SALUTE TO SUMMER

Look back on an unforgettable camping season with some of our favorite photos.

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SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Hon. Keith W. Sickendick
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PRESIDENT

New Leadership Standards

As you may be aware, on July 27, the National Executive Board of the BSA ratified a resolution that removes the national restriction on openly gay adult leaders and employees. I thought it was important to share the facts as to what this change will mean to Scouting.

One of the things that has kept the Scouting program strong and viable for over a century is our conservative approach to evolve our program with or even a little behind societal norms. Our Chartered Partner concept has been a strength with over 70% of our units chartered to religious organizations. The discussion on gay rights is a divisive issue in our society and goes far beyond the Scouting program.

The proposed resolution will allow Chartered Organizations to select and approve their own adult volunteer leadership provided they meet all leadership criteria and criminal background checks. This continues Scouting’s longstanding policy of Chartered Organizations selecting their own leaders. This change upholds the right of religious freedom of the Chartered Organizations to choose adult volunteer leaders based on beliefs consistent with their organizational doctrine. This change also allows Scouting’s members and parents to select local units and Chartered Organizations that are in line with their personal beliefs and family’s needs.

As a youth serving organization, the BSA has always had the code of conduct that prohibits the discussion of sexual issues. Scouts will be directed to their religious leaders or parents to seek guidance on these matters. Leaders who violate the code of conduct by discussing these issues will be addressed accordingly.

All Chartered Organizations will select their leaders and can require adult leaders to demonstrate behavior that exemplifies the highest level of good conduct and respect for others based on their beliefs. For example, units chartered by the American Legion may choose to only allow veterans to serve as Scout leaders.

The BSA will steadfastly ensure that religious Chartered Organizations have the right to select leaders whose beliefs are consistent with those of the religious organization. As rights given through our Constitution, a Chartered Organization’s right to maintain duty to God is protected by the First Amendment.

The Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America will continue to be the leading youth development program in our area with over 32,000 youth served. Our focus is and always will be helping our youth grow into good, strong citizens. By focusing on the goals that unite us, we are able to accomplish incredible things for young people and the communities we serve in the greater Kansas City area.

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

August 2015

2 Camp Staff Scholarship Presentation
7-8 Aquatics Mini Camp — Naish
12 OA Chapter Chief Conference
12 Council Properties Committee Meeting
12 Council Training Committee Meeting
14-16 OA Fall Induction Weekend — Bartle
15 OA Trading Post Service Project
15 International Scouting Committee Meeting
19 Council Advancement Committee Meeting
19 Council Activities Committee Meeting
20 George Meany Award Dinner
25 Council Commissioner Meeting
28-30 OA Fall Induction Weekend — Naish
31 Bill Self Golf Tournament

September 2015

2 Council Day Camp Meeting
7 Labor Day — Council Service Center Closed
9 COPE/Climbing Staff Meeting
9 Council Marketing Committee Meeting
11-13 COPE Instructors Training
11-13 Wood Badge Training
12-13 Webelos STEM Weekend — Bartle
12 USA Archery Training
15 Council Risk Management Committee Meeting
16 Council Camping Committee Meeting
16 Council P/R Committee Meeting
16 Council Activities Committee Meeting
16 Council Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
18-20 OA 100th Anniversary Celebration
22 Council Membership Committee Meeting
22 Council Commissioner Meeting
26 Mini Camp — Naish
26 Skilled Trades Day — Naish

October 2015

2-4 Wood Badge Training
3 American Royal Parade
3 OA Vigil Banquet
7 Council Day Camp Meeting
9-10 Sporting Clays Classic
10 Mini Camp — Naish
10 International Scouting Committee Meeting
14 Council Properties Committee Meeting
15 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner
17 OA Lodge Leadership Development
20 Mic-O-Say Dinner/Auction
20 Council STEM Committee Meeting
20 LDS Relations Committee Meeting
21 Coordinated Council Meeting
22 Bartle Camp Draw
24-25 Haunted Trails
24 Naish Camp Draw
24 Bartle Camp Draw
District Realignment
Council Board Approves New Plan

