



## APRIL 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/>

## SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S BLOG

We know that Scouting is one of, if not the, most impactful programs a youth can experience. Our most important responsibility in Scouting is keeping the kids safe. While Scouting is one of the safest programs for young people to participate in, the young people in our community face threats in their everyday lives. This is why we, as community leaders through Scouting, must do more.



I am pleased to share with you that the Golden Spread Council is partnering with the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health to bring you the Safeguarding Youth Symposium. We have secured five professional speakers who will cover various topics that threaten youth in the Panhandle. Topics are suited for adults only and will give insight on actual crimes happening to young people in our community such as human trafficking, sextortion, PTSD, digital threats, and much more. This event is open to the public and critical for anyone who works in a youth-serving organization, school, sports program, church, community setting, or are an active parent/grandparent. Details for the event can be found in the Safeguarding Youth Symposium flyer in the newsletter.

I am reaching out to personally invite you, your Scout parents, and anyone else in your community to attend this important event. Cost is only \$10 to attend, and we are looking for sponsors to help cover the expenses. Please register soon as space is limited. To register as an attendee or sponsor, you can use the QR code on the flyer or go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025SafeguardingYouthSymposium>

I hope you consider attending this important event. If you are able to help one young person by the knowledge you gain from attending this symposium, it will be worth your time.

### **Safeguarding Youth Symposium**

**When:** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Amarillo Area Foundation – 919 S. Polk St, Amarillo, TX

**Time:** 9am to 2:30pm (Check-in begins at 8:30am)

**Cost:** \$10 per person, Lunch Provided – sponsorship opportunities available

**Please Register by April 23<sup>rd</sup> at:** <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025SafeguardingYouthSymposium>

*Yours in Scouting,*

*Brian*

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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

Hello April and the true start of spring in the Texas Panhandle! This is the time of lots of wind, planting new flowers, the second weekend of Woodbadge, Camporee, Philmont Family Weekend, OA conclave and the nation fits the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus that we commonly call Easter in there on April 20th!

Don't forget that registrations for summer activities are open! Cub Adventure Camp, National Youth Leadership Training and Camp MK Brown Summer Camp are waiting on YOU to sign your units up! We are going to have a great time at camp this summer, however, it will be SO much more fun with your youth there!

The newsletter has been updated with all of the activities, office closures for holidays and Scout Shop hours 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 of and can release information, we will pass it along to you!

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*



## 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](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

### CAMPOREE - REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 4TH!!

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! 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.



# COUNCIL EVENTS

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>

## Safeguarding Youth Symposium

*Laura W. Bush*  
INSTITUTE for WOMEN'S HEALTH  
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

*Raising awareness and safeguarding our youth from threats they face in the Panhandle*

  
**Scouting America**  
Golden Spread Council

### Guest Speakers:



9:10am to 10:05am – Inside the Mind of a Criminal Pedophile  
Dr. Michael Bourke – Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and retired Federal Law Enforcement Officer



10:10am to 11:05am – Protecting Our Kids in a Digitally Obsessed Culture  
Candy Gibbs – Executive Director, Hope Choice Pregnancy Centers & Mentoring Programs



11:10am to 12:05pm – Impact of Adverse Childhood Events  
Dr. Amy Stark – Addiction Psychiatrist, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



12:30pm to 1:25pm – Human Trafficking in the Texas Panhandle – What You Need to Know  
Dr. Traci Rogers – Executive Director, No Boundaries International – Amarillo

The Golden Spread Council, Scouting America has partnered with the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health to conduct a symposium aimed at Safeguarding Youth in our community. The goal is to provide knowledge, tools, and resources needed to safeguard the well-being of young people in your care.

**Participant Cost: \$10**  
(Lunch Included)  
**Limited Seating Available**  
Open to the Public

**April 26, 2025**

**8:30 AM CT to 2:30 PM CT**  
Amarillo Area Foundation  
919 S. Polk St Amarillo TX 79101

**Sponsorships Available:**  
\$1000.00 - Safeguarding Youth Sponsor  
\$500.00 Speaker Sponsor  
\$250.00 Program Sponsor  
\$100.00 Breakfast Sponsor



1:30pm to 2:25pm – Sex Trafficking & Sextortion  
Andrew Howard - FBI Special Agent

**FMI: [goldenspread.org](https://goldenspread.org) / 806.358.6500**



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## COUNCIL EVENTS

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**25-27 APRIL 2025**

Golden Spread Council  
Presents

# Philmont Family Weekend




**PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH  
CIMARRON, NM.**

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.

