW **GROUPME** (CDH NUTS AND BOLTS TEAM) TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING AND/OR YOU CAN CALL OR TEXT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS OR RANGER KEN. WE WILL PROVIDE EVERYTHING YOU WILL NEED TO DO THE PROJECTS. AS A REMINDER, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER FOR 4 HOURS BUT YOU MAY STAY LONGER IF YOU WOULD LIKE!

**VOLUNTEERS: SCOTT- 806-679-4238 OR DELYNN - 806-681-1623 OR RANGER KEN - 806-679-9617**





# 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

**CAMP DON HARRINGTON  
VOLUNTEER WORKDAY**

**DECEMBER 7, 2024  
CHECKIN AT 830AM FOR BREAKFAST SNACK  
AND BRIEFING  
START AT 9AM THROUGH NOON  
FREE LUNCH AT NOON**

**DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER, WE WILL BE  
DOING SOME CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE IN  
AND AROUND THE DINING HALL AND THE  
SWINGING BRIDGE!**

**ALL ADULTS WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS WORKDAY ONLINE  
BY DECEMBER 6 AT :**

**[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/562-  
DEC2024CDHWORKDAY#](https://scoutingevent.com/562-DEC2024CDHWORKDAY#)**

## COUNCIL EVENTS

**The 76th Annual Report to State will be coming very soon! The council will only have room for a contingency of 12 people including youth, adults and your youth delegate speaker. Online registration and payment must be turned in by January 13th, 2025. This year there is a patch design competition with the entries due by December 6th! Details on the patch design are on the page 13. For more information, please contact Brian Griggs at [bgriggs@parkhill.com](mailto:bgriggs@parkhill.com).**



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®**  
**CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL**

United in Tradition – 76 Years of Unity, Strength, and Vision.

This year, we celebrate the deep-rooted legacy of Scouting in Texas. We honor the longstanding traditions that have united Scouts over generations, fostering resilience and growth within their communities. This year's Report to State will highlight how Scouts continue to embody these values, demonstrating their commitment to service and leadership.

The 76th Annual Report to State is scheduled for **February 8, 2025**, and we would be honored to have your council represented at this significant event. Due to space limitations, each council may send a delegation of up to **12** people, including youth, adults, and your youth delegate speaker.

The event begins at 7:30 AM on February 8 with a Delegate Breakfast and Program at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, located at 1300 Lavaca St., Austin, TX 78701. Breakfast will also be provided for Spectators in a separate area from the Delegate Breakfast. After breakfast, council delegates will accompany other scouts on a processional to the south steps of the Capitol for the Scout Spirit Rally, followed by the Report to State ceremonies in the Texas Capitol (room TBD). This year, we ask again that your council have your youth delegate speaker select a point of the Scout Law and focus their report on how your council has lived by that point over the past year. An overall state delegate speaker will be selected to present the statewide analytics.

We are also excited to announce a Patch Design Competition for this year's event. We invite Scouts to showcase their creativity by designing a patch that represents the spirit of this event. Designs must be turned in by **December 6**. The winning design will be produced as the official patch for the 2025 Report to State, and the designer will be recognized at the event. Additional details and submission guidelines will be shared soon.

Please have your delegation leader complete [online](#) registration, along with payment, by **Monday, January 13, 2025**. There will also be opportunities for spectators to attend the Report to State as well as an Eagle Scout Reunion (Open to Eagle Scouts across Texas). This year there will be separate registration links for [Delegates](#) and [Spectators](#).

The tradition of sharing the successes of the Scouting movement with the citizens of Texas dates back to 1949. This unique opportunity allows Scouting to present a report of strength, growth, and service and demonstrate the effective implementation of Scouting values. For many Scouts, this will be their first time visiting the state capitol. The legend, lore, and history of the great State of Texas can make your delegate's trip educational, inspirational, and awe-inspiring – truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Please let us know if we can assist your delegation with the 2025 Report to State.

Sincerely,

Andra Allen  
Development Director

Ariana Contreras  
Exploring Executive

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## Patch Design Guidelines

### Report to State Patch Design Competition: Parameters and Guidelines

#### Theme:

- "United in Tradition – 76 Years of Unity, Strength, and Vision"

All designs should reflect this theme, focusing on the spirit of unity, Scouting values, and the celebration of tradition.

#### Eligibility:

- Open to all registered Scouts in councils participating in the 76th Report to State.

#### Design Specifications:

##### 1. Patch Shape:

The design must fit within a 4-inch by 4-inch square or circle.

