"ROYAL WEEKEND"

The 2012 Royal Gathering of Eagles And Scout Day at the “K” is set for April 22.
See Page 6 for details
Happy Birthday Boy Scouts!

This February marks the 102nd Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. I like to collect old Scouting handbooks and find it interesting that while things like merit badges, camping equipment, and rank requirements change, the founding core principals of Scouting remain true. Leadership, values, education and community service is what Scouting does best for our members.

The Boy Scouts of America Office of Research and Program Innovation recently released the results of a national study of boys in grades 1-12 and the impact that Scouting had on those in Scouts vs. non-Scouts. Here are a few of the responses that I found interesting:

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<td>Have you volunteered for a cause in the past month?</td>
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<td>16%</td>
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<td>Do you participate in any after school clubs or activities?</td>
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<td>28%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Do you participate in your local church youth group?</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>Do you play video games on a regular basis?</td>
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<td>89%</td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>Are you currently saving to attend college?</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>52%</td>
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Not surprisingly, Scouts are much more active in volunteer causes and are also more than two times as likely to be a participant in their church youth group. Scouts are also actively planning for their future by saving to attend college.

I did find the statistic on the playing of video games interesting. While I did not grow up in the “video game” generation and can honestly say that I just don’t get the appeal, it is obvious that video games are a huge connecting point for all boys.

As your units celebrate Scouting’s anniversary in February, I hope that you take the time to thank your Chartering Organization for the support they provide. Did you know that over half of the Packs and Troops chartered in the Heart of America Council are to religious organizations? Does your unit hold a Scout Sunday program? If your unit is sponsored by a religious institution are your weekly Troop or Pack meetings listed in the weekly or monthly bulletin?

As a volunteer leader if you ever doubt the positive impact you are having on the youth in your unit, just remember some of the statistics listed above. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the youth in the Heart of America Council.

As always if you have any questions or ideas feel free to contact me.

Kendrick Miller, (816) 569-4980, Kendrick.Miller@Scouting.org

2012 Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast

Guest Speaker

Robert Mazzuca
Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America

Thursday, March 8, 2012
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Grand Ballroom
Kansas City Convention Center
Register at www.kccmpb.org

COUNCIL CALENDAR

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Summit Leader to Highlight 2012 Commissioner College

He’s one of the minds behind the Summit, now he’s coming to Kansas City. Jack Furst, Team leader for development and programming at The Summit Bechtel Reserve, will be the featured speaker at the 2012 Commissioner College. Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity to hear all about the new high adventure base and the 2013 Jamboree.

Commissioner College will be held Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Cerner Riverport Campus, 6711 NE Birmingham Rd., Kansas City, MO.

From basic training to doctorate level courses, Commissioner College provides you with the tools to enhance your knowledge of the Scouting movement. Commissioner College is not just for commissioners, it’s open to any leader who would like to attend.

For more information or to register online visit www.hoac-bsa.org and click Commissioner College in the upper left hand corner.

Welcome New Council Officers

Council President: Dave Frantze – Stinson, Morrison, Hecker, LLP
Treasurer: Jeremy Croucher – KPMG
Asst. Treasurer: Bruce Snyder – Ernst & Young, LLP
Legal Counsel: Richard Martin – Martin, Leigh, Laws & Fritzlen, P.C.
Governance: Marc Elkins – Cerner
VP-Administration: Scott Boswell – Commerce Bank
VP-Urban Scouting: Jeanette Prenger – ECCO Select
VP-Finance Development: John Martin – Pricewaterhouse Coopers, LLP
VP-District Operations: Zachary Shafran – Waddell & Reed

BSA Kicks-off Partnership with MLS

On January 12 during the MLS SuperDraft in Kansas City, Major League Soccer and the Boy Scouts of America announced a partnership. Scouts from the Heart of America Council were asked to help kick-off this new alliance during the draft festivities. Our Scouts were on stage during the official announcement and posed for pictures with newly drafted players.

Through this special collaboration, Major League Soccer will use its network to support the BSA’s youth-focused program of athleticism, character, and leadership. Beginning in March, Scouts across the country will receive special access to MLS games, players, coaches, and executives through unique on and off-field programming designed specifically for packs, troops, teams, and crews.

Be on the lookout for ways your Scouting unit can team-up with Major League Soccer.

Camp Naish makes a splash in protecting Kansas waters

Reclaimed, recycled and reused materials have helped make Camp Naish greener and our water cleaner.

Camp Naish is implementing multiple green projects through a combination of traditional Scouting ethics and a grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and EPA. The Clean Water Neighbor Grant in the amount of $20,000 was awarded to Camp Naish for help with addressing water quality concerns in our local Watershed community.

Best management practices helped Scouting programs like Leave No Trace, Soil and Water Conservation and Environmental Science, focus on relating choices with good stewardship practices.

Reclaimed gravel, wood and recycled pool water were three of the tools used by the Camp Naish Staff and volunteers to prevent soil erosion, stopping valuable topsoil from becoming a pollutant in streams and the Kansas River. Native plants, local rock and native grasses provide finishing touches to completed water quality projects.

Scout out the very best buys while supplies last!

Take advantage of our huge clearance event!

ASK YOUR SCOUT SHOP ASSOCIATE FOR DETAILS.
2011 Top Popcorn Seller

Congratulations to Nicholas Kost, the 2011 Heart of America Council top popcorn seller. Nicholas is a 2nd Class Scout from Troop 256 in the Trailhead District. After selling a whopping $5,090 worth of popcorn, we asked him the secret to his success. "I am successful because I treat my customers with respect and make friends with them. I went selling as often as I could and I don't get discouraged if somebody says no. I say, ‘thank you’ for your time, then I go to the next house.”

And his sales approach works. Nicholas has been in the top 5 of council popcorn sellers for the past 4 years. As the council’s top seller Nicholas was named honorary coach at the UMKC basketball game in December.

2011 James E. West Recipients

We would like to recognize the following 2011 James E. West Fellowship Award recipients for contributions of $1,000 or more to the Council’s Endowment Trust Fund.

