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National Volunteer Week

April 18th – 24th, 2004



The Heart of America Council salutes the 19,785 volunteers who give their time and efforts to provide a Quality Scouting program to 56,170 youth within its 19-county service area.

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- The council collaborated with more than 700 different community organizations that chartered 1,315 Scouting groups and served 56,170 youth.
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- There were 758 Scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

- 11,631 Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts earned 42,352 merit badges.
- \$55,300 in college scholarships was awarded to 72 young men and women who served as camp staff members.
- A successful Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner was staged, and raised more than \$300,000 for the benefit of the Urban Scouting Program.
- The Friends of Scouting Campaign grew to more than \$1,615,000 and the Popcorn sales grew to more than \$1,840,000.

We appreciate everything that all of you do to make the Scouting program with the Heart of America Council one of the top, most well-known, programs in the country.

Yours In Scouting,

James J. Terry
Scout Executive

Memorial Day Flag Retirement Ceremony

In the aftermath of September 11th, Americans have taken greater steps to show their patriotism, often by flying the American Flag. Over time these flags have become faded and torn. It is the aim of the Heart of America Council's Order of the Arrow to provide the public with a service that allows these flags to be given a proper retirement.

The Order of the Arrow is holding a flag retirement ceremony on May 29th, 2004, at the North Meadow, Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. The goal of the lodge is to collect 5,000 American Flags that will be retired the evening of May 29th. To date, approximately 1,000 flags have been collected.

If you have an American Flag that you would like to contribute to the Order of the Arrow, please bring it to one of the following collection sites. Flag collections will end on Armed Forces Day, May 15th, 2004.

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Tribal Roundup

Saturday, April 17, 2004

7:00 pm

Municipal Auditorium

The tom-toms will beat loudly in Kansas City on April 17th, 2004 at Municipal Auditorium. We are sending forth the call for ALL Tribesmen in our seventy-five year history. We encourage all tribesmen, especially those whom we have not seen for quite some time, to join us for this special Tribal event.

Municipal Auditorium, in the Heart of Kansas City, sports a strong tradition with the Boy Scouts and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. During the 50's and 60's the Boy Scout Roundup filled Municipal Auditorium with excitement and fellowship. We intend to relive anew the fervor of our Scouting traditions.

The Tribal Roundup committee has been meeting and planning for this event for over a year. Tribesmen will experience a celebration unlike any tribal event in our history. Without spoiling the surprise, you can expect to experience special effects galore, laser lighting shows, a unique procession led by 25 feet tall figures, a special choir and a host of other surprises. You will also witness the Spirit Runners as they carry the torch, lit from the Memorial Hall Chapel's eternal flame, bringing the spirit of Mic-O-Say to Kansas City. Our Tribe has a proud history of eloquent orators. We are pleased to continue that tradition with Jim Terry, Chief Eagle from the Sun, delivering our special message for the evening. If you have never heard Jim speak, the understanding of and the passion Jim possesses for Mic-O-Say will truly inspire you.

There is no advanced registration or reservation required. We want as many tribesmen as possible to attend. We will ask each tribesman for a voluntary donation* at the door to cover the large expense of this production. Is this RISKY?... YOU BET! But the committee does not want anyone to stay away because of cost. At the same time the committee felt strongly that no funds should be asked of the Heart of America Council and the Scouting program, nor did we wish to deplete the funds of the Tribe. So we trust that our attendees will support us with a voluntary donation. We want this event to be truly an inspiring evening for Tribesmen, created by Tribesmen, and a fitting tribute to kick off the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Doors will open at 5:30pm and the program will start promptly at 7pm. Come early to share in a time of fellowship and reunion. We will have reunion areas designated by decades. You will also have time to view the limited souvenir items that will be available. The program will conclude by 9pm.

The most important thing you can do to help is spread the word of this event. Contact your Tribesman friends and invite them to attend. If you would like to help underwrite this event with a donation please contact Lester D. Ham Lester.Ham@vtaudit.com or 816-777-5006.

* suggested minimum donation \$5 for youth and \$10 for adults.

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Council Calendar

April

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|----|---------------------------------------|----|---|
| 3 | Climbing Program, 8:00 am | 27 | Bear Camper Leader Orientation, 7:00 pm |
| 3 | COPE Weekend, 8:00 am | 28 | Boy Scout Camping Fees Due |
| 4 | Palm Sunday | 28 | Webelos Camper Leader Orientation-CI, 9:00 am |
| 6 | Passover, 8:00 am | 28 | Good Turn Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 7 | CSDay Camp Staff Meeting, 7:00 pm | 29 | Webelos Camper Leader Orientation, 7:00 pm |
| 9 | Service Center Closed | 30 | OA Induction Weekend 1 |
| 9 | Good Friday | | |
| 9 | Naish Closed | | |
| 9 | Bartle Closed | | |
| 11 | Easter | | |
| 13 | Executive Committee Meeting, 12:00 | | |
| 14 | Pow Wow Staff, 7:00 pm | | |
| 14 | Camp Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm | | |
| 14 | SNAWS Meeting, 7:00 pm | | |
| 15 | OA LEC Meeting, 7:00 pm | | |
| 16 | MOS Spirit Run - Youth, 6:30 am | | |
| 16 | MOS Spirit Run - Adult, 6:30 am | | |
| 17 | MOS Spirit Run - Youth, 6:30 am | | |
| 17 | MOS Spirit Run - Adult, 6:30 am | | |
| 17 | MOS - Tribal Roundup, 7:00 pm | | |
| 17 | COPE Weekend, 8:00 | | |
| 17 | Climbing Program, 8:00 | | |
| 20 | HRB Committee Orientation, 7:00 pm | | |
| 21 | FOS Report Meeting, 6:00 pm | | |
| 21 | Bear Camp Leader Orientation, 7:00 pm | | |
| 21 | Advance Cmt Meeting, 7:00 pm | | |
| 23 | Venturing Odyssey, 3:00 pm | | |
| 24 | TN Work Day, 8:00 | | |
| 24 | Bartle Work Day, 8:00 | | |
| 24 | Community Service Day, 8:00 | | |

May

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| 1 | Bartle Work Day, 8:00 am |
| 5 | CS Day Camp Staff Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 7 | Day Camp Fees Due |
| 7 | Climbing InstrTrrg, 6:30 pm |
| 8 | HRB Staff Orientation, 8:00 am |
| 9 | Mother's Day |
| 11 | Executive Board Meeting, 12:00 |
| 12 | FOS Celebration, 7:00 pm |
| 12 | Pow Wow Staff, 7:00 pm |
| 13 | OA LEC Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 14 | OA Induction Weekend 2, 4:00 pm |
| 14 | Bear Camp Fees Due, 8:00 am |
| 15 | Bartle Work Day, 7:00 am |
| 19 | Council Training Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 19 | Council Philmont Draw, 7:00 pm |
| 21 | Webelos Camping Fees Due |
| 25 | Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 26 | Advance Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 28 | Naish Closed, 8:00 am |
| 29 | OA Flag Retire-OA, 10:00 am |
| 30 | OA Induction Weekend 1, 5:00 pm |

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Big Muddy	1317	Jared Evan Jenkins
Blue Elk	1082	Keith Daniel Rowland
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Blue Elk	1221	James Alex Waldman
Blue Elk	1332	Michael Paul Dinges
Blue Elk	1332	Andrew Michael Oldham
Blue Elk	1692	Thomas Cornell Schaefer
Kaw	1	Samuel Thomas Smith
Kaw	33	Raymond Glen Gochenour III
Kaw	66	Brett Jay Messer
North Star	1135	Seth Thomas Johnsen
North Star	1135	James Parker Southworth
North Star	1247	Jeffrey Michael Baskin
North Star	1247	Ian Jeffrey Koch
North Star	1260	Jacob Michael Pointer
North Star	1288	Timothy Aaron Barton II
North Star	1288	Devin R. Haddix

DISTRICT	UNIT	NAME
North Star	1288	Nathan Douglas Harper
North Star	1288	Jason Michael Steenstry
North Star	1333	Nathaniel Ryan Stitt
North Star	1370	Kevin Michael McKee
North Star	1370	Michael G. Philipp
North Star	1374	Jon Peter Mayotte
North Star	1374	Dustin Tyler Williams
North Star	1376	Chad Lewis Elliott
North Star	2389	John Curtis Skatvold
Northern Tier	13	William James Frye
Northern Tier	91	Samuel Biting Stewart
Northern Tier	91	Richard Hibbard Wagstaff IV
Northern Tier	123	Jared Michael Evatt
Northern Tier	393	Karl Arthur Smith
Pioneer Trails	1024	Eric Andersen
Pioneer Trails	1024	Alexander Donald Bell
Pioneer Trails	1024	Andrew Steven Hattaway
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Pioneer Trails	1024	Max Taylor Watson
Pioneer Trails	1060	Daniel Edward Wagner
Pioneer Trails	1084	John Stewart Lane
Pioneer Trails	1084	Dillon James McRoberts
Red-Tailed Hawk	240	John Tere Circo

DISTRICT	UNIT	NAME
Red-Tailed Hawk	412	Eric Thomas Medved
Thunderbird	1145	Patrick Eugene Clifton
Thunderbird	1245	Reese Edward Sherman
Thunderbird	1262	Benjamin Vincent Duffin
Thunderbird	1262	Joshua Michael Eads
Thunderbird	1262	Alex Kristofer Fetters
Thunderbird	1262	Alex Charles Giddings
Thunderbird	1262	Connor Robert McCambridge
Thunderbird	1426	Samuel August Buckholz
Thunderbird	1428	Jason D. Merten
Thunderbird	1550	Joshua Von Holt
Trailhead	10	Michael Clay Beasley
Trailhead	10	Brandon Alexander Cusick
Trailhead	10	Taylor Carson Hamilton
Trailhead	10	Max Elliott Lehman
Trailhead	10	Kevin Scott Morrison
Trailhead	10	Samuel Isaiah Weinberg
Trailhead	256	Brian Harris Godsey
Trailhead	282	Samuel Thomas Weinstein
Trailhead	387	Christopher Alan Thomann
Trailhead	387	Tyler James Whetstone
Trailhead	395	Michael James Kelly
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KANSAS CITY WIZARDS

Mic-O-Say 75th Anniversary Celebration April News

75 Hours of Pride to Raise Awareness in Kansas City

Our celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Mic-O-Say will begin on Friday, April 16, 2004. It will begin with a personal ceremony that you conduct that morning. As you arise and prepare for your day, THINK about the commitments you made when you became a tribesman. THINK about your promises to others, then decorate yourself with your claws and go forth with a renewed commitment to serve others throughout that day and for the remainder of the weekend (75 hours in total). Wear your claws proudly as you go about your daily activities. Explain to others what the symbols around your neck represent – that you are a member of a great Scout organization which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Be aware of other tribesmen you see. Greet them in the spirit of friendship and warmth and be proud of the way this program has touched so many lives in such a positive way.

Show your PRIDE by wearing your claws April 16, 17, and 18. You may be surprised by the attention you receive. You will serve as an ambassador of goodwill. Non-tribesmen within our community will be curious about your claws, about Mic-O-Say, and about Scouting in our community. This is your chance to talk about all the great Scouting programs, and all the benefits young people get by being involved. You will see many other tribesmen, including some "lost" tribesmen – people with whom we have lost contact and who may not know about our 75th year celebrations. If you meet a "lost tribesman," ask him/her if they receive Cedar Smoke. If not, encourage them to attend the Tribal Roundup on Saturday, April 17, and our Anniversary Celebration at camp, June 12. Encourage them to get on the web site and update their records. SHOW YOUR PRIDE!! WEAR YOUR CLAWS!!

Tribal Roundup at Municipal Auditorium April 17th

The Tribal Roundup is drawing near and many tribesmen have yet to hear about the 75th Anniversary kickoff that will take place at Municipal Auditorium on April 17th, 2004, at 7pm. We have the opportunity to have the largest gathering of Tribesmen in our history. The evenings' program will be full of excitement, traditions, memories and purpose. Several elements of our program will appeal to our youngest members as well. Our mission is to reach every tribesman whether they were your scouting friend, troop member, staff member, adult leader or maybe someone you work with who is a tribesman. Contact your friends and extend your personal invitation for them to join us on April 17th.

Come back to a place where Kansas City's scouting heritage grew to national fame, and look to our next horizon! The planning continues, and you will truly regret your decision if you pass up the chance to attend this Salute to our past and future. SAVE this date on your schedule, and fill the car up. This will be part of our 75 Hours of Pride, and the arrival of the Spirit torch from the Bartle Reservation will launch the evening's agenda. We can't disclose the program details, except to say that this will be a WOW! Event. This is another great opportunity to bring all of your unit's tribesmen, and alumni together to share the common bonds they have, and appreciate what a powerful presence our organization is in the Kansas City area. There is no registration or tickets needed, and the event will be funded by a free will offering to be collected at the Auditorium. A dedicated group of tribesmen have put together a program you will not want to miss. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, so plan to arrive early and get a good seat.

