Build an Adventure

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Trends in America… You Might be Surprised

I don’t know about you, but I’m always interested in societal trends. The Boy Scouts of America receives a report each year on the trends and issues facing our membership and the communities we serve. I thought I’d share a few of the interesting statistics with you:

- More than 46% of American adults own smart phones
- Overall, 9 of 10 teens have cell phones and 37% of all teens have smart phones
- The next generation of Cub Scout parents (Millennials ages 18-29) spend nearly 1 1/2 hours a day on social networking activities
- The median number of texts sent on a typical day by teens ages 12–17 is sixty
- 18% of all teens sent and received more than 200 text messages a day
- The percent of boys 6–11 years old who are overweight has more than doubled since 1980
- 50.1% of youth in grades 1–12 reported bullying as the issue that they were most concerned about
- 57% of students in grades 1–12 do not participate in any after-school club or activity
- Boys in grades 1–4 are the least likely to participate in an after-school activity (33%)
- Only 10% of youth ages 6–12 and 9% of youth ages 13–17 participated in an organized athletic activity last year
- Americans say the reason they do not volunteer is that they have not been asked, or that they do not know how to get involved
- The total cost for a middle-income family raising a child born in 2012 to age 18 is expected to be more than $240,000

As we go into the fall roundup season and recruit more than 5,000 new Cub Scouts and their parents into Scouting, I think these statistics give us some insight into our local marketing opportunities. While the Heart of America Council serves more youth in the greater Kansas City area than any other youth agency (33,000), the values, citizenship and leadership skills that Scouting teaches our youth has such a positive impact on our communities.

I think the other key take away is to never forget to make the personal request for every new parent to help out your pack or troop in some capacity.

It’s always an exciting time in the fall when all the elementary age boys in our 19 county service area get to hear the Scouting story and become Cub Scouts. Let's make sure their first experience in Scouting is a positive one.

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

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School Night for Scouting 2014

Back to school means back to Scouting. From August to October, more than 5,000 new Scouts will join the nation’s best youth development program at a local School Night for Scouting. School Nights will take place at nearly every elementary school across the council and for most new families, will be their first introduction to the Scouting program.

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

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

- Use a Marketing Plan: Get the word out about your School Night! Choose from our proven “Top 40” marketing techniques at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources.

- Give Families Multiple Opportunities to Join: Conduct a recruitment event in August (School Night) and in September and October.

- Select Adult Leaders: School Night should be about recruiting youth, not selecting leaders. Identify your leaders before School Night or prior to your Parent Orientation Meeting.

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 new 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 www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources to find the Cub Scout Family Campout in your area.

New School Night T-Shirts

THEY’RE BACK! Youth who join at School Night will receive the 2014 limited edition School Night t-shirt for FREE. In order to qualify, the Scout must turn in a completed application, with fees, at School Night. Packs may purchase additional t-shirts at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources.

*supplies limited

New Recruitment Campaign

“Builds An Adventure”

School Nights in 2014 will take on a new flair thanks to an innovative marketing approach. The Heart of America Council will be one of the earliest adopters of the new “Build an Adventure” recruitment campaign materials, a full year ahead of most of the country.

This new approach offers a fresh look at how we connect with parents and emphasizes how Scouting makes the most of right now. Built from insight gathered during national research, the “Build an Adventure” campaign helps parents understand that Scouting makes the most of the little time they have to impact the lives of their children, while appealing to youth using fun, family, and friends.

A number of new resources have been developed to support unit marketing efforts and include:

- Fliers, Posters, Yard Signs
- Bookmarks
- Postcards
- Email Templates
- Social Media Images
- Videos
- Web Banners


The new “Build an Adventure” recruitment resources are now available at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources. Contact your district executive to order materials and for ways to make your 2014 School Night a success.
2014 SCOUTStrong Challenge

Saturday, September 13 — Sporting Park & Kansas Speedway

Are you up to the challenge? Find out on Saturday, September 13 at the 2nd annual SCOUTStrong Challenge Half Marathon and 5K. This year’s event is open to Scouts and runners alike and will take you through some of the greatest venues Kansas City has to offer all while supporting Scouting. The course starts at Sporting Park 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

Register today at www.scoutstrongchallenge.org

2014 SCOUTStrong Challenge

Scouts to March in 2014 American Royal Parade

September 27 — Downtown Kansas City, MO

Here’s your chance to be a part of the 89th annual American Royal Parade. Join more than 2,000 Scouts and Scout leaders on September 27 in the parade’s largest group entry. There is no cost to attend, but all participants must pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org. Those who register by September 9 will receive the commemorative 2014 Scout parade patch.

Scout City BBQ Welcomes Record Crowd

On Friday, June 20, a record crowd of more than 900 people made their way to downtown Kansas City for the 17th annual Scout City BBQ. The newly rebranded event included a mouthwatering meal by American Royal BBQ Champion, Plowboys BBQ, and even featured the council’s new climbing tower.

This year’s event raised more than $23,000 for the council’s Scoutreach program which serves at-risk youth in Kansas City’s urban core. Since 1998, the Scout City BBQ has raised more than $300,000 for local Scouting programs.

Council VP of Membership, Gregg Riess, takes a break from the BBQ to scale the new climbing tower.

Taps at the Tower

Stormy weather couldn’t stop Scouts from celebrating Taps at the Tower on June 22 at the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial. An all Scout color guard made up of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts helped usher in the new event where Taps was played each evening at sunset from June 22 – June 28.
Hike Kansas City's Historic Trail

There's history all around us. Every day we drive past sites where local history was made — and we probably don't even realize it. But now there's a way to explore the history of Kansas City with your Scouting unit. Stop by the Council Service Center and pick up your FREE Kansas City Historic Trail Field Guide. Our newly created guide will lead you along the city's historic trail route where you'll explore sites from the Liberty Memorial to the famous Scout Statue.

All guides include hiking directions, GPS coordinates, a list of requirements earned and Historic Trail quiz. And be sure to pick-up your official Historic Trail patch for only $1.

*supplies limited

Liberty Scout Earns 140 Merit Badges

It was a hike one local Scout will never forget. On July 3, Troop 374's Austin Van Black completed the requirements for his Backpacking merit badge at a Liberty, MO park, the last in his quest for 140. Upon completing the last leg of his hike, Austin was greeted by about 50 people at Liberty High School, from professional Scouters to the Liberty police chief. Austin thanked his parents and others who helped him throughout his Scouting career.

