



FEBRUARY 2025 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 2025:

New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving - November 26-28, Christmas - December 24-26th.

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

The Scout Shop will no longer be open on Saturdays in September and October.

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 **Recharter** time! I know that it feels that you have already rechartered your unit because of the youth and parents that had to be renewed in the fall - HOWEVER, it is still time for some work to do! This is the actual time to recharter the unit and then pay the charter fee! It's a few simple clicks of the button and you print your paperwork, bring it by the office and give it to Stephen! If you don't know what to do - contact Stephen at 806-358-6500. He is always available to help so hurry! Recharterers are due in the office by February 7, 2025!



The newsletter has been updated with all of the activities, Scout Shop hours and Saturday openings for 2025 so be sure to look them over and mark your calendars accordingly so that you will always be ready for the upcoming year! As we learn and can release information, we will pass it along to you!

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

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

- January 25: **Merit Badge University** (WTAMU)
- February 8: **District Pinewood Derby races** (Check the calendar for your district locations!)
- 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 5-6: **Weekend #2 of Woodbadge Training** (Camp MK Brown)
- April 11-13: **Camporee** (Camp MK Brown)
- April 25-27: **Philmont Family Weekend**
- May 10: **District Fish Fests** (Check the calendar for your district location!)
- 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 Don Harrington)
- October 25: **Spook O Ree** (Camp MK Brown)
- 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. 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!

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2024 SILVER BEAVER AWARD

Congratulations to

Bob Altman
Jonathan Burkhard

Please join us for the

Council Recognition Reception

February 2, 2025
2-4pm
Camp Don Harrington

RSVP for the Reception here



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 **February 28th - March 2nd, 2025**. Registration closes on OKPIK February 21, 2025 so don't delay in getting your troop signed up today!

“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.

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



COUNCIL EVENTS

REMINDER!!!



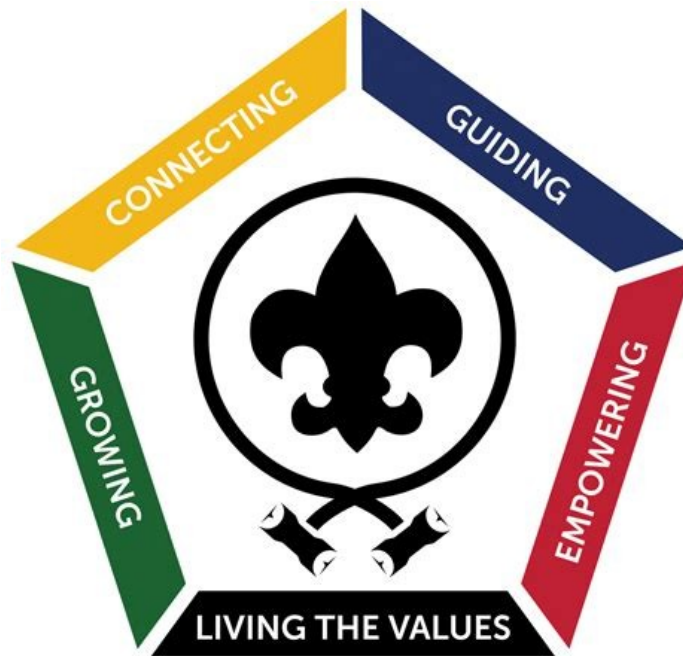
RecharTERS are due in the Golden Spread Council office by FEBRUARY 7, 2025!

Why so early you may ask??

This is important to know - there is NO GRACE PERIOD due to changes in the billing system and how your membership will be paid for in the future. Getting your unit renewals done by the end of February is imperative! When March 1, 2025 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 7th 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.

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Registration is now open!!

Woodbadge 2025 is here! The dates have been set, the staff has been selected and they are eagerly working to get ready for YOU! Now is the time to get registered for this premier leader training!

