Adventures in Scouting
August - September 2009

“A Scout is Helpful”

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Update

“Celebrating the Adventure - Continuing the Journey”

A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making A Difference
A Program for Scouts, Scouters and Alumni
Starting on September 1

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America’s youth. Through A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference, we will demonstrate the incredible impact of a century of living the Scout Law.

This program is designed for youth members, adult leaders and even Scouting alumni. Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting’s core values: Leadership, Character, Community, Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. Participants will be able to earn our 100th Anniversary commemorative patch. The Year of Celebration material will be available in the Scout Shop in mid-August 2009.

The objectives of the Year of Celebration are to provide every Scout, leader and alumni a meaningful way to participate in the 100th Anniversary. The program is also designed to increase public awareness of Scouting’s values by sharing the outcomes of this innovative program. A Year of Celebration engages individuals in fun activities and with the intention of increasing volunteer and youth retention in the Scouting program.

Requirements are also designed to spark conversations about Scouting’s values, history tradition and programs. The goal is to generate positive public awareness as well as to recruit youth and adults to our program.

You can download a pdf file listing the requirements for participating in this program are available for download by visiting The Boy Scouts of America Year of Celebration site http://scouting.org/100years/100years/ayearofcelebration.aspx.


Highlighting Five of Scouting’s Core Values

The Year of Celebration allows individuals to explore and demonstrate their dedication to five of Scouting’s core values – Leadership, Achievement, Community, Service, Character, and the Outdoors. This program is fun and allows youth, adult volunteer and Scouting alumni to increase awareness and understanding of Scouting.

Leadership
Scouting has a tradition of producing great leaders. Self-determination, teamwork and preparedness are synonymous with Scouts everywhere. The Year of Celebration encourages Scouts to explore and reflect on the qualities of a good leader while working to develop their own leadership skills.

Achievement
Achievement builds self-esteem and fosters collaboration. The Year of Celebration Achievement Award highlights personal achievement. Scouts are encouraged to pursue rank advancement, religious emblems as well as engage adults and alumni in conversation about their own achievements.

Community Service
Scouting’s contribution to society is most visible in the movement’s commitment to community service. The Year of Celebration rewards recipients for providing time and resources at no charge for the good of their community. Scouts are encouraged to also share their thought on why service is crucial to our society and how they might better fulfill a 100 year-old legacy of serving communities.

Character
Scouting is character-building. Youth learn that responsibility and integrity are essential to accomplishing one’s goals. The Year of Celebration involves elements of citizenship, family life and personal fitness. Scouts must also engage in active conversations about living by the Scout Law.

Outdoors
Scouting teaches values through working and playing outside. Scouts will participate in outdoor activities, demonstrate an increased knowledge of nature, increase their understanding of the impact humans can have on ecosystems. Leave No Trace concepts will be reinforced as a crucial part of the outdoor experience.

A Year of Celebration is a meaningful way that Scouting can reintroduce our goals, values and accomplishments to a public which has grown to misunderstand our purpose in working with young people. This is a simple but engaging way to be a part of the celebration of Scouting’s first 100 years, a once in a lifetime experience.
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The Heart of America Council’s Endowment helps us “Be Prepared”

The Heart of America Council’s endowment helps us to “Be Prepared” for not only the future but also for today. Thanks to the forethought and generosity of Scouters in the Kansas City area, our endowment has assets, cash in hand and deferred gifts of approximately $20 million. Our fund is carefully managed by a board of trustees who are volunteer Scouters. This board is made up of people who are expert in the field of money management. They establish how the funds should be invested and have established a conservative set of spending rules that allows a portion of the interest income to be used each year.

Our endowment is working every year to make a real difference in the quality of Scouting in the Heart of America Council. The first $200,000 of the interest income that is available each year is used to support capital improvements at our camps. This has enabled us to undertake significant projects that will ensure that our properties will be available for Scouting for generations to come. Our camps are so heavily used that they would soon show the wear and tear of the tens of thousands who use them each year. Capital improvement needs will continue to grow as we strive to keep our facilities in “state of the art” shape so that we can set the example for outdoor land use.

Each year, thanks to our endowment, hundreds of Scouts from needy families are able to enjoy Scouting’s promise of summer camp. Camperships are awarded based on need and are seldom, if ever awarded for the full camp fee. A Scout is Thrifty. Each year, tens of thousands of dollars are distributed to ensuring that summer camp is accessible to all Scouts. As our Scouting programs grow there is an increasing demand for camperships.

An important part of summer camp is the example set by an outstanding staff. Summer camp salaries are meager by today’s summer work standards but our camps show no lack of staff. Most of these dedicated staff members are of college-age. Camp staff college scholarships help us to find and keep these fine young people who are the backbone of our summer programs. The endowment has made this possible.

Increasing pressure on our operating budget is due to growing costs and competition for financial support. Our council is affected by the same pressures felt in the business world. Increased health and general insurance costs, higher energy costs, and a number growing cost related to recruiting and retaining the highest quality professional and support staff must be budgeted. While the council continues to grow its annual fund raising campaign at a solid pace, United Way funding is shrinking at an alarming rate. Due to increased pressure from additional agency and shifting priorities, support from area United Way agencies continues to fall dramatically. As our endowment grows, and additional interest income is available, our council is able to continue to focus on offering the outstanding program that our membership has come to expect without substantially increasing the time devoted to fundraising.

Our council’s endowment plays a vital role in our strategic plan for the future. Our goal is to grow the endowment to a total of $30 million in cash and deferred gifts. While this may seem ambitious it is crucial to Scouting’s success. When you have the opportunity, consider joining those that support our endowment. The Scouting Heritage Society is made up of donors to the endowment. Donors can make cash gifts, include Scouting in their wills, or take advantage of a number of planned gift possibilities. For more information, you can visit the council website or contact Randy Kidder, Finance Director, at rkidder@bsamail.org or John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services, at jkuehn@bsamail.org.

Educational Seminars to be offered this Fall by the Heart of America Council

Starting this fall the council will be offering seminars that will provide useful planning information about wills, estate planning, as well as deferred annuity options that can provide benefits for you and your family. These sessions will be conducted by local financial professionals, some of whom are Scouters, who are volunteering their time and talent. Scouting is about “Being Prepared.” The goal of these sessions is to offer information that will help you plan for your family’s future by providing information that is not often available free of charge. Dates for these sessions have not yet been set, but if you are interested or would like more information, contact Randy Kidder, Finance Director, at rkidder@bsamail.org or John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at jkuehn@bsamail.org.

More details and resources are available on the Heart of America Council’s endowment webpage.

http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Finance/Endowment.aspx
School Night to Join Scouting is Here!
More Than 7,000 Youth Expected to Enroll this Fall!

The final phase of School Night preparation is here! Final plans are being made with orientations, kickoffs, training, and campouts being conducted in the coming weeks and months. The end result will be more youth recruited than ever before along and the highest quality program ever.

See the chart on the next page for School Night trainings/Campouts in your district!

“School Nights” organized and run by district-wide volunteer teams at every elementary school.

Cub Scout Leader Training
• Conducted in every district, usually on Saturdays (and in some cases on weeknights) during September.

Cub Scout Family Campouts
• An overnight event for Cub Scouts and families in late September/early October.
• Organized activities and food provided for all.

Pack Role in School Night
• Assign a pack School Night Representative to communicate and work with the district School Night team.
• Conduct a “Back to the Pack” summer meeting prior to School Night for all returning Cub Scouts.
• Communicate with the School Night leadership any unique needs/interests of the pack that School Night might help meet (Prior to School Night).
• Participate in your district-wide School Night Kickoff.
• Ensure pack leadership attends School Night to receive applications and greet new leaders and new Cub Scouts!

A Parent’s Role in Scouting

This fall as parents consider activities for their children they will be asking, “What kind of time commitment is involved for my child?” and “how much will be asked of me?” In Scouting, the truth is there is no short answer to either question.

