Eagle Scouts gather to revive a Kansas City Scouting tradition.

See page 3 for details.
Your Summer Adventure Awaits

It doesn’t matter what age, rank or Scouting program you are participating in, the Heart of America Council has a summer camp experience for every Scout. For the majority of our Scouts, participating in a summer program is the highlight of their Scouting year. For many of our Cub Scouts, attending Bear Camp is their first experience camping out in a tent.

Did you know that last summer 21,940 Scouts participated in a summer camping program? We do summer programs better than anyone and the price is hard to beat. Last year we provided over $95,000 in camperships to ensure every Scout that wanted to, had the opportunity to participate.

I’m sure you won’t be surprised to find out that when we track the Scouts who attend a summer program, they are over 75% more likely to remain in Scouting than those who don’t participate. For the new Webelos that are crossing over right now, the odds of them continuing in your troop this fall if they did not attend summer camp are pretty slim.

Did you know that the average Boy Scout will earn 4-6 merit badges during their time at the Bartle or Naish Scout Reservation? What impact do you think earning these merit badges will have on a boy? I would guess that many of our Scouts take these skills into a future career or hobby they will use for the rest of their lives. Just like those of us who attended camp as a Scout. Although personally I don’t think my basketry skills are very good anymore.

So now you’re asking yourself, “lots of Scouts participating in camp, great outcomes, good facilities, financial assistance, how could we do any better?” Candidly, the number of Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops that participate in our summer programs is off the charts compared to other councils. Our real opportunity to positively impact the lives of our Scouts is getting a larger percent to attend. For some of your Scouts who do not attend, it would be interesting to see if their parents ever participated in a summer camp program.

This is where I am asking for your help. I am sure you know the boys in your pack or troop that do not participate in a summer Scout program. Make the extra effort to reach out to the parents and talk with them about the great experience their son will have at camp. I promise that you will have a better pack or troop and even better, your youth retention will improve.

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

Kenn Miller
Direct Line: (816) 569-4980
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### COUNCIL CALENDAR

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Centennial Eagles Renew a Kansas City Scouting Tradition

It had been more than 30 years since Kansas City Eagle Scouts gathered at Municipal Hall, but on Sunday, March 10, two generations of Scouting’s elite celebrated the start of a new tradition.

The 2012 Clifford W. Illig Class of Eagle Scouts Reception welcomed more than 1,100 attendees to Municipal Music Hall. Those in attendance included 225 members of the 2012 Eagle Scout Class and 32 members of the 1962 Eagle Scout Class who celebrated their 50th anniversary.

2012 marked the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award with 850 Heart of America Council Scouts earning Scouting’s highest rank — twice the national average. Distinguished Eagle Scout, Clifford W. Illig, Vice Chairman and Co-founder of Cerner Corporation and Co-owner of Sporting Kansas City, served as the event honoree. Illig presented all Eagle Scouts in attendance with the official Eagle Scout “Challenge Coin” to commemorate the special occasion.

The event also featured the presentation of the Paul D. Arend Scoutmaster of the Year Award and the National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. The Paul D. Arend Scoutmaster of the Year Award is presented annually in the Heart of America Council to a Scoutmaster who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the values of the Scout Oath and Law and to the mentorship of Eagle Scouts. This year’s award was presented to Scoutmaster Paul Crooks, Troop 1374, Liberty, MO.

The 2013 National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award was presented to Eagle Scout William Riley, Troop 1376, Liberty, MO. William’s Eagle Scout Service Project contributed 559 hours of service to the community and included the design and construction of an outdoor classroom at South Valley Middle School in Liberty, MO.

Todd Leabo, Sports Radio 810 WHB, served as the event emcee and best-selling author and Eagle Scout, Alvin Townley, was the featured guest speaker.

225 Centennial Eagle Scouts gather at Municipal Music Hall

Order Your Official Eagle Scout Class Photo

To view and order photos online go to:
www.mcarverphoto.com/bsa

History of the Eagle Scout Reception in Kansas City

By: Andy Dubill, Council Historian

The gathering of Eagle Scouts this March at Municipal Music Hall signified the start of a new Scouting tradition in Kansas City. However, this year’s reception was not the first of its kind. From 1937 to 1979, 20,598 Boy Scouts were presented their Eagle Scout Badge at Municipal Hall.

Prior to the 1930’s, new Eagle Scouts would be honored at annual Round-Ups and other Scouting events where Scouts and community citizens were present. During the first two decades of Scouting in Kansas City, it was unusual to have more than a handful of Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award each year. This meant that a separate ceremony was not necessary.

One of the earliest photographs on record is from the 1929 Eagle Scout Class who gathered at the American Royal. The thirty-two Scouts who earned their Eagle Badge that year were addressed by Governor Henry Caulfield of Missouri. In the background, tuxedo clad leaders of the Kansas City Area Council watched as the governor addressed the class with pride.
Council Scouter Recognized with Top Regional Award

The Heart of America Council's Del Wilkinson has been named a 2013 recipient of the Silver Antelope Award, the highest award presented to a volunteer by a Scouting region.

An Eagle Scout, Del has served the Heart of America Council in various volunteer capacities. He has been a member of the Executive Board and Executive Committee, as well as Unit Commissioner and District Chairman for the Thunderbird District. In 2001, he was a member of the National Jamboree staff. He has also served as the Council Community Investment in Character Chairman and Council Commissioner.

The Silver Antelope is not the first award Del has received for his selfless service to others. Del is also a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, District Award of Merit and Bronze Pelican Award.

LDS Scouts Celebrate a Century of Scouting

By: Jeffrey Wingo

2,300 Scouts and Scouters from the greater Kansas City area braved rain and thunderstorms on March 8-9 at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation to celebrate a 100-year relationship between The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the BSA.

During the historic event at Camp Naish, Scouts commemorated what Scouting has done to improve lives over the last century by participating in a myriad of events, including outdoor activities, educational booths and displays, and chatting with visiting dignitaries.

There were plenty of hands on activities during the day. Zachary Terry, an Eagle Scout from Leavenworth, Kan., toured the activity sites and said there were many fun things to do, but his favorite activity was throwing tomahawks. “The trick to throwing a tomahawk is keeping your wrist straight,” he said. Terry said the “hands on” application at the various activities made the camporee an enjoyable experience.

He also commented on the midway where numerous displays were available. One display in particular, the Nova program, caught his eye because of his interest in science, mathematics and engineering. “It provided insights about job opportunities,” Terry said.

The highlight events were a mid afternoon presentation and evening fire-sides where participants enjoyed guest speakers discussing the significance of Scouting, the values taught and the opportunities Scouting offers.

Several dignitaries visited the camporee including Randall Ridd, a member of the Young Men general board for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Donald and Jackie Keyes, President of the Missouri Independence Mission; and Alvin Townley, nationally acclaimed author. Local church leaders also visited with their Scouts.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints formally affiliated with Scouting in the United States as its first institutional sponsor on June 13, 1913. Today, the church sponsors more Scouts and Scouting units in the U.S. than any other organization. Hundreds of thousands of young men are enrolled in groups or units sponsored by the Church.

International Scouting

Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet

JOTA/JOTI will take place October 19-20, 2013. The council’s International Committee is currently looking for amateur radio operators and past event participants to help develop local programs this fall. To volunteer, contact Chris Armstrong at carmstrong@travellleaders.com.

International Council Contingents

This June, 34 participants will join the Heart of America Council’s contingent to Kandersteg, Switzerland. This summer’s excursion will most likely be the first in a regular series of council sponsored trips. Want to help decide the council’s next international adventure? Contact Tom Johnson at tjohnsonacme@aol.com.

2013 International Camp Staff

The 2013 Naish and Bartle Camp Staff will feature three international counselors. We are still reviewing potential staffers and will select the best possible candidates. For more information on international camp staff opportunities or to host an international Scout contact Jeannie Salmon at jrsalmon@kc.rr.com.

Council Unveils New Website

It’s the same address, but with new possibilities. On April 1, the Heart of America Council launched the newly redesigned hoac-bsa.org to enhance the user experience. With a streamlined design, improved search functionality, new calendar display and mobile viewing options, the new hoac-bsa.org is your source for everything Scouting. Log on today to start your online experience.
BSA Releases Game Design Merit Badge

Game Design merit badge — released on March 6 — is the BSA’s 131st current merit badge. It teaches Scouts how to create, test, and refine a game from one of four categories:

- **Electronic** (games for computers, game systems, or mobile devices)
- **Outdoor/Athletic** (sports or games like capture the flag)
- **Tabletop** (dice-based games, board games, card games)
- **Pen and Paper** or **Role-Playing Games**

Log on to scouting.org for the complete list of requirements.

Northland Cub Scouts First to Earn NOVA Awards

They are the first in the council to earn the BSA’s NOVA awards.

Cub Scouts from Pack 299, chartered by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows 877, achieved all four NOVA awards for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Scouts advanced daily through a 6-month science curriculum at Oakhill Day School in Gladstone, MO that included field trips, self study, and a structured program from the National BSA.