We ask all unit leaders to make the tribesmen in their group aware of this outstanding event! Because of the nature of the event, everyone should want to attend, and it is also a great chance for older members in your workplace or neighborhood to "come back" and share the spirit of Mic-O-Say. Please, "talk it up" to everyone, and take the lead in encouraging attendance.

A Special Salute to All Our Military Veterans

"Mic-O-Say does not forget!" Those were the words of our founding Chief Lone Bear when many a tribesman was called to duty in the Armed Forces. He corresponded with many of the young tribesmen who served in World War II and the Korean War. He honored them when they returned and he built the Mic-O-Say Memorial Lodge and Chapel to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice to defend freedom for their brother citizens. He began the tradition, which we proudly carry on, to honor those who place themselves in harms way to protect our way of life. At the 75th Anniversary Celebration on June 12, we will honor all veterans and we will give special gratitude to our brothers who served in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in the Persian Gulf, in Bosnia, and all over the world in the defense of our freedom. Make this another reason to be present at the 75th! Help us give thanks to those who defend our freedoms.

Registration Update

What a gathering this is going to be!! Over 3000 tribesmen are planning to be there! The spirit of friendship and warmth is what makes tribal gatherings fun for all age groups! Now we need your help to crown this event as the best ever. We need your help to turn out all of the tribesmen in your unit, in your circle of friends, in your church, neighborhood, and workplace. Tell them you will be there. Encourage them to sign up and be there as well. Pay particular attention to the younger tribesmen in your Troop or Crew. This 75th Anniversary Celebration will have so many unique events just for our younger tribesmen, they will want to be there. Get the whole group going and it will increase the interest and fun for all of them.

We have made it easy for each unit to organize their young tribesmen to go. Just print out the appropriate form from the link on our web site. Have your young tribesmen each fill out their own form, so that all the questions get answered by the person best able to know the answers. Collect the fee from each of them and bring your group of forms to the Tribal Roundup on April 17 (or to the Scout Office on Saturday, April 24, between 10am and 2pm). We want as many as possible of our younger group of tribesmen to be at this event, to celebrate their heritage and their future, to be with their friends, and to experience the fun of this special anniversary event.

RECOMMITMENT TO OUR GOALS NO LOST UNITS IN 2004!

Last year in this April issue I published the Commissioner goals for 2003 and asked for your support to achieve those goals. Last month, as the District Commissioners and I reviewed our 2003 results, there were many reasons for all of us to feel good about your accomplishments. For six of our ten goals, we could unequivocally say that we achieved what we set out to do. Led by a terrific effort in all districts to recruit new unit commissioners and achieve a 3-to-1 ratio (GOAL #1), it is quite safe to say that every district improved their commissioner teams, improved their commissioners' knowledge and skills through terrific training (GOAL #2), ensured that every unit had an assigned commissioner (GOAL #5), had more unit receive monthly visits (GOAL #3), improved and shared their evaluations, improved their roundtable staffs and the programs presented to unit leaders every month (GOAL #7), and improved their methods of communicating to unit leaders (GOAL #8).

We also noticed two key points from our data. First was that the numerically higher goals on our 2003 list, for the most part, were the ones we accomplished. LESSON LEARNED: Put the goals we care about most on the top of the list. Second we noticed that the goals we accomplished (recruiting, training, unit coverage, unit visits, roundtables, and communications) were the infrastructure – the processes by which we help units succeed – not the unit success itself. For example, two of the goals we did not achieve were an increase in the number and percentage of quality units (GOAL #6) and no lost units (GOAL #10) – both of which are good measures of unit success. This is not a bad thing – we need the infrastructure to deliver the results! As a result of what we accomplished in 2003, we have the best commissioner to unit ratio of large councils in our region. We also have the best trained team anywhere. But it does tell us that the infrastructure is in place now and, for 2004, we should focus heavily on the results.

So I ask each of you to help us achieve our same goals, but with a different priority for 2004. The best way you can help is to ask yourself what can

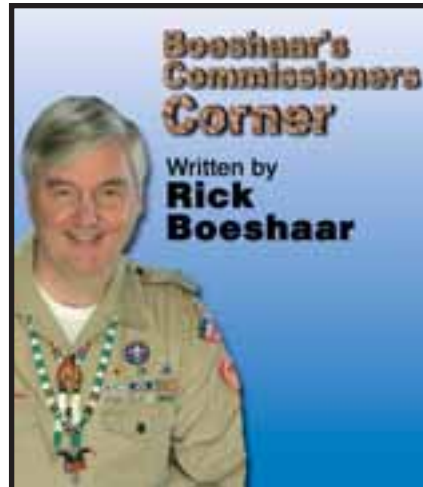
I do with the units I serve to ensure that their rechartering is on time, that their program plans have all the information and resources they need to be fun and exciting, that each of my units achieves the Quality Unit status in 2004, and that any unit experiencing difficulties is identified early – long before it has a chance to become a "lost unit."

Our 2004 goals start with our mission (the reason we exist) for commissioner service:

As commissioners, we provide units with meaningful service that delivers Scouting ideals to boys, brings about membership growth, and ensures on-time charter renewal. We help units succeed.

With that purpose, we will focus on these goals for 2004:

1. Working toward the ultimate goal of having "NO LOST UNITS" we will reduce the number of lost units in 2004 to half what it was in 2003.
2. Increase the number and percentage of our units that achieve Quality Unit status.
3. Visit every unit at least once each month.
4. Ensure that every traditional unit has an assigned unit commissioner.
5. Provide more effective district roundtables that attract greater attendance.
6. Strengthen our communications and evaluations between summer camp campsite commissioners and unit commissioners in each district.
7. Recruit more commissioners to have at least one for every three units.
8. Ensure that all of our commissioners receive all the training they must have.
9. Improve communications between the units and districts (and council).
10. Find more ways to show appreciation for the efforts of our unit and district volunteers.



75th Anniversary Apparel Order Information

The Heart of America Council has teamed up with some of the finest names in apparel to provide you with high quality commemorative wear.

Item below are available by Pre-Order only – Merchandise will not be available for purchase on the day of the event.

To Order Visit www.mic-o-say.org and click on the 75th Anniversary logo.

Mic-O-Say Field & Stream T-Shirt – Oversized 100% Cotton River-washed and pigment dyed. Screen Printed logo - Printing Style 1. Choose from Blue, Green, Yellow or Tan.
Sizes: Small-XL \$15.00 XXL \$18.00 XXXL \$20.00



The Tribe Field & Stream T-Shirt – Oversized 100% Cotton River-washed and pigment dyed. Screen Printed logo - Printing Style 2. Choose from Blue, Green, Yellow or Tan.
Sizes: Small-XL \$15.00 XXL \$18.00 XXXL \$20.00



The Tribe Field & Stream Crewneck Sweatshirt – Oversized 100% Heavyweight Cotton Riverwash and pigment dyed. Screen Printed logo - Printing Style 2. Choose from Blue, Green, Yellow or Tan.
Sizes: Small-XL \$25.00 XXL \$28.00 XXXL \$30.00



Mic-O-Say Field & Stream Riverwash Polo – Oversized 100% Cotton Riverwashed and pigment dyed. Embroidered logo on left chest - Printing Style 3. Choose from Blue, Green, Yellow or Tan.
Sizes: Small-XL \$25.00 XXL \$28.00 XXXL \$30.00



The Page & Tuttle Leno Weave Polo – The 65% rayon/35% polyester fabric has a unique weave for superior moisture management. Double layer back yoke with pleats, double needle topstitching, clean finished hem and replacement button. Generous cut - Machine wash and dry. Sand color shirt with Embroidered logo on left chest - Printing Style 3.
Sizes: Small-XL \$42.00 XXL \$45.00 XXXL \$47.00



All brands shown or mentioned are trademarks of their respective companies.

*Shipping charges will apply – use the order form at www.mic-o-say.org

You must order by April 16th, 2004 to ensure delivery by June 12th, 2004. Orders will be shipped directly to you – starting in March 2004*.

Dunbrooke Cypress Windshirt – Room for your swing, a v-neck with subtle striped collar and side seam pockets. Microfiber material with nylon lining, knit cuffs and waistband, and from a Kansas City area company! Embroidered logo on left chest - Printing Style 3.
Sizes: Small-XL \$45.00 XXL \$48.75 XXXL \$51.50



The Mic-O-Say Cap is an unstructured 6 panel cap made of brushed cotton with two piece velcro closure, a covered button and sewn eyelets. The three layer bill makes this cap a very sharp topper! Choose khaki cap with khaki/black layered bill, or navy cap with navy/khaki layered bill. Embroidered on the front - Printing style #3.
One Size: \$10.00



The Mic-O-Say Visor is a garment washed 100% cotton sport visor with an adjustable back and three layer bill. Choose khaki with khaki/white layered bill, or navy with navy/khaki layered bill. Embroidered on the front - Printing style #3.
One Size: \$10.00



California Outerwear Mic-O-Say Canvas Field Coat is sand washed 100% cotton canvas with a water repellent finish. The lining is hi-count quilted nylon with polyester fiber fill. This is a rugged, reliable jacket with a stylish leather collar, storm flap with hidden snaps, and many other features. Perfect to wear all year round. Machine washable. British Tan. Embroidered on left chest - Printing style #3.
Sizes: Med-XL \$75.00 XXL \$79.00 XXXL \$82.00



The Mic-O-Say Free-Flow Backpack – a casual hiking essential. This lightweight mesh bag has a front zipper pocket, contoured non-skid back straps and wide zip-around main compartment. Hold a lot of gear! Embroidered - Printing Style 3.
One Size: \$20.00





Scout Night with the T-Bones

Vs. St. Paul Saints

7:05 pm Game Time, Saturday, June 5, 2004
Community America Ballpark
110th and State Avenue

Exit I-435 in either direction. Exit West to State Avenue to 110th.

On this special night, you and your Scouts will receive reduced admission to the game. The T-Bones are also sponsoring an exclusive overnight experience for your Scouts. Their "Outfield Campout" package includes the following:

- Admission to the game
- Two movies on the Big Screen!
- Late night concession stand
- Breakfast on Sunday
- Event Patch
- Meet "Sizzle the Bull," T-Bones Mascot

To participate in this exciting event, please complete the registration form below and return it to the address below by May 20th. For more information, contact Brandon Smith at 913/328-5623.

Please mail order and payment to:
KC T-Bones, 1800 Village West Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66111

Tickets for the event will be mailed directly to your contact person.

Please note that the grass/berm area is equivalent to General Admission or Standing Room Only. As well, lawn chairs and coolers will not be permitted into the ballpark for the game or campout.

REGISTRATION

District _____ Pack _____ Troop _____
Unit Contact _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

CAMPOUT PACKAGES

_____ Grass/Berm Seats @ \$16 ea. = \$ _____ Select Seats @ \$17 ea. = \$ _____

GAME ONLY

_____ Grass/Berm Seats @ \$4 ea. = \$ _____ Select Seats @ \$5 ea. = \$ _____

CREDIT CARD # _____

Exp _____ NAME ON CARD _____



Tony Pena Growth Poster Day!
First 10,000 Kids 14 and Under Receive a Poster!

Fun Run!
First 10,000 Kids 14 & Under Get to Run the Bases!

Kids Eat Free Day!
First 10,000 Kids 14 & Under Receive a Coupon Good for One Free Hotdog & Small Drink!

Salute to Scouting!

Oakland A's Vs. Kansas City Royals

Sunday, May 16, 2004, 1:10 p.m.

Come In Uniform & Participate in Pre-Game Parade Around the Field

Special Discount Seating – Regular Prices are \$19 & \$12.

DEADLINE to purchase tickets is Friday, April 30th, 2004!

Tickets will be directly mailed to the unit contact listed below.

Scout Night at the Royals - event code 697

Pack #: _____ Troop #: _____

District Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

_____ Field Plaza Tickets @ \$16 ea. = \$ _____

_____ View Level Infield @ \$10 ea. = \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: HOAC, PO Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177

Questions? Please contact Lori Gooding at (816) 942-9333 ext: 154 or lgooding@bsaemail.org

What if it Rains?

Every attempt will be made to proceed with pre-game ceremonies; it is best to assume all games will be played.

When and Where?

First Pitch and Color Guard

Participants are to report 45 minutes prior to game time. Enter the stadium at turnstiles located at Gates A or B and proceed to plaza level, section 101 (behind home plate). A Royals representative will meet the participants, outside the double glass doors, and escort them to the field.

