Reaching the Summit

Kansas Eagle Scout shares Arctic experience with sustainability experts

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What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?

Are you familiar with the BSA’s Exploring program? The program has actually been around since the 1970’s. Exploring is a co-ed program for students 13-20 years old and focuses on a specific career interest.

In the Heart of America Council, we have 35 businesses and organizations that currently sponsor an Explorer post and have about 850 youth participating. It’s interesting to note that there are actually more young women participating in Exploring than young men. The posts offered are a wide variety of career options like: Black & Veatch-Engineering; Hallmark Cards-Photography; Overland Park Police and Fire Departments; KU Medical, Truman Medical and Hospital Hill just to name a few.

When I talk about Exploring to business or community leaders my first question is always, “What was your future career choice when you were in high school?” My average is about 85% of those asked did not follow through on the career they thought they wanted while in high school. To be fair, some have told me they went to school or college before realizing that this was not the career they thought it was.

My goal in sharing this information about the Exploring program in the Heart of America Council is to help spread the word about the great things that Exploring is providing our youth. If you or your organization would like to learn more about the Exploring program in our area contact Exploring Director, Kerry Jorn, at Kerry.Jorn@Scouting.org or (816) 942-9333.

Let’s give all our youth the opportunity to learn about their future career ambitions while they are in high school and get them started on the right path.

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

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ADVENTURES IN SCOUTING

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

**December 2014**
- 3 Council Day Camp Meeting
- 10 Popcorn Payment Due
- 10 Council Marketing Committee Meeting
- 10 Council Advancement Committee Meeting
- 10 Council Activities Committee Meeting
- 10 Council Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
- 10 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
- 11 VOA Meeting
- 16 Council Commissioner Meeting
- 17 Council Properties Committee Meeting
- 17 Council P/R Committee Meeting
- 18 OA LEC Meeting
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- 26 Camp Staff Interviews
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**January 2015**
- 1 Council Service Center Closed
- 3 OA Winter Banquet
- 7 Council Day Camp Meeting
- 8 VOA Meeting
- 10 Chaplain Training
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- 14 Council Marketing Committee Meeting
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- 27 Council Commissioner Meeting
- 28 COPE/Climbing Staff Meeting
Kansas Eagle Scout Shares Lesson in Sustainability with Industry Experts

Alex Houston is an Eagle Scout from Lawrence, Kansas. Earlier this year, however, he spent two weeks in a place that doesn’t have much in common with the plains of Kansas—Antarctica. The expedition, called 2041, explored the Antarctic Peninsula to research its ecology, wildlife and the importance of renewable energy in shaping the future of the continent.

Earlier this October, Alex got the chance to share what he learned from his Antarctic adventure with sustainability experts from around the globe at the BSA’s Sustainability Summit in West Virginia. The 4-day gathering provided an open forum for discussion, education, and collaboration between corporate leaders, professional and volunteer Scouters, and youth about sustainability. Participants had the unique opportunity to listen to and learn from each other about corporate sustainability challenges, best practices, and potential solutions.

With a focus on identifying innovative solutions that balance business needs with the needs of future generations, the sessions provided insight on evoking leadership, appealing to a broader audience, having a long-range sustainability plan, and developing a sustainability vision.

Attendees participated in engaging sessions and panel discussions, networked with others who are passionate about sustainability, and heard presentations from the best and brightest in the industry, including:

- John Picard, founder and CEO of John Picard & Associates, and the man who greened the White House
- Sir Robert Swan, fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, polar explorer, and founder of 2041
- Robert Birkby, Eagle Scout, outdoor educator, author, and past director of conservation at Philmont Scout Ranch

Sustainability goes hand in hand with being a good Scout. For more than 100 years the BSA has taught youth to appreciate and conserve the natural environment while respectfully using its resources. But now it’s time to challenge each other to take that initiative to a new level…from stewardship to sustainability, and from “leave no trace” to leaving the world a better place. It starts with us.
2014 David Lockton
EAGLE SCOUT Class Reception

Sunday, February 22, 2015
Municipal Music Hall

Join Eagle Scouts from throughout the area and continue a Kansas City Scouting tradition. All Eagle Scouts and their families are invited to attend the 2014 Eagle Scout Class Reception on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at Municipal Music Hall in downtown Kansas City, MO.

All 2014 Eagle Scouts in attendance will receive the commemorative “Challenge Coin” and will be included in the official class photo. This year’s event will also recognize the 1964 & 1989 Eagle Scout classes who will be celebrating their 50th and 25th anniversaries.

There is no cost to attend, but all attendees must pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Space is limited so reserve your spot today.

About Our Honoree
David Lockton is Chairman of the Board of the Lockton Companies, the world’s largest privately held independent insurance broker. He has guided the firm through decades of dramatic growth and positioned Lockton as the world’s 9th largest broker and a Best Place to Work award winner. David is a past President of the Heart of America Council and is a recipient of the Silver Beaver and Distinguished Citizen Awards.

2015 NESA Scholarships
Now open for entries

Apply Today for a
2015 NESA Scholarship

Applications Due December 31, 2014

Applications for the prestigious and highly competitive National Eagle Scout Association scholarships are now being accepted. NESA will award more than 250 academic and merit scholarships, ranging in value from $1,000 to $50,000 each.

But before you apply, there are a few rules you should know about. NESA will only accept applications submitted online and there is a minimum SAT or ACT score for academic scholarship applicants (1800 SAT or 28 ACT). All applicants must also be members of NESA.

The application deadline is December 31, 2014. Winners can expect to be notified in summer 2015. Go to www.nesa.org for more information or to apply.

2014 Heart of America Council NESA Scholarship Recipients
Ryan Dahl United Health Foundation Scholarship
Nathan Meier NESA Academic Scholarship
Nathan Kent NESA Merit Scholarship
Jefferson Storms NESA Merit Scholarship

Show Your EAGLE PRIDE

Get your official Heart of America Council Eagle Scout Decal
Available for just $1 at the Council Service Center

Olathe Eagle Scout Honored by American Legion

Olathe American Legion Post 153 honored Cody Marlette as the Post’s Scout of the Year during a ceremony in November. Cody was chosen based on his support of Cub Scout Pack 3180, his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout as well as his academic and athletic accomplishments.

For nearly a century the American Legion has promoted youth activity programs designed to encourage physical, mental and moral growth. The Legion’s goal is to provide opportunities to cultivate character and wholesome ideals with appreciation for our heritage of freedom and develop a devotion to civic responsibility.

The Post is participating in a statewide effort to honor at least one local youth in every community where the American Legion has a Post.

Council Nominating Committee Notice

Council President, Mark Jorgenson, has selected David Fowler to serve as the Council Nominating Committee Chairman. If you have suggestions that you would like the nominating committee to consider, please send your recommendation to the Heart of America Council Service Center, attention David Fowler, Council Nominating Committee Chairman.

“All recommendations must be received no later than 1/2/15”
Scouts March in American Royal Parade

More than 1,200 Scouts and Scouters marched in the 2014 American Royal Parade on September 27 and helped celebrate the 115th anniversary of Kansas City’s premier livestock show. Packs, troops and crews proudly showcased their unit flags and waived to spectators lining the parade route on a picture-perfect Saturday morning. Towering Mic-O-Say puppets led the contingent along with dancers from both the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and OA’s Tamegonit Lodge. The two-mile parade route took the council contingent north along Grand Boulevard and finished in the Power and Light District.

SALUTING HEROES

Cub Scouts from Pack 129, Red Bridge Elementary, celebrate Veteran’s Day with a flag raising.

Kansas Speedway to Host

2015 SCOUTStrong Challenge

MAY 16, 2015

Are you SCOUTStrong? Find out at the 3rd annual SCOUTStrong Challenge Half Marathon and 5K on Saturday, May 16 at Kansas Speedway.

This year’s event is open to Scouts and runners of all ages. Challenge yourself on our scenic course that begins and ends on the track of the Kansas Speedway.

2015 RACE FEATURES:

► Half Marathon Prize Purse
► Chip time, instant results
► Unique custom medal
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Early registration discounts now available!

www.scoutstrongchallenge.org

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KCP&L Honored with Corporate Good Scout Award

2014 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

On October 22, more than 250 KCP&L employees, community leaders and Scouting volunteers gathered at the downtown Kansas City Marriott Muehlebach for the 2014 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. The annual event honors an individual or company in the Kansas City area for their commitment to making our community a better place to live and work.

