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Local Scouts visit Kandersteg International Scout Center in Switzerland.
**On My Honor, I Will Do My Duty to God . . .**

During the summer I enjoy attending the various religious services at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Did you know that each Sunday religious services are offered on the Reservation for: Protestant, Catholic, Episcopal, Jewish and Community of Christ denominations? One Sunday, my wife and I attended the Catholic Service — I think we were the only Presbyterians in attendance. As we sat there worshipping God with 500 other Scouts and leaders it struck me that at that moment there were nearly 2,000 other Scouts and leaders attending a religious service on the Reservation. I cannot think of a better location to allow our Scouts and leaders to worship God in an outdoor setting.

Sunday religious services are a part of the traditions at the Bartle Scout Reservation. One leader put it to me like this, “I don’t tell my Scouts what church service to attend while they are at camp, but I do expect them to attend.” Participate in any of the religious services at camp and you will see our Scouts cleaned up and in their full uniform. What a great example to set for others to follow.

A founding principal of the Boy Scouts has always been about “Duty to God”. The Boy Scout Handbook defines Duty to God as: "Your family and religious leaders teach you about God and the ways you can serve. You can do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings and by defending the rights of others to practice their own beliefs."

Whether it is at Scout camp or on a troop outing, do you make “Duty to God” a part of your annual program? Do you celebrate Scout Sunday each February? How about supporting and encouraging your Scouts to work on their religious awards?

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God . . .

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

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COUNCIL NEWS

School Night for Scouting 2013

Back to school means back to Scouting. From August to October thousands of new youth will join the fun of Scouting at a School Night for Scouting. School Nights will take place at every elementary school in the council in an effort to…

ENROLL new Scouts into existing units
ENLIST parent participation in the Scouting program
ORGANIZE new dens and units to facilitate youth who want to join

School Night Packets are Back
Back by popular demand, all new families who attend School Night will receive the 2013 New Parent Welcome Packet which includes…

- Parent Orientation Guide
- Popcorn Sales Guide
- Boys’ Life Mini-Magazine
- Cub Scout Family Campout Flier
- Youth and Adult Application
- Family Talent Survey

School Night Packets are Back

New School Night T-Shirts
Add even more excitement to your recruitment night with the official School Night for Scouting t-shirt. Here’s how it works. Every youth that joins at your School Night will receive this limited edition t-shirt free of charge. In order to qualify the Scout must turn in a completed application, with fees, at School Night.

Packs can also purchase additional School Night t-shirts!
Download the order form at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources

Special thanks to this year’s School Night for Scouting t-shirt incentive sponsors

2013 Cub Scout Family Campouts
Cub Scout Family Campouts are a great way for boys and their families to kick-off the Cub Scout year with a fun outdoor event. With games and activities designed for the whole family, this is a perfect opportunity to introduce your newly recruited members to the fun of Scouting. Each district will hold a Cub Scout Family Campout this fall. Turn to your district’s page later in this issue or visit KCscouting.org to find the Cub Scout Family Campout in your area.

So, what can your pack do to prepare? Here are a few helpful hints to ensure a successful recruitment campaign.

Plan Your Ideal Year of Scouting:
1. Create an annual program plan
2. Tie that plan to a budget
3. Communicate that plan to your Scouting families

Have a Marketing Plan: Get the word out about your School Night! Choose at least seven methods from our proven “Top 40” marketing techniques. Utilize marketing materials like fliers, posters, and yard signs provided at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources.

Multiple Recruiting Opportunities: Give families multiple opportunities to join. Conduct a recruitment event in August (School Night) as well as September and October.

Select 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.

Looking for more recruitment resources? Contact your district executive or visit www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources.

Now that you’re ready to recruit, be sure to plan your Ideal Year of Scouting with our new program guides. Inside you’ll find everything from 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.

March in the 2013 American Royal Parade

Join more than 2,000 Scouts and Scout leaders on September 28 in the American Royal Parade’s largest group entry. There is no cost to attend, but all participants must pre-register. Those who register by September 9 will receive the commemorative 2013 American Royal Parade Scout Patch. Register today at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/american-royal.

*Specific parade details including drop-off and pick-up locations will be emailed to all individuals who register online with a valid email address approximately one to two weeks prior to the parade.

New in 2013, the official parade patch will be designed by one lucky Scout. Any youth Scout may submit a patch design for this event. All entries must be received by August 15 and the winning designer will receive a $40 gift certificate to the Kansas City Scout Shop. Visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/american-royal for the official contest rules and regulations.

Haunted Trails Returns this Fall

No Halloween would be complete without a hike through the Haunted Trails of Camp Naish. Haunted Trails is back and better than ever. This is a family friendly activity and all Cub Scout Packs are encouraged to attend this spooky Halloween favorite on October 26. For more information or to register, visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.

Sporting KC Scout Night Tickets Going Fast

Want to attend Sporting Kansas City Scout Night on September 7? Act fast because this game will sell out and only a limited number of tickets are still available. Discounted tickets are $20 (a $36 value). Tickets are only available online at www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc.

Back by popular demand, we are also inviting all Scouting units present to be part of the opening Flag Parade on the field. Go to www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc to register for this unforgettable experience.
COUNCIL NEWS

Only 1,000 tickets available at this special Scout Day price

Join us on Saturday, October 5 to experience the thrill of the NASCAR Nationwide Series and cheer on the BSA #8 NASCAR piloted by Scott Lagasse Jr. Tickets for Scouts and adults are only $20, a value of up to $90! The Scout Day event package includes a race ticket, dedicated parking for Scout Day participants, and admission to the Scout hospitality tent.

As an added bonus, all Scouts who register by September 6 will have access to their own FanVision controller. FanVision puts the action of NASCAR at your fingertips with up to 8 in-car cameras, replays, a digital radio scanner, and real-time statistics at every turn. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Scouting’s Biggest Event Comes to the Kansas Speedway

It’s the event that everyone will be talking about. Save the date, mark your calendars, tell your friends…the inaugural “Scouting 500 — Spirit at the Speedway” is set for May 16-18, 2014 at the Kansas Speedway. This "camporee-style" event is poised to become the largest event ever conducted by the Heart of America Council with an expected attendance of more than 15,000 Scouts and Scout leaders.

Held at a first-rate venue like the Kansas Speedway, this is one experience no Scout will want to miss. Participants will camp at the Speedway and enjoy a myriad of programs on the infield that include...

- Shooting Sports
- S.T.E.M. Exploration & Imagination
- High Adventure
- Motor Sports
- Interactive Midway
- AND MUCH MORE!

All participants will also be treated to stage shows on Friday and Saturday night as well as a “racing experience.” Be on the lookout for more information, including registration options, this fall. And be sure to watch for special event announcements at www.hoac-bsa.org and on our social media channels.
2013 Popcorn Sale — Delivering the Promise, Funding the Dream

As Scout leaders and volunteers, you deliver the promise of Scouting. By signing up and selling popcorn this fall, you can fund the dream. Imagine not having to ask Scout parents for money to fund your yearly program — your boys will EARN the funds and learn an important life lesson in the process!

What makes this year’s sale the best yet?

New collectible tins will be available and new flavors like Buffalo Cheddar, Bacon Ranch, and Sour Cream and Onion have been added to the product line-up.

What about the prizes?

In addition to gift cards and the Trails End Scholarship program, new prizes include Android Tablets and LED televisions. We will also recognize the top council and district sellers. Also returning is the ever popular “Fill It Up” program. Scouts who “Fill Up” their order form will receive tickets to the 2014 Scout Day at the K, tickets to a 2014 UMKC basketball game, and tickets to the 2014 NAIA Basketball Tournament.

Get your unit signed up to sell today at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.

2013 George Meany Recognition Dinner

On May 9, the Heart of America Council held the inaugural George Meany Recognition dinner. The event honored union Scouting volunteers and union affiliated organizations that support the Scouting program. We would like to thank the following sponsors for making the inaugural event possible.