“'To my peers, I don't think they fully understand,' Austin told The Kansas City Star. 'Some feel embarrassed to be in Scouting. I've never done that. I promote the movement. I believe everybody should be in Scouting because it teaches values and builds character.'

In addition to Scouting, Austin also excels in academics. He was valedictorian of his Liberty High School class and received the $100,000 Buick Achievers National College Scholarship from the General Motors Foundation. Austin will attend the University of Missouri-Columbia in the fall where he will pursue a degree in business.

Remembering Reat

New BB Gun Range Dedicated at Camp Naish

On July 18, family, friends, and Scouts gathered to officially dedicate the Reat Griffin Underwood Memorial BB Gun Range at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. The new range, located in Cub World, will serve as an outstanding facility to train Scouts on the proper use of firearms. The range was chosen as a fitting memorial because it was at Bear Camp, where Reat shot his first target and began his fondness for shooting sports.

Lone Star Tribute

New Flag Mall Honors Fallen Scouter

A special tribute at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation welcomed a number of Scouts and Scouters to Camp Lone Star this summer. The camp's new flag mall was dedicated during fifth session as a memorial to Gene Bellner Jr., former Scoutmaster of Troop 387 in Overland Park.

Council Scouter Honored for Environmental Stewardship

Earlier this summer, Forrest Bolles was presented the William T. Hornaday Gold Badge at Camp Naish. The award recognizes adult volunteers who have shown sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental improvement.

Forrest served as head of logistics for the 2008 Arrow Corps 5 project in Missouri's Mark Twain National Forest and the 2011 Summit Corps project in West Virginia. In this role, Forrest was responsible for providing all logistical needs and created a city for 576 people, all from scratch. Forrest organized support crews of 20 from tool caches with repair facilities, mobile kitchens for meals, drinking water deliveries, shower trailers, latrine trailers, recreation, transportation and many other things to support the workers.
NEW PRODUCTS…NEW PRIZES…
NEW POSSIBILITIES

2014 POPCORN SALE

As Scout leaders, you deliver the Scouting program every day. By selling popcorn, you can fund that life-changing program. Selling popcorn helps pay for Scouting and teaches Scouts the importance of earning their own way. The 2014 sale is BIGGER and BOLDER than ever before. Sign-up your unit today at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn and get ready to start selling!

NEW IN 2014
► 6 products for $20 or less
► Pass on the prizes and earn 37% commission
► New “Fill-it-Up” passes to Sky Zone
► Special incentives for leaders of High Potential selling units

NEW PRIZE PROGRAM
In addition to the Trails End Scholarship program, Scouts can qualify for Scout Shop and Walmart gift cards. We will also recognize the top council and district sellers and the “Fill-it-Up” program is back! Scouts who “Fill-Up” their order form will receive tickets to Scout Day at the K 2015, a UMKC basketball game, and passes to Sky Zone.

2014 SALE SCHEDULE
Aug. 27 Show N Sell Order Due
Sept. 12-13 Show N Sell Order Pick-up
Oct. 20 Return Paperwork Due
Oct. 25 Show N Sell Product Return Due
Oct. 27 Final Order Due
Nov. 7-8 Final Order Pick-up
Dec. 10 Final Payment Due

2014 POPCORN TRAININGS
REGISTER ONLINE
www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn

Fill It Up! And Win Big!

HEY SCOUTS: Look at What You Get When You...

FILL IT UP!

Scouts: Fill up just ONE Sheet, and enjoy these TWO great sports events with your MOM or DAD!

UMKC Royals
December 13th, 2014:
Each Scout gets two tickets to the UMKC versus Indiana State Basketball game. Scout Experience and pre-game Pizza Party!

Royals Game Scout Extras:
• Every Scout that attends gets a NEW 2014 Commemorative Scouting T-shirt.
• Top-selling PACK or TROOP does the Color Guard at the game, and top-8 sellers in the Unit will be Roos Ball Boys!
• Half-time Drawing for a family vacation trip valued at $1,500!
• After the Roos game, Scouts can get autographs from the players!
• Additional tickets available for $5.00

Spring 2015: Two FREE tickets to Scout Day with the Royals at Kauffman Stadium

SKY ZONE INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK
We’re rolling out a new incentive to all Scouts who fill-up an order sheet by October 3. Scouts who turn in a copy of their order sheet to the Council Service Center by October 3 will receive two passes to the Sky Zone Activity Center.

NOTE: Each Scout who fills up one or more order forms gets the number of tickets indicated above, regardless of the number of forms filled up. The copy of a Scout’s FIRST filled Sheet must be turned into his Scouting leader no later than October 28th.

Additional tickets for all these events can be purchased at a discounted Scouting rate!
In Memory of:

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Jeromy Rutledge, Director of Development, at (816) 569-4965 or Jeromy.rutledge@scouting.org.
Sept. 12
Ticket and Patch $13

Sept. 27
$23 Tickets

Oct. 17
Warriors vs. Heat
Oct. 17 | Sprint Center
Tickets $28

Nov. 8 - 7pm
Nov. 9 - 5pm
Walking with Dinosaurs
The Arena Spectacular
$16.50 Tickets

Visit sprintcenter.com/Scout or call 816.949.7177
SUMMER CAMP

Heart of America Council

BOY SCOUTS CAMPING: 6,587
CUB SCOUTS CAMPING: 7,335

Thanks for a Great Summer!!!
Following the Trail to Tomorrow

"Far to the West, in the land of the setting sun" thus begins the legend of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. As Tribesmen, we learn that our forefathers endured great hardship before arriving in the lush hills of the Osage.

Today, the challenges facing the Tribe are different, but no less difficult. The Council of Chieffains, understanding the need to encourage Webelos to crossover to Scout units, approved a new coup for young Tribesmen who serve as Den Chiefs for a program year. Another action by the Chieffains was the additional authority of troop committees in their recommendation process.

It would appear that these changes have had positive results. Camp attendance is up and the number of new Tribesmen is increasing. The three general council rings are filled to overflowing with many new Braves, Honorary Warriors and Honored Women.

Of interest, what we believe to be a first, was the induction of triplets as Braves. The boys, members of Troop 0395 from Cure of Ars in Leawood, are Bennet, Aiden, and Christian Hense.

In this, the 85th year of the Tribe, we look forward to meeting the new challenges as they arrive. The Tribe is continuing to grow and we are optimistic that the growth will continue.

Webelos STEM Weekend

Calling all Webelos! Here’s your chance to experience the fun of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Webelos STEM Weekend is back and will be held Saturday, September 6 – Sunday, September 7.

