A Council With No Pants?

Let's face it, it's embarrassing when you don't have your pants on. And it really looks silly when we aren't completely dressed. Actually, most Scouts I see are wearing some sort of trousers, just not Scout pants. We never see little league- ers or the soccer team wearing off-color pants or blue jeans, do we? No, they expect you to buy the whole thing, buy completely into the program, and they make no apologies for it. And no matter how fast the kids grow — if it's sports — they're in full uniform. Now I know what you're thinking...it's economics right? Can't afford it? I thought that might be true. I realize there are certain exceptions, but for the most part we have to stop selling our program short. We may say things like "you don't have to get Boys' Life magazine...you don't have to take training...you don't have to participate in council activities...you don't have to meet that often." Whoa, whoa, whoa, It almost sounds like you don't have to do anything. But wait! Scouting is the best youth program in America. Why not treat it that way! We don't have to apologize. We are cheating our kids when we shortchange and shortcut. Boys' Life is a part of the program. Pants are too. So is training and summer camp. It all makes sense and it all has benefits, otherwise we'd drop it. So don't drop it. Go all the way. **Scouting needs to be a way of life, not just a part of your life.** Give our kids 100% of Scouting. The Heart of America Council is a proud council...one with class. Let's not get caught with our pants off.

As always if you have any questions, ideas or concerns let me know.

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### Council Calendar

**April**

- 2 Council Day Camp Meeting  
- 5 Naish Mini Camp  
- 5 Skilled Trades Day — Bartle  
- 6 Scout Day at the K  
- 8 Webelos Camp Leader Orientation  
- 9 University of Scouting Staff Meeting  
- 11-13 Section CSE OA Conclave  
- 12 Webelos Camp Leader Orientation  
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- 25-27 OA Induction Weekend  
- 26-27 Webelos STEM Weekend — Bartle  
- 29 Council Commissioner Meeting

**May**

- 3 Naish Mini Camp  
- 3 Bartle Camp Staff Orientation  
- 5 Council Risk Management Committee Meeting  
- 7-17 National Camp School — Bartle  
- 7 Council Day Camp Meeting  
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- 26 Council Service Center Closed — Memorial Day  
- 27 Council Commissioner Meeting  
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- 31 MOS Tribal Celebration
2013 Eagle Scout Class Honored at Municipal Music Hall

Wintery weather couldn’t stop three generations of Eagle Scouts from gathering to continue a Kansas City Scouting tradition. On Sunday, March 2, the 2013 Terry Dunn Class of Eagle Scouts Reception welcomed more than 900 Scouts and families to Municipal Music Hall. Those in attendance included members of the 2013 Eagle Scout class and the 1963 and 1988 Eagle Scout classes who were celebrating their 50th and 25th anniversaries.

935 young men were awarded their Eagle Scout badge in 2013 — more than twice the national average. The 2013 Eagle Scout class also donated more than 114,000 hours of community service through Eagle Scout projects.

Members of the 2013 class who attended the reception were presented the limited edition challenge coin and were included in the official Eagle Scout class photo.

Attendees can order their very own commemorative photo at http://mcarverphoto.com/bsa2013.

The event also featured the presentation of the Paul D. Arend Scoutmaster of the Year Award and National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. The Paul D. Arend Scoutmaster of the Year Award is presented annually to a Heart of America Council Scoutmaster who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the values of the Scout Oath and Law and to the mentorship of Eagle Scouts. This year’s award was presented to Scoutmaster Jeff Wandtke from Troop 85 in Olathe, KS.

The 2014 Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award was presented to Eagle Scout Dawson Garcia of Troop 218 in Overland Park, KS. Dawson’s Eagle Scout Service Project was conducted at the Ronald McDonald House near Children’s Mercy Hospital, a place that was instrumental in helping his own family. Dawson was born with a heart defect and has undergone four open heart surgeries at Children’s Mercy Hospital. His parents utilized the Ronald McDonald House during every one of his surgeries. Dawson’s project was conducted at the very facility that helped his family and included the construction of a gratitude station to thank volunteers, a dog house, and picture frames to display artwork that was created by children utilizing the facility.

This year’s Eagle Scout Reception was only the second such ceremony in Kansas City since 1979. It was resurrected last year as part of the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award as a way to honor local Eagle Scouts.

Scouting Brothers Recognized for Meritorious Service

Two Scouting brothers were honored by the Boy Scouts of America for their quick thinking and for being prepared. Chris and John Macrander, Troop 266, were awarded the National Certificate of Merit by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America on February 9 at Oak Grove Community of Christ Church.

In early March 2012, while running with their mother, Chris and John put the skills they learned in Scouting into action. Their mother Lori was stricken with a severe headache that quickly escalated into blurred vision and the inability to answer basic questions and ultimately unconsciousness. The brothers immediately tried to get back to their vehicle and upon realization that Lori would be unable to drive, summoned additional help which resulted in a 911 call. After arriving at the hospital, the doctors determined the condition causing her symptoms was an Arteriovenous Malformation or AVM, an abnormal connection between arteries and veins in the brain. The family was told that these conditions are often fatal and the quick actions taken by Chris and John were likely lifesaving.

The National Certificate of Merit is awarded to youth members who have rendered an act of heroism or special service to others where their own lives were not in danger. The award is rarely given and in 2012 only 53 certificates were presented.

Local Scouter to Receive Top Regional Award

Mission Hills Mayor and Heart of America Council Scout, Rick Boeshaar, will be honored with the BSA’s Silver Antelope Award for the Central Region.

The Silver Antelope Award is the highest award that can be presented by a region to one of its volunteers. The honor recognizes Rick’s lifelong service to Scouting and the community as well as his dedication to helping our youth become outstanding leaders.

An Eagle Scout, Rick has served Scouting in various capacities. His impressive career of service includes volunteer roles like Central Region President, Council Commissioner, Council Board Member, District Chairman and many more.

Rick will be officially recognized with the Silver Antelope Award on May 23 during the BSA’s national meeting in Nashville, TN.
Kansas Eagle Scout Selected for Expedition to Antarctica

On March 7, one local Scout embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. Alex Houston, an Eagle Scout from Lawrence, KS traveled from the Midwest to Ushuaia, Argentina and then by icebreaker to Antarctica for a 2-week international expedition.

Alex was selected to be a part of 2041, an international organization and research expedition created to explore the Antarctic Peninsula to study its ecology, wildlife and the importance of renewable energy in shaping the future of the continent. Alex was the only Scout from the United States selected to be a member of the team. He was selected from a pool of Eagle Scouts who submitted video essays in which they described their understanding of the importance of sustainability, how they would be a positive addition to an international team of environmental experts and how they would use this experience to benefit their local community.

The trip was led by famed British explorer Robert Swan, the first person to walk to both poles, and was made up of team members from the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Mexico, South Africa, Germany, Luxembourg, Peru, Italy, the Netherlands and more.

Swan and Alex will present their findings from the trip this fall at the BSA’s 2014 Sustainability Summit in West Virginia. The conference will bring global industry leaders together to explore sustainability, environmental leadership and best conservation practices.

Alex began his Scouting journey in first grade as a Tiger Cub and progressed all the way to Eagle Scout. Now 18-years-old, Alex stays very involved with his home troop. This summer he will work at the Florida Sea Base. He plans on taking his experience from Scouts and the international expedition to college to study political science and international affairs.

Learn more about 2041 and check out amazing photos and videos from the trip at www.expedition.2041.com.

Scouting 500 to Welcome Granddaughter of Baden Powell

Gill Clay, the granddaughter of Scouting’s founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell, will make her way to the Midwest for the Heart of America Council’s Scouting 500 on May 16-18 at Kansas Speedway. She will be on hand to meet with Scouts and leaders and share her personal experiences as a member of Scouting’s First Family. Stop by the International Scouting tent located in the Scouting 500 Midway for your chance to meet Gill.