The Scouts also achieved the Luis Alvarez SUPERNOVA award through their participation in a first-year robotics program at Oakhill Day School. The SUPERNOVA award requires advanced achievement in STEM related activities.

To learn more about the NOVA awards program visit http://www.scouting.org/stem/Awards/About-Nova.aspx.

Scouts are presented their NOVA Awards at Pack 299’s Blue and Gold Banquet

**Scouts:** Graham C., Cameron G., Jackson K., David C., Jacquie V., Cole J., Owen R. and Logan G.

**Leaders:** Jackie Conkling, Tonya Vaughn, and STEM Mentor, Kim George

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**COURSES AVAILABLE:** MONDAY - FRIDAY 4-6 PM & SATURDAY 1-3 PM

Please register as a unit only and indicate desired course. To register EMAIL LINDSEY AT lhuckeby@microsoft.com
Introducing the Ideal Year of Scouting

Providing a year-round, quality Scouting program should be the goal of every Scouting unit. The Ideal Year of Scouting helps you develop an annual program plan, a budget to go along with that plan, and a fundraising plan to reach your program goals. The result is a well-managed, well-financed Scouting unit that spends time Scouting, not raising money.

If you like raising money every month, planning your program as you go, limiting your activities based on income, or not involving youth members in the planning process, then this format is not for you! Those leaders who want a meaningful, exciting, and comprehensive youth program that achieves the objectives of the Scouting program will find this format the ideal way to go.

Steps in planning your Ideal Year of Scouting include:

1. Plan your complete annual program.
2. Develop a budget that includes enough income to achieve the program.
3. Identify the amount of product (popcorn) that will need to be sold per youth member to reach your income goal.
4. Get commitments from parents and youth.

In planning your annual program plan, it’s important not to get stuck on what you have “always” done, but what you would “like to do”.

Steps in annual program planning includes:

- **Brainstorming** — Brainstorm ideas of things you would like to do as a unit. Include a wide range of activities like field trips, service projects, places to go and see, etc. At this point, every idea goes on the board. No evaluation happens at this point. If someone throws out going to Alaska, put it on the board.

- **Evaluation** — The unit committee evaluates each suggestion and goes back to the unit with an “approved” list. Have youth vote on their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. The activities receiving the most votes should be put into your annual program plan.

- Put together a draft annual program calendar. Assign potential activities for further research (cost, times, availability, etc.)

- Finalize your annual program plan. Put together a budget to fund the program plan.

- Recruit new youth and adult members during a school night/recruitment event in August.

- Hold a program kickoff to:
  a. Communicate the annual program plan to new and existing parents and youth
  b. Welcome new members into your unit
  c. Communicate your unit’s budget
  d. Assign non-leader parents to help with 2 or 3 activities throughout the year
  e. Kickoff your annual fundraising event (popcorn) including per boy goals

- Conduct your annual fundraising event (popcorn).

- Implement your annual program plan.

Ideal Year of Scouting Program Guide and Calendar

Start your Ideal Year of Scouting with our new program guides. These full-color guides will be provided at no cost to all Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Unit Commissioners. (*limit 2 per unit).

Inside you’ll find everything from unit fundraising and budget plans to activities to enhance your monthly program. All 2013 Ideal Year of Scouting guides also include the Heart of America Council’s 16-month calendar.

Guides will be available starting in May at your District Roundtable.
Investment in Character Campaign Going Strong

Investment in Character is the council’s annual fundraising campaign that supports local programs and ensures every youth has the opportunity to experience the fun of Scouting. Currently, the 2013 campaign is nearing the half-way point with 48-percent of our 1.7 million-dollar goal raised.

How can you make a difference? Contact your District Investment in Character Chairman or District Executive to schedule a Family presentation for your Scouting unit. You can also donate online. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org and click “DONATE NOW” in the upper right hand corner.

All 2013 Family campaign donors will be recognized with the “Loyal” limited edition shoulder patch, the second in the Scout Law series. Patches will be available at your unit’s Investment in Character presentation.

Investment in Character Honor Roll (as of March 20, 2013)

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In Memory of:

Luke Bresette
Heart of America Council Staff

Robert T Gavin
Claudia & Gene Elkins
Dan & Pam Sbisa

Aaron Friedrichsen
Jon Bentz
Brian & Linda Bower
Glenn & Diana Carney
Michael & Gretchen Carter
Florence Desmond
Thomas & Ida Eckley
Corby & Jean Fichter
Christopher & Christina Garrett
Lois & Steve Geschke
Beth Grant (for Co-workers at JCCC-Continuing Education)

Community Campaign
Gross & Gross Farms LTD
Heart of America Council Staff
Kent & Sara Johnson
Lowell & Jean Johnson
Ralph & Jean Mitchell

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 Tammy Butterfield at (816) 569-4979.

2013 Boy Scout Golf Classic

The 2013 Heart of America Council Boy Scout Golf Classic will be held August 13 at the prestigious Loch Lloyd Country Club. Team registration and sponsorships range from $2,500 - $15,000. Contact Bob Hamlin at (816) 569-4921 for more information.
Scouts Ready to “Give Back”

On Saturday, April 20, thousands of Scouts, Scout leaders and Scout families from across the council will make their communities a better place to live through a series of community service projects. Giving back is an integral part of the Scouting program and from park clean-ups to food drives, our Scouts are ready to roll up their sleeves for a good cause.

Locate your district’s project below and make plans to make a difference.

Heart of America Council Community Service Day Projects
April 20, 2013 (Dates may vary by district)

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Recording Your Service Hours

Make sure to submit your completed community service hours online. Click the “Journey to Excellence” link in the upper right hand corner of the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org. Your participation in any service project counts toward your unit’s Journey to Excellence goals. Need your Unit ID to start entering hours? Contact your District Activities Chair or District Executive.
**SCOUT DAY**

SUNDAy, APRIL 14

TORONTO BLUE JAYS VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Sprint Commerce Bank Vodafone Garmin

RESERVE TICKETS AT www.HOAC-BSA.org

Be Part of the Largest Gathering of Scouts in Kansas City This Year!

Time is running out to reserve your tickets to the 4th Annual Scout Day at the K featuring the Royal Gathering of Eagles on Sunday, April 14 at Kauffman Stadium. More than just a baseball game, this not-to-be-missed annual event is an opportunity to showcase the fun of Scouting to the entire community.

**2013 SCOUT DAY PARADE**

Want to be a part of the official Scout Day at the K on-field parade?

Space is limited to 800 Scouts so act fast! For more information or to register visit hoac-bsa.org and look for the parade link on our Scout Day at the K page.

**ROYAL GATHERING OF EAGLES**

WHO: Open to Eagle Scouts and guests of Eagle Scouts

COST:
- Admission to the Royal Gathering is **FREE** for all Eagle Scouts (includes lunch)
- Admission to the Royal Gathering is **$5** for non Eagle Scouts (includes lunch)
- Game tickets are **$7** for Eagle Scouts and non Eagle Scouts

**SCOUT DAY AT THE K/SCOUTSTRONG EXPERIENCE**

WHO: Open to all Scouts and Scout families

COST: Game tickets are **$7** for all participants

NEW IN 2013: Scout Day at the K will feature the SCOUTStrong Experience, an interactive pregame activity area for the whole family located in “Lot J.” The SCOUTStrong Experience runs from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm and includes interactive displays from Science City, Missouri Department of Conservation, Backwoods, and more.

**POPCORN “FILL-IT UP” TICKETS**

Scouts who “filled up” one or more 2012 popcorn sale forms will receive 2 **FREE** game tickets. Additional game tickets can be purchased for **$7**. All “Fill-it-Up” qualifiers must claim their free tickets at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Reservation Unveils New Programs in 2013

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation is excited to announce several new program offerings beginning this summer.

• New Merit Badges: Athletics, Sports, Search & Rescue, Geocaching
• New Outpost Program: BMX Bike Course

For more camp resources, including the 2013 Leader’s Guide, visit www.boy scouts.org.

Inaugural Tribal Celebration

The 2013 Tribal Celebration is set for May 31–June 2 at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Tribesmen will enjoy a weekend of fun and fellowship all culminating with the Chieftains Ceremony on Saturday night. And don’t miss out on events like Late Night in Lone Bear and the Chief’s Challenge. Go to www.hoac-bsa.org and complete the registration information.

Inaugural Mic-O-Say Attire Challenge

@ Tribal Celebration

Get ready for a new twist at this year’s Tribal Celebration with the first ever Tribal Attire Challenge. Tribesmen will be grouped into 3 separate groups…

➤ Braves (Group 1) — Decorated apron, choker, appropriate headdress.
➤ Warriors – Runners (Group 2) — same as group 1 plus a bag.
➤ Keeper of the Sacred Bundle-Shaman (Group 3) — same as group 1 plus a bag, belt or sash, bandolier or breast plate, leggings.