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.

Space is limited to the first 250 Scouts and 250 adults. Registration will only be accepted in adult/Scout pairs. Register now at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Top Shot Chalkball Is a Hit With Campers

By Kyle Anderson, Assistant Reservation Director — Program

Scouts returning to the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation this summer took aim at a brand new program. "Top Shot Chalkball" is the Reservation's newest outpost where Scouts compete against each other in the ultimate test of marksmanship using paintball markers loaded with chalkballs.

"There’s not anything like this anywhere in the region," said Reservation Shooting Sports Director Ed Gooseman. “This program provides a great opportunity for younger Scouts to get some experience with shooting sports.”

When Scouts arrive at the program area, they first learn shooting sports safety. They are then divided into two teams, and within each team paired up with a competitor. The target stations include a pair of aluminum challenges where Scouts compete to complete their mission.

In addition to various targets, Scouts also fire from different locations, including firing from inside an abandoned cabin. Some of the targets spin, while others fall down in succession as they are hit. Targets also range in size, shape, action, and difficulty and are great for Scouts of all abilities.

“This is my favorite activity I’ve done at camp,” said Eagle Scout Coleman Crosby. “I enjoy camping, but Top Shot is the chance to do something that I’ve never done before and can’t do anywhere at home.”

Reservation Director Alan Sanders is committed to continually upgrading the opportunities Scouts have while at camp for the ten day session. “We want our Scouts’ days to be packed with activities like Top Shot, and the recently added ‘Cowboy Action Pistol Shooting’ and BMX dirt course,” said Sanders. “Camp must be a place where young men can experience the outdoors while cultivating lifelong interests. These new programs do just that.”

Over the course of the summer, more than 2,000 Scouts are expected to enjoy the new outpost program. But Top Shot will be utilized in the off-season as well. Plans are in the works to utilize the range during upcoming Webelos STEM weekends.
**ORDER OF THE ARROW**

**Fall Inductions**

This fall, Tamegonit Lodge is offering two full Induction Weekends! Join us August 15-17 at Naish or September 5-7 at Bartle to complete your Ordeal or seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming a Brotherhood member. More information is available at www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities.

**75th Anniversary Celebration**

On September 19-21, Tamegonit Lodge will celebrate its 75th Anniversary at Naish. We want to invite all Arrowmen to join us for the festivities that weekend. Featuring the National and Central Region Chiefs of the Order of the Arrow, a legacy ceremony of past lodge ceremonialists, and the Vigil Call, this will be a weekend you won’t want to miss. Register online now at www.hoac-bsa.org/tamegonit-lodge-75th-anniversary.

**Whippoorwill Dedication**

At the 75th Anniversary Celebration, the Lodge will hold a dedication ceremony for the renovated Whippoorwill Ceremony Ring. We are looking forward to officially dedicating this ring as our welcoming point for new Arrowmen in our Lodge. All donors and supporters should plan on attending as recognition items for your support of the capital campaign to raise the necessary funds for this project will be distributed. You can still contribute to this campaign. Download a pledge form at www.hoac-bsa.org/tamegonit-lodge-75th-anniversary.

**Lodge Elections**

Lodge elections will be held on September 20 during the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Any youth member interested in running for Lodge office must complete an Election Candidacy Agreement before running for office. Agreements must be signed by the candidate, his parent(s) and his unit leader before being presented to the Lodge Advisor for final approval. The Election Candidacy Agreement is available online at www.hoac-bsa.org/resources-oa.

**2014 Lodge Dues**

If you haven’t paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay your dues online at http://oadues2014.kintera.org/.

**Vigil Banquet**

The 2014 Vigil Banquet will be held on October 4, beginning at 6:00 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 the 36 Vigil candidates to the Banquet that evening.

**Congratulations to the 2014 Vigil candidates:**

- Kyle Anderson
- Jared Ayers
- Senn Boswell
- Charlie Brown
- Nolan Castle
- Lewis Chapman
- Cole Christenson
- Henry Creagh
- Nathan Drescher
- Karen Eichorst
- Ben Grimsley
- Ken Horrell
- Chase Landry
- Bryce MacDonald
- Matt MacDonald
- Tom Matches
- Bill McCully
- Danny Minnick
- George Montag
- Alexander Nguyen
- Austin Patterson
- Jacob Peterson
- Darren Rawlings
- Bruce Reed
- Connor Remboldt
- Brian Rome
- Marlon Schneck
- Sean Serroque
- Tom Skelton
- David Smiros
- Gavin Spence
- Dave Sultz
- Aaron Thompson
- Chris Underwood
- Dennis Wolf
- Frank Wright

For more on the Vigil Honor and the Banquet, go to www.hoac-bsa.org/vigil-honor.

**NOAC 2015**

Be part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Order of the Arrow next summer at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Tamegonit Lodge will send one of the largest contingents of Arrowmen to Michigan State University for NOAC August 3-8, 2015. Sign-up NOW to be part of the Lodge contingent at http://2015noac.kintera.org/.

**Skilled Trades Work Day**

Join more than 100 skilled workers on September 27 to help complete some very important work projects at Naish. Projects include installing a boundary fence and repairing 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 help out is welcome. Register for Skilled Trades Work Day now at http://2014naishskilledtradesday.kintera.org.

**Haunted Trails is Back**

Before you know it, the leaves will start falling, temperatures will cool down, and you’ll be carving your Halloween pumpkin! But what would Halloween be without a hike through the Haunted Trails of Naish? Cub Scouts, on October 25, journey to Cub World to hike our Haunted Trails. This is a family friendly event and we invite you to bring everyone in your pack to join the fun. Space is limited. Reservations are now being accepted at http://voahauntedtrails.kintera.org.

**2015 Camp Draw**

- **Saturday, October 25**
  - 9:00 am
  - Central Camp Dining Hall

2015 Boy Scout Camp
Hold Reservation Form
http://www.hoac-bsa.org/naish
2015 Council Contingent — Abaco Islands, Bahamas

The Heart of America Council is sponsoring an international trip next summer to the Abaco Islands in the northern Bahamas. With activities like sailing, snorkeling, swimming, fishing, and SCUBA, there will be plenty to keep you busy on this trip. This opportunity is open to all BSA-registered youth who are 14 or older at the time of the trip. The cost of the trip is estimated to be $1475/person. For more details, contact Tim Bodendistel at (913) 707-5489 or go to www.hoac-bsa.org/international-council-contingents.

