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Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Update

“Celebrating the Adventure – Continuing the Journey”

A Year of Celebration For Our Scouts

The Heart of America Council celebrated 2010, the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in a big way. Our year-long series of activities included everything from community service to one of the largest weekend-long gathering of Scouts and Scouters in the country during the Anniversary year.

Community Good Turn Days

In April and May, each of our 13 Scout districts selected projects designed to make our communities a better place. Scouts painted, weeded, cleaned up parks, bikeways and streams. Scouts and Scouters donated thousands of volunteer manhours throughout the council marking Scouting’s tradition of the Good Turn.

Royal Gathering of Eagles

More than 4,800 Scouts and Scouters including more than 1,700 Eagle Scouts attended the first Royal Gathering of Eagles on August 30. Eleven adult Eagles were recognized for lifetime service with the first group of Kauffman Adult Eagle Scout Awards and our oldest Eagle Scout threw out the first pitch.

National Jamboree

The Heart of America Council sent of contingent of over 150 Scouts and leaders to represent us at the 100th Anniversary National Jamboree.

Scout-Out Hunger

Scout Out Hunger was a council-wide partnership with Harvesters to provide food to help needy families in our community. More than 200,000 pounds of food was collected by the Scouts in our council and donated to Harvesters.

Centennial Campout

More than 11,500 Scouts and Scouters gathered near the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation for a weekend long, Jamboree-style event. The Centennial Campout was one of the largest gathering of Scouts in 2010. Scout were treated to events and activities all day followed by a stage show and fireworks on Saturday night.

Adventure Base 100

Created specifically for the 100th Anniversary Celebration, Adventure Base 100 is a national 10,000 square foot Scouting campus of hands-on activities and displays. On the first weekend in October it visited the America Royal Barbeque. Adventure Base 100 was visted by more than 5,000 Scouts from as far away as Wichita, Kansas.

Boy Scouts of America - Union Pacific No. 2010

The UP No. 2010 Boy Scouts of America Locomotive commemorates the organization’s 100th Anniversary and its century of service to the nation. The locomotive, visited Kansas City’s Union Station in November as a grand finale for our Centennial Celebration. Hundreds of Scouts and Scouting families had an opportunity to see this how two great American icons, the Union Pacific Railroad and the Boy Scouts of America worked together to celebrate progress, patriotism, and 100 years of Scouting.
Sporting Clays Tournament
Shooting Sports Banquet & Auction

On Sunday October 17, 2010, more than 120 shooters gathered at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation for the first combined Sporting Clays Tournament and Shooting Sports Banquet. These events offered an opportunity for a day of fellowship and fun while raising money to support the Heart of America Council’s Shooting Sports Program for Scouting youth. Our Shooting Sports Program provides an opportunity for Scouts learn about gun safety and practice the safe use of various, age-appropriate firearms.

The Sporting Clays Tournament was held on a newly designed, portable course consisting of 12 stations. Following the tournament shooters and other guests were treated to a dinner of exotic eats cooked by council volunteer chefs. Following dinner was a silent and live auction of various home use and outdoor items.

This event was possible thanks to the support of the following sponsors:

- Waddell & Reed - Tournament Sponsor
- CZ-USA - Shooter Favor Sponsor
- Fairbanks Morse - Promotions Sponsor
- Federal Premium Ammunition - Ammunition Sponsor

Council News

Invitation for Adult Camp Staff

Are you over 25 ….but not yet “over the hill”? Have you ever thought about spending the summer on the Camp Staff?

Applications for key camp adult positions are due “early” since these assignments are often made early for next summer.

Get your 2011 Camp Staff Application from Camping Services (HOAC office) or on-line at the HOAC website http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Libraries/Camping_Documents/CMP_Staff_Application_2011.sflb.ashx. And turn it in today. Don’t sit back and wait to be asked… if you don’t let people know you are interested, you may miss out on a golden opportunity.

These key camp positions are intended for Scouters over the age of 25.

**Camp Director** – Selects camp staff and directs their efforts. Work begins soon after the camping season is over in preparation for the coming summer. Requires good people skills and a thorough understanding of Scouting. Must attend National Camping School.

**Assistant Reservation Directors (ARD) in Administration, Facilities, and Program**

**ARD for Administration** (Reservation Commissioner) - Directs Commissioner Services, campsite assignments, fee payments, staff personnel records.

**ARD for Facilities** - Oversees Commissary and Food Services, Laundry, Bus Transportation.

**ARD for Program (Staff training and Merit Badge Support)** - Manages electronic Merit Badge System, program development, quality control.

**ARD for Program (Outposts and Search and Rescue)** - Trains staff and directs scheduling of Outpost Programs; coordinates Search and Rescue response.

**Camp Commissioners** – Along with the Camp Director, select volunteer camp staff commissioners (session staff) and direct their efforts. Work begins soon after the camping season is over in preparation for the coming summer. Requires good people skills and a thorough understanding of Scouting. Attends National Camping School.

**ORTC Directors** – Operates Trading Post and Camp Office. Maintains records, handles sales and inventory, provides vital communication link in camp.

**Dining Hall Directors** – Manages clean-up staff in kitchen and dining hall.

**Lake Front Director** – Directs Lakefront program activities and staff. Provides a safe and fun-filled learning environment. Must complete a physically challenging National Camping School Aquatics section.

**Parry Lodge Director** – Operates Trading Post sales for the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and coordinates Native American crafts instruction at Parry Lodge.

**Training Director** – A skilled BSA trainer or career educator. Directs adult leader training during camp and camp staff training before camp. This includes First Aid & CPR Certification in addition to BSA’s Youth Protection, Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills, SM/SA Specifics, Climb on Safely, Leave No Trace, Safe Swim Defense, etc.

**Business Manager** – Knowledgeable in sales, display, ordering, record keeping.

**Point of Sale Manager** – Manages the camp point of sale system. Must be computer knowledgeable.

**Health Lodge Director or Assistant** – Directs the all important Health Lodge Services, coordination of the efforts of Health Care professionals (Doctors, Nurses, EMT’s, Paramedics) Requires good leadership skills and training in the Health Care and Record Keeping.

**Ecology Conservation Directors** – Trains the staff and directs the program at a camp Ecology Lodge. Maintains records and creates attractive displays. Great assignment for a Science teacher.

**Communication Director** -Trains the staff and directs the program at the Communication Center. Includes programs in Communication, Journalism, Photography, Cinematography, and Ham Radio.

**Shooting Sports Range Directors** – Directs ranges at rifle ranges in PA and SM, shotgun range, and outposts at Mountain Man and Briley Creek. Attends National Camping School for Certification.
Philmont Training Center - Summer 2011

Philmont Training Center conference registration is available to all registered volunteers and professional Scouter. The Training Center provides outstanding programs for spouses and children of all ages.

In 2011, more than 80 courses are being offered during 11 week-long sessions.

Course descriptions are available online at www.PhilmontTrainingCenter.org.

The 2011 Philmont Training Center fees are $470 for conference participants; $340 for spouses; $285 for children ages 6-13; $225 for children ages 6-13; $180 for children ages 5 and under; $345 for the Mountain Trek; and $355 for NAYLE. Fee include all conference materials, meals and lodging. Check the Philmont Trailing Center website for more details and registration. Their address is:

http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc.aspx

Missouri State University - Eagle Scout Scholarship

Missour State University has many donor-funded scholarships for students who are involved in specific organizations. They have an Eagle Scout Scholarship that has been established in honor of Mrs. Betsy Cox and the Taylor Health Center staff. It is awarded annually to a full-time student in good academic standing with a public affairs background. To qualify you must have earned the Eagle Scout Award. If you have any questions, you can contact Andrew Garton, Missouri State University Foundation Scholarship Coordinator, by e-mail at AndrewGarton@missouristate.edu or by phone at (417) 836-4143.