This year’s dinner recognized the employees of KCP&L with the Corporate Good Scout Award, an award which highlights the company’s efforts in positively influencing the young people in our communities. KCP&L has partnered with the Heart of America Council on many projects throughout the years, dedicating dollars for programs and capital improvements, materials, printing, leadership and hundreds of volunteerism including sponsoring an Explorer post for high school students.

The Corporate Good Scout Award was accepted on behalf of all KCP&L employees by Terry Bassham, Chairman, President and CEO of Great Plains Energy and KCP&L. The event was chaired by Tom Freeman, Managing Director — Wealth Management, UBS Financial Services Inc., and Mike Thompson, Fox 4 Chief Meteorologist, served as emcee.

This year’s event raised more than $350,000 with proceeds benefiting the council’s Scoutreach program, a program that brings the values and life skills of Scouting to young people in Kansas City’s urban core. Also featured at this year’s dinner was the presentation of two $10,000 college scholarships to local Eagle Scouts.

Sen. Fred Thompson to Highlight 2015 Patron Luncheon

MARCH 5, 2015 — MARRIOTT MUEHLEBACH

The 2015 Patron Luncheon is scheduled for March 5 with featured guest speaker Senator Fred Thompson. Sen. Thompson is a multi-faceted speaker with widespread appeal ranging from politics to entertainment. He began his career as an attorney, later serving as U.S. Attorney, lobbyist and counsel to the Senate Watergate committee. Thompson served eight years as a U.S. Senator in Tennessee and was briefly a candidate for President during the 2008 election.

Thompson’s acting credits include No Way Out, Days of Thunder, The Hunt for Red October and In the Line of Fire. Most recently, you may recognize him from his role as Arthur Branch on the television series “Law & Order”.

This year’s event is being chaired by Michael Hagedorn, CEO of UMB Bank. Sponsorships and Table Host opportunities are available, some of which include access to the exclusive speaker reception held prior to the event. Those interested in attending should contact Jeromy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965 or jeromy.rutledge@scouting.org.

Investment in Character 2015

The 2015 Investment in Character campaign will officially kick-off on January 21, with Zachary Shafran serving as our overall chairman. Tom Barnett will serve as the Community Campaign Chairman and Jeff Cochran will once again lead the Family Campaign.

The Investment in Character Campaign raises more than $2-million annually to support local Scouting programs that teach leadership skills and timeless values. By investing in the Heart of America Council, you are able to ensure that more than 33,000 area youth receive a life-changing program. Donate online today at www.hoac-bsa.org.
**FINANCE NEWS**

**In Memory of:**

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- Ronald Brockman
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- Ernest L. Dane
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  - Russ & Kathy Godfrey
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**What’s it take to be the top popcorn selling unit in the council?** We asked Michael Newland, the Committee Chairman and Popcorn Kernel of Pack 374. The Liberty, Missouri based pack sold a whopping $25,334 in popcorn to lead the council in total sales this year. When asked what he attributed his pack’s success to Michael simply stated, “Communication.” He told us that there is no way to over-communicate to the pack deadlines, show-n-sell times and constantly pushing for 100% participation. He said for the Scouts, the number one sales piece was to make sure customers knew they weren’t buying popcorn, but supporting Scouting and the popcorn was a byproduct of their support.

**POPCORN SPOTLIGHT**

**Top Selling Unit:**

Pack 374, North Star District

**Total Sales:** $25,334

2014 Sporting Clays Tournament & Auction

One of the cornerstone fundraising events for the Heart of America Council happens every October at Camp Naish. This year’s Sporting Clays Tournament drew more than 180 shooters to the Reservation to support Scouting on October 11. The weather for this year’s tournament was perfect as teams of four competed against each other over the course of 18 shooting stations. Company team sponsorships and benefit auction at Union Station helped raise more than $97,000 for local Scouting programs.

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To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414117, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Jeremy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.
### Cub Scout Day Camp

**Knights in Training**

**Online Registration Opens January 5**

Open to all Cub Scouts, including kindergarten graduates, Day Camp will give your Scout an unforgettable outdoor experience. Scouts will take aim at adventure on the ARCHERY RANGE, create a masterpiece in ARTS & CRAFTS, test their skills on the SPORTS FIELD, learn about NATURE in an outdoor setting and much more. Day Camp is held within your district and typically runs 4-5 days from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily.

#### 2015 Day Camp Fees
- On or Before 4/10/15 — $60.00
- After 4/10/15 — $70.00
- At Camp — $75.00

### Bear Resident Camp

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World**

**Online Registration Opens February 9**

Bear Resident Camp is open to all Bears or Cub Scouts entering 3rd Grade, offering Scouts a 2-day/1-night outdoor adventure at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS. Scouts will sail into fun at the PIRATE SHIP WATER PARK, explore our LOST MINE, engage in a knight's quest to discover a HIDDEN CASTLE, learn craftsmanship in building their own toolbox at the STOCKADE, and much more. Units are in prepared campsites with platform tents, sleeping cots, restroom facilities and near-by showers.

#### 2015 Bear Camp Fees
- On or before 4/29/15 — $65.00
- After 4/29/15 — $75.00

### Webelos Resident Camp

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

**Online Registration Opens January 12**

Webelos Resident Camp is open to all Webelos Scouts entering 4th or 5th Grade, offering Scouts a 3-day/2-night outdoor adventure at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS. Scouts will reach new heights on our CLIMBING TOWER, aim for excellence at ACTION ARCHERY, explore the sky with MODEL ROCKET BUILDING, have a splashing good time at our AQUATIC COMPLEX, and much more.

#### 2015 Webelos Camp Fees
- On or Before 4/29/15 — $145.00
- After 4/29/15 — $155.00

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For more information or to register visit Scoutcaching.org
Brave Rendezvous
The Tribe sends forth the call for all new Braves to gather for further instruction. Please mark your calendars to have all new Braves attend one of these important meetings.

- **January 31, 2015** — Aldersgate United Methodist Church — 350 Missouri 150, Lee's Summit, MO
- **February 28, 2015** — KCMO Police Academy — 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO

The mornings will be filled with valuable information for our newest Tribesmen. There will also be information provided about becoming a Warrior, as well as the opportunity to visit Parry Lodge. Parents are also invited to attend one of our informational sessions about the rich history of the Tribe. Both sessions run from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Tribal Council Training**
Tribal Council Members in need of updating their 5-year certification are invited to attend January 31, 2015. We will hold recertification classes during the Brave Rendezvous at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Classes will begin at 9:30 am.

**Troop Recommendation Process Training**
Troop Committee Chairs, Scoutmasters and Committee Members are invited to attend a session on unit Mic-O-Say Recommendations and Voting. You won’t want to miss this informative and interactive session designed to help troops with their recommendation and exception processes. The session will be offered on February 28, 2015 at the KCMO Police Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO at 9:30 am.

**Mic-O-Say News**
The Mic-O-Say Dancers perform interpretations of traditional tribal dances as well as original dances created by and for our group. We are currently in our 35th season. Combining tradition with new age Pow Wow music, we are a program of strong friendship and warmth and are always looking for new faces. Come be a part of something great. Find us at www.micosaydancers.org or www.Facebook.com/micosaydancers and Join The Dance!
SPRING 2015 Mini-Camps

- March 14 (No Archery Available)
- March 28 (No Archery Available)
- April 18 (All Programs Available)
- April 25 (Wilderness First Aid Only)

Mini-Camps offer troops and crews the fun of summer camp in the off season at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Trekking crews headed to Philmont have the opportunity to become certified in Wilderness First Aid. Also available: Climbing/Rappelling, COPE, Shooting Sports — Archery, Rifle and Shotgun shooting, as well as advanced Pistol (Venturers only) — and Woodcarving. All Mini-Camp sign-up is available online at www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends.

Naish Work Days

You're invited to join us for any of our upcoming work days at Naish. We are always looking for volunteers to help make camp even better. Upcoming work days are scheduled for January 24, February 21, March 14, and April 18. For the complete list of work days, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/maintenance-team.

We would also like to thank the associates at Sam's Club in Kansas City, KS for their continuing help with projects around camp. More than 50 of their associates have contributed more than 250 hours to make the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation a great place for your Scouts to camp.