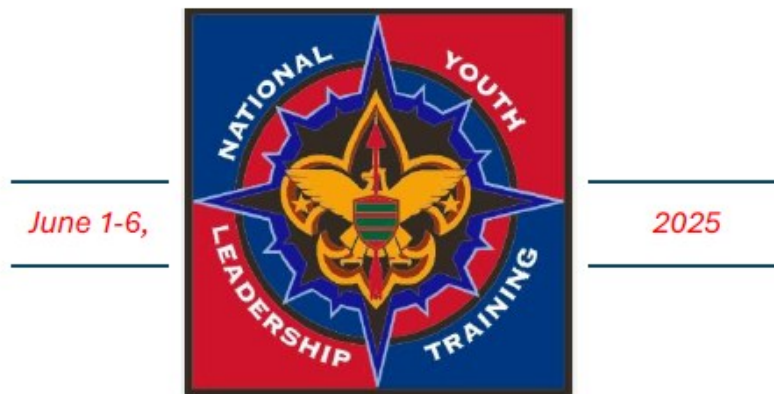
It will be a wonderful experience in the heart of Scouting Paradise.

**Mark your calendars TODAY!**



## COUNCIL EVENTS

Registration is now open!! Get your youth signed up today for this amazing week of leadership, fellowship and learning!!



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 is now open to get your unit registered for Summer Camp! We have a cool new theme this year called “Scout Games” that is based on the Hunger Games! 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](http://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

Early Bird (April 30): Scout \$350 Adult \$225

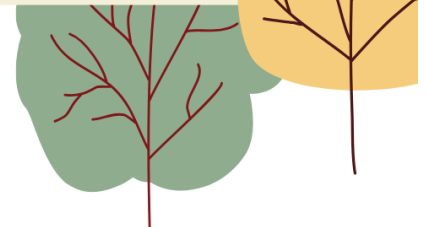
Regular (May 1-31): Scout \$375 Adult \$250

### MERIT BADGES & FUN

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



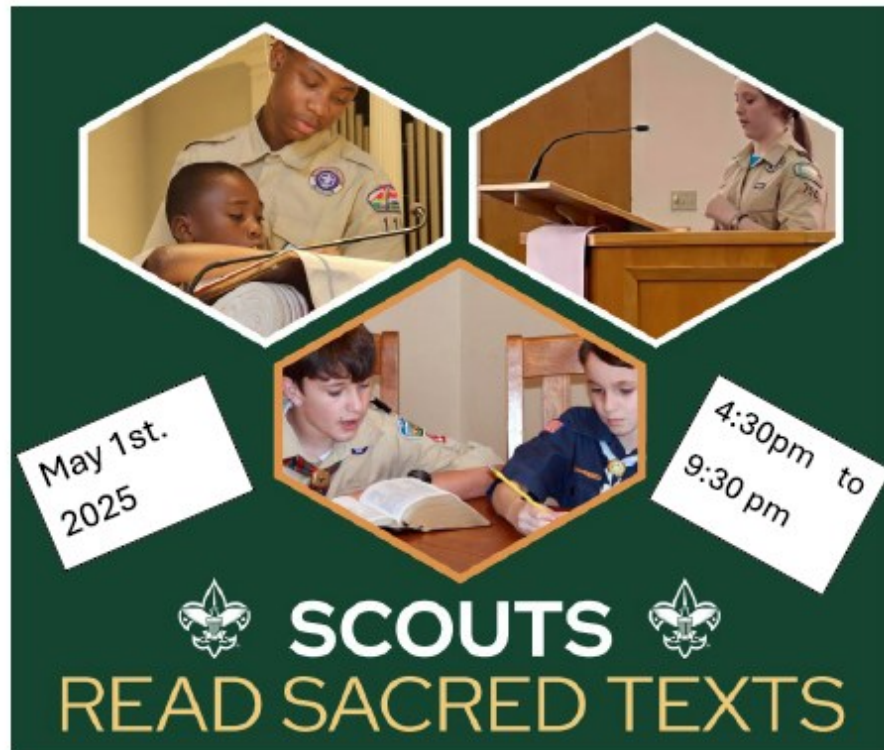
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**MAY THE SCOUT SKILLS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOR!!**

