2013 SCOUTStrong Challenge

The inaugural SCOUTStrong Challenge welcomes more than 1,000 runners to Sporting Park.

See page 4 for details.
Scouting...It’s Not A Secret

A favorite quote of mine is, “The reason you never see the Boy Scouts is because they camp in the woods and meet in church basements.” One of the greatest strengths of the Scouting program lies in our ability to showcase who we are to the community.

During the past two years as part of our strategic plan, we have identified several council-wide “Signature Events” to showcase the Scouting program to our community and to our own membership. These events include:

- Scout Day at the K: 10,300 attended
- Sporting Kansas City Scout Night: 3,000 attended
- American Royal Parade: 1,100 participated
- SCOUTStrong Challenge 5K/Half Marathon: 1,200 participants
- Eagle Scout Class Reception: 1,100 attended

Signature events such as these help us keep the Scouting brand in the mind of the public and families. While we can report that the Scouting program in the Kansas City area is the largest youth serving agency, it is much better to let people see the strength and depth of the Scouting program firsthand.

Thanks to the strong support from each district and our packs, troops and crews, these signature events continue to grow each year. As a council, our goal is to provide positive experiences for our Scouts and their families that they would not be able to do within their own unit, as well as provide a reduced cost for these experiences. It’s all about...What does a Scout get to do that his non-Scouting friends do not?

As we continue to work through the strategic plan, one of the programs that we committed to is a council-wide encampment every four years. While we have held encampments in the past, this is the first time that we have made the commitment to schedule such a large scale event every four years. By holding this event every four years, we will be able to build on the success from the previous event as well as provide every Scout the opportunity to attend at least one council encampment during their tenure in Scouting. Of course setting the goal was the easy part, the real work came with the planning and details. While it may have been easy to consider going back to Camp Naish for this event, we challenged the steering committee to identify the best venue for an event of this magnitude.

I am pleased to share with you that we have confirmed that the Kansas Speedway will be the host to the “Scouting 500 — Speedway Spirit 2014” to be held on May 16-18, 2014. I cannot think of a better venue to showcase Scouting for our Scouts, leaders, and the community. Our goal for this event is to have over 20,000 Scouts, leaders, parents, and guests in attendance. The steering committee has been working for the past few months and is developing an exciting and memorable program. Get the date on your unit’s calendar now and watch for more updates on this grand event.

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

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ADVENTURES IN SCOUTING

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

June

*For the complete 2013 Camp Session Calendar, go to www.hoac-bsa.org.

- 31-2 Tribal Celebration
- 2-7 NYLT — Naish
- 3-8 NYLT — Naish
- 5 Council Marketing Committee Meeting
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- 19 Council PR Committee Meeting
- 25 Council Commissioner Meeting
- 28-7 Kandersteg Contingent

July

- 4 Independence Day — Scout Office Closed
- 11-24 National Jamboree

2013 IDEAL YEAR of SCOUTING

Program Guides and Calendar

Start your Ideal Year of Scouting with our new program guides. 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.

This fall, more than 6,000 new youth are expected to join Scouting through the annual “School Night for Scouting” recruitment campaign. There are several changes to the 2013 School Night Plan that will help packs recruit and retain more youth. Here are some of the highlights...

- **Ideal Year of Scouting**: Plan your Ideal Year of Scouting by...
  1. Creating an annual program plan
  2. Tying that annual program plan to a budget
  3. Communicating that plan to Scouting families
- **Unit Marketing Plan**: Have a plan to get the word out about your school night. Choose at least seven methods from our “Top 40” marketing techniques to ensure a successful fall.
- **Multiple Recruiting Opportunities**: Give families multiple opportunities to join. Conduct a recruitment event in August (School Night) as well as September and October.
- **Selecting Adult Leaders**: School Night should be about recruiting youth, not selecting leaders. Identify your leaders before the School Night or prior to your Parent Orientation Meeting.
- **Registration Cost vs. Participation Cost**: Only charge new families registration and Boys’ Life fees the night of School Night. Convey to new families that participation costs (dues, activities, etc.) can be paid for through your pack’s fundraising plan.

### 2013 School Night Joining Incentive

Every youth that joins at School Night will receive the 2013 limited edition School Night for Scouting t-shirt. T-shirts will be given free of charge to youth who turn in a completed application, with fees, at School Night.

Visit [www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources) for more resources to help your pack succeed this fall. And be on the lookout for the August/September edition of *Adventures in Scouting* for more on the 2013 School Night for Scouting campaign.

**Scouts “Give Back” to the Community**

This April, more than 3,000 Scouts, Scout leaders, and Scout families from across the council worked to make their communities a better place to live through a series of community service projects. Community Service Day projects were organized in each district of the council and included everything from park clean-ups to food drives. In total, Scouts completed an estimated 9,000 hours of community service.

Find more Community Service Day photos on your district page later in this issue. And don’t forget to log your service hours on the Journey to Excellence website. Go to [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org) and click on “Journey to Excellence.”

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Scout Day Breaks Attendance Record

On Sunday, April 14, a record 10,300 Scouts and Scout families made the 4th Annual Scout Day at the "K" and Royal Gathering of Eagles the largest yet. Scouts took over the "K" inside and out with activities ranging from the all new SCOUTStrong Experience to an on-field Scout parade with over 800 participants.

The Royal Gathering of Eagles brought together Eagle Scouts of all ages and included the presentation of the Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards. Awards were presented to Michael Brown, David Fowler, and Mayor Carl Gerlach for their exemplary service to the community.

Scouts were also asked to bring a canned food item to benefit Harvesters. In total, Scouts helped collect nearly 1,000 pounds of food at the event.

Special thanks to 2013 Scout Day Chairman, John Heiman, Master of Ceremonies, Tom McDonnell, and the entire Scout Day Committee.

Check out more Scout Day photos on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/heartofamericacouncil.bsa.

Inaugural SCOUTStrong Challenge

Sports Park played host to more than 1,200 runners on May 11 at the inaugural SCOUTStrong Challenge Half Marathon and 5K.

Open to runners of all ages, participants endured the challenging, yet scenic course that took them around the track of the Kansas Speedway, through Wyandotte County Park and the Legends entertainment district, and finished on the field at Sporting Park.

All participants received the official 2013 SCOUTStrong Challenge technical t-shirt and were rewarded with custom medals. Runners were also treated to post-race music, food, and beverages in the Members Club. Awards were presented to the top finishers in each race and age group.

For complete race results or for more event photos visit www.scoutstrongchallenge.org.

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SCOUTING HISTORY

The Camp Naish Totem Pole

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

Near the end of the summer camping season at Camp Naish in 1932, a new totem pole was moved to its permanent location at the campfire circle. The historic totem pole, which was carved and painted by Scouts from Troop 9 of St. Peter’s Church, depicted major events in history. The totem pole included a series of twenty-eight emblems and stood for over forty years before it was eventually replaced by a replica.

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.

Fort Leavenworth Eagles Soar to Service

By James Lally, Kaw District Public Relations Chair

Three Eagle Scouts from Troop 366, Fort Leavenworth, KS, will soon be taking their service to new heights after receiving appointments to prestigious military academies. Stuart McDaniel received appointments to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis and the US Military Academy at West Point; Josh Camarena received an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point; and Jordan Boyce received an appointment to the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

All three Scouts will graduate from Leavenworth High School in May. Being selected for a military academy is not an easy task, the competition is fierce, and the entrance packet is extensive. Each service academy receives over 15,000 applicants annually and approximately 75% of the applicants who are accepted are in the top 5% of their high school class. Candidates must be qualified academically, medically, and physically, and must receive a nomination from an approved source, such as a member of Congress. Participation in student government, clubs, and activities like Scouting, provided these young men with experiences that reflected favorably on developing their leadership potential as Military Officers.

