



## SEPTEMBER 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:

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 September and the District Executives have been busy working with the elementary schools and doing the Cub Scout recruitment talks! There are lots of new Cub Scouts that have joined which is great news for the Packs! If you are a troop that is wanting to see how you can get some recruitment going to grow your unit - contact your DE and let them know that you would like to get some new youth as well! This is the best time of the year to bring new Scouting families in!



Also - don't forget to get your unit signed up for popcorn!! A Scout is Thrifty and this is a great way for a Scout to learn how to earn his/her way in Scouting!

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 (if possible) 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*

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**HAPPY SEPTEMBER!  
THE WORLD SHALL NOW  
TRANSFORM INTO  
PUMPKIN EVERYTHING.**

- KEITH WYNN

## 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)
- 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



### Order of the Arrow Nischa Achowalogen Lodge

#### Vigil Honor Announcement!

This weekend at Summer Ordeal, we had the privilege of announcing our 2025 **Vigil Honor Candidates!**

The Vigil Honor is the **highest recognition** that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon a member. It is reserved for those who have gone **above and beyond in service**, shown exceptional **dedication to Scouting and the lodge**, and truly **live out the principles** of the OA—**Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.**

It is not something one earns by rank or time, but rather something that is **bestowed by the lodge in recognition of unselfish devotion** to others. This honor is a reflection of **who they are when no one is watching.**

Please join us in celebrating and congratulating the following candidates:

Payton Maddox

Meredith Flake

Tobi Sandoval

James Shockley

Their Vigil journey has just begun, and we are honored to walk it with them. May we all strive to serve as they have.

Come celebrate with us at Fall Fellowship, November 7-8 as these Arrowmen complete their Vigil journey!

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NISCHA ACHOWALOGEN LODGE

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

## SUMMER ORDEAL AT CAMP DON HARRINGTON

At Summer Ordeal, members and candidates gathered at Camp Don Harrington for a weekend of service and fellowship. Projects included cleaning up lumber and trash around camp, setting up PVC pipe stands for the upcoming Sporting Clays weekend, and improving the council ring by cleaning the area and installing the propane tank safely in the ground.



OUR CREW AT SUMMER ORDEAL



COUNCIL RING AFTER WORK PROJECTS.

## UPCOMING FALL FELLOWSHIP 11/7-8 AT CDH

Fall Fellowship at Camp Don Harrington will bring Scouts together for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Highlights include our annual banquet, where we will recognize the achievements of Scouts and Scouters, as well as our annual lodge leadership elections that will shape the future of our lodge.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2026

- **Jan 23–25** – Section Triad @ George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation
- **Apr 17–19** – Section Conclave @ George W. Pirtle
- **May 1–3** – Beaver Day @ MK Brown
- **Jul 24–26** – Summer Ordeal @ CDH
- **Nov 6–7** – Fall Fellowship @ CDH

### 2027

- **Apr 30–May 2** – Beaver Day @ MK Brown
- **Jul 16–18** – Summer Ordeal @ CDH
- **Jul 26–31** – NOAC @ University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- **Nov 5–6** – Fall Fellowship @ CDH

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: Why did the Arrowman bring a ladder to camp?

A: To take cheerful service to the next level!

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SEPTEMBER, 2025

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## IT'S POPCORN TIME!!

2025 Popcorn Unit Registration

Hello Popcorn selling Scouts, Leaders and Kernels!

Unit Registration is open. Follow the link below:

<https://pecatonicariverpopcorn.com/login.php>

(The New Unit Council Key is 562GSC)

If your unit isn't listed please contact me directly at my email address: [chase.roach@scouting.org](mailto:chase.roach@scouting.org)



## COUNCIL EVENTS

Come join us on **September 6th** at Camp Don for a volunteer workday! It's free to come out and help. It's time to start working on the camp for the fall activities that will be coming. Cub Scout Family Camp in September and Spook O Ree in October are highly anticipated activities for Cub Scout families! The slingshot frame needs to be fixed, we need help cleaning up downed tree limbs, signs need to be painted, and there is just general work to be done. There is a lot to come help with at Camp Don! We will even feed you lunch - just register on Black Pug so we know you are coming! <https://scoutingevent.com/562-SeptCDHWorkDay>