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Bill Self BOY SCOUT GOLF CLASSIC

Join the Pelathe District and the KU head coach on August 26 at the 2013 Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic. A limited number of player spots and sponsorships are still available. Contact Tournament Chairman, Derek Bailey, at (785) 856-9418 or derek@lawrencebank.com for more information.
Graves Named 2013 Distinguished Citizen

On October 17, Greg Graves, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Burns & McDonnell, will be recognized as the 2013 Distinguished Citizen. The Heart of America Council is deeply grateful for the unfailing commitment of Burns & McDonnell to Kansas City and to Scouting.

Graves’ commitment as a philanthropist and community leader and Burns & McDonnell’s commitment to our community as an employer have shaped the fabric of Kansas City. These commitments and that of the Burns & McDonnell Foundation have impacted thousands of families and children.

The chairman of this year’s Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner is Mark Jorgenson, President & CEO of the KC Market of US Bank.

Proceeds benefit the many youth development programs of the Heart of America Council. The dinner highlights how our Urban Scouting program provides a positive alternative to develop values and life skills in young people facing difficult socio-economic conditions.

For tickets or table sponsorship information, contact Tammy Butterfield at (816) 569-4979 or tammy.butterfield@scouting.org.

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The Boys Hotel and Camp BoHoCa

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

The Boys’ Hotel was the idea of Judge Edward E. Porterfield, a juvenile court judge who saw the need for a home for orphan or homeless boys. His thought was that if he could give boys a “home” that would be supportive and not just a homeless shelter, he might be able to keep them out of trouble. In 1908, the only other options for at risk youth included the McCune Home for Youthful Offenders and the State Reformatory in Boonsville, MO. Judge Porterfield bought the home at 710 Woodland Avenue and the Boys’ Hotel was born.

The Boys’ Hotel Scout troop was one of the earliest troops organized in Kansas City, MO. Judge Porterfield realized that the values espoused by this new organization that was taking root in Kansas City were the values he hoped to instill in the youth living at the hotel. The Boys’ Hotel troop was often pictured at parades and other important civic events. The troop was always meticulously uniformed and looked almost military in their bearing. The troop often camped along the Blue River not far from Grandview, MO for their weekend outings or summer camps on property that was eventually acquired and donated to the Boys’ Hotel and named Camp BoHoCa.

The camp had sixty-eight acres of campground covered with oak, hickory, elm, ash, and sycamore trees with plenty of open space for gardens and playgrounds. The beautiful Blue River flowed right along the camp. The swimming program was excellent and featured regular swimming periods each day with competent leadership. Swimming instructions were part of the activities as well as a dock and diving program for advanced swimmers. Each camper was also required to work in the camp garden each morning. The produce grown at camp would become part of the boy’s daily meals.

The camp was open in the early years from June 15 to late August. The cost to camp was minimal — fifty cents per day. Boys could attend if they were between the ages of ten and sixteen years of age.

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

*By Keith Wood, HOAC International Scouting Committee*

A new pilot exchange program organized by the council’s International Scouting Committee welcomed twelve Israeli Scouts to Kansas City this summer. Along with their guides, the group was made up of nine boys and three girls from Gezer, Israel. The contingent called Kansas City home from June 21 to July 2 and soon discovered that summer camp in America is very different from camping back home.

Upon arrival, the group traveled to the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation to attend Venturing Camp. They found out about “camp life” in America and learned typical Scouting skills like fire building, orienteering, and rappelling. They even had time for a game of water polo with Crew 2085 and learned how to build a monkey bridge with the help of Troop 201. Crews 2888 and 2369 also shared in several joint activities and social time with the Israeli Scouts, educating both groups on different international cultures.

But their visit to America included more than just visiting camp. Israeli Scouts took in the sights and sounds of Kansas City with visits to places like the Sprint Center, Kauffman Stadium, and Union Station. The Scouts’ time in the United States concluded with a farewell picnic hosted by Troop 61 chartered by Temple Beth Shalom.

While the group had many unforgettable experiences in Kansas City, Israeli Scouts Dor Nov and Ori Zehavi, said the most memorable moment was the welcome they received at Kansas City International Airport. They stepped off the plane and were greeted by their host families and members of the council’s International Scouting Committee who were waving flags and holding banners.

One of the participants remarked, “the Alps were beautiful and there wasn’t a bad picture you could take anywhere in the camp.”

Special thanks to the Heart of America Council’s International Scouting Committee and the City of Leawood, KS for making this partnership possible. For more information on International Scouting visit [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/international-scouting](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/international-scouting).

**LOCAL SCOUTS EXPERIENCE**

**High Adventure in the Swiss Alps**

*By Tim Bodendistel, Kandersteg Contingent Group Leader*

From June 28 to July 8, 34 Venturers and adults from the Heart of America Council experienced the adventure of a lifetime. The group formed the first ever council contingent to Switzerland and the Kandersteg International Scout Center.

The group embarked on a 10-day trek that included hikes that traced the valleys between steep mountain ridges, crossed glaciers using ice axes over high mountain passes, scaled peaks covered in low lying clouds, and climbed to nearly century old mountain huts to spend a night perched overlooking distant Swiss villages.

If that weren’t enough, contingent members also participated in thrilling activities like high ropes courses that wove through the tops of towering pines, swimming in glacial lakes, and even riding down the side of a mountain on a twisting luge run.

In addition to high adventure activities, the contingent also visited northern Italy where they enjoyed hand crafted pizza and gelato and sampled classic Swiss fondue, chocolates and pastries. Their adventure took them to castles and chocolate factories and they even found time to wander through the local village’s shops, restaurants, and bakeries.

But the best part of the trip was making new friends along the way. The group befriended Scouts from around the world from countries like Spain, Turkey, Holland, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, and many more.

One of the participants remarked, “the Alps were beautiful and there wasn’t a bad picture you could take anywhere in the camp.”

Look for more information in the near future about the council’s next international contingent trip. You could be a part of the adventure of a lifetime!
Reservation Work Days

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from across the Heart of America Council donate their time and talents to the maintenance and upkeep of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. On scheduled weekends throughout the year, a wide variety of projects are scheduled including: painting, building repair, tent and cot repair, roofing, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, conservation, and general cleaning.

Work days at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation are open to all registered troops, crews, and Scouting volunteers. Lunch will be provided to all participants at no cost. Please pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org/maintenance-team.

New Programs Add to Outdoor Adventure at Bartle

Another summer is in the books at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. More than 5,600 Scouts called the Reservation home this summer and helped usher in a host of new programs. One of the most popular new programs was the BMX bike course. Other new programs included Athletics, Search and Rescue, and Sports Merit Badge at Davis Lodge.

Upcoming Bartle Workdays

- August 6, 2013 (Bartle Camp teardown)
- August 24, 2013
- September 7, 2013
- November 2, 2013

Bartle Hosts Webelos STEM Weekend

For the second time this year, Webelos Scouts will have the chance to experience the fun of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Webelos STEM Weekend is open to all Webelos Scouts and their parent/guardian. The event will be held Saturday, September 21 to Sunday, September 22.

Participants will enjoy a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) themed program along with traditional camp favorites like BB guns, archery and slingshots. Additional programming includes an introduction to the Boy Scout program at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and a Saturday night campfire with a special presentation by the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Cost per person is $25 and includes Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, and event patch. Tents will not be provided. Space is limited to the first 250 Scouts and 250 adults. Registration will only be accepted in adult/Scout pairs. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org.

TRIBE OF MIC-O-SAY

The summer is now over and it’s time to start thinking about a new item for your Mic-O-Say attire. Parry Lodge is your one stop shopping location for all things Mic-O-Say. We will soon be launching an online store for all your Mic-O-Say needs. Be on the lookout for more information soon at www.hoac-bsa.org and on our Facebook Page.