Scouting is a flexible program allowing kids to be involved other activities as well. Scouting can be apart of a well-rounded group of after-school activities. Young people can participate in sports, music lessons, church, and other activities, if parents and Scout leaders communicate plans and expectations with each other. Young people who grow up in the Scouting program often become active in many other after-school programs. This is a testament to Scouting ability to develop leaders and interest in community service.

Parents can help their son receive the maximum benefit from Scouting by following a couple of simple pointers. First, parents should show an interest in their son’s Scouting activities and achievements. Parents have an important role to play in all Scouting programs. For younger Scouts (especially Cubs) parents should attend meetings to share in their son’s experiences and help with the requirements.

Second, parents should consider serving in a leadership position with the pack, troop, or crew. Not all parents have the time to be a den leader, Cub or Scoutmaster, or Venture crew leader. But every Scouting unit has a laundry list of jobs – short and long term-with which parents can help. The most successful units have many people doing a variety of jobs. Help by driving to an outing, making phone calls in advance of a campout, pick up awards, or plan a fundraiser, for example.

Looking for more information about a parent’s role in Scouting, visit www.scoutparents.org.
Council News

Make Selling Popcorn as Easy as Eating it!

Now distant family and friends are as close as your computer.

Avoid that 50 mile drive to sell Uncle Joe that box of popcorn, use orderpopcorn.com to ask for the order. Email templates include specific links so your customers can easily place their order from you with a few clicks of the mouse. All sales count toward Trails End prizes. The customers place the orders and Trails End ships the popcorn direct. So you can sell popcorn even on a rainy day or very early in the morning.

Questions about orderpopcorn.com? Contact your unit popcorn kernel. This is a great way to get everyone in on the sale.

The Benefits of Selling Popcorn

There are many great reasons for to participate in the only Heart of America Council sponsored fundraiser. If your unit is not participating, maybe 2009 is the year to give it a try.

Number 1 – It’s Easy
The Trail’s End Program is designed to be easy to administer. The basic plan is for Scouts, Scouters, and parents to take orders and then distribute the products to the customers.

Number 2 – It’s designed for the Boy Scouts of America. Trail’s End popcorn is sold exclusively by Boy Scouts. People know and trust Trail’s End as the Boy Scout popcorn brand. Mention Trail’s End and they may already know the story.

Number 3 - One Fundraiser does it for the Entire Year.
With Trail’s End Popcorn and the Ideal year of Scouting, your unit can count on doing one fundraiser to meet all the monetary needs for the program year.

Number 4 - High Commissions
Nearly one third of your sale stays with your unit. The money can be used for camping, advancement, to provide uniforms and books, to purchase equipment or any other program supplies. Your funds are immediately available.

Number 5 – No out of pocket expenses to get started.
There are no upfront costs. You don’t have to invest in the product and take the chance that you will cover those initial costs. Follow our plan and you won’t have left over product in place of the profit that was supposed to help the unit.

Number 6 – Your Support Team.
The Heart of America Council is committed to making this campaign successful. Many of your fellow volunteers have been involved in successful sales and are ready to share how they did it. The volunteer and professional support system is eager to serve.

Number 7 - High Quality Products.
You can count Trail’s End popcorn. This brand is produced by the Weaver Popcorn company (established in 1928). They are one of the world’s largest popcorn producers. They are committed to customer satisfaction and your success.

Trail’s End provides a number of online resources to help prepare for your sale. Online training for Scouts and leaders. A visit to the website helps parents understand why the sale is important. You can learn more about Trail’s End by visiting www.trails-end.com.

Number 8 – Prize Program makes the sale fun.
To help generate excitement a new, exciting prize incentive program has been developed. This program helps you to recognize your Scouts for outstanding sales efforts. It also generates the enthusiasm needed to reach your Ideal Scouting Year goal. Visit the Trail’s End website, www.trails-end.com, to check out the prize details for the 2009 sale.

For more information about this year’s Trail’s End Popcorn Sale and to register to get started, visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Finance/Popcorn.aspx

Popcorn for Those Who Serve Our Country

In addition to buying popcorn for themselves customers have the option of buying popcorn to be shipped overseas to the men and women in our military. Customers can donate $25 worth of popcorn that is then shipped by the Trails End Popcorn.

Trails End Popcorn is sold by Scouts across the country. An impressive amount of popcorn was delivered to show our appreciation for those young people and their families that are serving their country.

- 20 tons of Trails End Popcorn was shipped to the Sailors and Marines in the Pacific Fleet
- 157,000 popcorn servings were sent to the Air Force personnel in combat areas
- 20,000 cased of popcorn treats sent to the Atlantic Fleet, the Middle East and around the world.
- 18,000 USO Care Packages of popcorn were sent to troops around the world.
- 11,000 boxes of popcorn were sent to men and women serving in Southeast Asia
- 45,000 servings of popcorn were given to National Guard personnel and families.
- 8,000 tins of Gourmet Carmel Corn were given to National Guard personnel and their families.
Through our annual Trail’s End Popcorn Sale, Scouts learn about earning their own way and leaders can have the funds needed to offer a Scouting program second to none. Many units are able to use the Trails End sale as their single fund raiser for the year.

In addition to providing important support for our Scout units, the sale provides crucial support for the Scouting programs provided by the Heart of America Council. Thanks in part to the popcorn sale, we are able to keep program and camp fees as low.

We are continuing to work to improve our sale based on your feedback. Our goal is to help you achieve your unit’s fundraising goals so you can offer the most exciting program possible for your Scouts. The 2009 Popcorn Sale promises to be bigger and better than ever.

A fast-paced, fun sale means your Scouts will have a positive experience. It is important to get the sale off on the right foot. Plan a high energy kick-off and make it a pack activity! Why not include songs, skits and activities? Looking for ideas? Visit www.trails-end.com to watch videos to learn more. Be sure to attend one of the council training dates for more ideas and to help you qualify for a higher unit commission.

**Important Sale Dates**
- Show N’ Sell Orders are due August 31, 2009 by 5:00 pm
- Show N’ Sell Order Pick-up is September 11 & 12, 2009
- Final Orders are due October 26, 2009 by 5:00 pm
- Final Order Pick-up is November 6 & 7, 2009

**Training Dates**
One person from the unit must attend training and enter everything on-line to receive a 2% commission increase.
- August 18, 2009 at 6:30 pm, Chapel Ridge Banquet Center in Lee’s Summit
- August 20, 2009 at 6:30 pm, Cerner
- August 22, 2009 at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm, Holiday Inn - Reeder OP
- Big Muddy, Lone Bear, Pelathe, & Twin Rivers - dates & locations TBD

**Hey Scouts**, become a Heart of America Council Top-Seller by filling up one order form for our Trail’s End Popcorn sale and join in the fun.

Receive a 2009 “I filled it Up!” Patch and Top-Seller Certificate!
Receive the new 2009 Commemorative HAT!

Attend each of these Great Top-Seller Scout Events and check out all the exciting extras!

**Early January** - Roo It Up with two tickets to the UMKC Roo’s Basketball Scout Experience
- Pre-Game Pizza Party!
- Council Top-Selling runner-up gets to be the Honorary Coach at the UMKC Roo’s game!

**April/May** – Enjoy some Major League Baseball with two tickets to Scout Day with the Royals at the cool new Kauffman Stadium!
- Top-Selling Scout from each district gets to stand next to a Royals player on the field during the National Anthem!
- Council Top-Selling Scout gets to throw out the 1st pitch at the Royals game.
- All Scouts participate in the pre-game Royals Scout Parade.

**Summer** – Attend Scout Day with the Kansas City Wizards and enjoy some major league soccer.
- Be part of the All Scout Human Tunnel at the Wizard’s Game!
- Scouts from the Top-Selling Unit get to be Flag Bearers at the Wizard’s Game!
- 14 Top-Selling Boy Scouts get to be Ball Boys at the Wizard’s Game!
Venturing Recruiting Ideas

Recruiting Venturers
• Use Career Interest Surveys and mail Open House invitations.
• Distribute Venturing flyers to grades nine through twelve.
• Promote Venturing at chartered organization events.
• Promote Venturing at community events such as town fairs.
• Conduct a Fall Recruitment Weekend, giving new member major Venturing experience upon joining.