# COUNCIL EVENTS

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. Click on the QR code or link at the bottom of the flyer to sign up for your spot to read text! The next page shows the slots available to fill!



Golden Spread Council invites scouts to read the writing of Luke from the Holy Bible.

We will start with the Book of Luke and finish with the Book of Acts.

Sign up to read for a time slot. There is no limit on the number of times you sign up.

- 23 volunteers needed.

**Amarillo Area:** Reading live at: Faith Southwest Church  
4415 Wesley Rd,  
Amarillo, TX 79121

**Outside Amarillo Area:** Reading live on Zoom: Zoom Info will be emailed to you.

Please be at church or on the zoom meeting **20 minutes before** your time slot.

Register at this link - <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025ReadSacredText>



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For More Information

Contact James Huddleston Religious Emblems Coordinator - Golden Eagle District: (806) 206-5145

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## Available reading times!

Scouts Read Sacred Texts

Thursday May 1st 2025

4:15 pm to 9:30  
PM

Slot Number	Book	Chapters	Time to Read	Start Time	Volunteer Reading	How Joining	
						In person	On Zoom
1	Luke	1-2	0:13	4:30			
2	Luke	3-4	0:13	4:43			
3	Luke	5-6	0:13	4:56			
4	Luke	7-8	0:13	5:09			
5	Luke	9-10	0:13	5:22			
6	Luke	11-12	0:14	5:35			
7	Luke	13-15	0:14	5:49			
8	Luke	16-18	0:14	6:03			
9	Luke	19-20	0:14	6:17			
10	Luke	21-22	0:14	6:31			
11	Luke	23-24	0:14	6:45			
12	Acts	1-3	0:13	6:59			
13	Acts	4-6	0:14	7:12			
14	Acts	7-8	0:14	7:26			
15	Acts	9-10	0:12	7:40			
16	Acts	11-12	0:08	7:52			
17	Acts	13-14	0:12	8:00			
18	Acts	15-16	0:12	8:12			
19	Acts	17-18	0:10	8:24			
20	Acts	19-20	0:12	8:34			
21	Acts	21-22	0:11	8:46			
22	Acts	23-25	0:14	8:57			
23	Acts	26-28	0:16	9:11			
	Finish Time			9:27			

## COUNCIL EVENTS

# CAMP DON HARRINGTON VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

MAY 3

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 CLEANUP AND MAINTENANCE IN  
AND AROUND THE POOL!

ALL ADULTS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS WORKDAY ONLINE  
BY MAY 1 AT :

[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/562-  
MAYCDHWORKDAY](https://scoutingevent.com/562-maycdhworkday)

## COUNCIL EVENTS

# Campmaster Program

### Overview

What is the Campmaster Program? This program is an opportunity for you, a scouting volunteer, to serve at Camp Don Harrington on specific weekends to provide service to units who are visiting. From checking units in/out, providing guidance to new leadership, to keeping everyone safe and secure.

You and your family (and family dog!) are welcome to participate as you are available. Typically you will arrive on Friday around 6pm and leave around Noon on Sunday BUT sometimes we only need you on Saturday through Sunday and it all depends on the reservations that are made 10 days before your chosen weekend.

We have 7 scouters who have volunteered to be part of this program and all have attended a half day orientation/training. If you are interested in learning more about this program, contact our volunteer coordinator, Scott at [scottkilian@live.com](mailto:scottkilian@live.com) and he will discuss this further.

### Summary

The only requirements to be a Campmaster is to be a registered leader in any paid position, be youth protection trained at all times, and be a positive, well spoken champion of the Golden Spread Council who communicates in a friendly way to all volunteers and follows all rules and policies of the council.