Color Guard

Units must provide their own flags and be in uniform prior to arrival at Kauffman Stadium. The Royals cannot provide any changing accommodations! Flags and uniforms may be returned to your vehicle after the ceremony. Please exit and re-enter the stadium through the pass gate.

Do not enter into the Lobby.

Parade

Participants will meet Royals parade coordinators behind the Royals Scoreboard by Parking Lot K to line up at 12:05 p.m. After the parade, participants will exit the field and enter stadium seating through Gate B. Parade Ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m.

Tony Adams & Friends

Presents

5th Annual Sporting Clays for Scouting



Friday, June 18th, 2004 (Arrowhead Pavilion, Kansas City, MO)

6:30 p.m. Fellowship & Silent Auction 7:30 p.m. Dinner

Saturday, June 19th, 2004 (Powder Creek Gun Club, Lenexa, KS)

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:15 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

10:00 a.m. Tournament Begins

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION:

Gold Level Sponsor \$7,500

Includes company name and logo as Gold Sponsor on all promotions, including "Adventures In Scouting" delivered to more than 8,000 households, press releases, and sponsorship proposals, one team of four shooters, Friday practice round of trap & sporting clays for tournament team, and invitations to all shooters and their guest(s) to the Friday evening BBQ and silent auction.

Silver Level Sponsor \$5,000

Includes company name and logo as Silver Sponsor on all promotions, including "Adventures In Scouting" delivered to more than 8,000 households, press releases, and sponsorship proposals, one team of four shooters, Friday practice round of trap & sporting clays for tournament team, and invitations to all shooters and their guest(s) to the Friday evening BBQ and silent auction.

Bronze Level Sponsor \$2,500

Includes company name and logo as Bronze Sponsor on all promotions, including "Adventures In Scouting" delivered to more than 8,000 households, press releases, and sponsorship proposals, one team of four shooters, Friday practice round of trap and sporting clays for tournament team, and invitations to all shooters and their guest(s) to the Friday evening BBQ and silent auction.

Team Level Sponsor \$1,000

One team of four shooters, Friday practice round of trap & sporting clays four tournament team, and invitations to all shooters and their guest(s) to the Friday evening BBQ and silent auction.

SHOOTER'S AMENITIES PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Participation in the 12-station sporting clays course, continental breakfast, lunch, ammo, and keepsake gift. The amenities package has an estimated value of \$550 per team, \$138 per person.

The portion of your contribution that is deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes is limited to the excess of the value of the contribution over the value of these goods and services.

For more information:

Contact Lori Gooding at (816) 942-9333 ext: 154 or lgooding@bsaemail.org

Shotgun Merit Badge Clinic

Tony Adams & Friends

Sporting Clays for Scouting

June 18th & 19th, 2004



Thank you for your interest in the Shotgun Merit Badge program being offered at Powder Creek Shooting Club in Lenexa, Kansas. To ensure that a quality experience is provided, registration is limited to the first 60 Scouts that sign up, ages 14 and up.

- Once registered, participants will receive a packet containing requirements and detailed expectations.
- Registration is \$25 per Scout, which includes one hour of safety instruction, personal instruction from NSCA Certified Instructors and registered BSA Merit Badge Counselors, ammunition, gun use, and Saturday lunch.
- Troops that would like to stay overnight on Friday may do so free of charge. Ground fires are not permitted. All instruction will be completed by 4 p.m. on Saturday.
- The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, with registration proceeding at 7:30 a.m. Each participant must check in and receive their identification card, in order to participate in the merit badge program.
- This event does pose potential for dangerous situations, please act responsibly and have plenty of adult supervision.
- This event coincides with a celebrity shooting competition, which financially supports the Heart of America Council.

Shot Gun Merit Badge Clinic Registration Form

Scout's Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Adult Contact Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Troop #: _____ District: _____

Camping? _____ If yes, including adults, how many will be camping? _____

For more information: Contact Lori Gooding, Finance Director & Event Coordinator, at (816) 942-9333 ext: 154

Make checks payable to: HOAC, 10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131

Camping/Training

Community Service Day

Later this month, Scouts and their leaders council-wide will go out into their neighborhoods and collect non-perishable food items for the annual SCOUTING FOR FOOD campaign. Scouts in units that participate in this campaign will receive a participation patch. Over the next six years, Scouting units are encouraged to keep track of their community service through a nationally sponsored tracking website. For more information on this website contact your District Community Service Chairman at the next district roundtable.

Scouting and Community Service work hand-in-hand and service projects should be incorporated into the year round program for each Scout Unit. If you have questions, see your District Chairman or District Executive.

Philmont Council Contingent Draw for 2005



The mission of the Council's Philmont Contingent is to give individuals the opportunity to attend Philmont in a trained crew with qualified and trained leadership. In order to preserve this mission there will be a council-wide registration and draw for the 2005 contingent on May 19, 2004 at the Council Service Center at 7:00 PM.

Each participant entered in the draw must be represented by a completed application and be ready to present a non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 the night of the draw. Applications for the Philmont Council Contingent are available March Roundtables, in the Resource Center and on the council website (www.hoac-bsa.org).

Powderhorn

Powderhorn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout Leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High Adventure program in several ways:

- Help Venturing Leaders and Scouters to safety conduct outdoor activities of a fun and challenging nature.
- Provides an introduction to the resources necessary to successfully lead Venturers and older Boy Scouts through a program of high adventure.
- Familiarize the advisor with the Ranger Program so that he or she can help the Venturer meet requirements of the Ranger Award.

Advancement

In our continuing effort to provide information as effectively as possible, the EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT WORKBOOK is now available for downloading from the HOAC website (www.hoac-bsa.org).

The National Boy Scouts of America office has notified us that effective immediately all Eagle Scout Rank Applications must include the Scout's full LEGAL NAME in the appropriate space on the application. Only the Scout's legal name will be printed on all Eagle Scout Rank credentials.

Sharing Native American Ways

Last month Webelos, Boy Scouts and their leaders participated in the 20th Annual Sharing Native American Ways Seminar (SNAWS). This year's SNAWS Committee did an excellent job of making the preparations and getting everyone to their classes on time. Classes in bow making, brain tanning, drum etiquette, sign language, beading, Indian attire, just to name a few, were available.

Brownsea 22 Training



Brownsea 22 is an intensive, seven-day outdoor training experience for young men in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders. It is conducted by the Heart of America Council Training Committee, using the Junior Leader Training Conference outline approved by the Boy Scout Division of the BSA.

June 14, 2004 and ends on June 19, 2004 and will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. It's purpose is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at it's best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course, to have fun!!

Registration forms can be found on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org or visit the Council's Resource Center.

April is Youth Protection Month

As with the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, the highest priority is the health, safety and well being of each and every youth member in our unit and council. For many years, the council has had in place policies and procedures aimed at protecting young people against violence and eliminating opportunities for abuse to occur within the Scouting Program.

Across the country, April is designated Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a perfect time for each Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venture Crew to focus on the Youth Protection Program within their unit. Here are just a few items you may want to consider when you plan the April program for your unit.

REQUIRE YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING FOR ADULTS

Youth Protection training is an important part of the strategy for helping to protect our youth members from child abuse and should be required of all leaders in your unit, especially leaders who have direct contact with youth. With the availability of the training on-line at the Heart of America Council Website at www.hoac-bsa.org, each and every leader can find the time to take the training.

TRAIN THE YOUTH MEMBERS IN YOUR PACK, CREW OR CREW

Training young people to protect and care for themselves is one of Scouting's basic tenets. Teaching them to RECOGNIZE situations that place him or her at risk, RESIST unwanted or inappropriate attention, and REPORT situations to a trusted adult, we have provided a valuable first line of defense for their safety. Showing the Cub Scout appropriate video, *It Happened to Me*, or the Boy Scout appropriate video, *A Time To Tell*, will provide this valuable training to our young people.

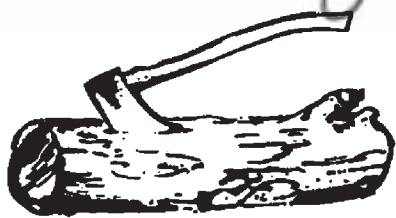
REVIEW THE BEHAVIOR POLICIES OF YOUR UNIT

All members, youth and adults, of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law. Physical violence, hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults and drug and alcohol have not place in the Scouting program. During this time of year, with units preparing for summer time camp activities, April is a very appropriate month to review the expected behavior and consequences of misbehavior with all the youth members and their parents. Additional resources may be found in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, which is available on the Heart of America Council Website.

Child Abuse and violence is a serious problem in American society. As a leader in the nation's largest youth-serving organization, you have a unique opportunity to make an impact on this societal problem. This month is the perfect time to get started.

Camping/Training

Wood Badge Training



Wood Badge training is an experience like no other!

Participants take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors with their patrol. Participants learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to its maximum potential. This training experience is open to all adult Scouters registered in the Boy Scouts of America. The course will be held on two weekends, September 10-12 and October 1-3, at the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit, MO. Registration forms and additional information are available at your district roundtable and the Council Service Center. The course is almost half full.

You are not required to have camping or Scout Craft skills in order to enjoy this ultimate training experience, however you need to be trained in your current registered position. The objective of the course is to help you learn to be a more effective leader. You will experience a professional environment with knowledgeable and skilled trainers using the most modern and effective training techniques and materials. The fee for the course is \$200.00 (including non-refundable deposit of \$25.00) and includes all meals and training material.

Order of the Arrow

How dirty is your sash? As winter comes to a close and springtime seems right around the corner, many members of the lodge look forward to the spring induction weekends for some OA fun. But some Arrowmen have tapped into the true treasure of the Order: OA HAPPENS EVERYDAY!

However, this revelation is not only maintained by the elected, the appointed, or the entitled; in fact the majority of Arrowmen getting involved and having a blast are Ordeal and Brotherhoods, Scouts and Scouters, volunteering and serving others.

Every month your Chapter meets at roundtable to address upcoming events and plan unit elections. This is a great place to get started. Going out into the district and meeting different troops to assist in their elections, is a great way to spend a couple of hours a week. Bringing the Order in front of a Scout for the first time is a rewarding experience.

You were presented with a new clean sash in Whippoorwill for a reason. Now is the time to put it on, get out, get involved and get it dirty.

Yours In Service,

David C. Chinnery
Tamegonit Lodge Adviser

Bartle and Naish Camps

Bartle Scout Reservation

Friday, April 9 – Sunday, April 11, 2004 – CAMP CLOSED
Saturday, April 24, 2004 – WORK DAY
Saturday, May 1, 2004 – WORK DAY
Saturday, May 8, 2004 – Camp Staff Orientation @ Council Office
Saturday, May 15, 2004 – WORK DAY
Saturday, June 12, 2004 – 75th Anniversary Celebration

Opportunities are still available to serve at Bartle this summer as doctors, nurses, paramedics, and EMT's.

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Friday, April 18 – Sunday, April 20, 2004 – CAMP CLOSED
Saturday, April 26, 2004 – WORK DAY
Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 4, 2004 – SPRING INDUCTION #1
Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18, 2004 – SPRING INDUCTION #2

Rotary Scout Camp

Rotary Scout Camp is the HOAC long term resident camp for Scouts with special needs. This camp is held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility which is located in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Rotary Scout Camp starts on August 2, 2004 and continues through August 6, 2004. Rotary Scout Camp allows Scouts to enjoy the outdoor experience, earn merit badges and have as much fun as can be squeezed into five days and nights. Applications for participation are available at the Council Service Center, district roundtables and on the website under Camping.

This year's staff is working toward an exciting theme of "Renaissance Rotary" for the Scouts. For more information contact Dusty Boatright at the Council Service Center or dboatrig@bsaemail.org.

Bear Resident Camp

Bear Camp Leader Orientation meetings are scheduled for April 21st, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Service Center and April 27th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Rd., Kansas City, MO. A representative from each pack should plan to attend one of these meetings. For more information contact Jonathan Bonness (jbonness@bsaemail.org).

Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos Camp Leader Orientation meetings are scheduled for April 28th and 29th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Service Center. A representative from each pack should plan to attend one of these meetings. For more information contact Jonathan Bonness (jbonness@bsaemail.org).

Cub Scout Day Camp

The HOAC Cub Scout Day Camp Committees are busy preparing activities for the Cub Scouts of the Heart of America Council for this summer. One of the things they will need to know to help in this preparation process is how many Cub Scouts are planning to attend Day Camp. You can help by making sure your Pack is pre-registered for Day Camp. Ask the Day Camp Coordinator in your pack to send in the Pack's registration information and deposits. Registration information and deposits should be mailed to the Council Service Center.