Fall Recruiting for Boy Scouts

Recruiting Boy Scouts
• Participate in the School Night for Scouting.
• Conduct a Troop Open House with fun outdoor activities.
• Distribute Boy Scout flyers to grades six through eight.
• Use High Adventure surveys in the schools.
• Mail invitations directly to prospective Boy Scouts.
• Promote Scouting chartered organization activities.
• Promote Scouting at community events.
• Place information sheet in church bulletins.
• Conduct a Fall Recruitment Weekend, giving every boy a camping experience upon joining.

2009 American Royal FUN PASS

This Fall, watch cowboys ride, cowgirls race, pigs fly, chicks hatch, horses jump, bulls buck, Sara Evans sing......... and your family bond.
Order your pass at ARFunPass.com for 33 days of Family Fun! (ALL for $99 for a family of four)

What's the Fun Pass?
The American Royal FUN PASS brings you two months of family fun at a price that makes buying a “no brainer.” It's wholesome and educational entertainment that parents will enjoy as much as their kids!

What makes it a fundraiser?
When ordering your FUN PASS online, check the Boy Scout box and a portion of your purchase price raises funds for our council.

What does the Fun Pass give you?
The FUN PASS card gives you free admission to the full schedule of 14 events between Oct 3 and Nov 21 PLUS it includes all the events of Family Day on Saturday, October 24, including Sara Evans in concert following the rodeo.

How do you get the Fun Pass card?
Make your reservations online at ARFunPass.com. ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22. The cost for a family of four is just $99 plus S&H. Additional children are $12 each. A FUN PASS for two (1 adult, 1 kid) is $65 plus S&H.

William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award

In the heavy London fog in 1909, American businessman William D. Boyce became lost. He was approached by a youth who took Mr. Boyce to his destination. When offered a tip by Boyce this unknown Scout refused to accept it, saying that he could not accept money for a good turn. This “Good Turn” gave birth to the Scouting movement in America.

In the spirit of this “Good Turn”, the Boy Scouts of America proudly introduces the William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award to support efforts to have Scouting in every community in America. This award will be presented to volunteers who exemplify Boyce’s organizing spirit.

The Heart of America Council strives to provide Scouting to as many young people as possible. New units offer Scouting to more young people by networking through new chartered partners. New units expand our horizon by involving people and organizations that may never considered Scouting in the past.

Organizing a new Scouting unit can be a highlight of your volunteer Scouting experience. Nothing can match the excitement of seeing new adults and young people realize the possibilities available through our great program. Here is your chance to repay that unknown Scout’s “Good Turn.” If you are interested in learning more this award and how you can play a part in organizing a new unit, visit http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/04-515.pdf to read more about this award. You will find an outline that discusses the award and the steps in the process for organizing a new unit.

Contact your district executive if you would like to help organize a new unit or if you know of an church, school, service club or other organization that would benefit from offering the Scouting program to the young people in their community.
Family involvement is vital to the success of Cub Scouting. The program gives families an opportunity to spend quality time together. When parents and leaders work together as a team, the boy gains the most from his Cub Scouting experience; when the parent volunteers in the son’s

Here are some key points to keep in mind when asking a parent to volunteer for a leadership role in the pack:

- Be respectful of parents’ ability and time to volunteer. Keep in mind that the busiest parents are often the best to ask. They know how to prioritize, use their resources and recruit help.
- Be positive and honest when explaining the task. Explain the task enthusiastically and leave room for creativity.
- Recruit for a specific position and a definite period of time. Outline the purpose, time frame, and specifics of the task.
- Get to know the parents in your pack and help them get to know each other.
- Provide a variety of tasks that may interest the prospective volunteer.
- Have the discussion in person and listen carefully to the parent’s concerns.
- Recognize parent volunteers as a part of every pack meeting. Scouts are proud when their parents are recognized.
- Create an atmosphere of cooperation. It takes parents working together to provide the Cub Scout program. Work to ensure that everyone feels invited to be involved.
- Don’t allow parents to be spectators.

More information is available. Key items to refer to are the Cub Scout Parent Information Guide, No 13-2259, Cub Scout Leader Book (Chapter 5, “Family Involvement.”)
**Camping and Program**

### Fall Fellowship

The gathering of Arrowman for the Fall Fellowship will occur on September 18-20, 2009 at the Naish Scout Reservation. Register now to insure your spot at this year’s Fall Fellowship.

Youth are needed to serve as Lodge and Chapter officers. Forms are now available in the Naish Trading Post or online. Remember that the form needs to be turned in by Friday Night of Fall Fellowship to be on the ballot the next day during elections.

### Naish Scout Reservation News

We have had a very successful summer with increases Bear, Wepelos, and Boy Scout Camp attendance. Plan now for your 2010 summer camping experience, we expect continued increases in summer attendance.

During the off-season we are open for Rimrock Trail hiking, pack or troop camping, program planning meetings, or public special events. If you would like to make an off season rental please complete the short term camping form available online at www.hoac-bsa.org and fax to 913-441-6920.

### Eagle Scouting Scholarships

Applications for the Cooke Eagle Scout Academic Scholarship and the Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarships will be available on or about October 1, 2009 at www.nesa.org. Please discard all old scholarship forms that you may have. Only the new forms will be acceptable.

Applications for both scholarships will be accepted after October 1, 2009, but must be postmarked no later than midnight January 31, 2010. Applicants can fill out these applications on the computer, print them out, sign them and mail them in to the address on the application. Please do not mail these applications to the Council Service Center; doing so will only delay your application.

### Order of the Arrow

The Fall Induction of 2009 will be held August 21-23 at Naish Scout Reservation. So far, this year over 650 new members have been inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Registration forms are available online and at your August roundtable.

**OA Fall Induction**
- Friday, August 21, 2009 through Sunday, August 23, 2009

**OA Fall Fellowship**
- Friday, September 18, 2009 through Sunday, September 20, 2009

**Eagle Fellowship**

Plans are underway for the 4th Annual Eagle Fellowship gathering. The gathering is a great way to reconnect and network with fellow Eagle Scouts at a business after hour’s event. Scout memorabilia will also be on display. This event is open to all Eagle Scouts over the age of 21 and their significant others. For more information visit our website at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Camping and Program

Internet Advancement

Online advancement entry is here! The Heart of America Council is excited to announce that units are now using Internet Advancement to record their youth member advancements from any online location—at home or at the office. You will find this method to be easy, convenient, and accurate because your unit enters the information. At any time during the year, the unit advancement processor from each active unit will be able to record advancements to youth member records. And, they’ll also be able to print a unit roster at any time. If you have any questions or comments, contact your district executive or Linda Mitchell, Informational Secretary, at the Council Service Center and we’ll be glad to help you out.

National Jamboree 2010
“100 Years of Scouting”

The National Scout Jamboree will be held in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia from July 26, 2010-August 4, 2010. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days. They will share adventure, international friendship, personal growth, and development. Please visit the Heart of America Council web-site at www.hoac-bsa.org for more information and to sign up to participate.

University of Scouting

University of Scouting will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Hickman Mills High School from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. This all day training event costs $25 and is non-transferable, non-refundable.

The deadline for registration is October 23, so get your registrations in early! For more information visit www.hoac-bsa.org! Leaders who register before 11:00 am on Friday, Oct 16, 2009 will receive a special commemorative 100 years of scouting University of Scouting patch.

Celebrating 100 Years
National Hall of Leadership

Leaders are those who see possibilities and inspire others to see them too. Over the past century, Scouting leaders have inspired millions of Americans to dream more, do more, and become more. They have shaped our nation’s youth by modeling Scouting virtues. And now we have a way to thank them.