Points will be awarded for the basic items and additional points will be awarded for added accessories, per the 2011 Customs and Traditions Book. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in each group. Sign up for the challenge at Parry Lodge on Saturday, June 1, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Judging will take place after dinner at the Lone Star General Council Ring.

Text Alerts Back at Bartle

The emergency text alert messaging system will be operational again this summer at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Subscribers of this free service will receive severe weather or camp emergency updates to their phone.

Sign-up is easy. Go to http://mobile-text-alerts.com/BoyScouts and complete the registration information.

Skilled Trades Work Day

Saturday, April 6, 2013 — H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

The summer camping season is almost here and we need your help. The 2013 Bartle Skilled Trades Work Day will be held on April 6. Join us for a day of work, fun, food and fellowship. Planned projects require the specialized skills of…

Pipefitters
Bending and welding of piping for new tent frames and HVAC projects

Carpenters
General repair of buildings and construction of new facilities

Sheet Metal Workers
Sheet metal work on roofing, siding, duct work and repair projects

Operators
Operating backhoes and other heavy equipment to install fiber optic cable and new waterlines

Painters
Painting inside and outside of buildings, latrines and pool structures

Electricians
Installation of new fans and equipment and rewiring

Plumbers
Installation of new plumbing systems for campsite safety

For the first time, Webelos Scouts have the chance to experience the fun of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. The Inaugural Father & Son Webelos “STEM” Weekend is open to all Scouts and their parent/guardian that are eligible to attend Webelos camp this summer. The event will be held Saturday, April 27 – Sunday, April 28 (9:00 am – 9:30 am).

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The Camp Naish staff is getting ready for a great summer camping season. There are still a few paid staff positions available as well as openings for Campsite Commissioners, so apply today.

Several new programs have been added including…

- Geocaching
- Golf
- Kayaking

Be on the lookout for more programs this summer including the Paul Bunyan Challenge and new lunchtime outposts. Back by popular demand, the Polar Bear Swim is returning along with an updated Kaw River Bandits.

Space is limited for troops still wanting to register for camp this summer. To reserve your spot at Naish, contact Laura Campbell at the Council Service Center at (816) 569-4928 or visit www.scoutcamping.org.

New Projects at Naish

Improvement projects are underway at Camp Naish to improve your summer camp experience. Currently, a new gate at the main entrance is being installed for added safety. Additional projects include repairs to the Central Camp Nature Lodge and the re-staining of buildings in the Cub World program areas.

Spring Mini-Camp Opportunities

There are two more opportunities to participate in Mini-Camp this spring. The final Mini-Camp sessions will be held on April 13 and April 27. Activities include COPE, climbing, rifle shooting, shotgun shooting and Wilderness First Aid. For additional information or to register, go to www.hoac-bsa.org and select the “ACTIVITIES” tab. Space is limited, so register today.

Tamegonit Lodge is looking forward to welcoming more members into the OA program as Ordeal and Brotherhood members in 2013. Registration is now available online at www.hoac-bsa.org. Induction packets are also available at Roundtable and at the Council Service Center.

2013 OA Induction Dates:

- May 3-5
- May 17-19
- June 5-6
- June 12-13
- June 19-20
- August 16-18

Section Conclave

The 2013 Section Conclave will take place on April 12-14 at Camp Hohn, southwest of Jefferson City. There will be opportunities to learn more about the OA, discover new approaches to expanding active OA membership, improving our skills as ceremonialists and dancers, participating in lodge activities and competitions, and electing next year’s section leadership. Registration for Conclave closes soon, so don’t wait to sign-up!

Tamegonit Lodge Tops in Nation

At the end of 2012, Tamegonit Lodge renewed its lodge charter with 4,501 members. After an extensive clean-up of OA membership registration and a year-long effort by our membership team, we have grown to the largest lodge in the nation! Congratulations to all our members, and thank you for your support of the Order of the Arrow in the Heart of America Council.

Get Involved in OA

There are many opportunities for you to become active in the OA. Do you like acting? Try ceremonies. Do you like writing? Join our newsletter staff. To volunteer to help out your chapter or lodge, or to find out more about how to get involved in OA, talk to your Chapter Chief or a member of the Lodge Executive Committee.

OA Award Recommendations

Vigil Honor and Founder’s Award nominations are due July 1, 2013. OA members cannot be recognized if they are not nominated; nominations do not roll forward from the previous year. Go to www.hoac-bsa.org and click on “Camping”, “Honor Camping” and “Order of the Arrow” to download the nomination forms.
13 Different Locations — 1 Great Program

Open to all Cub Scouts, including Kindergarten graduates, Day Camp is fun with a purpose close to home. Day Camp is held within your district and typically runs 4-5 days from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily.

In 2013, Scouts will embark on a “Jungle Adventure” experiencing everything from archery to arts & crafts.

Online registration for Day Camp is now available at http://daycamp.kintera.org/. Register on or before April 4 to guarantee the early bird fee of $55.

For more details on Day Camp, session dates, fees, frequently asked questions and more, go to www.SCOUTCAMPING.org.

Webelos Resident Camp

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Webelos Resident Camp is a 3-day outdoor adventure that introduces Webelos to the Boy Scout program along with activities ranging from Readyman to Aquanaut and more. Space is filling up quickly, so don't miss out on your chance to attend.

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The cost to attend Webelos Camp is currently $135. The cost of camp increases to $150 after May 1. To make your reservation or for questions, contact Cheri Williams at cheri.williams@scouting.org or (816) 569-4930.

Webelos Camp Leader Orientation Meetings:
April 9, 7:00 pm — Central Camp Dining Hall, Naish Scout Reservation
April 11, 7:00 pm — Central Camp Dining Hall, Naish Scout Reservation
VENTURING

Venturing Banquet & Spring Event
On April 19, Venturers will gather to recognize the work of the past program year, recognize the 2013 Venturing Leadership Award recipients, and meet the 2013-14 Venturing Officers’ Association. Join us at Breakpoint Community Church, 10001 W 88th St, Overland Park, KS, beginning at 6:30 pm for an evening of celebration. There will be overnight activities planned and a service project the following day. Register online at http://2013VenturingBanquet.kintera.org.

Venturing Camp
Venturing Camp is an exciting, action-packed, 5-day outdoor experience. Enjoy activities like mountain biking, SCUBA diving, pistol shooting, and much more. The cost is $125 if registered by May 22. Call Laura Campbell at (816) 569-4928 to register or visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Camping/VenturingCamping.aspx.

ROTC Summer Camp
This summer, Camp Naish is partnering with ROTC Crews throughout the council to offer a ROTC-focused camp experience. This will bring added value and benefit many of the young people in our programs by allowing them a camp experience unique to Scouting and ROTC. We’re looking forward to sharing some great results from this camp.

2013 Venturing Calendar
April 14 — VOA Meeting
April 19 — Venturing Banquet & Spring Event
May 11 — Venturing Forum
June 23-27 — Venturing Camp
June 26 — VOA Meeting
July 14 — VOA Meeting
August 10 — VOA Activity Day

Council Venturer Honored with Area Award
Kim Legg was honored with the Area Venturing Leadership Award at the 2013 Area 5 Conference in St. Joseph, MO.

Kim is the first recipient from the Heart of America Council to receive the award. She has provided leadership to Area 5 by expanding the Area 5 VOA Leadership Conference and Area 5 Fun Event.

As a member of Crew 2085 in the Red-Tailed Hawk District, Kim is no stranger to Venturing leadership. At the council level, Kim is a past Vice President of Program and was recognized for her work to provide quality programs with the Council VLA in 2012.

Kim is a senior at Olathe South High. She is looking forward to working toward a medical education in genetics starting at Johnson County Community College next year.
Missouri Adult Catholic Scouter Religious Awards

St. George Emblem
This award is the highest honor awarded by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. It recognizes the recipient’s outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

2013 St. George Emblem Recipients:
Don Scarbrough
Daniel Adams

Bronze Pelican Award
The Bronze Pelican is a diocesan award presented to those who have given service to Catholic Scouting through the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients have shown awareness and concern for the spiritual development of youth.

2013 Bronze Pelican Recipients:
Mick Mithelavage  Paul Morgan
Peggy Berney   Jim Huggins
Gena Scott   Scott Smith
Nicholas Dodson   Ken Deffenbaugh
Michael Lisac   Eric Knipp

We Want YOU for WOOD BADGE Training

Spring Wood Badge is finally here! For the first time ever in the history of the Heart of America Council, the 21st Century Wood Badge course is being offered in both the spring (April 5-7 & April 26-28) and the fall (September 6-8 & September 26-29). The spring course, C5-307-13-1, kicked off with a pre-course meeting on March 12 and is in full swing.

If you missed your opportunity to attend Wood Badge training this spring, registration is now open for the fall Wood Badge course. Don’t let the training opportunity of a lifetime pass you by. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org.