If you have questions regarding Cub Scout Day Camp for your district, call the Council Service Center and ask to speak to your DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

Final Camp Fee Payment Dates

Day Camp (\$45.00/Scout) – Wednesday, April 21, 2004
Boy Scout Camp – Wednesday, April 28, 2004
Bear Resident Camp – Wednesday, May 12, 2004
Day Camp (\$60.00/Scout) – Wednesday, May 5, 2004
Webelos Resident Camp – Wednesday, May 19, 2004
Rotary Scout Camp – Wednesday, June 23, 2004
Venturer Camp – Wednesday, July 21, 2004

All payments should be made payable to and mailed to:

HOAC, BSA
PO Box 414177
Kansas City MO 64141-4177

District News



Northern Tier

April Salutes

This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our new Eagles of the Northern Tier Jared Evatt of Troop 123, Carl Hinchey of Troop 295, Sam Stuart and Richard Wagstaff of Troop 91, Karl Smith of Troop 393, and Alex Dworkin of Troop 358. Congratulations to you all from your Northern Tier District Committee and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

50th Anniversary Celebration of Troop 93

We salute Troop 93 and celebrate with them on their 50th birthday. Boy Scout Troop 93 of Shawnee United Methodist Church in celebrated their 50th anniversary with a Reunion on Scout Sunday, February 8, 2004. The celebration began with a Scout Sunday Service, followed by lunch that served to over 300 attendees including 5 decades of scouts, scoutmasters, and their families. Everyone had the opportunity to view a display of memorabilia of scouting artifacts provided by Troop 93 Scouters. That afternoon the Troop's 160 Eagle Scouts and 23 Scoutmasters were recognized and honored. Shawnee United Methodist Church was also honored for their support as the chartering organization for the past 50 years. A feature of the program was the ceremony to honor the fifty-year-old Eagle scarf that is traditionally worn by the newest Eagle Scout in the troop. What a fantastic event to celebrate the wonderful program of scouting.



Pack 3751 and Great Times Shared by All

Congratulations and a saluted to Pack 3751 for their community service and great participation with their school, Mize Elementary. From School, to community, to Webelos Camp, these guys are always having a great time.



Just Around the Corner

The theme for the 2004 Cub Scout Day Camp program is CUBS ON EXPEDITION, IN HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION. The Northern Tier District staff is currently planning the programs for the hundreds of Cub Scouts who will attend camp this year at the Shawnee Riverfront Park on the south side of the Kansas River West of K-7. Cub Scouts this year will be able to shoot BB guns and bows and arrows; work on Cub Scout belt loops; cook out; sing songs; learn about nature; make crafts; play games; and more! If you have not made plans to attend, you should! Going to camp is a wonderful part of the Scouting experience, and it helps your pack earn the Quality Unit and Summertime Pack Awards. For more information you can contact our District Day Camp Director, *Dave Sultz* at 913-381-7824 or dsk123@aol.com. Dave and his team are visiting packs to promote camp this year and tell you all about the fun things we are going to have. Schedule your visit soon to get your pack excited about Day Camp this year, June 7-11, 2004. Can't wait to see you there.



Friends of Scouting 2004

All units need to be signed up for their Friends of Scouting presentation by now. Remember, free rank advancement to all units upon reaching their Friends of Scouting Unit goal and Participation Goal to December 31st, 2004. For more information or questions, please contact *Lisa Hayes* at the Council service center or call *Steve Brady*, our 2004 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman at (913) 362-8441. We, as the Northern Tier District have the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is such a vital part of our program in its help to support our leaders in their needed training, preserving both the Naish and Bartle Reservations that we all enjoy year after year, and that needed help for camp, uniforms, or registration fees for those that may need a little help. Congratulations to the following units that have achieved their FOS goal and are now receiving free rank advancement to December 31, 2004

Troop	Pack	Crew	Team
91	3054	2684	6684
185	3252		
283	3390		
684	3751		
	3684		

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 District Roundtable located at Village Presbyterian Church at 7:00PM
- 8 District Committee Meeting, Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivera Rd., 6:30 PM
- 8 District Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 10 Merit Badge Forum/ Super Saturday Training located at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School at 12701 W 67th Street. For questions and more information about Merit Badge Forum, contact Judy Tuckness at 913-268-9996. You can also visit the HOAC Website for more information regarding Super Saturday and Merit Badge Forum.
- 15 District Eagle Board of Reviews, Located at the LDS Church, 7845 Allman, 6:30 PM
- 24-25 Webelos Outdoor Leader Training Sign in begins promptly at 8:00am. Closing is Sunday at 11:00am. \$15.00 covers Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and materials. Located at the Hollis Center, 11414 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, KS For more information you can visit the HOAC Website hoac-bsa.org, or contact Judy Yeager, Northern Tier Training Chairman at 913-362-2029.

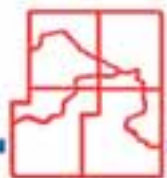
May

- 1 Cub Scout Job Specific Training including New Leaders Essentials and Youth Protection Training located at Asbury United Methodist Church 75th and Nall. Training will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4:00 pm. Schedule for the day:
 - 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
 - 9:00 - 10:10 Youth Protection Training
 - 10:30 - 12:00 New Leader Essentials
 - 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch
 - 12:30 - 3:30 Cub Job Specific Training
 For questions or more information you can visit the HOAC Website hoac-bsa.org, and go to the Northern Tier under training. There you will be able to download the registration form.
- 6 District Roundtable located at Village Presbyterian Church at 7:00PM
- 8 BALOO Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training located at Harmon Park Santa Fe Pavilion 78th and Delmar 9am - 5pm (Registration opens at 8:30 am). You can download this registration form from the HOAC Website under the Northern Tier Page and click on Training.
- 13 District Committee Meeting, Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivera Rd., 6:30 PM
- 13 District Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 20 District Eagle Board of Reviews, Located at the LDS Church, 7845 Allman, 6:30 PM
- 22 Super Saturday Training located at Shawnee United Methodist Church Visit the HOAC Website under the Northern Tier and visit the Training Page to download the complete schedule for Super Saturday.

KEEP THIS INFO CLOSE!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

District Chairman	Bill Henderson	(913)-383-1950
District Commissioner	Judy Tuckness	(913)-268-9996
District Activities Chairman	Steve Springer	(913)-631-4215
District Advancement Chairman	J. Jack Clark	(913)-441-1608
District Camping Chairman	Gene Adams	(913)-362-4509
Order of the Arrow Adult Advisor	Gary Akers	(913) 262-2047
District Membership Chairman	Cathi Maynard	(913)-648-7166
District Website Liaison	Cathi Maynard	(913)-648-7166
District School Night Chairman	Missy Musick-Brown . .	(913)-362-3633
District Program Chairman	Steve Brady	(913) 362-8441
District Training Chairman	Judy Yeager	(913) 362-2029
Cub Scout Training Coordinator	Dave Sultz	(913)-381-7824
Boy Scout Training Coordinator	John Forsyth	(913)-341-5061
Youth Protection and Safety	Judy Yeager	(913)-362-2029
Training Registrar	Bob Wasser	(913)-631-2702
District Cub Scout Roundtable		
Commissioner	Lori Kearns	(913) 583-1011
District Cub Scout Co-Chairman		
Commissioner	Dave Sultz	(913) 381-7824
District Boy Scout Roundtable		
Commissioner	Ron Bonewits	(913) 631-2165
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District Executive	Lisa Hayes . . . (816) 942-9333 ext: 172	lhayes@bsmail.org



Twin Rivers

Merit Badge College Gets an "A"

On February 21, 2004, 53 boys from nine troops throughout Twin Rivers District descended upon Osawatomie High School to learn how to speak in public, make liquids change color and tried to understand who came up with the Electoral College! These are just a few things that the Scouts got a chance to learn about at Merit Badge College. Thanks to all of our Counselors and adult leaders for giving their time to allow the boys to accomplish so much on their path to Eagle. We all had a great time and look forward to more boys joining us next year. Take a look at a few of the activities we got to learn about during this fun and exciting afternoon.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Don Lile of Troop 126. On February 22, 2004, Don received the Lamb Award for service to the Lutheran Church of Garnett where he has been a member for several years. This award is given as recognition for dedicated service to your church and youth in your community. An adult cannot work towards this honor; he or she must be recommended to receive this.

Don attended his regular Sunday morning church service to see many of the boys and troop leaders he had worked with over the past years join him and his wife, Bonnie! He had no idea and was wonderfully surprised. Again, congratulations to Don and Bonnie for this great recognition and we look forward to your continued commitment to your Church and Scouting.

Friends of Scouting

We have made great progress in finishing our Friends of Scouting Campaign early this year! Thanks to all the families and businesses that have committed to support Scouting again this year. Your interest and dedication to keep the Scouting program strong and available to all the youth in our community is incredible. Congratulations to all the units that have earned Free Rank Advancement for the rest of 2004, some of which are new units! Also, a huge thank you must go to our Unit Presenters and Community Workers who have been out there volunteering their time and energy to spread the word of Scouting, renewing and finding new support.

Thanks again to all of you for your help as we wrap this campaign up in the coming days. We are excited to meet and exceed our goal early again this year so we can focus on more of the program and camping activities we are looking forward to in the next few months. Thanks to Chairman Dana Crawford and Family Chair Shellie Crosson for their hard work this year. If you are interested in participating on this winning team as a community leader or unit presenter in the future, please contact Overall FOS Chair Dana Crawford at 913.757.4451 or Cortland Bolles at 800.776.1110 x118 or cbolles@bsaemail.org.

Cubs On Expedition

Just in: Charlie Fiehler has accepted the position of Day Camp Program Director!! Thanks for your help Charlie; we know you will enjoy it! Cub Scout Day Camp will be held the first FULL week of June from the 7th through the 10th at North Lake Park in Garnett this summer.

This is the first chance many of your Cub Scouts that joined Scouting over the past few months will get to experience some outdoor Scouting activities! Make sure you do not wait to get your boys excited about the opportunities and signed up for this awesome time! Registrations for Day Camp are being accepted right now. We are looking forward to bringing each and every Cub Scout the highlight of their Cub Scouting year. If you would like to help out or just want more information, contact *Mary Ann Hodgson*, Cub Day Camp Director at 785.759.3238. Make sure you attend Roundtables and keep checking out the Council Website for the latest on Day Camp.

Spring Recruiting

As the warm spring and summer months come upon us, we all look forward to getting outside to relax or getting out of school. Before every one goes their different ways on the summer, we want to make sure we give more young boys the opportunity to get involved in Scouting as part of their summer activities. We will once again be conducting spring recruiting in an effort to give boys the chance to do some camping and swimming and hiking as part of our great Scouting program. More information will be coming in the next few months so make sure you updated at Roundtables. You can also contact *Cortland Bolles* at 800.776.1110 with any questions. Remember that flyers are available to all ages of Scouting and, if the schools that your pack covers allows visits and Boy Talks, those can be scheduled for most any time!

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 District Commissioner's Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 6:30 PM
- 1 Roundtable, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
- 1 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
- 3 SM/ASM Specific Training (Part 1&2), Ottawa, 8:30 AM
- 7 SM/ASM Specific Training (Part 3), Ottawa, 7:00 PM
- 8 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven's, Paola, 6:00 PM
- 16-17 Outdoor Leader Skills, Lewis Young Park, Louisburg, 5:30 PM Friday-9:00 PM Saturday

May

- 1 BALOO Training, Location TBA
- 6 District Commissioner's Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 6:30 PM
- 6 Roundtable, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
- 6 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
- 13 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven's, Paola, 6:00 PM

DISTRICT ROSTER:

District Chairman:	Mike Prothe	913.294.2111
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Camping Chair:	Richard Grant	913.755.3941
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	Pam Thompson	913.294.2344
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Lone Bear

Pine Wood Derby

The Pine Wood Derby is one of the oldest Cub Scout Traditions around. See how 3 representatives of your Den stack up against the rest of the district! The Lone Bear District Pine Wood Derby will be held at the Clinton

Scout Center on May the 1st. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. Call *Jerry Post* for details.

Spring Round-Up 2004

Do you have 2nd year Webelos crossing over into Boy Scouts? Now is the time to

replace them with Tiger Cubs! Kindergartners can officially become Tiger Cubs and will be able to attend day camp this summer. It is important to recruit these boys now in order to get them ready for camp. Many packs have started to make plans, if yours has not now is the time! For help with recruitment and materials call *Phil Brockland* @ (800) 776-1110.

units that participated and all of the members of the community that have given so graciously. Special thanks to Erika Collins and Gary Cover for all of their hard work and to all of the donors for their generosity. Due to the success of this campaign every boy will be able to participate in the scouting program and will be able to attend Scout Camp.