2015 Theodore Naish Scout Reservation Camp Leadership

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2015 Winter Banquet

Saturday, January 3 — Uptown Theater

On Saturday, January 3, Tamegonit Lodge will celebrate the Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary at the 2015 Winter Banquet at Uptown Theater. Clyde Mayer, the National OA Director, will be the keynote speaker as the Lodge presents its Founders' Awards and 2014 Chapter and Committee Awards. The Lodge will also install its 2015 Officers and introduce its 36 newest Vigil Honor members.

The cost is only $35 for those who register before December 24. The fee increases to $40 for those who register December 25-31. Tickets must be purchased before January 1. Make your reservations online at http://OAWinterBanquet.kintera.org.

2015 ArrowPass

ArrowPass allows you to register for six major Lodge events at one time, at a discounted rate. Get your 2015 ArrowPass NOW at http://arrowpass.kintera.org.

2015 OA Induction Schedule

- May 1-3, 2015 — Spring Induction #1
- May 15-17, 2015 — Spring Induction #2
- June 10-11, 2015 — Summer Induction #1
- June 17-18, 2015 — Summer Induction #2
- August 14-16, 2015 — Fall Induction #1 (Bartle)
- August 28-30, 2015 — Fall Induction #2

2015 Tamegonit Lodge Officers:

- Lodge Chief: Steven Ozaki
- Vice Chief of Administration: Senn Boswell
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- Vice Chief of Inductions: Gabe Stillwell
- Vice Chief of Program: Dawson Garcia
- Secretary: Michael Thompson
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www.visitsealife.com/kansas-city

2475 Grand Boulevard Kansas City, MO.
Council Plans Contingent to Scotland

Have you ever wanted to visit Scotland? The Council International Committee is planning a 2016 trip to attend the Blair Atholl Jamborette, a mini-jamboree style event in Scotland. The council will send two patrols, six Scouts each, to attend the event held on the grounds of Blair Castle in the summer of 2016.

The length of the trip will be approximately 17 days. Scouts attending must be at least 14 years old at the time of the trip and no older than 18. Estimated cost is $1,500. For more information or to reserve your place, contact Peter Houston at phouston@sunflower.com or H. David Pendleton at Henry.D.Pendleton.ctr@mail.mil.

Be a Camp Staff Member in Europe

Are you ready to take your camp staff experience to the next level? Opportunities are now available to participate in the European Camp Staff Program through the International Department of the BSA. Find out more about the program at www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International/ecamp.aspx.

Host an International Scout in 2015

The H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations will host international Scouts to serve as members of the camp staff next summer. The key to a successful experience for these Scouts will be caring host families.

Host families are the critical link between the camp experience and the Scouts’ American life experience. Prospective host families must be able to house the Scout prior to and after his or her camp staff assignment and provide transportation to the Scout’s respective camp. For more information contact Jeannie Salmon at jrsalmon@kc.rr.com or Peter Houston at phouston@sunflower.com.

VENTURING

VOA Winter Event at Snow Creek

January 9-10

Join us January 9-10 for snow-packed, downhill excitement and overnight fun at Snow Creek in Weston, Missouri. All participants must be at least 13 years old. The cost is only $30. For more information contact Stephanie Regalia at Stephanie.regalia@scouting.org.

Venturing Leadership Award Nominations

The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) is presented to youth who exemplify the highest standard of Venturing excellence. All nominations MUST be submitted to the Council Service Center on or before March 1, 2015. Download the nomination form at www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.

2015-16 Venturing Officers’ Association Youth Nominations

Each year, youth are selected to serve as members of the Council’s Venturing Officers’ Association (VOA). All nominations MUST be submitted to the Council Service Center on or before March 1, 2015. Download the nomination form at www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.

Haunted Trails Scares up Fun at Naish

More than 1,550 Cub Scouts, Webelos, Venturers and parents enjoyed a spooky-good time at Naish on October 25. The council’s Venturing Officers’ Association provided the leadership, imagination, and hard-work that transformed Cub World into a magnificent Haunted Trails experience for youth and adults alike.
First Eagle Scout candidate for Boy Scout Troop 125

Courtesy: Lorenza Stolle-Linn County News

Sixteen-year-old Boy Scout Sean Smith of Parker, KS is a member of Troop 125 and is in the process of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Boy Scout Troop 125 began a short six years ago and Smith will be the troop’s first candidate for Eagle Scout, the highest rank a Boy Scout can receive.

Smith’s Eagle Scout Project was a remodel of the Helping Hands and Hearts Food Pantry food storage room located in the Parker United Methodist Church. Smith designed and with the help of his fellow Boy Scouts, fabricated and installed a more efficient system of shelving for food storage. The room also received a fresh coat of paint.

Smith is a truly caring young man as he also hoped his project would bring focus to the Parker Food Pantry as a vital food resource for those needing assistance in the Prairie View School District. He explained, “The food pantry is open the second and third Wednesday of the each month from 9-11 a.m.” Smith also pointed out that winter is near and the food pantry is always accepting donations.

For Smith’s family and Troop 125 the story does not stop here, as in a few short months Sean’s younger brother Chris will begin to work on his own Eagle Scout Project to acquire the rank of Eagle Scout.

Wood Badge —
www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge

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 take part in an active learning process through involvement in planning, development, presentation and assessment. Participants will enjoy a world-class learning experience that will strengthen their long-term commitment to Scouting and provide them with valuable leadership skills.

Spring 2015 course will be held April 10-12 and April 24-26.
Fall 2015 course will be held September 11-13 and October 2-4.

Both courses will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Register today, space is limited!

DOE (Den Leader Outdoor Experience) —
www.hoac-bsa.org/den-leader-outdoor-experience

The purpose of D.O.E. is to help Cub Scout leaders become more aware of outdoor activities and help them use Cub Scout outdoor skills. Participants can choose the BALOO part of the course (sleep in a cabin with a bunk) or the Webelos Outdoor Leader part of the course (sleep in a tent).

When: March 27-28, 2015
Where: Rotary Youth Camp, 22310 NE Colbern Rd, Lee’s Summit, MO

SCOUTS LEARN LESSON IN GEOCACHING FROM GARMIN

On October 11, Garmin and the Heart of America Council held their annual Geocaching Day. More than 50 Scouts successfully completed their Geocaching Merit Badge.

Ten Commandments Trek Fulfills the Scout Oath and Law

More than 40 Scouts spent October 12 experiencing the twelfth point of the Scout Law, Reverent, through the council’s 5th annual Ten Commandments Trek. Organized by the Council Religious Relationships Committee, participants learned about the Commandments from the perspective of different faiths.

The trek spanned the area and included stops at Congregation Beth Shalom, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in south Kansas City, MO, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Overland Park, KS, and the Islamic Center of Johnson County in Overland Park.

All trekkers were rewarded with a unique patch for fulfilling their “Duty to God”.

Wood Badge —
www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge

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 take part in an active learning process through involvement in planning, development, presentation and assessment. Participants will enjoy a world-class learning experience that will strengthen their long-term commitment to Scouting and provide them with valuable leadership skills.

Spring 2015 course will be held April 10-12 and April 24-26.
Fall 2015 course will be held September 11-13 and October 2-4.

Both courses will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Register today, space is limited!

DOE (Den Leader Outdoor Experience) —
www.hoac-bsa.org/den-leader-outdoor-experience

The purpose of D.O.E. is to help Cub Scout leaders become more aware of outdoor activities and help them use Cub Scout outdoor skills. Participants can choose the BALOO part of the course (sleep in a cabin with a bunk) or the Webelos Outdoor Leader part of the course (sleep in a tent).

When: March 27-28, 2015
Where: Rotary Youth Camp, 22310 NE Colbern Rd, Lee’s Summit, MO
Rotary Youth Camp — A Special Camp for Special Campers

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

A Kansas City Rotarian named Robert Gees dreamed back in the early 1920’s about a special camp that could be made available for youth with special needs and disabilities. His dream camp would become a place where they could experience the great outdoors like many of their friends.

When he became President of the Downtown Rotary Club (known officially as Rotary Club 13) and pitched his idea to his fellow Rotarians they signaled their approval. Gees said he would purchase the land for the camp and donate it to the Rotary Club as long as the club promised to establish and operate the camp for underprivileged and disabled youth and adults.