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership provides a one-time opportunity for you to honor and recognize a Scouting leader who positively impacted your life, or the lives of others. To be nominated, a person must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who may or may not be officially registered with the BSA. They must have served as an active Scout or Scouting volunteer for at least one year. A nominee may be young or old — there is no age limit — and you can submit as many nominations as you’d like.

The nomination period is open for one year, from February 8, 2009 to February 8, 2010. One inductee will be selected from each local BSA council in the country along with one from the national office. Inductees will be announced at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Dallas in May 2010.

Our country will never outgrow the need for thoughtful leadership. And, so it will never outgrow the need for those dedicated individuals who live their lives by the Scout Law and teach others to do the same. Please, take some time to tell the story of a leader who inspired you.

To visit the National Hall of Leadership click Here.

Gardner, Kansas-September 2009-You can grow it, shuck it, pop it, cook it and even “GET LOST IN IT!” KC CORN MAZE is a giant, multi-acre CORN FIELD with miles of MAZE cut through it in the design of the K State Power Cat!

People of all ages have great fun finding clues throughout the maze in hopes of discovering the labyrinths’ exit! The adventure takes over an hour and those not afraid of the Boogie Man are invited to our Flashlight Nights at KC CORN MAZE!

Visit KC CORN MAZE September 26-October 31. Scout Day is September 26: Sat. 10-10 for a special rate of $5. Scout Leaders are Free! Adults and siblings are at our regular rate of: General admission: $8, under 4 free. Military: half-price.

Visit:www.kccornmaze.net for more info.
## Council Calendar of Events

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### Registration Fee Increase

The BSA National Executive Board unanimously passed a resolution at the business meeting on May 22 to increase the traditional membership registration fee for all youth and adults to $15 from its current $10, effective Jan. 1, 2010. The last fee increase, which was from $7 to $10, was in 2003. The Exploring fee remains $10.

A great deal of thought and consideration went into this decision by both the Executive Board and the Membership Fee Task Force led by National Commissioner Tico Perez. Input was sought and received from staff and volunteers at the council level. It was determined that the best approach was to increase the fee to the level chosen and make every effort to hold it at that level for a period of at least three years.

### New Eagle Scout Application

The 2008 Printing 2nd Edition Eagle Scout Rank Application will be accepted by the Heart of America Council until July 31, 2009. No earlier editions of this form will be accepted for processing. On August 1, 2009 and after, only the 2009 Printing of the Eagle Scout Rank Application will be accepted. To download the New Eagle Scout Application visit [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/AdvancementAndAwards/ResourcesAndForms.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/AdvancementAndAwards/ResourcesAndForms.aspx).

### Need Community Service Hours?

**Want to Volunteer for your community?**

Research Medical Center’s Out Patient Cancer Clinic is in need of volunteers who would be willing to assist our patients suffering from cancer in performing various essential duties like mowing, yard care, light clean out etc. If you would like to assist on a one time basis or if your pack or troop would like to be contacted as needs were identified, please contact Carolyn Tessler at the Research Medical Out Patient Cancer Center (816) 276-4700.
Roundtable

It’s fall and roundtables are on our district schedule once again, the Big Muddy District roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at the Lexington United Methodist Church located on South Highway 13 in Lexington at 7:30 pm.

Roundtables are a successful way for leaders to gather and learn from each other. This is an opportunity for you to get information on a variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Big Muddy District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders.

Investment in Character

As you all know our annual fundraising drive, an Investment in Character, is an essential part of funding the operations of the Big Muddy District as well as the Heart of America Council. As beneficiaries of the services that being a friend of Scouting provides, your support is imperative to the continuation of the scouting movement.

Please work with our fundraising volunteers who devote hours of their time, above and beyond their contributions to their units, to ensure that our annual campaign is a success. We are still working towards our goal of $16,000 so any remaining pledges or gifts are greatly appreciated.

School Night for Scouting

With School starting just around the corner most of you are aware that the school night program will be starting soon. This year’s program will be fast and efficient as we will provide an opportunity for every boy to join scouts. We will be at every school and with fliers, yard signs, and boy talks. By the time you read this I will have met with all the schools and securing your school night dates, in school presentations, and hopefully developing a long lasting relationships with each of our school districts. Please be prepared for the August roundtable as that will be the location of our School Night Kick-off August 4, 2009 at the Lexington United Methodist Church. For more information regarding School Night please contact Jon Geiger at (816) 682-2130.

Cub Scout Family Campout

Cub Scout Family Campout is around the corner and will be held on September 26. The Cub Scout Family Campout is a great opportunity for Cub Scouts and their families to attend their first or one of their first Scouting camping activities. Cubs and their families will be able to play games and other Scouting activities. We will have a campfire in the evening. This is a great way to help fulfill Scouting’s promise of outdoor adventure to those new Scouts who join on School Night for Scouting. This year our event will be held at the Carrollton Armory again.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Tammy Cockrum at (660) 542-1170.

Click Here for contact information on additional volunteer Committee Chairs.
Trail's End Popcorn Sale

We had record popcorn sales last year. Thank you to everyone who participated! We have some new and exciting products to sell; this is going to be a great popcorn year!

Each unit gets a percentage of the money they raise and by attending popcorn training your percentage of money earned goes up. Think of all of the camp fees, program supplies and rank advancement that can be purchased with all of the money your unit could receive. Sign up your unit by contacting Danny Jackson at 690-5906/ danwjackson@embarqmail.com or Tiffany Bumgardner or Brian Bentrop at (816) 569-4918 or bbentrop@bsamail.org.

Training

Have you heard about the new training requirements? All top leaders need to be trained in order for your unit to recharter this year. Next year all direct contact leaders will need to be trained in order for the unit to recharter and everyone will need to be trained the following year. In an effort to make sure that we are providing the best possible program to our youth we are offering more training this fall than ever before. Don’t forget that New Leader Essentials, now known as “This is Scouting”, can be taken online as well as youth protection and fast start training. If you have questions about the new training requirements call any of the Blue Elk executives.

Camporee

This year’s Blue Elk Fall Camporee will take place October 9 and 10 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs, Missouri. We will have an overnight Camporee with a “Midnight Madness” theme. Questions? Contact Kerry DeHaan, Camporee Chair, at the_dehaans@yahoo.com or Tiffany Bumgardner. You can sign up your unit starting at the September roundtable.

Fall Recruitment

We have had record breaking recruitments these last few years in Blue Elk, help us make 2009 the best recruitment yet! We will start our school nights the last full week of August and conclude the second week of September. Check with your schools for back to school/meet the teacher nights to set up a table and be sure to send a representative from your pack to our school night orientation to pick up all of the materials (i.e. yard signs) for our school nights.

Fall Family Campout “Cub Overnight”

Get ready for the Blue Elk District’s 5th Annual Fall Family Campout to be held at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs, Missouri on October 2nd and 3rd. We have a great program planned for all registered Cub Scouts and any family members they would like to bring along. Cost for the event is $8 per person. For more information please contact Marie Benz at (816) 373-4392 or Brian Bentrop at (816) 569-4918.

AIS Articles

We are always looking for stories to put into our Adventures in Scouting articles. Keep us up to date with what your units are doing, i.e. pancake breakfasts, field trips. Please send all information to Tiffany Bumgardner at tbumgard@bsamail.org
Fall Round up/ School Night for Scouting

This year, once again the District School Night committee will run School Night to Join Scouting. Kaw District is currently assembling a team of volunteers to organize and conduct a roundup at each elementary school in the district. With support from our Scouting professionals and commissioner staff, our coordinators and organizers will work at each elementary school to conduct a School Night to Join Scouting program. They will be prepared to support Cub Scout packs by explaining how Scouting works and the benefits of being involved with our program. They will help you get off to a great start with your new youth members and volunteer leaders.