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In Memory of:

- **Rodger Alleman**  
  Lorraine Alleman
- **Barry Lynn Boren**  
  Robert & Gayle Boren
- **LecAndrea & James Hazelrigg**  
  Susan & Danny Steen
- **Paul Vernon Bowman**  
  Lorraine D. Dodds
- **Joe & Becky Peterselli**  
  Philip & Mary Pisciotta
- **A. G. & Joyce Salmon**  
  
**Lorraine Burns**  
Gloria J Burns
**Christopher John Duboc**  
Sharon Ambroz
Betsy L Andersen
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Rodger & Diana Hoyt

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  Diane Mielke
- **Bob & Shirl Cunningham**
  Robert Cunningham, Jr
- **Matt Fuglie**
  Paul & Deb Fuglie
  Karen Fuglie
- **Dan Kerling**
  Juan & Daphne Archilla

To remember a loved one or honor a friend, Mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Randy Kidder at (816) 569-4954.
INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER 2012

Investment in Character is the council's annual fundraising campaign that keeps Scouting an affordable and effective youth development program. Your investment makes Scouting a viable option to everyone who wants to participate and helps transform the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow.

All units should work to schedule and conduct a Family Investment in Character presentation by March 31, 2012. To schedule a presentation see your district's page later in this issue and contact your Family Investment in Character Chairman.

In order to ensure the growth of our program, every member should consider an investment in Scouting today.

New Family Recognition
Items for 2012

Show your commitment to Scouting with the “Trustworthy” limited edition council shoulder patches, the first in the Scout Law Series.

Families who invest on the Family Level of $149 will receive the “Trustworthy” limited edition blue shoulder patch.

Families who invest on the Leadership Level of $250 will receive the “Trustworthy” limited edition black shoulder patch and the Family Level patch.

Families who invest on the Pacesetter Level of $500 will receive the “Trustworthy” limited edition silver shoulder patch plus the Family and Leadership level patches.

All families will receive a “Prepared for Life” recognition magnet when they invest at the unit presentation.

Prepared. For Life.™

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL

Please give all families in your unit the opportunity to invest in Scouting throughout the Heart of America Council.

Unit Recognitions for 2012

If your unit participates in the 2012 Family Investment in Character Campaign and achieves your unit and participation goal, you will be eligible for free rank advancement through March 31, 2013.

Free rank advancement includes Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and the Arrow of Light patches for Cub Scouts. Boy Scout patches include Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle (excluding the Eagle Kit). Awards for Venturers are the Gold, Bronze and Silver.

Contact your District Family Investment in Character Chairman or District Executive with any questions.

2012 Investment in Character Leadership

It is our pleasure to announce the 2012 Investment in Character Council Leadership

John Martin
Council VP of Finance
Managing Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Michael Brown
Council Patron Luncheon Chairman
President, CEO,
Euronet Worldwide

Gregg Riess
Council Family Chairman
Director,
McGladrey Pullen, LLP
Mark your calendars, the 2012 Royal Gathering of Eagles and Scout Day at the “K” is set for Sunday, April 22. Join us at Kauffman Stadium where the royals will take on the Toronto Blue Jays.

Tickets are now available at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Royal Gathering of Eagles

Join fellow Eagle Scouts for pregame food and fellowship. All Eagle Scouts are invited to attend the Royal Gathering and the game for free. Families of Eagle Scouts can purchase game tickets for $6 and Royal Gathering tickets for $5. All Eagle Scouts will receive a special recognition item and the 2012 Scout Day patch. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Scout Day at the “K”

Scout Day at the “K” is open to all Scouts, Scouters, and Scouting families. All 2012 Scout Day tickets are $6 and include the 2012 Scout Day patch. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Special Scout Day Features

2012 promises to be the best Royal Gathering and Scout Day yet. Check out this year’s special game day events.

- On Field Scout Parade
- First Pitch and Catch
- Color Guard
- National Anthem
- Captain’s Club
- Presentation of Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards
- Buck O’Neil Legacy Seat
- Appearance by Sluggerrr

*Register by March 30, 2012

Popcorn “Fill it Up” Tickets

New this year, Scouts who “filled up” one or more 2011 popcorn sale forms will receive 2 free Scout Day tickets. All “Fill it Up” qualifiers will also receive the 2012 Scout Day patch. Additional game tickets can be purchased for $6. Register for your tickets at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Scout Day and Social Media

Stay connected with all things Scout Day through our social media channels. Also, be on the lookout for special Scout Day giveaways on Facebook and Twitter.

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/heartofamericacouncil.bsa
Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HOACBSA

Royal Weekend
Camping is fun and takes you on exciting adventures into the natural world. Take advantage of the many Cub Scout camping opportunities made available and get out and get camping this summer.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp is fun and adventure with a purpose and is open to all Cub Scouts. This year’s theme, Wild West Cubs, promises to be a week of fun for all participants. Online reservations for Day Camp are now open. The early-bird fee of $55 is available until April 5, 2012.

Bear Resident Camp

Reservations for Bear Camp are done online on a first come, first serve basis. Online reservations will open on February 13 at 9:00 am. You are encouraged to register your whole den as a group if possible, but individual families can also sign-up to participate in Bear Camp.

Webelos Resident Camp

The 2012 Webelos Camp Draw was held on January 14, 2012. More than 4,000 Webelos Scouts and leaders signed-up for a great summer camp experience. There is still room for your Webelos Scouts, but space is filling-up quickly! To get signed-up, contact the Council Camping Department at 816-942-9333. Scheduling is done on a first come, first serve basis, so make your reservations today.

To register online or for more information on Cub Scout Camping go to www.hoac-bsa.org/Camping.aspx

Spring 2012 Mini-Camps

Camp Naish will be offering the Mini-Camp program again this spring. Mini-Camp programs include shooting sports, COPE, climbing, and Wilderness First Aid. Mini-Camps will be held March 10, March 24, April 14, and May 5. All registration is done online. Sign-up is done on a first come, first serve basis. Register at www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Activities/MiniCampWeekends.aspx.