The first session of Rotary Youth Camp was held in July, 1925. That summer, thirty-two boys descended on their new woodland paradise for the first time. The camp had a Boy Scout like program — military precision beginning with early morning exercise right after reveille, sports, swimming, nature hikes campfires and Scoutcraft activities. Several campers pitched tents along the river bank as the Rotarians continued to construct new structures at the camp to house campers.

The main camping season at Rotary Youth Camp today lasts from June through September. The camp allows ten groups a year to camp there and all of the organizations that use the facilities bring their own camp staff to serve their campers. Rotary Youth Camp has several full time employees on site at all times including a Camp Supervisor and Camp Ranger.

Each group that uses Rotary Youth Camp has a “Service Project” to complete while they are on site. Some groups may be asked to help beautify camp by raking leaves, others may be asked to move rocks and others may be asked to cut firewood for the campfire supply. Campers are encouraged to participate in these service activities to learn the importance of service to others.

Campers are never charged by the Rotary Youth Camp for using the facilities. The Rotarians have made it a point to not turn away a camper because of their inability to pay for camp.

If you have Scouting history questions or suggestions for future articles, please email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
EAGLE SCOUTS: Where Are They Now?

Eagle Scouts are everywhere. They are doctors, teachers, architects and entrepreneurs. The hallmark of an Eagle Scout is dedicated, determined leadership. In an effort to honor the Eagle spirit and legacy... “Eagle Scouts: Where Are They Now?” highlights men who earned their Eagle Scout award in the Heart of America Council.

Commander William B. Palmer II
Eagle Scout Class of 1986
Troop 370, Parkville, MO
Occupation:
Commander, US Navy

Commander William B. Palmer II, an Eagle Scout and native of Parkville, Missouri, currently serves as the Commanding Officer of Regional Support Organization Pacific Northwest. Regional Support Organization Pacific Northwest provides technical and readiness assistance to two fast frigates and two guided missile destroyers home ported in the Pacific Northwest. CDR Will Palmer holds a Bachelor’s of Arts in International Relations from the University of San Diego, a Master’s of Arts in Diplomacy from Norwich University and a Master’s of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He enlisted in the Navy as a Chinese Linguist in 1988 and has served in numerous positions and received a number of promotions over his years in the military.

Will’s father, a Life Scout, was involved with Scouting and encouraged his son along the trail to Eagle. Commander Palmer loved the challenge offered by the outdoors, but that was only one of many reasons he was attracted to Scouting.

How and why did you join Scouting?
Palmer: “I was invited to join by a friend — a life-long friend with whom I shared Eagle Courts. I did not join Scouting for any one specific reason. I loved the outdoors — hunting and fishing with my Dad. My Dad was a Scout. As he says, he’s a “Life” Life Scout. He stressed that not earning Eagle is a lifelong regret.”

What were your favorite Scouting activities or camping trips?
Palmer: “By far, my favorite activities were our troop’s traditional, annual campouts. Two that still stand out are a Winter Survival Campout and a Rifle and Shotgun Campout. Every January/February timeframe, we went on a Winter Survival Campout where I learned real survival skills that were later confirmed in aviation survival training. I’ve also used some of these skills camping, hunting and fishing in cold weather such as I found in central Maine. Other traditional campouts included a November Rifle and Shotgun Campout where we learned gun safety and applied marksman skills on the range. I believe that years of attending these campouts, combined with a couple while in the Leadership Corps, started a lifelong passion in teaching others how to safely and efficiently handle weapons, most notably as a Weapons Officer.”

How did Scouting impact your choice of major in college or your choice of career?
Palmer: “Scouting helped define my concept of duty and service. My adult leaders embodied both military and community service. Our Scoutmaster, a Green Beret Vietnam Veteran, continued his service as the Scoutmaster and a Marine Corps Reservist. Other scout leaders were volunteer firefighters, policeman and great citizens. They gave so much to my friends and I...even after they gave in other capacities. I think Scouting gave me a distinct desire to always serve. Business never interested me.”

What does being an Eagle Scout mean to you?
Palmer: “I belong to a brotherhood that believes they are bound to ideals greater than themselves. We value doing a good turn daily, living by the Scout Oath and Law, achieving goals and active citizenship. But most impressive and inspiring, is that young men of great character lead our young scouts, young boys, with the goal of also being an Eagle Scout — permanently associated with those values. Eagle Scout is not just a milestone achievement, but also a lifelong journey and call to serve others.”

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.

Will and his son, Liam
HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL EAGLE SCOUTS — AUGUST - OCTOBER 2014

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Troop 1318  Noah Roush  Rodney Wolken, SM
Troop 1324  Daniel Stigall  Roland Francis, SM
Troop 1414  Joel Smith  Phillip Smith, SM
Troop 1414  Jamison Smith  Phillip Smith, SM

BLUE ELK

Troop 1138  Alexander Dye  Dennis Henks, SM
Troop 1138  Steven Lee  Dennis Henks, SM
Troop 1161  Jason VanFleet  Bruce Lathrop, SM
Troop 1173  Jason Cain  Donald Seaver, SM
Troop 1206  William Luedeman  Kenneth Johnson, SM
Troop 1206  Dalton Archer  Kenneth Johnson, SM
Troop 1221  Andrew Salva  James Waldman, SM
Troop 1221  Michael Stoneburner  James Waldman, SM
Troop 1221  John Mader  James Waldman, SM
Troop 1221  Daniel Florido  James Waldman, SM
Troop 1221  Daniel Cooper  James Waldman, SM
Troop 1223  Jesse Peters  Jason White, SM
Troop 1246  Christopher Vasquez  James Peister, SM
Troop 1266  Christopher Bamman  Kurtis Blocher, SM
Troop 1282  Timothy Phillips  Scott Howell, SM
Troop 1282  Garrett Morris  Scott Howell, SM
Troop 1282  Garth Hendren  Scott Howell, SM
Troop 1282  William Chinnery  Scott Howell, SM
Troop 1310  Daniel Fager  David Wildschutz, SM
Troop 1332  Daniel Bruns  Douglas Farmer, SM
Troop 1332  Tyler De Witt  Douglas Farmer, SM
Troop 1334  Quinton Brown  Dwight Fowler, SM
Troop 1334  Dakota Hink  Dwight Fowler, SM
Troop 1346  Tomasu Tuione  Michael Maloney, SM
Troop 1362  Nicholas Turner  Anthony Schemel, SM
Troop 1492  William Rieck  Roy Pittman Jr, SM
Troop 1605  Joshua Blair  Thomas Fraser, SM
Troop 1605  Zachary Fischer  Thomas Fraser, SM
Troop 1763  Andrew Haynie  Bryan Richardson, SM
Troop 1813  Devon Fontaine  John Jacques, SM
Troop 1813  Nicholas Morgan  John Jacques, SM
Troop 1865  Colby Mock  James Velghe, SM

KAUK

Troop 3  Jonathan Bradley  David Harmon, SM
Troop 3  Devon Thomas  Steven Rupert, SM
Troop 66  Jacob Bohnemann  Richard Lockwood, SM
Troop 149  Joshua White  James Clark, SM
Troop 165  Zachary Atkins  Nile Erickson, SM
Troop 165  Thomas Lauber  Nile Erickson, SM
Troop 304  Michael Brown  David Moon, SM
Troop 357  Gregory Gast  Raymond Stockman, SM
Troop 366  David Bornan III  Gerard Overbye, SM

LONE BEAR

Troop 1404  George Cooper III  Ronda Weinmann, SM
Troop 1404  Jacob Weimann  Ronda Weinmann, SM
Troop 1404  Robert Richner  Ronda Weinmann, SM
Troop 1404  Issac Kohl  Ronda Weinmann, SM
Troop 1513  Chance Riddle  Charles Barry, SM
Troop 1727  Garrison Willard  Michael Abbott, SM
Team 6515  Thomas Stock  Matthew Vernon, VC

NORTH STAR

Troop 1008  Weston Willard  Michael Packard, SM
Troop 1180  Ryan Rutherford  Howard Scott, SM
Troop 1180  Andrew Hiller  Howard Scott, SM
Troop 1180  John Brady  Howard Scott, SM
Troop 1249  Christopher Rose  Daniel West, SM
Troop 1249  Kaleb Baber  Daniel West, SM