Boy Scout Recognized for Rendering Aid

by John Richmeier - Reprinted from the Leavenworth Times

Fort Leavenworth, Kan. — As part of an assembly Thursday at Patton Junior High School, seventh-grader Jace Taliaferro read an essay he’d written about someone he considers a hero. But before the assembly was over, it was Taliaferro who was being recognized as a hero.

Rick Lockwood, who is Taliaferro’s Scoutmaster, said it’s possible the seventh-grader saved another boy’s life through actions taken after an accident at Fort Leavenworth.

Taliaferro rendered first aid and kept an 8-year-old boy from going into shock before emergency personnel arrived.

“I just kept talking to him to keep him awake,” Taliaferro explained after the assembly.

The seventh-grader also used his shirt as bandage for the younger boy, who was injured when a toy car he was riding in flipped over.

The accident occurred in late September. Lockwood’s said the 8-year-old boy’s face apparently landed on asphalt. Taliaferro said there was an initial shock but he was not scared as he rendered aid.

“In Boy Scouts, we actually go over what we should do,” Taliaferro said.

The seventh-grader has a first aid merit badge.

“Jace knew exactly what to do to control the bleeding,” Lockwood said.

The Scoutmaster said Taliaferro’s name has been submitted for a Boy Scout Medal of Honor.

“He’s an all around great young man,” Lockwood said.

Taliaferro was recognized during an assembly for seventh-graders at the Fort Leavenworth junior high school. Students were recognized for various achievements.

“I felt good,” Taliaferro said after being honored.

The essay he read earlier in the assembly was about Pat Tillman, a former NFL player who was killed in Afghanistan while serving in the Army.
Boy Scout History in the Heart of America #1
by Andy Dubill

The first organized camping experience in the new Kansas City Scout Council took place shortly after it was formed in August, 1910. The local newspapers reported that the first Boy Scout camping experience in the new Kansas City Council took place on October 1, 1910. The Scouts marched from Thirty-ninth and Genesee Streets in Kansas City all the way out to a farm in Johnson County, Kansas. The equipment they carried with them was basic: knapsacks and a broomstick to use as a hiking stick, lunches in their knapsack, knives, a drinking cup, rope to tie knots with and other useful articles. The camping expedition was a rousing success as the new Scouts got to break into patrols and practice many of their new Scout techniques on the camping trip. They built a wonderful camp on a farmer’s pasture land; they were able to follow groomed trails along Brush Creek all the way to Johnson County and they even enjoyed a great campfire where their Scoutmaster regaled them with non-stop tales of chivalry, gallantry and courtesy.

Their training proved very useful when one of their own – Scout Harold Barthelson – cut his wrist severely when they were breaking camp at Flat Rock. The Scouts of the Wolf, Fox and Peacock patrol performed admirably. They did not panic— rather set to work applying a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. Once his bleeding stopped, Scout Barthelson got back into line and marched back to town with his fellow Scouts. He got home in great shape and recovered from his wound. They practiced other new techniques on their hike. The Scouts marked their path with small piles of rocks and other materials so they could later find their way home. They also employed a military type guard system where advance Scouts would signal that a wagon or another hiker was coming along the path and the Scouts would scatter through fences or into depressions along the hike path until the “danger” passed.

When Scoutmaster L.M. Lyons gave the command to “break ranks and pitch camp” the boys had a better idea. Seeing a swimming hole not far from where they stood, boys slipped off suspenders and shirts, removed packs and blankets and headed down for a swim. Scoutmaster Lyons was forced to call a halt to the set up of camp until after the cold water forced the boys out.

After camp was set, Lyons told the boys that it was time to start the Scout’s first campfire. He told them that no real woodsmen would ever need more than two matches to start a fire. One Scout lit the first match, attempted to start the kindling ablaze – only to see the first attempt fizzle out. Suggestions were called out, drier kindling was gathered from the woods and the second match was lit and applied to the tinder. The Scouts roared in unison as the flames crept up through the wood. The patrols then cooked steak, potatoes, beans and bread and agreed that it took longer to cook than to eat.

The biggest problem of the day occurred when they were preparing their meal. The farmer who owned the land saw the smoke and came over to tell the group to “scoot off of his farm, mighty quick.” After a quick explanation of their plans and a promise to leave his property in better shape than they found it, he agreed to allow the camp out to continue and went back to his farmhouse. The rest of the day was spent playing various field games and practicing the patrol calls of the Wolf, Fox and Peacock Patrols.

The twenty Scouts at the campout gathered around the campfire that night to hear their Scoutmaster tell them tales of honesty, chivalry, courtesy, faithfulness, loyalty and manliness — all ideals of the perfect Scout.

Soon after the Scout’s first camping experience in Kansas City, Gordon & Koppel Clothiers announced that the first eighty sets of uniforms had been received and were being distributed to the lucky Scouts who had placed their orders. Each uniform set cost $2.65 and included a hat, shirt, baggy knee trousers and a khaki knapsack. Tenderfoot Scouts would receive a special button to wear on their uniforms until permanent insignia arrived. Three troops of Scouts were scheduled to wear their uniforms on scheduled hikes in early November of 1910; the first troop hiked from Westport Baptist Church to Merriam, Kansas; the second left from the First Congregational Church bound for Independence, Missouri and the last left the First Congregational Church in Kansas City, Kansas bound for the Quindaro Ruins.

Scouting was on the way in the Heart of America!

If you have Scouting history questions or suggestions for future articles, please email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.

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Camping and Program

2011 Cub Scout Day Camp
“Cub Quest”

The following is the complete schedule for day camps offered by the Heart of America Council for the 2010 camping season. Unit leaders may contact these volunteers or your district executive for more information regarding your district’s camp, or to volunteer to serve on staff.

The Day Camp fee is $50.00 per Scout through April 6, 2011. On April 7, 2011, the fee is $65. For any new Cub Scout recruited after that day or new Tiger Cubs who finished their kindergarten year in 2011 and join Scouting in June, the cost will be $50.00. Scouts that are added at camp will be charged $70.00.

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Philmont Campership Opportunities

If you or someone you know is going to Philmont in 2011, including The Heart of America Council Contingent, there are a limited amount of Camperships available to our Council. Please fill out a 2011 campership application and return it to the Camping Department.

For more information please contact Leslie Staack at lstaack@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4963. The campership application can be found on the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org, located under “Resources and Forms.”

OKPIK - Northern Tier High Adventure

Scout troops and Venture crews are invited to participate in the OKPIK cold weather camping program. Winter is a great time to be in the out-of-doors. There are numerous weekends throughout the winter that are still available. For more information go to: www.ntier.org.

IPOD Found at Bartle - Is it Yours?

Found: an IPOD in the parking lot between Lone Star and Sawmill campsites. Scouter would like to return it to its rightful owner. Contact Stephen Wolf at stephenleewolf@hotmail.com to provide a description and to make arrangement for its return.
The 2011 Boy Scout camp draws for the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation have been held but it is not too late to still make your troops reservation.

To make your reservation call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4928.

Do you want to go to camp?

Do you have a Scout in your troop that cannot attend camp with your troop, yet wants to go to camp? The Order of the Arrow is hosting a provisional Scouting unit at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation June 19-25, 2011. Contact Laura Campbell at (816) 569-4928 for information on how to sign-up.

Camp Payments

The first 2011 Boy Scout camp payment is due February 16, 2011. This payment should be $50 of your unit's balance. If you have any questions regarding your units Confirmation and Billing statement please call the Council Service Center at (816) 569-4928. Remember it is the Scout motto to "Be Prepared", so don't wait until the last minute.

MOS Tribal Council Recommendations Due

Service as a member of Mic-O-Say’s tribal council is an important camp leadership responsibility. While this responsibility is not given as recognition for past service, it is nonetheless reasonable, that an individual’s talents, abilities, dedication to, understanding of the Scouting principles and loyalty to the values and educational experiences of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, be examined to help determine the likelihood of success in this service role.