Gill is currently a Scout leader in the United Kingdom. She is a lifelong member of the Girl Guides and the Scout Association and supports Scouting across the world. Gill recently received the Silver World Award, which is given to Scouters who have made a significant contribution to Scouting internationally, but are not members of the BSA.

We look forward to welcoming Ms. Clay to the Heart of America Council and celebrating our rich history and exciting future together for a once in a lifetime experience.

Turn to page 7 to read more about this year’s Scouting 500.

Cub Scouts Use Technology to Earn International Award

Lawrence, Kansas and Scotland may be more than 4,000 miles apart, but that didn’t stop Cub Scout Pack 3363 from learning how Scouting works a world away. The Lawrence pack used Skype and hand written letters to communicate with Evan Grosshans, the uncle of one of the pack’s Webelos Scouts. Grosshans is an Eagle Scout originally from the Lawrence area who now lives in Scotland and helped the Scouts identify the similarities and differences between the two Scouting programs.

The correspondence also earned the pack the council’s International Scouting Award. The award can be earned by any Scout who learns about Scouting in another country and communicates with someone from that country. Learn more about the award at www.hoac-bsa.org/international-scouting.
Council Welcomes Spring Interns

You may have noticed a few new faces around the Council Service Center this spring. The Heart of America Council hired 3 outstanding interns this year. We wanted to take the time to introduce them and thank them all for a job well done!

Lauren Ficklin — Marketing

Lauren Ficklin is originally from the St. Louis area. She is a public relations major at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg and will be graduating this May. Lauren is a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America and currently serves as the Public Relations chair for Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity.

Rachel Pearson — Kansas Service Area

Rachel Pearson was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. She is currently attending Rockhurst University where she is studying exercise science and nonprofit leadership studies. Rachel is a quadruplet and has three brothers that were all involved in Scouting.

Emily Weiss — Missouri Service Area

Emily Weiss was born in Kansas City, MO and returned this year for her second internship with the council. Currently, Emily is studying finance at Rockhurst University. She will be the first in her family to graduate from college with a four-year degree.

Paid internships are available year-round through the Heart of America Council. To inquire about availability or to apply, send a cover letter and resume to Anthony.Escobar@scouting.org.

2014-2015

IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING

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

Steps to your Ideal Year of Scouting:

1.) Plan your program
2.) Fund your program
3.) Grow your membership
4.) Train your leaders

Steps to Develop your Yearly Program:

- **Brainstorming** — Brainstorm ideas of things you would like to do as a unit. Include a wide range of activities like field trips and service projects.
- **Evaluation** — The unit committee evaluates each suggestion and goes back to the unit with an “approved” list. Have youth vote on their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. The activities receiving the most votes should be put into your annual program plan.
- Put together a draft annual program calendar. Assign potential activities for further research (cost, times, availability, etc.)
- Finalize your annual program plan. Put together a budget to fund the program.
- Recruit new youth and adult members during a school night/recruitment event in August.
- Hold a program kickoff for new and returning families.
- Conduct your annual fundraising event.
- Implement your annual program plan.

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

Guides will be available starting in April at your District Roundtable.
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

SCOUTStrong Challenge

Saturday, September 13 — Kansas Speedway

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2014 SCOUTStrong Challenge ½ Marathon and 5k on September 13.

Open to runners of all ages, this year’s course will take you around the track of the Kansas Speedway on Daytona Drive, through beautiful Wyandotte County Park, past the Agricultural Hall of Fame, through the Legends entertainment district, and will finish on the track of the Kansas Speedway.

2014 RACE FEATURES:

➤ Half Marathon Prize Purse  
➤ Chip time, instant results  
➤ Unique custom medal  
➤ Certified course  
➤ Custom Technical shirts for all runners  
➤ Post-race party with food, beverages, and music  
➤ Awards for top finishers in all age groups

Registration is now open. Visit www.scoutstrongchallenge.org for more information.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY JUNE 1 FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN GREAT SCOUT NIGHT PRIZES

Sporting Kansas City Scout Night

Saturday, August 23 — Sporting Park

Cheer on 2013 MLS Cup Champion Sporting Kansas City as they take on D.C. United at Scout Night on Saturday, August 23. Tickets are only $20 (a $38 value). But act fast! This game will sell out and less than 1,900 Scout Night tickets are still available. Order your tickets today at www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc.

Arrive early to take part in our pre-game Scout Event area. We’ll have games and activities for the entire family from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Sprint Plaza. And don’t forget the Scout Parade! Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc to register for this unforgettable Scout Night experience.

2014 SCOUT NIGHT SCARF

Pre-order the official 2014 “rugby” Scout Night scarf. A Scout Night favorite, less than 130 limited edition scarves are still available. Scarves are $20 and only available online at www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc.

Adventure Gear Starts Here!

Get ready for summer camp at your local Scout Shop.

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Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

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SCOUTING 500
3 DAYS — 2 NIGHTS — 1 EPIC EVENT
May 16–18 — Kansas Speedway

Have you registered for the Scouting 500 yet? It’s not too late, but you better hurry! The inaugural Scouting 500 promises to be one of the largest Scouting events in the nation. This “camporee style” event is only scheduled to occur every 4 years and we want to make sure every Scout has the chance to attend at least once.

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 13

Due to added registration options, we wanted to make sure all participants had the opportunity to register at the early bird rate. Those who register for Camping or Day Passes by April 13 will save $10 per person.

Camping Passes
$30 if registered by April 13
$40 if registered after April 13

Day Passes
$25 if registered by April 13
$35 if registered after April 13

4 WAYS TO REGISTER

Camping Pass ($30 per person if registered by April 13)

The Camping Pass includes 4 meals and access to all program and camping areas, including the Stage Show and Sunday morning Religious Services. Camping areas will be divided into Sub-Camps located in preferred parking areas surrounding the Kansas Speedway. Cub Scouts are allowed to camp both nights as long as they adhere to the rules and regulations of the BSA’s Family Camping Program. See the Leader’s Guide at www.Scouting500.org for details.

Day Pass ($25 per person if registered by April 13)

The Day Pass includes 2 meals and access to all program activities and Stage Show. The Day Pass will be available for Saturday, May 17 only. Day Pass participants will not have access to the camping areas.

NEW Cub Scout Family Camping Pass ($30 per person if registered by April 13)

Non-BSA registered family members of Cub Scouts now have the option to camp with their Scout. The Cub Scout Family Camping Pass includes 4 meals and access to the Stage Show and Sunday morning Religious Services. Please note that the Cub Scout Family Camping Pass only includes observation, not participation in the program areas. The Cub Scout Sub-Camp is the only camping area available to Cub Scout Family Camping Pass holders.

NEW Visitor Pass ($15 per person)

Visitors are invited to attend the Scouting 500 and stay through the end of the Stage Show. Visitors may tour, but not participate in the programs. Meals will not be provided for visitors and access to camping areas will not be allowed. Visitor Passes will only be available for Saturday, May 17 and must be purchased in advance.

FEATURED ACTIVITY PIT STOPS

The Scouting 500 is not your typical Scouting event, so don’t expect the typical activities. We will be offering more than 100 different activities organized through 12 Pit Stops located in the infield of the Kansas Speedway.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE...


JUST FOR CUBS

Activities exclusively for Cub Scouts:
Climbing Towers, Zoomobile, KC Disc Dogs, Inflatable BB Gun Ranges, Action Archery, Sports Clinics, Ladder Climb, Bungee Run, Remote Control Cars AND MUCH MORE!