Jamboree on the Air 2014

Jamboree on the Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. Held on October 18-19, 2014, this worldwide jamboree requires no international travel, only a trip to Camp Naish. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

Fall Mini-Camps

Shooting Sports, Climbing, Wilderness First Aid, COPE! These programs are available year-round at Naish through our Mini-Camp program. We will hold Mini-Camps on September 27, October 18, October 25, and November 8. All programming and lunch is included in the fee. All Mini-Camp sign-up is done online on a first come, first served basis at www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends.

Xterra Triathlon

Join us for our 2nd annual Xterra Triathlon competition on Saturday, August 9 at Naish. Participants will swim 200 yards in the Central Camp Pool followed by a six mile mountain bike ride and a two mile cross country run. Cost is $15 and includes lunch and event supplies. Register at www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.

VOA Meeting Dates

The VOA has set their meeting dates for the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Council Service Center. Please join us to help plan future VOA activities!

VOA Float Trip Wrap-up

The first-ever VOA Summer Weekend Float Trip was a huge success! More than 60 people floated for the weekend on a quiet stretch of the Big Niangua River on July 12. Go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/7154275431/ for a recap and pictures!
GRANDDAUGHTER OF BADEN-POWELL Inspires Scouts at Scouting 500

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

A few months ago, from May 16-18, more than 12,000 Scouts, leaders, staff, vendors and volunteers packed the Kansas Speedway for the inaugural and unforgettable Scouting 500. But amongst the hundreds of activities, a special visitor may have just stole the show. Gill Clay, the granddaughter of Scouting’s founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, delighted the crowds as she shared her personal experiences as a member of Scouting’s first family. With her beautiful smile and soft voice, she spent the entire time conversing with local Scouts and leaders and presented as many as possible with a signed Baden-Powell World Friendship Fund card.

Gill told the Scouts that her grandmother Olave took a cruise in 1912 to the West Indies with her father on the RMS Arcadian. On the cruise she met Robert Baden-Powell and they noted that they shared the same birthday — February 22 — his was in 1857 and hers in 1889. They fell in love and were married the next year in St. Peter’s Church with only six family members in attendance. They had three children — Peter, Heather and Betty (her mother).

Gill told me that history repeated itself again as her mother was travelling the world with her parents and sister to promote Scouting several years later. They met everyone from Scouts to world leaders on their trips. Baden-Powell was getting up in years and decided to winter in Africa in the mid 1930’s where the winters were mild. They stayed in Kenya with their two daughters. Around this time Gill’s mother Betty met Gervas Clay aboard a ship and discovered that they too shared the same birthday. They were later married and returned to Africa to reside. Gill told me that their home in Africa was several days from the nearest civilization. When they went into town they would purchase provisions to last several months.

Gill was born in Johannesburg, South Africa and lived in Tanzania during World War II. She was educated in Britain. Her mother Betty was very active in the Scouts and Guides throughout her life. While in Africa the local unit lost its leader and she took over as “Ake-la”. She worked with both the Girl Guides and the Ranger Program and held many posts in both programs. Both her mother and father were honored by the World Scout Association for their work to advance Scouting.

Gill was fortunate to attend the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia. She said that Lord Baden-Powell would have absolutely loved the Summit and the activities available for our Scouts. The Summit is a magnificent facility with lots of leadership activities for the youth of the BSA. There were more adventurous activities than she could count at the Jamboree site.

She also enjoyed her visit to the Heart of America Council and the Scouting 500 stating that she was tremendously impressed with the Scouts and leaders of our council. She will remember the rich character of our council and its members and the new friends that she met for a long time.

2014 Summer Camp Survey

Did you attend a Heart of America Council summer camp in 2014? We want to know how we did. Share your feedback through our new online survey. Your opinion is extremely valuable and will be used to shape the future of our camping operations.

TAKE OUR SURVEY

www.hoac-bsa.org/camp-survey
University of Scouting 2014

November 1 — Park University

University of Scouting gives you the tools to LEAD and SUCCEED in Scouting and this year’s event promises to be the best yet. Participants will experience a first-rate training curriculum in a traditional campus setting. Courses include everything from introductory to doctorate level degrees and are open to all Scouting leaders including Boy Scouts and Venturers.

NEW IN 2014: This year’s schedule will include exciting new specific tracks to ensure success for new leaders.

University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, November 1 at Park University in Parkville, Missouri. Online registration is now open. Enroll today at www.hoac-bsa.org/university-of-scouting.

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. This 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 Stack at the council office at (816) 942-9333.

COPE/Climbing Instructor Training

This weekend long course runs from September 12-14 and costs $40 if registered by September 5. Adult leaders (21+) who complete this training can provide leadership for their unit to utilize climbing towers as part of unit programming in Boy Scouting or Venturing away from summer camp. Learn the basic skills of how to safely administer COPE & climbing and rappelling events. More info and sign-up is available at www.hoac-bsa.org/climbing-cope.

USA Archery Instructor Training

This one-day course will take place on September 13 and costs $30. Archery is one of the featured shooting sports the council offers throughout the year and is often the first shooting sport many Scouts experience when they become a Scout. 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. We offer Basic Instructor Training, Range Safety Officer Training and Firearm Specific Instructor Trainings (rifle, shotgun, pistol, and muzzleloading). Course costs and dates vary. More info and sign-up is available at www.hoac-bsa.org/nra-training.
The Formation of Scouting in Kansas City

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

Scouting in Kansas City has come a long way since its origins in 1910. Back on August 10, 1910, city leaders gathered at the YMCA's new building at 10th and Oak. This meeting would mark the formal beginning of the Scouting program in the "Heart of America". The YMCA had played an important role in introducing and supporting the fledgling Boy Scout organization in different parts of our country and Kansas City would prove to be the same.

Presiding at this organizational meeting was Col. Cusil Lechtman, the commanding officer of the Kansas City Regiment of the Missouri State Militia. R.L. Flynn, the Boys’ Work Secretary of the local YMCA organization gave an enthusiastic explanation of the new Boy Scout program that had been founded earlier that year. Flynn was very excited about the possibilities that Scouting had for the youth of Kansas City. Col. Lechtman immediately called for men from the group of twenty-five who were in attendance to volunteer to organize troops. Several men jumped to their feet and volunteered. The first who was chosen was seated near the front of the group. His name was Charles A. Barrett, who would later become a Scoutmaster in 1910 and spend fifty-eight active years supporting the Scouting organization.

