



JULY 2026 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 2026:

Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving - November 25-27, Christmas - December 24-25th, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day 2027

The Scout Shop will be closed for inventory on December 30 and 31, 2026.

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 Prairie Sky volunteers, parents, staff and board members!

June 1st dawned on a Monday and all of a sudden, two councils became one! Then on June 23rd, the board finalized the merger name of the two councils - Prairie Sky. We are now the blended families of Amarillo, Lubbock, Dumas, Dalhart, Plainview, Guymon, OK, Perryton, Pampa, Borger, Fritch, Wheeler, Stratford, Goodwell, OK, Canyon, Clarendon and Bushland (I know I forgot someone and I apologize for that)! Basically wherever your eyes land on the skyline - you see prairie land and prairie sky. The contest for the new logo design and council strip are already underway so if you have design ideas, don't wait. This contest will be quick and hopefully your name will be announced as the winner! Good luck and welcome to the new Prairie Sky Council!



I also don't want to forget the big day this month and it is a **BIG** year to boot! **Happy 250th birthday America!** I hope everyone finds the 4th of July a day to be with family and just have a great, relaxing time!

The newsletter has all of the activities, office closures for holidays and Scout Shop hours for 2026 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 (it is still open and will eventually re-direct you to the new Prairie Sky website!) 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 (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 Prairie Sky Council are 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

2026 GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL CUB SCOUTS AND SCOUTS BSA CAMPING AND ACTIVITIES

- January 24: **Merit Badge University** (Ascension Academy)
- February 7: **District Pinewood Derby races** (Check the calendar for your district locations!)
- February 27 - March 1: **OKPIK Winter Adventure Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- April 10 - 12: **Camporee** (Camp Don Harrington)
- April 17 - 19: **OA Section Conclave**
- April 18: **Scouting for Food** (Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA event)
- April 24 - 26: **Philmont Family Weekend**
- May 9: **District Fish Fests** (Check the calendar for your district location!)
- May 30: **GE Cub Scout Day Camp** (Camp Don Harrington)
- May 31 - June 5: **National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT)** (Camp MK Brown)
- June 6: **AW/LW Cub Scout Day Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- June 14 - 20: **Scouts BSA Summer Camp** (Camp MK Brown)
- June 26 - 28: **Cub Scout Adventure Weekend** (Camp Don Harrington)
- July 24 - 26: **OA Summer Ordeal** (Camp Don Harrington)
- September 18 - 20: **Webelos Woods** (Camp MK Brown)
- September 26 - 27: **Cub Scout Family Campout** (Camp Don Harrington)
- October 17: **Spook O Ree** (Camp Don Harrington)
- October 24: **Spook O Ree** (Camp MK Brown)
- November 6 - 7: **OA Fall Fellowship** (Camp Don Harrington)
- November 7: **Environmental Science Merit Badge Class** (Camp Don Harrington)



For details on all of these camps, activities and to register, visit www.goldenspread.org. Click on the “Event Registration” tab and scroll to the date to find the camp/activity. Please check with your unit leader for details on how to register for these events as some are unit registrations and others may be individual registrations.

If you haven’t liked us already, go to the Golden Spread Council page on Facebook and like us! We also put a lot of information about upcoming events and news on this page and there are a lot of Cub Scout and Scouts BSA units that put pictures out there also!

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NEWSLETTER

Breaking News

GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

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 always carry a pencil?

A: In case he needed to draw on his cheerful spirit!

SEPTEMBER, 2025

COUNCIL EVENTS

The pool is clean, repainted and the pergolas are up waiting for you! Sign your unit up today on Black Pug for pool parties at Camp Don Harrington. While you're at it - just make it a weekend campout! The city pools in Amarillo are closed this year so \$5 a person is quite the steal for this spectacular view!

CAMP DON HARRINGTON
YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

FEATURES & ACTIVITIES

- Upgraded Pool & Pergolas**
 - Cool off & relax
- Hiking & Biking Trails**
 - Explore the outdoors
- Boating & Fishing**
 - Canoes, Rowboats & Fishing
- Shooting Sports**
 - For Scouts BSA & Crews
- Camping & Dining**
 - Overnight Camping &
 - Full Dining Hall

PERFECT FOR:

- ✓ Cub Scout Packs
- ✓ Scouts BSA Troops
- ✓ Venturing Crews

PLAN YOUR VISIT TODAY!