Since School Night for Scouting is a coordinated effort, our District School Night team has put together a pencil draft of dates for each school district and elementary school. The Kaw District is having two kickoffs for the district. One will be held in Wyandotte County and the other in Leavenworth County. Our first kickoff is scheduled for August 4, 2009 at Bonner Springs United Methodist Church in Bonner Springs at 7:00 pm. The second kickoff is scheduled for August 11, 2009 at First United Methodist Church in Leavenworth at 422 Chestnut at 7:00 pm.

We still have openings left on the District School Night team. If you’re interested in joining, contact Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967, or Jeff Terrell at (816) 569-4947.

Popcorn

If you have not signed up, please be sure to register at roundtable. If your unit has never sold before, it is great way to raise money to run your program. Scouts will have fun as they work to support their Scouting program and earn great prizes. Each unit keeps a percentage of the money they raise. Just by attending the Popcorn Sale training that percentage goes up. Think of all of the camp fees, program supplies, and rank advancement that can be purchased with the money your unit could earn.

For more information please contact Jeff Terrell at (816) 569-4947.

KAW Day Camp 2009!!!

This year, more than 300 Cub Scouts visited Naish Scout Reservation’s Cub World to enjoy archery, BB guns and the water park. Thanks to Chris Bowlin, Day Camp Director, for doing an outstanding job this year. This was Chris’ first year as director so we would like to give a special thanks to Chris for providing leadership for our day camp. Special thanks also to Laura Trotta who did another awesome job as program director.

Kaw went solo for the first time in 3 years even though it would have been nice to have Pioneer Trails out with us again, we had a wonderful, exciting and fun filled day camp. A sincere thank you to the rest of our day camp volunteers for providing their time, planning an outstanding program, and offering our Cub Scouts a tremendous experience.

We would like to thank the adults and youth of all the packs for offering food, leadership and youth staff to help out in our program areas. Every boy should have the chance to go to camp. Thanks to everyone’s effort which made a wonderful camping experience possible this year!

2009 Kaw Key Leadership

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Click Here for contact information on additional volunteer Committee Chairs.

See You at Training

Have your leaders been trained? Do they know the ins and outs of the program they are providing to the youth in your unit? Has every leader been through Youth Protection training?

Please refer to the council website, http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Training.aspx, for specifics on the fall training courses and watch for flyers at roundtable and in the mail. Also this year, there will be a Cub Leader Specific training offered.

For any questions contact Dan Hammonds at (913) 651-4885.
Fall Recruitment

While usually it is the packs that do the recruiting, troops should also be doing their part to recruit boys into the program. Recruitment nights will be set up and flyers distributed through the schools. Hopefully as many schools as possible will allow a boy talk during the school hours the day before or the day of the recruitment night. All units should be trying to get a table set up for their Back to School night or Meet the Teacher night. Troops should try to recruit from the 6th and 7th grade classes. If you have questions, please contact Mike Morales, Membership Chairman, at (660) 885-3702 or Ross Phannenstiel at (816) 569-4964 or rpfannen@bsamail.org. Let’s do our best to give every young man the chance to see what Scouting is all about.

Popcorn

If you did not have a chance to sign up to sell popcorn at the June Program Planning Fair, make sure to talk to John Slobaszewski, Lone Bear Popcorn Chairman, at (660) 429-3746 or email him at slobaszewski@ucmo.edu. John will also be calling all units to sign them up. This is a great opportunity to make some money for your pack or troop. There are many areas in the district that aren’t even asked to buy popcorn so there is a lot of potential for the boys to pay their way to camp. Units will be asked again to order their popcorn online through the Trail’s End website.

Day Camp, “Cub Fun in the Next Generation”

About 150 Cub Scouts attended at day camp this year. The boys had fun making daily snacks, slime, and bird houses. They also enjoyed shooting BB guns and archery, and playing field games. The best of all was the swim time. Thank you to all of the adult leadership that made day camp possible. A big thanks go out to Camp Director Jim Houk and Program Director Jennifer Faaborg and her program staff for putting the activities for day camp together.

Lone Bear Golf Tournament

The 28th Annual Lone Bear Gus S. Wetzel Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday September 12 at the Meadow Lake Country Club in Clinton, MO. This tournament is open to anyone from groups of friends to a team from your company. We would love to see teams from all over the district attend this outstanding golf tournament. All proceeds benefit the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Maintenance and Operations and Eagle Scout Scholarships. Contact Gary Smith at the Meadow Lake Country Club at (660) 885-5124 for fees and other information.

Camporee

This year’s fall camporee will take place in Knob Noster State Park on October 9-11. This year’s camporee theme will be “Survivor.” Make sure to come to roundtable to find out more information. For information about camporee, please contact Jon Cerda at (660) 429-2747 or at gundog@starband.net.

Cub Scout Family Campout

The Lone Bear Cub Scout Family Campouts will be held to fulfill our promise to our newly recruited Cub Scouts to go camping. There will be three locations this year. On Friday night September 25, the family campouts will take place at Knob Noster State Park and at the Montrose Conservation area on September 26. On Friday night October 2, the family campout will take place at the Frontier Village in Adrian. All Cub Scouts and their family and friends are welcome. The cost is $8 per person. Families should expect to show up at the locations around 6:00 pm after you eat dinner. There will be a campfire that evening followed by a treat for all. The next morning, breakfast will be provided followed by games and activities ending by 11:00 am. If you have questions, please contact Ross Phannenstiel at (816) 569-4964 or rpfannen@bsamail.org.

Training

The training team is working on getting the fall training schedule in place. It is our plan to have several Cub Scout basic trainings throughout the district during the fall recruitment process. There will also be some training available for our Boy Scout leaders throughout the fall as well. Watch for further training information to come out at roundtable or through email. If you have questions about trainings or would like to be on the training team, please contact Richard Miller at (660) 909-2486 or email him at richard.mhi@gmail.com.
New Roundtable Location

Greetings Fellow Scouters!

I am pleased to announce that the Internationally Famous North Star District has secured what are nothing short of deluxe accommodations for our future District Round Table Meetings! Starting in September, our roundtable meetings will be held on the first Thursday night of each month at Cerner Corporation’s Riverport facility which is located just south-west of I-435 and M210 Highways (formerly known as Sam’s Town). Many thanks to Mike Cash who was able to arrange for a meeting this morning between our roundtable commissioners and representatives of the Cerner Corporation. The decision of our roundtable commissioners was unanimous.

This facility has even more than what we need with regard to both separate and joint opening ceremony areas, meeting rooms, audio visual capabilities, parking, outdoor cooking areas and many other accommodations. One would be very hard pressed to find any other district in the country with this quality of venue! The facility is available to us at no charge as long as we “leave no trace”.

While any new location will seemingly be inconvenient to someone, Riverport is quickly and easily accessible via major highways from all over the northland. We will be circulating driving directions and additional information in the near future. Our first meeting there in September will be very special, so we are pushing for as many people as possible to attend!

Many thanks to our Roundtable Commissioners for being able to get together personally and work together to agree on how we intend to utilize this awesome new location!

Happy trails!
Raul Salmon
District Commissioner

School Night for Scouting

As summer fades to fall, the school bell soon will be ringing. Pack School Night Chairs please mark your calendar for August 12, 7:00 pm at Barry Christian Church. At that time the district will hold the School Night for Scouting Kickoff where your pack can go over its recruitment plan in detail, pick-up flyers, poster, yard signs, etc. and ensure everyone is prepared to recruit numerous new boys and families into the best youth serving organization in the country……Scouting!

For further information, please contact Membership Chair, Nancy Stasiak or District Director, Jason Ballew.

Good Turn for America

Units are asked to post ALL service hours on the Good Turn for America website. Access to the Good Turn for America website can found by visiting the North Star Activities webpage: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/Activities.aspx.

Service hours that should be reported included: Eagle service projects, conservation projects, Scouting for Food, etc. For info, contact any member of the district executive staff.
Northern Tier

Centennial Quality Unit

Mid-year unit progress meetings should be taking place between each unit and their commissioner. If you have not turned in your Centennial Quality Unit Commitment form, there is still a little time to do so. Contact your unit commissioner for more information. Not sure who your unit commissioner is? Contact Dave Woy, District Commissioner, at david@woy.us to find out.