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Everything you need to know about the Scouting 500
LEADER’S GUIDE • FEATURED ACTIVITIES • FAQ • PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS & SATURDAY NIGHT STAGE SHOW

The Scouting 500 will also feature 2 special evening activities. Those camping both nights are invited to officially kick-off the Scouting 500 at our Friday Night Lights celebration on Friday from 5:00-10:00 pm in the infield under the lights. We’ll be opening up select activity Pit Stops for Scouts to try out before the activities officially open on Saturday morning. Friday Night Lights will also include live music, food, and a few more surprises.

One of the highlights of the Scouting 500 will be the highly anticipated Saturday Night Stage Show. The show will feature a private 45-lap mock race by the Richard Petty Driving Experience, a live concert by the ZEROs, pre-race flyover, skydivers, a spectacular fireworks finale and MUCH MORE!
In Memory of:

J Jack Clark
Gordon J Kaufman

Joseph Paul Cook
Marilyn Fellows
James Filley
Jennifer Hertig
Dee Phillips
Frank Rieger

Fred Douglas
Shirley Douglas

Lois French
John & Sarah Erickson

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Gail Peters

Josef P Kessler
Meara Welch Browne PC
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Heart of America Council Staff

2014 Patron Luncheon Welcomes Record Crowd

A record crowd of more than 750 business and community leaders made their way to the Marriott Muehlebach on March 6 for the 7th Annual Patron Luncheon. The event helps showcase the importance of Scouting to the Kansas City community and this year’s event helped raise a record amount of donations for local Scouting programs.

Ret. Col. Mark Tillman, the pilot who was at the controls of Air Force One on September 11, 2001, served as the guest speaker and delivered a powerful and inspiring message to luncheon attendees.

Special thanks to our table hosts, corporate sponsors, and 2014 Chairman, Dan Henry, CEO of netSpend.

Eagle Scout Jordan Callier delivers an inspirational testimonial on what Scouting means to him

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SAVE the DATE

To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Tammy Butterfield at (816) 569-4979.
BREAKING GROUND

Naish’s New Whippoorwill Council Ring Takes Shape

After serving more than two decades as the Ceremony Ring for Tamegonit Lodge, Whippoorwill is getting a facelift. Chances are — as you’re reading this — even more changes at the site will be taking place. The completed project is slated to be dedicated during the Order of the Arrow’s Section Conclave at Naish on April 12.

Progress has been steady in order to have the project completed on time. Special thanks to Burns & McDonnell for designing the new ring and for sending a crew of more than 50 volunteers to install benches, retaining walls, and other final touches on the site.

Tamegonit Lodge has taken full responsibility for raising the necessary funds to make this project a reality. With a total goal of $100,000, we are counting on individuals like you to help us meet our goal. There are several recognition levels available for donors who give at the $100 level. For more information contact Cortland Bolles at cortland.bolles@scouting.org or (816) 569-4955.

And be on the lookout for updated photos of the new council ring on Facebook and in the next issue of Adventures in Scouting.

CAMPING NEWS

Fundraising Pays the Way to 1915 Summer Camp in Elk Springs

Families in the early days of Scouting did not have a lot of disposable income to send their sons to camp. But in 1915, there were two ways Scouts could attend summer camp with a little extra effort.

The first was by saving the carton tops of Aunt Mary’s Loaf Cake, a popular food product of the time.

Sixteen Scouts would go to camp free thanks to Aunt Mary. The boy bringing in the most carton tops with Aunt Mary’s picture would receive a free round trip ticket on the train to Elk Springs, entrance fee to camp, and $2 cash for spending money. The next five boys would be given round trip tickets to camp and the entrance fee and the next ten would be given round trip tickets to camp.

Bunting-Stone Hardware, located at 8th and Walnut, also reminded Scouts that one Scout from Troop 17 sold enough flyswatters in two days in 1914 to pay his way to camp as well as his camp expenses. Scouts were instructed to come in and see Mr. W.M. Bunting for the particulars on this opportunity. The supply of swatters was limited and the time was short, so if they wanted to have a way to pay for camp they had to act quickly.

If you have Scouting history questions or suggestions for future articles, email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
Reservations Unveil New Summer Programs

Spring is here and the Bartle and Naish Camp Staffs are getting ready for another unforgettable summer. They’re also ready to roll out a number of new summer programs. Here’s a look at some of the new featured programs for 2014.

**H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation**

**Paintball Outpost**

Take aim at adventure at our “Top Shot Paintball” Outpost. This exciting new activity will allow Scouts to compete against each other in the ultimate test of marksmanship.

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

**ATV Outpost**

Get ready for the ultimate adrenaline rush. Scouts will learn ATV safety and then travel our professionally designed dirt course through the backwoods of the reservation.


**BOY SCOUT CAMP FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE APRIL 16**

The following items must be submitted by April 16 in order to complete your camp reservation.

- Camp Fee paid in FULL
- Full-Time Leader & Scout Roster
- Shared Leaders/Part-Time Leader Worksheet

**Online Merit Badge Sign-Up**

Awardrecords.net will be available May 13 for online merit badge sign-ups. Your unit received their unit ID and password at the March Leader Orientation. Questions? Contact the Council Camping Department at (816) 942-9333.

**Provisional Units at Bartle**

- Does your unit go to camp during a session you can’t attend?
- Does your unit not go to Bartle, but you would like to?
- Would you like to earn more merit badges and attend Bartle for an additional session?

If your answer is **YES**, then contact Laura Campbell at laura.campbell@scouting.org to sign-up to be a part of our provisional units. During the 2014 camping season we will have a provisional unit each session. Space is limited, so sign-up today!

**CAMPING QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Council Camping Department (816) 942-9333

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**Spring Webelos STEM Weekend**

**April 26-27 — Bartle Scout Reservation**

Calling all Webelos Scouts! Here’s your chance to experience the fun of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. The spring Webelos “STEM” Weekend is set for Saturday, April 26 — Sunday, April 27.

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 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 packet.

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FALL WEBELOS STEM WEEKEND**

September 6-7

**Reservation Work Days**

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from across the council donate their time and talents to the maintenance and upkeep of the Theodore Naish and H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservations.

Reservation Work Days are open to all Scouters and include projects like: painting, building repair, tent and cot repair, roofing, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, conservation, and general cleaning.

**Upcoming Reservation Work Days:**

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Please pre-register online for Work Days at www.hoac-bsa.org/maintenance-team.

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**Only 1 Chance Left for Mini-Camp this Spring**

Boy Scouts and Venturers can participate in activities ranging from shooting sports and archery to COPE and Wilderness First Aid training. Most programs cost $30 for the day. Registration includes lunch for all programs. Participants may register individually or as a unit and choose either a day or weekend option. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends for more information.

Next Mini Camp — May 3
2014 Tribal Celebration

May 30 — June 1

The hills of Osceola are calling you back to celebrate Mic-O-Say’s Tribal Celebration May 30 – June 1. Register online today at www.hoac-bsa.org/mic-o-say-tribal-celebration.

2014 Tribal Celebration Fees

- 2013 Braves attend FREE
- Youth under 21 $25.00
- Adults $35.00
- $45.00 after May 11

2014 OA Induction Weekends

As your unit completes its OA election, make sure to sign-up for an Induction Weekend as soon as possible. All newly elected candidates should be signed-up to attend an Induction Weekend and anyone who has been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months should come to an Induction Weekend to seal the membership in the OA by becoming a Brotherhood member.

2014 OA Induction Schedule

April 25-27
May 9-11
June 4-5
June 11-12
August 15-17
September 5-7 (Bartle)

Download the 2014 Induction Packet at www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities.