2004 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Chairman	J.C. Smith	(H) 660-885-2744
Commissioner	Randy White	(H) 660-687-5694
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BS Roundtable	Kathy Cooper	(H) 660-647-5868
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Camping	John Gaston	(H) 816-297-2216
Special Needs	Bob Straw	(H) 660-885-6336
Activities	Jerry Post	(H) 660-747-0600
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OA Chapter Advisors	Richard Miller	(H) 660-747-6146
	Mike Foster	(H) 660-747-2581
Religious Activities	Father Tom Hermes	(H) 660-885-4523

Community Service Day

Community Service is an important component of the Scouting experience. The Council wide community service day will be held on April 24th. Every Unit is encouraged to participate in the Scouting for Food drive or a service project of your choice. Make sure Scouting is visible in our communities! To report the details and submit photos of your units project contact *Jerry Post* or *Phillip Brockland* immediately following the completion of your project.

Friends of Scouting

The Lone Bear District is closing in on our Friends of Scouting goal. Thanks to all of the

Calendar of Events

April

- 6 Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 20 District Committee Meeting
- 24 HOAC Good Turn Day

May

- 1 District Pine Wood Derby
- 4 Round Table
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 18 District Committee Meeting



North Star

Congratulations! and Welcome!

Paul Crooks was awarded the Scouter of the Month for outstanding service to the District for the month of February.

Let's welcome John McBurney as Advancement Chairman and welcome back Richard Martin as Training Chairman of the Internationally Famous North Star District Committee.

We thank Craig Liljegen who served as the Advancement Chairman and Ron Sanders who served as the Training Chairman for a number of years. Well done!!

Congratulations and thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your units, your North Star District, and your Council!!

Upcoming Training

Cost of the full day or the two night Basic Leader course is \$6. Contact Fred Hack at 452-3036 for more information and registration. Contact *Steve Vaughn* at 741-3847 for more information on BALOO Training.

In addition, here are some on-line training links:

- Youth Protection can be accessed via the HOAC website (you may need to use the 'alternate access' method on the page following this link): http://hoac-bsa.org/Youth_Protection.cfm
- Cub Scout Leader Fast Start training is found at: <http://www.scouting.org/cub-scouts/faststart/>
- Boy Scout Leader Fast Start training is found at: <http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/faststart/>
- Venturing Adult Fast Start training is found at: <http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=va>

District Garage Sale

Find out more about when, where and how concerning the District Garage Sale at the next Roundtable!! Wow, what a deal!! You can consign or donate your camping gear that you no longer need and pick up some experienced gear at the District Garage Sale. Find out more from *Mike Scarborough*.

Friends of Scouting

Has your unit had your FOS presentation? Let's get those last presentations completed and do our part for this program. If you have any questions, please call *Tom Lanio* (454-5009), *Jim Olsheski* (452-4450) or *Jon Geiger* (816-942-9333) or see your Zone Chairman. We are doing very well on this year's campaign - but let's keep up the good work! Don't forget the free rank advancements if your unit achieves its goal.

Attention Retired

Attention Retired Den Leaders, Cubmasters, or Scoutmasters! Are you looking to make a few

extra bucks? The Heart of America Council has an opportunity for you. Currently the North Star District has a Scoutreach Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venture Crew located at the Englewood Neighborhood Apartments. We are looking for interested people who will be PAID to be a Scout Leader. Interested candidates will work with at-risk youth as a Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Crew Advisor. We are also looking for individuals to work as a Crew Advisor or Assistant Advisor for a Venture Crew at the Northwest Division of Youth Services on Barry Road. For more information on either position, please call *Matt Specht* at 816-942-9333 or mspecht@bsamail.org.

'Cubs on Expedition' Day Camp and Webelos Summer Seminar

Now is the time to get your Cub Scout Pack registered for the 2004 District Day Camp 'Cubs on Expedition' - a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Bring your new Tigers through 2nd Year Webelos to this great event. They will have a great time with archery, BB guns, crafts, games and Scouting skills - all with a Lewis and Clark twist and designed to let them earn advancements while they have FUN!

'Cubs on Expedition' will be June 7th through the 10th with Webelos Summer Seminar on Friday, June 11th - all at the Platte County Fairgrounds. We will be expanding the daily FUN schedule a bit and having Summer Seminar on Friday to allow for the Mic-O-Say 75th Anniversary Celebration the following weekend. There will be more information coming out about Webelos Summer Seminar very soon.

Packs should note that the Walking Leader Training Meeting will be on Saturday, April 17th at Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd Street so that the Walking Leaders will be up to date on the FUN to be had with their Cubs at Day Camp.

For more information on all the FUN, be sure to come to the District Roundtables or contact Camp Director *Jeff Tyler* (505-2015; jstyler@kc.rr.com); Program Director *Jill Cook* (468-9232; jillc@kc.rr.com) or District Executive *Jon Geiger* (942-9333; jgeiger@bsamail.org).

Did we mention that the Cubs will have FUN??

Webelos Woods

The Webelos in your Pack have some great camping opportunities this summer, beginning with Webelos Woods on May 22-23 at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp on Smithville Lake. More information will be available soon at the District Roundtables and on the District Website or call

Steve Vaughn at 741-3847. Hope to see you there!

In the Spotlight

Do you want to share something special about your unit - a unique trip, special recognition or

great ideas to further Scouting? We would be happy to help you share it in the North Star Polaris Newsletter or here in Adventures in Scouting. Contact *Jeff Tyler* (jstyler@kc.rr.com) for more information.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion Rd. Youth Protection / Merit Badge Counselor / New Leader Essentials Training, OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion
- 13 District Boy Scout Leader Training, part IIB - Troop Operations, 6 p.m., Hillside, Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
- 13 District Cub Scout Leader Training, part I - Essentials, Chandler Baptist Church, Liberty
- 15 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion - Please note date change
- 17 Day Camp Walking Leaders Meeting, 9 a.m., Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd
- 17-18 District Boy Scout Leader Training, part III - Outdoor Weekend, 8 a.m., Smithville Lake
- 20 District Cub Scout Leader Training, part II - Specifics, Chandler Baptist Church, Liberty
- 24 HOAC Good Turn Service Project - Scouting for Food
- 24 Cub Scout Leader BALOO training, 8 a.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran, 5409 NW 72nd

May

- 6 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion Rd. Youth Protection / Merit Badge Counselor / New Leader, Essentials Training. OA Chapter Meeting
- 7-8 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, Naish Scout Reservation
- 11 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion
- 13 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
- 22-23 Webelos Woods, Smithville Lake. Please note date correction.

2004 North Star District Committee

District Chairman	Tom Lenz	816-426-2408
District Commissioner	Russ Downing	816-587-2025
Activities	John Burwell	816-891-6499
Advancement	John McBurney	816-781-6923
Camping	Jeff Cook	816-468-9232
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FOS Family	Tom Lanio	816-454-5009
Membership	Brian Blake	816-746-6797
NESA	Bob Whitaker	816-455-0021
Public Relations	Jeff Tyler	816-505-2015
Relationship	Tom Barzee	816-734-8386
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Training	Richard Martin	816-781-9557
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District Executive	Jonathan Geiger	816-942-9333 ext 132 / jgeiger@bsamail.org



Big Muddy

Summer Camps

Although it may seem like a long way off it's time to start thinking about summer camp. Whether it be Bartle, Naish, Day Camp, or Webelos Camp, now is the time to sign up! If you haven't yet, it's still not too late.

Summer Recruitment

We all know that fall is the typical recruiting season but recruiting new boys is really a year-round process. We may lose prospective

new scouts if we don't give them the opportunity to join in the spring. They're several Council-sponsored events throughout the summer to keep these youngsters active. If you would like some information on spring recruitment, please call your District executive.

Family Friends of Scouting

The Big Muddy District is well on its way to having another successful year in Friends of Scouting. The family campaign is nearing com-

pletion but we still need your help! If you have not given yet, please consider a gift of \$130; the amount it takes to support one child through a year of program.

2004 District Award Recipients

- Outstanding District Staff Members
Jim Wingham and Brett Cooper
- Hershel Hay Outstanding Cubmaster Award
Bobbie Long and Jesse Woods
- Outstanding Assistant Cubmaster
Alan Boydston
- The Robert M. Levy Outstanding Scoutmaster Award
Ryan Johnson

2004 District Award of Merit Recipients Jim Snyder & Tammy Cockrum

Congratulations to these and all other award recipients!!

Thanks for all you do to make Scouting a success in the Big Muddy District.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 District Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m. Sprint Warehouse, Lexington
- 6 Roundtable, 7:30p.m. Lexington 1st United Methodist Church
- 7 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30p.m. Martens Home, Richmond

May

- 4 Roundtable, 7:30p.m. Lexington 1st United Methodist Church
- 5 District Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m. Sprint Warehouse, Lexington
- 12 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30p.m. Martens Home, Richmond



Learning for Life

Learning for Life Division Contacts

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Adam Berthot – Senior Exploring Executive, (816) 942-9333 ext. 170, aberthot@bsamail.org
Bryan Fuller – Sr. Exploring Executive, (816) 942-9333 ext. 141, bfuller@bsamail.org

K.C. @ Night

K.C. @ Night is coming this month April 23rd, 2004! This event will be fun-filled, and all night long. We will be starting the night at a Royals game, and we will be touring/visiting different sites and locations throughout Kansas City. Over the last three years we have toured and visited some of the following places: Sprint I-MAX, Kansas City Zoo, Kansas City Metro PD (K-9 & Helicopter Police Units), Arrowhead Stadium, GM Fairfax Assembly Plant, Mix 93.3 Radio, WDAF-TV FOX 4, MAST Emergency Service, AMF Bowling, Cerner Corporation, and Sprint to name a few. We will be looking to tour more sites this year!

More detailed information about "K.C. @ Night" will be mailed to all Exploring Posts, and can be seen on our local website: www.lfl-hoac.org.

Friends of Scouting

The 2004 Friends of Scouting campaign is upon us again.

This is an opportunity to provide financial support to over 50,000 youth in Kansas City. The support helps to deliver life-changing values of Scouting programs and the Learning for Life programs to youth in our 19-county area.

Currently, there are around 4,000 young men and women who participate in about 100 Explorer Posts in and around the greater Kansas City area.

The Learning for Life program operates in schools to provide life skills, character and career education programs to students in grades K-12, with enrollment of over 18,000.

If you would like to further support these programs financially, and/or have questions regarding the Friends of Scouting Campaign, then please call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333.

This is a great way to maintain and strengthen the Learning for Life and Exploring promise for Kansas City's youth of today, and tomorrow.

Training

Learning for Life Youth protection training is now available online at www.learning-for-life.org. All advisors from each Exploring post must complete this training. The training is short

and straight to the point of youth safety. A certificate can be printed out upon completion of the training. Learning For Life now requires that this training be completed.

Exploring Advisor Fast Start Training is available as well. This training delivers a better understanding of the Exploring program and structure for new and seasoned adult volunteers in Exploring.

For more information or to schedule a personalized course for your organization, please contact *Adam Berthot*, Exploring/Learning for Life Training Specialist at 816-942-9333, ext. 170 or email: aberthot@bsamail.org.

Cluster Activities

We will be looking to hold "Cluster Activities" for each career cluster in Exploring. We are open to suggestions and would love to have in-put and help setting these activities up. These spring activities can consist of specific career related activities related to each Exploring cluster (i.e. Arts and Communications, Business and Law, etc...). These events could range from project competitions between posts, presentations given and exchanged between posts, or even re-enacted/mock situational events.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Exploring Division at 816-

942-9333.

Super-Activity Requests

To all posts who are planning a super-activity this year, just a quick reminder on Tour Permits. Each post that is planning to travel outside of the 19-county Heart of America Council needs to contact us to obtain a Tour Permit form. We ask you to inform us of your post's plans, as well as, returning the completed form to us. By completing this form, each of us will have an official copy for our individual files and will allow us to be informed of your super-activity plans. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

If you have any questions or would like to request a Tour Permit form, then please call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333. These forms can also be found in the "Guide to Safe Learning for Life Activities", which is located on the National LFL website: www.learning-for-life.org.

Resources

Visit our national and local web sites for your entire program and recognition needs! Please take advantage of these great resource tools! Check them out today at: www.learning-for-life.org (National) & www.lfl-hoac.org (Local).