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Don’t Wait… Sign Up Today

The 2013 Heart of America Council Jamboree contingent is filling up fast. Don’t wait to reserve your chance to witness history. The 2013 National Jamboree will be held at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve July 10-25. To learn more contact the council Jamboree Advisor, Alan Sanders, at (816) 569-4958 or alan.sanders@scouting.org or visit www.summitbechtelreserve.org.
Venturing Officers’ Association

Are you interested in becoming involved in the VOA? Do you have an idea for a new program that the VOA should be putting on? Send your contact information to Karen Burgess, VOA Advisor at kb Burgess64@yahoo.com or Cortland Bolles, VOA Staff Advisor, at cortland.bolles@scouting.org.

Upcoming VOA Meetings
February 12, 2012 — 2:00 pm, Council Service Center
March 11, 2012 — 2:00 pm, Council Service Center
April 20, 2012 — after the VOA Banquet, Camp Naish

2012-2013 VOA Nomination Form
Venturers interested in serving as a leader in the VOA for 2012-2013 need to fill out and submit a nomination form on or before March 15, 2012. Self nominations are acceptable. Nomination forms are available at www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/AdvancementAndAwards/Venturing.aspx.

2012 Venturing Leadership Award Nominations
Youth nominations for the Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) must be submitted on or before March 1, 2012. As of December 31, 2011, adults are no longer eligible to receive the VLA. Adults selected for this award prior to the December 31 deadline will be recognized at the 2012 Venturing Banquet. Download the nomination form at www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Activities/VentureActivities.aspx.

Resources for Scouts with Disabilities
The Scouts with Disabilities Committee is a resource available to assist parents and leaders address the needs of Scouts with disabilities. Here’s just a few ways we can help…

- Locate special needs units
- Offer guidance to parents and leaders
- Assist with alternative Scouting requirement questions

Contact Karen Jones, Scouts with Disabilities Committee Chair (816) 223-8036 kjones2030@gmail.com

Journey to Excellence: Community Service Hours
In 2011, 337 units logged 139,202 hours of community service throughout the Kansas City area. That is a huge step forward in tracking community service hours you perform. In 2012, we will continue to track service hours as part of the Journey to Excellence program. Our biggest goal will be to increase the number of units logging hours onto the JTE website.

For more information on promoting service hour entry or to get your Unit ID to begin logging hours, contact Raul Salmon, Council Activities Vice-Chairman for Community Service, at rdsalmon@kc.rr.com.

2012 Korea National Jamboree
Join the national contingent August 2-8, 2012 and be part of the 13th Korea National Jamboree. Contingent size is limited so act fast.

For more information about international camping opportunities visit www.scouting.org/international or contact Tom Johnson at tjohnsonacme@aol.com

Kanderstag 2013
Plans are in the works to send a council contingent to Kanderstag, Switzerland in the summer of 2013. This will be an opportunity for Scouts and Venturers to visit a Scouting program on another continent and learn new ideas that can be brought back here to enhance Scouting and Venturing programs in Kansas City. If you are interested in getting more information about this trip, please contact Tim Bodendistel at tboden1@hallmark.com or Cortland Bolles at cortland.bolles@scouting.org.

2012 Mic-O-Say White Paint Nominations
2012 Mic-O-Say Tribal Council nominations are now being accepted. The 2012 nomination form can be found at www.hoac-bsa.org. Forms are also available at the Council Service Center. All forms must be submitted to the council office by March 1, 2012.

2012 OA Winter Banquet
More than 400 Arrowmen attended the 2012 Winter Banquet on January 14 at Arrowhead Stadium. Highlights included the recognition of 27 new Vigil Honor members and the installation of the 2012 Tamegonit Lodge Officers. Four members of the lodge were also recognized with the Founders Award: Tom Bundy, Pam Clark, Jesse Miller, and Victor Tuttle. Ray Capp, National Order of the Arrow Chairman, served as the guest speaker and shared his vision of the role Arrowmen play in giving back to Scouting at the council, district, and unit level.

2012 Tamegonit Lodge Dues
Each year, Tamegonit Lodge collects dues from each of its members to help pay for the operating costs of the lodge. For 2012, dues will be $10. In order to maintain your current status as a member of the OA by national standards, you must pay your dues annually. You can pay your dues online at www.hoac-bsa.org/camping/honorcampingprograms/orderofthearrow/resources.aspx.

2012 Order of the Arrow Induction Schedule
April 27-29, 2012 — Spring Induction Weekend #1
May 18-20, 2012 — Spring Induction Weekend #2
June 4-5, 2012 — Summer Induction #1
June 11-12, 2012 — Summer Induction #2
June 18-19, 2012 — Summer Induction #3
August 17-19, 2012 — Fall Induction Weekend

International Scouting

World Friendship Fund
The World Friendship Fund helps Scouting grow around the globe. Unit participation in the fund offers a unique annual service project to benefit brother Scouts around the world.

For ways to participate contact your district representative to the International Scouting Committee, or Keith Wood at kwood@jcnetworks.com.

International Camping Opportunities
European Camp Staff
Explore a new world of possibilities and learn more about Scouting in Europe by working at a European Scout Center. Positions are now available.