Eagle Scouts from Troop 366 have been chosen in the past to attend military academies, but until now, three have never been chosen in the same year for this honor.
Investment in Character Reaches the Summit

It was not an easy climb, but we made it! The Heart of America Council has successfully met and exceeded the goal set for the 2013 Investment in Character campaign. Over $1.8 million was raised through the Family, Community, and Patron Luncheon campaign efforts. Each district has separate goals for these campaigns — Thank you for your help in reaching them!

The Investment in Character Campaign is an annual appeal that keeps Scouting an affordable and effective youth development program. Leading us to the ‘top of the mountain’ in 2013 was Investment in Character Chairman, Steve Clifford. Included on Steve’s climbing team were Gregg Riess, Tom Terry, and chairmen from all 13 districts. The 2013 campaign raised more funds than ever before in the Heart of America Council.

Looking for more ways to support the Heart of America Council? Be on the lookout for upcoming events like the 2013 Bill Self and Boy Scout Golf Classics, Shooting Sports Extravaganza, and Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner.

New Flavor to 2013 Popcorn Sale

The 2013 popcorn sale kicks off this fall with some noticeable changes including new flavors and a new prize program. In addition to gift cards, new prizes include Android Tablets, LED televisions, and other new items. We will also be rolling out incentives to the top district and council popcorn sellers as well as college scholarships for Scouts selling over $2,500. Remember, your unit can earn up to 35% commission.

Also, be on the lookout for new popcorn flavors this fall. Added to the product lineup in 2013 will be Buffalo Cheddar, Sour Cream and Onion, and White/Dark Chocolate Drizzled popcorn.

The sale runs September 7–October 26 and now is the time to commit your unit to sell. Contact your district executive or visit www.hoac-bsa.org to sign-up today.

2013 Popcorn Sale Schedule:

- Training — Held in your service area in August
- Show and Sell orders due — August 26
- Show and Sell pick-up — September 6-7
- Final orders due — October 28
- Final order pick-up — November 8-9
- Final payment due — December 6

Former NFL QB Inspires Luncheon Crowd

On April 18, a record crowd of more than 700 business and community leaders packed the Marriott Muehlebach Hotel in support of the Heart of America Council’s 6th Annual Patron Luncheon. A key component of the council’s Investment in Character Campaign, the Patron Luncheon helped raise nearly $300,000 for local Scouting programs.

The keynote address was delivered by Joe Theismann, former NFL Quarterback, current ESPN analyst, and Life Scout. Theismann delivered a powerful address on the importance of Scouting and the lessons he learned while playing football in college and the NFL. He also surprised three luncheon attendees by throwing personalized footballs to them during the event.

Special thanks to all table hosts, corporate sponsors, and 2013 Chairman, Gary Fish, Founder and CEO of FishNet Security.
Council Honors Labor Union Members

On May 9, more than 150 union members, community leaders, and Scouters gathered for the inaugural George Meany Dinner at the Argosy Casino Banquet facility. The event featured the presentation of the 2013 George Meany Awards. Named for the AFL-CIO’s first president, the George Meany Award is presented by each Labor Council and recognizes union members who have made a significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the BSA.

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Labor Council AFL-CIO presented the George Meany Award to Richard McWhirt, IBEW Local 124. Rick has been involved with Scouting for more than fifteen years and was involved in the committee that created the council’s Skilled Trades Work Days at our camping facilities.

The Tri-County Labor Council of Eastern Kansas presented the George Meany Award to Michael Toot, Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 8. Michael has been a registered Scouter for most of his life and has donated his time and talents in support of Camp Naish for many years.

The evening also included the presentation of the council’s inaugural Community Labor Partner Awards. Awards were presented to General Motors and the United Auto Workers for their support of at-risk youth in Kansas City, KS through the GM/UAW Pinewood Derby, an event they have sponsored for fifteen years.

The Community Labor Partner Award was also presented to the Greater Kansas City Building and Construction Trades Council for their overall support of the council’s Skilled Trades Work Days.

The 2013 George Meany dinner was hosted by KCTV 5 Meteorologist Hallie Shulman and was attended by dignitaries such as Kansas City Mayor Sly James and guest speaker Clint Zweifel, Missouri State Treasurer. The event raised $15,000 to benefit local Scouting programs.

Representatives from General Motors and the United Auto Workers accept the Community Labor Partner Award.

Duke Dujakovich and Roger Beach present the Community Labor Partner Award to Alise Martiny, Greater Kansas City Building and Construction Trades Council.

Richard McWhirt, IBEW Local 124, is presented the 2013 George Meany Award.

Michael Toot, Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 8, is recognized with the 2013 George Meany Award.

The 2013 Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic

The 2013 Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic is set for August 26 at the Lawrence Country Club. This is your chance to hit the links for a good cause with the KU head coach. Teams are forming now. For registration or sponsorship information contact 2013 Tournament Chairman, Derek Bailey, at (785) 856-9418 or derek@lawrencebank.com.

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Bartle Offers New Contingent Units

We are excited to announce a new way for Scouts to attend the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation this summer. If a Scout is unable to attend his normal session with his home unit, he now has the opportunity to attend 6th session with a council contingent unit. Contingent units will be made up of Scouts from across the council and will be under the supervision of reservation leadership. Contingent units are also open to Scouts who would like to attend camp for a second session this summer. For more information contact Laura Campbell at (816) 569-4928 or laura.campbell@scouting.org.

Reservation Hosts Inaugural STEM Weekend

On April 27, more than 100 Webelos made their way to a rainy H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation for the inaugural Webelos STEM Weekend. Participants enjoyed a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) themed program along with traditional camp favorites like BB guns, archery, slingshots, and nature education. The highlight for many was the campfire on Saturday night which included a special presentation by the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

The next Webelos STEM Weekend is set for September 21. Registration is now available at www.hoac-bsa.org.

BMX at Bartle

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation is excited to announce the addition of a BMX bike track set to open this summer. The track is the reservation’s newest Outpost Program and will be open on most days including selected times during Mic-O-Say ceremonies.

New Storm Shelters Ready for Summer

Construction of twenty-nine new state-of-the-art storm shelters is now complete at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Additionally, three of the shelters will include completed pavilions for added convenience for units. The shelters that include pavilions are located in Sycamore (SM), Seneca (LS), and Freemont (PA). All shelters will include pavilions by the start of the 2014 camping season.

Davis Lodge Gets SCOUTStrong in 2013

Thanks to new programs sponsored by Garmin, Davis Lodge is taking on new life this summer. With new programs inspired by the SCOUTStrong healthy living initiative, the lodge will now be staffed and will offer Sports, Athletics, and Search and Rescue merit badges. The lodge will also add new daily programs including basketball, sand volleyball, and a 5k run each session.

Work Day Readies Reservation

On April 6, the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation welcomed more than 150 volunteers to the annual Skilled Trades Work Day. From painting to plumbing, workers helped prepare the reservation for the 2013 camping season. Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual work day.
Naish Ready for Summer Camping Season

A new summer brings new memories to Scouts of all ages at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Whether it’s experiencing something new at camp like the new Disc Golf course in North Meadow, completing the Swimming Merit Badge, or returning to camp as a leader and seeing boys mature into young men, this is going to be a great summer at Naish.

In addition to a new Disc Golf course, you will see more outpost programs this summer. Canoeing and kayaking are returning this year as well as several other new programs your Scouts will surely enjoy.

And we’ve already begun brainstorming ideas for new programs in 2014. What do you want to see at Naish next summer? We want to hear from you to make sure we offer the best program possible for your Scouts.

Trading Post

The Trading Post at Naish is open almost every day during the summer to fulfill your needs. Choose from basic camping gear like water bottles and camp bags to OA beads and shirts to the ever important slushie! Visit us today to check out the newest merchandise we’ve added for the summer. And for your convenience, we will be open Saturdays this fall through mid-November.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

OA Spring Inductions

Spring Inductions this May welcomed more than 2,000 participants to the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Despite the coldest Induction on record and a little bit of snow, attendees at the first spring induction helped prepare the reservation for the summer. The second Induction weekend saw much improved weather and candidates did a great job of completing preparations for camp. Congratulations to the 605 new OA members inducted this spring and the 411 new Brotherhood members of Tamegonit Lodge.