Trails West



2003 QUALITY DISTRICT

2004 Trails West Cub Scout Day Camp

"Cub Expedition"

"Go west young man! Go west!" Old Horace must have heard about the 2004 Trails West District Day Camp. This year's theme is "Cub Expedition," so dust off those coonskin hats, hitch up the wagons, and blaze a trail to the Timber Ridge Adventure Center, in western Olathe, KS, June 14th through the 17th 2004. Remember, attending Day Camp helps boys stay interested in Cub Scouting over the summer when many packs do not hold regular meetings and activities. It also helps meet the need for summer programs that provide youth with engaging activities within a safe environment! Day Camp is open to all Cubs, Tigers through Webelos. Day Camp Staff members are available to come to your Pack meeting, Blue & Gold Dinner, or any other Cub Scout gathering to provide a presentation on Day Camp. Please contact *Shawn Hudson* at (913) 254-9548 or e-mail sais4@com-cast.net. If you are interested in serving on our 2004 Day Camp Staff, there are still positions open!

Merit Badge Forum

The 2004 Merit Badge Forum is now a memory for many of the Boy Scouts in the Trails West District. The two-weekend event was a huge success due to the great planning of Ellen McGurk. The event included more than 15 merit badges being offered including Entrepreneurship, Law Genealogy and American Business. The district would like to take thank all the Merit Badge counselors that came out and gave their time for this worth while event. And a big thank you to Ellen McGurk for making sure the scouts for the Trails West District had a great event to attend.

Friends of Scouting

All units need to be signed up for their Friends of Scouting presentation by now. Remember, free rank advancement to all units upon reaching their Friends of Scouting Unit goal and Participation Goal to December 31st, 2004. For more information or questions, please contact *Alan J. Sanders* at the Council service center or call *Marlene Bean*, our 2004 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman at (913) 782-3279. We, as the Trails West District have the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting

Program. Friends of Scouting is such a vital part of our program in its help to support our leaders in their needed training, preserving both the Naish and Bartle Reservations that we all enjoy year after year, and that needed help for camp, uniforms, or registration fees for those that may need a little help.

Safe Scouting Saturday

On Saturday April 10th the training team of the Trails West District will be presenting a day of Safe Scouting training. The day will include many of the trainings that are usually only offered once or twice a year. The Schedule is as follows:

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. – Registration
- 9:00- 10:30 a.m. – Youth Protection
- 10:30- 12 noon – Health and Safety
- 12:00- 1:00 pm – Lunch Break
- 1:00-1:45 pm – Climb on Safely
- 1:45-2:30 pm – Safe Swim Defense
- 2:30-3:15 pm – Safety Afloat
- 3:15-4:00 pm – Cave Exploring
- 4:00-4:15 pm – Bike Safety

At least 5 registrations are necessary to hold any session. Register by contacting *Joe Ogilvie* the Trails West Training Chair at 913-492-3880

Trails West District Spring Round-Up

Does your pack need more boys? Do you want to get into your school and talk to the Kindergartners about the chance to join Cub Scouts this spring? If you have answered yes to any of these questions now is the time to call *Alan J. Sanders* at (816) 942-9333 or *Keith Neuman* at (913) 451-8362. This spring is a great time to bring new boys and leaders into your unit for all the fun of scouting. It is also possible for the new boys to attend camp and help your unit earn the summer time pack award.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 Roundtable, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
- 6 District Committee Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
- 10 Safe Scouting Saturday, 8:30am – 4:45pm St. Paul's United Methodist Church Lackman Rd North of 79th Lenexa
- 13 District Commissioner Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
- 15 Eagle Board of Review, Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Allman, Lenexa, 6:30PM (Please arrive 15 min. early)

May

- 6 Roundtable, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
- 11 District Committee Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
- 18 District Commissioner Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
- 20 Eagle Board of Review, Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Allman, Lenexa, 6:30PM (Please arrive 15 min. early)

District Leadership

District Chairman
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Blue Elk

District Dinner

The 2004 District Dinner took place on January 30th with more than 275 people in attendance, our largest recognition dinner to date. Dick Wilson from Oldies 95 served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and did a fantastic job. Activities during the evening included recognizing Eagle scouts from 2003, quality units, and volunteers who are serving in district level positions on various committees. As in the past, Jeff Lawhon put together two great slide shows to highlight youth and adults throughout the year, and even dug up some old photos from the past. The new location at Adams Pointe Conference Center was a positive experience with more room, great service, and good food. Highlights included announcing the winners of the Silent Service awards, Scouter's Spirit awards, the Paul Arend award, and the seven District Award of Merit recipients, who are listed below. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you for the work you do to deliver the scouting program. The district dinner chairman, Scott Howell, should be commended for all of his hard work at making this dinner one of the best ever. We should also thank Marvin Sands, John Thornton, and all of the presenters for making the program run smooth. The date for next year's dinner is Saturday, January 29th, 2005 at the Adams Pointe Conference center again, so mark the date on your calendars now!

Scouter's Spirit Award: Jerry Zevecke, Ronald Hupp, Bryan Rogers, Ronald Kroeger, Gary Stivers, Virgil Adams, Liz Sheldon, Bob Gorham, David Graham, Paul Penner, Robert Ferwalt, Phillip Peters

Silent Service Award: Norby Corn, Patrice Semegran, Gayle La Plante, Thomas Sterrett

Paul Arend Award: Bobby Morris - Troop 1282

Award of Merit:

Bill Adams - Pack 4216

David Meyer - Troop 1312

Kenneth Yunker, Jr. - Troop 1175

Peter Freeman - Unit Commissioner

Randy Cooper - Troop 1058

Robert Hudson - Troop 1282

Robert Bulloc, Sr. - Troop 1178



Klondike

It rained - a lot, but that didn't stop almost 700 scouts, venturers, and leaders, 100 staff, and 11 Explorers from coming out and enjoying the activities. Klondike once again was a great experience for all of those who participated, even though we could have called it the "mud bowl." The winners of the different categories of patrols are listed below. A huge thank you goes to Hugh Simpson who served as the Chairman for this year. We also want to thank every volunteer that served on staff and helped out behind the scenes. This event could not take place without the help of many volunteers that want to see the day be successful.

Pedro Patrol -

1st place: Troop 266 Fox patrol

2nd place: Troop 603 Falcon patrol

3rd place: Troop 257 Foxman Wannabe patrol

Intermediate Patrol -

1st place: Troop 603 Panther patrol

2nd place: Troop 266 Bullsnake patrol

3rd place: Troop 204 Dragon patrol

Challenge Patrol -

1st place: Troop 216 Redneck patrol

2nd place: Troop 216 Five Alarm Chili patrol

3rd place: Troop 216 Rampaging Rabbit patrol

Traditional Sled Champion -

Troop 216 Five Alarm Chili patrol

Rustic Sled Champion -

Troop 216 Bullsnake patrol

Overall Champion -

Troop 216 Redneck patrol



Scouting for Food

The Council Good Turn day is coming up on April 24th. If you have not decided where to take your food yet, please consider donating it to the Hawthorne Community Family Center on Dover Drive in Independence, or one of the Community Service Leagues in the area. All units that turned in a registration form by the March Roundtable (since February's was cancelled) will receive a recognition items for those scouts participating in the food drive. Remember, we ask that you only pick up food in the area you designated at the March Roundtable. This year the Council will not be providing bags, so please reuse and recycle your own bags. Recognition items will be distributed at the May Roundtable. For questions about Scouting for Food, please contact *Ross Pfannenstiel* at 942-9333 ext. 164. Good luck and have fun doing a great service to your local community.

Spring Training Opportunities

Check out the calendar for the latest leader trainings coming up in the next few months. The Council website also lists training dates and is a great resource for lots of other council and district information. The council website address is www.hoac-bsa.org. Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Skills training is taking place April 16th and 17th. BALOO, Webelos Leader Outdoor, and Cub Scout Specific trainings will take place in April also. Both Webelos Leader Outdoor and BALOO require 12 participants each to hold the training, so please RSVP your attendance to Karen or Frances as soon as possible. Varsity Leader training will be held on Saturday, April 10th at the Independence Stake Center. The training will last all day, so remember to bring your own lunch. Watch for flyers at Roundtable for more detailed information and how to register. For more information about Boy Scout leader training, please contact *Phil Gramlich* at (816)478-3012 or *Ross Pfannenstiel* at (816) 942-9333. For information about Cub Scout leader training, please contact *Karen Burgess* at (816) 228-6911 or *Frances Lyons* at the Council office.

Day Camp 2004 - Cubs on Expedition

Even though Day Camp is a few months away, it is already time to think about the great time your cubs will have when they sign up to go. Pack promotions are going on right now, so call *Stacy Howell* at 796-3747 to have a team come out to your next meeting. At this promotion you will receive a packet that contains all of the information you need to register for camp along with other important dates and deadlines. Our Day

Camp Registrar is *Marie Benz*, so please contact her with registration questions at 373-4392. Health forms and a complete roster of boys that are attending camp are due by the May 6th Roundtable to Marie. Walking Leader Training is taking place on Saturday, May 1st at George Owens Nature Park. Even if you have been through this training before, it is still important that the Day Camp pack coordinator and ALL other walking leaders attend. Some slight changes have been made and we want everyone to have the most current information about how Day Camp will run this year. To volunteer to help or with general questions, please contact *Dan Jackson*, Director, at 690-5906, *Mary Morris*, Program Director, at 796-6657, or *Frances Lyons*, Staff Advisor, at 942-9333.

Friends of Scouting

It is time to set a date for your Friends of Scouting presentation if you have not done so already. Please let Ross Pfannenstiel at the Council office know what date you prefer and the appointed coordinator for your unit. It is a time to give to the program we love, the boys we mentor, and those who need financial assistance.

Eagle Boards of Review

Eagle Boards of Review are conducted at monthly Roundtable meetings. Please call *Leonard Jones* at (B) (816) 471-5584 or (H) (816) 228-4690 at least two weeks before the Roundtable that you wish to have the Eagle Board of Review.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 7:00pm Boy Scout Roundtable
7:30pm Cub Scout & Venturing Roundtable / Order of the Arrow Chapter 6 Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review / Youth Protection Training / Leader Safety Training / Day Camp Art contest drawings due — Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO
- 2-3 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, Starts at 6:30pm on Friday and runs through 3:30pm on Saturday, Pre-Registration due by March 26, 2004 - Must have 12 participants to hold, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 Holke Road, Independence, MO
- 3 BALOO Training, 8:00am - 5:00pm, Pre-Registration due by March 26, 2004 - Must have 12 participants to hold, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 Holke Road, Independence, MO
- 10 Varsity Leader Training, 8:00am, Independence Stake Center - Children's meeting room, 705 W. Walnut, Independence, MO
- 13 New Leader Essentials Training, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Oak Grove Methodist Church, 1501 S. Harding Street, Oak Grove, MO
- 15 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm, Liberty Street Community of Christ Church, 416 N. Liberty Street, Independence, MO
- 16-17 Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Skills Training, Starts Friday at 6:00pm, Ends Saturday approximately 5:00pm, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Road, Independence, MO
- 20 Cub Leader Specific Training, 7:00pm - 9:30pm, Oak Grove Methodist Church, 1501 S. Harding Street, Oak Grove, MO
- 22 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Pioneer Ridge 6th Grade Center, 1656 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO
- 24 Council Good Turn - Scouting For Food Day

May

- 1 Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 8:30 am, George Owens Nature Park - Upper Shelter, 1601 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO
- 6 7:00pm Boy Scout Roundtable
7:30pm Cub Scout & Venturing Roundtable / Order of the Arrow Chapter 6 Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review / Youth Protection Training/ Day Camp Walking Leader Training make-up — Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO
- 8 Cub Olympics, 9:00am, Bridger 8th Grade Center athletic field, 18200 E M-78 Highway, Independence, MO
- 13 Day Camp Program Staff Meeting, 6:30pm, George Owens Nature Park - Upper Shelter, 1601 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO
- 13 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm, Liberty Street Community of Christ Church, 416 N. Liberty Street, Independence, MO
- 20 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Pioneer Ridge 6th Grade Center, 1656 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO
- 31 Memorial Day - Service Center and Scout Shop closed

BLUE ELK 2003 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

District Chair:	Bill Esry H 816-833-1416
District Commissioner:	Ron Karst H 816-229-6381
Vice Chair of Program:	John Thornton H 816-252-2104
Vice Chair of Operations:	Marvin Sands H 816-373-1212
Vice Chair of HR:	Aaron Guest B 816-201-1038
FOS Chair:	Paul Broome B 816-941-0555
Growth/ Membership:	Lowell Brenton H 816-373-7678
Advancement:	Scott Howell H 816-796-3747
Training:	Tom Newhard H 816-254-6447
Camping:	Jim Todd H 816-228-4081
Activities:	Steve Cox H 816-625-8150
Communications:	Jeff Lawhon H 816-228-9203
Special Needs:	Louise Rissler H 816-228-1254
Relationships:	Carl Grabiell H 816-833-2933
NESA:	Bob Overly H 816-795-7665
District Director:	Steve Roberts B 816-942-9333x151
Senior District Executive:	Ross Pfannenstiel B 816-942-9333x164
District Executive:	Frances Lyons B 816-942-9333x183

Steve Roberts, sroberts@bsamail.org
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 Frances Lyons, flyons@bsamail.org

Pelathe

Scouting for Food Saturday, April 24, 2004

That's right; April 24th is Community Service Day in the Pelathe District and Heart of America Council.

