

MARCH 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/

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

It's the 3rd month of the year commonly known as March so I thought I would "March" right into this newsletter with some fun facts!

- 1. The World Meteorological Day is celebrated on March 23rd (Hint: This is my daughter's 30th birthday this year!!)
- 2. In the Northern Hemisphere, March is the start of meterological spring.
- 3. The Vernal Equinox, which marks the first of astronomical spring, occurs in March.
- 4. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th and is a public holiday in Ireland.
- 5. March 20th is the first day of astronomical spring in the Northern Hemisphere.
- 6. The first day of March is celebrated as National Pig Day in the United States!
- 7. March Madness is the popular nickname for the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.
- 8. The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars, are held in March.

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 <u>www.goldenspread.org</u> 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







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 <u>www.goldenspread.org</u>. 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!

24TH ANNUAL GOOD SCOUT LUNCH!

It's not too late to RSVP for this amazing and insightful luncheon on Tuesday, March 4th! Come enjoy a great meal by Dyer's BBQ (hint - it's not BBQ but great Prime Rib!), hear an inspiring Scouting story and enjoy incredible fellowship with the other attendees. If you have not come to this event before - now is the time! Call Donna Haley at 806-358-6500 or email at donna.haley@scouting.org to reserve your seat today!





Registration closes March 6th!!

Woodbadge 2025 is here! We want you and the youth in your units need you!! 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

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 2025 patch is shown above and 2025 color 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!



The 2025 patch is shown above and the cowboy/buffalo image of the patch along with the wording will be superimposed on the 2025 Kelly Green t-shirt that is for sale! Use your imagination for what this shirt will look like! Once the complete design is released, we will pass it along in communications.





Join us for an unforgettable outdoor experience at Philmont Scout Ranch one of the four High Adventure camps owned and operated by Scouting America and located in our Council's "backyard", Cimarron, N.M.

Participants can visit the National Scouting Museum, tour the Villa Philmonte, take guided hikes into some very special locations on the Ranch, participate in shooting sports (Archery, BB Guns, and Tomahawk throwing), arts and crafts, most meals are provided by Philmont and served in the dining hall, lodging is on site, there will be a scavenger hunt and lots of time for fellowship with friends and family.

It will be a wonderful experience in the heart of Scouting Paradise.

Mark your calendars TODAY!













Registration is now open!! Get your youth signed up today!!



2025

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:



June 1-6,





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!

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





In Council Troops

Early Bird (April 30): Scout \$325 Adult \$200 Regular (May 1-31): Scout \$350 Adult \$225

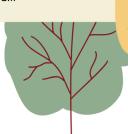
Out of Council Troops

Early Bird (April 30): Scout \$350 Adult \$225 Regular (May 1-31): Scout \$375 Adult \$250

MERIT BADGES & FUN

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





SCOUT SHOP SALE!

It's March Madness! All Pants and Socks 15% off

March 1-31, 2025 (while supplies last)







March 2025 Fun Adventures to Register

March 4 24th Annual Good Scout Lunch at Civic Center 11:30am - 1pm

March 6 GE roundtable & Camp Card Kick off & Camp Card distribution at scout office 7pm

March 13 Adobe Walls Committee meeting/ Roundtable

March 15 Camp MKB Closed March 15th - 23rd

March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 21 Wood Badge 2025 Week 1 at CDH 7am

March 22 Scouting for Food

March 28 Camp MKB closed March 28th - 30th

March 29 Camp MKB Volunteer work day 10am-4pm



All Duty to God workbooks 50% off (While supplies last)



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



Mark your calendars for this amazing event! James Huddleston from Troop 10 will be coordinating the efforts to get all Scouts within the Golden Spread Council to come together and read sections of the Bible! This is a great and easy way to fulfill the Duty to God requirement plus help younger Scouts learn about the Bible and Jesus. Stay tuned for more information to come!



MORE INFORMATION

stlbsa.org/Scouts-read-sacred-texts-worldwide/ ScoutsReadSacredTexts@gmail.com





Mark your calendars for this important event on April 26, 2025! These speakers are experts in their field to talk about how to safeguard our youth from the threats they face everyday!

Register today at https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025SafeguardingYouthSymposium





2025 OA Section Conclave

What? Conclave is the largest event planned by the Section and gives Arrowmen opportunities to have fun and fellowship with hundreds of scouts across Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma! A variety of activities will be available from shows to training, and from crafts to a pow-wow. Lodges will also have the opportunity to compete in ceremonies, athletic competitions, and AIA dancing among other things.

Where: Sid Richardson SR2 Boy Scout Rd., Runaway Bay, Texas 76426

When: April 25, 2025 starting at 5pm through April 27, 2025 at 5pm.

Cost: Early Bird Registration: \$50 for the first 150 People

Regular Registration: \$60 from end of Early Bird to April 20, 2025

Walk Up/Late Registration: \$90 from April 21 - 25, 2025

Lodging: Tent camping by lodge.

If you have Dietary restrictions, we ask that you please enter them in your registration.

G3 trading post items are available under each "Participant" detail tab on the registration page once you get in.

If you require a bed for the weekend, we are still working on this with the host lodge for availability and pricing.

Registration is now open at https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025OAConclave through April 27, 2025!



In celebration of the Diamond Anniversary of the Philmont Training Center an outstanding group of Scouters were selected who, over the first 75 years have made a significant, positive impact on the Training Center. Rather than Hall of Fame or Champions, we have named it the Philmont Training Center Trailblazers.