Others quickly followed. That group included William M. Rhodes, K.B. Olson, E.J. Knapp, Archibald Gould, C.B. Reynolds, A.R. Strother, Paul E. Kendall, Charles Vining, D.T. Mervine, L.C. Bradshaw, C.S. Bishop and Jo Zach Miller, III. With so many enthusiastic volunteers ready to support this new organization, Scouting was ready to move forward in Kansas City at a rapid pace.

On September 13, 1910, the Kansas City Council adopted its first official Boy Scout uniform: a flannel khaki shirt, khaki knee pants, black stockings, black shoes and a broad-brimmed hat. This would work until the official Scout uniforms became available in the area.

The BSA was on the way in Kansas City!

If you have Scouting history questions or suggestions for future articles, email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
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Big Muddy

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August

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

5  District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
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7  District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm  
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September

2  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
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2  District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
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District Information

4  District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm  
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18  District Friendstorming, 7:30 pm  
Lexington United Methodist Church,  
1211 S. 13 Hwy, Lexington, MO

26-27  Cub Family Campout  
Lions Club Lake, Lexington, MO

Cubs Have a Blast at Day Camp

From June 2-6, 45 Cub Scouts enjoyed our “Cubs in Space” Day Camp at Walnut Hills in Carrollton, MO. Activities ranged from shooting pop-bottle rockets to creating travel checker boards. Special thanks to Tammy Cockrum and all of her staff for putting on such a wonderful experience for our youth!

Good Turn for Odessa Breakfast Helps Raise Funds for Camp

On July 18, prominent Scouting leaders and supporters in Odessa met at Morgan's Restaurant to help raise awareness and fund local Scouting programs. Scouts Gabe Stilwell and Autumn Schwantz shared their Scouting experience with those in attendance with enthusiasm and excitement. The inaugural Good Turn for Odessa Breakfast was a huge success raising more than $1,800. It’s an event we hope to continue for many years to come.

2014 Popcorn Sale

The annual popcorn sale is almost here. Please make sure your unit is signed up to sell in 2014. We have great new initiatives for your units and Scouts to sell this year. Contact our District Popcorn Kernel, Kim Edney, at (816) 517-9249 with any questions.

Big Muddy Roundtable

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.
Blue Elk Officers

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If anyone in your unit would like to serve as the presenter for your pack’s school night, please contact Liz Deslone at (816) 569-4926 or Liz.Deslone@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 our Cub Family Campout, October 3-4 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 4.

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 www.hoac-bsa.org/blue-elk-training.

School Night for Scouting 2014

Is your pack ready for the fall? There are a ton of resources available to help grow your program! You can find flyer templates, marketing ideas, den leader resources and more on the council web site. Just go to www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources. All Cub Scout packs should designate a membership chair to coordinate fall membership efforts.

2014 Blue Elk School Night Dates:

- August 26: Grain Valley, Oak Grove
- August 28: Blue Springs
- September 9: Fort Osage
- September 11: Independence

Blue Elk Scouts Experience

Inaugural Scouting 500

The Inaugural Scouting 500 at Kansas Speedway was one of the largest Scouting events in the country this year. More than 12,000 Scouts and their leaders attended the weekend-long event May 16-18. Nearly 1,000 of those in attendance were Blue Elk Scouts and Scouters.

The event featured more than 100 different activities grouped into Pit Stops ranging from STEM Exploration to Motor Sports. The event finale included a 45-lap mock NASCAR race by the Richard Petty Driving experience, a live concert by the ZEROS and a fireworks display.

Members of Troop 692 take the go trucks for a spin

Troop 603 Scouts take adventure to new heights on the zip line

Scouts from Pack 865 check out a classic truck in the Midway Pit Stop

Fire Service Explorers show the ropes to a potential future firefighter.

August

- 7 School Night-Kickoff, 7:00 pm
  Blue Springs Community of Christ Church, 3539 SW 7 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO
- 14 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
  Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO
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September

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

2014 Investment in Character

2014 Advancement

Cub Scout

Boy Scout

87.5%

68.0%

22.8%
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August

6  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Heart of America Council Service Center,
10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO
21  Program Aide Roundtable, 7:00 pm
South Patrol Police Station,
9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO

September

1  Labor Day — Council Service Center Closed
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Scout City BBQ

The 17th annual Scout City BBQ took place June 20 at Barney Allis Plaza in Downtown Kansas City, MO. A record crowd of 903 people helped raise a whopping $23,000 for local Scouting programs. Proceeds from the event benefit the council’s Scoutreach program to assist hard to serve youth in the Greater Kansas City area. This barbeque was a huge success thanks to our 2014 sponsors, Bruce Snyder of Ernst and Young, as well as the Scout City BBQ Committee.

Urban Day Camp

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers and program aides who ran and assisted with Frontier Urban Day Camps this summer. It was a huge success with more than 400 participants. Urban Day Camps provide an alternative Scouting experience to youth in low income areas within the Kansas City Metro area. Activities include games, leatherwork, archery and sling shots, learning the Scout Oath and Law, as well as other team building exercises. This year’s program also included a new mobile climbing tower. Camps were conducted at various churches and schools within the Kansas City Metro area. Interested in volunteering at our 2015 Urban Day Camps? Contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.

Program Aides of the Month

We are pleased to recognize Paul Hermes and Janice Johnson as our Program Aides of the Month. These Scout leaders have shown outstanding dedication, consistency, professionalism, and most importantly, have provided an exceptional program for our Scouts. Paul and Janice will both receive a $25 gift card to Quik Trip. Thank you for everything you do for Scouting in the Frontier District!

Apply to be a Frontier Program Aide Today
Scoutreach Part-Time Job Opportunity

Job Description: Give leadership to the development and maintenance of quality Scouting programs located in underserved communities in accordance with the Boy Scouts of America’s Mission Statement. Programs will take place within schools within the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area. The programs run after school from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Flexible hours. Pay starts at $9.00 per hour and can increase upon performance. A background check is required.