All tribal council recommendations are due to the Council Service Center by March 1, 2011. Recommendations should only be the official form that can be found on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources or forms or at the council service center. These forms have also been distributed at the February roundtables. If you have further questions please call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4928.

OA Dues

Tamegonit Lodge dues are now due. You may pay your dues online at www.hoac-bsa.org or you can print off a renewal form on the Council website to be mailed in. Make sure to include your current membership level when you renew your membership.

OA Spring Inductions

2011 Spring Inductions are April 29 - May 1, 2011 and May 13-15, 2011. Registration information is available online, at Roundtables, and in the Spring Torchbearer. If you were inducted as an Ordeal member last spring, now is the time to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood.

OA High Adventure Opportunities

High Adventure opportunities exist for those Arrowmen that would like an opportunity to attend Philmont to serve on the OA Trail Crew. Experience a wilderness voyage at Northern Tier or experience an ocean adventure at the Florida Seabase. For an application visit the OA High Adventure website at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. Both of the programs are held during the summer of 2011. You must be 16 years old by the time you start the program but not yet 21.
Bear Resident Camp for 2011

The Heart of America Council Bear Camp sign-up will be conducted online starting Monday, January 10, 2011, at 9:00 AM through February 4, 2011. There will be a link on the home page of the Council website, www.hoac-bsa.org.

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The on-line registration will be available until Bear Resident Camp has met its predetermined capacity. Each session holds a maximum of 230 participants. The fee for the 2011 Bear Camp will be $65.00 per person (youth or adult). If reservations are made by February 4, 2011 the discounted fee is $50.00. To make a reservation on or after February 5, you must e-mail Lorri Kearns at Ikearns@bsamail.org. For a full definition of fees, refunds, and non-refundable deposits, as well as further information, please visit the website.

If you recruit a new Scout into Cub Scouting after February 4, 2011 to attend camp, the fee will be $50.00. A copy of the youth application will be necessary to receive the reduced rate.

Bear Resident Camp is designed as a one-on-one camping experience. Therefore every youth attending camp must have an adult partner. There are no part-time Scouts or leaders at Bear Camp. Come join the fun at Cub World at Camp Naish!

Trainer Development Conference/Trainer’s EDGE

Are you a youth trainer, district trainer, council trainer, commissioner or any Scout leader who wants to learn to communicate ideas better? On Saturday, January 15, 2011 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm a Trainer Development Conference will be held at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Lenexa. The cost for this conference is $15.00.

During this conference you will be taught:

- Basic principles of learning.
- Importance of good communication.
- Characteristics of a good trainer.
- The required steps of planning.
- The importance of training arrangements.
- Training methods.
- Training technology.
- Putting “Pizzazz” in training.
- And much more….

At this same conference, we’re also holding Trainer’s EDGE for advanced trainer’s seeking advanced skills! Trainer’s EDGE is also $15.

The deadline for registration in Monday, January 10, 2011. Please register online at www.hoac-bsa.org or you can register by visiting the Council Service Center. If you have any further questions please contact J. Britt Davis, HOAC Training Director at (816) 569-4924, jdavis@bsamail.org.

Woodcarving Workshop

The annual Woodcarving Workshop was again a success. The workshop is held annually in November. Thank you to Paul Cast and the team of volunteers or organizing this event.
Council Calendar

December
7 Whitney M. Young Service Award Dinner
8 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
15 Council Activities Committee
18 Council International Committee Meeting
23-24 Scout Office Closed
24-25 Scout Shop Closed
26 Camp Staff Reunion
28 Rotary Camp Meeting
31 Scout Office and Scout Shop Closed

January
4 Horsemanship Committee Meeting
5 Council Day Camp Meeting
8 Naish Work Day
8 OA Winter Banquet
11 Bear Camp Draw
11 Maintenance Team Dinner
12 Patron Luncheon Host Orientation
12 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
13 Woodbadge Post Course Meeting
15 Naish Trading Post Closed
15 Trainer’s Edge Training
15 VOA Winter Event
22 Bartle Work Day
22 Naish Trading Post Closed
22 Webelos Draw - River Port Campus
24 Council Annual Business Meeting
25 D.O.E. Committee Meeting
26 Council Advancement Committee Meeting
27 Investment in Character Committee Meeting
29 Naish Trading Post Closed

Troop 366’s 100th Eagle Scout Celebrated in Scouting’s 100th Anniversary

On 20 September 2010, Daniel Klinger, son of Randy & Linda Klinger, was presented his Eagle Scout Award as a member of Boy Scout Troop 366 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He became the 100th Eagle Scout from Troop 366 in this the 100th Anniversary of the Boy scouts of America and the 50th Anniversary for Troop 366.

Daniel earned 36 merit badges. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. For his Eagle project, Daniel planned and executed the removal of a plywood structure from the Pioneer Chapel activity room. He also supervised the assembly of metal storage cabinets and the restocking of the Chapel materials. In addition, the project included the recycling of the wood and cardboard shipping containers. The project made the Chapel more presentable and organized.

Most notable about Daniel’s achievement is that he joins his four older brothers, as Eagle Scouts, all from Troop 366. His oldest brother, Nathan, earned his Eagle Scout award on 1 December 1993 and is now a manager for Wal-Mart in Roland Park, Kansas. Joel, the next oldest, earned his Eagle Scout award on 4 August 1997 and is also a manager at a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market in Overland Park, Kansas. They were followed by Caleb who earned his Eagle award on 6 September 2001 and is currently in the Ukraine as a missionary for Campus Crusade for Christ. Micah who earned his Eagle award on 6 March 2003 and is a senior at Mid-America University and a manager at Applebee’s in Lawrence, Kansas. Daniel’s grandfather, Malcolm McGregor, was also an Eagle Scout.

Save the Date

2011 Cerner Career Expo

Date: January 27, 2011
6:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Cerner Corporation World Headquarters
2800 Rockcreek Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri 64117

Who’s Invited? High School Students, Parents, Guardians, Educators, Career Advisors, Counselors, Community Partners

Overview: Cerner Corporation invites you to the 2011 Cerner Career Expo. Focused on educating students about future internship and career opportunities, the expo will highlight the work done at Cerner, opportunities for students to work and learn in our offices and a chance to meet with many of our education partners.

Participants interested in technical, business or clinical careers can explore healthcare in a variety of settings—in the home, the hospital, the community and more. Attendees will learn about the healthcare process and the many careers related to delivering quality healthcare through the use of technology.

At the expo, students interested in learning or working at Cerner can sign up for more information about internship opportunities and various community events supported by Cerner. Representatives from area colleges will also be in attendance to discuss the programs at their schools that support future careers in healthcare, technology, business and more.
Investment in Character
As you all know, Investment in Character is an essential part of funding the operations of the Big Muddy district as well as the council. As beneficiaries of the services that these funds provide, your support is imperative to the continuation of the scouting movement. Please work with our Investment in Character volunteers who devote hours of their time, above and beyond their contributions to their units, to ensure that our annual campaign is a success.

Klondike Derby
The Big Muddy Klondike Derby will be held January 21-23, 2011 at the Concordia City Lake. The Klondike program will be from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The cost is $8.00 per person and for more information contact Rob Hemme at (660) 229-0277 or email at scouts4258@gmail.com.

Training
Most of you are aware the training initiative by the council to train all of our adult volunteers. As we enter in the third year of this endeavor it will be important that all of our leaders seek what training they need for their position. Fortunately, for us all leaders required to take training can obtain that through some online courses. For questions regarding training please contact Mary Martens at (816) 776-3082.

Roundtable
The Big Muddy District hosts a roundtable for all Scouters, at every level, the first Tuesday of every month the Lexington United Methodist Church beginning at 7:30 pm. Please make sure your unit is represented at roundtable so the flow of information is passed freely.
For more information please contact Jon Geiger (816) 569-4932.

Big Muddy District Dinner
The Big Muddy District Dinner will be held on February 5, 2011 with more information to come soon.