Effective January 1, 2016

You’ve probably heard about the Heart of America Council’s district realignment plan in some way or another over the past few months. But what exactly does district realignment mean and what happens next? Here’s a quick rundown…

On June 26, 2015, the Council’s Board of Directors unanimously approved the plan set forth by the realignment task force. The new realignment structure will allow the council to serve more youth within our communities and help us create the best possible Scouting experience for our families and volunteers. The new district realignment structure will…

- Permit the more effective assignment of Scouting professionals to support volunteers in the delivery of the Scouting program
- Engage more volunteers in leading the delivery of the Scouting program
- Encourage more individuals and businesses to give generously to support the delivery of the Scouting program in their communities
- Encourage school districts to engage cooperatively with council volunteers and professionals to ensure the growth of the Scouting program
- Increase the number of youth and adults registered in the Scouting program and the number of units that they may choose to join.

The new district reorganization will ultimately result in 17 districts across the council. Our current or “Legacy Districts” will continue to operate as normal and deliver the Scouting program until realignment officially goes into effect on January 1, 2016.

As of July 1, 2015, the council’s professional staff was assigned to their “new” district assignments.

Overview of New District Boundaries

Effective January 1, 2016

- Divide current North Star District into two districts along Clay/Platte County line
- Align current Blue Elk District according to school district boundaries
- Divide current Thunderbird District at the Jackson County line
- Reorganize the remainder of the current Thunderbird and Lone Bear as two districts, one including Bates and Cass counties and one including the remainder of the current Lone Bear District
- Reorganize the current four Johnson County Kansas districts into three districts aligned to boundaries of the Shawnee Mission School District, the Blue Valley School District, and the Olathe/DeSoto/Gardner-Edgerton/Spring Hill School Districts
- Establish a new LDS Administrative District only for administrative functions of membership, finance, and governance. LDS units will maintain a strong relationship with their geographic districts for program and unit service related to program and training consistent with BSA policies.
- Districts that will see very little or no change in boundaries are: Big Muddy, Exploring, Frontier, Kaw, Pelathe, Pioneer Trails, Twin Rivers

The last significant study of the alignment of districts and resources occurred in 2000. The task force recommends that district realignment be reviewed no less than every five years. The task force recognizes that the hiring of additional professionals will be necessary as the districts grow in membership and units.

VISIT WWW.HOAC-BSA.ORG TO READ THE FULL DISTRICT REALIGNMENT REPORT
COUNCIL NEWS

SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING

READY TO RECRUIT

Back to school means back to Scouting and from August to October more than 4,000 new Scouts will join the fun at a School Night for Scouting. And from recruiting ideas to social media best practices, we’re giving you a one-stop resource to discover, activate, and improve your marketing and recruiting strategy. Check out our updated “Build an Adventure” recruitment resources and help parents understand that Scouting makes the most of the little time they have to impact their children’s lives.

2015 RECRUITMENT RESOURCES:

- Fliers
- Bookmarks
- Email Templates
- Videos
- Posters
- Postcards
- Social Media Images
- Web Banners
- Yard Signs
- Parent Orientation Guides
- Custom Facebook Images
- Parent Envelopes

“Build an Adventure” recruitment resources now available.

www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources

NEW IN 2015

Be on the lookout for our new recruitment ads this fall on...

- Pandora
- Billboards
- Facebook
- Theater
- Mobile
- Radio

NEW JOIN SCOUTING T-SHIRTS

Boys who sign-up at a School Night will receive our “Join Scouting” t-shirt for FREE. In order to qualify, Scouts must turn in a completed application, with fees, at School Night.