Qualifications: Must be over 18 years of age. Must have experience working within an urban environment and have an enthusiastic and supportive personality. Interested? Contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.
**Kaw Officers**

- **District Chair**: David Block (913) 200-1731
- **District Commissioner**: Nils Erickson
- **Activities Chair**: Vacant
- **Advancement Chair**: Warren Minear (913) 449-7348
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Nils Erickson
- **Camping Chair**: Rob Sloop (913) 422-0583
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- **Eagle Board of Review**: Warren Minear (913) 449-7348
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- **Public Relations Chair**: Vacant
- **Risk Management Chair**: Vacant
- **Training Chair**: Bill Brown (913) 724-3612
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Vacant
- **Venturing Chair**: Allan Lechner (913) 651-5398
- **District Executive**: Jose Romero (816) 569-4973 Jose.Romero@scouting.org

**2014 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- **Cub Scout**: 86.2%
- **Boy Scout**: 46.8%
- **Overall**: 20.9%

**August**

- **7** District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 405 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS
- **14** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS
- **14** District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
  LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS

**September**

- **7** District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 405 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS
- **11** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS

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**11** District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS

**Cubs in Space Day Camp**

This summer, more than 160 Cub Scouts enjoyed the “Cubs in Space” adventure at the Kaw District Day Camp held at Camp Naish. Cub Scouts shot BB guns, bows and arrows, sling shots, and even received a visit from our local fire department.

A big thank you goes out to all the district volunteers, walking leaders and Jr. staff that helped out the entire week. The district would also like to thank our key volunteer leadership of Regina Utter, Day Camp Director, and Ralph Jacobs, Program Director, for a great week of camp.

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**Are You Ready to Recruit?**

In just a few short weeks school will be back in session and that signals the start of fall recruitment. Are you ready? We have tips to ensure your recruitment is a success. Contact Jose Romero at (816) 569-4973 or Phil Raine at phillip.raine@gmail.com for ways to succeed this fall.

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**Save the Date:**
**Fall Activity Preview**

Cub Scout Packs, we have two awesome events planned for you this fall:

- **Cub Family Campout**: October 17-18 — Camp Naish Cub World
- **Cub Scout Boot Camp**: November 1 — Leavenworth High School

Look for more information about these two great events at the next roundtable!

**Popcorn is Coming**

Are you ready to sell popcorn? If the answer is yes then it’s time to start looking for your unit kernel to help lead your pack, troop or crew to a successful sale. We will once again be offering commission incentives to units that turn in a program plan and budget, so please have those ready. If you know who your unit kernel is already, submit their name to Jose Romero at jose.romero@scouting.org.

**Historic Troop Flag Returned to Fort Leavenworth**

On May 13, a troop flag dating back to the 1920’s was returned to Fort Leavenworth. The flag was the old Troop 2 flag, which was a cavalry troop that existed on the post between World War I and II. The flag, along with a history of Troop 2 will be displayed at the Frontier Army Museum on Fort Leavenworth. For more information or to learn more, visit www. fileavenworthlamp.com to read an article published by the Ft Leavenworth Lamp.

Photo by Prudence Siebert, Fort Leavenworth Lamp
LONE BEAR

Lone Bear Officers

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DISTRICT INFORMATION

2014 Investment in Character

2014 Advancement

Cub Scout 72.3% 20.3%
Boy Scout 107.6%

August

5 Popcorn Training, 6:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

5 Roundtable & School Night Training, 7:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

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

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

September

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

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

12-13 Popcorn Show N Sell Pick-up

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

“Cubs in Space” Day Camp

The 2014 Cub Scout Day Camp was a huge success! Thank you to all the staff that gave of their time throughout the week and a HUGE thanks to Camp Director Angela Thornton and Program Director Melissa Moore for their time and efforts throughout the year to make this year’s day camp such a success. We averaged about 165 youth every day and you could not have asked for better weather.

The giant water rocket was a highlight of this year’s Day Camp.

New this summer, Scouts and even a few leaders got to scale our new climbing tower.

2014 Fall Camporee

October 17-19 — Mountain Man Rendezvous

The 2014 Lone Bear Fall Rendezvous Camporee will be held October 17-19 at the Strother’s Free Trappers black powder club near Holden, MO. Cost is $7 per person, which will cover beads, special Rendezvous patch, insurance, and program materials. Boys are asked to dress in 1840’s style clothing on Saturday. Fun, fellowship, and old time food (Dutch oven cooking contest) will be part of the camporee experience. Activities will include a Strother’s club special “woods walk”, where teams will compete in multi-station Scout skills and a shooting competition. Our annual Mic-O-Say and OA elevation recognitions will also be held at our district campfire. For more information contact Jon Cerda at gundogpro@gmail.com.

School Night for Scouting

August and September are very busy months for recruiting new youth into our outstanding programs. Please make sure that you are working with your district executive to help you achieve a successful fall recruitment drive. Your help is needed in securing some of the recruitment locations and rooms as well as helping to promote your Scouting unit. On the day of your recruitment, have as many parents attend school in their uniform and eat lunch with their child and help to promote the recruitment event. Attain your school’s roster and try to reach out to as many of the first and second graders as possible and invite them to your school. Boys are allowed to conduct open houses as well. For more information or for ways you can help, contact David Riker at david.riker@scouting.org or (816) 569-4974.

Welcome New Units

The Lone Bear District started 3 new Scouting units this year. Please welcome them to the district!

Crew 2515 — LDS Clinton Ward of the Warrensburg Stake
Crew 2727 — Johnson County Fire District #2
Pack 12 — Humo Gardening Club

Troops 404, 513 and 673 participated in Flag Day ceremonies in Warrensburg. Events included a cookout, the posting of historical flags and a flag retirement.
School Night for Scouting

All Cub Scout and Boy Scout unit leaders need to start planning NOW for the new and improved School Night for Scouting campaign this fall. We are trying something new this year. Each unit must show up and participate at one of the two School Night for Scouting training events at the August and September Roundtables. At these trainings you will receive your recruitment materials for the fall. Questions? Contact Mike Riley, North Star District Membership Chairman, at (816) 407-7279 or mriley@controlserv.com. Let’s make sure that every youth in our District is invited to join Scouting.

2014 Popcorn Sale

The annual popcorn sale is a great way for Scouts to fund their program for the year. Scouts are active all year long and paying for activities and badges can get expensive. Popcorn is an excellent way to help offset program costs and is also an integral part of the Ideal Year of Scouting. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn for the complete 2014 sale schedule. You can also contact our new North Star District Popcorn Kernal, Shannon Zorns, at (816) 741-8695 or shannon.zorns@yahoo.com.

2014 District Camporee

The 2014 North Star District Camporee will be held October 17-19 at Kelsey Short Campground at Smithville Lake. This year, there will be an emphasis on team competition surrounding building and firing catapults. This is focused on STEM activities, with awards given in a variety of areas, including distance, accuracy, and engineering skills.
Sons of the American Revolution Honors Local Scouts

The Monticello Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) recently honored Boy Scout Troop 162 with a flag certificate. Against a backdrop of Scouts and an SAR Color Guard in Revolutionary War uniforms, Bill Mellott presented the certificate to Mike Jones with the Troop.