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Training
The last Cub Scout training for the year will be on Saturday December 11. There will be one last Boy Scout Leader training session in Blue Elk for 2010. That training will be held December 18-19. The fee for this course is $15. This course begins at 8:00 am on Saturday and will conclude around noon on Sunday. At the completion of this course you will be trained in Outdoor Leader Skills as well as Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster.

Klondike Derby
Klondike will be held January 22, 2010. The price is $8/person with a $10 unit registration fee. If you choose to camp out, there is an additional cost of $15/unit.
For more information contact John Fitzgearlds at 461-8717 or Tiffany Bumgardner at tbumgard@bsamail.org, 569-4969.

District Dinner
The 34th Annual Blue Elk District will be Saturday, February 5, 2011 at Adams Pointe Conference Center, 1400 NE Coronado Drive, Blue Springs, MO. The cost is $23 per person. If you have any pictures send them to Jim Beachner to be included in the slide show.

For more information on District Dinner contact Jim Beachner at beachner@gmail.com, 847-5617 or Brian Bentrop at bbentrop@bsamail.org, 569-4918.

Rechartering
If you missed the recharter turn in at roundtable that’s ok. Bring you recharter to the council office before 12/30. Be sure to have your 2010 actual numbers to fill out the Centennial Quality Unit award as well as your 2011 Investment in Character date.
Kaw District Klondike Derby

Kaw District Klondike Derby will be held January 14-16, 2011, at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas. Please go to the Kaw District website at www.hoac-bsa.org to download the registration form and turn it in so that we can get a count on Klondike Derby patches.

For those that would like to help staff or need more information about the Klondike Derby please contact Tim Rhodes at (913) 669-3441. He is in need of staff members to make the event successful.

Training

Kaw District strives to offer the best Scouting program possible to our Scouts. An important aspect of running a good program is trained leaders. Training helps you understand what resources are available to help you run an outstanding program. Trained leaders are able to keep Scouts in the program longer.

This winter there are many opportunities for all of our leaders to get the necessary training. This will be particularly important for those leaders just starting their exciting Scouting adventure. Also, an important fact is that every direct contact leaders has to be trained for 2011. If your direct contact leaders are not trained then the unit will not be able to recharter in January.

District Recognition Dinner

Our annual District Recognition Dinner will be Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Cabela’s. Our social hour will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Registration is $20 per person. Registration fliers will be distributed at the December roundtable and will be available on the hoac-bsa.org website on the Kaw District webpage.

Please consider a donation to sponsor dinners for attending Eagle Scouts. Nominations for the District Award of Merit are due by December 10. Other nominations may include exceptional Cubmasters, den leaders, webelos leaders, Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, committee members, district committee members, or commissioners. Please prepare a letter of recommendation with supporting information for any award you think is relevant and turn in by the December roundtable. We have a December 10 deadline.

Rechartering 2011 - It’s That Time Again

The time to renew your unit charter is here. We have prepared a charter renewal packet for each unit. Starting December 1 you can log on to the Internet and begin the recharter process. The Kaw District has established two recharter turn-in dates for your convenience they are January 6 at roundtable and January 13 at both Leavenworth Library and at Wyandotte West Library from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

We will also be in the office all day on January 20 to help anyone needing help with the recharter process.

Please contact Julian Rivette (816) 569-4947 or Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967 to arrange to deliver or pick-up your charter renewal paperwork.
Charters!!
As you probably know, it's charter time. Complete charters are due January 4. Please take a few moments before turning in charters to see if your leaders' training requirements have been met.

As a reminder, all Cubmasters, den leaders, Scoutmasters and assistants (except 18-20 year olds), Venturing Advisors and assistants, and Team Leaders must be trained. All leaders must have completed youth protection training within 2 years of March 31, 2011.

Popcorn 2010
A big, “Thank You!” to everyone who helped to make our Popcorn sale a success! That should go a long way to help kids with their camp fees. Thanks especially to John Slobaszewski for serving as the District Popcorn Kernal for 2010. Also, big thanks to Denny Jefferson and Kathy Cooper for the time that they spent helping with the distribution.

What Have Your Scouts Done?
The district committee and all of the Lone Bear District want to know what your unit has been up to. We know you all are involved in exciting activities and are having lots of fun.

Please send your monthly highlights and photos to Josh Morales at jmorales@bsamail.org. We will be sure to get your units story in this publication!

Reminder to District Scouters
For our district committee and commissioners: We will be meeting on December 14, at 6:30 pm, at the Clinton Golden Corral for our annual "All Call" gathering.

District Dinner
Mark your calendars for February 8 at 6:00 pm for our annual recognition dinner. This year the dinner will be located at the Elks Building on the square in Clinton. Don’t forget to turn in nomination forms for the Award of Merit and Silver Bear. For those who may not know, these awards recognize people who have given exceptional service to scouting in the Lone Bear District. Please take a few moments to fill out the nomination form for that exceptional Scouter. Forms can be found online or by contacting Josh Morales at jmorales@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4961.

Roundtable
The Lone Bear District roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month (except July) at the Clinton Scout Center. Roundtable meetings are a gathering of Scouters held once a month. This is an opportunity for you to get information on a variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout leaders and Cub Scout leaders. All leaders are encouraged to join us to learn more about serving today’s youth.

Roundtable can do you no good if you do not come and see what it is all about or stay for the program. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information. For more information, contact Kathy Cooper at (660) 647-5868 or kcooper@cdsinet.net.
Investment in Character

We’re gearing up for the 2011 Investment in Character campaign to raise money for the best youth serving program in the country... Scouting. We are working to get every unit to have a Family Investment in Character presentation. If your unit has yet to schedule a presentation, please take a look at your unit calendar and decide on the best time to have a brief Investment in Character presentation. Troop Court’s of Honor and pack Blue and Gold Banquets are ideal opportunities. If those are already past, just let us know. A volunteer presenter will take just a few minutes to tell the Scouting story and give families an opportunity to decide how they can best support the Scouting program.

Thanks in advance for your crucial financial support of Scouting. To schedule a presentation contact District Executive, Mike Farrell at mfarrell@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4950.

Klondike Derby

Get out your sleds, review your scout skills, dress warm, and come to the North Star Klondike Derby on January 15, 2011. This outstanding event will take place at the Kelsey Short Camping area at Smithville Lake. Camp overnight or just come up for the day. Sled check in starts at 7:30 am on Saturday morning with the derby starting at 9:00 am. All derby activities will close at 4:00 pm. Staff positions are open and three activities are still open. If you have an idea for an activity, please contact us at roundtable or give us a call. Be sure to sign up on the staff roster at roundtable to help with sled check in and other positions. With everyone’s participation, we will provide the scouts with another outstanding scouting experience that they will always remember.

For more information, or if you can help out on staff, contact Howard Scott, Klondike Co-Chairperson, at (h) (816) 436-9370 or (m) (816) 456-5325, or Chris Pugh, Klondike Co-Chairperson at (h) (816) 452-3363.

Pinewood Derby

Can you believe that the North Star District Annual Pinewood Derby is just around the corner?? Well, it is. The 18th Annual Pinewood Derby will be on Friday and Saturday, February 4 and 5, 2011 at the Metro North Mall. The winner of each of your pack’s racing class (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos-1 and Webelos-2) will be eligible to race in the District Derby. Keep watch for the rules sheet which will appear in your unit’s mailbox at the Cub Scout roundtable.

If you have any questions, please contact Derby Racemaster Jeff Cook at scouter@kc.rr.com.

Let’s Get Our Leaders Trained

In 2009, all of our “top-tier” leaders were trained. In 2010, all “direct contact” leaders were trained. Now, in 2011 all registered leaders must be trained. There are many more training classes offered via the Internet. However, some training classes can only be taken when offered by the District or Council training teams.

You are strongly encouraged to review your current position within the unit. Work with the unit trainer to ensure that the training you have received is current with your position. If there are any questions, please contact one of the district professionals. District Training Chairman, Jeff Tyler, along with his Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing training staff, stand ready to “GET YOU TRAINED.”