For more information about international camping opportunities visit www.scouting.org/international or contact Tom Johnson at tjohnsonacme@aol.com

Kanderstag 2013
Plans are in the works to send a council contingent to Kanderstag, Switzerland in the summer of 2013. This will be an opportunity for Scouts and Venturers to visit a Scouting program on another continent and learn new ideas that can be brought back here to enhance Scouting and Venturing programs in Kansas City. If you are interested in getting more information about this trip, please contact Tim Bodendistel at tboden1@hallmark.com or Cortland Bolles at cortland.bolles@scouting.org.
**District Information**

**Big Muddy**

**Big Muddy Officers**

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**February**

- **2** District Annual Business Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Hwy, Lexington, MO 64067

- **6** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Hwy, Lexington, MO 64067

- **6** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Hwy, Lexington, MO 64067

- **24** District Pinewood Derby, Weigh-in at 11:00 am
  - Higginsville High School — West Gym, 807A W. 31st St., Higginsville, MO 64037

**District Dinner, 6:00 pm**
- Wellington-Napoleon Community Building

**March**

- **1** District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Hwy, Lexington, MO 64067

**District Names New Officers**

- Vice Chair of Finance: Bosh Bruening
- Family Investment in Character: Kim Edney/Jim Snyder
- Public Relations Chair: Mac Rogers/Tammy Cockrum
- Activities Chair: Darrell Underwood/Bret Cooper
- Advancement Chair: Chuck Scott/Tammy Cockrum
- Relationships Chair: Bret Cooper/Tammy Cockrum
- Training Chair: Tammy Cockrum
- Boy Scout Roundtable: Phil Dierking

**District Trainings**

In order to ensure the best program possible for our Scouts, all registered adults must be fully trained.

Your unit now has access to DVD’s for Youth Protection and This is Scouting. Although this will not get a leader completely trained it is a step in the right direction. Please continue to utilize the online training at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) and your Big Muddy Training Team.

- **Cub Scout Training**
  - Tammy Cockrum, (816) 542-1170, trcockrum@yahoo.com

- **Boy Scout Training**
  - Jim Snyder, (816) 263-3120, jamesnyder@hotmail.com

**Day Camp 2012**

The dates for the Big Muddy Cub Scout Day Camp are set! Start making plans to attend the 2012 Big Muddy Day Camp June 4-7 at Dyer Park in Odessa.

**Roundtable**

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. Please make sure your unit has a representative in attendance to pick up materials and to relay information. Having that person make a report at your unit committee meetings is a great way for your unit to stay on top of upcoming events.

**District Dinner**

The Big Muddy District Dinner will take place February 11 at the Wellington-Napoleon Community Building.

Gathering begins at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to come out and show your support to all of the hard working leaders of the Big Muddy District. We will present awards to the most outstanding leaders in the district.

**District Pinewood Derby**

Mark your calendars for March 24 and the Big Muddy District Pinewood Derby at Higginsville High School.

Bring your fastest car and get ready to race against all the Cub Scouts in the district. Rules and more information can be found on the Big Muddy District website.

**Share Your Story in Adventures in Scouting**

If you have a great program, or outstanding youth in your program, send your story to Brian Bentrop and get them featured in future issues of *Adventures in Scouting*.

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**Investment in Character:**

- Total: $18,045
- $3,947
- 21.9%

**Community Investments:**

- Total: $11,545
- $250
- 2.2%

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Blue Elk Officers

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Boy Scout Roundtable Ken Horrell         (816) 229-7370
Camping Chair        LeRoy Short        (816) 560-2943
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Risk Management Chair Mike Cook          (816) 308-6019
Training Chair       Rod Lightner       (816) 682-2807
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair Josh Enke          (816) 726-0707
Venturing Chair      Dan Sanderson      (816) 277-6967
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Senior District Executive Tiffany Bumgardner (816) 569-4969
District Executive   Ross Schaffer       (816) 569-4926

Investment in Character: 20.2%

Training: (Direct Contact Leaders) 90.5%

February

2 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015

2 Cub Leader Specific Training, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015

2 Chartered Organization Representative Training, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015

4 District Dinner, 6:00 pm
Adam's Pointe Conference Center, 1400 NE Coronado Dr., Blue Springs, MO 64014

9 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057

March

1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015

1 Cub Leader Specific Training, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015

1 Troop Committee Challenge Training, 6:30 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015

8 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057

8 District Committee Meeting, 8:30 pm
Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057

Training

Upcoming roundtable trainings:
- February — Youth Protection, Cub Leader Specific, Chartered Organization Representative
- March — Merit Badge Counselor, Cub Leader Specific, Troop Committee Challenge
- April — Youth Protection
- May — Merit Badge Counselor

District Award of Merit Recipients

Congratulations to this year’s Blue Elk District Award of Merit recipients.
- Virgil Adams
- Jeff Dutzel
- Kerry DeHaan
- Eileen Cooper
- Kenneth “Eddie” Mynatt
- Brian Verman

Winter Event Recap

Many events have taken place over the last few months and the district would like to send out a special thank you to all of those committees:

Cub Scout Christmas Craft
- Over 150 participants were at the event. Thank you Annette Clark and your staff for putting a fun event together for our Cub Scouts to attend.
- Thank you Messiah Lutheran for hosting the event.

2012 Blue Elk Day Camp

- July 9-13, 2012
- American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Dr. Blue Springs, MO 64014
- Cost is $55 on or before April 5
- Cost is $70 April 6-July 8
- Cost is $75 July 9-13 (newly registered Scouts are $55 at any time)

For more information on Blue Elk Day Camp contact Jeff Dutzel, Camp Director, at (816) 805-7964 or jduetzl@sbcglobal.net.
Exploring Officers

Exploring Division Program Chair  Joel Johnson  (913) 915-3480
Health & Medicine Exploring Chair  Joy Hobick  (816) 404-7107
Science & Technology Exploring Chair  Larry Taber  (816) 458-3020

Exploring Director  Lisa Thomas  (816) 569-4972
Lisa.thomas@scouting.org

Got E-mail?

Would you like updated Exploring information? Want to know about the latest resources available to your post’s leadership? Send us an e-mail and we will add you to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.

Post Renewals

If you have not turned in your Online Post Renewal, it is critical your renewal be turned in as soon as possible. Remember, all renewals were due December 31, 2011. Please contact Lisa Thomas, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569-4972 or lisa.thomas@scouting.org for any questions and assistance to complete your online renewal.

Training

All Post Advisors, Associate Advisors, Committee Chairman, and Committee Members are required to be trained in Youth Protection and Adult Leader Training. Trained leaders are an essential part of any quality Explorer Post.