Tribesmen assemble for Call Night at Lone Star Council Ring during 4th session.
**ORDER OF THE ARROW**

**Fall Induction Weekend**

Fall Induction will take place August 16-18 at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Register on or before August 2. This is the last opportunity in 2013 to go through Ordeal or Brotherhood in Tamegonit Lodge. So far this year, 746 new Ordeal members have been inducted in our Lodge and 438 OA members have sealed their membership by becoming Brotherhood members.

![Tamegonit Lodge Logo]

**Fall Fellowship**

On September 20-22, Tamegonit Lodge will hold its annual Fall Fellowship at Naish. The weekend will feature chapter and vendor exhibits, opportunities for Arrowmen to learn more about the OA and the Lodge, elections for lodge and chapter leadership for 2014, and the Vigil Call. Register today at [www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow).

**Lodge Elections**

Any youth wishing to run for Lodge Office at Fall Fellowship must read and obtain all necessary signatures on the Election Candidacy Agreement. The Agreement is available at [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/resources-oa](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/resources-oa).

**Vigil Banquet**

Vigil Banquet will be held on October 5 at 6:30 pm at the Naish Central Camp Dining Hall. All Vigil Honor members are invited to join us for the banquet. We look forward to welcoming new Vigil selectees to the banquet that evening.

**OA Service Project**

The OA is asking for volunteers to help the Naish Trading Post conduct a mid-year inventory on August 10-11. Naish Scout Reservation offers the space and availability of OA products to be sold throughout the year and as a thank you, the lodge is committed to helping the Trading Post keep track of inventory and keep the Post clean. Sign up to help with inventory at [http://oaserviceproject.kintera.org/](http://oaserviceproject.kintera.org/).

**2013 Lodge Dues**

As a reminder, all OA members should pay their dues on a yearly basis to maintain their active standing as a member of the Lodge. Reminders will go out in the coming weeks. Please take a few moments to pay your dues at [http://oadues2013.kintera.org/](http://oadues2013.kintera.org/).

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**NAISH WRAPS UP SUMMER CAMPING SEASON**

The sun has set on another camping season at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. 609 Boy Scouts attended a summer session in 2013. In addition to the traditional camp programs, Scouts had the opportunity to participate in one of five new outpost programs this year. New programs included our Indian Village and Disc Golf course and new merit badges like Golf, Bird Study, and Geocaching.

**Skilled Trades Work Day**

Join skilled workers on Saturday, September 28 to help complete important work projects at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Skilled Trades Work Day projects include the installation of a boundary fence and the repairing of staff cabin windows and trimming. While many of our workers that day will have a specific trade they are assisting us with, anyone who is willing to listen and learn how to do these jobs is invited to participate. Please pre-register at [http://2013naishskilledtradesday092813.kintera.org/](http://2013naishskilledtradesday092813.kintera.org/).

**SIX MONTHS TO NAISH**

Be on the lookout for even more new programs in 2014. To ensure your spot at Naish next summer, join us at the Camp Draw on Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 am at the Central Camp Dining Hall.
Share Your Camp Feedback

Did you attend a council resident camp or attend a national high adventure base this summer? Here’s your chance to tell us what you loved and what we can do better. As part of the National Camp Accreditation Program, a customer satisfaction survey has been created to help us make camp the best it can be. Surveys are available for both adults and youth. Simply go to the links below or scan the appropriate QR code with your smart phone to get started.

**Boy Scout/Venturing Resident Camp, High Adventure**: http://scouting.us.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8di2DZzI6AtO7tqW

**Cub Scout Resident Camp**: http://scouting.us.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_56dvBBt9WPad7Lb

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**Cub Scouts Embark on a “JUNGLE ADVENTURE”**

Nearly 4,000 Cub Scouts experienced a “Jungle Adventure” this summer at a council Day Camp. From shooting sports to field games, Cubs spent the week having fun and meeting new friends. Planning is already underway for Day Camp 2014. Be on the lookout for more information this fall.

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**Council Contingent Experiences the Summit**

From July 15 to July 24, five troops made up of 150 youth and 18 leaders from the Heart of America Council made their way to the Summit Bechtel Reserve, the new home of the National Scout Jamboree. Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, the Summit played host to thousands of Scouts during its inaugural Jamboree. An adventure sports paradise, the Summit engaged Scouts in activities ranging from world-class rock climbing to whitewater rafting. Be sure to pick up a copy of the October-November issue of *Adventures in Scouting* for an extended feature on our council contingent’s trip to the National Jamboree.

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**Resident Camp WRAP-UP**

**Webelos Resident Camp**

More than 4,000 Webelos and leaders made their way to Camp Naish this summer. Accompanied by some great weather, Webelos had a blast splashing around in the pool, shooting BB guns, and playing Disc Golf on the brand new course. Webelos had a ton of fun and accomplished many of the requirements needed to earn several activity pins and belt loops. These boys are looking forward to Boy Scouts and the many camping opportunities waiting for them in the near future.

**Bear Resident Camp**

More than 2,600 Bears and adults called Camp Naish’s Cub World home this summer. Bears tested their skills in archery, shot water cannons at the Pirate Ship Water Park, built toolboxes, and much more. This is the first experience these boys have had at an overnight council resident camp and Scouts and leaders alike thought camp went extremely well.

Bears are invited back for the next two years to Webelos Camp. The Bear Camp experience is the first in what will hopefully be many summers spent at Camp Naish.
Mini-Camps ARE BACK

Aquatics Supervision, Shooting Sports, the Climbing Tower, Wilderness First Aid, COPE! These programs are available year round during Mini-Camp at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Mini-Camps will be held this fall on September 28, October 12, October 19, and November 9. All programming and lunch is included in the fee. Sign-ups are done online on a first come, first served basis at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends.

Aquatics Supervision Mini-Camp

Any Scout or leader who is at least 16 years old may take Aquatics Supervision. This training course covers skills needed to meet Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policies applied at the unit level. This course runs Friday, August 9 through Saturday, August 10. The fee includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday as well as course materials. Register online at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends.

Xterra Triathlon

Join us for a Xterra Triathlon competition on Saturday, August 10. This “mini-triathlon” will consist of swimming 200 yards in the Central Camp Pool followed by a six-mile mountain bike ride and concludes with a two-mile cross country run, all within the Naish Reservation property. Please note that bikes will not be provided and helmets are required.

After the competition we will serve lunch and open the pool to participants for open swimming in the early afternoon. The cost of the event is $10 and includes lunch and event supplies. Go to http://www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events for additional details and to register.

Save the Date

Haunted Trails: October 25-27, 2013
VOA Winter Event: January 25, 2014
VOA Annual Banquet: April 25, 2014
USA Archery Instructor Training

This one-day course will take place on September 14 and costs $30. The course will teach participants how to operate a safe and fun archery program within the rules and regulations of the BSA. More info and sign-up is available at www.hoac-bsa.org/nra-training.

NRA Trainings

There are several courses available for leaders to learn how to operate a safe and fun shooting sports program within their units. Basic Instructor Training, Range Safety Officer Training and Firearm-specific Instructor Trainings are available. Course costs and dates vary by type of course. For more information or to register, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/nra-training.

COPE/Climbing Instructor Training

Camp Naish — September 13-15

This weekend long course costs $35 if registered by September 6. Adult leaders (21+) who complete this training can provide leadership for their unit to utilize climbing towers as part of unit programming and/or youth advancement in Boy Scouting or Venturing away from summer camp. You will learn the basic skills for facilitation of BSA Project COPE/Climbing and Rappelling events. More information and sign-up is available at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/climbing-cope.

Philmont Training Center

Are you looking for a great family vacation and a great training experience at the same time? Take a look at the Philmont training center. Philmont is located near Cimarron, New Mexico and offers a variety of training programs dealing with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Commissioner Service, and District Committee operations. Family programs are spectacular and age specific from 2 months old to 20 years of age. Check out the full range of courses and offerings at www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx.

2013 Fall Wood Badge Course

Camp Naish — September 6-8 & September 27-29

It's not too late to register for the Heart of America Council's fall Wood Badge Course. Wood Badge is a leadership course for adults committed to the Scouting program and is strongly encouraged for any adult leader at any program level: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, District, and Council.