It is the responsibility of your unit to plan the service project so that the actual collection and turn in of the food happens on Saturday, April 24, 2003. Information about when and where the turn in for our district will be distributed at the February Roundtable.

The Heart of America Council will provide food collection bags and accompanying literature, which will be distributed to your Unit's leaders at the February Roundtable. For local information contact Activities Chairman, *Mike McCurdy* at 785-542-3050.

Cub Scout Day Camp

June 7th thru 11th - Douglas County Fair Grounds Day Camp is getting closer. The first day is Monday June 7th and lasts through Friday afternoon, June 14th.

Pre-registration for Day Camp is critical. Each Pack should select a Day Camp Coordinator to ensure all of your boys are signed up on time and able to enjoy the week's events. Day Camp registrations paid in full by April 21, 2004 will receive the early registration price of \$45 per scout. Sign up early!! Those units registering after April 21st will pay a higher price of \$60 per scout. Save your pack time and money by turning your information in early. New

Scouts joining your Pack this spring, including new Tiger Cubs, will be charged the discounted fee of \$45.

For additional information about the Pelathe Day Camp, contact Director *Nicolette Bennett* at 785-331-2475 or *Rod Zinn* at (785) 843-3129 for more details.

Friends of Scouting

Congratulations are in order for Barry Frank, Pelathe District Family Friends of Scouting Chairman. As of press time (March 3, 2004) the Family Campaign has raised more than \$16,000 of its \$27,000 goal. Thank you to the hard work of Barry and his team of FOS presenters for their hard work and organization, and thank you to the hundreds of Scouting families in Douglas County who have generously contributed to the Friends of Scouting Campaign.

Thank you also to Jim Henry, who is spearheading this year's Community Campaign, with a separate goal of \$22,000. Jim's team is currently at 26% of goal with just over \$6,000 raised. Great job Jim and team!



A Gold Rush Scout in Action From This Year's Klondike Derby!

Our District has a total fundraising goal of \$49,000 to be a self-sufficient district, and provide services and programs to our more than 1,400 Scouts. The total campaign has raised over \$21,000 and is 44% complete.



Pack 3462, Langston Hughes Elementary, held their Pine Wood Derby in January. Pictured here are their top three finishers: Colton S., Garrett F., Scott R. Great Job Cub Scouts!



From the 2003 District Dinner, held in January at First United Methodist Church, District Award of Merit recipients Pat Donahue and Martin Pressgrove pose after accepting their awards.

Close to 100 scouts and over 30 leaders attended the annual Pelathe District Klondike Derby on January 16th and 17th at Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs

Kansas. This year's theme was based on the Alaskan Gold Rush of 1856. They're where mini towns and buildings set up at each of the 8 events.

The closing campfire that evening proved that all troops are pretty equal in scouting skills and cooking. 31 awards were given out, and all troops received multiple awards. A solemn Flag retiring ceremony was presented by Harry Smith, where over 100 flags were laid to rest. Each scout received pieces of the flags and placed them on the fire pondering where the flag may have flown, how it is represented around the world, and what it stands for. The fire blazed high, and the yellowing light of the blaze illuminated the scouts' eyes. The air was crisp, but the warmth from the fire and feeling kept it bearable in the frigid temperatures of the night.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church & Commissioners Meeting, 1330 Kasold
- 15 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Land Plan Engineering, 1310 Wakarusa Drive

May

- 6 Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church & Commissioners Meeting, 1330 Kasold
- 7-9 Webelos Graduation Weekend, TBA
- 20 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Land Plan Engineering, 1310 Wakarusa Drive

2004 Pelathe District Operating Committee

District Chairman	John Scarffe . . . 785-843-5175 / JScarffe@kuendowment.org
District Vice Chairman	Tom Sheely . . . 785-842-9662 / t.sheely@sbcglobal.net (new)
District Commissioner	Jim Peterson 785- 841-2044 / kupete@ku.edu
District Executive	Curtis Neal Harris 785-979-1402 / charris@bsamail.org

Red-Tailed Hawk

Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader

In order to provide the best possible program to youth an adult leader should be trained. Please take the time to become trained in your leadership role and encourage other leaders in your unit to do the same. In the beginning leaders should be taking Fast Start and Youth Protection which are both available online (www.hoac-bsa.org). Youth Protection is also offered each monthly Roundtable.

Job specific training for Cub, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders are offered throughout the year in the Fall and spring. Please check the above calendar for upcoming classes. Also dates are listed on the council and district website which are referenced later in this newsletter.

"Cubs on Expedition," 2004 Day Camp

Day Camp will be the week of June 14th thru 18th at Lewis-Young Park in Louisburg. Jeff Turner (camp director) and Traci Symon (program director) are preparing diligently to ensure a quality summer program for the Cub Scouts. If you are

interested in serving on staff where the "real fun" takes place please contact *Jeff Turner* at 913 851-0747 or tj0099@kc.rr.com for further information.

2004 Trader's Rendezvous

This year's district winter camping event was a weekend of fun and fellowship. Around 225 folks attended the 3rd annual event at Camp Naish. Events including trading, black powder rifle shooting, throwing tomahawks, BB guns, slingshots, archery, blacksmith, leatherwork, and word carving.

A big thanks to Nancy Chapman, Gene Lamb, John Jones, Dan Kerling, Dennis Jones, Maverick Jones, troop 315 and 85 for making this event a huge success.



3123 Pinewood Derby Workshop

On Saturday, January 10th, 2004, Pack 3123 of Overland Park, chartered by the Morse Elementary PTO, held its first Pinewood Derby Workshop for the Derby Challenged. The hope was that those who felt anxious about helping their Cub Scout build a car would come and learn all the fundamentals. A video was shown detailing the steps needed to build a winner. Then scouts chose a design from a book of templates, and the scout made a copy of the design on a photocopy machine. The scouts cut out their template, and then traced it on their block of wood. Then a parent took over. A band saw was provided to cut out the design, and a dremel tool was available to smooth edges. There was a drill press to bore the holes for the weights needed to reach five ounces. By the time the scouts and their parents were finished with these tools, they were ready to take their car home to sand, paint, decorate and add the wheels. Weigh in and measurement devices were available the following Saturday for the Practice Run where the scouts got a chance to informally run their cars down the track over and over again.

The workshop was well attended, and well received. Pack 3123 is ready to make this an annual event!

Be Prepared for 2004 Friends of Scouting

We are well into the 2004 Friends of Scouting Campaign and things are progressing well. This year's district leadership is Steve Berko as the overall chair and Keith Sickendick as the Family chair. There has already been numerous units conduct a presentation and congratulations to pack 3200 and troop 85 for achieving goal. Also recall the free rank

advancement incentive is being offered again to all units who achieve goal.

Stay in the Loop of Communication

RTH Email Group: To subscribe email Dave Weerts at bsaeagle75@yahoo.com
RTH District Website:
www.eagle-scout.org/RTH/

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 Roundtable, 7:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Olathe
- 6 Cub Scout Job Specific Training, Session 1, 6:30 PM at Olathe Christian Church
- 8 Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MNU Library
- 13 Cub Scout Job Specific Training Session 2, 6:30 PM at Olathe Christian Church
- 13 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church
- 15 Eagle Board of Reviews, 6:30 PM at St Thomas Apostolic Church
- 23-24 Boy Scout Job Specific Training, TBA
- 30-5/1 Outdoor Leader Skills Training

May

- 6 Roundtable, 7:00 PM at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
- 13 Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MNU Library
- 18 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church
- 20 Eagle Board of Review, 6:30 PM at St Thomas Apostolic Church

KEEP THIS INFO CLOSE!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

District Chairman	Mike Smid 913 685-8838
District Commissioner	Ray Morrison 913 764-4107
District Vice-Chair	Keith Sickendick 913 685-1870
District Training Chairman	Jeff Wandtke 913 764-8413
District Camping Chairman	John Jones 913 897-5567
District Activities Chairman	Gene Lamb 913 780-3431
District Membership	Nancy Chapman 913 829-0366
Boy Scout Roundtable	Dave Weerts 913 829-1321
Cub Roundtable	Dan Wohlford 913 768-7158
Venturing Roundtable	Stan Lloyd 913 541-9404
District Executive	Jason Ballew 816 942-9333 x182



Thunderbird



2003 QUALITY DISTRICT

2004 Friends of Scouting

The campaign is inching its way towards the overall goal of \$195,000. The family goal is \$85,000. Many family presentations have been completed and several units have achieved free rank for the rest of the year. Please remember that the money received for Friends of Scouting goes towards many things. For instance, about 10 percent will go directly back to the district for camper-ships to send youth to camp. If you were not at your units FOS Presentation be aware that we will begin to make phone calls to help clean up our prospect list. We will need everyone's help in order to make our goal this year. Leo put out a challenge to have the goal reached by the May roundtable. If the goal is reached Leo and David Riker will have their heads shaved at the May Roundtable. Please remember, "Friends of Scouting" is a key element in the financing of our Council and its programs. Let's make sure that the Thunderbird District completes its goal on time and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Make sure to call *Leo Berroteran*, Family FOS Chairman, at 816-353-5311 or see him at roundtable or contact *David Riker* at 816-942-9333, ext 174 to sign up your unit or to check on the status of your unit achieving free rank.

Thunderbird Web Page

The Thunderbird web page is now up and running. There are still some glitches to work out but there are many up to date items available for viewing. Training dates and registration forms to district event information are all available at www.hoac-bsa.org. Click on the Districts tab and then Thunderbird to view the pages.

Training

Training sessions are still available. Please make sure to look at the training dates listed above in the calendar for upcoming trainings. It is important to have your unit leaders trained in their positions. A trained leader will be able to provide a good program for the boys, therefore retaining the youth in that unit. Remem-

ber, every youth deserves a trained leader. Also check out the council website for training dates and registration forms.

Scout Leader Training:
Kelsie Clark 816-430-5654
Cub Leader Training:
Steve Turner 816-765-2893

Expedition." Many new and exciting programs will be available this year. The conservation department is going to be a big help this year and they are very excited to have Day Camp out there. Day Camp will cost \$45 until April 21st. After that date the fee becomes \$60. Any new cub scout recruited after April 21st that goes to day camp will only pay the \$45 fee. If you are interested in being on staff, please contact *David Riker* at the council service center at 816-942-9333 or at driker@bsaemail.org.

2004 Thunderbird District Committee

Chairman	David Frantze	816-691-3181
Commissioner	Roger Mantony	816-537-4761
Vice-Chairman Program	Myrna Frost	816-936-5268
Vice-Chairman Support	Lester Ham	816-777-5006
Activities	Barbara Lalk	816-356-6963
Advancement	Mark Grant	816-358-0612
Camping	Larry Overfield	816-358-1022
Membership	Cindy Cone	816-318-0325
Special Needs	Barbara Shaffer	816-763-3226
Training	Kelsie Clark	816-430-5654
Relationships	Cindy Cone	816-318-0325
District Director	Roger Hoyt	816-942-9333, ext 146 rbhoyt@bsaemail.org
Senior District Executive	David Riker	816-942-9333, ext 174 driker@bsaemail.org
District Executive	Chad Wyancko	816-942-9333, ext 162 cwyanko@bsaemail.org

Calendar of Events

April

- 3 BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) 8:30am-5pm, Ridgeview Christian Church, 8640 Sni-A-Bar Rd, Kansas City, MO
- 3 Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training – 7:30am-5pm, Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 E. 117th St, Kansas City, MO
- 6 District Roundtable – 7:30 pm, 9010 Old Santa Fe (SW of 87th and Blue Ridge), Kansas City, MO
- Youth Protection Training – 7:00 pm
- 6 O.A. Chapter 5 meeting, New Leader Essentials
- 7 Troop Committee Training – 6:30pm-10pm, Hickman Mills Community Christian Church, 5809 Red Bridge Rd, Kansas City, MO
- 13 Commissioners Meeting – 7:30 pm, Council Service Center
- 14 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Part 1 – 7pm-9:30pm, Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 E. 117th St, Kansas City, MO
- 15 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm, Location TBA
- 20 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 NE Chipman Rd, Lee's Summit, MO
- 24-25 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Part 2 – 8am Sat-noon Sun., Troop 300 Scout Cabin, Pleasant Hill, MO

May

- 1-2 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, Troop 300 Scout Cabin 9:30am Sat.-12noon Sun., Pleasant Hill, MO
- 4 District Roundtable – 7:30 pm, 9010 Old Santa Fe (SW of 87th and Blue Ridge), Kansas City, MO
- 4 Youth Protection Training / Merit Badge Counselor Training / O.A. Chapter 5 meeting – 7:00 pm
- 8 Venture Leader Training, Location TBA 8am – 4pm
- 11 Commissioners Meeting – 7:30 pm, Council Service Center
- 13 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm, Location TBA



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2003 QUALITY DISTRICT

Roundtable

Roundtables are a form of commissioner service and supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. It serves as a source of information on events and training, and an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fellowship with other unit leaders. Roundtables provide unit leaders with skills, techniques, and program ideas to enhance the quality of their meetings. Having said that, Roundtables are held on the first "Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The location for the Roundtables is Robert Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Please make an effort to participate in these informative sessions, which are designed to assist unit level leadership in program development.