2013 Wood Badge Reunion

April 13, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Camp Naish, Cub World Pavilion
Registration: $10.00 per person, after April 5 — $15.00 per person

Celebrate 50+ years of Wood Badge at the 2013 Wood Badge Reunion. Rekindle Scouting memories and reconnect with Wood Badge Staff, your Wood Badge Patrol and fellow course participants. Breakfast will be provided by Chris Cakes. Memorabilia from Wood Badge courses and Scouting in Heart of America Council will be on display. A silent auction will be held with proceeds benefitting the Wood Badge Scholarship Fund and the Wood Badge Store will be open for business. A multi-course beading ceremony will also acknowledge our newest Wood Badgers.

Join Wood Badgers, including Cub Wood Badgers as we recognize 50th, 40th, 30th, 25th, 20th, 10th and 5th Anniversary courses.

Register early at www.hoac-bsa.org. Event patches will be available to the first 100 registrants.

For more information contact Mickie Hodapp at (816) 898-0338 or cougarlioness@hotmail.com or Britt Davis at (816) 569-4924 or j.britt.davis@scouting.org.

2013 National Youth Leadership Training

June 2-7 or June 3-8
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
Cost: $175.00

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an intensive six-day outdoor training experience with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. NYLT centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW, and what a leader must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the team goes on a quest for the Meaning of Leadership through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures.

In 2013, there will be two courses running simultaneously in June at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Scoutmasters and Venturing Crew Advisors are encouraged to send their youth to participate in this in-depth leadership program that will truly enrich the youth led program in their units.

Registered Boy Scouts and Venturers are welcome to participate. Troop participants must be at least 13 years of age and have earned the rank of First Class. All Venturing youth are encouraged to participate.

Registration is limited to 128 participants. Registration forms and online registration is available at http://hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Training/Youth/Brownsea.aspx. Past participants are encouraged to apply to be on staff for the 2013 courses. Those interested should contact NYLT Course Director, Tim Helton, at timhelton68@gmail.com.
2012 Journey to Excellence
Gold Units

Scouting’s Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the BSA’s performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of units, districts, and councils. The Heart of America Council is proud to recognize those units who achieved the JTE GOLD award in 2012.

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April/May 2013
### Big Muddy
- **Troop 1713** Brett Schaberg, John Mitchell, SM

### Blue Elk
- **Troop 1138** Andrew Farnen, Craig Lee, SM
- **Troop 1178** Nicholas McCracken, David Teegarden, SM
- **Troop 1201** Christian Wilson, Kevin Jenkins, SM
- **Troop 1203** Ryan Shupe, Charles Miller, SM
- **Troop 1332** Michael Mickelson, Douglas Farmer, SM
- **Troop 1332** Zebulon Schafer, Douglas Farmer, SM
- **Troop 1362** Andrew McLean, Anthony Schamel, SM
- **Troop 1763** John Stark, Bryan Richardson, SM

### Kaw
- **Troop 167** Cody Freeman, Steven Henry, SM
- **Troop 66** Blake Burns, Richard Lockwood, SM

### Lone Bear
- **Troop 1031** Timothy Russell, Peter Bozynski, SM
- **Troop 1513** James Bodine, Timothy Mills, SM
- **Troop 1513** Alexander Burson, Timothy Mills, SM
- **Troop 1513** Maxwell Burson, Timothy Mills, SM
- **Troop 1673** Tristan Wendel, Jeffery Wendel, SM

### North Star
- **Troop 1051** Trey Allred, Eran Barnhart, SM
- **Troop 1096** David Comer, Frank Comer, SM
- **Troop 1135** Cameron Tonks, Adam Freestone, SM
- **Troop 1155** Alexander Olson, Larry Cooper, SM
- **Troop 1214** Jacob Wilson, Gerard Coday, SM
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- **Troop 1271** Zachary Terrell, Mark Folsom, SM
- **Troop 1301** Ryan Eads, Richard Sprague, SM
- **Troop 1333** Jacob Lindburg, Kevin Heinikerison, SM
- **Troop 1360** Brett Maupin, Timothy Brammeier, SM
- **Troop 1360** Eli Ramer, Timothy Brammeier, SM
- **Troop 1374** Mikala Zuber, Paul Crooks, SM

### Northern Tier
- **Troop 91** Stuart Zizzo, Todd Martin, SM
- **Troop 194** Ralph Rojas, Rick Harris, SM
- **Troop 299** Jeffrey Philgreen, Jeff Philgreen, SM

### Pelathe
- **Troop 53** Lukas Lesslie, Mitchell Yulich, SM
- **Troop 59** Reid Williams, Eric Caldwell, SM
- **Troop 59** Joshua Seybert, Eric Caldwell, SM
- **Troop 60** Steven Ozaki, David Ozaki, SM
- **Troop 60** Jacob Keary, David Ozaki, SM
- **Troop 60** Darren Rawlings, David Ozaki, SM
- **Troop 64** Connor Bradly, Glenn Jackson, SM
- **Troop 64** Nathanial Bradley, Glenn Jackson, SM

### Pioneer Trails
- **Troop 1016** Brendan Derickson, Morgan Olander, SM
- **Troop 1016** Ethan Murphy, Morgan Olander, SM
- **Troop 1056** Maurice McGee, Andre Sidney, SM
- **Troop 1056** Joshua Potter, Andre Sidney, SM
- **Troop 1080** Gilberto De Jesus Ortiz, Salvatore Valenti, SM
- **Troop 1150** David Beck, John Cullinan, SM

### Red-Tailed Hawk
- **Troop 182** Hunter Maass, Tri Nguyen, SM
- **Troop 201** Timothy Randel, Rolf Edmondson III, SM
- **Troop 315** Drew Broadway, Kevin Coriden, SM
- **Troop 315** Ashton Dickson, Kevin Coriden, SM
- **Troop 315** Samuel Edwards, Kevin Coriden, SM
- **Troop 785** William Whitaker, John Guernsey, SM

### Thunderbird
- **Troop 1042** Ryan Betts, Jay DeHardt, SM
- **Troop 1042** Alexander Smith, Jay DeHardt, SM
- **Troop 1054** Zachary Turner, John Grube, SM
- **Troop 1088** Aaron Pulliam, Tracy Waldrop, SM
- **Troop 1111** Mitchell Routh, Peter Petznick, SM
- **Troop 1195** Jonah Gray, David McCaughey, SM
- **Troop 1264** Benjamin Collins, Mark Dunning, SM
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- **Troop 1264** Tyler Snyder, Mark Dunning, SM
- **Troop 1285** Evan Steele, Bernard Swanner, SM
- **Troop 1285** Dylan Howard, Bernard Swanner, SM
- **Troop 1285** Nico Pinzino, Bernard Swanner, SM
- **Troop 1338** Alexander Stone, John Oelklaus, SM
- **Troop 1427** Matthew Wickham, Christopher Garlett, SM
- **Troop 1601** Joseph Parisi, Michael Foster, SM
- **Troop 1801** David Clipperton, Rex Blevins, SM

### Trailhead
- **Troop 10** James Cate III, D Shropshire, SM
- **Troop 92** Austin Cosner, David Timpe, SM
- **Troop 92** Jeremy Chenoweth, David Timpe, SM
- **Troop 282** Thomas Poskin, Joe Poskin, SM

### Trails West
- **Troop 83** Conner Jenkins, Kevin Bing, SM
- **Troop 88** Kaleb Cross, James Martin, SM
- **Troop 108** Spencer Arrowood, Louis Schuler, SM
- **Troop 136** Logan Trigg, Lowell Teague, SM
- **Troop 181** Andrew Bierbaum, Steven Pflumm, SM
- **Troop 186** Chanlor Keenan, Thomas Hart, SM
- **Troop 186** Austin Mitts, Thomas Hart, SM
- **Troop 186** Jacob Overholtzer, Thomas Hart, SM
- **Troop 494** Jacob Drury, Kyle Weber, SM
- **Troop 522** Ahadou Derib-Aduna, Enrico Forner, SM
- **Troop 522** Joseph Richardson, Enrico Forner, SM
- **Troop 522** Zephon Vining, Enrico Forner, SM
Big Muddy Officers

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Senior District Executive  Brian Bentrop (816) 569-4918
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May

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Lexington United Methodist Church,
1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO

7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
*Youth Application Due for recruitment incentive
Lexington United Methodist Church,
1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO

7 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Lexington United Methodist Church,
1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO

11 SCOUTStrong Challenge, 7:30 am
Sporting Park, One Sporting Way,
Kansas City, KS

Day Camp

The dates for the Big Muddy Cub Scout Day Camp are set! Start making plans to attend the 2013 Big Muddy Day Camp June 3-7 at Dyer Park in Odessa. Visit our district website for more information.

District Pinewood Derby

Thank you to Pack 324 out of Richmond for putting together a great District Pinewood Derby on March 23. All of the boys had a great time and the designs of the cars were fantastic.