To register, visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge. Consider the legacy you can leave through your involvement in Scouting and Be Prepared to be the kind of leader you strive to be. Experience Wood Badge!

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

Community Service Hours

Each unit should be entering their service hours from this year on the Journey to Excellence website. You can access this site by going to www.hoac-bsa.org/community-service. The site has information about how to enter hours, links to the Journey to Excellence hour entry site, and other helpful information. Eagle Scout Service Projects, service hours for workdays at camp, Mic-O-Say and Order of the Arrow service hours, and multi-unit service projects all count toward these hours for your unit. Don't have your Unit ID information? Contact your District Executive or Leslie斯塔ck at the council office at (816) 942-9333.

Thomas S. Monson Award

A new award has been created to help honor 100 years of Scouting in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Thomas S. Monson award may be earned by youth and adults of all ages. The award was first introduced at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree and is now open to all registered Scouts and Scouters.

To learn more or to view the requirements, visit http://ldsbsa.org/lds-bsa-centennial/thomas-s-monson-award.
**EAGLE SCOUTS: Where Are They Now?**

They are doctors, lawyers, teachers, architects, even television producers. Eagle Scouts are everywhere and they are the leaders in our communities. In an effort to honor the spirit and legacy of Heart of America Council Eagle Scouts, we are excited to unveil our newest feature, “Eagle Scouts Where Are They Now?” For our inaugural article we talked with Eagle Scout Aaron Cooper, a Lenexa, KS native who is now a CNN Producer in Washington D.C.

**Aaron Cooper**  
Eagle Scout Class of 1998  
Troop 428, Lenexa, KS  
**Occupation:** CNN Producer, Washington D.C.

Aaron Cooper was first introduced to Scouting in 1987 when he became a Cub Scout in Pack 3249. The rest you could say is history. Aaron has been a registered Scouter ever since. He is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow, a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and earned his coveted Eagle Scout Badge in 1998 as a member of Troop 428 in Lenexa, KS. He graduated from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School in 1999 and Central Missouri State University in 2002. His first job landed him in Omaha, NE in 2002 as a morning producer at NBC affiliate WOWT. Aaron left Omaha for Atlanta in 2004 where he worked as a producer for CNN until 2012. Aaron now calls Washington D.C. home and is still with CNN as a Justice, Transportation and Regulation producer.

Aaron does a number of things as a producer for CNN, but mainly works with correspondents and shows to find and gather compelling, interesting, and important stories for television and the web. That involves everything from researching stories and making calls to traveling all over the country to tell those stories. Aaron’s focus revolves around regulation and aviation stories like the July 2013 plane crash in San Francisco, but he has also covered everything from space shuttle launches and landings to Hurricane Katrina.

Once, the network sent me to a surviving hostile regions training course. The class covered things like what to do if you step on a land mine, but a fair chunk of the class dealt with things you might teach a Scout. For example we were taught how to orient a map with your compass, how to build a makeshift stretcher, and how to bandage a head wound with a triangle bandage very similar to a neckerchief.

**Q: What Scouting skills have helped you most in your career?**

Aaron: I like to joke when we are out on certain stories. Television news production can be surprisingly similar to a Scout camping trip — only with a corporate credit card. First and foremost, you always need to “Be Prepared” for when that 12 foot piece of fencing hits your car during Hurricane Katrina at 140 mph, when the space shuttle’s gas gauge goes haywire, or when they need someone to fill in at the White House for the weekend.

A good producer is defined by the type of critical thinking that Scouting teaches. Being able to react fast and make the right decision is essential — and that’s exactly the same kind of lesson Scouting youth learn in controlled environments. Being able to make mistakes and learn from them helps Scouts learn how to make good decisions. When they grow up and end up in environments like I’m in where you simply can’t make a mistake — they won’t.

**Q: What’s your favorite merit badge?**

Aaron: Don’t poke around and end up missing out. If done properly it’s a lot of fun and very much worth getting. There are few things people who were not Scouts understand about the program — and one of them is the Eagle Scout award. It means something to them and you’ll remember getting that forever. It’s still on my resume 15 years later.

Despite leaving Kansas City in 2002, Aaron has remained active with Troop 428. He is still registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster and has joined the troop for a number of summer camp sessions at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Most recently, Aaron served as a member of the National Jamboree Media Staff at the new Summit Bechtel Family Reserve this July.

Do you know an Eagle Scout that would like to be featured in the next issue of *Adventures in Scouting*? Contact Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978 or matt.armstrong@scouting.org.

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**Q: What was your favorite Scouting activity or camping trip?**

Aaron: I like it all, but probably Philmont is the most wonderful. I’ve been 5 times. Each trek is a different adventure and even if it’s the same itinerary, the trip is unique and has its own highs and lows.

I’ve also done High Adventure trips to Sea Base, Okpik, and Packard. I was also on the Camp Naish staff in 1996.

**Q: What advice do you have for a Life Scout working to complete his Eagle?**

Aaron: Don’t poke around and end up missing out. If done properly it’s a lot of fun and very much worth getting. There are few things people who were not Scouts understand about the program — and one of them is the Eagle Scout award. It means something to them and you’ll remember getting that forever. It’s still on my resume 15 years later.

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### Heart of America Council Eagle Scouts — April - June 2013

#### Blue Elk
- Troop 1178 Timothy Bishop (David Teegarden, SM)
- Troop 1178 Dane Craig (David Teegarden, SM)
- Troop 1201 Harley Schwarz-Decker (Kevin Jenkins, SM)
- Troop 1206 Adam Dickmeyer (Kenneth Johnson, SM)
- Troop 1216 Daniel Eliaison (Jason Howard, SM)
- Troop 1266 Levi Lamming (Kurtis Blocher, SM)
- Troop 1347 John Franklin Jr (Jeffrey Fox, SM)
- Troop 1382 Jacob Reynolds (Arnold Flippin, SM)
- Troop 1492 Keven Cooper (Roy Pittman, SM)
- Troop 1603 Benjamin Gross (Joseph Andrick, SM)
- Troop 1692 Colton Conner (Charles Ruedi, SM)
- Troop 1763 Beeason Van Hoesen (Bryan Richardson, SM)
- Troop 1865 Anthony Deffenbaugh (Eric Knipp, SM)

#### Kaw
- Troop 1 Thomas Bishop (Charles Dennis, SM)
- Troop 44 Matthew Greenhalgh (Michael King, SM)
- Troop 167 Isaac O'Neil (Steven Henry, SM)
- Troop 167 Wesley Manner (Steven Henry, SM)
- Troop 366 Daniel Singletary (Gerard Overbey, SM)

#### Lone Bear
- Troop 1509 Jeffrey Noe (Peter Blaszczyz, SM)
- Troop 1632 John Stipetich (Billy Browder, SM)

#### North Star
- Troop 1028 Jeremiah Cantu (Larry Easter, SM)
- Troop 1314 Grant Dunham (Craig Watson, SM)
- Troop 1314 Clayton Shruga (Craig Watson, SM)
- Troop 1354 Jefferson Cole (James Niederberger, SM)
- Troop 1357 Jacob Lohmeyer (Keith Eberth, SM)
- Troop 1367 James Boyer (Charles Clabough, SM)
- Troop 1374 Cole Roberts (Paul Crooks, SM)
- Troop 1374 Tyler Goebel (Paul Crooks, SM)
- Troop 1376 Andrew Nason (Jeffrey Hartmann, SM)
- Troop 1395 Noah Doane Barth (Kenneth Herdman, SM)
- Troop 1397 William Wright III (David Lehman, SM)
- Troop 1408 Landon Lampkin (Mark Bessmer, SM)