To book your reservation visit <http://campreservation.com/562/Home>

The graphic features a large blue swimming pool with people swimming and several wooden pergolas with umbrellas. Two inset photos show a person in a canoe on a lake and a person shooting a rifle. The background is a lush green landscape with trees and a blue sky.

COUNCIL EVENTS



Attention Unit Leaders! Your Scouts have an amazing opportunity to earn the Liberty Bell patch by doing some Scouting in the Community! This patch is a limited edition patch so be sure to earn it while you can!

LIBERTY IN ACTION
AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Let's Make History Together Starting March 2026 through February 2027

As America celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Scouting America invites you to explore ideas about citizenship and community, take on creative challenges, and visit historic places. Team up with friends and family to complete these challenges to learn about and celebrate the spirit of our country.

1. Founding Ideals in Today's Life

Choose one from the following options:

- a) Research what these three famous phrases from the Declaration of Independence meant in 1776 and what they mean today, and provide modern examples showing how they apply in real life to a family member, friend, or your unit:
 - "We hold these truths to be self-evident ..."
 - "All men are created equal ..."
 - "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness ..."
- b) Identify something that makes you think of fairness, freedom, or happiness, and share your findings with a family member, friend, or your unit. Explain how it connects to your life.

2. Civic Spirit & Scouting

Choose one from the following options:

- a) Research and share examples of times when Scouting America or the Exploring program supported national spirit — such as significant service efforts, national events, or community initiatives. Share your findings with a family member, friend, or your unit.
- b) Create a time capsule — real, digital, or a simple list of items. Choose things that best show what Scouting in America or the Exploring program is all about.

3. Creative Expression

Choose one from the following options:

- a) Design a unit-level shoulder patch or commemorative coin for the United States Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary). Explain the symbolism you chose to a family member, friend, or your unit.
- b) Perform a 2- to 3-minute speech on one of the listed topics:
 - What liberty means to me in 2026
 - One right I won't take for granted
 - An American who inspires me and why
 - What freedom looks like where I live
- c) Create a short video (60-90 seconds) or a poster series suitable for sharing on social media that connects the ideals of 1776 to life today. (Youth must have parent/guardian approval before any posting.)
- d) Learn a skill or play a game from the 1700s.

4. Founding Era Site Visit (In-Person or Virtual)

Choose one from the following options:

- a) Visit a site from the American founding era (1760-1805). Virtual tours qualify.
- b) Attend the National Jamboree "America250" display.
- c) Research your local community's history and its development since 1776, and share what you learn with a family member, friend, or your unit.
- d) Participate in a 250th anniversary celebration event.

5. Service Milestone - Part of Scouting America's Impact365 Initiative

Participate in a service project that reflects American founding ideals — such as service to community, civic responsibility, liberty, equality, or the common good. Record and submit your service hours.



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Check out this cool patch if you complete the America's 250 Challenge!



COUNCIL EVENTS

CAMP DON HARRINGTON

CAMPMASTER CORPS — RECRUITMENT —

Love Camp Don Harrington? Want to Give Back?
Join the **Campmaster Corps** and help create great experiences for Scouts and leaders!

WHAT IS A CAMPMASTER?

Experienced Scouters who ensure safe & fun weekends for all!

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- ✓ Welcome & Check-In Units
- ✓ Guide & Support Scouts & Leaders
- ✓ Maintain a Safe Camp
- ✓ Assist the Ranger

TIME COMMITMENT

2-4 Weekends Per Year
Friday Evening to Sunday Morning

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

- ✓ Experienced Scouters
- ✓ Outdoor-Minded Adults
- ✓ Passionate About Helping Youth

WHY JOIN?

- ✓ Stay Active in Scouting
- ✓ Make a Difference
- ✓ Enjoy the Outdoors
- ✓ Keep Traditions Strong

READY TO SERVE?

Become a Campmaster
and Keep the Adventure Alive!