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## SCOUT SHOP SALE!

### *It's April Spring Time!*

*Let's Go! Spring Time adventures awaits for you!*

#### *April adventures Awaits you!*

- April 3 GE Round Table at scout center 7pm*
- April 4 R100 National Archery Tour at CDH*
- April 7 Pool clean up 8am—12pm at CDH*
- April 5 Wood Badge 2nd week end at MKB*
- April 10 AW committee meeting /round table*
- April 11 Scouts BSA Camporee at MKB*
- April 18 Good Friday Camps and Office Closed*
- April 20 Happy Easter Camps and Office Closed*
- April 23 Administrative Day*
- April 25 Philmont Family weekend*
- April 25 OA Section Conclave*
- April 26 Laura W. Bush Safeguarding Youth Symposium*



*15% off All wooden and leather kits*

*April 1—30, 2025 While supplies last*



**55% off while supplies last**

## COUNCIL EVENTS



**American Red Cross**



### **WE NEED YOU!!**

Scouting America recently made changes in the lifeguarding program which will be affecting all future Scouts BSA that want to become lifeguards. Therefore, the Golden Spread Council is pleased to announce that we have teamed up with the Amarillo Town Club in an effort to ensure ongoing training for all of our current and future lifeguard needs. The American Red Cross is now our official training partner and requires new training/updated procedures for all Scouts BSA lifeguards.

We need you!! We are in a current search for Summer Camp lifeguards for 2025 camp at MK Brown. We have attached the current Red Cross requirements for lifeguarding as well as the classes that will be coming up at the Town Club in April.

There have also been changes in the Aquatics Instructor program for the National Scouting America office. This is no longer a 56 hour course requiring a week long set of instruction. It is now an 18 hour instruction only requiring a couple of days at National Camp School. However, where in the past the Aquatics Instructor could get certification from the BSA to train new lifeguard trainers, that certification has now been revoked. The only person qualified to train new lifeguard trainers is a qualified and certified Red Cross trainer and their training must remain under the Red Cross as a certified trainer.

More information is available on the following pages and for more information please contact Gemma Mitchell at 806-282-8296.



## COUNCIL EVENTS



**American Red Cross**



### American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Classes

We are excited to offer you American Red Cross Lifeguarding Blended Learning. Blended learning combines online learning with in-person skills sessions where you will practice skills and demonstrate competency. Please plan to complete all eLearning modules, including the CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid final eLearning exam, before your first in-person skills session. Most participants complete the eLearning portion of the course in approximately 7 hours. Your experience may vary widely based on several factors, including your PC, internet speed, and previous training. I recommend beginning the online session as soon as possible to ensure that you can complete all eLearning modules before the first in-person skill session.

**Prerequisites:**

- Be at least 15 years old by the last day of the class
- Swim 300 yards continuously with side breathing
- Tread water for 2 minutes using only legs
- Complete a timed event within 1 minute and 40 seconds
  - Starting in the water, swim 20 yards
  - Surface dive and retrieve a 10lb object from 7 feet of water
  - Surface swim 20 yards on back with both hands holding an object
  - Exit water without using a ladder or steps
- Pass online portion

**Lifeguard Class:**

- The participant **MUST** attend all days of the class.
  - Any class days lasting longer than 5 hours will include a 30-minute lunch break.
- A bathing suit is required every day of the class.
- The class fee is \$175 (Unless employed by ATC)
- For a class to be held, a minimum of 6 participants must be registered; the Class Limit is 16.
- Upon successful completion, participants will receive certifications in American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, which are all valid for 2 years.