Additional information along with dates for upcoming sessions can be found at the North Star training webpage at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/Training.aspx.

Be sure to visit the National training web site and check out the new training sections. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Tyler, at (816) 505-2015 or jstyler@kc.rr.com.
Northern Tier

Centennial Quality Unit Award

Units should be turning in their 2010 completed Centennial Quality Unit Award form by December 31, 2010. Your 2011 commitment form can be turned in anytime in December or January. The commitment form is designed to be filled out between your unit leaders and your unit commissioners. Please contact your unit commissioner for more information. Not sure who your unit commissioner is? Contact David Woy at (913) 991-8244 to find out or visit the Unit Service page on the Northern Tier District webpage.

District Dinner

District Dinner will be held on Saturday February 5, 2010 at Old Shawnee Town Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this very important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs. Gathering begins at 6:00 pm and the dinner begins at 6:30 pm. This recognizes the achievements of Northern Tier’s leaders in 2009. The cost for the dinner is $23 per person. District Awards of Merit and Outstanding Leader Awards will be presented at this time. To register for this event please visit: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/Activities.aspx

Training

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 district webpage, talk to your unit leader or commissioner, or call Lorri Kearns at lkkearns@everestkc.net or visit the Northern Tier Training page at: http://hoac-bsa.org/nttraining.cfm. Remember everyone must have current Youth Protection Training.

Klondike Derby

Dust off your sled, because the Northern Tier District is proud to present Klondike Derby. Scouts test your winder camping and outdoor skills at the event. Each station will test your Scouting knowledge, skills, and problem solving abilities. Each patrol must build and bring a Klondike sled or a miniature Conestoga or Prairie Schooner Wagon with their trademark canvas bonnets! Participants can serve as the draft animal of their choice: dogs, horses, oxen, or mules, depending on the type of vehicle they bring. Patrols/Teams will load the wagons/sleds with their personal and patrol equipment and pull them through the competition course to each station. Competition station will be named after famous Gold Rush towns. Patrols/teams will receive gold nuggets for their score at each station. This is a competitive event so bring your sled and let the games begin!

The date for the Klondike Derby is January 22 and it will be held at Shawnee Riverfront Park. You can register online by visiting the Northern Tier activities page on the council website.

Investment in Character

Please help continue to make Scouting affordable and available to everyone. It is time to make sure that your unit is signed up for an Investment in Character presentation. If you have not signed your unit up for this year, now is the time. Presentations take about 10 minutes and should be scheduled at either your troop Court of Honor or pack Blue and Gold. You can sign up at roundtable or contact Bruce Harken at bruceharken@yahoo.com or Doug Lenhart at grubby299@yahoo.com.

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2010 Northern Tier Key Leadership

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Rechartering

Recharter turn-in will be on Thursday, January 6 at roundtable (OP LDS Church-7100 Hadley). One leader from your unit will bring all the Recharter paperwork along with all the correct signatures to the turn-in. Times are assigned and will be available on the home page of the Northern Tier website. You may begin the online process on December 1st. If you have any questions regarding recharter, please contact your unit commissioner or Kathryn Rajala at krajala@bsamail.org. In addition to turning in your unit’s recharter paperwork, your unit commissioner will also be on hand to help your unit complete the 2011 Centennial Quality Unit goals form and get your unit’s commitment to Investment in Character.
Investment in Character

Scott Gates is working hard making sure we reach out to everyone in the Pelathe District and give them the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of numerous youth in the Boy Scouts of America.

Please take the time to fill out a pledge card and send it into the council office if you have not done so yet.

Every unit should hold a presentation at one of their meetings (typically it’s the Blue and Gold Banquet or Courts of Honor). Thank you in advance for everyone’s support to the Scouting program!

Recharter Turn-in Meeting

Recharter Turn-in will be held on December 16 at 7:00 pm. Please make sure these get turned in before the Holidays. Make sure all your leaders are trained before your charters are turned in so they can be processed. Remember just because you turn something in doesn’t necessarily mean it will be processed if it is not done in the correct way!!!

Retaining Scouts is Crucial

Retention, Retention, Retention!!!!!! Retention is the way the Pelathe District will continue to grow. Please follow up with every Webelos II Scout that does not transition over to a troop. Please find out why, so we can make sure next time every boy bridges over into Boy Scouts.

Thank you for everyone’s efforts in providing the best possible program for the boys so they remain interested in scouts and continue to have a blast and become young healthy individuals.

Cub Day Camp

Come join us at Cub Scout day camp next summer, June 6 - 9 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Alfred Cramer and Karen Lewis are working together this year to put together another great day camp. As we get closer to the date, look for more information at roundtables.

Training

Every youth signed up for Scouts deserves a “Trained Leader”. Please make sure you are being trained for the position you hold within your Unit. Please checkout our website to find out when the trainings are taking place: www.hoac-bsa.org.

Join Us at the Roundtable

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 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.
2010 Pioneer Trails
Key Leadership

District Chair
Larry Tyrl  (913) 825-4660
District Vice-Chair
Morgan Olander  (913) 649-6388
District Vice-Chair
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  jriter@bsamail.org
District Executive
William Torres  (816) 569-4965
  wtorres@bsamail.org

Cub Scout Family Campout
This year’s Cub Family Campout was a huge success. Held again at the Longview Lake Group Camping Area, over 150 Scouts and Scouters were in attendance for this overnight event. From the campfire and marshmallow roast on Friday night to the program on Saturday, you could really tell all of the Cub Scouts and their families had a great time. And you could not have asked for better weather! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event possible.
A special thank you to Ed Mulik and Carol Jean DeFeo for all of the work they put into planning another successful Cub Family Campout.

Investment in Character
It is time once again to begin our annual fundraising drive through the Investment in Character campaign. Please look at your unit’s calendar for the best time to schedule a presentation this winter. Presentations are often done at unit events where families is in attendance, such as Blue and Gold Banquets or Court of Honors.
Please remember funds contributed help support Scouting throughout the Pioneer Trails District and the Heart of America Council.
Please contact David Johnson at (816) 213-6350 or dhjlaw@live.com to schedule an Investment in Character presentation for your unit.

National Recognition for a Local Scouter
We would like to recognize George Weaver, Pioneer Trails District Roundtable Commissioner and Scoutmaster for Troop 62, for being inducted into the National Hall of Leadership.
He was presented with the award during the stage show at the Centennial Campout. Only one inductee was selected per council so this is a huge honor for George.
Be sure and congratulate George next time you see him.

Annual District Dinner
The Pioneer Trails Annual District Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Colonial Presbyterian Church (corner of 95th and Wornall). The District Dinner is an evening of fellowship and recognition for all of the adult volunteers in the Pioneer Trails District. The cost for this evening is $20 per person which includes a catered dinner.
Visit the Pioneer Trails Activities Website for a list of awards and consider taking the time to nominate the hard working volunteers in your unit or in the district: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx.
Registration forms for this event are available online. Contact George Weaver at (816) 590-3627 for more information.

Recharter Turn-in
Plan to turn in your recharter paperwork at roundtable on Thursday, January 7, 2011. Roundtables are held at Central United Methodist (5144 Oak) and begin at 7:30pm. Recharter packets were distributed at Roundtable on November 4. Remember, for this year’s recharter, every registered leader must be current on Youth Protection Training and all Direct Contact Leaders must be fully trained. For any questions, please contact Will Torres at (816) 569-4965 or wtorres@hoac-bsamail.org.

100 Years of Scouting
Thanks to the thousands of Scouts and Scouters who helped make the Centennial Year for the Boy Scouts a huge success. We had a lot going on this year: the Community Good Turn Day, the Art Tour, the Royal Gathering of Eagles, the Scout-Out-Hunger Food Drive, the Royal Gathering of Eagles, the Adventure Base 100, and of course, the Centennial Campout. What a great year to be a Scout!
Investment in Character

2011 is just around the corner, and it is very important that we get every unit presentation scheduled to ensure that the campaign gets off to a solid start! David McCreight will be returning as our Family Investment in Character chair. We would also like to welcome Dan Himmelberg from Troop 122 to the team, who will serve as co-chair for the 2011 campaign.