Reids Named Honorary Recruitment Chairmen

The Chiefs and Scouting are cornerstones of the Kansas City community and we’re excited to have a little star power behind this year’s campaign. Kansas City Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid and his wife Tammy will be serving as our honorary recruitment chairmen this fall. The Reids will be featured in a brand new video all about the impact of Scouting. Be on the lookout for the video on our Facebook page.
COUNCIL NEWS

Gridiron Glory Scout Night

Wednesday, August 26
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Union Station
$15 per person

Gridiron Glory Scout Night is a private event held exclusively for the Scouting community. Witness 50 years of football history while socializing with fellow Scouters. The event is open to all current and former Scouters and is being hosted by the Heart of America Council Alumni Association. This interactive multimedia experience captures the essence of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and includes new material from NFL Films, immersive fan experiences and a specially-designed “Hometown Tribute” to the Kansas City Chiefs. Pre Register at GridironGloryScoutNight.kintera.org.

American Royal Parade Moves to Arrowhead

The 2015 American Royal Parade is moving to Arrowhead Stadium on Saturday, October 3 during the World Series of Barbecue. The parade kicks off at 10:00 am and all Scouts are encouraged to attend and be part of the largest group entry. All participants who pre-register will receive the commemorative 2015 American Royal Parade Patch. In addition to the parade, Scouts and their families are also invited to the American Royal Cowtown Family Fun Fest. Sign up today for free at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Limited Tickets Still Available / HOAC-BSA.ORG

Scout Night

At Sporting Park
Friday, Sept. 18 | 6:00 pm | VS FC Dallas

Every Season Starts at DICK'S Sporting Goods

Heart of America Council Exclusive Shop Event

Discount Shop Event
September 26-27, 2015
Kansas City Stores – Independence, Lawrence, Leawood, Lee’s Summit, Liberty, Manhattan, Merriam, Olathe, St. Joseph, Topeka, Ward Parkway, and Zona Rosa

Take 20% OFF Throughout the Store

Every Season Starts at DICK’S COMMUNITY PROGRAM

To learn more about how DICK’S supports the sports community visit dicks.com/community
PROJECT POPCORN

2015 Trails End Popcorn Sale

The fall signals the start of the school year, but it also means it’s time to sell popcorn. Selling popcorn is the perfect way to support your unit’s Scouting program and this fall we’re pulling out all the stops to make 2015 the best year yet. Get ready for new products like our Kansas City Royals tin and new training tools like our Seller’s Academy. Sign-up to sell today at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.

“Selling popcorn is the best way to raise funds for our program and to get Scouts involved in the program.”

Jeff Thorne
Cubmaster, Pack 3165
Lansing, KS

2015 Sale Schedule

August 26 . . . . . . Show N Sell Orders Due
September 11-12 . . Show N Sell Order Pick-up
October 19 . . . . . . Return Paperwork Due
October 24 . . . . . . Show N Sell Returns Due
October 26 . . . . . . Final Orders Due Online
November 6-7 . . . Final Order Pick-up
December 9 . . . . . Payments Due

2015 SELLER’S ACADEMY

AUGUST 15 (KANSAS)
AUGUST 22 (MISSOURI)
REGISTER AT HOAC-BSA.ORG/POPCORN
In Memory of:

Brandt Beauchamp
Trace & Janelle Gaskell

Sharon Brayer
Heart of America Council
Staff

Harold Chaikin
Mark & Carol Boyer
Ms Florence DeWitt

Brett Doolittle
Staley William Dietrich
Dion & Karen Dlanoich
Ken & Michele Garrett
Joseph Grasela
Ken Leische
Kevin & Alicen Wells

Norman Dale Foster
Kenneth Ferguson
Living Hope Church
Tara Swanson
David Wilkinson

Herman Frankenstein
Robert & Nancy Sjolin

Andrew Huffman
Carl & Jane Bolte

Roger Lapp
Richard & Joyce Lapp

Kevin McDaniel
Clarence & Carol Abell

In Honor of:

John A Dillingham
Zachary Shafran

Lon Lane
Zachary Shafran

To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Jeromy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.