Mark these dates on your calendar:

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

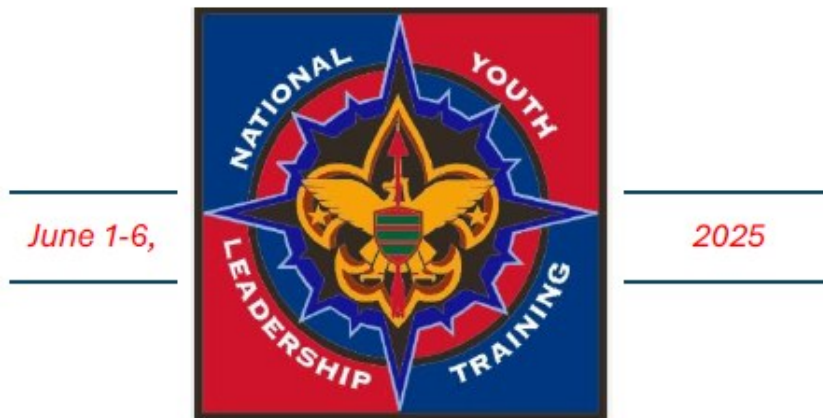
2nd Course Weekend - April 5-6, 2025 (Camp MK Brown)

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 or for more information click on the link below:

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

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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!

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SUMMER CAMP 2025!

Registration is now open to get your unit registered for Summer Camp! There is an Early Bird Discount good until April 29th so don't wait. To take advantage of this opportunity to save some cash click here:

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

JOIN US FOR CAMP!

Make memories of a lifetime!

Perfect for first time Scout campers and Troops looking to stay closer to home for their summer camp experience. We offer Eagle required and other merit badges.

The Polaris First Year Camper Program focuses on the camp skills needed by Scouts, Tenderfoot, 2nd and 1st Class Scouts to aid in their rank advancement.

More information at goldenspread.org



June 15-21, 2025

In Council Troops

Early Bird (April 30): Scout \$325 Adult \$200

Regular (May 1-31): Scout \$350 Adult \$225

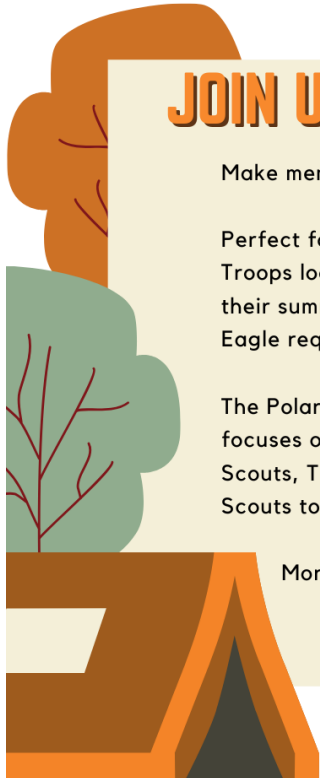
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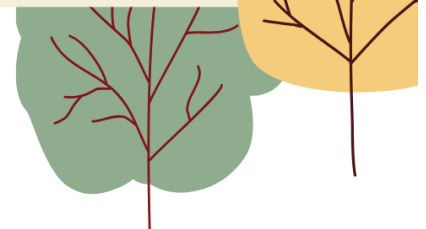
Regular (May 1-31): Scout \$375 Adult \$250

MERIT BADGES & FUN

- Archery
- Rifle Shooting
- Shotgun Shooting
- Polaris First Year Camper Program
- Aquatics Program



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CAMPOREE

Camporee time is here! This fun-filled event will be held on April 11-13, 2025 at Camp MK Brown! We have made some changes to the Scouting Trivia event and brought in Tomahawks to give it a fresh look! 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 \$14.00 (t-shirt is a new polyester blend that is lighter!). The 2023 patch is shown above and 2023 design for the t-shirts is shown below! Be on the lookout for 2025 designs! For more information and to register go to <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025Camporee> and get your unit registered for this year's Camporee!

Come to the Edge of the Rock and have total fun!



COUNCIL EVENTS

SCOUT SHOP SALE!

It's February 2025

February 1-28, 2025 (while supplies last)

All Mugs, Nalgene Bottles & Tumblers are 15% off

February 2025 Fun Adventures to register

- Feb 2 Council Reception at CDH at 2pm
Scout Sunday! (Get your Scout Sunday patches ordered)
- Feb 6 GE District Round Table at Scout office 7pm
- Feb 8 GE District Pinewood Derby at CDH 8am (Bring cash for food trucks)
CDH Volunteer work day at CDH 8:30am
LW District Pinewood Derby at Sherman County Exhibition Barn Stratford 9am
- Feb 13 AW Committee meeting / Round Table First Methodist Church in Pampa at 6:30pm
- Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb 17 President's Day! The Scout Office, Scout Shop, CDH & MKB will be closed
- Feb 28 Okpik Winter Adventure Camp at MKB



COUNCIL EVENTS



The Nuts and Bolts Team will host Council Camp Workdays at Camp Don Harrington every other month (or so) in 2025. The first workday is scheduled for **February 8**. To register, please visit:

<https://scoutingevent.com/562-Feb2025CDHWorkday>

In addition, we have restarted the Camp Don Harrington Campmaster program. This is a program that allows registered adult Scouting volunteers to spend a weekend at camp to support units with check-in/out, programming and to provide assistance in the Rangers absence. We've already had one training with three fellow scouters attending and are ready to go - will you be next? Find out all you wanted to know about this opportunity and to register for the next Campmaster required training.