2013 Catfish Tournament

Saturday, May 18 — Waverly, MO

Support Scouting with a fun outing on the Missouri River. 2013 Catfish Tournament registration information can be found at roundtable or on our district website at hoac-bsa.org. Or contact Steve Graver at (660)229-4013 for sponsorship and participant information.

Tournament prizes for first ($1,000) second ($500) and third ($250) place will be awarded.

Investment in Character

The Big Muddy District Investment in Character Campaign is how the district is funded in multiple capacities. The campaign helps send boys to camp, provides financial assistance to those in need, and even helps the district operate. Congratulations to Troop 1120 and 1318 and Pack 4243, 4286, 4324, and 4453 for reaching their 2013 goal and for earning free rank advancement.

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District Roundtable

Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church. Please make sure your unit has someone there to pick up materials and relay information. Having that person make a report at the unit committee meeting is a great way for your unit to stay on top of upcoming events.

District Training

As of this year, all registered adults must be trained in their respective positions. Please ensure that all leaders have completed the required training courses, including youth protection. If you have any questions regarding leader training contact Tammy Cockrum at (660)281-9899 or trcockrum@yahoo.com.
**Blue Elk Officers**

- **District Chair** Bill Essmann (816) 228-4465
- **District Commissioner** Bud Hastings (816) 224-2552
- **Activities Chair** Kerry DeHaan (816) 210-4043
- **Advancement Chair** Jim Burgess (816) 228-6911
- **Boy Scout Roundtable** Stephen Diebold (816) 810-5030
- **Camping Chair** LeRoy Short (816) 560-2943
- **Cub Scout Roundtable** Kenn Naylor cnaylor@swbell.net
- **Eagle Board of Review** Leonard Jones (816) 228-4960
- **Finance Chair** Jeff Grubb (816) 795-8626
- **Membership Chair** R. Scott Smith (816) 461-3377
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- **Venturing Chair** Dan Sanderson (816) 277-6967
- **District Director** Grant Dealy (816) 569-4956 Grant.Dealy@scouting.org
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- **District Executive** Ross Schaffer (816) 569-4926 Ross.Schaffer@scouting.org

**2013 Investment in Character**

- **Cub Scout:** 36.2%
- **Boy Scout:** 3.7%

**2013 Advancement**

- **Outdoor Leader Skills, 6:00 pm** American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Drive, Blue Springs, MO
- **Scout Day at the K** Kauffman Stadium

### May

- **2 Roundtable/Planning Fair, 7:00 pm** Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO
  - *Eagle Scout Project Reviews, Eagle Board of Reviews, Merit Badge Counselor Training, OA Chapter Meeting*
- **9 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm** Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO
- **9 District Committee Meeting, 8:00 pm** Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO
- **11 ScoutStrong Challenge, 7:30 am** Sporting Park, One Sporting Way, Kansas City, KS
- **27 Memorial Day — Council Service Center Closed**

**Day Camp**

Join us for a “Jungle Adventure” July 8-12, 2013 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs! Day Camp is an exciting opportunity for all Cub Scouts to shoot BB guns and bows and arrows, work on badges and Cub Scout belt loops, cook out, sing songs, learn about nature, make crafts, and play games. If you have not made plans to attend, you should!

NEW for 2013 — The Pack with the highest percentage of Scouts registered for camp by April 4, who has a short unit promotional presentation, AND who has a walking leader attend Walking Leader Training at the May Roundtable (5/2) will receive a Pizza Lunch for the pack during Day Camp.

Registration is due by the April Roundtable (4/4) for the $55 rate. The rate increases to $70 after April 4, so sign-up early to get the best deal. All newly registered Scouts are $55 regardless of age.

Visit the Blue Elk Day Camp page for the most up-to-date information: [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/BlueElk/DayCamp.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/BlueElk/DayCamp.aspx)

**Independence Scout Leaders receive Bronze Pelican Award**

By Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk Public Relations Chair

R. Scott Smith, Ken Deffenbaugh, and Eric Knipp of Troop 865 at St. Mark’s Catholic Church, and Nicholas Dodson and Paul Morgan of Troop 221 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, were awarded the Bronze Pelican by the Kansas City-St. Joseph Catholic Committee on Scouting in a ceremony that was officiated by Bishop Robert W. Finn at St. Regis Church in Kansas City.

The Bronze Pelican is a diocesan award presented to adult leaders who have given service to Catholic Scouting through the Boy Scouts of America by showing awareness and concern for the spiritual development of youth.

The Committee on Catholic Scouting supports the religious award program of the Boy Scouts of America that emphasizes the Twelfth Point of the Scout Law, a Scout is Reverent.

(From left to right) Paul Morgan, Ken Deffenbaugh, R. Scott Smith, Eric Knipp, and Nicholas Dodson receive the Bronze Pelican Award at St. Regis Church in Kansas City.

**Outdoor Leader Skills Training Starts this April**

April 12-13, 2013 & October 11-12, 2013

- **6:00 pm Friday – 4:00 pm Saturday**
- **American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014**
- **Cost:** $10 to cover the price of food
- **What to bring:** Scoutmaster Handbook, Scout Handbook, and camping gear.
- **This is an overnight training. Please check the weather and wear appropriate attire for any circumstance.**

For more information about training, visit our Web site [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/BlueElk/Training.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/BlueElk/Training.aspx)
Exploring Officers

Division Chairman  Duane Anstaett  (816) 654-1603
Skilled Trades Cluster Chair  Daniel Edwards  (816) 585-9061
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Fire & Emergency Cluster Chair  Kurt Neis  (913) 888-6066
Health & Medicine Cluster Chair  Joy Hobick  (816) 404-7146
Law Enforcement Cluster Chair  Darlin Chance  (816) 847-5000
Activities Chair  Melanie Pierce  (913) 895-6300
Patron Luncheon Chairman  Jim Foil  (816) 718-9597
Division Director  Lisa Thomas  (816) 569-4972  Lisa.Thomas@LFLmail.org
Exploring Executive  Kerry Jorn  (816) 569-4937  Kerry.Jorn@LFLmail.org

Explorer Posts Partner to Experience Emergency Services

Truman Medical Center Post 2950 Explorers and Central Jackson County Fire Department Post 2599 Explorers teamed up and braved the frigid winter weather to get an inside look at the emergency services career field and how it works. The event included hands on demonstrations from Life Flight, firefighters, ambulance services, and other emergency services instructors.

Medical Center Explorers’ Unique Annual Activity

It’s a yearly tradition for Truman Medical Center-Lakewood Post 2950. The group received a hands-on demonstration in what else? — suturing pigs’ feet! Members of the Explorer Post say it’s one of their favorite activities. The meeting took place at Truman Medical Center with expertise from Dr. Harris.
Frontier Officers

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April

4 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Heart of America Council Service Center,
10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

14 Scout Day at the K
Kauffman Stadium

21 Program Aide Roundtable, 7:00 pm
South Patrol Police Station, 9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO

May

1 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Heart of America Council Service Center,
10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

11 SCOUTStrong Challenge, 7:30 am
Sporting Park, One Sporting Way, Kansas City, KS

16 Program Aide Roundtable, 7:00 pm
South Patrol Police Station, 9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO

27 Memorial Day — Council Service Center Closed

General Motors and Scouting Partner to Send Youth to Summer Camp

On March 9, General Motors and local Cub Scouts raced for a good cause at the 14th Annual General Motors/UAW Local 31 Pinewood Derby. The event welcomed 82 Scouts from the Frontier, Pioneer Trails, Kaw, Blue Elk and Thunderbird Districts.

In addition to youth races, the corporate race division featured specially crafted Pinewood Derby cars. The corporate race division included cars created by employees of General Motors, UAW Local 31, and 20 additional Kansas City companies.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Heart of America Council's Scoutreach Camp Scholarship Program which helps Scouting youth in Kansas City's urban core attend a long-term summer camp.

Since 1999, The General Motors/UAW Local 31 Pinewood Derby has raised over $280,000 sending over 1,400 Kansas City area youth to summer camp.

You’re invited to attend a great lunch for a great cause. The Heart of America Council's 16th Annual Urban Scouting BBQ will be held Friday, June 14, 2013 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Barney Allis Plaza in downtown Kansas City, MO.

The Urban BBQ benefits Scoutreach youth in Kansas City’s urban core. Event proceeds help offset costs for items such as books, uniforms, transportation, and other factors that may present a barrier for these youth and their families to participate in Scouting.

Last year’s BBQ raised over $20,000 benefitting local youth. Please mark your calendars for this great event.

For more information or for ways you can help, contact Khary Floyd at (816) 569-4965 or khary.floyd@scouting.org.
A Snowy Kaw Klondike Derby

The cold, snow and wind did not stop over 400 boys from enjoying the Kaw Klondike Derby in February at Kenneth Bernard City Park in Lansing, KS.

Thank you to the Women’s Auxiliary Group of Troop 165 for making hot soup, coffee and hot chocolate available for all leaders and scouts to help keep them warm.