75th Anniversary Plans

At the end of March, the initial plans for the 75th Anniversary Celebration started rolling out. There are still more plans to come, but we are looking forward to a great weekend in the middle of September to commemorate our lodge’s 75th Anniversary. Among some of the highlights that weekend include a visit from Nick Dannemiller, 2014 Order of the Arrow National Chief, a ceremonial legacy demonstration by past ceremonialists, a silent auction, a comprehensive history display of the lodge, and some of the traditional events of our Fall Fellowship like the Vigil Call and youth officer elections. For more on the 75th Anniversary visit www.hoac-bsa.org/tamegonit-lodge-75th-anniversary.

2014 Award Nominations

Due July 1

Nominations for the Vigil Honor and Founder’s Award are due no later than July 1. Download the nomination forms at www.hoac-bsa.org/resources-oa.

Pay OA Dues Online

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Vigil Vest

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CUB SCOUT CAMPING

DAY CAMP — “Cubs in Space”

13 Different Locations — 1 Great Program

We’re in the process of finalizing a great “Cubs in Space” Day Camp program for thousands of area Cub Scouts. There’s still time to sign-up, but act fast! The cost to attend is now only $70 and new Cub Scouts can register for $60 anytime. Register online at www.SCOUTCAMPING.org.

Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts, including kindergarten graduates, and is held within your district. Day Camp is fun with a purpose and Scouts will experience activities ranging from archery to arts & crafts.

BEAR RESIDENT CAMP

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World

Bear Camp is a 2-day outdoor adventure open to all Bears, or Cub Scouts entering the 3rd grade. Your Scout will get to explore the Lost Mines, shoot BB guns, set sail for adventure at the Pirate Ship Water Park, defend a castle, build their own toolbox, and much more.

CURRENT COST: $65

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

Contact the Council Camping Department at (816) 942-9333 to make a reservation

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Webelos Camp is a 3-day outdoor adventure open to all Webelos Scouts entering the 4th or 5th grade. Separate programs are available for Webelos 1 and 2 Scouts with daily programming that includes swimming, shooting sports, climbing, and much more.

CURRENT COST: $140

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

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2014 Webelos Camp Leader Orientation Meetings

Orientation #1: April 8 — Camp Naish — 7:00 pm
Orientation #2: April 12 — Council Service Center — 10:00 am
Orientation #3: April 17 — Camp Naish — 7:00 pm

For more information visit www.SCOUTCAMPING.org

2014 Day Camp Patch

2014 Bear Camp Patch

2014 Bear Camp Leader Orientation Meetings

Orientation #1: May 13 — 7:00 pm — Camp Naish
Orientation #2: May 19 — 7:00 pm — Camp Naish

For more information visit www.SCOUTCAMPING.org

2014 CUB SCOUT CAMP ADVENTURE GUIDES

Now available at SCOUTCAMPING.org

2014 Camp Patch
CAMPING & PROGRAMS

Summit Council Contingent

The Heart of America Council has arranged a limited and very special opportunity for 4 crews to attend the BSA’s newest High Adventure Base, the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. This week-long Summit experience will include all the Summit activities — BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, zip lines, canopy tours, challenge courses, climbing, shooting sports and much more.

Each of the council crews will be comprised of two leaders and ten youth. This opportunity is available to Scouts who will be 13 years old by September 1, 2014. The cost to participate, including bus transportation and food, is $1,000 per person. The planned departure date is July 12, 2014 with a return date of July 20, 2014. For more information visit www.hoac-bsa.org/high-adventure.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

Reservations to Welcome International Camp Staff

The H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations are excited to welcome 5 new International Scouts to serve as members of the camp staff this summer. While we are still awaiting confirmation from our fifth Scout, we can tell you that our camps will welcome Scouts from Ecuador, Iceland, Mongolia and the United Kingdom. We’ll introduce you to this year’s International Scouts in the June-July issue of Adventures in Scouting.

2015 World Jamboree — Japan

The 2015 World Jamboree will be held July 28–August 8 in Japan. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for any Scout or Venturer. The cost to attend is $5,750. Registration and payment must be completed online through the National Council and the participant must be approved by their local council. For more information visit www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.

VENTURING

IBEX Climbing Event

Join us April 5-6 for overnight fun at IBEX Climbing Gym. The cost to attend is only $40 and includes all meals and climbing. All participants must be at least 13 years old. Find more information at http://VOAWinterEvent.kintera.org.

Venturing Recognition Banquet

The Venturing Recognition Banquet will be held on Friday, April 25 at Breakpoint Community Church in Overland Park, KS. We will recognize the 2014 Venturing Leadership Award recipients and install the 2014-15 youth leadership of the Venturing Officers Association. Register online at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.

VOA Float Trip

From July 11-13, Venturers and Explorers are invited to float the quiet part of the Big Nangua River. We will camp all weekend long at Living Waters Canoe Ministry. The cost is $40 and includes camping, canoe rental, Saturday night cracker-barrel, and an event t-shirt. Register online at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.

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Are you looking for that perfect camping spot or BSA summer camp? Camp Scout by Boys’ Life, a FREE iPhone app, is here to help. Search BSA properties across the country or in your own backyard to find the perfect spot for your next adventure.

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Scout Community Calendar

Kansas City Scouting Events in 2014

Enhance your Scouting Unit’s Monthly Program

www.hoac-bsa.org/community-activities
A Scout is Reverent

By Don Shapley, Council Religious Emblems Coordinator

Scouting is all about values, learning and recognition. When a boy has accomplished the things required of him to obtain the next rank we know that he has learned, achieved and gained new values. Then we proudly present him with that rank or badge and he proudly displays it on his uniform to SHOW what he has accomplished.

Every boy promises “to do his duty to God.” But how often do we require him to achieve THAT and reward him with a Religious Emblem? Adults are recognized for their accomplishments too. How many of them have been recognized for their contribution to the faith of the boys in their care?

We need to show Scouts that they need to be observant of all promises they make. Help them earn the Religious Emblem of their faith and be sure to recognize adults as well. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/religious-emblems for resources.

Track Your Community Service Hours

Community service is a major component of the Journey to Excellence program. In 2013, our units logged 183,586 community service hours through 2,286 service projects. However, we missed out on being recognized for close to 300,000 hours and more than 3,650 service projects because they were not logged into the Journey to Excellence system by our units.

Please take the time to enter your hours for 2014. Service projects for Mic-O-Say and Order of the Arrow count! Service projects for your chartered organization count! Service projects for the council and district community service days count! Eagle Scout service projects count! Please take the time to enter your service hours at https://servicehours.scouting.org.

NYLT (National Youth Leader Training)

June 15-20 & June 16-21
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

NYLT is an intense seven-day outdoor training experience for youth. The purpose is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program, share ideas and experiences with other Scouts, and to have fun! There will be two courses running simultaneously: June 15-20 & June 16-21. Both courses will take place at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. There are still openings, but act fast because space is limited! Go to www.hoac-bsa.org/youth-training for more information.

Wood Badge

September 5-7 & September 26-28
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Wood Badge is training for adult leaders from all Scouting programs. It provides participants with firsthand knowledge regarding how teams develop and achieve excellence. Participants will enjoy a world-class learning experience that will strengthen their long-term commitment to Scouting and provide them with valuable leadership skills. Online registration is now available at www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge.
EAGLE SCOUTS: Where Are They Now?

Scott Smith
Eagle Scout Class of 1975
Troop 123, Kansas City, MO

Occupation
Video Production & Broadcast Journalism teacher
Free State High School, Lawrence, KS

Scott Smith graduated from the University of Kansas in 1985 with a Bachelor’s degree in radio and film production. His career path first led him into the corporate world where for more than 20 years he created commercials, corporate videos, training programs, and TV shows. His client list included the PGA Tour, Hill’s Pet Foods, Jiffy Lube, and Sprint. He’s created television programming for ESPN, the Turner networks, PBS, and The Golf Channel.