Day Camp

Day Camp was a great success this year! More than 400 Cub Scouts came out for a week of Cub Fun in the Next Generation with fun activities, games and fellowship. THANK YOU to Dave Sultz, Lorri Kearns, Heidi Fackrell and all the supporting staff for preparing a very important mission for all of our Cub Scouts. Make your plans now for Day Camp 2009: June 14-18 at Shawnee Riverfront Park or visit the day camp website at: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/DayCamp.aspx.

Northern Tier District Events

August

4 District Committee Meeting
Grace Christian Fellowship Church
7230 Quivira Rd., 7:00 pm
6 Roundtable
Mission Park Shelter #4
11 Commissioner Meeting
Grace Christian Fellowship Church
7230 Quivira Rd., 7:00 pm
27 School Night for Scouting

September

1 District Committee Meeting
Grace Christian Fellowship Church
7230 Quivira Rd., 7:00 pm
3 Roundtable
Church of the Latter Day Saints
Overland Park
10 Commissioner Meeting
Grace Christian Fellowship Church
7230 Quivira Rd., 7:00 pm
10 School Night for Scouting
12 Cub Leader Position Specific Training
Atonement Lutheran Church
Overland Park
17 Cub Leader Position Specific Training
Location TBD
19 Cub Leader Position Specific Training
Olathe Christian School
22 Cub Leader Position Specific Training
Olathe Christian School
26 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
26 Cub Scout Family Camp
29 Cub Scout Adult Leader Training
Shawnee United Methodist Church

School Night for Scouting

We will be continuing the success of School Night for Scouting. Each unit plays a vital role in making sure our recruitment is successful again this year. School Nights will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, August 25
- Thursday, August 27
- Thursday, September 10

Please visit the Northern Tier District Membership webpage at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/Membership.aspx for more information including how School Night works, a timeline for all packs, and tips so that your pack has a successful fall.

For more information, contact our School Night Chairman Todd Martin at (913) 677-3829 or email: todd.martin@mccckc.edu

Trails End Popcorn

The popcorn season is right around the corner! Are you ready? If you have not filled out your Popcorn Sale Commitment Form yet, you can by visiting: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Finance/Popcorn.aspx. This link also includes important dates about the show and sell and upcoming trainings.

Training

Our training team has been working overtime this spring and summer to prepare you as a leader in various roles. We have many opportunities for you to get the answers to your questions. Whether you have been a part of Scouting for a long time or you are new, we will make sure you are ahead of the game when those boys show up for their first meeting, waiting for “Fun”. This training team will show you the “Purpose” behind that “Fun”. To find out what trainings are right for you visit the NT Training page at: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/Training.aspx

Fall Activities:
For Northern Tier Activities Information, visit: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/Activities.aspx
- Cub Scout Family Campout
  September 28-29
  Shawnee Riverfront Park
- District Camporee
  October 16-18
  Shawnee Riverfront Park
- Northern Tier Service Day
  October 24
**Investment in Character**

We are continuing to work to wrap up our Investment in Character Campaign. Every donation helps. We are still approximately $3,000 from reaching our goal. We will be making one last big push by having a phone-a-thon in the month of August. If you have not made your pledge it’s not too late. Thank you for everyone’s support.

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**Cub Scout Family Campout**

This year’s Family Campout will be held September 25–26 at Camp Bromelsick. This campout is designed to be a quick fun campout for all new scouts. There will be many fun activities such as a bonfire, fishing, kickball and bb guns and much more. Individuals will arrive Friday evening set up tents, go to campfire, wake up and begin activities around 9:00 am and will be completely done by noon on Saturday. It’s going to be a blast!!!!

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**School Night for Scouting**

It’s time again to start thinking about recruitment nights. Each pack will be expected to come up with an Organizer for their fall recruitment. The individual you choose as the organizer will need to be very knowledgeable about Scouting and your pack. They will need to know basic information about the pack such as when and where they meet and who the leaders are.

Once you decide who this person is going to be, contact Jacob Allen ASAP. School Nights are in the process of being set up for September 8 and 11. I challenge each pack to recruit 5 more youth than what they did a year ago during their fall recruitments.

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**Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic**

Currently the Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic has 112 Golfers signed up. The tournament is in such high demand that the registration had to be cut off a month in advance. This year’s tournament will be taking place at Lawrence Country Club on August 31st. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our sponsors: Intrust Bank, Gene Fritzel Construction, Sunflower Broadband and Perceptive Software.

Without having such great sponsors, this tournament would not be able to take place!!! Thank you to this year’s Golf Committee for helping put together another great golfing experience!!!

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**Attention Cubmasters**

Please make sure that all new Scout applications and fees are submitted promptly. The Heart of America Council cannot recognize new Scouts if applications are not turned in. This means that if you have a new Scout and are planning an activity in which he will be participating, he must have his application and fees into the Council Service Center in order to be covered by BSA insurance. Please contact the Senior District Executive, Jacob Allen at (816) 569-4962 to turn in applications and fees.

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**Roundtables**

It is strongly recommended that everyone attends roundtable. This is an informational event that takes place to make sure your troop or pack has all the materials and training that you need to become successful. Roundtables are a good way to get all of your questions answered. Roundtable occurs the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Lawrence off of Kasold Road. Every unit has a file that is filled up each month with useful information and ideas. Please take the time to attend roundtable each and every month of the year.
Outdoor Leader Skills
The Pioneer Trails District will be offering OLS Training from Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4 at “The Hogan” at Lake of the Woods, Swope Park. The OLS Training is a hands-on training that gives adult leaders practical knowledge in setting up a campsite, pitching a tent, hiking, outdoor cooking and all the skills necessary to see the outdoor program of Boy Scouts of America come to life.

The training will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday evening and conclude Sunday morning at 8:30 am. Cost for this training will be $10 per person. Please register by email with David Penner at dpenny@bsamail.org with the subject line “RE: PT OUTDOOR LEADER TRAINING.”

Cub Scout Day Camp
If your pack was unable to attend Pioneer Trails district Cub Scout Day Camp this year, you really missed out on a great week! Cub Scout Day Camp was held at 40 Acres and a Mule from June 8 – 11. Approximately 130 boys from 20 different units were in attendance as well as an amazing turnout of adult staff and walking leaders. The Cub Scouts enjoyed shooting BB guns, bows and arrows, and sling shots, swimming, shopping in the trading post, and participating in many other various crafts and activities. Other than a few glitches with the weather, day camp went off without a hitch! Thank you to all of the packs in attendance and all of the adult volunteers who helped make this camp possible.

A special thanks to camp directors Lisa Kessler and Julie Bustamante who both put in many hours in preparation for camp. If you want to help with day camp next year or if you have any ideas on how to improve camp, contact Lisa Kessler at (816) 536-6486.

Pioneer Trails District Fall Camporee
The theme for this year’s camporee is “Be Prepared,” and the camporee committee is “prepared” to put on one of the best camporees ever! This year, camporee will be held on Friday night, October 9 – Sunday morning, October 11. All of the troops in Pioneer Trails are encouraged to attend this organized camping event. There will be activities all day on Saturday relating to the theme “Be Prepared,” a campfire Saturday night, and competitions all week long between all of the troops in attendance.

Cost will be $10 per person. Check the Pioneer Trails Activities webpage for more information as it becomes available.

Cub Scout Family Campout
This year’s Cub Family Campout will be held on Friday night, October 9 – Saturday morning, October 10 at Longview Lake Park. All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to this annual event! There will be a BBQ, campfire, and other activities for Cub Scouts and their families to enjoy. This is a great way for Cub Scouts to be introduced to the camping experience while having fun with their family and friends. Don’t miss this opportunity to spend the night under the stars with your Cub Scouts! Cost will be $8 per person. Dinner on Friday night and breakfast for Saturday morning is included.