Learning for Life is pleased to announce on-line training at http://www.learningforlife.org/adultexplorer/adultexplorer.html for Explorer adult leaders.

A certificate may be printed upon completion of the training courses which includes…

• Fast Start (video)
• Adult Basic Training
• Exploring Program and Mission
• Work Dynamics
• Dynamics (program)

Exploring Scholarships:

As Explorers there are unique opportunities for you. There are multiple scholarships available. Take some time to check them out and see if you qualify.

If you are interested in any of the following scholarships for your Explorers, check out the details at http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/resources/scholarships/.

Career Exploring Scholarships

Aviation Exploring
$3K-$10K National Aviation Exploring Scholarships
$2,000 Spartan School of Aeronautics Scholarships

Skilled Trades Career Exploring
$1,000 AFL-CIO Skilled Trades Scholarships

Law Enforcement Exploring
$1,000 Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Scholarship
$500 Capt. James J. Regan Scholarships
$1,000 Billy Yout Excellence in Leadership Award
The James E. Breining Scholarship Award ($1,500 or more)

Fire Safety Exploring
$500 IAFCF Scholarship

Training: (Direct Contact Leaders) 100%

- Post Firstnighter
- Developing Post Activities
- Post Officers Seminar
- Youth Protection Training
- Frequently Asked Questions

Please contact Lisa Thomas with questions or to schedule a training session at your organization at (816) 569-4972 or lisa.thomas@scouting.org.

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
Kaw Officers

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Activities Chair: Vacant
Advancement Chair: Rob Sloop (913) 422-0583
Boy Scout Roundtable: Nils Erickson nils.erickson@us.army.mil
Camping Chair: Susan Rodgers (913) 351-1470
Eagle Board of Review: Rob Sloop (913) 422-0583
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Public Relations Chair: Calvin Mayfield (913) 488-5635
Risk Management Chair: Sandra Patrzykont (913) 963-4288
Training Chair: David Bornn (910) 286-3863
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair: Allan Lechner (913) 651-5398
District Director: Julian Rivette (816) 569-4947 Julian.rivette@scouting.org
District Executive: Jose Romero (816) 569-4973 jose.romero@scouting.org

Investment in Character: 16.1%
Training: (Direct Contact Leaders) 94.9%

February

1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012

2 Merit Badge Counselor Orientation, 7:30 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012

2 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012

9 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Cabelas at the Legends, 10300 Cabela Dr., Kansas City, KS 66111

March

1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012

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8 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Cabelas at the Legends, 10300 Cabela Dr., Kansas City, KS 66111

24 District Pinewood Derby, Weigh-In at 8:30 am
General Motors Plant-Fairfax, 3201 Fairfax Trfy., Kansas City, KS, 66115

31 BALOO Training, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 13849 Hollingsworth Rd., Kansas City, KS

Kaw District Award of Merit Recipients

Congratulations to this year’s District Award of Merit recipients.
- David Bornn
- Nils Erickson
- Bill Brown
- Tim Rhodes

Klondike Derby Recap

Special thanks to Nils Erickson and Bill Brown for their outstanding leadership of the 2011 Klondike Derby. We had over 400 participants attend this great event. Thank you for all your time and support of Scouting in the Kaw District.

District Pinewood Derby

Time to start your engines!!

By now, most Packs should have completed their Pinewood Derby for the season. Now, the winners from each unit are invited to participate in the District Pinewood Derby to see who has the fastest car.

The Derby will be held March 24 at General Motors in Kansas City, KS

Investment in Character

Investment in Character keeps Scouting an affordable, effective youth development program and provides a support system for the more than 18,000 volunteers and 35,000 youth in Scouting programs in the Heart of America Council.

The Heart of America Council is one of only a handful of councils around the country that are blessed with two world-class long-term camping facilities. The Investment in Character Campaign is a major funding source that helps us keep these camping facilities in tip-top shape.

When the Investment in Character Campaign visits your unit, please give generously. The Family goal for our district in 2012 is $26,200, an amount that is easily achievable if everybody participates. The return on your investment will benefit our society in ways that can’t be calculated. If your unit has not scheduled your Investment in Character presentation, please call Jose Romero at the Council office at (816) 569-4973.

2012 Kaw District Day Camp

Summer is not too far away and we want you to start preparing for Day Camp today.
- June 25-29, 2012
- Camp Naish-South, 1100 Martinek Lane, Kansas City, KS 66111
- Cost is $55 on or before April 6 (we will take registration at roundtable)
- Cost is $70 April 6-July 8
- Cost is $75 July 9-13 (newly registered Scouts are $55 at any time)

For more information on Kaw District Day Camp contact Laura Trottta, Camp Director at (913) 563-5009 or pumpkin@thetrottas.net, or Sandey Broman, Program Director at (913) 486-6021 or sandeyb@hotmail.com.

Pack 3149 Scouts help the hungry for the holidays
Klondike Derby 2012

The 2012 Klondike Derby will be held February 17-19 at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation with the theme, “Winter Survival Skills.” Break out the sleds and winter gear and show us what you’re made of. Cost is $7 per participant, but $6 for those who register by February 10.

Day Camp

It may be cold outside, but it’s time to start thinking about Day Camp. Our theme this year is “Roll’n West.” Don’t miss out on the fun! Cubs who attend a formal camp during the summer are twice as likely to stay in the program, so make sure everyone gets a chance to go.

The cost is $70 but if your scouts register before April 4 they can come for $55! Leaders, of course, are free.

Tell a friend and bring a buddy. Unregistered “buddies” can visit and have fun for a day of camp. Remember, Kindergarteners can sign up for Day Camp (and register as a scout). Check out the camping website for details www.hoac-bsa.org/Camping/CubScoutCamping/CubScoutDayCamp.aspx.

Check us out on Facebook

Look for “Lone Bear District, BSA” on Facebook for updates and district information.