### CAMP DON HARRINGTON VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

SEPTEMBER 6  
CHECKIN AT 830AM NEAR THE MAIN GATE  
START AT 9AM THROUGH NOON

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

ALL ADULTS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS WORKDAY ONLINE  
BY SEPTEMBER 4:

[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/562-  
SEPTCDHWORKDAY](https://scoutingevent.com/562-SeptCDHWorkDay)

# COUNCIL EVENTS

## Golden Spread Council

### Campmaster Information and Application

**What is a Campmaster?** Campmasters are a group of selected, trained, and registered Scouters who serve at council weekend camps whenever troops, packs, crews, or posts are using any part of the camp property. Duties include checking in and out units as well as reviewing the rules and policies and recording attendance. They also provide guidance and support to guests as needed/requested. They are always available if an emergency arises.

**Who can be a Campmaster?** Any registered adult, 21 years of age, who has completed and is current in Youth Protection. Be willing to serve from 6pm Friday through Noon on Sunday (with some exceptions based on camper reservations). Upon application, you will be considered based on past volunteering history, standing in your unit/district, past reliability, and support of the council. Selection will be made by a committee which includes the Campmaster Volunteer Coordinator, Camp Ranger, one key volunteer, and if needed, the Scout Executive.

**When are you considered a certified Campmaster?** Campmasters are trained by the Camp Ranger to understand rules and policies of the camp, emergency procedures, utility cutoff procedures, and check-in and checkout procedures. This training is provided before you are designated as a Campmaster. There is group training and individual training as needed.

**How much do I need to commit for?** Campmasters select their own time and frequency of service, but they usually serve two to four times per year depending on how many trained Campmasters we recruit. You do as much as you can!

**Where will a Campmaster stay overnight?** At Camp Don Harrington, you will stay in the Campmaster Lodge located near the front gate. This has a complete kitchen/dining room, living room, two bedrooms, and full bathroom along with a television and internet. You bring your own food, hygiene items, bedding, and towels for your stay. We have limited supply of soap and shower gel.

#### **FAQS:**

**Can I bring my family and pet?** Yes, you may bring your immediate family and pet if needed. We want this to be as friendly as possible. Pets must be kept inside unless accompanied at all times on a leash by the Campmaster or adult family member. They cannot be near any camper or program areas for safety reasons.

**Can I participate with the units when they are doing program?** If you are invited by the unit, you are welcome to enjoy any meals or activities with them.

**How will I know what weekends a Campmaster is needed?** Our council requires all units to make reservations at least 10 days before the requested arrival date. You will receive an email from our Campmaster Volunteer Coordinator with the needs of the camp at that time. Your chosen weekend may not have any reservations and you will not be required to attend HOWEVER, if you still want too, you are welcome. We will not have Campmasters at any council or district sponsored camps/events/trainings. We estimate there may be 24 weekend opportunities for Campmasters to choose from.

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### CAMPMASTER TRAINING (CONT'D)

**What if I commit to a certain weekend and something comes up?** We know things happen and we understand. The more time you can notify us there is an issue, the better. We will try to find another trained Campmaster to replace you on short notice.

**Why doesn't the Camp Ranger do this job?** The Camp Ranger's primary responsibility is the upkeep and maintenance of our camp. The Campmaster program will allow the Ranger to focus on their primary responsibilities while providing volunteers an opportunity to spend a weekend at camp with other scouters and scouts.

**When will the trainings be held and where?** Each camp will have 2 training courses, but you only need to attend one. They will be held on a weekend afternoon so you can choose one that best fits your schedule. We anticipate this will take 4 hours. We will cover rules and procedures, major facility tours, utility shutoff locations, equipment storage and checkout policy, check-in and check-out procedures, and Q and A. We will announce the dates soon. This program will start in January 2025 so trainings will be conducted in early and mid- December.

**Do I need to bring my own food and drinks for the weekend?** Yes. There is a full kitchen and typical kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, utensils, etc.). Please, no alcohol and of course no smoking/vaping inside any building.