##### 2. Color Scheme:

Up to 8 colors can be used in the design and the official Scouting fleur de lis where possible.

##### 3. Elements to Include:

- The year (2025) and the number 76 to mark the 76th annual Report to State.
- The event name: "Report to State".
- The theme text or symbols reflecting unity, strength, tradition, and vision.
- Optional: Incorporate Texas imagery (e.g., state capitol, lone star, state outline).

##### 4. Submission Format:

- Entries must be submitted as a digital image (JPEG, PNG, or PDF).

##### 5. Deadline for Submission:

- All designs must be submitted by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

##### 6. Judging Criteria:

- Creativity and originality in representing the theme.
- Relevance to Scouting principles and the spirit of the Report to State.
- Clarity and effectiveness of the design within the given space and specifications.

##### 7. Judging Process:

- Report to State Committee members will judge the submissions.

##### 8. Prize:

- The winning design will be produced as the official patch for the 76th Report to State.
- The designer will receive free registration, recognition at the event, and a framed patch.

##### 9. How to Submit:

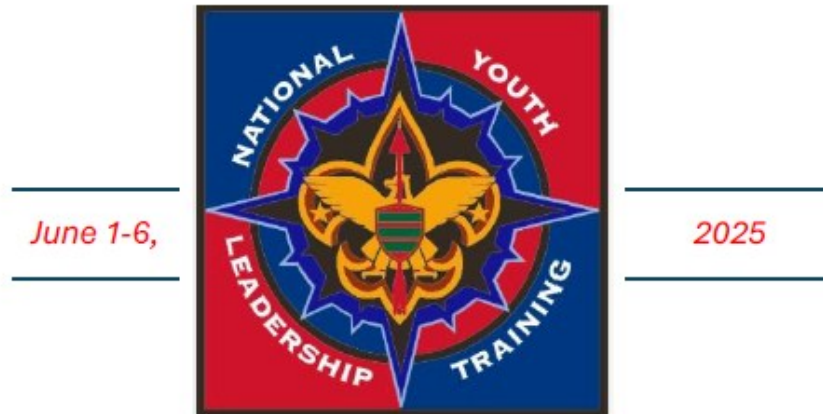
- Please submit your design along with your name, council, and contact information to [andra.allen@scouting.org](mailto:andra.allen@scouting.org) by the deadline.

##### 10. Ownership Rights:

- By submitting a design, participants agree that the design may be modified for production purposes.



## COUNCIL EVENTS



What is it? The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) 6-day program integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the scouting experience to train young men and women to better serve their units when placed in leadership positions. Youth registered with Scouting America, that are **at least 13 years of age (as of the start of the course!)**, have earned the rank of First Class (Scouts BSA only), and have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, are eligible to participate. Youth who are registered Venturers and Sea Scouts do not need to achieve the First Class rank, but must attend Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) prior to participating in NYLT.

Here's a brief outline of what Scouts can expect to accomplish during this training:



Youth will learn Communication skills, how to run a patrol in their troop, team building sessions, conflict resolution, ethics and values in decision-making – all with fun activities attached so youth enjoy their week at NYLT!

Would you like a stronger and more confident Scout? Mark your calendar for *June 1-6, 2025* and get your eligible youth trained to go to NYLT! This is a week your Scouts will talk about for life!

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### 2025 Camp MK Brown Summer Camp

Many troops from our council go to summer camp in the mountains or at the sea. Do you know we have our own summer camp near Wheeler, Texas? Yes, this beautiful camp property has a lake that is full of fish where Aquatics merit badges are also available. We have two shooting ranges, an archery range and our camp is so popular that out of council troops even come for the fun! Camp MK Brown has an awesome first year camper program called Polaris where newer scouts can earn two merit badges AND get requirements done for the first three ranks (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class). The after hours activities include branding, open aquatics, cobbler cook-off competition, and water balloon war. After a full day of activities, we feed you copious amounts of food. Just ask folks who attended in 2024 and see what they say!

We know we aren't the mountains but what we do have is great adult instruction, fun evening hour programs, and a fun staff that will get your scouts excited.

June 15-21, 2025--The registration will be open online soon at [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org) and click on "Events" tab!





## 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



Troop and Pack 548 from Fritch recently held a food drive for Mandy's Pantry in Fritch.

They collected foods for meal baskets as well as shelf stable foods for the pantry.