NORTHERN TIER

Troop 34  Cory Roshau Jr.  Tim Elliott, SM
Troop 54  Erick Sherman  William Jones, SM
Troop 91  Remington Reardon  Todd Martin, SM
Troop 93  Adam Vanadusadl  Myrl Wear, SM
Troop 93  Neil Stasich  Myrl Wear, SM
Troop 123  Kurt Johnson  Troy Johnson, SM
Troop 123  Nathan Kilken  Troy Johnson, SM
Troop 192  Jonathon Presler  Shane Marx, SM
Troop 192  Chase Roy  Shane Marx, SM
Troop 192  Dustin Martin  Shane Marx, SM
Troop 192  Nicholas Corkill  Shane Marx, SM
Troop 295  Bryan Bailey  Paul Cast, SM
Troop 358  Steven Hein  Nathan Roney, SM
Troop 998  Zachariah Whalen  Patrick Meikle, SM
Crew 2584  George Gille  Eric Hansen, ADV

PELATEH

Troop 55  Ivan Santos-Kincaid  Frederic Heschmeyer, SM
Troop 55  Alexander Thraps  Frederic Heschmeyer, SM
Troop 55  Scott Gates  Frederic Heschmeyer, SM
Troop 63  Nathan Clem  Thomas Farmer, SM

POINTER TRAILS

Troop 1016  John Borron Furla  Morgan Olander, SM
Troop 1046  Matthew Luke  Duane Ball, SM
Troop 1050  Diego Jackson  Sam Clipping, SM
Troop 1588  Adam Wuest  Paul Hermes, SM

RED-TAILED HAWK

Troop 122  Austin Adams  Jeffrey Allison, SM
Troop 122  Chris Gerhardt-Mathews  Jeffrey Allison, SM
Troop 218  Wesley Easum  Mark Garcia, SM
Troop 218  Dhruv Mathur  Mark Garcia, SM
Troop 222  Michael Patterson  Bradley Fountain, SM
Troop 222  Elliott Davidson  Bradley Fountain, SM
Troop 222  Dawson Gardner  Bradley Fountain, SM
Troop 222  William Padek  Bradley Fountain, SM
Troop 265  Nicholas Robson  Stephen Vois, SM
Troop 315  Stephen DeHart  Kevin Coriden, SM
Troop 315  Duncan Boudreaux  Kevin Coriden, SM
Troop 315  Lane Gramling  Kevin Coriden, SM
Troop 324  Phillip Wendt  Kent Bredholt, SM
Troop 425  Mathew Orzechowski  Gary Hazeltine, SM
Crew 2784  Robert Hackett  Stephen Carpenter, ADV

THUNDERBIRD

Troop 1032  Augustus Boos  Dan Barnes, SM
Troop 1032  Alexander Fries  Dan Barnes, SM
Troop 1033  Larry Brown III  James Matney, SM
Troop 1098  John Berney  John Weaver, SM
Troop 1098  Cameron Hamm  John Weaver, SM
Troop 1220  Mason McGinley  Andrew Wilcox, SM
Troop 1220  Jeffrey Scarburgh  Andrew Wilcox, SM
Troop 1220  Tyler Finley  Andrew Wilcox, SM
Troop 1220  Sebastian Channell  Andrew Wilcox, SM
Troop 1220  Conrad Channell  Andrew Wilcox, SM
Troop 1220  Cole Dunton  Andrew Wilcox, SM
Troop 1264  Vincent Payne Jr  Mark Dunning, SM
Troop 1264  Christopher Klockenga  Mark Dunning, SM
Troop 1300  Kevin Wyrick  Matthew Heinrich, SM
Troop 1350  Xavier Carrillo  Paul Fyffe, SM
Troop 1351  Luis Acove  Robert Hoffman, SM
Troop 1351  Ryan Mason  Robert Hoffman, SM
Troop 1350  Spencer Eubank  Don Mesa, SM
Troop 1500  Braxton Koehn  Don Mesa, SM
Troop 1551  Bradley Covington  David Millward, SM

TRAILHEAD

Troop 10  Connor Parrish  Robert Day, SM
Troop 10  Patrick Chapman  Robert Day, SM
Troop 10  Nicholas D’Adamo  Robert Day, SM
Troop 10  Davis Harrison  Robert Day, SM
Troop 10  William Hanson  Robert Day, SM
Troop 10  Benjamin Leeper  Robert Day, SM
Troop 92  William Brabston IV  James Rinehart, SM
Troop 92  Eli Cosner  James Rinehart, SM
Troop 251  Noah Perlinger  Sean Wilde, SM
Troop 257  Jack Curtis  Dennis Wagner, SM
Troop 282  Andrew Weiss  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  William Schmidt  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  Cole Mitchelson  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  Arthur Beck  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  Andrew Schmidt  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  Calvin Ball  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  Dane Erickson  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  Alejandro Diaz  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  Jeffrey Heimann  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 282  Jacob Ronnekamp  Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 284  Jacob Gauthier  Andrew Inzerillo, SM
Troop 284  Dylan Klemmer  Andrew Inzerillo, SM
Troop 284  Andrew Cox  Andrew Inzerillo, SM
Troop 333  Zachary Schiefer  Terry Ecklund, SM
Troop 333  Raul Rubalcava II  Terry Ecklund, SM
Troop 333  Richard Lanning  Terry Ecklund, SM
Troop 354  Danniel Christensen  Robert Kakeba, SM
Troop 387  Alexander Lang  Richard Thomann, SM
Troop 395  Joseph Henshaw  Bryan Clingen, SM
Troop 449  Charles Williams  Douglas Deppen, SM
Troop 449  Hunter Edwards  Douglas Deppen, SM
Troop 1061  Jacob Melookaran  Brian Bell, SM
Troop 1061  Jacob Fleckier  Brian Bell, SM

TWIN RIVERS

Troop 47  Garrett Offutt  Charles Atterbury, SM
Troop 100  Zachary Smith  Daniel Buchman, SM
Troop 103  Phillip Shackelford  Paul Smith, SM
Big Muddy

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

2014 Popcorn Sale
Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2014 popcorn sale! We would like to extend a BIG “thank you” to our District Kernel, Kim Edney, for her help with organizing and training all the units in the district. With your help, the Big Muddy District was able to raise more than $64,000. Scouting should be FUN, and that includes selling popcorn. Here’s Pack 4286’s Cubmaster, Victor Dutel, having his head shaved by the top seller of the pack!

Cub Family Campout and Camporee
With the leadership of Jonetta Atkinson, Jeremiah Carter, Mark Stilwell, and Michelle Stilwell, Big Muddy had a very successful Cub Family Campout and Camporee in October. More than 250 Scouts, Scouters, and family members camped at Big River Ranch in Lexington, MO. All had a great time with some great competitions. Troop 1713 from Wellington won in the “Best Meal” category, Troop 1415 from Higginsville won in the “Best Camp” category, and Jay Barnhart from Troop 1120 in Odessa earned the “Scout Spirit Award”.

Pack Halloween Parties
October was a busy month for the district. We had popcorn sales, membership drives, Cub Family Campout, Camporee, and many other activities. With all of the hustle and bustle of the month, Packs 4318 and 4713 put together some great Halloween parties for their communities. This was Pack 4318’s 27th year hosting the community Halloween party.

Roundtable Reminder
The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church. Please make sure your unit has someone there to pick up materials and relay information. At our November Roundtable, Troop 1243’s Scoutmaster, Mark Ives, completed his Wood Badge ticket and was recognized with his Beads, Neckerchief, Woggle, and certificate. Congratulations, Mr. Ives!
**January**

8  **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
   Dr. Paul Kinder Middle School,
   3930 S RD Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO

15  **District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm**
    Beacon Heights Community of Christ,
    19402 Holke Rd, Independence, MO

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17  **Klondike Derby**
    American Legion Farm,
    499 Legion Dr, Blue Springs, MO

24  **District Dinner, 6:00 pm**
    1400 NE Coronado Dr,
    Blue Springs, MO 64014

**District Annual Business Meeting**

This year's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at Blue Ridge Bank and Trust in Independence at 7:00 pm. All District Members at Large, Chartered Organization Representatives and Council Board/Executive Committee Members that reside in the district are welcome and encouraged to attend. Nominations for District Members at Large are due in writing to the Blue Elk District Nominating Committee no later than the December Roundtable. Nominations can be hand delivered or mailed to: Blue Elk District Nominating Committee: 10210 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, MO 64131.