Investment in Character

We appreciate your continued support of the 2012 Investment in Character Campaign. Currently, the Lone Bear District has raised 56% of our 2012 Family goal. Please contact Rick House to schedule an Investment in Character presentation for your unit.

Charters!!!

As you all know, charters were due by the end of January. Thank you to all units who ensured timely completion. For those units that still need to complete their charters, please contact your Commissioner immediately. If you do not know who your serves as your unit commissioner please contact Kathy Cooper.

Annual District Awards Banquet

Mark your calendars for February 21 at 6:00 pm for our annual recognition dinner. This year the dinner will be held at the Elks Building on the square in Clinton. Our guest emcee will be Dr. Craig Eaton, Clinton Superintendent of Schools. Please join us to help recognize our award recipients. Special thanks to Ronda Weinman and Jon Cerda for their time and effort in making this event a success.
District Pinewood Derby

Time to REV 'EM UP!

By now, most Packs should have completed their Pinewood Derby for the season. The winner in each of the five divisions in each unit is invited to participate in the District Pinewood Derby to see who has the fastest car. The top winners in each division will then compete for the grand championship.

The Derby will be held February 17 & 18 at Metro North Mall.

Tiger Cubs will begin racing on Friday evening at 6:30 pm and Wolf Scouts will start the competition on Saturday at 9:00 am.

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Mark your calendars now, start planning your strategy, and have a great time at your unit's Pinewood Derby.

Then, in February, 2012, the top winners will come together for the grand-daddy of racing — a weekend of fun and excitement.

Be sure to check your unit mailbox at Cub Scout Roundtable each month for more information.

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Webelos Woods 2012

Save the date — May 5-6
**NORTHERN TIER**

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**Investment in Character:** 8.8%

**Training:** (Direct Contact Leaders) 93.8%

### February

2. **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm**  
   OP LDS Church (Relief Society Room),  
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   7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66204  
   Includes OA Chapter 13 Meeting, Merit Badge Counselor Training and Eagle Project Reviews

4. **Webelos on Wheels**  
   UMKC-Flarsheim Hall,  
   5110 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110

7. **District Dinner, 6:30 pm**  
   Village Presbyterian Church,  
   6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208

16. **Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm**  
   OP LDS Church,  
   7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66204

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**Klondike Derby**

A big Thank You to the Klondike Derby Staff who helped to make this year’s event snowtastic!

**District Dinner**

The 2012 Northern Tier District Dinner will be held on February 7 at Village Presbyterian Church.

- This event recognizes outstanding Adult Volunteer Service in 2011.
- District Award of Merit, Cathi Maynard Award, and Outstanding Leader Awards will be given out.

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**2012 Investment in Character Campaign**

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**Webelos on Wheels**

The WOW! Program is designed to help Webelos with the more challenging and exciting achievements

- Cost is $6 per Scout
- Pre-registration Required; please visit the District’s Activities Page for more information
- Only open to Northern Tier Packs

**Pinewood Derby**

- The Top 3 Winners from your Pack can go on to the District Competition
- Cost is $12 per Pack
- Pre-registration required; please visit the District’s Activities Page for more information
- Only Open to Northern Tier Packs

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**District Information**

20. **Council Service Center Closed — President’s Day**

28. **District Key 4, 5:30 pm**  
   Planet Sub, 7409 Quivira Rd, Shawnee, KS 66216

28. **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
   Grace Christian Fellowship Church,  
   7230 Quivira Road, Shawnee, KS 66216

**March**

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15. **Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm**  
   OP LDS Church,  
   7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66204

24. **District Pinewood Derby, 9:00 am**  
   Shawnee United Methodist Church,  
   10700 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203

28. **Day Camp Pack Coordinator Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
   Shawnee United Methodist Church,  
   10700 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203

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Members of Troop 247 get ready to hit the road for a weekend campout

Scouts from Pack 3399 lend a hand at City Union Mission
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Pelathe Officers

District Chairman  Mark Gleeson  (785) 841-2334
District Commissioner  John Harman  (785) 331-7384
Activities Chair  Richard Rawlings  (785) 865-6306
Advancement Chair  Rich Bailey  (785) 842-0842
Boy Scout Roundtable  Vacant
Camping Chair  Chris Golledge  (785) 842-4120
Cub Scout Roundtable  Natalie Archer  (785) 727-0153
Eagle Board of Review  Rich Bailey  (785) 842-0842
Finance Chair  Dale Denning  (913) 383-1950
Membership Chair  Keith Wood  (785) 841-7208
OA Advisor  Marlon Schneck  (785) 865-0802
Public Relations Chair  Cindy Lynn  (785) 865-5685
Risk Management Chair  Tom Volek  (785) 865-5685
Training Chair  Eric Muetz  (785) 550-9511
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair  Dave Ozaki  (785) 331-5517
Venturing Chair  Audrey Taylor  (785) 749-5722
Senior District Executive  Randy Kidder  (816) 569-4954
Randy.kidder@scouting.org

Investment in Character: 12.3%
Training: (Direct Contact Leaders) 94.2%

February

2  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
2  District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
4  District Strategic Planning Meeting,
   9:00 am - 3:00 pm
   Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 W. Vermont, Lawrence, KS
16  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Troop 55 Cabin, 1024 Kasold Drive, Lawrence, KS

March

1  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
1  District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
15  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Troop 55 Cabin, 1024 Kasold Drive, Lawrence, KS

31  District Good Turn/Arbor Day Project,
   8:30 am - Noon
   Oak Hill Cemetery and Memorial Park Cemetery

For more information contact Cindy Lynn, District Public
Relation Chair at Cynthia@ku.edu

Webelos to Scout Transition

You play a crucial role in our Webelos Scouts continuing
their Scouting adventure...

The transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts is a time when
we as Scout leaders have tremendous opportunities. It is crucial that we work with parents to help them
understand the importance and benefits of continuing on to Boy Scouts.

