



JANUARY 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!

Happy New Year and Happy 2025! Time to start fresh and new! This is also the time to look at our calendar on goldenspread.org and start marking the activities that will be happening all year in the council. There have been a couple of updates and changes to dates for activities so be sure check and mark your unit calendar accordingly.

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!

COUNCIL EVENTS

DON'T FORGET!! PLANNING MEETING ON JANUARY 4TH!

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

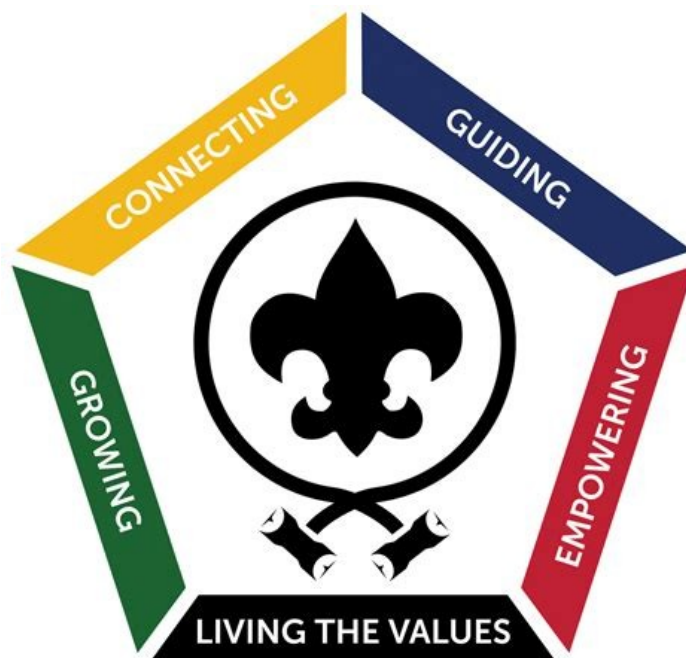
James Murry

Cell # 806-886-1471

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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>

COUNCIL EVENTS

EAGLE HONOR ROLL - 2024

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

Logan Krogh - Panhandle - Troop 501 (Adobe Walls)
Winston Pekrul - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Jaxton Shrader - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)
Kiefer Shrader - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)
Lilly Barclay - Amarillo - Troop 4064 (Golden Eagle)
Kylar Evans - Amarillo - Troop 89 (Golden Eagle)
Ryan Tucker - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Lucas Nolan - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Alexander Eccles - Amarillo - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Dreyson Kuns - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
James Skaggs - Amarillo - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Alexander Wagner - Pampa - Troop 404 (Adobe Walls)
Justin Couture - Panhandle - Troop 501 (Adobe Walls)
Rasher Steward - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Benjamin Ramonez - Amarillo - Troop 80 (Golden Eagle)
Tyler Lindsey - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Kaden Cox - Amarillo - Troop 89 (Golden Eagle)
William Line - Borger - Troop 565 (Adobe Walls)
Alexander Prescott - Amarillo - Troop 94 (Golden Eagle)
Lance Dykhouse - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Christian Oden - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Sara Woodward - Amarillo - Troop 4633 (Golden Eagle)
Eric Maher - Amarillo - Troop 86 (Golden Eagle)
Preston McWhorter - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)



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Tyler Clark - Canyon - Troop 89 (Golden Eagle)
Sawyer Imel - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Carson Phillips - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)
Leighton Wilson - Wheeler - Troop 472 (Adobe Walls)
Maddox Lawles - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Payton Ogletree - Panhandle - Troop 501 (Adobe Walls)
Britton Cook - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)
Tristan Salas - Wheeler - Troop 472 (Adobe Walls)
Logan White - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Landen Kough - Panhandle - Troop 501 (Adobe Walls)
Nolan Schroeter - Amarillo - Troop 94 (Golden Eagle)
Jeremiah Wallace - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Jackson Beecher - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Kaden Lackey - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Josh York - Amarillo - Troop 87 (Golden Eagle)
Thomas Huddleston - Amarillo - Troop 10 (Golden Eagle)
Trevor Jesko - Hereford - Troop 735 (Golden Eagle)
Lawson Posey - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)
Cooper Monroe - Canyon - Troop 31 (Golden Eagle)



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Cast Call, Kwahadi Winter Night Ceremonials, 2025

All youth in the 5th 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 80th 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 Buc-ee's and travel west ½ mile on I-40 W to the museum.)