#### Northern Tier
- Troop 91 Alexander Mayfield (Todd Martin, SM)
- Troop 91 Joshua Farley (Todd Martin, SM)
- Troop 93 Shane Calkins (Myrl Wear, SM)
- Troop 93 Clay Meyers (Myrl Wear, SM)
- Troop 192 Justin Duke洛 (Alan Clark, SM)
- Troop 194 Jeremy Farmer (Rick Harris, SM)
- Troop 199 Caleb Huffman (David Wieliczka, SM)
- Troop 247 William Carter (David Wieliczka, SM)
- Troop 247 Matthew Mahr (David Wieliczka, SM)
- Troop 299 Peter Mascal (Jeff Philgreen, SM)
- Troop 358 Kellen Mollohan (Lee Schneider, SM)
- Troop 998 Peter Wendland (Patrick Meikel, SM)

#### Pioneer Trails
- Troop 1060 John-Paul Culver (F Swanson, SM)
- Troop 1150 Thomas Leis (John Cullinan, SM)

#### Red-Tailed Hawk
- Troop 37 Jacob Sims (Robert Kline, SM)
- Troop 122 Christian Hughes (Jeffrey Allison, SM)
- Troop 201 Andrew Schaff (Rolfe Edmondson, SM)
- Troop 201 Samuel Eichorst (Rolfe Edmondson, SM)
- Troop 218 Brandt Perkins (John Perkins, SM)
- Troop 225 Conrad Fagan (Ed Davey, SM)
- Troop 225 Alexander Erickson (Ed Davey, SM)
- Troop 225 Josiah Murphy (Ed Davey, SM)
- Troop 265 Daniel Robison (John Cooper, SM)
- Troop 315 Aidan Canady (Kevin Coriden, SM)
- Troop 315 Johan Englen (Kevin Coriden, SM)
- Troop 315 Alexander Englen (Kevin Coriden, SM)
- Troop 412 Taylor Woelfel (David Boucher, SM)
- Troop 412 Jacob Dagit (David Boucher, SM)
- Troop 412 Logan Wohlford (David Boucher, SM)
- Troop 785 Amir Tammehr (John Gurney, SM)

#### Thunderbird
- Troop 1032 Matthew Crotty (Dan Barnes, SM)
- Troop 1042 Garrett Bolden (Jay DeHardt, SM)
- Troop 1042 Levi Fields (Jay DeHardt, SM)
- Troop 1100 Jacob Dunn (Judd Brown, SM)

#### Trailhead
- Troop 10 David Berkowitz (D Shropshire, SM)
- Troop 10 Warren Bower (D Shropshire, SM)
- Troop 10 Dane Jones (David Timpe, SM)
- Troop 92 David Biccum (David Timpe, SM)
- Troop 92 Jason Frederick (Joe Poskin, SM)
- Troop 282 Kyle Ball (Joe Poskin, SM)
- Troop 282 Benjamin Whetstone (Joe Poskin, SM)
- Troop 282 Hayden Griffith (Joe Poskin, SM)
- Troop 282 Quinten Watts (Joe Poskin, SM)
- Troop 395 Alex De (Patrick Mason, SM)
- Troop 396 Garrett Cohoon (Patrick Farrington, SM)
- Troop 396 Mark Embree (Patrick Farrington, SM)

#### Trails West
- Troop 108 Joshua Noe (Louis Schuler, SM)
- Troop 136 James Leighton (Lowell Teague, SM)
- Troop 181 Daniel Aiken (Steven Pflumm, SM)

#### Twin Rivers
- Troop 63 Devin Brunk (Gary Johnson, SM)
- Troop 74 Bryan Turner (Roger Turner, SM)
- Troop 101 Calvin Cassida (John Cassida, SM)
- Troop 126 Christian Botwinik (Jackie Olson, SM)
August

1 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Lexington United Methodist Church,
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Cub Scout Roundtable
Phil Dierking (816) 405-7540

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Susan Dallstream (816) 470-5919

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2013 Investment in Character

Cub Scout: 105.8%
Boy Scout: 45.4%

2013 Camping

Cub Scout: 69.9%
Boy Scout: 2013%

Help Make a Difference
If you have excellent leadership skills or big ideas for improving programming, the Big Muddy District Committee wants you! The District Committee is always looking for additional leadership to help with a variety of district planning and responsibility. This is your District and you have the ability to help us improve the program for your kids. For more information contact District Chairman, Mike Persell, at (816) 470-2821.

District Training
As of this year, all registered adults must be trained in their respective positions. Please ensure that all leaders have completed the appropriate training courses. If you have any questions regarding training contact District Training Chairman, Tammy Cockrum, at (660) 281-9899 or trcockrum@yahoo.com.

Roundtable Reminder
The Big Muddy District 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.

Cub Scout Fall Recruitment
As the fall quickly approaches it can mean only one thing…Cub Scout Recruitment! Be sure to check in with your district executive or District School Night Chairman, Rob Hemme, in regards to your upcoming school night dates. Several exciting and new changes are coming this year and we want to make sure that we have the correct information and materials. You can contact Rob Hemme at (660) 229-0277 for your individual school night information.

2013 Popcorn Sale
A balanced and well funded Scouting unit is the best way to ensure a successful program. There are several new changes coming to the annual popcorn sale and they will all be covered at the August 6 popcorn training. Make plans to attend to find out what’s new and to help your unit have the best sale yet. Contact Karen Hemme at (816) 405-2910 if you have any questions.

Day Camp
Thank you to all of the units that came out for a great week! Even though we had a little bit of rain, the boys had a ton of fun. Day Camp 2014 is tentatively planned for June 2-5.
2013 Investment in Character

2013 Camping

August

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

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Beacon Heights Community of Christ,
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Pack Hosts Field Day for Special Needs Youth

By Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk Public Relations Chair

It's an annual tradition for Cub Scout Pack 485 at William Yates Elementary. The Independence, MO pack held their sixth annual field day to benefit special needs youth. Activities included a day filled with games, crafts, and even a bounce house.

Heather Lehman, a volunteer from Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, said “the best part for me was the kids smiling. They had a great time and their smiles are how I know it.” Alpha Phi Omega is the national service fraternity that is headquartered in Independence, and helps staff the event every year.

Cub Scout Robert M. finishes his time in the bounce house during Field Day at William Yates Elementary School.

School Night for Scouting 2013

Is your pack ready for the fall? There are a ton of resources available to help grow your program! You can find flier templates, marketing ideas, den leader resources and more on the council website. Just search “Pack Recruitment Resources” at http://www.hoac-bsa.org. All Cub Scout packs should designate a membership chair to coordinate fall membership efforts.

If anyone in your unit would like to serve as the presenter for your pack's school night, please contact Chris Rinella at (816) 569-4929 or chris.rinella@scouting.org.

2013 Key Popcorn Dates:

- Show and Sell Orders Due... Aug. 26 (by 10:00 pm)
- Show and Sell Pick-up ................. Sept. 6 & 7
- Final Orders Due .................... Oct. 28 (by 10:00 pm)
- Final Order Pick-up .................... Nov. 8 & 9
- Final Payment Due .................... Dec. 6

Questions? Contact Ross Schaffer at ross.schaffer@scouting.org

Fall Activities and Training Preview

Mark your calendars for this fall’s district activities and training opportunities. Round up the whole family and your favorite camp chair for Cub Family Campout, October 4-5 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs. Camporee will be held in conjunction with Cub Family Campout again this year and will begin on Saturday morning, October 5. This year’s Camporee theme is “Skills for Life.” Scouts will have the opportunity to visit with professionals from local county agencies including police and fire, as well as computer techs, engineers, and auto technicians. Don’t miss this hands-on opportunity to put some of the knowledge you’ve acquired in Scouting to use.

Need to get trained? October is the month to do it. Watch the Blue Elk Training page for dates, times, and locations of Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing training opportunities. Visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/blue-elk-training.
## Exploring Officers

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### Plan Your Post’s First Nighter

It’s time to head back to school and that means First Nighters are right around the corner. All posts should submit their First Nighter dates to Kerry Jorn at Kerry.jorn@lflmail.org. In addition to your First Nighter date, be sure to submit a post description for our new Exploring website. Slated to be launched this fall, the new Exploring website will include detailed post descriptions, an online registration option, and new online resources. Be on the lookout for the official launch date soon.