Additional inductions will take place during summer camp and in the fall. For more information, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow.

Vigil Honor Roll

We would like to thank the Vigil Honor members listed below, who have paid their 2013 lodge dues. Due to some unforeseen challenges with database information, this list may not be 100% accurate. If you have paid your dues and were not included in the list below, contact the Council Service Center at (816) 942-9333. To pay your dues online go to www.hoac-bsa.org/resources-oa.

Skilled Trades Work Day

On September 28, hundreds of volunteers will make their way to the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation for the annual Skilled Trades Work Day. Work Day projects include the installation of a boundary fence, staff cabin repairs, and much more. While many of the workers will have a specific trade they are assisting us with, anyone who is interested in helping is encouraged to register. Register online at http://2013naishskilledtradesday092813.kintera.org/.
**BEAR RESIDENT CAMP**

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World**

Limited openings at Bear Resident Camp are still available, but act fast. The first camp session starts on June 14.

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Bear Camp offers activities like outdoor cooking, shooting sports, nature hikes, a pirate-ship water park, and overnight camping. The cost to attend is currently $75. Register online at [http://bearcamp2013.kintera.org/](http://bearcamp2013.kintera.org/). For questions, contact Cheri Williams at cheri.williams@scouting.org or (816) 569-4930.

**WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP**

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

You can still attend Webelos Resident Camp this summer. Sessions start on June 27 and run through early August. Many of our sessions are closed, so call for availability as soon as possible to get your Webelos Den registered for camp.

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

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There's still time to register for Day Camp. Open to all Cub Scouts, including Kindergarten graduates, 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 available at http://daycamp.kintera.org/. The cost to attend Day Camp is now $70. New Cub Scouts are $55.

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

Scouts with Disabilities Day Camp

The 2nd Annual Scouts with Disabilities Cub Scout Day Camp will be held on Saturday, August 10 at Rotary Youth Camp, 22310 Colbern Rd., Lee's Summit, MO. Exclusively for Cub Scouts with disabilities and special needs, there is no charge to attend and all campers will receive a t-shirt, lunch, and snack.

Registration is limited to the first 80 participants. For more information or to register visit http://SWDdaycamp.kintera.org.

Summer Camping Opportunities

Scouts with Disabilities

Rotary Scout Camp
July 18 - July 22 — Rotary Camp, Lee’s Summit, MO.

Cub Scout Day Camp
August 10 — Rotary Camp, Lee’s Summit, MO.

Training Opportunities

Scouts with Disabilities

SWD Advancement Seminar
August 24 — Calvary Baptist Church, Blue Springs, MO.

For more information or for ways to get involved with the Scouts with Disabilities Committee, visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/scouts-with-disabilities.
“Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?” Now Available on iTunes

Did you miss Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout? Not to worry — the National Geographic Channel’s six-episode reality series is now available on iTunes. You can purchase individual episodes in high definition for $2.99 or in standard definition for $1.99. You can also get the entire series for $13.99 in HD or $9.99 in standard definition. The DVD version of the show is still in the works and could be released as early as this summer.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

2013 International Camp Staff

This summer, the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations will welcome three international Scouts to serve as members of the 2013 camp staff. Both Scout Reservations are excited for this opportunity to share a new perspective of Scouting with all our campers this summer.

Mgebrishvili Khatuna
Georgia
Naish Scout Reservation

David Medina
Mexico
Bartle Scout Reservation

John Miles-Craig
Australia
Bartle Scout Reservation

Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet

Open to all Scouts, JOTA/JOTI will take place October 19-20, 2013.

This annual event uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. 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@travelleaders.com.

Messengers of Peace

Launched in September 2011, Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women in more than 220 countries and territories to work toward peace. Using state-of-the-art social media, the initiative lets Scouts from around the world share what they’ve done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities. Visit www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace.aspx for more information.

Garmin Helps Scouts Earn Geocaching Merit Badge

Chilly temperatures couldn’t stop some Kansas Scouts from earning their Geocaching Merit Badge. On May 4, 33 Scouts from Troop 126, Garnett, and Troop 315, Olathe, made their way to the Garmin Headquarters for a lesson in geocaching from the experts. Garmin associates instructed Scouts on geocaching techniques and how to use Garmin’s OpenCaching site. Scouts were taught how to load a geocache on their device, then headed outside to find it. They were also able to check out which caches were close to their homes and schools so they can go geocaching on their own after earning their merit badge.

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From the aquatic adventures of Florida Sea Base to the canoeing or winter camping challenge of Northern Tier, from the backpacking expeditions at Philmont Scout Ranch to the adventure sports programs at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, excitement is waiting for you at a BSA High Adventure Base.

Florida Sea Base
Located in the beautiful Florida Keys, Florida Sea Base offers unparalleled aquatic opportunities for long term and short term programs year round.

Northern Tier
Explore and canoe pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeastern Manitoba.

Philmont Scout Ranch
The Philmont Scout Ranch challenges Scouts with more than 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico wilderness and includes backpacking treks and training opportunities.

Summit Bechtel Reserve
Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, the Summit is the BSA’s newest High Adventure Base and is home to the 2013 National Jamboree.

To learn more or to book your next adventure, visit www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HighAdventure.aspx.

A Closer Look: Northern Tier

4 Seasons — 3 Bases — 2 Countries.... Endless Opportunities

Since 1923, Scouts have been going to Ely, MN to paddle in North America’s Canoe Country. 90 years later, Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs are still offering wilderness adventures with top notch staff and state of the art equipment.

Northern Tier now offers wilderness canoeing expeditions in Northern Minnesota, Northwestern Ontario and Northeastern Manitoba through three canoe bases. Northern Tier is also the Boy Scouts of America’s National Cold Weather Camping Development Center. All trips (summer, autumn and winter) are fully outfitted and provisioned. A highly trained staff member, called an Interpreter, accompanies all crews on their trek.

“When I think of the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota, I think pure, pristine and untouched. This is where I had the good fortune to spend two weeks during my summer. I signed up for a trip to Northern Tier on a chance. A chance that I will never regret for the rest of my life; a chance that has forever changed the way I live. When I first began the program, I was not an avid paddler. I had only paddled a small 10 mile canoe trip with my Boy Scout Troop prior to participating in the program but by the end of the trip, my paddle would just glide through the water effortlessly and in sync with the other person in the canoe.

Would I go back for this same experience again? Absolutely! My trip to Northern Tier taught me a lot about myself and even helped me to understand who I am just a little bit better. I am forever a changed young man for participating and I strongly encourage anyone that has the opportunity, to take advantage of this opportunity!”

— Past Participant – Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

Come be a part of Northern Tier and see why so many have embarked on “Wilderness Adventures that Last a Lifetime.” Reservations are open for Northern Tier’s 2014 season. visit www.ntier.org for more information and to register.

We look forward to seeing you in the North Country!

Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs
PO Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
218-365-4811
www.ntier.org

2013 Council Jamboree Patch Set Now Available

Own a piece of council history with the limited edition Heart of America Council National Jamboree patch set. Limited quantities are now available and may be purchased at the Council Service Center.