Welsh Named 2015 Distinguished Citizen

On October 15, the Heart of America Council will honor Polsinelli Chairman and CEO, Russ Welsh, with the 2015 Distinguished Citizen Award. The Distinguished Citizen Award honors an individual or company in the Kansas City area for their efforts in making a distinct difference in the fabric of our community. The annual event highlights our Scoutreach programs and the in-roads Scouting is making to bring the values and life skills to young people who might not otherwise be reached because of socio-economic barriers. Another highlight of the Distinguished Citizen Award dinner is the presentation of two $10,000 scholarships to local Eagle Scouts. This year’s scholarship recipients are…

Gilberto Ortiz
2015 Ewing Marion Kauffman Scholarship

Gilberto Ortiz is an Eagle Scout from Troop 1080 in the Pioneer Trails District. He is a Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and has served his troop as Senior Patrol Leader. While in high school he developed a passion for robotics and also participated in science, swimming and band. In the fall, Gilberto will attend Missouri University of Science & Technology where he plans to major in engineering.

Steven Ozaki
2015 Russ Welsh Scholarship

Steven Ozaki is an Eagle Scout from Troop 60 in the Pela-the District. Steven has held numerous Scouting positions, most notably Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. His high school achievements include National Honor Society, Boys’ State and membership in the FYI Club which focuses on leadership and drug & alcohol prevention. Steven plans to attend the University of Kansas in the fall to pursue a career in international business.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

2014 Annual Report

The future is bright for Scouting in Kansas City and we have the proof. From unparalleled camping facilities to record setting community service, it’s a great time to be a Scout in the Heart of America Council. Check out the all-digital edition of our 2014 Annual Report and relive an amazing year for Scouting at hoacannualreport.com.
SALUTE TO SUMMER

From a medieval Day Camp adventure to rappelling on the Reservation, thousands of Scouts made memories to last a lifetime at a Heart of America Council camp in 2015. Here are some of our favorite photos from an unforgettable summer.
SUMMER CAMP RECAP

Follow our social media channels for more summer camp photos.
### Fall 2015 Mini-Camps

**August 7-8 (Aquatics Supervision only)**

**September 26**

**October 10**

**October 24**

**November 7**

Rifle, pistol, shotgun shooting and archery are back! So are climbing and rappelling! There are also new opportunities to gain skills and discover new interests:

- Fishing Merit Badge – September 26 & October 10
- Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge – October 10
- Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge – October 10
- Farm Mechanics Merit Badge – October 10
- Search and Rescue fundamentals – October 24 & November 7

Register now at [www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends).

### ATV FAST FACTS

- Eight student-model Polaris Phoenix 200’s are at Camp Naish, along with two instructor-model Polaris Sportsman ETXs.
- The council will introduce its regular ATV Safety Course starting with OA Fall Induction #2 at Camp Naish on August 29. Scouts must be 14 years of age or older to participate.

Courses will also be offered on the following dates:

- September 12
- September 18-20 | OA Centennial Fall Fellowship Weekend
- September 26-27 | Naish Mini-Camp Weekend
- October 3
- October 24-25 | Naish Mini-Camp Weekend

Contact the Council Camping Department for more information and to register at (816) 942-9333.

### 2016 BOY SCOUT CAMP DRAW

**H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation**

- Thursday, October 22
- Saturday, October 24

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

- Saturday, October 24

Contact the Council Camping Department with Questions (816) 942-9333.
### Centurion Award

The Centurion Award honors Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming and maturing of the operational excellence in their local council’s Lodge. This award is a one-time recognition associated with the centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Congratulations to our Tamegonit Lodge recipients.

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### ArrowTour

Nearly 400 people gathered at Camp Naish on June 20 to experience ArrowTour, one of the many programs celebrating the Order of the Arrow’s centennial anniversary. ArrowTour provided opportunities to reflect, connect and discover the Order’s Centuries of Service, both past and future.

### International Staffers Make a Splash at Naish

Meet Carina Westford from Guyana and Ana Marti Pages from Spain. Both are lifelong Scouts and both spent their summer at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

Carina has “been a Scouter for 11 years and change.” She just completed her second year of studies at the University of Guyana where she’s studying to become a medical imaging professional. Scouting has had a tremendous impact in helping Carina choose her career path and adult leaders have helped her stay focused on her studies. Carina said the 80-degree temperatures of June “were really cold at first,” but by July 4 she had adjusted to the mild Midwest summer. On July 14th, when the heat index reached 121 degrees, the Kansas weather finally felt comfortable to her.