### Connect with Exploring

Looking for updated Exploring information? Want to know about the latest resources available to your post’s leadership? Email Kerry Jorn at Kerry.jorn@lflmail.org to be added to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.

### 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://resources.learningforlife.org/adult_explorer/adult_explorer.html](http://resources.learningforlife.org/adult_explorer/adult_explorer.html) to access the online training portal.

### Law Enforcement Challenge

The 4th Annual Law Enforcement Challenge took place on June 8 at the Overland Park Police Department Training Center. Participants received firsthand training on everything from fingerprinting to traffic stops. Thank you to everyone who made this year’s event possible.
The purpose of these Mobile Day Camps are to provide an alternative Scouting experience to youth in low income areas within the Kansas City Metro area. Activities included games, leatherwork, rubber band guns, learning the Scout Oath and Law, as well as other team building exercises. The camp took place in various churches and schools within the Kansas City Metro area. The 2013 locations include New Chelsea Elementary School (KCK), M.E. Pearson Elementary School (KCK), Garcia Elementary School, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Jamison Temple, Grace Baptist Church, New Life Church, St. Stephen Baptist Church, Garfield Elementary School, Melcher Elementary School, Palestine Missionary Baptist, and Friendship Baptist Church.

Overall, the Mobile Day Camps were a huge success with over 400 participants. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who ran and assisted with the summer program. For more information on our Mobile Day Camps for 2014, contact Khary Floyd at (816) 569-4965 or Khary.Floyd@scouting.org.

16th Annual Urban Scouting BBQ

The 2013 Urban Scouting BBQ welcomed more than 800 people to the Barney Allis Plaza on June 14. Attendees were treated to a great meal catered by Plowboys BBQ. Thank you to chairman Bruce Snyder, Ernst & Young, for putting together a great event. A special thank you also goes out to the 2013 event sponsors: Kirk Foundation, Phil Kirk, Ernst & Young, J E Dunn, Commerce Bank, DST, Stinson Morrison Hecker, Zachary Shafran, Metropolitan Community Colleges, Plowboys BBQ, Marriott, ECCO Select, Gary Cover, John Cooper, and Operation BBQ Relief. Thanks to support from sponsors and the community, proceeds from the event help offset costs for Scouts in Kansas City’s urban core to participate in Scouting programs.

The Frontier District would also like to thank Scouts from the Pioneer Trails District for their help with this year’s BBQ. Scouts from Pack 27, Pack 80, Troop 27, Troop 56, and Troop 80 helped with fundraising and serving guests while they ate.
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2013 Investment in Character

- Cub Scout: 40.6%
- Boy Scout: 28.1%

2013 Camping

- Cub Scout: 93.4%
- Boy Scout: 93.4%

August

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

8  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
LDS Church,  
8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS

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405 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS

12  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
LDS Church,  
8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS

Fun in the Jungle

This summer, over 180 Cub Scouts enjoyed a “Jungle Adventure” at the Kaw District Day Camp held at Camp Naish. Cub Scouts shot BB guns, bows and arrows, sling shots, and even received visits from local fire and police departments.

A big thank you goes out to all the walking leaders and Jr. staff that helped out the entire week.

The Kaw District would also like to thank our key volunteer leadership of Regina Utter, Ralph Jacobs, and Chris Bowling for a great week of camp.

Investment in Character

There is still time to donate to this year’s Investment in Character Campaign. The Kaw District is currently at 93% of goal. 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.

Cub Scout Family Campout

The annual Cub Scout Family Campout will be held October 4-5 at the Wyandotte County Fairgrounds. This year will also include a Webelos activity pin college. Sign up through your pack. This is a great way to kick off the new Scouting year. For more information about the campout, contact Brian Pfannenstiel at b.pfannenstiel@yahoo.com or Jose Romero at jose.romero@scouting.org. For questions about the Webelos activity pin college, contact Al Lechner at allan.a.lechner.ctr@mail.mil.
DISTRICT INFORMATION

School Night for Scouting

Cub Scout fall recruitment will be in full gear in just a few weeks. More than 150 new Cub Scouts are expected to be recruited in the Lone Bear District in August and September. As you plan your sign up nights, remember to reference the School Night Guidebook that you received at the School Night Kick off in May and June. Keys to a successful night include an extensive pack marketing plan to get the word out about all the great things your pack does and when to sign up, a planned program with a budget, use of the family talent survey, recruitment of your new Tiger Den Leader early, and holding a Parent Orientation Meeting one week after School Night. For assistance and questions on fall recruitment, contact Membership Chair, Ronda Weinmann, at (660) 624-3818 or troop404mail@gmail.com.

2013 Popcorn Sale

Have you signed your unit up for the 2013 popcorn sale yet? Sign up now by contacting Kevin Wilson at kwilson72668@yahoo.com. By participating in the popcorn sale, you can fund your entire program for the year, including paying for summer camp, High Adventure, advancements, pack or troop supplies, or registration fees. All units selling need to attend the Popcorn Training on August 6 at Roundtable at 7:00 pm at the Clinton Scout Building to receive all the details on the sale.

Cub Scout Day Camp

On June 10-14, over 160 Cub Scouts enjoyed a week of swimming, archery, bb guns, arts and crafts, and science at the Lone Bear District “Jungle Adventure” Cub Scout Day Camp. A big Thank You to our Camp Director, Kathy Cooper, Program Director, Sarah Hasek, and all of our staff for helping to make camp a huge success!

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August

6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

6 Popcorn Sale Training, 7:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
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13 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

20 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

September

3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

10 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

17 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

27-28 Cub Scout Family Campout
Lowry City Corn Maize,
11000 NE 201 Rd., Lowry City, MO

2013 Key Popcorn Dates:

Show and Sell Orders Due .......... Aug. 26 (by 10:00 pm)
Show and Sell Pick-up .................. Sept. 6 & 7
Final Orders Due ....................... Oct. 28 (by 10:00 pm)
Final Order Pick-up .................... Nov. 8 & 9
Final Payment Due ..................... Dec. 6

2013 Investment in Character

Cub Scout: 66.2% 101.4%
Boy Scout: 61.5%

2013 Camping
**September**

5. **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
KC MO Police Training Academy,  
6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd.,  
Kansas City, MO  
*Youth Protection Training, Online Advancement Records Training, Merit Badge Counselor Training, OA Chapter Meeting*

7. **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), 8:30 am**  
St. Luke Presbyterian,  
4301 NE Vivion, Kansas City, MO

8. **District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Barry Christian Church,  
1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO

10. **District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Barry Christian Church,  
1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO

12. **District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Barry Christian Church,  
1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO

20-21. **Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience, 6:00 pm**  
Camp Branch — Loop B, Smithville Lake, MO

21-22. **Webelos Woods, 8:00 am**  
Camp Branch — Loop B, Smithville Lake, MO

21-22. **Cub Scout Family Campout, 5:00 pm**  
Camp Branch — Loop B, Smithville Lake, MO

### Webelos Woods

Calling all Webelos Scouts! The North Star District's Webelos Woods will be held September 21-22 at Smithville Lake. Check in will start at 6:00 pm on Saturday morning. Webelos Woods is a fun competition for all Webelos Scouts. Basic Scouting skills will be put to the test at each of the stations. Examples include knot tying races, fire building, and first aid. There will also be a campfire with skits. This is a great program that puts the "outing" into Scouting. For more information, contact Jeff Littleton at northstarwebwoods2013@gmail.com or (816) 213-0571.

### School Night for Scouting

All unit leaders should start planning NOW for the new and improved School Night for Scouting recruitment campaign this fall. More than 6,000 new youth are expected to join Scouting in the Heart of America Council in August and September. We need everybody to pitch in and help. Changes to the recruitment program include:

- Planning your **Ideal Year of Scouting**
- Creating a **Unit Marketing Plan**
- Planning a **Parent Orientation Meeting**
- Taking advantage of multiple recruiting opportunities.