CONTACT: SCOTT KILIAN
📞 806-679-4238
✉ scottkilian@live.com

CAMP DON HARRINGTON
Where Leadership Meets the Outdoors

COUNCIL EVENTS

Campmaster Application

District: _____

I am registered with (Circle one) Troop/Pack/Crew/Post/District/Council (Number if a unit) _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Youth Protection Completion Date: _____ (Must be current to be on camp)

Scouting Experience: (training, certifications (First Aid/CPR), Baloo, Woodbadge etc): _____

Do you have any basic maintenance skills such as plumbing, carpentry, electrical, construction, heavy equipment (backhoe, large mowers, etc)

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- I understand that I must attend training before being selected for this program
 - I understand that I must remain on camp anytime campers/guests are on the property
 - I understand that my family is welcome along with a pet but will follow pet policy as described on the information sheet
 - I understand that the council expects your commitment to the weekend you choose, and you will contact the Campmaster Coordinator if needed

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please remit this completed application to the Golden Spread Council Office or mail to Golden Spread Council, Scouting America, 401 Tascosa Rd., Amarillo, TX 79124. Please annotate "CAMPMASTER APPLICATION" so it goes to the correct person. Applications are accepted anytime.

COUNCIL EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, August 15th for the Fall Kick-Off Extravaganza! There will be information meetings at Camp Don during the day, then Sod Poodles that night! There will be a parade before the game where the scouts get to go down on the field and meet Ruckus! Wear your uniform and don't miss out! Camp Don will be open for camping for our out of town guests.

GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL + SOUTH PLAINS COUNCIL
★ SCOUTING AMERICA ★

2026
FALL KICK-OFF
★ EXTRAVAGANZA ★

ONE COUNCIL. ONE MISSION. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

Please join us
as we present the newly merged Council's 2026 Fall Kick-Off Extravaganza, designed to help optimize your Scouting experience.

- SHARE** Scouting resources, informative presentations, and Program Planning.
- GET ANSWERS** from subject matter experts on all your Scouting questions.
- NETWORK** with other Scout leaders and parents in our newly merged Council.
- BE THE FIRST** to see our new Council Strip (patch) unveiled at this meeting!
- WIN PRIZES** with drawings for those in attendance!
- OA ACTIVITIES & SERVICE PROJECTS** for all youth attending!

SATURDAY
AUGUST 15
10:00AM – 2:00PM

CAMP DON HARRINGTON DINING HALL

- CHECK-IN: 9:30AM – 10:00AM**
EVENT: 10:00AM – 1:30PM
- LUNCH IS PROVIDED!**
NO COST TO ATTEND!
- RSVP BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH**
TO RECEIVE A FREE NEW COUNCIL STRIP!

SCAN TO RSVP! →

Stronger Together.
READY FOR ADVENTURE!

JOIN US SATURDAY EVENING!
SCOUT NIGHT
WITH THE SOD POODLES!
★ VS. MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS ★
FIRST PITCH: 7:05PM
Hodgetown Stadium

- PURCHASE DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR SCOUTS, FAMILY & FRIENDS BY AUGUST 9TH
- ARRIVE AT 6PM FOR PRE-GAME ON FIELD PARADE
- ZOOPESTARS APPEARANCE
- SCOUT UNIFORMS ENCOURAGED

FREE CAMPING AT CAMP DON HARRINGTON! | **REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

COUNCIL EVENTS

For our out of town guests, why not make it a weekend? You can bring your unit, get all of the great information to start a fantastic year, play in the pool for a while, then go to the Sod Poodles game that evening and have your Scouts celebrated! Go on Black Pug to make your reservations today!



CAMP DON HARRINGTON

OVERNIGHT CAMPING

THE REAL ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

STAY THE NIGHT. LIVE THE ADVENTURE.
Pitch your tent, cook outdoors, and make memories under the stars!

UPGRADED POOL = COOLER DAYS | **NEW SHADE, MORE COMFORT** | **SLEEP UNDER THE STARS**

NONSTOP FUN!
Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Outdoor Skills & More!

To book your camp reservation, please visit
<https://campreservation.com/562/Home>

MAKE THIS YOUR CAMP STORY!