Ana Marti Pages from Valencia, Spain completed her University exams in late June and arrived after the July 4th weekend. She stepped right into the Bear Camp program, eliciting delighted squeals from Cub Scouts as she took a leading role in a campfire skit. She’s been Scouting for two years, working with Cub Scouts and preparing for a teaching career. Her five years working as a youth camp staff member made her a great addition to the Naish team.

### Upcoming OA Events

- **Fall Induction - Bartle** . Aug. 14-16
- **Fall Induction - Naish** . Aug. 28-30
- **100th Anniversary Celebration** . Sep. 18-20
- **Vigil Banquet** . Oct. 3-4
- **NLS/NLATS** . Nov. 6-8
- **Winter Banquet** . Jan. 9

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**Skilled Trades Day**

**September 26, 2015**

Join skilled trades workers Saturday, September 26 and help complete important projects at Naish. Sign up for our 2015 Skilled Trades Day at [www.hoac-bsa.org/campmasters](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/campmasters).
Book your next Boy Scout adventure to SEA LIFE Aquarium Kansas City and request our brand new Oceanography Merit Badge Program. Once complete, the boys will be very close to completing their Oceanography Merit Badge.

**The program includes:**

- Learning the four branches of oceanography.
- Hands-on experiments learning the different properties of sea water, characteristics of ocean waves and underwater topography.
- Learn to make a wave generator.
- Discover how marine scientists investigate the ocean, underlying geology and organisms living in the water.
- Boy Scouts will need to complete the 500-word essay requirement after their visit.

$25 per Boy Scout and will last 3 hours. Cost includes the program, admission into SEA LIFE Aquarium Kansas City and a behind the scenes tour.

To book your troop, please email KCGroups@merlinsentertainments.biz or call 816-556-3234.
SUMMER IN PARADISE
What did you do on your summer vacation? 46 council Venturers and leaders were lucky enough to spend the summer in the Bahamas thanks to a council sponsored trip to the Abaco Islands.

2017 National Jamboree
LIVE SCOUTING’S ADVENTURE
Planning is underway for our council contingent’s trip to the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Our Jamboree committee is looking for leaders that would like to lead council troops on this once in a lifetime adventure and Scouts that would like to attend. Some of the highlights of the trip will include stops at the NASA Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama, whitewater rafting, tour of the Gettysburg battle grounds and two days touring Washington DC. For more information and to make your $100 deposit visit www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree.

HAUNTED TRAILS
October 24 & 25 | Camp Naish
Hoo….Hooo…..WHO should come to Haunted Trails?
All Cub Scouts and their families, that’s who!

Haunted Trails is a Halloween themed event for all Cub Scouts and their families. Because of tremendous popularity, the Venturing Officers’ Association has extended the dates to Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25. Cost is $8 per person for ages 5 and up and $4 per person for ages 4 and below. The fee includes a light meal, shuttle service and patch.

This event is family friendly! Pre-registration begins this August at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Webelos STEM Weekend

September 12-13
Bartle Scout Reservation

Registration is now open for the fall Webelos STEM Weekend at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Camp will include program areas that will help Webelos Scouts work towards their STEM Nova awards. Programming will feature 6 activity areas covering everything from science to rocketry and will conclude with a Saturday night campfire. The program areas will be different from the spring Webelos STEM Weekend so feel free to attend again. Participants will need to provide their own tents and all personal gear. Cost is $30 and includes all meals, program supplies and event patch. Space is limited. Register now at www.stemcamping.org.

SuperNova Scouts

Reaching for the stars. These Cub Scouts from Pack 3330 in Olathe were the first in the Trails West District to earn the Cub Scout Supernova Award.

MERIT BADGE MAKE-UP

Swimming & Lifesaving

Sunday, September 13 | Jewish Community Center

Couldn't complete your Swimming or Lifesaving Merit Badges at summer camp? You're in luck! We're hosting a Merit Badge make-up day on Sunday, September 13 at the Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS. Sessions begin at 1:00 pm and will be conducted by certified Merit Badge counselors. Admission is free. Pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org/mb-makeup.