2013 Council Jamboree Program Sampling

Programs at the 2013 Jamboree will include but are not limited to the following:

- 3-D Archery
- BMX
- Browne Island Buckskin Games
- Canopy Tours
- Challenge Courses
- Climbing
- Competition Archery
- Conservation Trail
- Exhibits & Displays
- Fly Fishing
- Geocaching
- Highland Games
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Merit Badges
- Military Experience
- Mountain Biking
- Orienteering
- Photography
- Pioneering
- Rappelling
- Rifle Shooting
- Scuba
- Shotgun Shooting
- Skateboarding
- Sporting Arrows
- Sporting Clays
- Swimming
- Technology Quest
- Whitewater Rafting
- (No Minimum Age Requirement)
- Ziplines

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

June/July 2013
Local Scouter Honored with NCCS’s Top Award

On April 14, Fr. Joseph Powers was honored with the Silver St. George Adult Recognition Award, the highest award presented by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Fr. Powers was recognized for his more than 15 years of dedicated service to the Chaplaincy for Region 9 of the NCCS. Fr. Powers has also served as Chaplain for his Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for 23 years.

His service through the Heart of America Council includes Council Religious Emblems Co-coordinator and Executive Board Member. He is an active member of the NCCS Chaplains’ Committee and served as a Chaplain at the 2005 and 2010 BSA National Jamborees.

The Silver St. George Adult Recognition Award is presented to dedicated members of the NCCS who have worked well and diligently for many years at the national level, and whose accomplishments in carrying out the youth-serving mission of NCCS have been especially significant.

Fr. Powers’ other recognitions include the St. George emblem in 1994, Award of Merit in 1997 and the Silver Beaver in 2007. He was also awarded the Catholic Girl Scout’s St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal for his support as Chaplain. He is an Eagle Scout in Troop 283 chartered to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Raytown, MO.

Council Honored with National Marketing Awards

The Heart of America Council has been recognized with two National President’s Awards for Marketing Excellence. The annual awards recognize councils that are doing outstanding work in 9 different marketing categories.

15th Annual National President’s Awards for Marketing Excellence

Best Collateral Material:
Heart of America Council
2012 Scout Day at the K / Sporting Kansas City Scout Night

Best Finance Support Material:
Heart of America Council
2012 Profiles of Scouting Newsletter

For the complete list of award winners, go to www.scouting.org/marketing.

Get Healthy in 2013...Get SCOUTStrong

For more than 100 years, Scouts have taken an oath “To keep myself physically strong.” Now, a new BSA program is putting those words into action.

Designed to encourage an active lifestyle, The SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Challenge is designed to get Scouts and Scouters up and moving.

Participation is easy. Go to http://www.scouting.org/scout-strongpala.aspx to get started.

And starting this year, the SCOUTStrong program will be part of your unit’s Journey to Excellence objectives.

Powder Horn 2013

Camp Naish — September 13 - 15

Powder Horn is a High Adventure resource course designed to introduce adult leaders and older youth to exciting program possibilities. Recognized experts will be brought in as consultants to conduct the course. Whether you are just starting in High Adventure or want to expand your program, this course will give you the tools to succeed.

Go to http://www.hoac-bsa.org/powder-horn for more information or to register.

Adopt-a-School

The BSAs Adopt-a-School Program is connecting packs, troops and crews across the country with schools in their communities. From landscaping and clean-up projects outside the school building to Scouts’ active participation in school events throughout the year — this program is a perfect way for units to give back to their local schools.

Visit http://www.bsaa-adoptaschool.org for ways to get started.
Follow the Council’s 2013 Jamboree Contingent

Follow the fun of this year’s National Jamboree without leaving home. Our official council “Jamboree Correspondents” will be sharing their stories from the new Summit Bechtel Reserve all summer long.

Be on the lookout for updates on our social media channels.

Merit Badge Counselors: The Jamboree Needs You!

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree will provide youth an opportunity to experience several new merit badges in an once-in-a-lifetime setting. You can be a part of that adventure and experience the excitement by serving on the national jamboree staff. More importantly, you may be the person who introduces a Scout to his future through one of these new merit badges:

- Search and Rescue
- Game Design
- Chess
- Welding
- Sustainability

There is still time to attend the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. Visit https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx for more information about registering as a jamboree merit badge counselor.

Second Chance for Wood Badge in 2013

The Heart of America Council is offering a second Wood Badge course September 6-8 and September 27-29 at Camp Naish. This is your opportunity to learn leadership and teambuilding skills that will not only make you a more effective leader, but more importantly, make you a more effective teacher of leadership. Wood Badge is open to all Scouters at every level. Don’t put it off another day, register today at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge.
### Big Muddy
- **Troop 1120**  Justin Howard  Douglas Watson, SM
- **Troop 1243**  Joseph Livingston  Stephen Graver, SM

### Blue Elk
- **Troop 1206**  Brandon Johnson  Kenneth Johnson, SM
- **Troop 1216**  Michael Warnock  Jason Howard, SM
- **Troop 1226**  Brandon Talley  David Lyons Jr, SM
- **Troop 1282**  Douglas Spencer  Scott Howell, SM
- **Troop 1334**  Keifer Kolb  Dwight Fowler, SM
- **Troop 1334**  Shane Lank  Dwight Fowler, SM
- **Troop 1446**  Adam Olsen  Conrad Bell, SM
- **Troop 1603**  Gavin George  Joseph Andrick, SM
- **Troop 1763**  Micah Wheeler  Bryan Richardson, SM
- **Troop 1865**  Harrison Henze  Eric Knipp, SM

### Kaw
- **Troop 3**  Marc Terry  Ryan Rydalch, SM
- **Troop 4**  Jacob Hall  Lloyd Evensen, SM
- **Troop 44**  Dallon Price  Michael King, SM
- **Troop 44**  Daniel Journey  Michael King, SM
- **Troop 165**  Colton Hindman  Nils Erickson, SM

### Lone Bear
- **Troop 1727**  Sean Blum  Michael Abbott, SM

### North Star
- **Troop 1180**  Jonathan Wemhoff  Donald Zeller, SM
- **Troop 1214**  Christopher Brizendine  Gerard Coday, SM
- **Troop 1214**  Darrin Arnold  Gerard Coday, SM
- **Troop 1249**  Eric Rosewicz  James Barber, SM
- **Troop 1260**  Taylor Parks  Michael Webb, SM
- **Troop 1271**  Nathaniel Campbell  Mark Folsom, SM
- **Troop 1320**  Jacob Shipley  William Watt, SM
- **Troop 1394**  Parker Wrigley  Richard Bayless, SM
- **Troop 1702**  John Call  Scott Moser, SM

### Northern Tier
- **Troop 91**  William Atha  Todd Martin, SM
- **Troop 192**  William Skrukrud  Alan Clark, SM
- **Troop 199**  Truman Peters  Allen Perkins, SM
- **Troop 358**  Jarrett Hale  Lee Schneider, SM
- **Troop 394**  Zachary St. Clair  Richard Galbraith, SM

### Pelathe
- **Troop 59**  Dustin Hauptman  Eric Caldwell, SM

### Pioneer Trails
- **Troop 1056**  Reginald McGee  Andre Sidney, SM
- **Troop 1084**  Benjamin McCausland  Douglas Warrens, SM
- **Troop 1084**  Robert Evans  Douglas Warrens, SM
- **Troop 1118**  Harrison Oest  Craig Watz, SM
- **Troop 1118**  Jack Leslie  Craig Watz, SM
- **Troop 1118**  Patrick Bauman  Craig Watz, SM

### Red-Tailed Hawk
- **Troop 85**  Andrew Luthye  Jeffrey Wandtke, SM
- **Troop 201**  Alexander Ohler  Rolle Edmondson III, SM
- **Troop 218**  Alexander Wagoner  John Perkins, SM
- **Troop 222**  Andrew Romisch  Bradley Fountain, SM
- **Troop 222**  Domenick Adinolfi  Bradley Fountain, SM
- **Troop 425**  Rigel Bales-Woods  Gary Hazeltine, SM
- **Troop 459**  Benjamin Brown  Richard Ogden, SM
- **Troop 459**  Jackson Doherty  Richard Ogden, SM