In 2008 Scott “semi-retired” from his corporate production work to become the Video Production & Broadcast Journalism teacher at Free State High School in Lawrence, Kansas. As a teacher he is able to share his love of the creative experience of video production.

Growing up in Kansas City, Scott followed the trail to Eagle to be more like his father, Harold “Cotton” Smith. Scouting taught Scott about leadership and initiative.

Q: What advice do you have for a Life Scout working to complete his Eagle?
Scott: Get it done! You have no idea what an accomplishment of that magnitude means and how much it can impact your life. The planning, organization, and negotiation skills you acquire during your project are invaluable in the real world.

Reaching the rank of Eagle gave me motivation to continue to persevere in other things, knowing that if I do not give up and work hard enough, I can accomplish any goal. This is something that I am proud of, just knowing that I reached a personal goal I set for myself created motivation in a myriad of difficult tasks that I’ve encountered throughout my life. That motivation and subsequent accomplishments create building blocks of success. I’m not sure of any other program a young man can be involved with that provides this kind experience.

Q: What opportunities did earning your Eagle open up that you may not have had otherwise?
Scott: I don’t know if being an Eagle Scout opened any doors that may have remained otherwise closed, but I will say that the fact that I am an Eagle is on my professional résumé. Most people are always fascinated to some degree about the fact I’m an Eagle.

Q: What Scouting skills have helped you most in your career?
Scott: Scouting is completely about leadership. When you think about it, holding open doors, standing up for the little guy, being prepared, being the first to do the dirty work, and getting the best out of your troop is leading.

Scouting and Mic-O-Say also taught me the importance of giving back - to life and to Scouting. If others had not given their time and effort to Scouting, I never would have made it to Eagle or learned all of the important things that I did during my years of being a Scout.

Scouting guides you toward taking personal leadership to devote yourself to goals and principles. The program works best when eventually you pass all you know onto others. That’s leading people. To direct and teach people a skill, especially if it’s in an emergency, to show reverence to faith, and to set an example for others to follow by being the best Scout and Tribesman you can be takes leadership of the utmost ability.

That’s what I thought it meant to be an Eagle - the ability to get the very best out of yourself and those around you. I can do it, you can do it, we’ll lead the way. Because Eagles lead.

Scott remains heavily involved in Scouting and currently serves as a member of the new Mic-O-Say governance committee for Records & Publications. He is also the editor of the Mic-O-Say publications, Cedar Smoke, and The Inner Circle.

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

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Available for just $1 at the Council Service Center
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**District Roundtable**

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

**District Pinewood Derby**

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

**District Training**

In order to ensure that we provide the highest quality youth program possible, all registered adults must be trained in their respective positions. Please ensure that all leaders have completed the required training courses, including youth protection. If you have any questions regarding leader training contact Tammy Cockrum at (660)281-9899 or trcockrum@yahoo.com.

**Day Camp**

The 2014 Big Muddy Day Camp will be held June 2-6 at Walnut Hills in Carrolton, MO. For more information on this event, contact our Day Camp Director Tammy Cockrum at (660)281-9899 or trcockrum@yahoo.com or your District Executive Joe Beck at joseph.beck@scouting.org.
May

1 Roundtable/Planning Fair, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School,
3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO
Eagle Scout Project Reviews, Eagle Board of
Reviews, Merit Badge Counselor Training

1 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School,
3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO

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

16-18 Scouting 500 Kansas Speedway

26 Memorial Day — Council Service Center Closed

2014 Cub Day Camp: Cubs in Space

We are gearing up for this year’s Blue Elk Day Camp and we want you to be a part of it. Come out to the Legion Farm in Blue Springs July 8-12 for some fun in the sun! We will be offering all of your favorite programs as well as some new activities, including water games, lunar landings and even science experiments! Remember, any registered Cub Scout (including kindergarten graduates) may attend day camp. Register online at www.scoutcamping.org. Please remember to sign up as a pack!

Questions?
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Stacia Dehaan — Registrar
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Scouting Achievements Recognized in Blue Elk District

The 37th Annual Blue Elk District Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held January 25 at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs. The “Television Trivia” themed event was attended by over 240 district leaders.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the District Award of Merit, the highest honor a district may present to a volunteer.

2013 District Award of Merit Recipients:
David Wildscheutz, Troop 310, Kevin Matson, Troop 738, Jeffery Grubb, Troop 228, Dwight Fowler, Troop 334, and Cheryl Duncan, Troop 692.
UMKC School of Dentistry

On February 8, the UMKC School of Dentistry’s dental practice labs were filled with some new faces as the UMKC Dental Research Explorer Post hosted a day of “Dental Exploration.” The goal of the special session was to give students interested in dentistry an opportunity to experience it first-hand. The 85 participants came from a variety of organizations including: Children’s Mercy Medical Explorer Post, Latinos of Tomorrow, Avanzando Scholars, the Learning Institute Pipeline Program, University Academy, UMKC Admission Enhancement Program, Prep Kansas City, and Kuwait Pre-Dentistry Program. Twenty members of the U.S. Naval Reserves were on hand to mentor the participants as they performed IV insertion, blood pressure monitoring, and suturing. Additionally, UMKC dental school members of the Student National Dental Association/Hispanic Student Dental Association (SNDA/HSDA) instructed the participants as they practiced drilling and filling teeth and making dental impressions.

John Cottrell, director of Minority and Special Programs at the School of Dentistry, organized the event. The UMKC Dental Explorer Post hosts participants from throughout the KC Metro during the academic year and explores all aspects of the dental profession. The two-hour sessions feature a presentation by a dental faculty member or a graduate student, followed by hands-on experiences in the preclinical laboratory directed by SNDA/HSDA members.

Visit www.exploringkc.org to learn more about the UMKC Dental Research Explorer Post.
Bob Coates was recognized as the Program Aide of the Year during the District Recognition event. Bob has shown outstanding dedication as a program aide, as well as an outstanding district leader. Although Bob is a member of the Frontier District, he is also an active member of the Pioneer Trails District with Pack and Troop 27.

District Award of Merit

Doug Roberts and James Vaca were recognized with the District Award of Merit. Doug serves as District Commissioner for the Frontier District. A native of the North Star District, Doug is also a Silver Beaver recipient and is Wood Badge trained.

James Vaca serves as the District's Vice Chair. He is a native of the Thunderbird District and a member of Pack and Troop 531.

17th Annual Urban Scouting BBQ

Friday, June 20
Barney Allis Plaza — Kansas City, MO

Since 1998, the Urban Scouting BBQ has raised over $260,000 for the Urban Scouting program here in the Kansas City area. The success of this event has made it possible to provide urban youth the opportunity to become Scouts by reducing the cost of registration, handbooks, uniforms and other program essentials.

Your participation and contribution to our 2014 Urban Scouting BBQ will help the Urban Scouting program continue to serve at-risk youth in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Please consider making a donation and joining us for a great lunch.

Individual tickets are $10 and includes a pulled-pork sandwich, beans, cole slaw, ice cream and drink. American Royal Grand Champion PLOWBOYS BBQ is once again preparing the meal. Sponsorships are also available. Contact Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967 or Dusty.Boatright@scouting.org for more information.
A Muddy Klondike Derby

This year’s Klondike Derby can be summed up in one word — MUDDY! However, that did not stop 300 Scouts from enjoying this year’s event. Congratulations to all of the Scouts for their hard work. Here are the final results:

**Boy Scout Division:**
- 1st Place — Troop 160
- 2nd Place — Troop 66
- 3rd Place — Troop 3

**Venturing Division**
- 1st Place — 2165
- 2nd Place — 2617

A special thank you to Troop 165’s Women’s Auxiliary Group for making hot soup, coffee and hot chocolate available for all leaders and Scouts to help keep them warm.