Check the Pioneer Trails Activities webpage for more information as it becomes available.

School Night for Scouting
It’s that time again. Time to start thinking about the fall and recruiting new Scouts to join our packs and troops! We had a good recruitment last year, but there are always new Scouts that want to join so we are hoping for another great year in 2009. To get us ready for School Nights, each pack should have a representative present at the Pioneer Trails School Night Kickoff at Roundtable on Thursday, August 6, 7:30 pm, at Central United Methodist. There we will discuss the School Night plan and talk about ways to recruit new Cub Scouts and new adult leaders. Contact Ross Whitacre at (816) 718-3255 if you have any questions or want more information on School Nights.
Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. The Heart of America Council requires that all registered leaders take basic adult training for their registered positions. Please log on to the HOAC website for more information.

http://hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Training.aspx

To keep up on dates and locations throughout the year visit the District Training Page of the Council website or contact Jeff Wandtke at (913) 764-8413 or Bridge McKenna (816) 569-4929. Please check the Red-Tailed Hawk website for details and dates on upcoming trainings. Remember that many of the trainings can be taken online through www.myscouting.org.

School Night for Scouting

Red-Tailed Hawk is ready to welcome new youth into the wonderful and adventurous world of Scouting on August 25, 26 and 27, September 1 and 2. If you have not scheduled your School Night yet please contact Bridge McKenna at bmckenna@bsamail.org. Packs please fill out a reservation form with your school districts facilities department to reserve the room at the school.

School Night packets and promotional posters will be available at the August 6 roundtable. Please send a pack representative.

Popcorn

Popcorn sales are a great way to earn income for your unit. Please log on to the HOAC website and click on Finance to learn more.

http://hoac-bsa.org/Finance/Popcorn.aspx

Show N’ Sell orders are due August 31 at 5:00 pm to the Council Office. New Popcorn Kernels should plan to attend the Trails End Popcorn Training on August 22, 2009.

Cub Family Campout and Camporee

The best part of fall just might be Cub Family Campout and Camporee where the Red-Tailed Hawk family unites with new Cubs, Boy Scouts and Venturers for a campout full of fun! Mark your calendars for October 9-10, 2009.

The cost is $8.00 per person if registered by October 1 or $9.00 on site. Go to http://rthcamping.org for more information on the schedule and activities. The district contact for this event is Randy Warner, Randy@rthcamping.org.

Investment in Character

Thank you to all the units and individual families for your pledges to the Red-Tailed Hawk Investment in Character Campaign for 2009. Unfortunately due to the economic climate we did not reach 100% of our goal. Currently, we are at 84.6%. There is still time to pledge and Red-Tailed Hawk truly appreciates your consideration of making a financial contribution.

Stay in the Communication Loop

Are you receiving all of the latest and greatest information regarding the Red-Tailed Hawk District and the Heart of America Council? There are many ways to keep informed and acquire current Scouting information. Please share the below communication avenues with the leaders in your unit.

- Constant Contact E-mail, all registered leaders will receive email updates
- Heart of America Council Website, www.hoac-bsa.org
- RTH roundtable, generally held the first Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center

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Click Here for contact information on additional volunteer Committee Chairs.
Fall School Night for Scouting – Recruitment

School is starting soon! That means it is time for School Night for Scouting! Make sure to be at all the “Back to School” events at your assigned schools. There will be a “School Night for Scouting” event at every school in the Kansas City area. To find out more information on School Night, dates, and assignments, contact Kathy Ruth (816) 779-0986 or email Ksruth61@fairpoint.net.

Day Camp

The 2009 Thunderbird District “Cub Fun in the Next Generation” Day camp was a great success with over 435 Cub Scouts and over 150 walking leaders. Cub Scouts enjoyed a wide variety of activities like fishing, archery, BB guns, sling shots, the monkey bridge, bucking bronco, solar cooking, water games, marbles, crafts, and other games. Thank you to all the leaders that helped at day camp! Special thanks to Kay Duncan, the director; Angie Duncan, program director; and to our U.S. Army soldiers for providing help with set-up, break-down, staff, programs, tents, water buffalos, generators, and other equipment. The staff and hard working volunteers made this an awesome day camp! Thank you.

Save These Dates

- Cub Scout Family Campout, September 25-26
- Cub Scout Basic Training, September 12 (full course in one session)
- Cub Scout Basic Training, September 21 & 28 (full course in two evening sessions)
- Boy Scout Camporee, October 9-11

Cub Family Campout

Come on out to the annual Cub Scout Family Campout! This year’s campout will be at Unity Village near 350 and Colbern Road. This is a great camping opportunity for new scouts right after fall recruitment. Even though this event is designed for younger scouts, all are welcome. For $8 each participant gets camping space, Cracker-barrel (late night snack), breakfast, campfire, field games and more! Make sure you put September 25-26 on your calendar and join us! Call Laura Crotty for questions and information. (816) 853-2544 or Crotty_Laura@yahoo.com
District School Night Kick Off

School Night for Scouting is quickly approaching. This is our fall recruitment event, which introduces hundreds of boys into the Cub Scout program. Every pack needs to have its pack’s School Night Chairman in attendance on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:30 pm at Christ Church, 5500 @. 91st St. Overland Park. At this very important meeting we will review the school night program, distribute all of the school night materials, provide details on organizing new dens, and discuss leadership needs. Your pack leadership will play an important role in this year’s School Night Recruitment Campaign. The key dates coming up for new Cub Scouts and leaders include Cub Scout Family Campout, October 2-3 at Shawnee Riverfront Park and training dates for new leaders which are posted on the website.

Day Camp 2009

Day Camp was a great success this year! Nearly 350 Cub Scouts came out for a week of “Cub Fun in the Next Generation” with fun, games, and fellowship. THANK YOU to Day Camp Director Cameron Horton and Program Director Bob Kakareka and all the supporting staff for preparing and creating an adventure of a lifetime to these Cub Scouts!

Cub Scout Family Campout

Hey Cub Scout families! Mark your calendars now for the annual Cub Scout Family Campout. The campout will be held at Shawnee Riverfront Park (5800 Frisbie Rd., Shawnee, KS) on Friday, October 2 beginning at 6:00 pm and concluding by 11:30 am on Saturday, October 3. Cub Scouts in first through third grade and their entire family are invited to attend the event which includes a bonfire, cracker barrel, games and plenty of fun and fellowship with other new cub scouts and their families! The cost is $8.00 per person (including adults and siblings) and there is no pre-registration necessary. Check out the Trailhead Activities webpage http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead/Activities.aspx for more details.

Training

Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. Why is training so important? It will help you plan effective, organized and FUN meetings. Your job will be easier as a leader, and most importantly it will keep the youth in the program. The fall training dates for Johnson County are all ready set, so there are plenty of opportunities for you to check out training.

For district training details and dates visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead/Training.aspx There are also many online training courses offered including “Youth Protection” and “This is Scouting”, both required to be a trained leader. These can be accessed at www.olc.scouting.org For any training questions, please contact district training chairman, Gene Bellner at geneb311@swbell.net

For the most updated information on Trailhead District, visit our webpage at: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead.aspx

Trail’s End Popcorn

Keep your unit popping! The Trail’s End popcorn sale is a great fundraiser that has no out of pocket expense and no extra inventory after your done. It also benefits the youth by allowing more than 70% of the proceeds to go directly back to Scouting! You will be able to sign up at the August roundtable or please email your unit’s contact person to jmurphy@bsamail.org. For more information contact the Popcorn Chair, Pam Clark at rjcpdc@everestkc.net.