<https://scoutingevent.com/562-95102>

Finally, anyone interested in completing a project at Camp Don, or wanting to spend time during the week helping with Camp Improvements, please contact Ranger Ken Hutson directly at 806-679-9617.



COUNCIL EVENTS

**CAMP DON HARRINGTON
VOLUNTEER WORKDAY**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2025
CHECKIN AT 830AM NEAR THE MAIN GATE
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 FEBRUARY 6 AT :**

**[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/562-
FEB2025CDHWORKDAY](https://scoutingevent.com/562-FEB2025CDHWORKDAY)**

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Wilderness First Aid: Emergency Care in Remote Locations

Wilderness First Aid class will once again be offered by Amarillo College!

This FREE of charge class is normally offered by the council in May. However, due to conflicts in class scheduling, it has been moved to February 22-23, 2025.

Who needs to be WFA-trained? Two members of each crew participating in a trek at Philmont Scout Ranch or one crew member at all other high-adventure bases operated by Scouting America are required to have this certification. It is also recommended that troops or Venturing crews participating in any other high adventures, whether through a council or on their own, receive this training. Also, having more people on a high-adventure trek trained in WFA is always beneficial in the event that an emergency does occur.

Are there any prerequisites or other certifications needed before taking WFA? Being at least 14 years old and completing a CPR and AED certification course led by a nationally recognized provider are the only prerequisites. Having basic first-aid training is very helpful but it is not a prerequisite.

To sign up go to <https://www.actx.edu/safety/safety-class-schedule> and scroll down to find the class on the list. The cost is free, covered by a grant, but seating is limited so first come first serve! For further information on seating and registration, please contact:

Jeff Wallick

Director Safety and Environmental Training Education

PETE and Texas Mutual Insurance Grant Coordinator

806-467-3040 (Office)

806-670-5975 (Cell)

COUNCIL EVENTS



Calling all Eagle Scouts!

If you are a current Scout in the Golden Spread Council that has attained the rank of Eagle, or even if you are not currently registered in the Council and have attained the rank of Eagle - WE WANT YOU!!

There is a new Facebook page made specifically for all Eagle Scouts. There will also be a few questions to answer in order to be able to join the group.

The link can be found at the council website at www.goldenspread.org then join the Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/goldenspreadeagles>



DISTRICT EVENTS

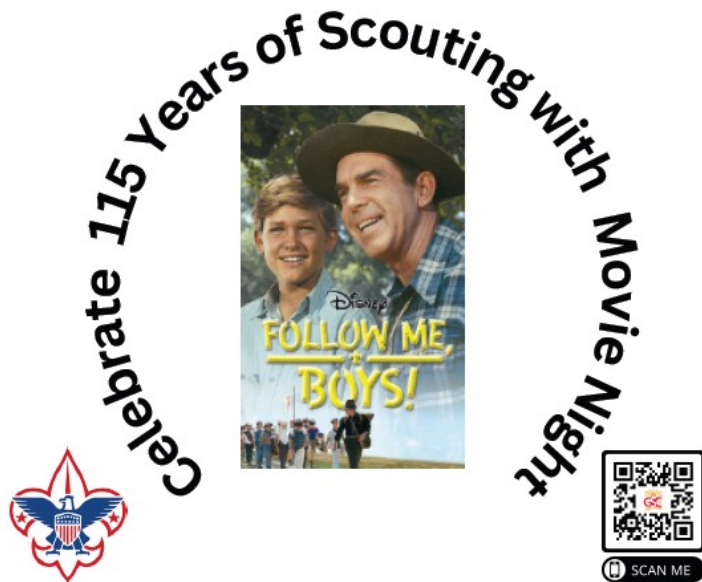
ADOBE WALLS

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



Admission -Bring a friend that is not a scout.