Class registration will be cut off the week before class starts. An email will be sent to the email address listed with a link for the online blended learning portion of the class. **The online portion will take approximately 7 hours.**



# COUNCIL EVENTS



**American Red Cross**



**atc AQUATICS**  
A SERVICE OF THE AMARILLO TOWN CLUB

2025 Class Dates (Please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Class #1: <del>March 10th-11th</del>	<del>Mon-Fri 9a-3p</del>
<input type="checkbox"/> Class #2: April 10th-13th	TH-F 4:30-8:00 Sat 9A-7P Sun 10A-12P
<input type="checkbox"/> Class #3: April 16th-19th	W-F 4:30-8:00 Sat 9a-7P
<input type="checkbox"/> Class #4: April 24th-27th	TH-F 4:30-8:00 Sat 9A-7P Sun 10A-12P
<input type="checkbox"/> Class #5: May 1st-4th	TH-F 4:30-8:00 Sat 9A-7P Sun 10A-12P
<input type="checkbox"/> Class #6: May 15th-18th	TH-F 4:30-8:00 Sat 9A-7P Sun 10A-12P
<input type="checkbox"/> Class #7: May 22nd-25th	TH-F 4:30-8:00 Sat 9A-7P Sun 10A-12P
<input type="checkbox"/> Class #8: May 28th-29th	W-Th 9A-5P

**Participant Information**

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Email Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature Parent/Guardian Signature (If under 18)

\* This is the name that will be on the Lifeguard Certificate.

\*\* Valid Email Address is required; Red Cross will be emailing you a link allowing you to print your certificate.

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**Office Use Only:**

Payment Date \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member Form Attached \_\_\_\_\_ ATC Staff Initial \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](http://www.goldenspread.org) then join the Facebook Group:

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



## COUNCIL EVENTS



### 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!

## COUNCIL EVENTS



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



## COUNCIL EVENTS

### **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.

# COUNCIL EVENTS

Camp Card sales are still going strong! This fundraiser is an EASY way to fund summer programs for your unit!

## 2025 Camp Card “Fill It Up” Weekly Drawing Entry Form

For every 20 Camp Cards Sold, a Scout is eligible to turn in a “Fill It Up” Weekly Drawing Entry Form. Those 20 sales must be verified and signed off by the Camp Card Coordinator or Unit Designee, and CAN NOT be reused for further weekly drawings. Sell 20—turn in a form. Multiple forms may be turned in each week, but all 20 sales must be new, and not previously used.

All drawing winners will be contacted with the information listed below. Only one winner per week. Eligible prizes are a \$25 Scout Shop Gift Card or a \$25 credit towards a GSC Council activity.  
Drawing Dates: 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11 & 4/18

*Please print clearly!*

Unit Type (Circle)    Pack            Troop            Crew            Post            Ship

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: (Mark with X) Adobe Walls \_\_\_ Golden Eagle \_\_\_ Lone Wolf \_\_\_ Quanah Parker \_\_\_

Daytime Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly “Fill It Up” Drawing Entry Form name is: \_\_\_\_\_

He/She Sold (# of) \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Cards.

Scouts Parent’s/Guardian’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above Scout sold 20 Camp Cards, and is eligible for the Weekly “Fill It Up” Drawing. I also certify these 20 sales are not previously used sales or previously used “Fill It Up” forms. I also certify that none of these sales were combined with those of anyone else.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camp Card Coordinator/Designee Signature/Date

All Unit “Fill It Up” forms are due by 3:00pm, to the Golden Spread Council Office, on the following dates. Drawings will be held, each Friday, after close of business, and the weekly winner will be contacted the following Monday. **Drawing Dates: 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11 & 4/18**

Completed approved forms may be turned in via:

Email: [goldenspreadcouncil@scouting.org](mailto:goldenspreadcouncil@scouting.org)  
Delivered: Scout Service Center  
401 Tascosa Road  
Amarillo, TX. 79124  
Phone: 806.358.6500



# COUNCIL EVENTS

## 2025 Camp Card Top Seller Form

**Please turn this form in when you turn in your money/extra cards.**  
*Please print clearly!*

Unit Type (Circle)    Pack            Troop            Crew            Post            Ship

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: (Mark with X) Adobe Walls \_\_\_\_\_ Golden Eagle \_\_\_\_\_ Lone Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Quanah Parker \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Our Top Salesperson name is: \_\_\_\_\_

He/She Sold (# of) \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Cards.