The SAR promotes patriotism by recognizing the display of the American Flag to groups and homeowners. The certificate reads:

“In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in display of The American Flag of the United States of America.”

Troop 162 displays a group of 1,299 flags three times a year adjacent to the Kiewit building at 95th and Renner Road in Lenexa. Through a labor-intensive process spanning several days, the troop erects the flags for display on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veteran’s Day.

Day Camp 2014 — Cubs in Space

If you managed to take some time to venture to outer-space (Shawnee Riverfront Park) June 9-13, you would have noticed that many of our space aliens (Cub Scouts) seemed very young and small this year. This is because over 50 kindergarteners brand-new to Scouting were in attendance! Several packs held successful spring recruitments, and brought their new boys out to camp for a great week in outer space.

The week would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication by the staff and walking leaders who shared their time and talent. A special thank-you goes out to Ben & Lisa Grimsley (co-directors), Gigi Coleman (program director), Tina Gray (program director), and Paula Fix (registrant) for their commitment and service. A fun week was had by all!
**District Information**

**Save the Date**

**October 4-5**
Cub Scout Family Campout — Camp Bromelsick

**October 18**
Astronomy Belt Loop Presentation — Wescoe Hall, KU Campus

**October 4-5**
Webelos Woods — Camp Bromelsick

**October 19**
Jamboree on the Air — Learned Hall, KU Campus

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**Pelathe Cub Scout Day Camp Fun**

**National Summertime Pack Award**

If your pack planned and held 3 Summertime Activities...You Win! (Actually your Cub Scout families did.) Fill out the National Summertime Pack Award application and claim the award! If your pack attended one of the Activities Committee's Summertime programs, you can count it as well. Thanks to Kathleen Gordon-Ross and her committee for putting this together again this summer.

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**School Night for Scouting**

Are you ready? Here are some things to keep in mind:

- **Spread the word about your School Night in at least 3 or 4 different ways.** People need to see your message a number of times before it sinks in.
- **Recruit at your elementary school Ice Cream Social or Watermelon Feed the week before School.** Handout your pack calendar/contact list. If possible register them on the spot.
- **Call all families at your elementary school the weekend before the School Night.** The district can provide the list. Divide up the list and call with a short invitation or reminder message.
- **Plan your agenda for School Night.** Provide a short meeting (45 minutes or less), offer a short activity for new Scouts. Ask parents to fill out the applications and Parent Talent Survey. Send families home with the pack calendar and contact list in hand.
- **Hold a Parent Orientation Meeting within a week of School Night.** Expect each family to play a role in running the pack.
- **Plan an additional Recruiting Opportunity.** Use your September pack meeting or activity. Volunteer to run a program for your elementary school fall carnival and do it in uniform. Not everyone will hear about School Night or be able to attend. Let's give them another chance.

Cindy Lynn, District Membership Chair, as well as members of the Commissioner Staff will be available to support your effort. Our goal is to recruit 155 new Scouts this fall.

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<td>Bill Self Golf Tournament, 12:00 pm</td>
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**2014 Trails End Popcorn Sale**

Please plan to attend the district Popcorn Kickoff on August 14. Learn about this year’s incentive program and the additions to the product lineup. Learn how units in the Pelathe District increased their sales in 2013. 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.
**Pioneer Trails**

**Officers**

- **District Chair**: John Freshnock (816) 262-8296
- **District Commissioner**: Morgan Olander (913) 649-6388
- **Activities Chair**: Carole Gaither (816) 523-5380
- **Advancement Chair**: Ross Whitacre (816) 718-3255
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Ross Whitacre (816) 718-3255
- **Camping Chair**: Bruce Day (816) 447-0750
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Deborah Topp (816) 444-9332
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Ross Whitacre (816) 718-3255
- **Finance Chair**: Morgan Olander (913) 649-6388
- **Membership Chair**: David Ladwig (816) 678-8782
- **OA Advisor**: Carole Gaither (816) 523-5380
- **Public Relations Chair**: Carol Jean DeFeo (816) 942-0675
- **Risk Management Chair**: John Wilcox (816) 729-7134
- **Training Chair**: Tom Holley (816) 679-5655
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Pat Parks (816) 523-6382
- **Venturing Chair**: Mike McCauley (816) 358-6242
- **District Executive**: Niel Campbell (816) 569-4949

2014 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

- **Cub Scout**: 76.6%
- **Boy Scout**: 55.4%

2014 ADVANCEMENT

- **Cub Scout**: 27.7%

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**12 Cub Family Campout**

Camp Lake of the Woods, Swope Park, Kansas City, MO

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**“Cubs in Space” Day Camp**

From archery to the egg drop, Pioneer Trails Scouts had a blast at this summer’s “Cubs in Space” 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!

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**Fall Round Up**

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.

Be sure to attend the Kick Off at the August Roundtable to pick up flyers, posters, yard signs and more to help your unit with their fall recruitment.

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**Cub Family Campout**

Mark your calendars and join us at our annual Cub Family Campout. This year’s event will be held Friday, September 12 through Saturday, September 13 at the Cabin at the Lake of the Woods in Swope Park. 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.

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**2014 Popcorn Sale**

The 2014 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 Niel Campbell at (816) 569-4949 or niel.campbell@scouting.org.

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**Honor Medal Awarded**

Sam Baird and Zack Anderson-Boland pictured here with Scout Executive, Kenn Miller and Edward Mulik Jr, received the Honor Medal for pulling Ed Mulik Jr from the water after slipping on a boat ramp and hitting his head.
Adventures with Cubs in Space

Anyone who stopped by the Old Lake Olathe Golf Course between June 16 and June 20 saw and heard something amazing: Fun with a Purpose! Over 400 Cub Scouts and 100 adult leaders attended the Red-Tailed Hawk Day Camp and made our Cubs in Space adventure a success. New this year to Day Camp was a focus on STEM with activities like pulleys and levers, solar system creation, and balloon rocket propulsion. Cubs also got a special surprise with the addition of the council's portable climbing tower to the program.

We would like to thank all the parents, leaders, and volunteer staff who made our Day Camp a success. Mike Domer, Day Camp Director, and Erin Harvey, Program Director, each deserve a round of applause for all of their work that made Day Camp possible. We would also like to thank Heritage Tractor of Olathe for their generous donation of the use of two gator UTVs and congratulate them on their new location at 157th and 169/7 Hwy in Olathe. Thank you!