Centennial Quality Unit

Mid-year unit progress meetings should be taking place between each unit and their commissioner. If you have not turned in your Centennial Quality Unit Commitment form, there is still a little time to do so. Contact your unit commissioner for more information. Not sure who your unit commissioner is? Contact Robert Kline, District Commissioner, at robertk@allpackco.com to find out.
Upcoming Camping Events

Cub Family Campout September 25th – 26th Lake Olathe Golf Course
Boy Scout Camporee October 9th – 11th Location TBA

Preparations are underway for the 2009 Trails West District Camporee and Cub Family Campout. All troops and packs are encouraged to participate in both events.
Troops are also encouraged to help run activities at one or both events.
For more information contact Todd Whitley at twhiteley@brattonsteel.com

Popcorn

Are you ready for some popcorn? Popcorn season is almost here and NOW is the time to sign-up. To fill out your 2009 Popcorn Commitment Form go to:
www.hoac-bsa.org/Finance/Popcorn.aspx

Also, please submit the name of your unit kernal to the Trails West District Popcorn Chairman, Christine Schauf, at mc.schauf@comcast.net

Training

One of the keys to a successful Scouting experience for young people is trained leadership. Leadership training provides adult leaders with fundamental information about the aims and methods of the movement, as well as specifics about their particular roles in Scouting. Whether you are a new leader or an experienced leader, there is a training program for you.

In order to get ALL of our leaders trained, there will be numerous training sessions for ALL registered leaders in the fall throughout Johnson Co.

For a complete listing of Johnson County trainings go to…
www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/Training.aspx

For more information on these trainings contact Matt Armstrong at marmstro@bsamail.org

School Night for Scouting 2009

Fall is almost here, but are you ready to recruit? In order to better prepare for fall recruitment each pack is encouraged to identify a pack representative. This person will be responsible for coordinating pack recruitment efforts and communication with the district executive.

If you have yet to do so, please provide the name of your pack representative to Matt Armstrong at marmstro@bsamail.org.

Also, be sure that your unit leader and pack representative attend the Trails West School Night For Scouting Kickoff on Thursday, August 6, at 7:00 pm, Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87th St., Lenexa, KS (Roundtable).

The district website will be updated with all the specific School Night for Scouting dates once they are finalized. For more information go to the Trails West membership page: www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/Membership.aspx, or contact Matt Armstrong at marmstro@bsamail.org to set up your pack’s School Night for Scouting.

Roundtable

Roundtable is held the 1st Thursday of the month at Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87th St., Lenexa, KS. All Scout leaders are encouraged to attend. Come to stay current on all the latest district news, learn new Scouting skills, and catch up with fellow Scouters.

Also offered at the same time as the roundtable is Merit Badge Counselor Training and the Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting.
School Night for Scouting

This year’s School Night for Scouting will be bigger and better than ever. Here are the School Night for Scouting dates for your school/community.

- **August 18**: Paola (Sunflower, Cottonwood, Holy Trinity), Central Heights
- **August 20**: Parker (Parker, Fontana), LaCygne
- **August 25**: Mound City
- **August 27**: Louisburg (Rockville, Broadmoor), Osawatomie, Wellsville
- **September 1**: Ottawa (Lincoln, Eugene Field, Garfield, Sacred Heart), Appanoose
- **September 10**: Garnett (GEC, Irving, Greeley), Williamsburg, Pleasanton

With your help we can make this year our best ever for recruiting new Scouts into the program.

2009 Cub Scout Day Camp

The 2009 Cub Scout Day Camp was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the camp. There is absolutely no possible way we could do it without each and every one of you. This year we even had the help and cooperation from Mother Nature who didn’t level the camp with high winds like what usually happens!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the two newest units in Twin Rivers **Crew 2118 from Trinity United Methodist Church in Ottawa** and **Crew 2103 from LDS Church Paola Ward in Paola**. Welcome to the “Team”!

Popcorn Sale

Sign-up for the 2009 Trail’s End Popcorn sale is under way. Please bring your unit popcorn sale chair contact information to Roundtable or send it to our District Popcorn Kernel, Shelly Atterbury at sellyatterbury@yahoo.com or (913) 731-3450.

Selling popcorn is a great way for every Scout to fund his year in Scouting. Simply figure how much a year in Scouting will cost a Scout in your unit, include things like annual registration fees, dues, books, uniform, camp, etc. and then set that as a goal for the Scout to reach in commissions so that there is no out-of-pocket expenses for the Scouting from the family.

Unit Highlights Poster Contest

Last year, during our annual School Night for Scouting fall recruitment campaign many units enhanced their displays with a poster highlighting many of the year’s activities. The posters were highly effective in communicating visually all of the fun our boys enjoy in Scouting.

This year we invite all units to put together a poster that can be used to help recruit new members. These posters are great for pack meetings, courts of honor, parents/committee meetings, community events, school enrollments, etc. They are great to have on hand because often when you could really use one you don’t have the time to put one together.

To enter the contest the poster must:

1. Be constructed out of a tri-fold science fair poster board.
2. Have the unit name (pack, troop) and number prominently displayed on the poster.
3. Have the unit leaders name and contact information displayed on the poster.
4. Display the unit meeting location, day and time on the poster.
5. Display a calendar of unit events for at least the next six months on the poster.

The rest is up to you!

Deadline for entries is August roundtable, August 6, 2009. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place winning posters. Remember we want to use these at School Night for Scouting so, get started!
**The Exploring Fall Fiesta**

Dear Exploring Advisors and Adult Leaders

Mark your calendars to attend the Exploring Advisor’s and Leader’s Fall Fiesta. The event will be held on Thursday, August 26, 2009 at the Heart of America Council Service Center located at 10210 Holmes Rd Kansas City, MO 64131, at Interstate 435 and Holmes Road.

Adult Basic Leader Training & Youth Protection beginning at 6:00 pm and the Fall Fiesta will follow directly at 7:00 pm. (It is imperative that your post is represented) If you cannot attend, please have another post representative attend in your place. Associate Advisors and post leaders are invited to attend both the training and the Fall Fiesta Event.

The Basic Leader Training meeting will last no longer than one hour. Be prepared for a festive atmosphere and refreshments. We are going to have some fun! This celebration is packed with information on many important items for the Exploring units. Details will be given on the following:

Recharter Packets will be distributed. This is a time for discussion on instructions, turn-in deadline date. There will also be a question and answer period.

Schedule your Post First Nighter (recruitment night) Come prepared with your recruitment date. This is a great time to develop your agenda and promotion plan. Be prepared for open discussion on questions and concerns.

Be sure to put August 26 on your calendar. We are going to have a great time. Please RSVP no later than August 20 to Lisa Thomas at (816) 569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org

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**2009 Health/Science Career Conference**

July 22-25; Location: National Institutes of Health Bethesda, Maryland

The National Health Careers Exploring Committee and the National Science Careers Exploring Committee join forces to conduct a National Health/Science Conference at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland (a suburb of Washington, D.C.). All Exploring posts are invited to attend the event regardless of their career focus.

Conference attendees will participate in interactive, hands-on seminars, tour medical/science research labs, and talk with world-renowned scientists and doctors. In addition, participants can sign-up to tour Washington, D.C.

For more information, contact Peggy Chestnutt, Director, Workforce Development at (972) 580-2428 or pchestnu@lflmail.org.

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**Remember Exploring has a New Membership Fee**

As of January 1, 2009, Exploring membership fees were increased to $10.00. If need you can pick up new individual applications forms for youth and adults at the Heart of America Council Service Center.

Also if you need help in getting new application forms, contact Lisa Thomas, Division Director at (816) 569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org and she will provide the new adult and youth applications for your post.

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**Contact Information**

Your post or group is important to me. While I visit with all advisors, lead teachers, and principals regularly, I am available to address your needs and concerns as they arise. Please contact Lisa Thomas, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org

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**Got E-mail?**

Would you like updated Exploring information? Want to know about the latest resources available to your post's leadership? Send me an e-mail and I will add you to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.
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### Booklets of Donor Forms Available

Flowers are beautiful but fleeting and material gifts are not always fitting. A tribute can find no finer form than a living gift to the Heart of America Council’s Endowment Fund. If you would like to help direct gifts to the endowment, booklets providing donor forms are available. For more information, contact John Kuehn at (816) 569-4979.