**Will I be required to use my personal vehicle to drive around camp to check on units?** No, we will have our "Gator" available for your use. This is for the driver and one passenger only. No one can ride in the bed and for insurance reasons, only adults 21 years of age may drive our vehicle. Also for insurance reasons, you may not bring or operate your personal 4 wheeler, razor, or equivalent vehicle onto camp property.

**Can I bring my own firearms and use the ranges?** No, BSA policy states that no personal firearms are allowed to be used on BSA Property.

**When the Pool is open and no one reserved it, can me and my family use it?** Yes! Please check with the Ranger for access and any other information he may want to share with you.

**If I want to do a project at camp, can I discuss this with the Ranger ahead of time?** That would be fantastic! Although you have Campmaster duties, there is plenty of free time to choose a project from the Ranger's list. Some are a few hours, and some are a whole day and you are welcome to pick what you are interested in.

## COUNCIL EVENTS

If you cannot make the September 6th workday - then mark your calendar for October 4th and come help get camp ready for Spook O Ree!

# CAMP DON HARRINGTON VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

OCTOBER 4  
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FREE LUNCH AT NOON

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PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS WORKDAY ONLINE  
BY OCTOBER 2:

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# COUNCIL EVENTS

## SCOUT SHOP

### Welcome Back Fall Season!

Bring your friends, get them to join your scouting adventures around a campfire and enjoy Smore's!

#### September Sale 1-30, 2025

(while supplies last)

**15% off** any bottoms when you

**Buy any uniform shirt & basic patches at regular price** (Excludes Clearance)



#### Popcorn Fill Up Drawing

for a \$50 GSC Gift Certificate!

Sell popcorn to 30 Customers to enter drawing. Bring a copy to the Scout office and drop it in the box.

#### September Drawing Dates

September 5      September 19

September 12     September 26

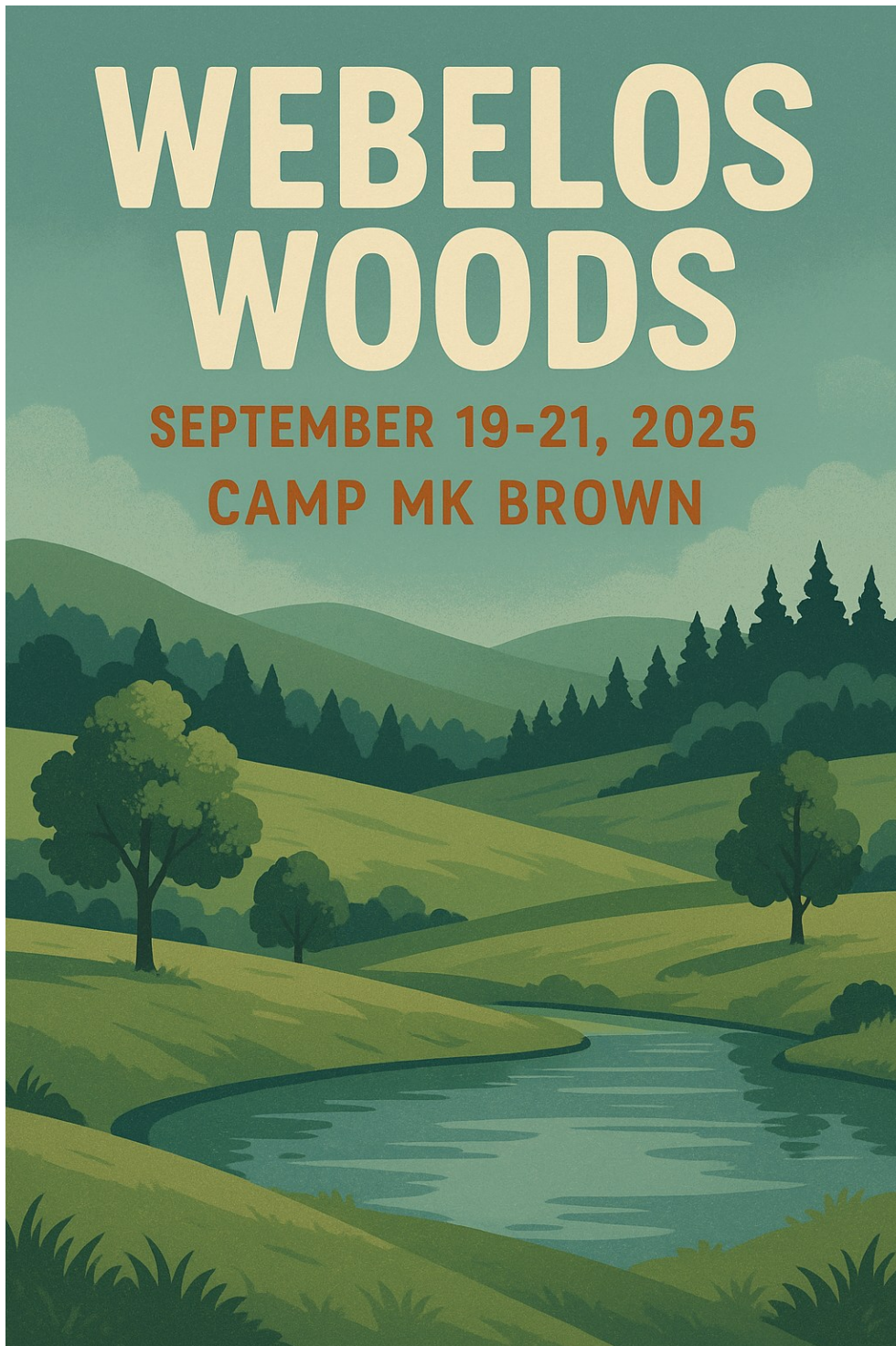
#### Your adventure for September 2025.