### Thunderbird
- **Troop 1032**  Andrew Peveler  Dan Barnes, SM
- **Troop 1032**  You Xing Yang  Dan Barnes, SM
- **Troop 1042**  James Lawlor III  Jay DeHardt, SM
- **Troop 1042**  Nicholas Glorioso  Jay DeHardt, SM
- **Troop 1220**  Andrew Tippin  Jerry Marlin, SM
- **Troop 1220**  Samuel Smith  Jerry Marlin, SM
- **Troop 1220**  Brandon Lane  Jerry Marlin, SM
- **Troop 1251**  Riley Hartley  Robert Johnson, SM
- **Troop 1264**  Samuel Little  Mark Dunning, SM

### Trailhead
- **Troop 10**  Sean Finn  D Shropshire, SM
- **Troop 10**  Sean Tudas  D Shropshire, SM
- **Troop 10**  Cole Christenson  D Shropshire, SM
- **Troop 117**  Adam Singer  David Harwood, SM
- **Troop 117**  Adam Schow  David Harwood, SM
- **Troop 257**  Adam Johnson  Jeff Johnson, SM
- **Troop 257**  Justin Reis-Henrie  Jeff Johnson, SM
- **Troop 282**  Matthew Horner  Joe Poskin, SM
- **Troop 387**  Tyler Benschoter  Eugene Bellner, SM
- **Troop 387**  Connor Borgmier  Eugene Bellner, SM
- **Troop 387**  Frank Brandt  Eugene Bellner, SM
- **Troop 387**  Robert Haskin III  Eugene Bellner, SM
- **Troop 395**  Andrew Buskirk  Patrick Mason, SM
- **Troop 395**  Brian Tornquist  Patrick Mason, SM
- **Troop 395**  Patrick Doyle  Patrick Mason, SM
- **Troop 396**  Charles Weiler  Patrick Farrington, SM
- **Troop 483**  Nathaniel Dorr  Byron Long, SM
- **Troop 1061**  Nathan Mendel  Steven Kohn, SM

### Trails West
- **Troop 83**  Nicholas Milberger  Kevin Bing, SM
- **Troop 86**  Connor Emory  Fredrick Miller II, SM
- **Troop 186**  Connor Lynn  Thomas Hart, SM
- **Troop 401**  Wyatt Fillmore  Kirk Horner, SM
- **Troop 401**  Cole Gray  Kirk Horner, SM
- **Troop 487**  Benjamin Rohrbaugh  Anthony Jackowski Jr, SM
- **Troop 487**  Marcus Pepperdine  Anthony Jackowski Jr, SM
Lexington Battlefield Invaded by Scouts for a Good Cause

On April 6, more than 25 Big Muddy Scouts made their way to the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site to give back to the community of Lexington. The district’s community service project included the planting of shrubs, repairing split rail fencing, hauling away brush, and picking up trash around the historic landmark. Thank you to everyone who helped make a difference in our community.

Investment in Character

Thank you to all of the generous supporters of the annual Investment in Character Campaign. Your support ensures that the district remains financially responsible. It also helps us continue to support the large number of requests for camperships and financial assistance.

Congratulations to the following units for reaching their 2013 Investment in Character Campaign goals: 4453, 4324, 4286, 4243, 1318, 1120, 1713. Since they have hit their goals, they will be able to take advantage of free rank advancement offered through the Kansas City Scout Shop.

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Catfish Tournament

Thank you to everyone who supported the Big Muddy District Catfish Tournament on May 18. All in attendance had a great time and agree that at the end of the day, local Scouting was the real winner. Special thanks to all of this year’s participants and the community of Waverly.

Scouting Outreach

Scouting is a way for us to reach out in our community. There are many youth out there that without Scouting may never get the opportunity to experience many of the life lessons and values that are taught through this great program. Think about the ways that Scouting has impacted you and your community, maybe through your church, civic organization, or youth group. Let your executive know how we can better serve our communities through increased visibility and by offering more programs to the youth in our area.

Want to be featured in Adventures in Scouting?

If you have a great program, or an outstanding youth in your program, send your story to your executive and get them featured in future issues of Adventures in Scouting.
Scouts “Do Good Turn” for Blue Springs Parks and Recreation Department

By Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk Public Relations Chair

The Blue Springs Parks and Recreation Department received a “Good Turn” on Saturday, April 13 during the Blue Elk District Community Service Day at Wilber Young Disc Golf Park. Scouts from Independence and Blue Springs completed trail maintenance during the annual event.

The project was suggested by Parks Superintendent Randy Cooper when he was approached by Community Service Day organizer Kerry DeHaan. Mr. DeHaan was pleased with the turnout, felt it was the perfect project for the Scouts, and was grateful for the equipment loaned by Bledsoe Rentals.

The annual event is based on two principles of Scouting, the third point of the Scout Law “a Scout is helpful”, and the Scout Slogan “Do a Good Turn Daily.”

Tyler D. and Jase T., Troop 692, do their Good Turn on April 13.

Don’t miss this hands-on opportunity to put some of the knowledge you’ve acquired in Scouting to use. Camporee will be held October 5-6, 2013 at The American Legion Farm in Blue Springs, MO.

Cub Scouts Prepare for a “Jungle Adventure”

It’s not too late to register for Day Camp! 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. Registration is only $70.00 per Scout to attend camp if he is registered before the start of camp. The cost to register on-site during the week of camp is $75.00. All new Cub Scouts, regardless of rank, are $55.00 to attend camp.

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

Blue Elk Units Soar Past Family Investment in Character Goal

Thank you to all of the families and friends of the Blue Elk District who made a pledge to the Family Investment in Character campaign this year. Congratulations to the following units, who at the time of this publication, have met their IIC goal for the year:

Packs — 4146, 4178, 4228, 4229, 4246, 4282, 4310, 4312, 4362, 4446, 4546, 4603, 4604, 4692
Troops — 1203, 1206, 1221, 1246, 1282, 1306, 1310, 1346, 1381, 1383, 1446, 1603, 1764, 1946

To inquire about your unit’s Investment in Character goal or your unit’s progress for 2013 please contact Ross Schaffer at ross.schaffer@scouting.org or (816) 569-4926.
**Exploring Officers**

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**2013 Investment in Character**

101.5%

**June**

- **8** Law Enforcement Challenge Division Event
  - Overland Park Training Center, 12401 Hemlock St., Overland Park, KS
- **20** Division Committee Meeting, 12:00 pm
  - Heart of America Council, 10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

**July**

- **25** Division Cluster Break Out Meeting, 6:00 pm
  - Heart of America Council, 10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

**August**

- **1** Fall Fiesta Division Event, 6:00 pm
  - Heart of America Council, 10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO
- **15** Division Committee Meeting, 12:00 pm
  - Heart of America Council, 10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

**October**

- **17** Division Committee Meeting, 12:00 pm
  - Heart of America Council, 10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

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**Cupcakes and Connections — A Great Way to Network**

On May 29, Explorer Post leaders and high school career counselors gathered for the first ever “Cupcakes and Connections” at Truman Medical Center Lakewood. The goal behind the gathering was to facilitate a fun and informative forum between Explorers and counselors to discuss the challenges both groups face. From great discussions to great cupcakes, all participants enjoyed the first time event.

**Exploring Division Law Enforcement Challenge**

The 4th Annual Law Enforcement Challenge takes place June 8. Special thanks to the Overland Park Police Department for hosting this year’s Challenge at their training center. Participants will experience hands-on demonstrations on everything from fingerprinting to traffic stops. Be on the lookout for Challenge winners in the August-September issue of Adventures in Scouting.

**Explorer Post Training**

All Post Leaders are required to complete Youth Protection and Adult Leader Training to be a registered leader. Units have been given upon request a training cd for their convenience. Go to [http://www.learningforlife.org/adult_explorer/adult_explorer.html](http://www.learningforlife.org/adult_explorer/adult_explorer.html) to access the online training portal.

**Contact Us**

Your post is important to us. While we visit with all advisors regularly, we are available to address your needs and concerns as they arise. For updated Exploring information and resources contact Lisa R Thomas, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569-4972 or Lisa.Thomas@LFLmail.org.