Thank you to Bill Brown and Jimmy White for their hard work in creating the Klondike program and Nils Erickson for coordinating the event as our Klondike Derby Chair.

Investment in Character Campaign Nears Finish Line

The Kaw District would like to thank all units who hosted an Investment in Character presentation at either their Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor.

This year’s Kaw family goal is $29,250. If your unit has not scheduled your presentation or you would like our presentation team to return, contact Nils Erickson at nils.erickson@us.army.mil or Jose Romero at (816) 569-4973 or jose.romero@scouting.org.

Congratulations to Kaw’s New District Award of Merit Recipients

On January 26, the Kaw District presented the District Award of Merit to three worthy Scouters at the Annual District Dinner.

Allan Boyce  Troop 366 Committee Chair/Pack 3001 Committee Member
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

**Lone Bear Officers**

- **District Chair**: Allen Huff (660) 351-0578
- **District Commissioner**: Kathy Cooper (660) 647-5868
- **Activities Chair**: Jon Cerda (660) 429-2747
- **Advancement Chair**: Denney Jefferson (660) 909-4944
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Bert Russell (417) 309-0733
- **Camping Chair**: April Hale (660) 909-2559
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Melinda Elmer (816) 297-2022
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Denney Jefferson (660) 909-4944
- **Finance Chair**: Hurley Mahan (660) 885-1130
- **Membership Chair**: Rhonda Weinmann (660) 624-3818
- **OA Advisor**: Judy Molt (660) 909-3017
- **Public Relations Chair**: Kathy Noe (660) 233-0021
- **Risk Management Chair**: Ryan Mendenhall (660) 351-2773
- **Training Chair**: John Harris (660) 864-5061
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Steve Foote (660) 309-0619
- **Venturing Chair**: Vacant
- **Senior District Executive**: Matt Specht (816) 569-4966 Matt.Specht@scouting.org

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**2013 Investment in Character**

- **April**: 48.7%

**2013 Advancement**

- **Cub Scout**: 35.9%
- **Boy Scout**: 9.4%

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**April**

- **2 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- **9 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- **16 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- **19-21 Spring Camporee**
  Bartle Scout Reservation

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**Investment in Character**

Thank you to Jerry Post for stepping up as our Family Investment in Character Chairman. Jerry has done an excellent job scheduling presentations and recruiting presenters for each presentation. The Lone Bear District is currently at 71% of our Family goal for 2013. By the end of May, we should be wrapping up the campaign. Thank you to all of our donors for your continued support!

**Scout Leaders Honored at District Dinner**

On February 12, the 2013 Lone Bear District Dinner was held to recognize the recipients of the District Award of Merit, Silver Bear, and Lonely Bear Awards. Congratulations to Ronda Weinmann and Richard Smart who received the District Award of Merit, the highest honor a District volunteer can receive. A big Thanks to Ronda Weinmann for organizing the District Dinner.

**Spring Camporee**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Spring Camporee on April 19-21 at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. This event is a continuation of our Fall Camporee with Scouts putting into action the skills they learned this fall. Registration information is available at [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/LoneBear/Activities.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/LoneBear/Activities.aspx).

**Day Camp**

Cub Scout Day Camp will be held June 10-14, 2013 at Artesian Park in Clinton, MO. Activities include: Swimming, BB guns, archery, crafts, games, and lots more! You won’t want to miss the “Jungle Adventure.” Sign your pack up by April 4 at $55 per Scout. Registration information can be found at [scoutcamping.org](http://scoutcamping.org).

**District Welcomes Two New Troops**

Young men ages 11-17 now have two new troops they can join to enjoy the Scouting experience. Troop 340, chartered by Kingsville Baptist Church in Kingsville, MO was started in February with 6 new Scouts. Troop 163, chartered by Fairview Baptist Church in Ballard, MO was started in March with 5 new Scouts. Both troops are already camping and putting together exciting programs and are looking for continued growth throughout the year.

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**May**

- **7 Roundtable / Program Planning Fair, 7:00 pm**
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- **14 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- **21 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

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**Kathy Cooper presents Jerry Post with the Distinguished Commissioner Award**

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**Ted Templeton, Ed Molt, Dan Beebe, and McKell Young receive the Silver Bear Award**
2013 Pinewood Derby Race Results

The 2013 North Star District Pinewood Derby was a fun and exciting time for everybody involved. Race master Sean McCombs and his highly experienced group of volunteers put on a grand show for all participants and spectators. A special thank you goes out to the staff at Maple Woods Community College for hosting this year’s race.

Final Race Results:
- **Grand Champion**: Conor L. Pack 412
- **1st Runner-Up**: Jacob M. Pack 314
- **2nd Runner-Up**: Tucker S. Pack 360
- **3rd Runner-Up**: Terrell L. Pack 412

North Star District Klondike Derby

This year’s Klondike Derby was a great event. It was cold, and Mother Nature decided to not provide any snow. But, that didn’t stop our Scouts from having fun!

Skills Competition Results:
- **1st Place**: Troop 395 Raccoon Patrol
- **2nd Place**: Troop 288 Flaming Arrow Patrol
- **3rd Place**: Troop 360 Snow Snake Patrol

Special thanks to Howard Scott, Phil Symmonds and their wonderful team of 75 volunteers for putting on a great event.

Weebles Woods

Weebles Woods will be held May 4-5 at Smithville Lake Camp Branch — Loop A. Weebles in attendance will put their Scouting skills to the test in events ranging from knot tying to fire building. Be on the lookout for registration information at Roundtable.

Day Camp 2013

Day Camp will be held June 10-13 at the Platte County Fairgrounds. The last Walking Leader training session is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at Park Hill Christian Church. Every unit attending Day Camp must have their walking leaders attend this meeting. If you haven’t registered, you can do so online or come to Roundtable with all of your forms.

District Day of Service

On Saturday, April 20, Scouts and Scouters of the North Star District will provide ONE BIG DAY of service to the communities of Clay and Platte County. Information was distributed at the February Roundtable. Contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive with questions.

2013 OA Rendezvous

Join the fun of the 6th Annual OA Chapter 7 Rendezvous April 5-7 at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake. Rendezvous is a weekend of fun and excitement, capped off with a Call Out of those candidates from the North Star District who have been chosen by their peers to begin the Ordeal process in the Order of the Arrow.
### Community Service Day

Northern Tier will host the annual day of service on April 20 to clean up the Shawnee Riverfront Park. All packs, troops, teams and crews are encouraged to lend a hand in this project from 10 am – noon. Questions? Contact Event Chairman, Brian Marincovich, at (913) 745-6209.

### Day Camp 2013

Plan now for the “Jungle Adventure” June 10-14, 2013 at Shawnee Riverfront Park.

Registration is due by April Roundtable (4/4) for the $55 rate. The rate increases to $70 after April 4, so sign-up early to get the best deal. All newly registered Scouts are $55 regardless of age. Visit our Day Camp website to find information and sign-up online for Day Camp.

Designate your Pack Coordinator and Walking Leaders now. Pack Coordinator training will be March 27 and Walking Leader training on May 29. Both meetings are at 7 pm at Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Drive. In order to provide a wonderful camp, we need adult volunteers from your pack to serve on staff. Provide your staff information to the directors listed below.

For more information contact Ben or Lisa Grimsley, Camp Directors, at (913) 568-3865 or grimbl@everestkc.net or Gigi Coleman, Program Director, at gigi.coleman@gmail.com.
Pelathe Officers

District Chair, Mark Gleeson (785) 841-2334
District Commissioner, John Harman (785) 331-7384
Activities Chair, Vacant
Advancement Chair, Rich Bailey (785) 842-0842
Boy Scout Roundtable, Sandy Dixon (816) 721-3265
Camping Chair, Chris Golledge (785) 842-4120
Cub Scout Roundtable, Amy Isenberg (913) 461-8477
Eagle Board of Review, Rich Bailey (785) 842-0842
Finance Chair, Dale Denning (913) 383-1950
Membership Chair, Vacant
OA Advisor, Marlon Schneck (785) 865-0802
Public Relations Chair, Cindy Lynn (785) 550-1593
Risk Management Chair, Tom Volek (785) 865-5685
Training Chair, Sandy Dixon (816) 721-3265
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair, Dave Ozaki (785) 331-5517
Venturing Chair, Audrey Taylor (785) 749-5722
Senior District Executive, Vacant

2013 Investment in Character

Cub Scout: 30.2%
Boy Scout: 3.4%

2013 Advancement

Cub Scout: 60.5%
Boy Scout: 3.4%

April

4 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold Dr., Lawrence, KS

4 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold Dr., Lawrence, KS

12-13 IOLS/OWL Training
Camp Bromelsick

13 Scouting for Food

18 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS

19-21 Spring Camporee
Camp Bromelsick

May

2 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold Dr., Lawrence, KS

2 Roundtable/Program Planning Fair, 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold Dr., Lawrence, KS

3-5 Webelos Graduation Weekend
Camp Bromelsick

16 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS

Investment in Character

Congratulations to Keith Wood and the Family Investment in Character team and thank you to Scouting families who generously support Scouting in the Heart of America Council. During February, families in the Cub Scout packs took center stage in our campaign. Our Cub Scout Packs raised $9,744 and there are still a couple of presentations to go. This is an increase over 2012. Thank you for supporting Scouting in a challenging year. Here is a list of those packs that exceeded what they raised in 2012 (as of late February):

Pack 3013 Raintree Montessori
Pack 3064 Eudora United Methodist Church
Pack 3157 Corpus Christi
Pack 3158 LDS Lawrence
Pack 3370 Deerfield
Pack 3363 Lawrence Housing Authority

The Pelathe District is well on its way to reaching the $28,250 Family Campaign goal and the $43,500 overall goal. Be on the lookout for the June/July issue of Ventures in Scouting for our troop results.