2015-2016
Ideal Year of Scouting Planning Guides

Start your Ideal Year of Scouting with our newly updated planning guides. These full-color guides will be provided at no cost to all packs, troops, and Unit Commissioners.

Guides are available now at the Council Service Center and online at www.hoac-bsa.org/IdealYearofScouting.
A Scoutmaster and His First Eagle Scout in 1920

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

There is probably no event that is more important to a Scoutmaster than seeing one of his Scouts receive his Eagle Award. Scoutmaster Claude Peterson was even more proud of Clarence Abbott -- his prized Boy Scout -- as it became obvious that Clarence would become the first Eagle Scout in Kansas City, Kansas. It was such a big event that the national council sent his Eagle Scout medal to the local council in time for a special Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce program on December 29, 1920.

The local newspaper arranged to have an artist sketch Clarence dressed in his complete Scout uniform prior to the ceremony. Clarence was such a news item that the paper ran two articles the week of the ceremony. After a special program for the Scouts of "music, speaking, and motion pictures," one of the articles relates, "Clarence Abbott was given the decoration -- the Eagle Scout badge -- the highest honor awarded for Scout proficiency."

Over two hundred of his friends, relatives, and Kansas City Boy Scouts attended the special program for the first Eagle Scout in Kansas City, KS and watched with pride as Scoutmaster Peterson pinned the Eagle Scout medal on Clarence's left pocket. All of his hard work and the support of his fellow Scouts and Scout leaders paid off that evening. Scoutmaster Peterson was so proud of his first Eagle Scout that he used his picture on his 1920 Christmas card.

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns, email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
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New Knights Are No Longer In Need of Training

From June 1-4 at Walnut Hills in Carrollton, MO, over 50 Cub Scouts enjoyed the “Knights in Training” themed Day Camp. There was a little bit of rain, but Scouts were still able to have plenty of fun. Activities ranged from making catapults and tunics, to slaying dragons with bows and arrows and BB guns. Our camp was Nationally Accredited for having safe, fun, and educational activities. We would like to give a big thank you to Tammy Cockrum, Susan Dallstream and all of the Junior Staff for putting on such a wonderful experience for our Scouts!

October

3-4  Cub Family Campout, 5:00 pm
Ray County Fair Grounds

6  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO

6  District Roundtable, 7:30 pm
Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO

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

9-11  Big Muddy Camporee, 5:00 pm
Big River Ranch, 20111 Goodloe Orchard Rd, Lexington, MO

2015 Popcorn Sale

The annual popcorn campaign is quickly approaching. Make sure your unit is signed up to sell. We have great new incentives for units and Scouts who sell this year. Contact our District Popcorn Kernel, Kim Edney, with questions at (816) 517-9249.

Roundtable Returns August 4

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church. 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 Hills and Indian Trails Meet the Teacher Night, 4:30 pm
17 Buckner Meet the Teacher Night, 5:00 pm
18 Maple Meet the Teacher Night, 5:00 pm
18 Primary Elementary Meet the Teacher Night, 5:30 pm

September

2 Grain Valley School District Recruitment, 7:00 pm
3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Colonial Hills Community of Christ, 3539 SW State Route 7, Blue Springs, MO
   Eagle Scout Project Reviews, Eagle Board of Review, Merit Badge Training
10 Oak Grove School District and Fort Osage School District Recruitment, 7:00 pm
15 Blue Springs School District Recruitment, 7:00 pm
17 Independence School District Recruitment, 7:00 pm
18-20 Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest Recruitment

“Knights in Training” Day Camp Recap
The heat didn’t stop the fun from happening at Day Camp! This year Blue Elk Day Camp had over 330 Scouts attend camp. There were many entertaining activities like jousting, shield decorating, sling shots, BB guns and lots more. We hope everyone who attended had a great time. We would like to thank the staff members for all their hard work. See you next year!