**District Dinner**

The Blue Elk District Awards Dinner will be held once again at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs. The 2015 dinner will take place on Saturday, January 24 and will recognize all 2014 Eagle Scouts and recipients of the Scouter Spirit Award, Silent Service Award and District Award of Merit. Questions? Contact Jim Beachner at beachner@gmail.com or visit the Blue Elk website at www.hoac-bsa.org/blue-elk. Don't forget to submit award nominations by the December Roundtable.

**Klondike Derby**

**January 16 & 17, 2015**

Join us for some fun filled events and challenges, hopefully in the snow! Troops are encouraged to camp Friday and Saturday nights. Events will begin at 8:00 am Saturday morning and conclude by 5:00 pm the same day. For questions about the Klondike Derby or to serve on the staff, contact David Wildschuetz at sachemlsn@yahoo.com.

**Investment in Character 2015**

Be sure to schedule your 2015 Family Investment in Character presentation. Please submit your presentation date to either of your district professionals. Units that meet their Investment in Character goal will qualify for one full year of free rank advancement.

**Scouts learn Skills for Life**

*By Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk Public Relations Chair*

More than 250 Scouts and leaders from thirteen troops across the district learned advanced Scouting skills and worked on some of the newest merit badges at this year's fall Camporee at American Legion Farm in Blue Springs. The program featured program areas in Geocaching, Search and Rescue, Ham Radio, First Aid, Welding, Cooking, Computers, Cycling, Camp- ing, Auto Maintenance, as well as basic Scouting requirements. The W.E.E. bus, a mobile computer lab outreach program of the Blue Springs Education Foundation, was also on hand to help Scouts earn their Computers merit badge.
Help High School Students Explore Careers in Energy

Do you know a high school student who is interested in science, technology, engineering or math? If so, let them know about our Exploring program. Learn about a wide array of career opportunities in the energy field. Groups meet monthly during the school year and feature guest speakers and hands on activities. Learn more at www.exploringkc.org.

2014 Exploring Awards Dinner

The 2014 Exploring Awards Dinner was held on November 11. Joe Jacobs, KCP&L and Finance Chair for the Exploring Division, received the William H. Spurgeon Award. Joy Hobick, Truman Medical Lakewood, Riley Burris, Central Jackson County Fire District, and John Cottrell, UMKC School of Dentistry, received the Learning for Life Leadership Award. Thank you to Joe, Joy, Riley, John, and all of our adult leaders for their enthusiasm and commitment to the Exploring Program in the Heart of America Council.

Entrepreneur Post 8816

Entrepreneur Post 8816 took a fieldtrip to Pinstripes on November 5 where they spoke with owner and co-founder Dale Schwartz. The Explorers got a background view of how Pinstripes was created and even had time to play bocce! Learn more about our entrepreneur post at www.exploringkc.org.

Hallmark Photography Explorer Post

On November 1, Hallmark Explorers took their annual fieldtrip to Parkville to take pictures of the fall leaves. The autumn leaves were perfect this time of year. Students upload their photos to Flickr where they will vote for their favorites at the end of the year. Learn more about our photography post at www.exploringkc.org.

KCP&L Post Explores Lineman’s Rodeo

KCP&L Explorers made their way to the Lineman’s Rodeo on October 18 where the best linemen from around the world come to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks and skills. Students got an upfront view of the program and spent some time with KCP&L employees.
Urban Day Camp

It's time to start planning for Urban Day Camp 2015! Urban Day Camps provide an alternative Scouting experience to youth in low income areas within the Kansas City Metro area. Activities include a climbing tower, games, leatherwork, archery and sling shots, learning the Scout Oath and Law, as well as other team building exercises. Camps will be 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 Eric Gabbart and Jelani Harris 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. Eric and Jelani both received a $25 gift card to QuikTrip.

Thank you for everything you do for Scouting in the Frontier District!

Thunderbird Scouts Help Coordinate Frontier Lock-In

The Frontier District held a Lock-In on November 7 at the Mattie Rhodes Community Center with help from the Thunderbird District’s Troop 1042. Twelve Boy Scouts along with two Eagle Scouts from Troop 1042 provided one-to-one mentoring to area Scout-reach youth.

Frontier District Executive Andrea Watts said, “All of the youth quickly bonded and had an amazing time learning and making new friends.” The event resulted in two Frontier Scouts earning their Tenderfoot rank.

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The lock-in started off with an opening ceremony and soon patrol leaders were chosen to lead four patrols. Scouts participated in activities like flag folding, knot tying, lashing and tent set-up. Scouts also enjoyed their free time playing games like basketball, Frisbee, washer toss and much more.

The lock-in was such a success, Troop 1042 leaders Jay DeHardt and Dan Hughes invited each boy to camp out with them in the spring and during third session at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

December District Lock-In

The Frontier District will hold a Scout Lock-In December 19-20 at the Tony Aquirro Center. Setup will begin at 5:30 pm on Friday and the event will conclude by 9:00 am on Saturday. The lock-in is an opportunity for boys to earn their Tenderfoot rank and participate in fun activities with their friends. Scouts can look forward to food, games and Scout activities that range from pioneering to earning their Cooking merit badge. Contact Andrea Watts for more information at (816) 569-4947 or Andrea.Watts@scouting.org.

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**December**

- **4** 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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  Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 405 Morse St, Bonner Springs, KS
- **15** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
  LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave, Kansas City, KS

**Klondike Derby 2015**

It’s time to start thinking about registering your troop for the 2015 Klondike Derby. The district’s annual event will be held at Camp Naish on February 20-22. Look for registration information at www.hoac-bsa.org/kaw.

**Investment in Character**

It’s that time of year again to start thinking about scheduling your Investment in Character presentation. Scheduling now will help us out and get the best possible presenter to your event. To schedule your presentation, call Jose Romero at (816) 569-4973 or email Greg Thomas at gregory.thomas@us.army.mil. Thank you in advance for taking care of this. We look forward to a great year of Investment in Character.

**Popcorn Sale**

Congratulations to all the units that sold popcorn this year. We increased the Kaw District’s sale over last year.

The top 3 popcorn selling units:
1. Pack 3165
2. Pack 3149
3. Pack 3304

**Cub Family Campout a Success**

The Kaw District put on one great party! The weekend of October 17-18 at the Cub Family Campout, we saw more 250 participants camp out, shoot bb guns, archery, sling shots, play sports and have the opportunity to climb the portable rock wall.

This would not have been accomplished without the volunteer support of those who took the time to come out and run a range, work the rock wall or help make and serve breakfast.

Thank you to David Block, Andrew Cameron, Mark Blanken, Becky Blanken, Steve Henry, Doug Darling, Charles Grant, Roger Linder, Erik Price and Jimmy White for your work to make this event go. A special thank you to the Scouts of Troop 167, who ran the sports stations and put on an awesome campfire.

Most importantly, thanks to Al Lechner who chaired the Cub Family Campout and worked on organizing the event for the past few months. He was the first one to get to the event and the last one to leave. It was truly a great event for the Cub Scouts and their families.
Recharter 2015

Every unit should be in the process of online rechartering. Rechartering always seems to be a time when we lose a lot of the youth that we have worked so hard to recruit. Please make sure to contact every youth who says they are not renewing their membership and find out why. The less youth we lose at this time, the easier it is for us to reach our goals at the end of the year. If you need any assistance with rechartering, contact your unit commissioner or David Riker to help you get through this process.

Make sure all of your leaders have the proper training that is needed for rechartering. Remember, charter paperwork is due at the January Roundtable.

Investment In Character

The Lone Bear District will be kicking off the family and community campaigns officially in January. The Lone Bear District has a great track record of obtaining our financial goals by the victory celebration and our plan is to do so again in 2015. Rob Burgess of Warrensburg, is heading up the family campaign. Please make sure to contact rob in order to schedule your unit’s Investment In Character presentation and see how your unit can obtain free rank advancement until March of 2016. You can reach Rob at (660) 909-3771 or rmbuugsiu@embarqmail.com.