Thank you to Nils Erickson for coordinating the event as our Klondike Derby Chair.

**Congratulations to Kaw’s District Award of Merit Recipients**

On January 25, the Kaw District presented the District Award of Merit to three worthy Scouters at the annual District Dinner.

- **David Block**
  - District/Troop 244/Crew 2149/Crew 2244
- **Al Lechner**
  - District/Troop 167/Crew 2617
- **Regina Utter**
  - District/Pack 3149

**Kaw District Leader Awards:**

- **Loren Russell**
  - Chartered Organization Representative of the Year
- **Glenda Noell**
  - Committee Chair of the Year
- **Celeste Williams**
  - Den Leader of the Year
- **Lee North**
  - Cubmaster of the Year
- **Matthew Fox**
  - Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year
- **Nils Erickson**
  - Scoutmaster of the Year

**Homeless Awareness Campout**

Tanner Hendrix and Troop 173 had one night they will never forget on January 17. Not only did they spend the night outside in 30 degree weather with wind chills in the low teens, but they traded in their tents and spent the night in cardboard boxes. This was the first of what will now become an annual event. The Homeless Awareness Campout had Scouts collecting food, clothing, toiletries and blankets for the Synergy House, an organization that helps homeless teenage youth. For more information about the event or to donate, contact Tanner Hendrix at kcfanmade@aol.com.

**Investment in Character Campaign Nears Finish Line**

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

This year’s Kaw family goal is $30,250. If your unit has not scheduled your presentation or you would like our presentation team to return, contact Greg Thomas at gregory.m.thomas4.civ@mail.mil or Jose Romero at (816) 569-4973 or jose.romero@scouting.org.
Lone Bear Pinewood Derby

The Lone Bear District will have its district wide pinewood derby on April 12. The race is open to all Cub Scouts in the Lone Bear District, however to be eligible to compete, you must have finished in the top three of your category in your home pack. Questions? Contact Dan Dietz at (618) 559-3790 or capt.dan.dietz@gmail.com.

Clinton Eagle Scout Recognition

On February 23, Troops 1225 and 1430 held their annual Eagle Scout Court of Honor. This year, 8 outstanding young men from Clinton received Scouting’s highest rank.

1430 Logan Arcano
1430 Jacob Fleming
1430 Gavin Hilte
1225 Chance Huff
1430 Walter Langdon
1225 Randall Mendenhall
1225 Joshua Ryun
1430 Isaac Suthoff

A Cub Scout from Pack 4509 in Knob Noster, MO shows off his awards that he received at the Blue and Gold Banquet.

Investment In Character

Congratulations to the following units who have achieved Free Rank Advancement thus far:

Troop 1031
Troop 1350
Troop 1509
Pack 4019
Pack 4399
Pack 4632

Who will be next? The Lone Bear District is well on track to attain our goal and achieve it by the Victory Celebration on May 6. Keep up the great work!

April

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

6 Scout Day at the K
Kauffman Stadium

8 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
First United Methodist Church,
141 E Gay St., Warrensburg, MO

12 Lone Bear District Pinewood Derby
Clinton, MO

15 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

May

6 Roundtable/Planning Fair, 7:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
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April
1  District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Kansas City, MO
2  Merit Badge Counselor Training & OA Chapter Meeting
6  Scout Day at the K  Kauffman Stadium
8  District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm  Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70 St., Liberty, MO
10 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 pm  Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70 St., Liberty, MO

May
1  District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Kansas City, MO
2  Merit Badge Counselor Training, OA Chapter Meeting, COR Training
8  Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 pm  Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70 St., Liberty, MO
13 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm  Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70 St., Liberty, MO
16-18 Scouting 500  Kansas Speedway

2014 District Pinewood Derby
The 2014 North Star District Pinewood Derby was a fun and exciting time for everybody involved. Race master Sean McCombs and his highly experienced group of volunteers put on a grand show for all participants and spectators. Many races were extremely close! A special THANK YOU to the staff at Maple Woods Community College for hosting this year’s race. The venue was wonderful and everyone had a great time racing.

Grand Champion .............. Terrel L. Pack 412
1st Runner-Up .............. Zane B. Pack 247
2nd Runner-Up ........... Connor L. Pack 412
3rd Runner-Up ............ Tyler T. Pack 339

Impact!
By Brian Blake, North Star Public Relations Chair

Earlier this month, a service technician came to my house to work on my water softener system. The technician, John, couldn’t help noticing all of the Scouting memorabilia around the house, which got him talking.

John was a Scout in the Kansas City area, earning his Eagle Scout Award before moving away from the area for many years. About two years ago, he moved back to the area with his wife and kids. One day while waiting for an automotive facility to finish fixing his car, John took his family out to a local park for a picnic.

While in the park, a Boy Scout troop showed up and began working on a service project — cleaning up the park. John walked over to the adult leader of the troop. Having been a Scout in his youth, John wanted to strike up a conversation with the leader to see what was going on with Scouting in the area. When John started talking to him, the leader looked at him and said, “Is your name John?”

John replied that it was. The leader then told him that he remembered John from the past and went on to say, “I want to thank you. Years ago, you were on staff at Bartle, working at the pool. I remember that you were really tough on my son during Swimming Merit Badge, and also just as tough the following year when he took Lifesaving Merit Badge from you. Your toughness allowed him to see what he was capable of, and it launched him towards the career he has today — a rescue swimmer with the United States Coast Guard. The skills he learned under you are now used today saving the lives of others, both civilians and military.”

John never knew until that day how much he transformed the life of one boy. Scouting develops the leaders of tomorrow. What kind of IMPACT will you have in the life of a Scout?
**April**

1. **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
   Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd., Shawnee, KS

2. **District Committee Meeting, 8:00 pm**  
   Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd., Shawnee, KS

3. **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
   Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

4. **Scout Day at the K**  
   Kauffman Stadium

5. **Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm**  
   Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

**May**

6. **District Program Planning Fair, 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

7. **Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 7:00 pm**  
   Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS

8. **Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm**  
   Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

9. **Scouting 500**  
   Kansas Speedway

10. **Day Camp Staff Training, 7:00 pm**  
    Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbee Rd., Shawnee, KS

**“Cubs in Space” Day Camp Volunteer Information**

Save the date for these important trainings! All meetings and trainings will be held at 7:00 pm in room 300 at Shawnee United Methodist Church.

- **Walking Leader Meeting** — May 14
- **Staff Trainings** — May 28 and June 8 — June 8 training at 3:00 pm at campsite
- **Day Camp** — June 9 – 13

Open to all Cub Scouts, including Kindergarten graduates, Day Camp is fun with a purpose close to home. Day Camp is held at Shawnee Riverfront Park from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily. Our 2014 Day Camp theme is “Cubs in Space.” Your Scouts will embark on an out of this world adventure experiencing everything from archery to arts & crafts.

Online registration for Day Camp is now available at [http://daycamp.kintera.org](http://daycamp.kintera.org). Registration is $70.

**Year Round Membership Plan**

The Northern Tier District is encouraging all units to make an effort to recruit new youth this spring, putting into place a system of guidelines, personal invitations, meet the Pack/Troop/Crew nights, among other exciting ideas to help you bring new youth into Scouting. Implementing a year-round youth membership recruitment plan will ensure that our district is a vital and thriving Scouting force for years to come in the Kansas City community.

What has your unit done to promote spring recruitment? Do you have any best practices to share? If so, email our PR chair Jamey Hilleary an article for inclusion in the next Adventures in Scouting. His email is Jamey.hilleary@elecsyscorp.com.