Youth registered in all Webelo, ScoutsBSA units and Venturing units are eligible to represent your unit in the shows!

For more information, contact Charles Ritchie, team advisor, 806-654-4890 or charles.ritchie99@gmail.com.

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SCOUT SHOP SALE!

Happy New year's! 2025



January Sale All Camping gear 15% off

January 1–31, 2025

January 2025 Reminders

January 1

Scout office and CDH, MKB camps Closed

January 2

Golden Eagle Round Table 7pm at scout office

January 25

Merit Badge University at West Texas A&M

in Canyon check in at 8:15am



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 2025 with the volunteer in charge presenting the information.

Schedule for the Day (subject to change)

Gather and Opening: (Check-in): 8:15am - 9:00am

Session 1: 9:15am – 11:5am

Lunch: 11:30am

Session 2: 12:45pm - 2:45pm

Session 3: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Find more information on the merit badges being offered [here](#)



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REMINDER!!!



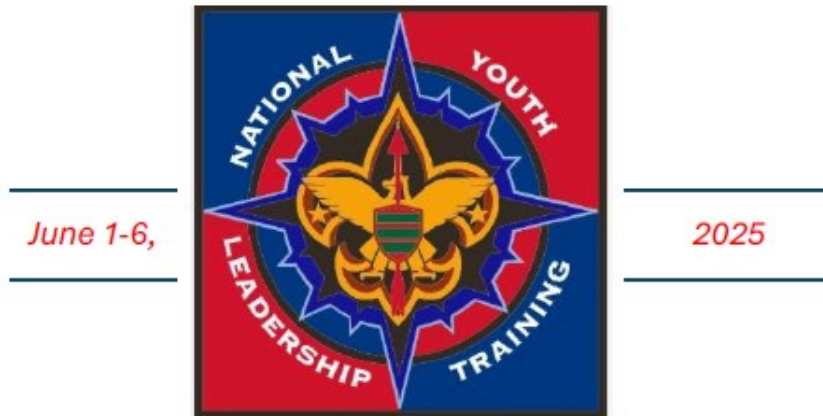
RecharTERS are due in the Golden Spread Council office by FEBRUARY 9, 2025!

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 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.

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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!

COUNCIL EVENTS

SUMMER CAMP 2025!

Registration will be open soon to get your unit registered for Summer Camp! There is an Early Bird Discount good until April 29th so don't wait. Get your unit signed up as soon as registration opens!

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

Out of Council Troops

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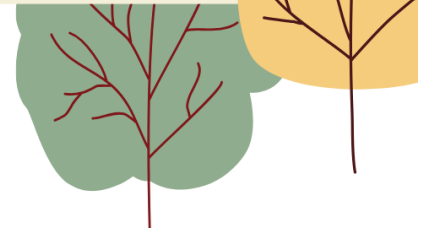
Regular (May 1-31): Scout \$375 Adult \$250

MERIT BADGES & FUN

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



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DISTRICT EVENTS

ADOBE WALLS

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

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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

SO MUCH ACTIVITY IN ADOBE WALLS IN DECEMBER!!



Pack 423 and Troop 413 from Pampa participated in the Pampa Christmas Parade!



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Troop 548 - Fritch - Court of Honor



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Troop 565 - Borger - Court of Honor and Christmas Party



We sure hope that Santa and the Grinch have their Swimming and Canoeing merit badges!