Every Pack should have at least 3 opportunities to help boys join.

Promotional materials will be available for pick-up at the August Roundtable or by contacting the district professional staff.

### Camporee

The North Star District Camporee will be held October 18-20 at the Kelsey Short Youth Campground. There will be a new competition course designed to test patrol teamwork, along with a variety of exhibits. For dinner, you will be able to test your open fire cooking skills against fellow troops and patrols. Look for more information at the North Star District Roundtable or contact John Peter at jpcoder78@gmail.com or (816) 686-1075.
School Night for Scouting

School Night for Scouting is the council’s annual fall recruitment campaign. The Northern Tier District will recruit more than 300 new Cub Scouts during August and September to join the adventure of a lifetime. View your pack’s School Night date on the Northern Tier District website and start promoting it NOW at your school and to prospective families. The August Roundtable is an important one for you to pick up fliers, posters, and yard signs. Questions? Contact Ben Grimsley, School Night Chair, at grimbl@everestkc.net.

Save the Dates for Fall Camping

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2013 Popcorn Sale

The annual popcorn sale is right around the corner. Be on the lookout for new prizes and new flavors to the product lineup like buffalo cheddar and sour cream and onion. This is the only council supported fundraiser that helps both the youth and the council. To sign-up to sell or for questions, contact Chairs Connie and Tim Elliott at tinnon@everestkc.net.
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2013 Investment in Character: 105.0%

2013 Camping

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August

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

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

3. **Scout Summertime Activity — District Swim, 5:00 pm**
   Indoor/Outdoor Aquatic Center,
   727 Kentucky St., Lawrence, KS

4. **Popcorn Kickoff, 7:00 pm**
   First Baptist Church,
   1330 Kasold Dr., Lawrence, KS

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

September

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

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

16. **Pizza, 6:00 pm**
    Parking lot behind Johnny’s Tavern,
    Lawrence, KS

19. **Pizza Ride, 6:00 pm**
    Parking lot behind Johnny’s Tavern,
    Lawrence, KS

School Night for Scouting

This year’s School Night plan is a little different. This year packs play a central role in marketing and conducting the plan. Here is what you need to be working on to “Be Prepared”:

- If possible, new leaders should be recruited and trained before School Night.
- Promotion should be in full swing.
- Plans should be in place to attend and register new Scouts at “Meet the Teacher Nights” or PTA Social Events during the first week of school.
- School Night is your meeting to run. The goal is to provide a short meeting to register youth and provide a pack calendar and contact information.
- A Parent Orientation Meeting should be on your calendar for the week following School Night.
- Additional recruiting opportunities should be planned for September and October as a part of regular pack meetings or activities.

Jay Morris, School Night for Scouting Chairman, as well as members of the Commissioner Staff and District Committee will be available to support your effort. Our goal is to recruit 150 new Scouts this fall.

Trails End Popcorn Sale Set for September and October

It is time to set your unit and Scout sales goals, and set the date for your unit kickoff! Also, please plan to attend the district Popcorn Training and Kickoff on August 8 at Roundtable. Learn about this year’s incentive program and the additions to the product lineup. Our district goal for 2013 is to sell $150,000 worth of popcorn. This is a step up and it will take everyone’s participation to get us there.

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. For more information contact Natalie Archer, District Popcorn Chair, at brittandiansmom@yahoo.com.

Cub Scout Day Camp

In June, 203 Cub Scouts enjoyed 4 days of Cub Scout fun and adventure thanks to the hard work of Kristen Coble, Amy Isenberg, Melissa Lord and their staff. This year’s camp was a huge success. Kristen, Amy and Melissa are already making plans for 2014. For 2014, our first goal is to at least double the size of our planning staff! If you would like to have input on the plans for 2014, this is your chance.

Contact Kristen, Amy or Melissa at amy@sway.org.

![Cub Scouts enjoy Jungle Kickball at Day Camp](image)

Taking a break from crafts at Day Camp

![Save the Date](image)

October 11-13  Fall Camporee — Camp Bromelsick
October 18  Cub Scout Astronomy Belt Loop Presentation — KU Campus
October 19  BSA Jamboree on the Air — KU Campus
October 21  Pizza Ride — Parking lot behind Johnny’s Tavern

Find us on Facebook

We want you to be a friend! You can find our page by searching Facebook for “Pelathe District, HOAC, BSA.”
DISTRICT INFORMATION

September

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

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

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

Cub Scout Day Camp

From archery to the egg drop, Pioneer Trails Scouts had a blast at this summer’s “Jungle Adventure” Day Camp! Thank you to our Day Camp Director, Grey Endres, and our Program Director, Sandey Broman, for putting on our program this year. Another thank you goes out to all the staff and walking leaders. We had a great time this summer and look forward to seeing you again next year!

2013 Popcorn Sale

The 2013 popcorn sale starts in September and if you have not signed up yet, there’s still time. Selling popcorn is a great way to offset costs associated with Scouting like books, uniforms, and camping. If you need to get signed up or have any questions, contact Mike Farrell at (816) 569-4950 or michael.farrell@scouting.org.

School Night for Scouting

It’s that time again. Time to start recruiting new Scouts to join our packs and troops! We had a good recruitment last year, but there are always new Scouts that want to join the fun. Units are encouraged to hold “Back to the Pack” meetings to bring Scouts and families back together to kick off the school year. Packs should also participate in “Back to School” events to welcome new families. We appreciate all of your help with fall recruitment efforts this year.

Leader Training

Do you have leaders that need to be trained? We have a great training team that is willing to come to you and work around your schedule. Contact District Training Chairman, Tom Holley, at holleytd@bv.com or (816) 679-5655.

Cub Family Campout

Mark your calendars and join us at our annual Cub Family Campout. This year’s event will be held Friday, October 4 through Saturday, October 5. The Cub Family Campout is for all Cub Scouts and their families. Those in attendance will spend an evening under the stars while roasting marshmallows, singing campfire songs and playing games. Breakfast will be served Saturday morning and Cub Scouts are invited to participate in the program areas through the morning. Dinner will also be served on Friday night.

Be Featured in Adventures in Scouting?

Have a great story to share? You could be featured in the next issue of Adventures in Scouting.

Email articles to Michael Farrell at Michael.farrell@scouting.org.

Pioneer Trails Scouts spend their Good Turn Day sprucing up Kansas City’s Eagle Scout Fountain.
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2013 Investment in Character

Cub Scout: 80.7%  Boy Scout: 60.1%

2013 Camping

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Packs Prepare for New Scouts

The Membership Team of the Red-Tailed Hawk District has been working hard to ensure that every youth has the opportunity to join Scouting. Not just to sign up for Scouting, but in a smooth and organized fashion. Parents and Leaders are excited to welcome these new Scouts and get them engaged in a fun filled program. These recruitments will also spill over to your September and October pack meetings, so make sure your pack has someone there to welcome new Scouts.

Cubs Return from a Jungle Adventure

Over 500 Cub Scouts had a blast at this summer’s “Jungle Adventure” Day Camp. Thank you to all the parents and walking leaders who took time out of their schedule to make this event happen. Special thanks to Doug Westerhaus, Mike Domer, and their staff for making this possible. You may not realize that planning for this event is a year-round job. To be a Nationally Accredited Day Camp, over 65 requirements have to be met. Everything from letters from hospitals and City Water Departments to NRA certified range instructors to ensure the safety of the youth at this camp.

“Jungle Adventures” Cub Scout Camp
Lake Olathe - June 17-21, 2013
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

August/September 2013

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THUNDERBIRD

2012 GOLD DISTRICT
JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

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2013 Investment in Character

102.1%

2013 Camping

Cub Scout: 66.7% Boy Scout: 75.7%

School Night for Scouting

School Night for Scouting will be starting early this year. Each pack will need to designate a membership chair to attend the last School Night for Scouting training at the August Roundtable. For more information contact School Night Chair, Steve Ham, at (816) 554-0462 or sbham@kc.rr.com.