As many of you are aware, the Family Investment in Character component is a very important annual fundraising effort that helps the districts in the Heart of America Council ensure a quality program is delivered to our youth. The money raised helps to provide accident and liability insurance for registered members of the BSA, more than $100,000 in campership assistance to help Scouts attend summer camps, funds that benefit at risk youth in the urban core of Kansas City, and training and support for unit leaders.

To inquire about your unit’s Friends of Scouting goal or your unit’s presentation for 2011 please contact Chris Rinella at crinella@bsamail.org.

Training

Top leadership in every unit should have recently received an untrained leader report. This will be able to guide you in meeting the Heart of America Council training initiative. Every adult leader will be required to have Youth Protection training at the time of recharter in January. In addition to the top-leaders requirement last year, all direct contact leaders must be trained at recharter in 2011. This includes Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster, all den leaders and assistant den leaders, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, assistant Varsity Coach, Crew Advisor, and associate Crew Advisor. Please contact Jeff Wandtke, Red-tailed Hawk Training Chair, if you have any questions about upcoming training opportunities.

District Awards Nominations

There are many adults who successfully deliver the Scouting program every day in the Red-Tailed Hawk District. Many of them go unnoticed for their devoted efforts of service. Now is your chance to recognize those people. There are awards that the district hands out each year at the District Dinner: The District Award of Merit, The District Adult Outstanding Award and The Outstanding Support Award for adults not registered in Scouting. All awards are due by January roundtable. Any other nomination forms are due to the council office by their determined date.

Merit Badge Forum

The 2011 Red-Tailed Hawk Merit Badge Forum will be taking place in three separate sessions, January 8, 22 and February 5. All three sessions will take place from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at California Trail Jr. High School. This is a tremendous opportunity for all Boy Scouts in the Red-Tailed Hawk District. For questions feel free to contact David Riker at driker@bsamail.org.
Centennial Campout

The 2010 Centennial Campout was a huge success. We had over 11,500 Scouts, leaders, and staff from throughout the Heart of America Council that attended the event. Scouts participated in countless activities areas. The Cub Scout, Webelos, Boy Scout Action Areas and Sub-Camps all had several Thunderbird staff helping make this a great event.

Thank you to all the Thunderbird staff that helped in this once in a lifetime experience. Special thanks to Del Wilkinson and James Freeman for leading up the Metro/East Action areas and Sub-camps. This was truly a unique and special Celebration of Scouting’s centennial year!

Winter Event Campfire Feast

The 2011 Thunderbird District Winter Event, Campfire Feast will be at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs, KS on Friday thru Sunday January 28-30. Don’t miss out on the winter fun. This will be a great event to learn and practice your cooking skills. The registration deadline is the January roundtable. For more details on our event, check out the Thunderbird activities webpage.

For more information you can contact Jim Scalf- jimscalf@gmail.com or John Hobbs-jhobbs@bsamail.org; (816) 569-4983.

Commitment 2011

Thanks to all of our packs, troops, crews, and teams for joining us in November for our annual re-charter event. Your help and cooperation helped us set the pace for the council!

Spring Cub Scout Event

Join us on April 2, 2011 for our Spring Cub Scout event at Paradise Park. Come on out and race your Pinewood Derby Car and see who will be the district champion! Enjoy Paradise Park. Activity passes and food will be available for a discounted price. Some of the activities are: Children’s Edutainment Center, Foam Factory, Bumper Cars, Rock Wall, Go Karts, Junior Go Karts, Miniature Golf, and more. Check out the website for a flyer. Contact Jay Ronnberg raymorescoutdad@gmail.com for more information.

Save This Date

January 28-30
Winter Event Campfire Feast at Naish

February 12
District Awards Dinner

March 26
Merit Badge Academy

April 2
Pinewood Derby at Paradise Park

2010 Thunderbird Key Leadership

Chair
Brent Worley (913) 484-5766

District Commissioner
Charlie Huffman (816) 941-0993

Vice-Chair Finance
Steve York (816) 868-3346

Vice-Chair Program
James Freeman (816) 868-1422

Vice-Chair Support
Keith Martin (816) 380-3923

District Director
Ross Pfannenstiel (816) 569-4964

District Executives
John Hobbs (816) 569-4983

Jason Bledsoe (816) 569-4984

Merit Badge Academy Date Set

March 26, 2011 will be the date for our annual Merit Badge Academy. Check the Thunderbird Activities webpage for class availability, prerequisites and registration information.
Investment in Character for 2011
Please help continue to make Scouting affordable and available to everyone. It is time to make sure that your unit is signed up for an Investment in Character presentation. If you have not already signed up your unit for this year, now is the time. Presentations only take 5 minutes and should be scheduled for either your troop Court of Honor or pack Blue and Gold.
You can either sign up at roundtable or contact Wayne Floyd at wayne.floyd@sprint.com.

District Awards Dinner
Get ready to attend the 2010 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 22, 2010 at the Matt Ross Community Center (8101 Marty St.). Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs. Gathering begins at 5:30 pm with buffet dinner served at 6:00 pm. Cost for the dinner is $22 per person.
To register you can sign up online at the district activities website. For questions, please contact chairman Lawson Rener at lrener@kc.rr.com.

Annual Meeting
On January 13, 2010, 6:30 pm, at Atonement Lutheran Church, Trailhead District will hold its annual business meeting. Elections of various district committee positions and members-at-large will take place at this time. All voting members of the district, including chartered organization representatives, are encouraged to attend this important meeting. To nominate someone to the district committee, please send those recommendations in writing to:
Trailhead District Nominating Committee 10210 Holmes Road Kansas City, MO 64131
Nominations may be also be given in writing to Matt Specht or Jenna Murphy. All nominations must be received no later than December 10, 2010 to insure proper consideration.

Merit Badge Forum
The district Merit Badge Forum will take place on Saturday, January 8 and Saturday, January 29 at the Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe). Check in at 8:00 am. and first class begins at 8:30 am. Registration deadline is December 15. Cost is $3.00 per Scout. You can download registration forms and merit badge prerequisite information from the district activities webpage.

Recharter Turn-In Day
Don’t forget your unit’s recharter paperwork is due to be turned in at the Recharter Turn-in Day on January 11 at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf from 5:30 pm. to 9:00 pm. Please visit the district website for your unit’s assigned turn-in time. You may begin the online process on December 1. If you have any questions regarding recharter, please contact your unit commissioner or district executive, Matt Specht at mspecht@bsamail.org or Jenna Murphy at jmurphy@bsamail.org
Recharter 2011

On January 8, 11, and 13, the Trails West District will have three convenient locations for you to drop-off and complete your 2011 recharter. Please come to your assigned location and time. Be sure to bring your signed and completed charter with payment and updated training records for all of your direct contact leaders.

Recharter Drop-Off Sites
Saturday, January 8, 2011
Heart of America Council Service Center
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, January 11, 2011
Olathe Public Library
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, January 13, 2011
Lackman Library
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Contact Matt Armstrong with questions or for more information (816) 569-4978 marmstro@bsamail.org

Trails West District Dinner

Saturday, January 29, 2011
Atonement Lutheran Church
9948 Metcalf
Overland Park, KS 66212
6:30-8:30 pm

All Trails West Scouters and their families won’t want to miss the 2011 Trails West District Dinner. This event will recognize the accomplishments of the Trails West District during the 2010 calendar year as well as unit and district leaders for their contribution to Scouting. Trails West District Outstanding Leader Awards and the District Award of Merit will be presented at the District Dinner.

Click on the link below to register and to nominate your fellow Scouters.
http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/Activities.aspx

Roundtables

Roundtable is held the first Thursday of the month at the Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS 66215. 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.