- Sept 1** Office and Camps Closed
- Sept 4** GE Roundtable at Scout Office  
7pm
- Sept 6** Camp Don Harrington Volunteer  
workday Check-in 8:30am
- Sept 11** AW Committee meeting/  
Roundtable at First Methodist  
Church in Pampa at 6:30pm
- Sept 13** MKB Volunteer workday 10am-  
4pm
- Sept 19** Webelos Woods at MKB
- Sept 27** Cub Scout Family Weekend at  
Camp Don

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### WEBELOS WOODS!!!

It's time for Webelos Woods! This is open to all 4th and 5th graders in Cub Scouting to be hosted by the troops in your area! For more information go to <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025WebelosWoods> - registration is open! Leader guide can be accessed in the registration page.



# COUNCIL EVENTS

## CUB SCOUT FAMILY WEEKEND!

Registration is now open! To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2025CubFamilyWeekend>

**GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL**  
SEPT. 27-28 2025

15427 FM 1541  
Canyon, TX.

Check-in: 10:00am  
Events: 1:30pm

**CUB SCOUT**  
**family campout**

**REGISTER NOW!**

**OPEN TO ALL CUB SCOUTS AND FAMILIES**  
(Families are welcome to attend even if your Pack is not coming as a group!)

<b>CUB SCOUTS: \$20</b> Includes: Activities/Supplies Dinner Saturday Breakfast Sunday Tent Camping Campfire Program	<b>ADULTS: \$15</b> Includes: Dinner Saturday Breakfast Sunday Tent Camping Campfire Program	<b>SIBLINGS/OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS:</b> \$15 / attendee  <b>FREE: SIBLINGS</b> (4 years old & below)  <b>FAMILY DEAL: \$50</b> 1 scout 1 sibling 2 adults (\$15 for each extra siblings)
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**Register before 9/19**

**Scouting America**  
Golden Spread Council

806-358-6500  
[www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org)

Please visit our website for a complete list of what to bring and what not to bring to camp!

## COUNCIL EVENTS

### SPOOK O REE!!!

It's time for Spook O Ree 2025!! This year Camp Don Harrington will be host on October 18 and Camp MK Brown will host on October 25! Registration is now open, so seriously - get these dates on your calendar for the biggest Cub Scouting event of the year!! Psst - we have a special patch for the troops that come help this year!