Cubmobile Derby

Do your Cub Scouts enjoy watching the cars run in the Pinewood Derby, but wish they could really drive them? Are you looking for a fun event to help recruit new Cub Scouts into your pack? Then you’re in luck!

On Saturday September 21, the Thunderbird District will be holding a Cubmobile Derby. The Cubmobile Derby promises to be an exciting, fun filled day of racing, sportsmanship and teamwork for all involved.

For more information visit our Facebook page: “Thunderbird District Cubmobile” or email thunderbirdcubmobile@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Family Campout

The Cub Scout Family Campout is an opportunity for boys and their families to start the Cub Scout year off with a fun outdoor event.

When? Friday, October 4, 6:30 pm – Saturday October 5, 11:30 am
Where? Unity Village, Lee’s Summit
Cost? $8 per person (including adults and siblings)

Camporee 2013

Camporee will be a fun filled weekend for all Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. The 2013 Thunderbird Camporee theme is “Search and Rescue” and will take place October 11 through October 13 at Blue & Gray Park in Lone Jack.

Day Camp

This summer, 375 Cub Scouts enjoyed Thunderbird’s “Jungle Adventure” Day Camp. Cubs had the opportunity to ride a boson chair, race cub mobiles, build gumball machines, shoot bb guns and bows and arrows, and much more. A big thank you goes to all the staff, JR staff, and walking leaders who made this event possible. A special thank you to John Baker, Amanda and Jason Davis, Kelly Clasen, Tim Mosburg, Jim Dietz, Verna Ashcraft, Laura Crotty, and Dan Parker.

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**2013 Investment in Character**

- Cub Scout: 63.9%
- Boy Scout: 81.7%

**2013 Camping**

- Cub Scout: 89.3%
- Boy Scout: 81.7%

### August Events

- **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
  Emanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS
- **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
  Emanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS
- **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
  Emanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

### September Events

- **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
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- **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
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- **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
  Emanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS
- **Meet the Troop Night, 7:00 pm**  
  Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

For the most updated information or to find if there have been any changes to the event schedule, visit [www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead).

### 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. If you missed the last School Night for Scouting Kickoff, we will be hosting a second training at the August Roundtable.

**The SCHOOL NIGHT dates that can be selected are:**

- Tuesday, August 27
- Wednesday, August 28
- Thursday, August 29
- Tuesday, September 3

Contact Fall Recruitment Chairman, Paul Moore, to make sure your recruitment is successful. You can reach Paul at (816) 215-4455 or ptmoore@gmail.com.

### 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/IYOS](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/IYOS).

### 2013 Popcorn Sale

Get ready for popcorn to start this fall! The popcorn sale begins on Saturday, September 7. Once you complete your “Ideal Year of Scouting” planning, you’ll have your fundraising goal. Popcorn is an easy and fun way to reach your fundraising goal. It helps the council and it helps you. 70% of sales go back to local Scouting. Be on the lookout for new prizes and new flavors to the product lineup like buffalo cheddar and sour cream and onion. For the complete 2013 Popcorn Sale schedule or to sign-up, visit [www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn).
**September**

- 5 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
  Holy Trinity Quigley Center,  
  9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS
- 10 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
  Price Chopper,  
  19601 W. 101 St., Lenexa, KS
- 18 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm  
  Sunflower Elementary,  
  8955 Loiret Blvd., Lenexa, KS
- 14-15 Cub Scout Family Campout  
  Camp Naish,  
  1100 Martinek Ln., Kansas City, KS

**School Night for Scouting**

Fall is almost here, are you ready to recruit? All Packs should have their School Night Representative in place and ready to go. This person is responsible for coordinating pack recruitment efforts and communicating plans with the district.

All unit leaders and School Night Representatives should attend the Trails West Roundtable on Thursday, August 1. At Roundtable, we will be finalizing School Night plans as well as distributing pack specific promotional materials.

For more information contact the Trails West School Night Team:

Tony Jackowski — TW School Night Chairman — tjackowski1@comcast.net
Christine O’Connor — TW Membership Chairman — boconnor7@kc.rr.com
Jason Bledsoe — TW Sr. District Executive — jason.bledsoe@scouting.org

**Day Camp Re-Cap**

Thank you to everyone who made the 2013 Trails West Day Camp a huge success! From June 10-13, Lake Olathe was transformed into a “Jungle Adventure.” 246 Cub Scouts enjoyed activities ranging from field games to science. It takes a countless number of leaders and staff to make camp happen and it would not be a success without you. Special thanks to Bill O’Connor, Christine O’Connor, David Pederson, and all the 2013 Day Camp Staff!

Plans are already underway to make next year even better. If you would to help plan or serve on staff for Day Camp 2014, contact Camp Director, Bill O’Connor, at billoconnor7@yahoo.com.

**Camporee 2013 “The Amazing Race 3”**

- Friday, August 23 — Saturday, August 24
- Camp Naish
- Cost: $10

Get ready for “The Amazing Race 3.” This year’s Camporee will be similar to last year, but will include some new challenges. Scouts will test their Scouting skills in different activities that will challenge the best of the best. All events will take place under the stars in an outdoor lock-in type setting. Camporee 2013 is open to Boy Scouts, Webelos II’s, and Venturers only. Registrations are due at the August Roundtable.

For more information or to register, visit the Trails West Activities Page at www.hoac-bsa.org/Trails-West-Activities.

**2013 Cub Scout Family Campout**

- Saturday, September 14 — Sunday, September 15
- Camp Naish
- Cost: $8

The Cub Scout Family Campout is an opportunity for boys and their families to start the Scouting year off with a fun outdoor event. This overnight campout will feature games and activities designed for the entire family. No pre-registration is necessary and the entire family is welcome to attend.

Packs, please RSVP attendance numbers to Matt Bacon at matts.bacon@live.com. This helps with food and program planning.

For more information, visit the Trails West Activities Page at www.hoac-bsa.org/Trails-West-Activities.
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2013 Investment in Character

- Cub Scout: 65.6%
- Boy Scout: 32.9%

2013 Camping

- Cub Scout: 83.2%

August

1. 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

3. School Night for Scouting Kick-off at Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   First Presbyterian Church,
   110 E. Peoria St., Paola, KS

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

September

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

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

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

Cub Scout Day Camp — Jungle Adventure

This year’s Cub Scout Day Camp was filled with fun and adventure as over 130 district Scouts enjoyed a series of activities and events the first week of June at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola, KS.

The Day Camp program focused on learning the value of citizenship, character building, fitness, and fun in the outdoors. Activities included making “noise makers,” shooting bb guns and bows and arrows, field games, and more.

Thanks to all the staff who helped out, especially Camp Director, Natalie Hartig, and Program Director, Kristy Paden. We could not have done it without each and every one of you!

Twin Rivers District Lends Leadership to Rotary Scout Camp

Led by Fish & Wildlife Merit Badge counselor, Chris Morrow, Scouts from Troop 505 in Ottawa, KS learn about nature and the outdoors at Rotary Scout Camp. This five-day camp for Scouts with special needs provides each camper the opportunity to experience a first-rate outdoor adventure. Thanks to Scoutmaster Gib Bruna, the Scouts are able to spend five full days at camp.

School Night for Scouting

As you begin to start thinking about the fall and getting back into the swing of things, please remember to attend the School Night Kick-off refresher on August 1 at Roundtable. Important information will be shared and promotional material will be distributed. We will also be reviewing the School Night for Scouting schedule to double check your recruitment night.

2013 Popcorn Sale

The annual popcorn sale starts in September. This is every Scout’s opportunity to be thrifty and earn his own way in Scouting. Please help your Scouts learn an important life lesson by encouraging them to sell popcorn this fall.

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.

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Register Today at www.hoac-bsa.org
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