Merit Badge Counselor Training is offered at 6:30 pm along with the Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting and Eagle Scout Project Reviews at 7:00 pm.

Trails West District Events

December
8  District Committee Meeting
SAS Corporate Woods, 7:00 pm
16  Commissioner Meeting
Sunflower Elementary, 7:00 pm

January
6  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Merit Badge Counselor Training, 6:30 pm
   OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Eagle Project Reviews, 7:00 pm
   Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit
8  Recharter Turn-In
   Council Service Center, 10:00 am - Noon
11  Recharter Turn-In
    Olathe Public Library, 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm
13  Recharter Turn-In
    Lackman Library, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
19  District Annual Business Meeting
29  District Dinner
    Atonement Lutheran Church
    Overland Park, KS,  6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
2010 Twin Rivers Key Leadership

District Chair
Jeff Walmann (913) 256-4063

District Commissioner
Curtis Gibson (913) 259-2568

District Executive
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District Annual Business Meeting
The district’s Annual Business Meeting will be held on January 4, 2011 at 6:30 pm the Whistle Stop Cafe, 901 South Sixth Street in Osawatomie, Kansas. All chartered organization representatives and voting members of the district are invited and encouraged to attend.

At the meeting, voting members will be voting on the slate of district officers and members at large for the coming year. No nominations will be accepted from the floor. Written nominations must be sent to Gordon Corcoran at the council office and be received no later than December 20, 2007.

Youth Protection Training is a Must
All adult leaders must be Youth Protection trained. Registered adult leaders must have taken Youth Protection within the last two years and any new adult leaders must take the training before they can register.

This training will be offered at the December roundtable, December 2, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Paola.

Youth Protection training is available on-line anytime by going to the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org click in the programs tab, click on the Training tab, and then click on the appropriate course link. Be sure to have your membership number handy and always print a hard copy of your Certificate of Completion at the end of the course.

Twin Rivers Centennial Collectors Patches
Orders for the special Twin Rivers District collectors patch commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the BSA will be accepted until the January roundtable. They are $4.00 a piece with the proceeds of the sale going into the district dinner budget. Order yours TODAY! Only one order of these limited edition patches will be made. Please do not mail the orders to the Council office.

Centennial Nametags
Orders for the special magnetic nametags with the BSA 100th Anniversary logo on them will be accepted until the January roundtable. They are $4.00 a piece with the proceeds of the sale going to the District Dinner Budget. Order yours TODAY! This will be the last time these will be available. Please do not mail orders to the Council office.

Recharter Training and Turn-in
To assist units in the district with the on time recharter turn in we will be having a recharter turn in meeting on December 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Paola Public Library and the Radio Shack in Osawatomie. Getting the re-charter process completed on time is a requirement for Quality Unit as well as Quality District. Let’s all set a goal for getting the recharter completed on time.

If you have internet access issues you may use the Radio Shack in Osawatomie to submit your recharter. Curtis Gibson will be available to assist you.

2011 Twin Rivers District Merit Badge Seminar
The next Twin Rivers District Merit Badge Seminar will be held on February 5 and 19, 2011 at the Osawatomie High School. The Art merit badge will be offered as well as others that are still being decided. There will be a nominal fee of 3 or 4 dollars per Scout to register for the seminar.

Counselors are still being sought to help put on this event. If you would like to be a counselor at the seminar contact Arlin Prothe, District Advancement Chair at (913) 259-2718 as soon as possible.

Twin Rivers
District Events

December
7  Key 3 Meeting
9  Recharter Turn-In

January
Check the council calendar online for 2011 updates.
Complete your Post Renewal by December 31

Completing and turning in your 2010 Renewal is what it’s all about at this point of the year. The person designated to complete the online renewal should already have created their unit account on MyParticipation. This is found on the National Learning for Life website. I am here to help you with the new process.

Remember, December 31, 2010 is your deadline to have the online renewal complete and turned in to the Heart of America Council, along with the three documents in your renewal packet.

Please contact Lisa Thomas, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569-4972 or lithomas@bsamail.org for any questions and assistance to complete your new online renewal.

Exploring’s Emergency Services Day

On October 23 the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office, Overland Park Police Department, Spring Hill Police Department Explorer Posts and Advisors planned, designed, recruited, and executed an extraordinary event. The dream of Mark Leiker and Larry Shoop of the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office was made a reality.

Explorer posts meeting first met at the command center with their designated patrols. One by one each patrol was assigned a specific emergency scenario. Everything that Explorers were learning through their individual post meetings was tested. Scenarios included search and rescue, car accident and Jaws of Life victim removal, hostage situations, and so much more.

Olathe Fire Department generously donate their time and firemen along with two fire trucks to assist. Thanks also to Lawrence Life Flight for using their medical evacuation helicopter to retrieve a victim from another emergency scenario.

Thank you to all the agencies and Explorer posts for an extraordinary day.

To see more photos visit the Heart of America Council’s Facebook fan page by searching for Heart of America Council.

Explorers Who made a Difference!

We want to recognize Jake Welpman and Jay Hunt, Explorers with the Central Jackson County Fire and Emergency Services Department. Jake and Jay were driving home from the Sunday Centennial Shakedown when they came upon a two car motor vehicle accident with injuries. They immediately stopped to help. When they arrived at the accident Jay and Jake put their Emergency Medical Training into action. A man had been ejected from one of the vehicles and was severely injured and bleeding uncontrollably. Jake and Jay worked together to stabilize the victim’s bleeding and his heart rate. They continued treatment until the emergency service arrived at the scene.

When the Emergency Services arrived they turned to Jake and Jay to tell them, their immediate actions have saved the man’s life. Please join me in recognizing Jake and Jay of the Central Jackson County Fire and Emergency Services Department Explorer Post, Riley Burrus, their Explorer Post Advisor, and their amazing leaders who trained them for just this kind of situation.