**Merit Badge Forum Makes a Successful Return**

The Northern Tier District made an effort to bring back the Merit Badge Forum in 2014, and did so with a great impact! Over 300 Scouts participated in this event at Westridge Middle School in Overland Park. With two sessions spanning two months, and hundreds of Scouts scaling the summit to Eagle, this event was truly a success thanks to the commitment of several key volunteers. A special thank you to Marshall Hollingsworth for his leadership of this event.

**District Pinewood Derby**

Pinewood Derby was a huge hit with almost 100 boys taking part in the racing! A big thank you goes out to Nathan Roney who chaired the event.

**Webelos on Wheels**

This was another outstanding event for all Webelos that attended. David Wieliczka, WOW Chairman, did an excellent job orchestrating this event and deserves a big thank you.
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**Pelathe Officers**

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**2014 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

| Cub Scout Packs | 64.4% |
| Boy Scout Troops| 90.5% |

**2014 ADVANCEMENT**

| Cub Scout Packs | 69.0% |
| Boy Scout Troops|       |

**April**

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

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

3. **Scout Day at the K**
   Kaufman Stadium

4. **Scouting for Food**

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

**May**

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

**Investment in Character — Goal $47,800**

Congratulations to Keith Wood and the Family Investment in Character team and thank you to Scouting families who generously support Scouting in the Heart of America Council. Here is a list of units that exceeded their 2014 base goal (as of March 1):

- Pack 3057 St. John Catholic Church
- Pack 3059 First Presbyterian
- Pack 3072 Quail Run
- Pack 3363 Lawrence Housing Authority
- Pack 3462 Langston Hughes PTA
- Troop 64 Eudora Lions Club

**Scouters Honored at District Recognition Dinner**

If the weather had cooperated, more than 70 Scouters would have gathered at our 2014 District Recognition Dinner in February. Since our event did not happen, we found other venues to recognize our outstanding leaders for their service to young people through Scouting. Congratulations to:

- Rich Bailey — District Award of Merit
- Rick Heschmeyer — District Award of Merit
- Cindy Lynn — Cub Scout of the Year
- John Pfeifer — Boy Scout of the Year
- Jim Lichtenberg — Character Counts Award

**Pelathe Eagle Scout Selected for an Antarctic Expedition**

On March 7, Eagle Scout Alex Houston flew to Ushuaia, Argentina and then traveled by icebreaker to Antarctica for a 2-week international expedition to prepare for a presentation at next fall’s “Sustainability Summit”, a conference hosted by the BSA in West Virginia.

The expedition and conference will bring global industry leaders together to explore sustainability, environmental leadership and best conservation practices. Alex learned about these issues and how they apply to the Antarctic from polar explorer Robert Swan, who will co-present with Alex at the “Sustainability Summit.” Alex is the only Scout from the United States selected to be a member of this international Antarctic expedition.

Alex Houston is an 18-year-old Eagle Scout in Troop 55 chartered by Westside Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, Kansas. He has earned 53 merit badges and served 2 years on the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Camp Staff. This summer Alex will work on staff at the BSA’s Florida Sea Base. As a senior at Lawrence Free State High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society, an active participant on the school debate team and the Scholars Bowl team.

**Spring Training Schedule**

**IOLS/OWL Training — April 26-27**

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

Outdoor Webelos Leader Training (OWL) is applicable for Webelos Den Leaders and their assistants. The Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders course teaches outdoor-related skills through demonstration and hands-on practice.

**Scoutmaster Specific Training — April 12**

Scoutmaster Specific Training is required for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, and must be taken in conjunction with IOLS to be fully trained.

Cub Scout Leader Training is available on request.

**Pre-registration is required:** e-mail Rick Heschmeyer at rjbm@sbcglobal.net or (785) 806-2934.

**Day Camp**

Phillip Wrigley and Brian Workman are planning an exciting program based on the “Cubs in Space” theme for the 2014 Cub Scout Day Camp. The camp will be held June 2-5 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.
Pioneer Trails District Dinner

The District Dinner was a great evening of fellowship as we honored leaders who have given of their time and talents to Scouting in the district. Michael McCausland of Troop 84, Mark McCausland of Pack 84 and James Rosher of Troop 16 were honored as the 2013 District Award of Merit recipients. Andrew Heise of Pack 4118 was recognized as the top popcorn seller in the district, winning a Kindle Fire HD!

A big thank you to George Weaver and Carol DeFeo, our 2013 Dinner Co-Chairs, for their hard work in making this year’s dinner a success.

New OA Chapter Advisor

Welcome to Greg Ellermann of Troop 118 who is our new Chapter Advisor for the Pioneer Trails OA Chapter. The Chapter is currently scheduling unit elections. Units that have not held their OA unit election should do so as soon as possible. All units are encouraged to complete their unit election to ensure their newly elected youth and nominated adults are able to attend any of the six Induction events scheduled in 2014.

The Chapter meets during every Roundtable and is looking for more Arrowmen to join them.

Eagle Scout Adrian Michael Harrison of Troop 1006 pictured here at his Eagle Court of Honor held February 22.
**Red-Tailed Hawk Officers**

- **District Chair**: Cathy Puls (913) 390-6581
- **District Commissioner**: Stan Lloyd (913) 541-9404
- **Activities Chair**: Michael Samms (913) 338-5263
- **Advancement Chair**: Doug Machamer (913) 685-1035
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Gary Hazeltine (913) 963-2453
- **Camping Chair**: Tom Matches (913) 897-1636
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Susan Lux (913) 764-8529
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Jim Forson (816) 941-8036
- **Finance Chair**: Dan Himmelberg (913) 338-5498
- **Membership Chair**: Ron Puls (913) 390-6581
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- **Training Chair**: Josh Wandtke (913) 764-8413
- **Venturing Chair**: Karen Eichorst (913) 498-2167
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Jon Geiger (816) 569-4932
- **District Director**: Jon Geiger (816) 569-4932
- **District Executive**: Elisa Corry (816) 569-4966

**2014 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- 81.3%
- 96.6%
- 62.5%

**2014 ADVANCEMENT**

- Cub Scout Packs
- Boy Scout Troops

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**April**

- **3** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  Olathe Community of Christ,
  15520 S Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS
- **6** Scout Day at the K
  Kauffman Stadium
- **10** District Committee and Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
  Colonial Presbyterian,
  12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS
- **13** Community Day of Service
- **17** Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm
  Colonial Presbyterian,
  12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS

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**May**

- **1** Roundtable / Planning Fair, 7:00 pm
  Olathe Community of Christ,
  15520 S Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS
  *OA Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project Reviews, Merit Badge Counselor Training*
- **8** District Committee and Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
  Colonial Presbyterian,
  12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS
- **15** Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm
  Colonial Presbyterian,
  12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS
- **16-18** Scouting 500
  Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, KS

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**Cub Scout Day Camp 2014 “Cubs in Space”**

June 16-20 — Old Lake Olathe Golf Course

It’s time once again to start planning for Day Camp. This year’s “Cubs in Space” theme promises to be an out-of-this-world experience. Now is the time to begin talking with your Pack about this summer’s “trip to outer-space!” We hope to see you at the Red-Tailed Hawk District Day Camp in June. For more information contact RTH Day Camp Director, Mike Domer, at mike@kansastrio.com or (816) 853-5610.

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**Black & Veatch Invests in Scouting**

Thank you to Black & Veatch for investing in the Heart of America Council’s STEM Program. The BSA’s STEM initiative is currently bringing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to life for young people in Scouting.

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**RTH Scout Receives Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award**

On March 2, Dawson Garcia from Troop 218 was recognized as the Heart of America Council’s Adams Award Recipient. The Adams Award is given to Eagle Scouts who have completed extraordinary Eagle Scout projects. As Dawson reflected on various opportunities for his Eagle Scout project, one organization rose above the rest for very personal reasons.