Families are

FREE

RSVP and Get the Schedule with the QR Code
or click [HERE](#)

Call Colter Morrison for Questions (580) 716-0231

Come join us on Saturday, February 15th, 2025 at the Cross in Groom! There will be a tour of the grounds after which the movie will be shown, complete with intermission to enjoy snacks and drinks! A pizza dinner offsite after the movie will be available by reservation only!

For more information and to register, scan the QR code or go to the website at:

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

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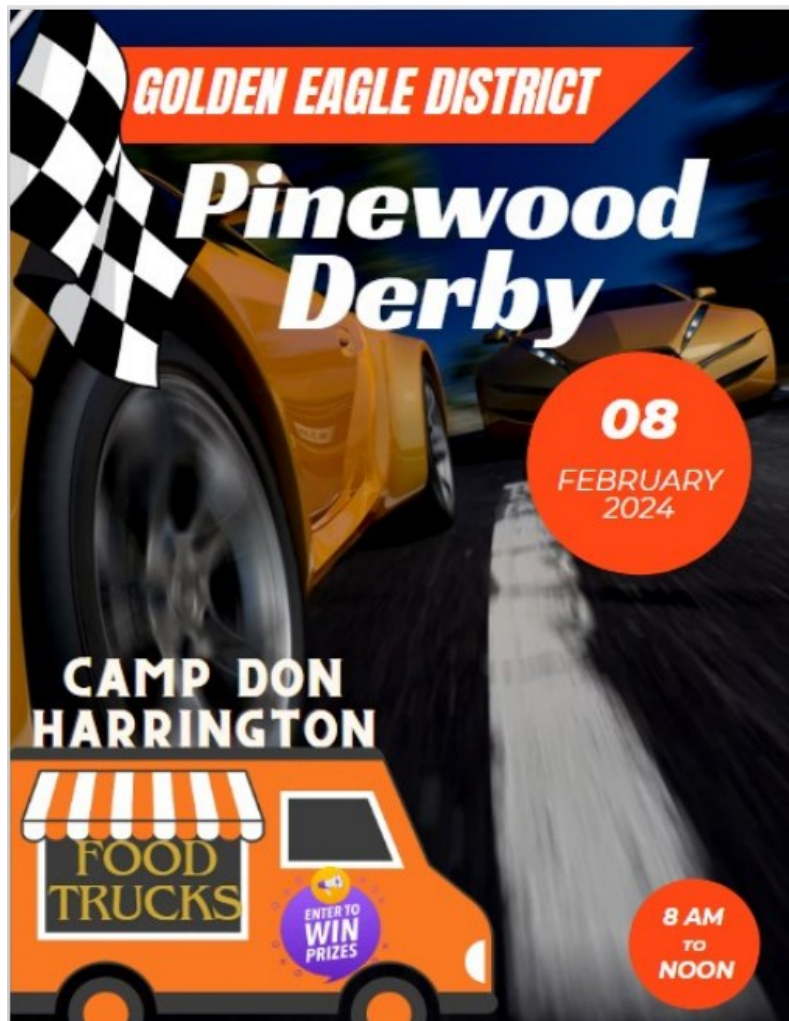
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District Commissioner: Dallas Sharp Ph #

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



For the complete set of rules, times and schedule, please click on the link below:

https://scoutingevent.com/Download/562146975/OR/GE_District__2025_Pinewood_Derby_Rules_and_Regulations__v0.pdf

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**FOR MORE
INFORMATION:**

806-358-6500

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



DISTRICT EVENTS

LONE WOLF

District Executive: Aaron Couch - 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

2025 Lone Wolf District Pinewood Derby



The Lone Wolf District Pinewood Derby will be
Saturday, February 8th 2025
Sherman County Exhibit Barn
501 S. Maple Street Stratford, TX 79084

**Make sure to check your emails and social
media for more information!**

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact:

Bert Couch (806) 710-0424

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Lone Wolf District



Congratulations to Michelle Uptergrove, the winner of our 2024 District Award of Merit! Michelle has been active with Scouting for a long time, helping many kids (including her son, Dalton) in Perryton on their Scouting journey.

Michelle really stepped up this past year as the Lone Wolf District Program Chair, helping to organize both the District Pinewood Derby and the District Fishing Derby (plus the WILDLY successful ILST training offered at the event)!

Thanks for all you do Michelle - you are awesome!

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



This month we learned all about Forensics and how our fingerprints can identify us! We played with a blacklight learning how it benefits in seeing that which the naked eye can't see and then identified our differences with DNA bracelets!