Be Featured in Adventures in Scouting

The Lone Bear District would love to hear your Scouting story. Do you have an interesting trip that your unit has gone on or a community service project that you would like to share? We would love to be able to share your story in the next edition of Adventures in Scouting. Send photos and stories to David Riker at david.riker@scouting.org.
**Camporee Recap**

This past October, the North Star and Pioneer Trails Districts held a joint Camporee. The weather was perfect for a great catapult competition. Camporee Chairman John Peter and his staff put on an outstanding event. The camporee also included the Jamboree on the Air. The 2014 Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) activity at this year’s Camporee was a huge success. About 150 Scouts, Scouters and Venturers had the opportunity to get on the air and talk with their counterparts at almost 40 different stations in at least 5 different countries. Demonstrations all day included voice and digital operations on any of the three stations in operation from Friday night until late Saturday night. Video of the Camporee with a spotlight on JOTA was shot all day Saturday. Showing on the Internet TV show Ham Nation hosted by TWIT.TV helped us to reestablish our claim of being “Internationally Famous”. Check it out at [http://twit.tv/show/ham-nation](http://twit.tv/show/ham-nation), episode #171. The North Star JOTA story starts at about 7 minutes, 30 seconds into the show.

Special thanks go to the following volunteers who went above and beyond to make this a unique event: Venturers & leaders of Crew 883 Cassandra, CJ, Nikki, and Elli, Ham Operators: Doug Roberts (N E A) Vince Ward (K A A I G) Jacque (JD) Dupuy (N I R S) Deb Kaiser (W D L K).

To see all of the pictures taken of the event, check out [http://goo.gl/BtefRd](http://goo.gl/BtefRd).

**District Dinner — 2015**

Mark your calendar, the North Star District Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015. This year, the dinner will be at Finnigan's Hall in North Kansas City.

The District Dinner is a time to recognize all of the Eagle Scouts of the past year and also recognize the award recipients — including the District Award of Merit winners. Fellowship starts at 6:00 pm and dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. Parents of 2014 Eagle Scouts are invited to attend. Keep an eye on the North Star web page for more details. Plan ahead and get your reservation in early. Make sure that every Eagle Scout in your troop is invited to attend!
Day Camp 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! June 8 – 12, 2015, Shawnee Riverfront Park. Be ready for new fun and exciting activities as we celebrate **KNIGHTS IN TRAINING**. We will have a lot of fun with the 2015 theme. Get ready for dragons, knights, Camelot, quests, castles, Excalibur, kings and queens. Have some ideas or want to help? Let us know.

CRAZY DAVE IS BACK! “Retirement” was not fun, so it’s back to Day Camp for the Crazy one. There is even speculation that his “brother” might come out of retirement as well. The opportunities for fun are endless.

Our promotion team wants to visit your pack soon. Whether it’s ten minutes at your Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, or just a pack meeting, we’ll bring some of the fun and excitement that your boys will experience at camp right to you! There will be a signup sheet at the December roundtable.

As always, it is our volunteers that make camp go. Contact Crazy Dave to get your first choice for Camp Staff opportunities. See you at Camp!

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TROOP 123 BRINGS **“World Cup of Scouting”** TO NORTHERN TIER

**Troop 93 won this year’s highly coveted ‘Super Troop’ award. We are excited for them to host Camporee next year!**

**A special thank you to Judy Tuckness, Troy Johnson and Troop 123 of Harvest Ridge Covenant Church in Shawnee for making this year’s ‘World Cup of Scouting’ special for all our participants!**

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Investment in Character

John Rowe is serving as Chair for the 2015 Family Investment in Character campaign. The Investment in Character family campaign provides the vital funds necessary to keep Scouting alive and well. Your dollars help Scouting grow in the Pelathe District.

When John or one of the other volunteers working with this year’s Investment in Character campaign contacts you, please help by setting up a unit presentation at a well-attended unit meeting early in the year. It is important that your presentation is completed before the end of March 2015. Blue and Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor are ideal times. We are stressing that presentations be held to 10 minutes or less.

If you would like to contact John for more information he can be reached at jerowe835@gmail.com.

Turn Your Charter in at the December District Committee Meeting

Remember due to National Council changes, all charters must be on time this year or your unit will drop and lose tenure and more importantly BSA insurance coverage. If you have any questions please contact your unit commissioner for help.

Bring your completed charter to the First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Pkwy, Lawrence, KS December 18 at 7:00 pm and your Holidays will be worry free.

Key things to remember: Start early and register all active Scouts and Scouters. Scouters, be sure that your training is up-to-date. You must be trained for your current position. If you are moving from Cubmaster to a member of the committee, you must be trained as a committee member to be current on your training. Youth Protection Training must be renewed every 2 years. If your Youth Protection training runs out sometime next spring, update it now!

Webelos Woods and Cub Family Campout

With over 500 Cub Scouts, parents, leaders and staff in attendance, Cub Scout Family Camp and Webelos Woods was the biggest event ever held at Camp Bromsick. This will be the last year that these two events will be held the same weekend. They are just getting too big! A great problem to have!

A big shout out to Troop 53 who ran Webelos Woods and thanks to Troop 59 for manning the monkey bridge for Cub Scout Family Camp!

The district would like to thank David Simmons and Ralena McCurdy along with Crew 2052 for stepping up in August to put together the Cub Family Camp program.

Thanks to Mitch Yulick for cooking up the Troop 53 secret recipe chili for Saturday night. Special thanks to Bruce “Cookie” Wagner for biscuits and gravy on Sunday morning!

The Popcorn Sale in the Pelathe District is over the Top

Congratulations to Kathy Pribbenow, her committee and all the Unit Popcorn Kernels for growing our sale by more than $10,000 in 2014. More money for more Scouting in the Pelathe district! Congratulations to Troops 59, 61, and 65 as well as Packs 3013, 3059, 3064, 3157, 3370, and 3462 for increasing their sale over 2013. Pack 3059 was our top seller this year. They more than doubled their sale at $17,140! Remember that over 70% of the popcorn money supports Scouting at the unit and council level. Our sale was $136,670 this year. This means that approximately $47,000 stays in our units to support our Pelathe Scouts and about $47,000 goes to support the programs of the Heart of America Council. That is a win-win in my book!
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District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm

Wornall Road Baptist Church, 400 W Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, MO

Deborah Topp — Pioneer Trails District Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner — Thank You!

Deborah Topp will be stepping down as the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner at the end of this year and we would like to thank her for her service and dedication to the Cub Scout Roundtable program over the years.

Recharter

Every unit should be in the process of online rechartering at this time. We will begin collecting charters at the December Roundtable and again at the January Roundtable. If you need any assistance with your rechartering, please make sure to contact your unit commissioner or Niel Campbell to help you get through this process. Make sure all of your leaders have the proper training that is needed for rechartering. Remember, charter paperwork is due at the January roundtable.

District Dinner

The annual Pioneer Trails District Recognition dinner will take place on February 7 at the Colonial Presbyterian Church. This is the time of the year where we get to recognize some of our outstanding leaders in the District. Please make sure you take the time to ensure that your leaders are recognized. The Pioneer Trails District is able to award 2 District Award of Merits, the highest honor a district can bestow upon a volunteer. Along with the Award of Merit, we will also honor Of the Year awards for leaders and Pack and Troop of the Year, Silver Oak Leaf, Pioneer Award and more.

Nominations are available at roundtable and also online. Please make sure that your nominations are submitted by the January roundtable. This is a great event with dinner and great fellowship. We will also recognize the 2014 Eagle Scouts. Those Eagle Scouts can attend the dinner at half price and will receive a special recognition.

2015 Investment in Character Campaign

Preparations are being made for the upcoming 2015 Investment in Character campaign. Please look at your unit calendars for the best time to have a brief IIC presentation. Troop Court of Honors and Pack Blue and Gold Banquets are ideal opportunities to have a volunteer presenter visit. Your support allows us to provide better events and activities for our Scouts. To schedule a presentation, contact Mark McCasland our Family Chair at (816) 810-4044 or mccaslnd@swbell.net.

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Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS

January

8 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Olathe Community of Christ Church, 15520 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS

8 Unit Recharter Turn-In, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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24 Merit Badge Forum Session 1, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
California Trail Middle School, 13775 W 133rd St Olathe, KS

Pack 3240 Takes Center Stage at NBA Preseason Game

Being a member of the Boy Scouts of America provides Scouts and Scouters many memorable experiences like Camporee, Scout Day at the K, and the Scouting 500. But, every once in a while, our fellow Scouts get an opportunity that is unforgettable. On October 17, four Cub Scouts from Pack 3240 were invited to serve as the color guard during the NBA preseason game featuring the Golden State Warriors and the Miami Heat at the Sprint Center. The Red-Tailed Hawk District is proud to see these boys in their sharp field uniforms representing a Scout’s duty to country. Great job!