- Follow up to be sure that each Scout and his parents have visited our Scout troops.
- Recognize graduating Webelos Scouts during the pack Blue and Gold Banquet. Include the future Scoutmaster in the recognition ceremony. Consider providing a Boy Scout handbook to each graduating Webelos. Encourage parents to become involved with the troop as a way to continue to be a part of their son's Scouting adventure.
- If graduating Webelos Scouts have sold popcorn, please consider transferring funds that are credited to this Scout to his new troop. Camping fees for summer camp can approach $300, so every dollar helps.
- At the Blue and Gold, take both individual and group photos of your graduating Webelos, submit them to the Lawrence Journal World and post them on the Pelathe District Facebook page.

The experiences of Cub Scouting establish a foundation
that we can build upon through Boy Scouting and into their adult lives. Please be sure that each graduating Webe-los has that opportunity.

Day Camp

Amy Isenberg and Christen Coble are planning an exciting program based on a Western theme for the 2012 Cub Scout Day Camp. The camp will be held June 4-7 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Visit the Pelathe District Activities page for more information. Also watch for information at roundtables. If you are interested in volunteering to staff the Pelathe District Cub Scout Day Camp contact Amy for more information at amy@sway.org.

Roundtable

If you haven't attended roundtable lately, stop in and see
what's new! Roundtable is held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, in Lawrence.

Pelathe on Facebook

Thanks to our Public Relations Chair, Cindy Lynn, the Pelathe District has a new Facebook page and we want you to become a fan! You can find the page by searching Face- book for “Pelathe District, HOAC, BSA.”

This page is not meant to be a district announcement page. It is a place for you to discuss and share information about Scouting in Douglas County. Looking for ideas about program, camping and activities? Our hope is that this will become a resource where you can ask questions and share ideas. Also, we need your photos! Our goal is to share lots of photos of pack, troop, team and crew activities. This can be a great way to promote Scouting to the community. You can post photos one at a time or if you have a group of photos that can be put in an album, please contact Cynthia Lynn or Randy Kidder.

Troop 60’s December Campout at Ft. Leavenworth
**March**

3 **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
Central United Methodist Church,  
5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO  

3 **District Roundtable, 7:30 pm**  
Central United Methodist Church,  
5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO  

5 **Commissioner's College**  
Cerner Riverport,  
6711 NE Birmingham Rd., Kansas City, MO  

15 **District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
VFW Building,  
3400 Broadway Ave., Kansas City, MO

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**District Awards Dinner**

The Annual Pioneer Trails District Awards Dinner is right around the corner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 6:00pm at Colonial Presbyterian Church. The District Dinner is an evening of fellowship and recognition for all adult volunteers in the Pioneer Trails District. This year, the District is honoring 8 deserving Award of Merit recipients. Other awards to be presented at the dinner include "Of the Year," Pioneer and Mad Drummer Awards. Visit the Pioneer Trails District Website for registration information [www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx).

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**Merit Badge Academy**

The 2012 Merit Badge Academy will be held on Saturday, February 25 at Hogan Preparatory Academy. Merit Badge Academy provides Scouts with an opportunity to earn a wide variety of merit badges. Prerequisites are required before taking certain merit badge classes, so be sure to read the merit badge requirements thoroughly before attending. The fee for this event is $5 per Scout.
### District Information

#### Red-Tailed Hawk Officers

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- **25.1%**

#### Training: (Direct Contact Leaders)

- **90.0%**

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<td>California Trail Middle School, 13775 W 133rd Street, Olathe, KS 66062</td>
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### Red-Tailed Hawk District Welcomes New District Chair

Please welcome Cathy Puls as the new district chairperson for Red-Tailed Hawk. Cathy has served on the district committee for four years, most recently in 2011 as the district vice-chair. She is also a committee member with Troop 412, where her son Ryan earned his Eagle Rank in 2004. Cathy began her Scouting career in 1992 as a Tiger parent with Pack 3288 in Olathe, KS. She and her son joined Troop 412 in 1998, where she met her husband Ron Puls. During her tenure with Troop 412, Cathy served in various capacities including committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chair. Outside of traditional leadership roles, Cathy organized the Siege of Mafeking activity for the inaugural Red-Tailed Hawk Camporee, which is a series of Scout activities based on Lord Baden Powell’s time as commander of the British forces at Mafeking. Cathy and Ron currently reside in Olathe and have five children, two girls and three boys, all three of which are Eagle Scouts.

### District Award Recipients

It is our privilege to recognize the 2011 District Award of Merit recipients:

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<td>District Award of Merit</td>
<td>Nancy Rowland (201), David McCreight (85), Stephen Berko (222)</td>
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We would also like to recognize the following individuals who were selected for the District Outstanding Leader Award by their peers for their outstanding service to Scouting in the Red-Tailed Hawk District:

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### Day Camp

Calling all Cubs and Webelos! Round up friends from your pack along with any classmates who are eligible to be Cub Scouts or Webelos, and ya'll come to the Red-Tailed Hawk 2012 Day Camp at Lake Olathe, June 18-22. Day Camp this year is all about the Wild West — where you can find fun and adventure waiting for you at every turn. This is one camp you won't want to miss!

Registration is due by the April Roundtable for the $55 rate. The rate increases to $65 after April 5, so sign-up early to get the best deal. All newly registered Scouts are $55 regardless of age.

### Webelos Woods

**When:** April 14-15, 2012  
**Where:** Cedar Lake, Olathe, KS  
**Cost:** $10 per participant

Webelos Woods is an overnight camping adventure designed to introduce next year’s Webelos I and II Scouts (current Bear and Webelos 1) and their parents to Scouting adventures ahead and to help create excitement for their future transition into Boy Scouts. The weekend is filled with tons of fun activities, demonstrations and plenty of outdoor excitement.
Spring Recruitment

We're ready to help your unit grow! Resources that are available in the fall are also available in the spring. If you are planning a summer program and would like more boys to join contact Barb January at (816) 348-8816 or barbjanuary72@aol.com.