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is the annual fundraising effort of the Heart of America Council to finance the operational needs of the Scouting program in the 19 counties of western Missouri and eastern Kansas. The money ensures that Scouting is healthy and vital. To ensure success in a campaign of this magnitude, we need the support of all of our families, leaders, and alumni.

A heartfelt thank you is in order to the following units that participated in Friends of Scouting this year.

- PACKS** – 3001, 3005, 3022, 3075, 3140, 3149, 3160, 3164, 3165, 3167, 3169, 3174, 3211, 3304, 3418, 3740
- TROOPS** – 1, 5, 22, 27, 34, 45, 66, 144, 149, 160, 165, 167, 173, 176, 211, 357, 366, 740

Summer Camp

3/4 of Scouting is outing and Summer Camp is approaching fast. Although, the camp draws have been conducted, there is still space in camp. Planning is the key to a great summer camp experience. Every Scout deserves the opportunity to attend Summer Camp. Campership is available for boys who cannot afford to attend. Scoutmasters can pick up medical forms from the Council Service Center.

Day Camp Promotion

June 21-25, 2004 is the dates for Kaw District's Day Camp. This year's theme is "Cubs on Expedition." We have exciting stations and activities planned around this theme to capture the imagination and to stimulate personal growth of all participants. Every Cub Scout leader was mailed a Day Camp promotion guide designed to inform and generate interest in attending this weeklong camp. For additional information, or to volunteer to serve on staff this year, call *Marvin Clay* at 1-800-776-1110.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable & Youth Protection Training - 7:00 p.m., Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
- 1 Day Camp Staff Training
- 1 OA Chapter Meeting, Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
- 3 Cub Scout Day Camp Training, TBA
- 8 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
- 8 Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Lansing High School, Lansing, Kansas
- 24 Council –Wide "Community Service Day"

May

- 6 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable – 7:00 p.m., Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
- 13 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
- 13 Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Lansing High School, Lansing, Kansas
- 29 Memorial Day Service Project

KAW DISTRICT COMMITTEE

District Chairman	Doug Spangler	(913) 441-3707
District Commissioner	Susan Rodgers	(913) 727-1470
District Training Chairman	Greg Carpenter	(816) 760-7975
Cub Training Coordinator		
Boy Scout Training Coordinator	Rick Lockwood	(913) 758-3555
Youth Protection Training		
Coordinator	Nancy Henre	(913) 369-3736
Membership Chair	Dan Hammond	(913) 651-4885
Activities Chair	Bob Sixta	(913) 895-5730
Advancement Chairman	Sharlet Untereiner	(913) 651-3436
Camping Chair	Bob Zahnter	(913) 371-1574
District Director	Charles Vonderheid	(816) 942-9333
Sr. District Executive	Marvin Clay	(816) 942-9333 ext 165 maclay@bsaemail.org
Sr. District Executive	Dusty Boatright	(816) 942-9333 ext 167 dboatrig@bsaemail.org



Pioneer Trails



2003 QUALITY DISTRICT

Cubs on Expedition

Cubs on Expedition
Cub Day Camp will be held from June 14th thru June 17th, 2004 at Knott's Elementary School. Registration began on February 2nd at \$45.00 per boy and will raise to \$60.00 after April 21st, 2004. Information will be available at Roundtable or call *Lisa Kessler* at 816-333-9393.

Award of Merit Recipients & District Dinner

This year's Award of Merit recipients were honored this past February at the Pioneer Trails Appreciation Dinner for their work within their units and for their contributions to the district. A very special THANK YOU to George Weaver for his superb work on the dinner! The Pioneer

Trails Award of Merit recipients are:

- Freddie Allen, Sr.**
- Carol Jean DeFeo**
- Carole Gaither**
- Julie Hill**
- Lisa Kessler**
- Jeffery Terry**
- Mark Trokey**

Family Friends of Scouting

As many of you already know, the Friends of Scouting Campaign provides funding for Scouting in the Kansas City area including, Day Camp for Cubs, summer camp at Bartle and Naish, volunteer training, insurance coverage for youth plus many other activities. Presentations take no more than 8-10 minutes and prime dates should be those where a majority of the parents will be present.

As of February 20th, 2004 the following units have scheduled their FOS presentations:

Troop 1006	Troop 1101	Pack 4034
Troop 1016	Troop 1118	Pack 4040
Troop 1017	Troop 1188	Pack 4050
Troop 1020	Troop 1853	Pack 4062
Troop 1024	Crew 2024	Pack 4080
Troop 1027	Pack 4016	Pack 4084
Troop 1034	Pack 4017	Pack 4101
Troop 1040	Pack 4020	Pack 4118
Troop 1050	Pack 4021	Pack 4129
Troop 1059	Pack 4024	Pack 4150
Troop 1060	Pack 4025	Pack 4359
Troop 1080	Pack 4027	
Troop 1084	Pack 4030	

Please contact *Steve Livingston* at 816-444-5730 to schedule your unit's presentation.

The following units have completed their presentations:

Troop 1016	Troop 10 80	Pack 4027
Troop 1017	Troop 1118	Pack 4034
Troop 1020	Crew 2024	Pack 4080
Troop 1027	Pack 4016	Pack 4118
Troop 1034	Pack 4017	Pack 4359
Troop 1060	Pack 4020	

In addition, we also ask that everyone who has viewed a FOS presentation turn in their pledges.

PIONEER TRAILS DISTRICT NUMBERS

District Chairman:	Dennis Cross	(H) 816-444-7989
District Vice-Chairman:	Fred DeFeo	(H) 816-942-0675
District Commissioner:	Jim Bernard Jr.	(H) 913-385-7088
Advancement Chairman:	Bill Tabolsky	(H) 913-791-8141
Activities Chairman:	Michael Grimaldi	(H) 816-363-7949
Camping Chairman:	Jay Reed	(H) 816-228-4438
Membership Chairman:	Julie Hill	(H) 816-361-3385
Mic-O-Say Memorial:	Don O'Neal	(H) 816-925-6567
Public Relations Director:	Carol DeFeo	(H) 816-942-0675
Relationships Chairman:	Jon Voss	(H) 913-488-3548
Special Needs Chairman:	Carole Gaither	(H) 816-523-5380
Training Chairman:	Norman Kahn	(H) 913-341-4792
District Director:	Matt Gettys	(B) 816-942-9333, ext. 171
District Executive:	Brian Tobler	(B) 816-942-9333, ext. 185
District Executive:	LaVar Lard	(B) 816-942-9333, ext. 147

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 District Commissioners Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Central United Methodist
- 1 Roundtable, 7:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist
- 17 Leader Specific Training-Central United Methodist
- 20 District Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m., VFW National Headquarters, 3400
- 21 Overnight Training Preparation – Central United Methodist
- 24 Community Service Event

May

- 1 First day of Outdoor Training
- 2 Second Day of Outdoor Training
- 6 District Commissioners Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Central United Methodist
- 6 Roundtable, 7:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist
- 12 FOS Victory Celebration – 6:30 PM Overland Park Sheraton
- 18 District Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m., VFW National Headquarters, 3400



Trailhead



2003 QUALITY DISTRICT

2004 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Congratulations to Packs 3383, 3348, 3254, 3259 and Troops 92, 251, 483 who have hit their 2004 Friends of Scouting Goal!!!



Thank you to everyone that has already had or scheduled your 2004 Friends of Scouting presentation. If you have questions or need to still sign up you can contact this year's chair, *Greg Spies* at 913-338-4354, or *Rob Gilkerson* at the Council Service Center at 816-942-9333 x178.

Cubs On Expedition Day Camp 2004

Day Camp this year will run from June 7-10. It is not too late to sign up. This will be an exciting Trailhead Day Camp as we explore Lewis-Young Park, near Louisburg, KS. Register now; with all the great events and activities planned for the "Cubs on Expedition", how could you not attend? If you are interested in helping out with staff, please contact *Michelle Magee*. Come join the fun. For more information you can reach *Michelle Magee* at 913-677-3647, or *Rob Gilkerson* at 816-942-9333.

Religious Awards

As we all know a belief in god is an important part of the scouting program. These are awards that a boy can earn outside of the pack while learning more about

their faith. Almost every religion has some sort of award for their scouts to earn. Three boys from Pack 3259 recently were awarded with such awards.

Jesse Miller, Thomas Ward, and Aaron Whatley were presented with the God and Family Award on February 1, 2004 at Emmanuel Baptist Church located in Overland Park, KS. Dr. Lou Fortier, pastor of the church, presented the award. The counselor for the program was Matt Ward, Cub Scout leader and member of the church. The God and Family award is a religious award program that required both bible study in a classroom setting and home study with the family. For more information on religious awards programs contact the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America at (816) 942-9333.

Order of the Arrow

Thank you to all of the Troops who have scheduled or had your Order of the Arrow Elections, however many troops have not done this yet. It is not too late to get this done before the May inductions, but do not hesitate. Please schedule this as soon as possible as it is an opportunity that could really make a difference in a boys life. If you have any questions please call *Rob Gilkerson* at the Council Service Center.

Fall School Night

Please reserve July 27th at 7pm this will be the 2004 fall recruitment training. You will learn how to recruit all your boys and just as important, all of the great leaders needed to run your program for the next year. It is extremely important that every Pack send the fall recruitment chair to this meeting.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 Roundtable, Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counselor
- 1 Training – 7pm – Christ Church, 91st & Nall
- 8 District Committee Mtg - 6:30 p.m. - Valley View Methodist, 95th & Antioch
- 8 Commissioner's Mtg. – 7:30 p.m. – Valley View Methodist, 95th & Antioch
- 9 Good Friday – Council Service Center Closed
- 15 Eagle Board of Review – LDS Church (130th and Wornall) – 7:30 p.m.
- 17-18 Outdoor Leader Skills Training
- 22 Troop Committee Challenge

May

- 1 New Leader Essentials Training & Youth Protection Training
- 6 Roundtable, Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counselor
- 6 Training – 7pm – Christ Church, 91st & Nall
- 13 Commissioner's Mtg. – 7:30 p.m. – Valley View Methodist, 95th & Antioch
- 13 District Committee Mtg - 6:30p.m. - Valley View Methodist, 95th & Antioch
- 20 Eagle Board of Review – LDS Church (130th and Wornall) – 7:30 p.m.

KEEP THIS INFO CLOSE!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

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Thoughts of a Soldier

Dear Ryan,

"I appreciate the small American flag that you and your fellow Boy Scouts presented to me. I just want you to know that I carry that flag around with me everywhere I go. In fact, I keep it in the top part of my kevlar. I also wanted you to know that I once was a Boy Scout. I belonged to Troop 6 out of Salina, Kansas. I achieved the rank of Scout, 1st Class, which I believe is right before Life Scout. I also served as the Assistant Patrol Leader. The Scouts taught me a lot of great qualities, which I have put to good use. I believe Scouting helped me make it through basic training when I joined the U.S. Army. Take care Ryan. I hope you stick with the Boy Scouts. I promise you won't regret it. Thanks again for all your support."

Sincerely,

SGT. Dan S. Balaun
United States Army

"My Best Friend is a Scout" Week



The Heart of America Council is sponsoring, "My Best Friend is a Scout" Week. We are asking each unit to have a meeting during the week of April 26-30 for your members to invite their friends to join all the "FUN" that Scouting has to offer. Invitations will be available at the April Roundtables.

Each new member will receive the following:

- Limited Edition Council Shoulder Strip
 - Membership into the Kansas city Wizards "Zard" fan club
- For more information please contact your District Executive at (816) 942-9333 or (800) 776-1110.

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