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

Patch design courtesy of Hunter Imel - Pack 3



## COUNCIL EVENTS

### Service Hours Volunteer Opportunity!!

The Alzheimer's Association has reached out to us to see if there are any Cub Scout Packs or Scouts BSA Troops that would come help on Saturday, September 20th for their annual walk. Please contact Marisa Vasquez at 806-412-0729 for more information!

# NOW

## IS OUR MOMENT.



### AMARILLO,

Now is the moment we've been waiting for. With new treatments emerging in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia, now is the time for hope.

#### Now is the time for action.

Help us keep the momentum going in your community at the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®, the world's largest fundraiser to fight the disease.

# WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

### AMARILLO Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday, September 20

Sam Houston Park

4101 Line Ave | Amarillo, Texas 79106

For more information contact:

Marisa Vasquez  
mdvasquez@alz.org  
806-412-0729



## REGISTER TODAY!

Scan the QR Code  
or visit

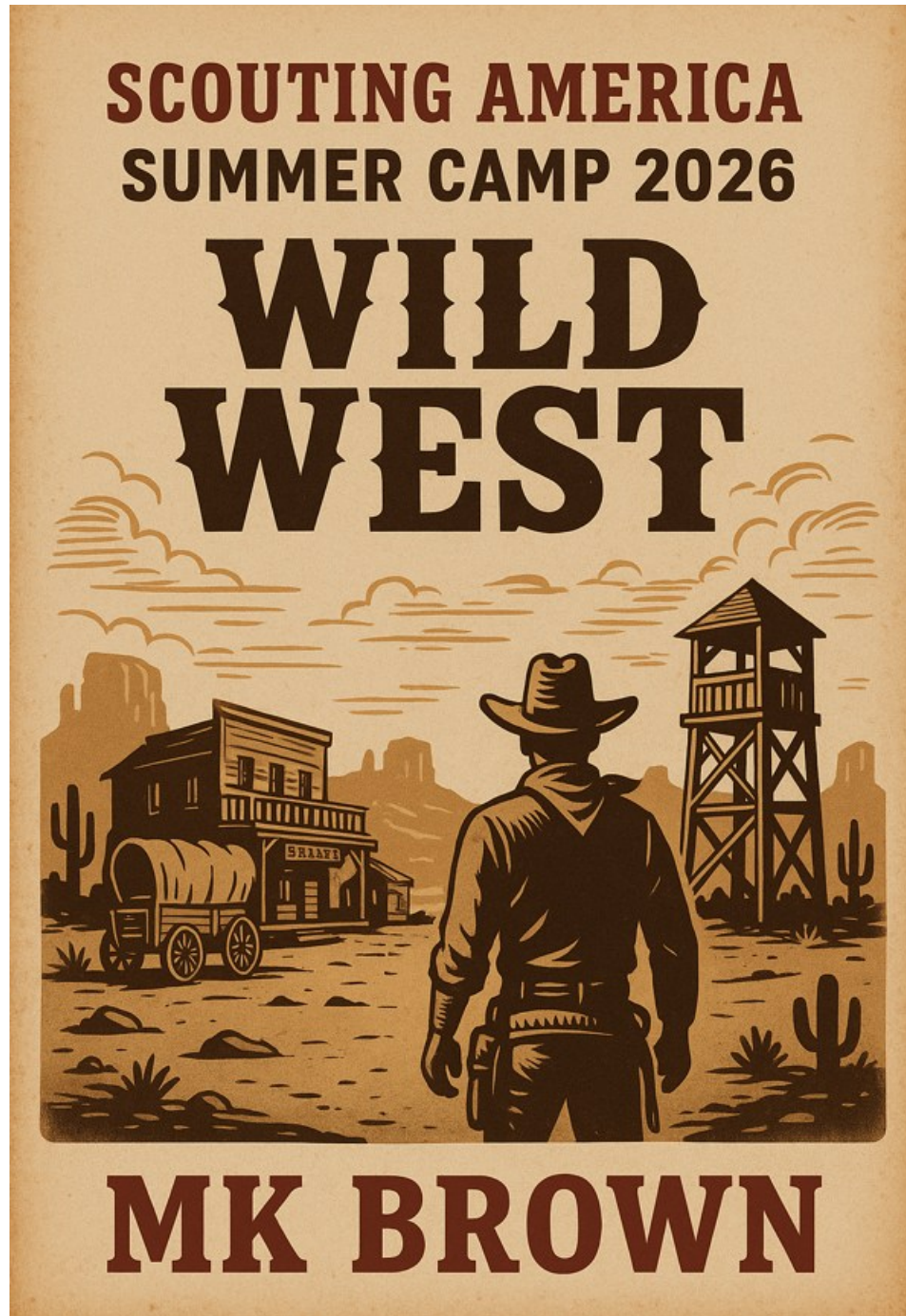
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2025 National  
Presenting Sponsor