Recharter Turn-In

This year, you will have the opportunity to drop-off your recharter to a member of the Unit Commissioner Staff to verify that everything is correct and have them turn it in to the office for you once completed. This ensures that all training, applications, and signatures are secured before you hand in your recharter. Please note that there is no grace period this year; any recharter that is not properly completed and submitted by January 31 will result in a dropped charter and all paperwork will have to be resubmitted.

Plan to finish your recharter by January 15 and bring it to the commissioner staff at one of the times listed below:

- **Thursday, December 4** — Olathe Community of Christ Church, 15520 Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 6:00-8:30pm, before or during Roundtable
- **Tuesday, December 9** — Coach’s Bar & Grill, 9089 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS 7:00-9:00pm
- **Thursday, January 8** — Olathe Community of Christ Church, 15520 Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 6:00-8:30pm, before or during Roundtable

2015 Red-Tailed Hawk Merit Badge Forum

California Trail Middle School — January 24, February 7, February 14 — $15 per Scout

The 2015 Merit Badge Forum will be held at California Trail Middle School on January 24, February 7, and February 14 2015 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The registration deadline is December 6, 2014. Registrations received after this date will be $20 per Scout.

Online registration for the 2015 RTH Merit Badge Forum is now live. The troop coordinator/contact will need to enter their unit’s registration information for each Scout online. Register at www.rth-mbf.org.

We are always looking for more volunteers to serve as merit badge counselors. Please contact Hal Schmidt at hals2270@aol.com for more information on becoming a counselor.
**THUNDERBIRD**

**District Information**

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- District Commissioner: Dan Morales (816) 921-4421
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**2014 Investment in Character**

**2014 Camping**

- Cub Scout
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**December**

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District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Grace United Methodist Church,
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**Klondike Derby**

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**District Recognition Banquet and Silent Auction**

Now is the time to submit your recommendations for awards and to register for the Annual District Recognition Banquet and Silent Auction, Saturday, March 25. This is an amazing evening hosted at the Armacost Museum. We will not only celebrate the individual achievements of those in the district, but also all that we achieved in 2014 as a district.

Registration is available at [www.hoac-bsa.org/thunderbird-activities](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/thunderbird-activities).

Awards that are presented annually include:

- **District Award of Merit**: The District Award of Merit is the highest recognition a Scouting District can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to registered volunteer Scouters for noteworthy service to youth.

- **Silver Acorn**: Recognizes Scouters that have gone above and beyond the call of the duty. Service to Scouting is “noteworthy” and individuals exhibit Scouting Spirit and live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.

- **Silver Oakleaf**: Recognizes the spouse of a Scouter who has given of themselves so that their husband or wife could serve the Scouting movement. The individual has made personal sacrifice and the support of the spouse is “noteworthy”.

- **Ernie Modlin Scoutmaster Award**: Recognizes outstanding achievements of a current Scoutmaster.

- **Merle McConnell Cubmaster Award**: Recognizes outstanding achievements of a current Cubmaster.

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**A Father’s Journey into Order of the Arrow**

*By Merle Bowers, Troop 220*

I entered the Tribe of Mic-O-Say the summer before the Kansas City Area Council and Kaw Council were merged to become the current Heart of America Council. I remember the rumors that the Order of the Arrow would become the honor society of choice for this new council and Mic-O-Say would soon be allowed to wither on the vine. It did not take long for that rumor to be dispelled. Both the Tribe and OA became stronger than anyone could ever imagine. That being said, this long time Tribesman discouraged his troop from becoming active in OA.

Due to the limited number of adults allowed to enter from a troop, I waived election each year until one of my boys was elected. My youngest son, Harry, was made Ordeal this past spring. I figured I would enter next spring and he could see his dad enter. When Harry learned there was going to be an induction weekend at Bartle, Harry asked if I would consider completing my Ordeal. How do you turn down your kid?

It was not without hesitation and anxiety that this long time Tribesman arrived at Camp Piercing Arrow on September 5 to complete his Ordeal to enter the Order of the Arrow. I was marched out of the dining hall in a light rain and ended up sleeping in the pavilion of, I believe, Campsite Long. The next day I was assigned to a crew that burned brush in one of the parking lots. My mind was flooded with memories of my first work day 41 years ago.

Later that evening, I was taken with my fellow candidates to Piercing Arrow Council Ring and participated in my Ordeal Ceremony. Young men in Native American attire conducted an impressive ceremony, just as they had conducted the organized activities of the day. At the conclusion, I was now a member of the Order of Arrow.

Each organization does what it does for its own reason. Also each has become stronger while doing so. My greatest joy will be the memory I take from the weekend of becoming an Ordeal with my son Harry in the audience. If you are not a member of the Order of the Arrow, I would strongly encourage you to consider making yourself eligible for election.

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Troop 92 delivered 3 tons of food and nearly $5,000 to Operation Breakthrough. Members of the troop have vowed to complete Reat Underwood’s Eagle Scout Project.
The team with the most points through the course wins the derby. Pre-registration is required. Please register by February 5. Check in is on Friday night and the event runs all day on Saturday. For more information, check out the Trails West website, or contact Matt Bacon at matt.bacon@live.com

Trails West Cub Scout Family Campout

Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, and participants that attended the 2014 Trails West Cub Scout Family Campout at Camp Naish on October 11-12. Youth enjoyed activities like archery, BB guns, climbing, lost mine, catapult, water rockets, and more. This was a fun camping event for many new Scouts. 210 Scouts attended this year’s event.

Recharter 2015

On December 4, 11, and 13, the Trails West District will have 3 convenient locations for you to drop-off and complete your 2015 Re-charters. Please come to your assigned location and time. Be sure to bring your signed and completed charter with payment and any updated training records for all of your registered leaders. Also, please bring your filled out 2014 Journey to Excellence form and Investment in Character presentation date for 2015.

Recharter Drop-Off Sites:

December 4
Holy Trinity Quigley Center: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
December 11
Sunflower Elementary: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
December 13
Christ Community Church: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

13th Annual District Dinner and Silent Auction

The 13th annual Trails West District Dinner will be on January 31, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Kaw Prairie Community Church. Don’t miss out on a wonderful evening honoring volunteers from the district. This event will recognize the accomplishments of the Trails West District during the 2014 calendar year as well as unit and district leaders for their contribution to Scouting. Trails West District Outstanding Leader Awards and the District Award of Merit will be presented at the District Dinner. We will have a silent auction as part of the program. New Eagle Scouts from 2014 can attend for free and will be recognized!

Trails West Klondike

The Trails West Klondike will be on February 20-21 at Camp Naish. The Klondike is a contest requiring teamwork. Boy Scout patrols of about 10 members pull a Klondike sled over a course that tests Scouting skills.
The Twin Rivers District Fall Camporee was held Friday, October 17 to Saturday, October 19 at John Brown Park in Osawatomie, KS. This year’s event included a Civil War Reenactment theme and featured events like tomahawk throwing, black powder shooting, a radio tower, and much more.

A big thanks to Jon Shotton, Jason Cornelison & Troop 106 for leading and organizing the Camporee.

**RE-CHARTER REMINDER**

Annual unit re-charters for 2015 are due no later than January 31. If your unit has yet to complete the Re-charter process, please contact Senior District Executive, John Hobbs at john.hobbs@scouting.org.

**Investment in Character**

You should have your unit scheduled for a Family Investment In Character presentation, completed prior to March 2015. If not, please contact Julie Couch at julcouch@yahoo.com or (785) 229-7798. We look forward to another very successful fundraising year in the Twin Rivers District!

**District Dinner**

Mark your calendars for the 2015 District Dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 24 at Town Square in Paola, KS. Look for registration information soon. This will be another great event. We hope you can make this fun event as we recognize the efforts and dedication of countless hours of many volunteer Scout leaders. Check out information and nomination forms at www.hoac-bsa.org/twin-rivers-activities

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**Cub Scout Family Campout**

The Twin Rivers District Cub Scout Family Campout was a great event on Friday, September 26 to Saturday, September 27 at Forrest Park in Ottawa! A big thanks to Cory Monson for leading the Cub Campout and all her efforts organizing the event.

Led by Cory Monson, Cub Scouts enjoy several team building games including the rock wall which was a highlight! We had a great campfire on Friday & thanks to the Ottawa Armory for coming out with some of their equipment.
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