Scouters Honored at District Recognition Dinner

More than 70 Scouters gathered at our 2013 District Recognition Dinner in February. A number of outstanding leaders were recognized for their service to young people through Scouting.

Douglas A. Conner, Past National President
District Award of Merit
Chris Golledge and Scott Braden

Outstanding Leader Award
Michael Doll

Character Counts
Doug and Shelly Nations

Community Service

Spring Training Courses

IOLS/OWL Training April 12 – April 13
Camp Bromelsick

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity Scout Coaches. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in the Boy Scout Handbook. A $20 fee covers the costs related to this training.

Outdoor Webelos Leader Training (OWL) is applicable for Webelos Den Leaders and their assistants. The Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders course teaches outdoor-related skills through demonstration and hands-on practice. A $20 fee covers the costs related to this training.

Pre-registration is required: To register contact Sandy Dixon at sdixon3269@yahoo.com or (816) 721-3265.

District Venturer Earns Silver Award

Congratulations to Matt Mulheran of Venturing Crew 2059, chartered to First Presbyterian Church. Matt is the district’s latest Venturer to earn the Silver Award, the top honor in the Venturing program.

After earning Eagle at 16, Matt wanted to continue his growth and advancement in Scouting. Joining a Venturing crew in Ohio, he earned his Outdoor Bronze Award and demonstrated expertise in several areas of outdoorsmanship. He continued on to his Gold Award, setting goals in several areas of growth and serving as an officer of his crew. For his Silver Award he became an expert in emergency preparedness, wrestled with ethical controversies in the fields of environmental stewardship and human rights, and enhanced his skills as a leader through the Venturing Leadership Skills Course. He led by example as a den chief and crew president.

Matt is a student at KU majoring in geology and serving in the Air Force ROTC.

Webelos Graduation Weekend

Webelos Graduation Weekend is set for May 3-5 at Camp Bromelsick. On Saturday, enjoy visiting activity areas and on Saturday night families are encouraged to attend a graduation campfire where you can recognize your new Webelos Scout at our annual ceremony.

Watch for more information at the April Roundtable.
Pioneer Trails Officers

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District Commissioner  Mike McCauley (816) 358-6242
Activities Chair  Carole Gaither (816) 523-5380
Advancement Chair  Ross Whitacre (816) 718-3255
Boy Scout Roundtable  George Weaver (816) 590-3627
Camping Chair  Bruce Day (816) 447-0750
Cub Scout Roundtable  Deborah Topp (816) 444-9332
Eagle Board of Review  Ross Whitacre (816) 718-3255
Finance Chair  Morgan Olander (913) 649-6388
Membership Chair  Vacant
OA Advisor  Carole Gaither (816) 523-5380
Public Relations Chair  Carol Jean DeFeo (816) 942-0675
Risk Management Chair  Dennis Cross (913) 677-9613
Training Chair  Sam Otto (816) 523-3315
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair  Pat Parks (816) 523-6382
Venturing Chair  Mike McCauley (816) 358-6242
Senior District Executive  Michael Farrell (816) 569-4950

Investment in Character

The 2013 Investment in Character Campaign is nearing the finish line. Units are encouraged to participate in the Investment in Character Campaign to help support the Heart of America Council. Funds raised help to maintain council camps and facilities as well as provide many underprivileged boys the opportunity to participate in Scouting through financial assistance.

If your unit has yet to schedule a presentation for 2013, contact Mike Farrell at (816) 569-4950 or michael.farrell@scouting.org. Presentations are usually done at unit events, such as Blue and Gold Banquets and Court of Honors. Thank you to those units who have already held presentations this year.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp is just around the corner. All Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos are invited to attend the 2013 Pioneer Trails Cub Scout Day Camp July 8-11 at the Longview Lake Group Camping Area. The deadline for the $55 rate is April 4, so if you haven’t already, register your pack today. Visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/DayCamp.aspx for registration information.

District Awards Dinner

The Annual Pioneer Trails District Awards Dinner held on February 2 was a great success. The District Dinner is an evening of fellowship and recognition for all adult volunteers’ hard work in the Pioneer Trails District. A special thank you goes out to George Weaver, Carol DeFeo and Colonial Presbyterian Church for putting on a great District Dinner.

Kansas City Mayor Sly James stops by the Pioneer Trails District Dinner

Outstanding Leader Award Recipients

District Award of Merit Recipients
Red-Tailed Hawk Officers

District Chair: Cathy Puls (913) 390-6581
District Commissioner: Stan Lloyd (913) 541-9404
Activities Chair: Michael Samms (913) 338-5263
Advancement Chair: Doug Machamer (913) 685-1035
Boy Scout Roundtable: Gary Hazeltine (913) 963-2453
Camping Chair: Tom Matches (913) 897-1636
Cub Scout Roundtable: Susan Lux (913) 764-8529
Eagle Board of Review: Jim Forson (816) 941-8036
Finance Chair: Dan Himmelberg (913) 338-5498
Membership Chair: Ron Puls (913) 390-6581
OA Advisor: Jim Bush (913) 897-1051
Public Relations Chair: Mike Mason (913) 469-0686
Risk Management Chair: David Weerts (913) 829-1321
Training Chair: Chris Foote (816) 835-4796
Venturing Chair: Josh Wandtke (913) 764-8413
Wood Badge / NYLT Chair: Tom Matches (913) 897-1636
District Director: Jon Geiger (816) 569-4932
District Executive: Nick Traxler (816) 569-4969

2013 Investment in Character

28.1%

2013 Advancement

Cub Scout: 28.1%
Boy Scout: 3.3%

April

4 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
College Church of the Nazarene,
Cunningham Family Life Center,
2020 E Sheridan, Olathe, KS

Day Camp Early Registration Deadline, OA
Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project Reviews

11 District Committee and Commissioner
Meeting, 7:00 pm
Colonial Presbyterian,
12501 W. 137 St., Overland Park, KS

13 Community Day of Service
14 Scout Day at the K
Kauffman Stadium

May

2 Roundtable / Planning Fair, 7:00 pm
College Church of the Nazarene,
Cunningham Family Life Center,
2020 E Sheridan, Olathe, KS
OA Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project
Reviews, Merit Badge Counselor Training

9 District Committee and Commissioner
Meeting, 7:00 pm
Colonial Presbyterian,
12501 W. 137 St., Overland Park, KS

16 Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm
Colonial Presbyterian, 12501 W. 137 St.,
Overland Park, KS

Troop 315 Celebrates 20 Years of Scouting

Since 1993, Troop 315 has been preparing boys to
make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes
by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and
Law. For Troop 315, 2013 marks two decades of storied
history, traditions, adventures, memories, service and
fellowship that is worthy of celebration.

Day Camp

Calling all Cubs and Webelos,
the 2013 Red-Tailed Hawk Day
Camp is set for June 17-21 at Lake
Olathe. Day Camp this year will
be a “Jungle Adventure” - where
you’ll find fun and excitement at
each activity. 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 $70 after April 4,
so sign-up early to get
the best deal. All newly
registered Scouts are $55
regardless of age.

Visit the Red-Tailed Hawk Day Camp page for the
most up-to-date information regarding training and
registration: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Red-
TailedHawk/DayCamp.aspx.

City of Olathe and Scouts in
Johnson County to Coordinate Day
of Community Service

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers have the op-
portunity to give back to their community on April 13.
The Red-Tailed Hawk District and the City of Olathe
have worked closely to plan many different service
opportunities for youth and adults. Some of those op-
portunities include landscaping, trash pick-up, paint-
ing and large debris removal.

Make sure to go online and log the hours your unit
puts into this service project
and all service projects
throughout the year by clicking the "Journey to Excel-
ence" link at the top
of the council website,
Your participation in
this service project
counts towards your
unit’s Journey to Excel-
ence goals.

Need your Unit ID to
start entering hours?
Visit Red-Tailed
Hawk’s Unit Service
page at
http://www.
hoac-bsa.org/Districts/
RedTailedHawk/Unit-
Service.aspx.
**May**

7 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm  
Aldersgate United Methodist,  
350 SW 150 Hwy., Lee’s Summit, MO

7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
Aldersgate United Methodist,  
350 SW 150 Hwy., Lee’s Summit, MO

14 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Grace United Methodist Church,  
2400 U.S. 50, Lee’s Summit, MO

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**Get Ready for Spring Recruitment**

Looking to recruit new youth this spring? There are several initiatives about to kickoff geared to support your spring recruitment efforts. Here are a few tips...