By now you are wondering what does this have to do with the Golden Spread Council?

Donna Cunningham, Larry Cunningham, Elliott "Chope" Phillips, Virginia Phillips, and Julie Phillips Puckett all of whom are closely associated with the council, are among the inaugural class of Trailblazers. We wanted you to be informed before the public announcement.

This inaugural class will be inducted during a celebratory week, June 29 through July 5, 2025, and at a reunion dinner on July 3rd at the Training Center. This special week is an open week of activities to which all alumni, family, and supporters are invited. The awardees, or their families, have received personal notification and will also receive an official letter of congratulations.

Please find attached their Philmont Training Center bio summary along with the selection criteria.

The Golden Spread Council is extremely proud of the contributions these Trailblazers have made to Philmont and on behalf of the Scouting movement!











Philmont Training Center Trailblazers - Inaugural Class - Selection Criteria

Honorees are chosen by using the following criteria:

- 1. Positive impact upon the Philmont Training Center program, facilities, and/or its participants.
- 2. Significance of their impact either by numbers, dollars, time, or other measurements.
- 3. Duration and/or variety of contributions or positions.
- 4. Creativity or uniqueness of their contributions impact.

Donna Cunningham

Donna was one of the lead founders of the Venturing program and member of the committee. She has been on the faculty of multiple conferences at the Philmont Training Center since the 1980s. She conceived, promoted, and led Venturing conferences. She has led Exploring, conservation, COPE, and Leave No Trace conferences, and was a host for the outdoor adventure programs. She was the course director of the first pilot Powderhorn course held at Philmont in 1999 and was a member of the pilot Wood Badge course staff. Donna is a recipient of the Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo awards as well as the National Exploring Leadership Award and National Venturing Leadership Award.

Larry Cunningham

One of the founders of the Venturing program, Larry conceived, promoted, and led Venturing conferences, and before that the Exploring conferences, at the Philmont Training Center. He has been on the faculty of multiple conferences at the Philmont Training Center since the 1980s and was a host of the outdoor adventure program. He was on the staff of the first pilot Powderhorn course held at Philmont in 1999. Larry is a recipient of the Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo awards as well as the National Exploring Leadership Award and National Venturing Leadership Award.

Elliott "Chope" and Virginia Phillips

Waite and Virginia's son Chope and his wife Virginia were frequent visitors to the Philmont Training Center campus and were Philmont benefactors. They funded a major restoration of the Villa Philmonte in the 1970s and were active advisors to the Ranch Committee and the Philmont staff. Chope is a recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award and both Chope and Virginia are recipients of the Silver Sage Award for their service to Philmont.

Julie Phillips Puckett

Julie is the daughter of Chope and Virginia Phillips. She is also an active and supportive member of the Ranch Committee. Her family connection has been, and is, incredibly important to both her and the Philmont Training Center. Julie is not only concerned about the "Phillips property" - she is also very involved in the workings of the Scout activities and the Training Center.

GSC COUNCIL RECEPTION







Congratulations to our two newest Silver Beavers in the Golden Spread Council - Bob Altman and Jonathan Burkhard!



A very BIG congratulations to Wayne Benson for achieving and receiving his 60th Anniversary Pin from the Boy Scouts of America!



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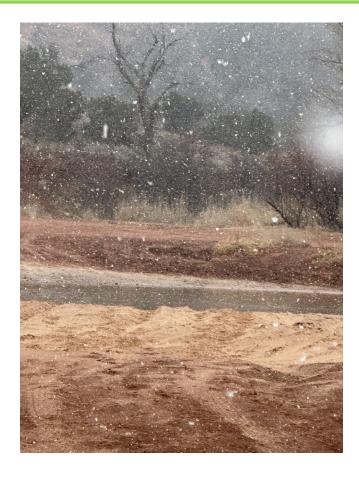
District Commissioner: Kris Anaya Ph # 806-626-8833

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







Troop 548 went hiking February 15 to an old trapper's cabin at Lake Meredith. Yes, that is snow in the one picture! Brrrr it was cold - yet not cold enough to keep them out of the water......

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Saturday May 10th, 2025

Check in begins at 9am, with activities from 10am-2pm Attendance is only \$5! Lunch Provided

No fishing licenses required. Catch and release only!!

You will need to bring:

Fishing gear/tackle, bait, lawn chair, and clothes appropriate for the weather.

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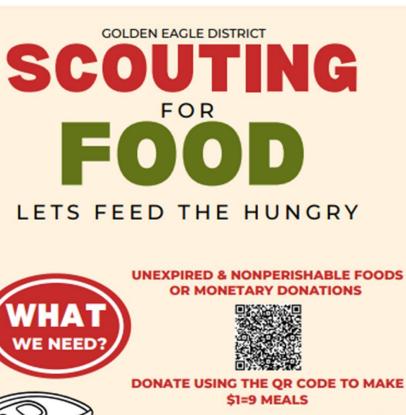
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Sat/02.22.2025 9am-Noon

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Desirae Lumpkin (323) 803-0724 Michael Lopez (806) 358-6500

All donations will benefit the High Plains Food Bank and The Market on Tierra Blanca

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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







Pack 163 was busy working on candy dispensers, bird feeders, maps to our homes, and Valentine's cards!







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









It's Pinewood Derby time! The youth at Bivins, Dykeman and Glenwood were hard at work on their cars to get them in race shape for next month!