**Save the Date**

**Fall Fiesta 2013**

- **August 1**
  - 7:00 pm
  - Heart of America Council Service Center

**RSVP by July 25**

**Exploring Division Cluster Break Outs, 6:00 pm**

- Heart of America Council, 10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

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Photos from 2012 Law Enforcement Challenge
**Frontier Officers**

- **District Vice Chair** Jim Shetlar (913) 579-2539
- **District Vice Chair** James Vacas (816) 719-4969
- **District Commissioner** Doug Roberts (816) 453-8401
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- **Camping Co-Chairs** Gary Williams/Bob Coates (816) 916-5557
  (816) 898-1949
- **Membership/Relationships Co-Chairs** Jeremy Rutledge/Rev. Keith Cordier (913) 766-1907
  (816) 966-1114
- **Activities & Civic Service Chair** Chris Cullum (816) 308-5330
- **District Director** Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967
- **Senior District Executive** Khary Floyd (816) 569-4965
- **District Executive** Andrea Watts (816) 569-4947

**June**

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

- **14** Urban Scouting BBQ, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
  Barney Allis Plaza, 12 St. and Wyandotte Ave.,
  Kansas City, MO

**July**

- **3** District committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
  Heart of America Council Service Center,
  10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

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

Get ready for Kansas City’s finest BBQ. Save the date for the Heart of America Council’s 16th Annual Urban Scouting BBQ on Friday, June 14. The BBQ will be held from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Barney Allis Plaza in downtown Kansas City, MO.

This year’s event will be catered by Plowboys BBQ, the 2009 American Royal Invitational Champions.

Within the competition BBQ arena, they are known as the “Pork Pullin Plowboys.”

Tickets to attend are $10 per person and include a pulled pork sandwich, pit beans, chips, and a drink. The Urban BBQ benefits Scouts in Kansas City’s urban core. 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. One thousand people are expected to attend, and this event will be open to the public.

For more information or for ways you can help, contact Khary Floyd at (816) 569-4965 or khary.floyd@scouting.org.
Congratulations to the following units who hit their unit goal for the family Campaign:

- Troop 3, 133, 176, 149, 173, 165
- Pack 3075, 3164, 3003, 3004, 3174
- Crew 2149

This year’s Kaw family goal is $29,250. For information on how your unit did with the Investment in Character campaign, contact Nils Erickson at nils.erickson@us.army.mil or Jose Romero at (816) 569-4973 or jose.romero@scouting.org.

Memorial Day Tribute

Thank you to all of the Scouting units that participated in this year’s Memorial Day Flag Placement Ceremony. More than 1,200 Scouts placed flags on more than 31,000 graves at the VA National Cemetery in Leavenworth, KS.

There’s Still Time to Register for Day Camp

If your pack has not registered for Day Camp, there’s still time. Day Camp will be held June 17 – 21 at Camp Naish. Our new Camp Directors have planned an exciting new program for this summer that includes an egg drop, visit from the KCK police and fire departments, and a day at Cub World.

Don’t let your pack miss out on this exciting “Jungle Adventure” at Day Camp. For more information visit www.kawdaycamp.com.

Investment in Character Campaign

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.

2013 Investment in Character

- Cub Scout: 75.5%
- Boy Scout: 35.5%
- Venturing: 26.8%

2013 Camping

- Cub Scout: 35.5%
- Boy Scout: 26.8%

June

- 6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  Bonner Springs United Methodist Church,
  405 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS
- 6 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
  LDS Church,
  8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS
- 13 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
  LDS Church,
  8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS
- 17-21 Day Camp
  Camp Naish, Bonner Springs, KS

July

- 9 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  LDS Church,
  8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS
Lone Bear Officers

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Investment in Character

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the 2013 Investment in Character Campaign. As we head into the summer, we are on track to wrap up the campaign by June 30. If you have not made a contribution and are able to help the district reach goal, please contact Jerry Post at jpost64093@yahoo.com. A BIG Thanks to Jerry Post, Hurley Mahan, all of our Family Presenters, and Community Workers. Without your dedication and help we could not have a successful campaign.

School Night Kick-off

We kicked off our School Night for Scouting Recruitment Campaign earlier this year to ensure plenty of time to prep for a successful Fall Recruitment. If you were unable to attend the first Kick-off night on May 23, plan to attend on June 4 at 7:00 pm at the Clinton Scout Building. At this important meeting we will be discussing the fall plan and all of the resources available to have a successful membership recruitment campaign.

Each pack should designate a Membership Recruitment Chair to lead the effort for your pack. Please contact Ron Reed, District School Night Chair, with the contact information for your Recruitment Chair. You can reach Ron at Ron30r_6@yahoo.com.

Day Camp 2013

Cub Scouts will not want to miss the Lone Bear “Jungle Adventure” Day Camp, June 10-14 at Artesian Park in Clinton. Activities include swimming, archery, BB guns, crafts, games, and much more! For more information, visit the Day Camp web page at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/lone-bear-day-camp or contact Kathy Cooper, Camp Director, at kcooper1232@gmail.com.

Spring Camporee Recap

Thanks to Jon Cerda and the entire Spring Camporee staff for putting on an exciting event on April 19-21 at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. After Scouts survived a mock plane crash, they used their survival skills they learned at the Fall Camporee to survive in the wilderness. 150 Scouts attended and worked towards their Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

2013 Investment in Character

Cub Scout: 70.9%  
Boy Scout: 63.4%
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Senior District Executive Rob Gilkerson      (816) 569-4913

2013 Investment in Character  85.5%
2013 Camping

Cub Scout:  75.0%
Boy Scout:  68.6%

North Star Scouts Give Back

Thank you to everyone who participated in the North Star District Community Service Day at Earnest Shep-herd Youth Camp on April 20. More than 75 Scouts and Scout families put in more than 240 hours of service. From Tiger Cubs to adults, everyone pitched in and worked hard with a cheerful attitude. Upon completion, participants were treated to lunch provided by the Liberty North Price Chopper and the Liberty Hy-Vee.

Hours completed during this service project and any others should be entered on the Journey to Excellence website at https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx.

Fall Recruitment 2013

The North Star District is getting a head start on fall recruitment. At the June Roundtable, there will be a special presentation on the fall recruitment program. We will be ramping up with a new recruiting method, and will be getting every leader on-board. Be sure to attend the June Roundtable to learn about the new plans that will help you succeed this fall.

Webelos at Bartle

Attention Scoutmasters and Cubmasters. All 2nd year Webelos are invited to attend one of the Visitor’s Days at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation this summer. Scoutmasters and Cubmasters are encouraged to contact Webelos Scouts and invite them to attend.

While at Bartle, Webelos will get to experience what goes on at summer camp. Showing these Webelos what they will be doing next summer is critical in keeping them in the Scouting program.

This is the first of many events in the new Webelos Retention Assurance Program or WRAP. The goal of this program is to teach youth that Scouting is not just another extra-curricular activity, but an important step in character and leadership development.

For more information contact John Pileggi at (816) 453-3020.

“Royal” Welcome for North Star Troop

On April 13, Boy Scout Troop 357 took center stage in Omaha, NE. The troop attended the Omaha Storm Chasers baseball game, a Triple-A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals. While there, Kasey E., Evan T., Carson H., Andrew H., and Evan B., presented the colors as part of the opening ceremony.