- **Cub Scout Packs**
  - Work with your unit commissioner and district professional to develop a recruitment plan
  - Hold a spring event like an open house, bike rodeo or a kite flying event
  - Invite Kindergarteners to an event or open house
  - Ask your Scouts to invite their friends to a meeting
  - Encourage Scouts to wear their uniforms to school on days that they have a Scout meeting
  - Follow up with boys that dropped off your charter during recharter
  - Utilize the Ideal Year of Scouting program to ensure an exciting Scouting year

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**District Awards**

**Dinner Recap**

The Thunderbird District Dinner was held February 23 at the Armacost Museum and featured live jazz music, good food and fellowship. The highlight of the evening was recognizing the many great volunteers that make Scouting happen in the Thunderbird District.

- Cubmaster of the Year  
  Arlon Sloop, Pack 4007

- Scoutmaster of the Year  
  Dr. Brian Osgood, Troop 1255

Thank you to everyone who participated in the silent auction. Your support helped raise $7,000 to benefit local Scouting programs.

**Boy Scout Troops**

- Work with your unit commissioner and district professional to develop a recruitment plan
- Check with local packs to make sure all Webelos have crossed over into a troop
- Encourage Scouts to recruit their friends and earn an entry into the drawing for a Kindle Fire
- Follow up with boys that dropped off your charter during recharter
- Utilize the Ideal Year of Scouting program to ensure an exciting Scouting year

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**Venturing Crews**

- Identify chartering organizations that do not sponsor a crew and invite them to start one
- Peer-to-peer recruiting — Encourage Venturers to invite their friends to an activity
- Encourage Eagle Scouts and 18 year-old Scouts to join a crew

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9 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Grace United Methodist Church,  
2400 U.S. 50, Lee’s Summit, MO

20 Community Service Day

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District Director: Josh Morales (816) 569-4961
Josh.Morales@scouting.org
District Executive: Elizabeth Rhodus (816) 569-4970
Elizabeth.Rhodus@scouting.org

2013 Investment in Character

46.8%

2013 Advancement

Cub Scout: 46.8%
Boy Scout: 3.7%

April

7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church,
10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

7 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church,
10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

9 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
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10-11 Webelos Woods
Camp Naish

For the most updated information or to find if there have been any changes to the event schedule visit http://hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead.aspx.

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Community Service Day

Trailhead District Scouts are teaming up with the City of Overland Park for the annual Clean Stream Day on April 6. Units should contact Jim Twigg with the City of Overland Park to be assigned a section of the creek. This will avoid duplication of efforts and facilitate trash pick-up by city trash haulers. Trash bags will be distributed at the April Roundtable.

Units who are unable to participate on April 6 can participate in another clean-up day on April 20 or can schedule an alternate date.

April 6 — Contact Jim Twigg at (913) 895-6273 or jim.twigg@opkansas.org
April 20 or other — Contact Nancy Vinsant at (913) 522-5570 or nvinsant@att.net

Cub Scout Day Camp: Jungle Adventure

Everyone loves an adventure, and this year, we will “do our best” to take your cubs on a “Jungle Adventure.”

Day Camp is for all Cub Scouts on June 3-7.
At Shawnee Riverfront Park (K-7 and 43rd St.).
Cub Scouts get the chance to participate in archery and BB gun ranges, crafts, a zip cord and much more.
Look for more information on our Day Camp website at www.scoutcamping.org. Registrations for early bird payments are due at the April Roundtable.

Webelos Woods

Webelos Woods is an exciting opportunity for Webelos Scouts to experience “What Lies Ahead on the Trail to Boy Scouting.” Webelos will have the opportunity to experience what it’s like on a Boy Scout campout.

Event Details:
- Friday, May 10 (5:00 pm) — Saturday, May 11 (4:30 pm) at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
- Open to all registered Webelos Scouts
- Cost: $9
- Activities include: Archery, BB Guns, Air Rockets, Obstacle Course with Monkey Bridge, Campout Cooking Demonstrations, Camping Skills including a Model Campsite, Campfire, Friday night Cracker Barrel and more.

This year’s event will be hosted by Troop 284. Contact Paul Rieger at riegerpj@bv.com or (913) 461-5448 for more information.

Spring Recruitment

This year, Scouting units are encouraged to start their recruitment process earlier.

Cub Scout Packs

Cub Scout packs are encouraged to develop a program plan and budget that can be shared with new parents. The goal is to identify new leaders in preparation for fall recruitment. Commissioners will be available throughout the year to assist packs.

Boy Scout Troops

Boy Scout spring recruitment comes with an incentive: a new Kindle Fire. For each new boy that is recruited, the recruiter will earn one entry into a drawing to win one of seven Kindles. To count as a new youth, they must not be currently registered. Be on the lookout for the entry form at Roundtable. Winners will receive their Kindle Fire at the June Roundtable.

2013 Investment in Character

The Investment in Character Campaign helps keep Scouting an affordable and effective youth development program. Funds generated by the campaign make sure the Scouting program is available for all of our Scouts and leaders to enjoy.

**Upcoming District Training Courses**

**Outdoor Leader Skills**
- April 26-27, Lake Olathe Old Golf Course
  - Cost: $15 — includes food, program materials, camping fee
  - Course is required to be fully trained as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.
  - Contact Joe Olgivie at jogilvie66215@everestkc.net to register

**BALOO Training**
- May 19, Indian Creek Community Church
  - Cost: $10 — includes food and program materials
  - Course is required for any adult leader conducting a Cub Scout campout.
  - Contact Rob Adams at rob@adams-r-us.name to register

**Spring Recruitment**
Fall isn’t the only time to sign up new Scouts, recruitment is a year-round process. We have special prizes this year for Scouts that recruit a new Scout.

Cub Scouts that recruit a new Scout will be entered into a drawing to win a fishing pole or other camping items at the June Roundtable.

Boy Scouts that recruit a new Scout will be entered into a drawing to win a Kindle Fire tablet. Winners will be announced at the June Roundtable.

All new Scout applications must be turned in by the May Roundtable to be eligible for the drawings.

For questions or ways to help your unit succeed this spring contact Jason Bledsoe (816) 569-4984 or jason.bledsoe@scouting.org.

**2013 Investment in Character Campaign**
The 2013 Investment in Character Campaign is in full swing. Congratulations to Pack 3180, Pack 3298, Pack 3777, Pack 3808, Pack 3888, and Troop 83 for achieving their 2013 goal. These units have achieved free rank advancement through April 2014.

**Day Camp 2013 “Jungle Adventure”**
- June 10-13 — Lake Olathe Old Golf Course
  - Cost: $55 if paid by April 4

**Pack Coordinator and Walking Leader Training:**
Thursday, May 2 — Holy Trinity Quigley Center — 6:00 pm

More Information: Bill O’Connor (913) 302-8549 or billoconnor7@yahoo.com or http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/DayCamp.aspx
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TWIN RIVERS

2013 Investment in Character

The 2013 Investment in Character campaign is in full swing and we are working diligently towards our goal. If you have yet to schedule your 2013 Investment in Character presentation, please email Family Chairman Curtis Gibson at cjgibson@midwest-connections.com or John Hobbs at john.hobbs@scouting.org.

Day Camp 2013

Mark your calendars for June 3-6 and the Twin Rivers Cub Scout Day Camp at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola. Cub Scouts get the chance to shoot BB Guns and Bows & Arrows, work on crafts, play games, learn about nature, and work towards badges. Register online today at www.scoutcamping.org.

We are also looking for adults to help staff camp. If you would like to help out contact Natalie Hartig, Camp Director, at (913) 927-3272 or nhartig1108@gmail.com or Kristy Paden, Program Director, at (913) 244-6366 or kristy_paden@yahoo.com.

Community Service Day

The Council-wide community Service Day is set for April 20. Please coordinate efforts in your community on this day to help those in need.

Boy Scouts: Here’s Your Chance to Win a Kindle Fire

Boy Scouts who recruit a new Scout this spring will be entered in a drawing to win a Kindle Fire tablet. For each new boy that is recruited, the recruiter will earn one entry into a drawing to win one of seven Kindles.

All applications for new youth are due by the May Roundtable to qualify for this incentive. Winners will be announced at the June Roundtable.

Members of Pack 3142, Paola, enjoy Pinewood Derby racing at Holy Trinity Catholic School on Scout Sunday

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April

2 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church,
110 E. Peoria St., Paola, KS

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

May

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

April/May 2013
Do a GOOD TURN Daily

Thousands of Scouts will soon make plans to make a difference in their community. Turn to page 8 to find out how you can get involved in a community service project in your neighborhood.

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