Scouts Parent's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the Scout listed above sold this number of cards during the 2025 Camp Card fundraising program, and that we've not combined his/her efforts with those of anyone else.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader's Signature/Date

All Unit Top Seller forms are due with final Council end of sale paperwork on or before April 30, 2025.



## COUNCIL EVENTS

# 2025 CAMP CARD PRIZE PROGRAM



# LET'S GO CAMPING!

Sell Camp Cards and earn money for camping and other fun activities.

Cub Scouting galore!!

Earn your own way!!

CUB SCOUTS

Sell Cards to attend Summer Camp!!

Sell Cards to attend National Youth Leadership Training!!

Sell Cards to attend Camporee

Earn your own way!!

VENTURING

SCOUTS BSA

# BONUS PRIZES

The Council's TOP selling

Scouts BSA Scout, Venture Scout, and Cub Scout

will each win a \$200 Gift Card!

Weekly "Fill It Up" Contests

Every Scout that sells 20 Cards is eligible for a weekly

drawing to win a \$25 Council Activity Credit

or a Scout Shop Gift Card!

See Leaders guide for further details



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## 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

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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.

Camping available Friday night for troops, and cubs WITH parent

More information coming soon,  
keep an eye on emails and social  
media!

**ILST and Scoutmaster Training  
will be available as well!** If you are  
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Troop 256 from Perryton, Troop 548 from Fritch and Pack 548 from Fritch recently braved the Panhandle wind to go to Carlsbad, New Mexico. They toured the caves of Carlsbad Caverns, the POW\_MIA park and even got to visit the aliens at the International UFO museum to make some new universal Scouting friends!



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# 2025 Golden Eagle District Fish Fest/Lake Clean Up May 10th Medi Park-Amarillo

**\$5 per person/Non-fishing Family Members are Free.**

(Participants over 18 years of age must meet State of Texas Fishing License Requirements.)

**Registration Open Now at [Goldenspread.org](https://goldenspread.org) or use the QR Code  
Registration Closes May 9th**



8:00-8:30 Check In/Rules

9:00-11:00 Fishing Derby

11:00-11:30 Judging/Lake Clean Up

11:30-Noon Awards

**Each Scout must be supervised by a parent or adult leader at all times in accordance with Youth Protection guidelines. All fish must be caught with a pole and hook. Netting and Noodling are not allowed. Bring Fishing gear & tackle, bait, lawn chair, sunblock and weather appropriate clothing. 1 Pole per Scout.**

Questions may be submitted to Michael.lopez@scouting.org or (505) 699-6552 call/text.

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*It is recommended that any adult leader, who is attending an outdoor event, with a unit, complete Hazardous Weather Online Training.*

#### Required Training for:

- Cubmaster
- Asst. Cubmaster
- Den Leader
- Asst. Den Leader
- Scoutmaster
- Asst. Scoutmaster
- Crew Advisor
- Assoc. Crew Advisor
- Exploring Advisor
- Assoc. Explorer Advisor
- Sea Scout Adult Leader

#### Login to [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)

- Click My Training
- Click YPT & Training Center
- Click Expanded Learning
- Click Program Safety
- Scroll Down to

#### *Hazardous Weather Training*

- **Enroll and Take Course**

*Training expires every 2 years.*

Contact Stephen Keel at the Scouting America Golden Spread Council with account questions.

**(806) 358-6500**

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GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRICT

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**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
7:00 PM**

**INFORMATIVE TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS FOR CUBMASTERS, SCOUTMASTERS, OR  
ANY ADULT THAT WANTS TO KNOW HOW TO BETTER SERVE YOUTH**

SCOUT OFFICE - 401 TASCOSA ROAD

**MORE INFORMATION:** (806) 358-6500 or  
[goldenspread.org/calendar/](http://goldenspread.org/calendar/)

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

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### Lone Wolf District

# Lone Wolf April Roundtable

Join us on April 10, 2025

7:30-8:15 PM

for Fun, Fellowship, and District  
Information!

Los Sucios Restaurant

719 W. 7th Ave

Spearman, TX 79081





# 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



Scoutreach has had Pinewood Derby racing everywhere this month! Here are pictures from the Hamlet, Dykeman, Bivins and Glenwood sites!