## DISTRICT EVENTS

### **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

## **FIRESIDE CHAT** WITH **SCOUT EXECUTIVE** **BRIAN TOBLER**



JANUARY 2ND GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRICT  
**ROUNDTABLE**  
7pm SCOUT OFFICE



## DISTRICT EVENTS

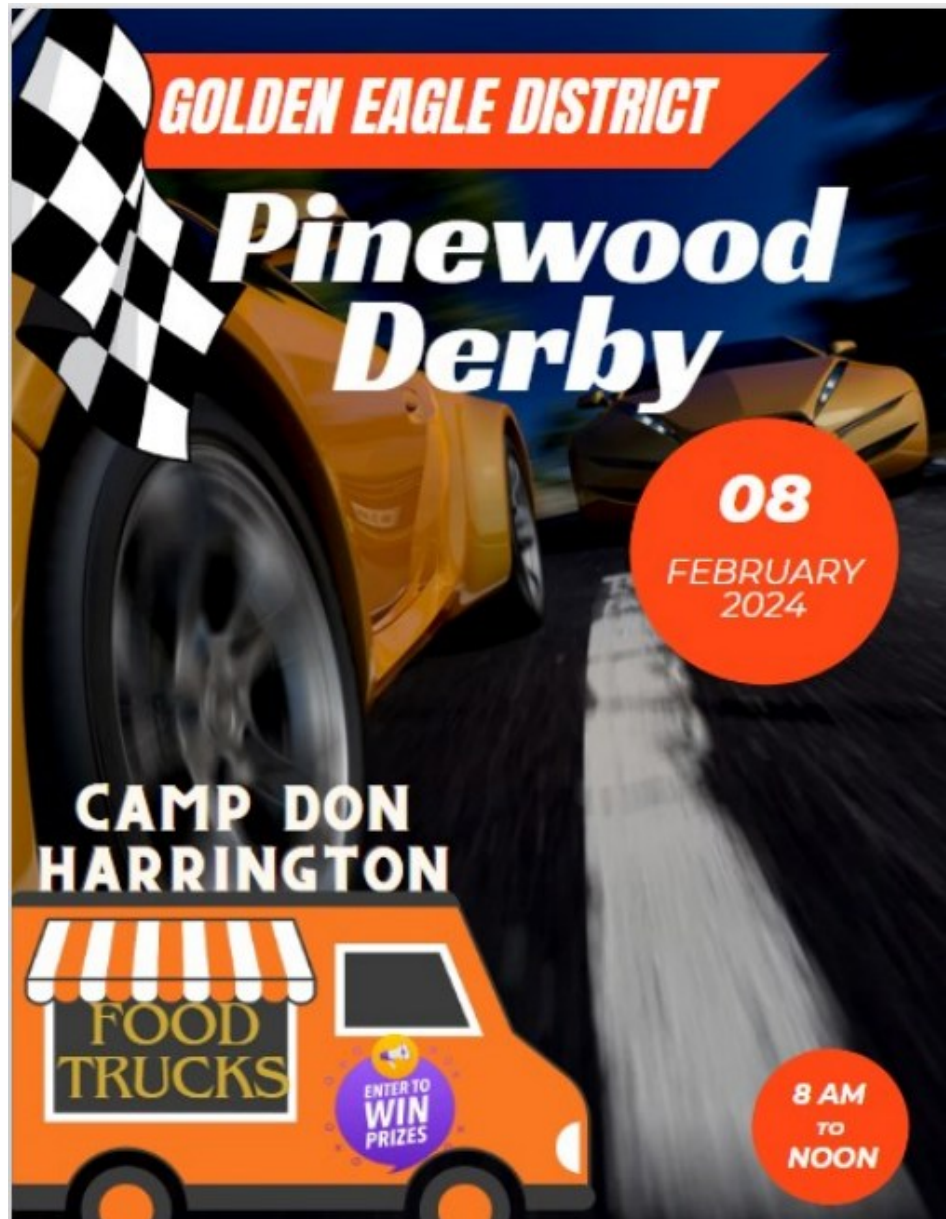
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GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRICT & HIGH PLAINS FOOD BAND PRESEN

# SCOUTING FOR FOOD

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FOOD ONLY**

**Sat/03.22.2025**

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:**

**806-358-6500**

**[www.goldenspread.org/caledar/](http://www.goldenspread.org/caledar/)**

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Mark your pack calendars now for Cub Adventure Camp at Camp Don Harrington!

For more information please visit the council website at [goldenspread.org](http://goldenspread.org)





## 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



## 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