Both Jake and Jay are being nomination for the Lifesaving Heroism Award. Exploring is truly an extraordinary program and we are blessed with the most amazing leaders and youth in the Heart of America Council.
| BE | 1058 | Daniel Weber |
| BE | 1059 | Doug Weber |
| BE | 1138 | Samuel Locker |
| BE | 1138 | Ethan Millsap |
| BE | 1156 | Tyler Datschefski |
| BE | 1161 | Christopher Dunn |
| BE | 1173 | James Odell |
| BE | 1173 | Liam Whitesaker |
| BE | 1175 | Justin Collins |
| BE | 1175 | Jerod Davidson |
| BE | 1175 | Gavin Norman |
| BE | 1178 | Connor Eller |
| BE | 1178 | Michael Torres |
| BE | 1201 | James McDonald |
| BE | 1201 | Justin McDonald |
| BE | 1201 | Anthony Shivers |
| BE | 1203 | Travis Kistner |
| BE | 1216 | Andrew McLean |
| BE | 1221 | Grant Davies |
| BE | 1221 | Logan Dye |
| BE | 1221 | Anthony Willett |
| BE | 1223 | Michael Tyree |
| BE | 1266 | Anthony Sudtelgte |
| BE | 1266 | Patrick Thomas |
| BE | 1282 | Gustave Hendren |
| BE | 1282 | Matthew Moorman |
| BE | 1282 | John Zupon, Jr |
| BE | 1306 | Thomas Barry |
| BE | 1310 | David Corr |
| BE | 1310 | Colin O'Brien |
| BE | 1310 | Christopher Porter |
| BE | 1310 | Zachary Rios |
| BE | 1310 | James Thompson |
| BE | 1312 | Clint Zevecke |
| BE | 1332 | Stephen Davis |
| BE | 1332 | Connor Dillon |
| BE | 1332 | Nicholas Dinges |
| BE | 1332 | Alexander Fullerton |
| BE | 1332 | Brandon Hecht |
| BE | 1332 | Andrew Hutchinson |
| BE | 1332 | Cody Kilian |
| BE | 1332 | Erik McGrath |
| BE | 1332 | Michael Sherrod |
| BE | 1332 | Ethan Smith |
| BE | 1332 | Parker Spaw |
| BE | 1346 | Spencer Carter |
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| BE | 1346 | Daniel Tonga |
| BE | 1346 | Kakalosi Tuione |
| BE | 1347 | Hunter Beck |
| BE | 1347 | Scott McAllister, Jr |
| BE | 1362 | Daniel Backer |
| BE | 1362 | Timothy Barris |
| BE | 1362 | Jacob Cheney |
| BE | 1362 | Vincent Kackley |
| BE | 1383 | Kyle Stockton |
| BE | 1446 | Joshua Kroeger |
| BE | 1492 | Johnathon Riley |
| BE | 1609 | Trevor Atkins |
| BE | 1609 | Flint Kohenower |
| BE | 1646 | Zachary Collins |
| BE | 1692 | Andrew Lynn |
| BE | 1738 | Nicholas Grado |
| BE | 1738 | Dylan Park |
| BE | 1763 | Ethan Baldwin |
| BE | 1763 | Nathan Baldwin |
| BE | 1865 | Andrew Campbell |
| BE | 1865 | Austin Dukes |
| BM | 1243 | Nathan Wesley |
| BM | 1286 | Jacob Guidry |
| BM | 1286 | Corey White |
| BM | 1324 | Quinton Maxwell |
| BM | 1324 | Jason Persell |
| BM | 1415 | Clinton Schlatler |
| KW | 1415 | Dustin Schlatler |
| KW | 4 | Andrew Mendenhall |
| KW | 4 | Spencer Tappan |
| KW | 44 | Joseph Bebel |
| KW | 66 | Jacob Baker |
| KW | 66 | Jack Foster |
| KW | 66 | Peter Gardner |
| KW | 66 | Samuel Rob |
| KW | 66 | Alexander Waugh |
| KW | 149 | Brandon Clark |
| KW | 165 | Ethan Williams |
| KW | 167 | Tyler Keohane |
| KW | 167 | Daniel Thomas |
| KW | 244 | Nefi Chavez |
| KW | 304 | Ian Reynolds |
| KW | 357 | Brett Morey |
| KW | 357 | Jonathan Sturgis |
| KW | 366 | Joshua Benard |
| KW | 366 | Kevin Burke II |
| KW | 366 | Matthew Cantlon |
| KW | 366 | Daniel Klinger |
| KW | 366 | Stuart McDaniel |
| KW | 366 | Benjamin Schatzel |
| KW | 740 | Ethan Clark |
| LB | 1180 | Bret Bussinger |
| LB | 1180 | Scot Geisinger |
| LB | 1180 | Thomas Geisinger |
| LB | 1180 | Timothy Hiller |
| LB | 1180 | Benjamin Huber |
| LB | 1180 | Timothy Paranacott |
| LB | 1180 | Joel Roney |
| LB | 1214 | Joshua Cody |
| LB | 1214 | Travis Pouliot |
| LB | 1247 | Andrew Poehlman |
| LB | 1249 | Jacob Cogan |
| LB | 1249 | Spencer Hudson |
| LB | 1249 | Harrison Shipman |
| LB | 1260 | Collin Crossley |
| LB | 1260 | Jacob Davis |
| LB | 1260 | Joseph Moss |
| LB | 1261 | Christopher Busch |
| LB | 1261 | Nicholas Lawson |
| LB | 1261 | Adam McMichael |
| LB | 1261 | Bryan Petcoff |
| LB | 1261 | Colton Reed |
| LB | 1261 | Christopher Shinn |
| LB | 1271 | Joseph Spencer Jr |
| LB | 1271 | Craig Norris |
| LB | 1303 | Samuel Bodenheimer |
| LB | 1303 | Joshua Buchholz |
| LB | 1303 | Maxwell Irby |
| LB | 1313 | Stephen Knappenberger |
| LB | 1314 | Matthew Downs |
| LB | 1314 | Christopher Dunker |
| LB | 1314 | Jared Koller |
| LB | 1320 | James Donnici |
| LB | 1320 | Calvin Elliott |
| LB | 1320 | Nicholas Mathews |
| LB | 1351 | Joshua Hoppe |
| LB | 1354 | Carson Light |
| LB | 1354 | Robert Pendleton |
| LB | 1354 | Eric Walsh |
| LB | 1354 | Taylor Walsh |
| LB | 1357 | Steven Loughrighe |
| LB | 1360 | Trevor Cesnna |
| LB | 1360 | Donald Wielar |
| LB | 1367 | Matthew Cierpiot |
| LB | 1374 | Sean Daldup |
| LB | 1374 | Jonathan Gilmore |
| LB | 1374 | Colin Hill |
| LB | 1374 | Michael Hoppenrath |
| LB | 1374 | Brier Lowery |
| LB | 1374 | Bryce McCloskey |
| LB | 1374 | Daniel Quirls |
| LB | 1374 | Jacob Robinson |
| LB | 1374 | Randal Sheek |
| LB | 1374 | Paul Tasatono |
| LB | 1376 | Jeffrey Lean |
| LB | 1376 | Jeremy Thon |
| LB | 1378 | Jonathan Allison |
| LB | 1394 | Tyler Rader |
| LB | 1394 | Christopher Shanholz McLain |
| LB | 1394 | Tyler Sparks |

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| TB | 1042 | Dominick Fiorello
| TB | 1042 | Brock Martin
| TB | 1042 | Daniel Philyaw
| TB | 1042 | William Rogers
| TB | 1042 | Andrew Sweetnam
| TB | 1054 | Aaron Davis
| TB | 1077 | Jesse Carter
| TB | 1098 | Andrew Baggett
| TB | 1098 | Michael Berney
| TB | 1098 | Thomas Bertken
| TB | 1098 | Bryce Foster
| TB | 1098 | Jacob Lillig
| TB | 1098 | Caleb Lind
| TB | 1098 | Connor Moylan
| TB | 1098 | Thomas Ratterman
| TB | 1098 | Alexander Schnitz
| TB | 1100 | Robert Sutcliffe
| TB | 1124 | Nathan Allen
| TB | 1124 | Joseph Pitts
| TB | 1166 | Cody Thiery
| TB | 1195 | Joseph Pitts
| TB | 1195 | Nathan Allen
| TH | 284 | Daniel Carr
| TH | 284 | Chase Ensz
| TH | 284 | Alexander Frierson
| TH | 284 | Nicholas Manfredi
| TH | 284 | David Pate
| TH | 284 | Derek Peterman
| TH | 284 | Kyle Rieger
| TH | 284 | Alexander Rorie
| TH | 284 | Joshua Staley
| TH | 284 | Benjamin Strobel
| TH | 333 | Eric Carter, Jr.
| TH | 333 | Nicholas Dwyer
| TH | 354 | Michael Dobson
| TH | 387 | Jordan Myer
| TH | 387 | Andrew Siegel
| TH | 395 | Andrew Jurden
| TH | 483 | Aaron House
| TH | 483 | Zachary Ritchie
| TH | 683 | Austin Bain
| TH | 786 | Brayden Lapine
| TH | 1077 | Mitchell Slagle
| TH | 6786 | Thomas DeCelle
| TR | 100 | Mason Offutt
| TR | 105 | Gregory Leslie
| TR | 106 | Riley McDougal
| TR | 118 | Joshua Whitaker
| TW | 83 | Blake Hensley
| TW | 83 | Brian Maloy
| TW | 108 | K yler Buckman
| TW | 108 | Andrew Dacus
| TW | 108 | Tyler Decker
| TW | 181 | Nicholas Stiecl
| TW | 186 | Scott Brady
| TW | 186 | Blake Martin
| TW | 428 | Eric Soper
| TW | 439 | Zachary Christensen
| TW | 439 | Nicholas Rohrbaugh
| TW | 494 | Christopher Beechler
| TW | 522 | Adam Hoff

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For more information, contact John Kuehn at (816) 569-4979.