Edward Jones

## COUNCIL EVENTS

**PSSSSTTTTT! Save the Date for an amazin Summer Camp runnin in them thar hills..... June 14-20, 2026 - Registration is already open!!**



## 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

It's time, it's time, it's time!! The time is finally here to start Cub Scout recruitment!! School has started in the Adobe Walls communities so start thinking about contacting your schools for their annual Back to School night and if your unit can set up a booth or table to promote Cub Scouting! We also need your unit help to go to the sign up nights for the schools after we do the Buzz Ups in the schools. If you have any questions, contact Colter Morrison at 580-716-0231.



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**FOR EVERYONE**

**Cub Scouts Ages 5-10**  
Cub Scouts is a year round family program. This educational program builds character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

## DISTRICT EVENTS

### **GOLDEN EAGLE**

District Executive: Michael Lopez - michael.lopez@scouting.org Ph. # 505-699-6552

District Chair: Richard “Buddy” Todd Ph # 806-367-3847

District Commissioner: Dallas Sharp Ph #

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

GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRICT

# MONTHLY ROUNDTABLE MEETING



**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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Pack 54 has already been out selling popcorn this popcorn season! Make sure that your unit is signed up to sell because we have a garage full of popcorn waiting on you to come pick it up. Give your unit a great start to the fall activities and help your new parents start funding their scouting journey! Sell popcorn today!



## DISTRICT EVENTS

### **LONE WOLF**

District Executive: Aaron Couch - [aaron.couch@scouting.org](mailto:aaron.couch@scouting.org) Ph # 806-710-0424 for information

District Chair: Lori Daniel Ph # 806-228-1771

District Commissioner: Audrey House Ph # 580-522-1085

Roundtable: 1st Thursday of the month - ZOOM

### **Lone Wolf District**



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### Lone Wolf District



Troop 256 from Perryton leading the parade with the flag ceremony of the annual Wheatheart Celebration.



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### Lone Wolf District



This past Saturday, August 23, 2025, Matthew Mariscal with Troop 38 Stratford, completed his Eagle Project.

Matthew built a dryer unit for the fire department to help dry their bunker gear. All together it took over forty hours of community service to complete this project.

We would like say thank you to the Stratford Fire Department, local scouts, family and assistant Scoutmaster Steve Smith from Goodwell for their help with his project.

Congratulations Matthew on your project!

## 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



#### What is Scoutreach?

Scoutreach is dedicated to ensuring every young person, regardless of background or circumstances, has the chance to experience Scouting. We provide extra resources and support for Scouts in low-income, hard-to-serve urban and rural communities across the Golden Spread Council area.

Scoutreach is dedicated to building self-esteem, confidence, and leadership in youth from underserved urban and rural communities. By partnering with adult leaders and chartered organizations, Scoutreach ensures that all young people have the opportunity to join Scouting and benefit from its life-changing experiences. The program focuses on developing confident, capable youth through positive activities and mentorship, reflecting the Golden Spread Council's commitment to welcoming Scouts from every neighborhood and background.

Scoutreach is available to units, families, and community partners who want to make Scouting accessible to all youth. Whether you represent a school, church, or other organization, Scoutreach can provide leadership and resources to support your group's Scouting involvement. If you're interested in learning more or helping your youth participate in Scoutreach, the Golden Spread Council is ready to assist and provide the information and support you need.

Call us today for more information at 806-358-6500!