The Storm Chasers have invited Troop 357 back to do the color guard any time they want. What a wonderful way to represent Scouting and the Internationally Famous North Star District!
**Northern Tier Officers**

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**2013 Investment in Character**

- **2013 Investment in Character Campaign**: 105.6%
- **2013 Camping**
  - **Cub Scout**: 70.3%
  - **Boy Scout**: 63.3%

**June**

- **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  - Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd., Shawnee, KS

- **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm**
  - Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

- **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  - Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS
  - Merit Badge Counselor Training, OA Chapter 13 Meeting, Eagle Book Review

- **School Night for Scouting Kick-off (at Roundtable), 7:00 pm**
  - Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

**July**

- **No District Events**

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**Community Service Day**

Nearly 70 Northern Tier Scouts were at Shawnee Riverfront Park on April 20 to help clean up the property, giving back a total of 102 hours of community service! Thanks to the units who helped clean the park:

- **Packs**: 3054, 3080, 3127, 3247, 3249, 3269, 3351, 3751, 3851
- **Troops**: 93, 185, 451

A big thank you goes out to Brian Marincovich who did a great job coordinating the event for the District.

**Day Camp 2013**

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

Registration is $70 per Scout, with newly registered Scouts being $55.

In order to provide a wonderful camp, we need adult volunteers from your pack to serve on staff. Please 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.coyle@gmail.com.

**NT First to Achieve Investment in Character Goal**

The Northern Tier District is the first district out of the 13 in Heart of America Council to achieve the 2013 Investment in Character Campaign goal. This is a huge accomplishment. We have invested a total of $86,950 to put towards making the Scouting program even better.

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**School Night for Scouting Kick-Off**

We will be kicking off our School Night for Scouting Campaign earlier this year to ensure plenty of time to prep for a successful Fall Recruitment.

Each pack will need to designate a membership chair to take the lead on your pack's recruitment efforts. They will need to attend one of the following meetings.

**School Night Kick-off #1**
- June Roundtable, Thursday, June 6, 7:00 pm

**School Night Kick-off #2**
- August Roundtable, Thursday, August 1, 7:00 pm

Please report your pack membership chair’s contact info to NT School Night Chair, Jenna Bentrop at jenna.bentrop@scouting.org.

**Pack 3294 Egg Drop**

Pack 3294, Highlands Elementary, held an extra special pack meeting thanks to firefighters from CFD2. Firefighters assisted the pack with their annual Egg Drop, launching the Scouts’ creations from a basket truck outside of the elementary school.
2013 Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic

The date is August 26, Lawrence Country Club is the course, and KU Basketball Coach Bill Self has graciously agreed to serve as our honorary chairman and celebrity golfer. This tournament has a long history of Scouting support. Derek Bailey of Lawrence Bank and his committee are hard at work recruiting more than 28 teams to enjoy a day of golf while raising more than $17,000 to support Scouting in the Pelathe District and the Heart of America Council.

Congratulations to Scouting for Food Chairman, John Scott, and everyone involved. This year’s drive collected more than 10,000 cans that will help stock food pantries in each of our communities.

Popcorn Sale Kicks-off this Fall

New products! New flavors! District Popcorn Kernels Natalie Isenberg and Christen Scott are planning for an exciting Trails End Popcorn sale in 2013. Select your unit kernal, set your unit and Scout sales goals, set the date for your unit kickoff and plan to attend the district Popcorn Kickoff this August. The district kickoff will educate you about this year’s incentive program and the additions to the product line up. The Trails End Popcorn Sale is a great way for Scouts to earn money needed for Scouting activities and to support the camping facilities of the Heart of America Council.

Day Camp 2013

It’s not too late to attend. Amy Isenberg and Christen Scott are planning a “Jungle Adventure” for the 2013 Cub Scout Day Camp. Camp will be held June 3-6 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Contact Amy for more information at amy@sway.org.

Find us on Facebook

We want you to be a fan! Find our page by searching Facebook for “Pelathe District, HOAC, BSA.”

Investment in Character

Congratulations to Keith Wood, Family Investment in Character Chairman, Dale Denning, Community Investment in Character Chairman, and their workers for an outstanding 2013 campaign. The Pelathe District faced a challenging combined goal of $43,500. Thank you to Scouting families, as well as the individuals and businesses that generously support Scouting in the Pelathe District and the Heart of America Council.

Scouting For Food

2013 marked the 26th anniversary of Scouting for Food in the Pelathe District. Each year, more food is collected and more Scouts participate. This year our community good turn project increased the number of cans collected in each of our Lawrence, Eudora and Baldwin City communities.

Monthly Achievements

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Investment in Character

We are finishing up the District Investment in Character Campaign. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to donate this year. If you haven’t had the opportunity to make a pledge, contact Mike Farrell at michael.farrell@scouting.org or (816) 569-4950. We are also looking towards our 2014 campaign. Contact Mike to schedule a presentation at your 2014 Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor.

Cub Scout Summer Camping Opportunities

It’s summer time and that means it’s time for summer camp. The Heart of America Council has some of the best Cub Scout camping facilities in the country and now is the time to plan your summer adventure. Choose from our many camping programs and “Get Out and Get Camping” this summer.

- **Bear Resident Camp:** Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, Cub World — 2-days/1-night — sessions still available
- **Webelos Resident Camp:** Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — 3-days/2-nights — sessions still available
- **Pioneer Trails Day Camp:** July 8-11, Longview Lake Group Camping Area

Visit www.scoutcamping.org for more information on summer camping opportunities.

Fall Recruitment

With all this talk about camp, we can’t forget about School Night for Scouting. The fall is quickly approaching and the Pioneer Trails School Night Orientation & Kickoff will be held at the June Roundtable. We are finished with our superintendent visits and are now meeting with principals to make sure that we have the dates set for Boy Talks and School Nights. If you have any questions please contact Mike Farrell at (816) 569-4950.
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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

Total Volunteer hours: 1,730

2013 Camping

Cub Scout: 325 Scouts 76.9%
Boy Scout: 278 Adults 58.4%

June

6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
College Church of the Nazarene, 2020 E. Sheridan, Olathe, KS
Includes OA Chapter Meeting & Eagle Scout Project Reviews

17-21 Day Camp
Old Lake Olathe Golf Course, 2300 Golf Course Rd., Olathe, KS

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

9 Venturing Leader Specific Training, 8:30 am
First Baptist Church, 2024 E. 151 St., Olathe, KS

Welcome to the Jungle!

It’s not too late to register for Day Camp. Camp Directors Doug Westerhaus and Mike Domer have been busy planning an exciting week for your Cub Scouts. BB Guns, archery, crafts, and a water slide are some of the fun things to do at camp. It is only $70.00 per Scout to attend camp if he is registered before the start of camp. The cost to register on-site during the week of camp is $75.00. All new Cub Scouts, regardless of rank, are $55.00 to attend camp.

Community Day of Service “Tremendously Productive”

On April 13, Red-Tailed Hawk Scouts and leaders gave back to the city of Olathe through a series of community service projects. The district-wide Community Day of Service included projects ranging from landscaping to trash pick-up to painting.

Welcome to the Jungle!

Visit our district Day Camp page http://www.hoac-bsa.org/red-tailed-hawk-day-camp for more information.

Red-Tailed Hawk Soars Past Family Investment in Character Goal

Thank you to all of the families and friends of the Red-Tailed Hawk district who made a pledge to the Family Investment in Character campaign this year. Because of your support, the Red-Tailed Hawk District met and exceeded our goal of $92,500 in pledges for the Family campaign. Special thanks to Jeff Oprisu, Family Investment in Character Chair, and all the presenters for their countless hours of dedication and hard work to meet our goal. Congratulations to the following units, who at the time of this publication, have met their IIC goal for the year.

Packs — 3102, 3200, 3476, 3030, 3218, 3783, 3785
Troops — 289, 785, 783, 122, 342, 412, 225, 783, 785
Crews — 2085, 2783, 2785
Teams — 6783, 6785

To inquire about your unit’s Investment in Character goal contact Nick Traxler at nick.traxler@scouting.org or (816) 569-4969.