Dawson was born with a congenital heart defect and underwent multiple heart surgeries at Children’s Mercy Hospital. During that time, Dawson’s family was taken care of by Ronald McDonald House Charities. Dawson always knew he wanted to give back to Ronald McDonald House and an Eagle Scout project was the perfect opportunity for this 14-year-old to give back to the charity that had done so much for him.

Over the course of his Eagle Scout project, Dawson created gratuity stations for both resident houses, provided a dog house for the house dog, Mr. Bean, and donated toiletries, books, and over $800 in cash leftover from his fundraising efforts.

We are proud to have a young man like Dawson representing the Red-Tailed Hawk District and the Boy Scouts of America.

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**Troop 182 Explores Camp Ethan**

This winter, Scouts from RTH’s Troop 182 spent a weekend camping, completing service projects, and enjoying shooting sports at Camp Ethan in Easton, KS.

Camp Ethan is a unique camp that is free for Scouts to use as long as they are willing to pay it forward and perform service projects to better the camp. Joe Nave opened this camp to Scouts after his son, Ethan, passed away. Ethan believed all Scouts should have the opportunity to camp no matter their financial circumstances.

For more information about Camp Ethan or to book your campout contact Joe Nave at Joe@kanfta.com.
May

6 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Aldersgate United Methodist Church,
350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

6 District Roundtable, 7:30 pm
Aldersgate United Methodist Church,
350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

13 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church,
2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

16-18 Scouting 500
Kansas Speedway

“Cubs in Space” Day Camp
Are you ready to journey into the final frontier? Then join us for Cub Scout Day Camp 2014! While we won’t actually be going to space, you can experience an out-of-this-world adventure from June 23-28 at Jerry Smith Park. Registration is $70 prior to event, on-site registration is $75.

Your launch crew is very excited to announce that Webelo Scouts will have the opportunity to join an overnight space program the last night of the camp! Keep your receivers open for more information to come!

We can always use more Cadet Volunteers to help with this odyssey. If interested in volunteering, fill out the application found at www.hoac-bsa.org/thunderbird-day-camp and don’t forget to “Like” our Facebook page at Thunderbird District Cub Scout Day Camp!

Spring Recruitment
With the school year wrapping up, units in Belton, Lee’s Summit and Raytown held “Huddles” to discuss recruiting techniques for the spring. Some of the great ideas brought forth included inviting boys to join during fun activities like Day Camp, Boy Scout Camp, Bear Camp, Webelos Camp and Sporting KC Scout Night! Don’t forget to use the power of social media and technology to promote your pack or troop and get more boys involved in Scouting.

Investment in Character
The Investment in Character Campaign helps the council provide an affordable, effective youth development program. In addition to providing camp scholarships for underprivileged Scouts, it funds the council’s infrastructure and general operating portion of the budget, and provides a support system for the more than 15,000 volunteers and 800 community organizations that partner with the Heart of America Council.

For more information please contact the Thunderbird Professional Staff or donate online at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Thunderbird Merit Badge Academy
Thank you to all the parents, staff and merit badge counselors that made another Merit Badge Academy a success. Over 700 Scouts and Scouters enjoyed a day full of learning and discovering on March 22.
April

- **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Emmanuel Baptist Church,
  10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS
- **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
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  10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS
- **Scout Day at the K**
  Kauffman Stadium
- **District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm — NEW LOCATION**
  Merrill Lynch,
  3401 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS

May

1. **Roundtable and Planning Fair, 7:00 pm**
   Emmanuel Baptist Church,
   10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS
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   Kansas Speedway

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).

Spring Recruitment

Does your pack have fun activities planned for the spring? If so, participate in spring recruitment and invite some new boys to join in on the fun! Spring recruitment activities include pinewood derbies, raingutter regattas, pizza parties, picnics, and anything else fun your pack has planned. Please submit the date of your spring recruitment activity along with any requests for promotional materials you might need to help get the word out by filling out your Spring Recruitment Form. Contact Paul Moore at ptmoore@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Day Camp: “Cubs in Space”

Escape to space this year at Trailhead Day Camp!
- Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts including recent kindergarten graduates!

2014 Investment in Character Campaign

Thank you to everyone that has given support to Scouting by donating to the Trailhead Investment in Character Campaign and congratulations to all of the units who have earned free rank advancement for the next year! Your generosity will help keep Scouting affordable and available to everyone. If you haven’t already and would like to make a contribution go online to [www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-friends-of-scouting](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-friends-of-scouting) or contact John McCabe at john.mccabe@hallmark.com.

New Venture Crew

Trying to earn your cooking merit badge? Interested in learning about the culinary arts and cooking some tasty cuisines? Join Trailhead’s newest venturing crew, Crew 2665, for some indoor and outdoor cooking events. Some tasting required! Contact Bill Mauer for more details at wlmrlm@aol.com.
Spring Training Schedule

Outdoor Leader Skills
- April 25-26, Hodgdon North — Shawnee, KS
- Cost: $20
- This training covers the second part of the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster training. It is required to be fully trained as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. Cost includes food and program materials.
- Contact Joe Ogilvie at jogilvie6215@everestkc.net to register

Spring Recruitment

Fall isn’t the only time to sign up new Scouts…recruitment is a year-round process. Spring is a great time for youth to join Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Venturing! If they sign up now, they can attend the Scouting 500, and then go to summer camp. For ways to help your unit succeed at spring recruitment contact Jason Bledsoe (816) 569-4984 or jason.bledsoe@scouting.org.

Day Camp 2014 — “Cubs in Space”
June 9–12 — Lake Olathe Old Golf Course
- Cost is now $70 per Scout
- Pack Coordinator and Walking Leader Training:
  Thursday, May 1 — Holy Trinity Quigley Center — 6:00pm
More Information: Bill O’Connor 913-302-8549 or billoconnor7@yahoo.com or www.scoutcamping.org
**TWIN RIVERS**

**Twin Rivers Officers**

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**District Information**

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- Whistle Stop Café,
- 901 6 St., Osawatomie, KS

**16-18 Scouting 500**
- Kansas Speedway

**Investment in Character 2014**

The 2014 Investment in Character campaign is in full swing and we are working diligently toward our goal. This year we have a total goal of $29,000. If you haven’t scheduled your 2014 Investment in Character presentation, email John Hobbs at john.hobbs@scouting.org.

**Day Camp — “Cubs in Space”**

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Twin Rivers Cub Scout Day Camp to be held Monday, June 2 — Thursday, June 5 at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola. This year our theme is “Cubs in Space” where Cub Scouts get the chance to shoot BB guns, bows & arrows, work on crafts, play games, learn about nature, and work towards badges.

Sign-up today online at www.scoutcamping.org.

We need more staff help! If you can help on staff, contact Kelly Daggett, Camp Director, at (913) 731-8246 or osawatomiepack3099@hotmail.com.

**Community Service Day**

The district day of community service will be held on April 5. Join us from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Contact Aida Thompson to register at (913) 256-8922 or aida.thompson@gmail.com.

**Year Round Youth Recruitment**

Again in 2014, we are focusing our efforts on a year-round youth membership recruitment plan. This plan starts with each of you in the Twin Rivers District. Now is the time to have recruiting drives and efforts as a pack, troop or crew. Please work with District Commissioner Brock Guernsey and your Unit Commissioner to assist you in your events. If you have any questions, you can contact Brock at bggalggealogy@sbcglobal.net. We look forward to 2014 as a great year increasing our youth membership in the Twin Rivers District!
Full Speed Ahead

Time is running out to be a part of the largest, most exciting Scouting event in the country.

SCOUTING 500
3 DAYS — 2 NIGHTS — 1 EPIC EVENT

May 16-18, 2014
Kansas Speedway

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE
EXTENDED TO APRIL 13

See page 7 for details