Day Camp 2012

The 2012 Thunderbird District Day Camp will be at the Jerry Smith Farm Park June 25 to June 29. The Park is part of the Kansas City Park System. For history and details about the park check out their website at www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/ParksandRecreation/JerrySmithPark/index.htm.

Cub Scouts of all ages are invited to attend Day Camp. Cubs will experience a new world of outdoor adventure with activities like archery, slingshots, fishing and much more. See the Thunderbird Day Camp webpage for details and sign-up for information at http://hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Thunderbird/DayCamp.aspx.

Save the date:
• February 4 — Merit Badge Academy
• February 11 — District Awards Dinner
Trailhead Officers

District Chair
William Easley (913) 231-4067
District Commissioner
Robert Kline (913) 341-6209
Activities Chair
Michelle Foster (913) 219-8975
Advancement Chair
Peter Grassl (913) 268-5469
Boy Scout Roundtable
Scott Bower (913) 908-4856
Camping Chair
Paul Rieger (913)-461-5448
Cub Scout Roundtable
Bob Kakareka (913) 484-8324
Eagle Board of Review
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District Director
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Investment in Character: 29.5%
Training: (Direct Contact Leaders) 93.4%

February

2 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Jewish Community Center,
5801 W. 115 St., Overland Park, KS
2 OA Chapter Meeting, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Eagle Project Reviews, 7:00 pm
Jewish Community Center,
5801 W. 115 St., Overland Park, KS
7 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Pizza Shoppe, 7908 W. 151 St., Overland Park, KS
9 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church,
9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS
16 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church,
10100 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

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2012 District Committee Members Announced

We are excited to welcome our 2012 District Committee. They are here to serve the Trailhead District in many capacities. To view the new slate of officers, check out the District Officer chart in upper left hand corner.

District Award of Merit

Congratulations to this year’s District Award of Merit Recipients Paul Rieger, Rick Thomann and Ron Wood. The District Award of Merit is the highest award a volunteer can receive from the district. Please congratulate these three individuals along with all of the Outstanding Leaders recognized at the District Dinner.

Merit Badge Forum

A big THANK YOU to Michelle Foster for chairing the 2012 Merit Badge Forum. More than 2,000 merit badges were awarded to 750 scouts across the KC Metro area.

Wild West Cubs Day Camp

Yee haw! Round up your Cub Scouts and saddle your horses. We’ve got a trail to blaze to a wild west good time! All Cub Scout ranks are invited to attend this five day camp to be held June 4-8 at Shawnee Riverfront Park. Now is the time to recruit your pack coordinator and start registering your boys!

Investment in Character

The annual Investment in Character Campaign has kicked-off and we’re on our way to reaching our goal! All units should have their Investment in Character date scheduled. Thank you for investing in the future of our district and council.

SAVE THE DATE:

What: Webelos Woods
When: April 20-21
Where: Camp Naish

Scouts Recognized

Scouts with Disabilities units, Pack 3011, Troop 11 and Crew 2011 held a joint Court of Honor and recognized 13 Scouts for their achievements in rank advancement.


**Upcoming Camping Opportunities**

Now is the time to start thinking about spring and summer camping opportunities. Mark your calendars for April 27-28 and **Webelo-Ree 2012**. This is a great event that will help your Bear and Webelo Scouts prepare for their transition into Boy Scouts.

Also on the horizon is the **2012 Trails West Cub Scout Day Camp** June 11 through June 14 at the old Lake Olathe Golf Course. Online registration is now available, but act fast, the early bird fee of $55 only lasts until April 4.

And don’t forget about Webelos, Bear and Boy Scout Resident camping this summer. Check out [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org) for more information.

**Investment in Character**

The 2012 Investment in Character Campaign is officially underway. Our goal is to have 100% of the units in the Trails West District participate. If you have not scheduled your presentation contact Jason Bledsoe at (816) 569-4984 or [jason.bledsoe@scouting.org](mailto:jason.bledsoe@scouting.org) with the date a presentation can be made to your unit.

Get ready to take aim at adventure at **Webelo-Ree 2012**.
Find us on Facebook

The Twin Rivers District is on Facebook. Join our page and stay up-to-date on upcoming events and discussions. Feel free to share your own Scouting updates and photos.

Klondike Derby

Grab your Klondike Derby sled and head out to the 2012 Klondike Derby on February 17-19. This event is for Boy Scouts and Venturers and will be held at North Lake Park, 500 N. Lake Rd. in Garnett, KS. Scouts will test their skills, knowledge, and problem solving. Cost is $8 per person and registration is due February 2. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TwinRivers/Activities.aspx.

District Dinner

The Twin Rivers District Dinner recognizes outstanding adult volunteer service in 2011. The District Award of Merit, Special Service Awards and Distinguished Service Award honorees will be recognized.

- **When:** March 10 - St. John’s Hall - Greeley, KS
- **Cost:** $16 per person
- **Pre-registration** is required and is due by February 24.

Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TwinRivers/Activities.aspx for more information and to register online.

2012 Investment in Character Campaign

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New Boy Scout Troop & Venturing Crew

In November, Boy Scout Troop 47 was formed at LaCygne Christian Church and Venturing Crew 2327 was formed at Faith Baptist Church in Osawatomie. Both units have been busy with regular meetings and weekend outings. Crew 2327 is a co-ed High Adventure focused unit. For information about joining any of these units or about starting a Scouting or Venturing unit in a community near you, contact Matt Specht at matt.specht@scouting.org

February

2 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St., Paola, KS

2 Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St., Paola, KS

7 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Whistle Stop Café, 901 6th St., Osawatomie, KS

17-19 Klondike Derby
North Lake Park, 500 N. Lake Rd., Garnett, KS

20 Council Service Center Closed — President’s Day

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10 District Dinner, 5:30 pm
St. John’s Hall, Hwy 160 & Prairie St., Greeley, KS

Pinewood Derby winners from Pack 3126 show off their trophies

Pack 3099 receives a special visit from Santa Claus

Members of Troop 47 take in a pro wrestling match
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New Recognition Items for 2012

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