COUNCIL EVENTS

It's right around the corner - the 24th Annual Sporting Clay event at Camp Don Harrington! We enjoy having our units come shoot with us so scan the QR code or call the office to get signed up today!

Scouting America
Golden Spread Council

PRESENTS

24th
ANNUAL
SHOOT
FOR
SCOUTING

SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC

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GAMES & PRACTICE . FRIDAY
7.31.26

100% of the proceeds will benefit our local communities and help us serve more than 2,000 Scouts and Scouters.

REGISTER NOW!
Call: 806.358.6500
Email: stephen.keel@scouting.org

AMMO INCLUDED!
5 PRACTICE STATIONS INCLUDED!

Location: In the canyon at Camp Don Harrington

SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC

COUNCIL EVENTS

Stay tuned for more information on Summer Camp 2027 at Camp
MK Brown!! Arrrggghh!



COUNCIL EVENTS

SUMMER CAMP FUN!



COUNCIL EVENTS

SOUTH PLAINS COUNCIL NYLT FUN!



Haynes/Chaparral NYLT!
28 Scouts Attended!

COUNCIL EVENTS

GOLDEN SPREAD COUNCIL NYLT FUN!



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SCOUT SHOP

Scouting America
★ Prairie Sky Council ★

**GEAR UP FOR
ADVENTURE
IN JULY!**

Celebrate summer, Scouting, and America 250 with great gear for every adventure.

AMERICA 250

**10% OFF
ALL CAMPING GEAR
ALL MONTH LONG!**

★ DATES TO REMEMBER ★

July 3	★ Scout Shops, Offices, & Camps Closed
July 4	★ Happy 4th of July! Independence day!
July 11	★ Camp Don Harrington Volunteer Work Day
July 17	★ National Jamboree Contingent

**BE PREPARED.
BE PROUD.
BE SCOUTING.**

★ VISIT YOUR PRAIRIE SKY COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP TODAY! ★
★ SUPPORT SCOUTING. ★ SUPPORT ADVENTURE. ★

DISTRICT EVENTS

ADOBE WALLS/LONE WOLF

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

District Chair: VACANT

District Commissioner: Jason Eugea Ph # 806-335-6805

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

DINO CUB DAY CAMP FUN FOR ADOBE WALLS & LONE WOLF!



DISTRICT EVENTS

CHAPARRAL/HAYNES DISTRICTS

District Executive: Jordan Dale Ph. # 817-584-7503

District Chair: Molly Dickens Ph. # 806-543-5699

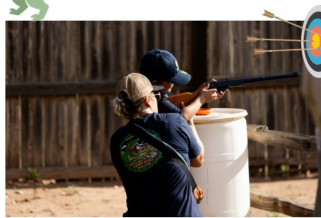
District Commissioner: Forest Lathan Ph. # 806-544-5920

Roundtable: 2nd Thursday of the month except July at 7:00 pm at VTC (Vocational Transition Center) - 2902 Chicago Ave. Lubbock, TX



Haynes/Chaparral District Summer Cub Day 2026

44 Scouts and their families attended our Dinosaurs! themed Summer Cub Day on June 13th!



Summer Cub Day Activities:



Archery
BB Guns

Rock Climbing
Games

Leatherwork Craft
Ice Cream & Pool Party!



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2902 Chicago Ave. Lubbock, TX

Haynes/Chaparral District Cobbler Cookoff!



DISTRICT EVENTS

GOLDEN EAGLE

District Executive: Zoe Howell Ph # 713-494-9433

District Chair: Amy Avey Ph # 806-236-4111

District Commissioner: Delynn McGehee Ph # 806-681-1623

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



MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE!

Zoe Howell is joining us as the District Executive for the Golden Eagle District.

Zoe grew up in Houston Texas. She came from a scouting family with her Dad being an Eagle Scout and her brother is a Life Scout . Both are OA members. She grew up in Girl Scouts as well as camping and hiking with her family. Zoe loves being outdoors, which is what led her to pursue agriculture.

In May 2026, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Media and Communications from West Texas A&M University.

Welcome to the Prairie Sky Council Zoe!

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



It was Maverick Day at Camp Don June 23rd and 25th! Here is some of the fun they had!