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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

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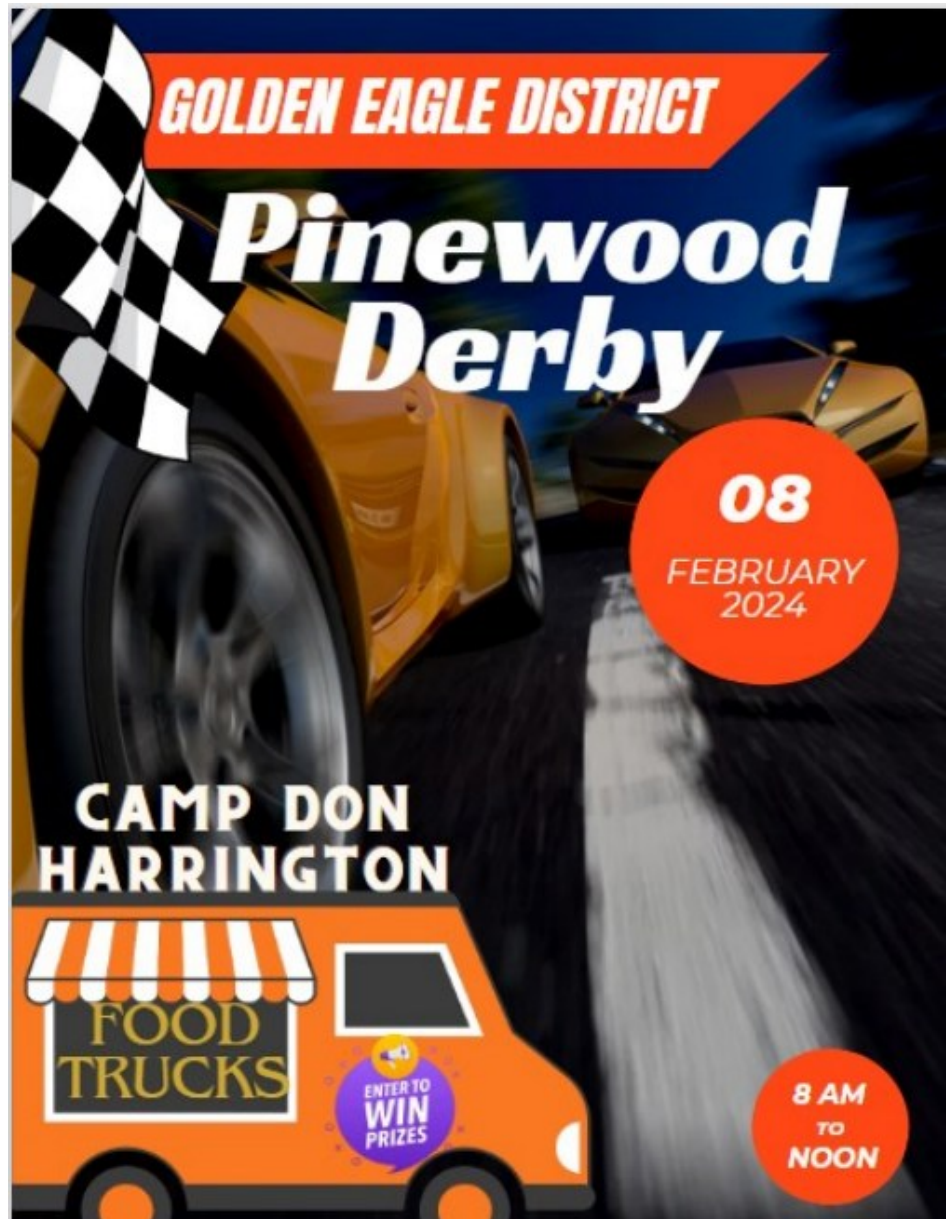
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GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRICT & HIGH PLAINS FOOD BAND PRESEN

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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



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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



Pack 163 and Troops 163 and 4163 had fun in the month of December with their meetings! The troop held a Court of Honor, the pack had a Pack meeting, practiced folding the flag and then the Bear den played Marble Madness while the troop tested out a new tent style!

Come visit the Lone Wolf District!

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



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!

December was all about playing games - A new game called Keeper of the Castle that could be played with families at the holidays that helped promote teamwork and encouraged full participation with everyone. Of course we also played the age old favorite of Capture the Flag! These are games that could easily be taught to other family members and enjoyed for years to come!