RTH Eagle Scout Honored for Heroism

At his Eagle Court of Honor on May 6, Nathan King, Spring Hill Troop 289, received special recognition for his quick thinking, leadership and first aid skills that contributed to saving a man’s sight and minimizing permanent injuries. When Nathan was on a FFA field trip in April 2011, he was the youngest of 3 boys that heard an explosion in a nearby maintenance yard. The boys ran to investigate and found that a battery had exploded and a highway worker had been splashed with acid. Not able to see, Nathan and the boys led the worker to a water hydrant to flush his eyes and face and then led him to the office where an ambulance was called. The victim’s injuries had been minimized by the boys’ quick actions. Although Nathan was the youngest of those on hand, he knew what to do and took action. At the time, he was a Life Scout and one of his first merit badges was First Aid.
July

*No District Events

Community Service Day

On April 20, 96 Thunderbird Scouts participated in the District Service Day at Lake Jacomo by clearing several trails and repairing a foot bridge. Together they completed 576 hours of community service. Thank you to Pete Zibers and Gary Guider for coordinating this year's project.

School Night for Scouting Kick-Off

We will be kicking off our School Night for Scouting Campaign earlier this year to ensure plenty of time to prep for a successful Fall Recruitment!

Each pack will need to designate a membership chair to take the lead on your pack's recruitment efforts and attend the district's School Night Kickoff.

School Night Kickoff

June Roundtable, Tuesday, June 4
7:00 pm
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Save the Dates for Fall Camping

Cub Family Campout

- **Who:** Cub Scouts and their families
- **What:** Food, games, monkey bridges, a campfire and more
- **When:** October 4-5, 2013
- **Where:** Unity Village

Camporee

- **Who:** Boy Scouts
- **What:** Emergency Preparedness Instruction & Experience
- **When:** October 11-13, 2013
- **Where:** Blue & Gray Park, Lone Jack, MO

Unit Spotlight

Troop 1240 from Harrisonville, MO got to have hands on experience making knives thanks to Lyle Schow from LD Knives. The scouts walked away with something they made with their own hands. The adults had just as much fun. The troop has grown 60% this year thanks to great leadership and an active program.

2013 Investment in Character

- **Cub Scout:** 65.0%
- **Boy Scout:** 75.7%
- **Overall:** 97.9%

2013 Camping

- **Cub Scout:** 97.9%
- **Boy Scout:** 65.0%

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Day Camp 2013

Register now! The “Jungle Adventure” is June 24-28 at Jerry Smith Park. All newly registered Scouts are $55 regardless of age. Visit www.scoutcamping.org for more information or to register.
**District Information**

**June**

- **3-7** Trailhead District Day Camp  
  Shawnee Riverfront Park
- **6** Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
  Emanuel Baptist Church,  
  10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS
- **6** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
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- **13** District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  
  Emanuel Baptist Church,  
  10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

**July**

*No District Events*

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](http://hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead.aspx).

**School Night for Scouting**

Get geared up for the fall! Now is the time to make sure your program and leadership is in place and ready to go. A well planned program is the key to keeping kids involved. By now, you should know when your School Night Recruitment date is. Stay in touch with our Fall Recruitment Chairman, Paul Moore, to make sure your recruitment is successful. You can contact Paul at (816) 215-4455 or ptmoore@gmail.com.

**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
- 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 at [www.scoutcamping.org](http://www.scoutcamping.org).

**Summertime Pack Award**

Scouting is year-round. The Summertime Pack Award is an easy and great way to keep kids involved in Scouting throughout the summer. One simple activity a month qualifies your den and pack for this award. Camp counts and so does your “back to the pack event” in August. Check it out online at [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf).

**Ideal Year of Scouting**

The Ideal Year of Scouting (IYOS) is an important tool for all units. The IYOS program helps the unit plan its yearly program. As Scouts we use a map, compass, or GPS to find our way. IYOS is the unit’s GPS to find its way during the Scouting year. IYOS is an orderly, simple progression of steps that help the unit plan, budget, and implement the ideal year. Look for resources online at [www.hoac-bsa.org/idealyearofscouting](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/idealyearofscouting).

**Popcorn**

Once you complete your “Ideal Year of Scouting” planning, you’ll have your fundraising goal. Popcorn is an easy and risk free way to earn funds quickly. It helps the council and it helps you. Keep a look out for some fun and new flavors in 2013.

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**2013 Investment in Character**

Cub Scout: 59.8%

Boy Scout: 69.0%

**2013 Camping**

Cub Scout: 76.4%

Boy Scout: 69.0%

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July

*No District Events

School Night for Scouting

Before your Pack heads to camp, make sure you’re ready for the fall. The 2013 School Night for Scouting Campaign is right around the corner. In order to set the stage for another successful fall, all packs have been asked to identify a Pack School Night for Scouting Representative. This person will serve as the liaison between your pack and the district to ensure your School Night goes off without a hitch. The June 6 Roundtable will serve as the School Night Kickoff for the district. All packs need to have their pack representatives attend the kickoff. New information and plans for the fall will be presented.

Webelo-Ree-Cap

Thank you to the Scouts and Scouters who braved the wind and rain at Webelo-Ree 2013. Nothing could dampen spirits as Scouts competed in activities like firebuilding, archery, cooking, water rockets, and more. Thank you to Troops 83, 136, and 487 for staffing this great event. Also, thank you to the Olathe Fire Department for a special visit and program.

Mark your calendars for April 27-28 and Webelo-Ree 2014.

**District Community Day of Service**

Trails West Scouts and Scouters gave back to their communities on April 20. Over 347 participants contributed an estimated 1,060 hours of community service. Projects took place at Black Hoof Park in Lenexa, Cedar Lake in Olathe, and the Gardner Greenway in Gardner. Tasks completed included trash and trail clean-up, mulching, and landscaping. A big thank you also goes out to the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, and Gardner for their leadership of this event.

**IIC Goal Achieved**

Congratulations to Packs 3095, 3180, 3369, 3808; Troops 83, 108, 401; and Crew 2286 for achieving their 2013 Investment in Character goal. These units have earned free rank advancement through March 31, 2014.
“Jungle Adventure” Cub Scout Day Camp

Join us for a Day Camp “Jungle Adventure” at the Miami County Fairgrounds June 3-6. Registration is still available at www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TwinRivers/DayCamp.aspx

District Community Service Day

Hundreds of Scouts and volunteers gave back to our community on April 20. The Twin Rivers Community Service Day involved work with the E-recycling program put on by the Rotary Club in Louisburg, KS. Scouts collected items to be recycled from throughout the community. Thank you to Louisburg Boy Scout Troop 101 for assisting with this successful event.

Cub Scout Fall Recruitment

Now is the time to get ready for School Night, our annual fall recruitment campaign. Mark your calendars to attend the Fall District School Night Rally on August 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Paola. The evening will start at 6:00 pm with a fish fry followed by the kickoff meeting at 7:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share for dinner. Each pack will need to have a representative present to receive all the details on the School Night campaign.

Don't forget to contact incoming first grade families over the summer months. Send emails, make phone calls or just talk to families about joining the fun of Cub Scouts.

2013 Investment in Character Campaign

Thank you for all your efforts in helping us reach our 2013 campaign goal. If you would still like to contribute, contact John Hobbs at john.hobbs@scouting.org. Thanks to Curtis Gibson, our Family Campaign Chairman, for organizing a successful campaign.

Time to Get Popping

Would you like to offer a way for your Scouts to be able to have no out of pocket expenses for Scouting, including paying for camp? The Trails End Popcorn sale is your way to do this. Sign your unit up to sell popcorn by June 15 with Kelly Daggett at Osawatomiepack3099@hotmail.com, and plan on attending the popcorn orientation meeting this fall. Watch for the date, time and location.

Find us on Facebook

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

2013 Camping

Cub Scout: 63.3%
Boy Scout: 36.1%

2013 Investment in Character

73.9%
New Rewards... New Flavors

From new incentives to new products, this year’s popcorn sale is bigger and better than ever.

2013 Popcorn Sale

Turn to page 6 to find out why changes to the 2013 Popcorn Sale will have your Scouts selling for sure.

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