Welcome Cortland Bolles: New District Director

On August 1, the Red-Tailed Hawk District welcomed Cortland Bolles as its new District Director. Cortland began his career in the Heart of America Council serving the Twin Rivers and Northern Tier Districts. He then served as a District Director in Minneapolis/St. Paul before returning to Kansas City as the Naish Scout Reservation Director.

We are excited to have Cortland and his leadership join our team. His passion and experience will be a great asset to our team.
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INFORMATION

School Night for Scouting Recruitment Campaign
The bulk of our School Night for Scouting campaign is going on right now. Thanks to the packs for the time and effort you put into making your School Night a success. It is essential that all youth have the opportunity to join the fun of the Scouting program. It is our job to tell the “Scouting story” and encourage prospective new families to experience all that Scouting has to offer. There are sessions available at the August, September and October Roundtables to learn more or to receive additional assistance. Feel free to contact any of the District Professional Staff for ideas and help to recruit more youth.

Camp-O-Ree 2014
This year’s Camp-O-Ree will be based on fitness. Scouts will have the opportunity to complete requirements for Personal Fitness, Sports and Athletics merit badges. The event will be held at Blue & Gray Park, October 10-12. Cost is $8.00 per person. For more information, or to be on the staff, contact Mike Boos at (816) 813-4055 or michael.boos@yahoo.com, Pete Zibers at (816) 686-1649 or zibers@att.net, or Kris Krahenbuhl at (816) 589-8035 or kkrahenbuhl57@gmail.com.

Investment in Character 2015
The Investment in Character Campaign keeps Scouting an affordable, effective youth development program. It funds the council’s infrastructure, or 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.

August
5 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Aldergate United Methodist Church, 350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO
5 District Roundtable, 7:30 pm
Aldergate United Methodist Church, 350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO
12 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

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

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

District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

25-26 Cub Family Campout
Unity Village, Lee’s Summit, MO

In October, every pack, troop, and crew will be asked to support this campaign by hosting a unit presentation. These presentations should be at a time where most parents will be present and 10 minutes can be dedicated in the program. You will also be asked to select someone in the unit to help follow up with every family to make sure they all get the opportunity to support the programs here in Heart of America Council. For more information please feel free to contact any of the Thunderbird Professional Staff.

Planning Your Scouting Year
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. Use the resources available at www.hocac-bsa.org/ideal-year-of-scouting to start your Ideal Year of Scouting today.
TRAILHEAD

4 District Resource Forum, 7:00 pm
NEW LOCATION — Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Overland Park, KS

4 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
NEW LOCATION — Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Overland Park, KS

9 School Night Recruitments

11 School Night Recruitments

11 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm — NEW LOCATION — Merrill Lynch, 3401 College Blvd, 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.

Fall Recruitment

Kick off the school year with a back to the pack meeting or activity. Then plan and promote your school night to invite some new cubs to join! Flyers, posters, and yard signs will be available to help you promote your school night. For questions, contact School Night Chair, Paul Moore, at ptmoore@gmail.com. To request promotional materials, please contact District Executive, Lizz Rhodus at (816) 569-4970 or elizabeth.rhodus@scouting.org.

2014 Popcorn Sale

It’s that time of year! If you haven’t already, start planning your Popcorn Kickoff and get your unit signed up. Popcorn is an excellent opportunity to fundraise for pack activities. Just ask Nicholas Kost, a Scout out of Troop 256, who was the top seller in the council for multiple years. Nicholas raised $6,107 last year selling popcorn and is using his funds to travel to abroad.

The Popcorn Sale will run from September 12-October 25. Sign up online at www.hoac-bsa.org/2014-popcorn-sale-commitment-form or contact Popcorn Chair, Catherine Kost, at FSTOP_PHOTO@hotmail.com.

NEW — Scouting Resource Forum

It’s a new year of Scouting so we’re excited to announce some improvements being made in the district. Previously known as Roundtable, the Scouting Resource Forum, is the district’s monthly meeting and training forum restructured to include more training opportunities. It will be held at a new location, the Jewish Community Center, and will provide all members of the Trailhead District with updates on what is going on in the district along with resources to ensure unit success. It will continue to be held the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. All volunteers are welcome to attend.

Cubs at Trailhead Day Camp throwing pies in the face of Day Camp Director Jon Chitwood
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, School Night Representatives, and District Commissioners should attend the Trails West Roundtable on Thursday, August 7 at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Quigley Center. 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 — School Night Chairman tjackowski1@comcast.net
Christine O’Connor — Membership Chairman boconnor7@kc.rr.com
Jason Bledsoe — Sr. District Executive jason.bledsoe@scouting.org

Day Camp Recap

Thank you to everyone who made the 2014 Trails West Day Camp awesome! From June 9-13, Lake Olathe was transformed into “Cubs in Space.” 252 Cub scouts enjoyed activities like BB Guns, archery, bull-riding, sling shots, fishing, field games, science, stomp rockets, disk golf, space food and more. It takes a huge 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 Peel, Ana Barata, Blair Pederson, and all the 2014 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 2015 contact our Camp Director, Bill O’Connor, at billoconnor7@yahoo.com

Camporee 2014 “The Amazing Race 4”

• Friday, August 22 — Saturday, August 23
• Camp Naish: 1100 Martinek Ln, Kansas City, KS
• Cost: $10
• Check-in begins at 5:30 pm Friday. Event concludes 11:00 am Saturday

Get ready for “The Amazing Race 4.” This year’s Camporee will be similar to the last Amazing Race and will include some new challenges. Scouts will test their Scouting skills in different activities that will challenge the best of the best. And all events will take place under the stars in an outdoor lock-in type setting.

Camporee 2014 is open to Boy Scouts, Webelos II’s, and Venturers only. Registrations are due at the August 7 Roundtable.

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

2014 Cub Scout Family Campout

• Saturday, October 11 — Sunday, October 12
• Camp Naish: 1100 Martinek Ln, Kansas City, KS
• Cost: $8
• Check begins at 1:00pm Saturday. Event concludes Sunday morning.

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 matt.bacon@live.com. This helps with food and program planning.

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Cub Scout Day Camp — Cubs in Space

This year’s Cub Scout Day Camp was filled with fun and adventure as over 115 Cub Scouts from the district enjoyed activities and events the first week of June at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola, KS. Cub Scouts participated in activities that included a climbing tower, bat houses, archery, bb guns, tie dye bandannas and much more!

Thanks to the staff who helped run camp, especially Director Kelly Daggett & Program Director Aida Thompson. We could not have done it without each and every one of you!
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