2015 Fall Recruitment
With the start of a new school year comes new recruitment opportunities for Blue Elk packs. There are several dates to know when planning your recruitment efforts. First, we would like for all packs to be at their school’s “Meet the Teacher Night” before recruitment. Please double check with the elementary schools for the dates.

The fall recruitment nights will be organized by school district:

- Grain Valley — Wednesday, September 2 | 7:00 pm
- Oak Grove — Thursday, September 10 | 7:00 pm
- Fort Osage — Thursday, September 10 | 7:00 pm
- Blue Springs — Tuesday, September 15 | 7:00 pm
- Independence — Thursday, September 17 | 7:00 pm

These dates have been finalized so plan on having representatives at the schools on these nights. There will be school night trainings at the August Roundtable at Colonial Hills and we urge that everyone be there to gather recruitment materials.

Volunteers Needed: Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest
The annual Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest will be held September 18-20 on Main Street. In order to maximize our recruitment efforts, we will have a booth set up featuring a Lego Pinewood Derby and portable climbing tower. To put on these events we will need all the help we can get. We are asking for each pack or troop to pick a time to help run the activities. More importantly, we will need volunteers to become climbing certified to help with the climbing tower. There is a training the weekend before the Fall Fun Fest so please contact Liz Desloge at liz.desloge@scouting.org or Grant Dealy at grant.dealy@scouting.org if you are available to help at any time that weekend.
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August

6 Committee Meeting, 12:00 pm
Heart of America Council,
10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO

September

10 Cluster Breakout Meeting, 12:00 pm
Heart of America Council,
10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO

October

8 Committee Meeting, 12:00 pm
Heart of America Council,
10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO

Exploring Denver Colorado!

On June 11, Black & Veatch Explorers took their annual summer trip to Denver, Colorado. Their excursion included a tour of Coors Field. Fun fact, the stadium has a purple row of bleachers that mark the mile high elevation at 5,280 ft. Another tour included a trip to the Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility. As Denver expands their Commuter Rail, Explorers got an up close look at the operating center. They also took a tour of the Wings over the Rockies Museum, the Nature and Science Museum and Maker Faire.

Law Enforcement Challenge

On June 6, our Law Enforcement posts came together for the annual Law Enforcement Challenge. The Explorers participate in various scenarios and are scored by their skills and how they adapt to each situation. Scenarios included everything from building searches to agility tests. Special thanks to the Overland Park, Olathe, Spring Hill, and Grain Valley Police Departments for making this a great event. If you are interested in joining Exploring, visit www.Exploringkc.org for more information. Programs enrolling now!
Thank you Lakisha Martin for organizing fun, exciting and educational Urban Day Camps this summer! Urban Day Camps were held June through mid-July. Cub Scout aged youth participated in weekly summer Scouting activities that included shooting rubber band guns and bow and arrows, cooking, crafts, science and climbing. Special thanks to the following schools and churches for hosting summer sessions: Macedonia Baptist Church, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Palestine Missionary Baptist Church, Mary Kelly Center, Swope Parkway Church of Christ, Grace Baptist Church, the Police Athletic League, and Gladstone Elementary School.
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KAW 2015 CAMPING

Cub Scout 43.5%
Boy Scout 21.8%

August

6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 405 Morse St, Bonner Springs, KS
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Cerner Riverport Conference Center, 6711 NE Birmingham Rd, Randolph, MO

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Fall Recruiting and School Nights

This is an exciting time for several units, but also a great time with many possibilities for the boys in our communities. Going back to school and learning about Scouting is synonymous to many boys, but this is the time to show how much fun Scouting in your unit is. Have your parents and youth promote Scouting to their friends before recruitment night and use other means to help promote your unit in fun and interactive ways!

For more information, for recruitment resources, or even for ideas on recruiting in your area, contact Kyle Fulbright at kyle.fulbright@scouting.org or (816) 569-4982.

Get Your Popcorn

Make sure to sign-up your unit to sell popcorn at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn. You’ll have the opportunity to earn prizes, raise funds for your unit, and help support the council. Attend one of our Popcorn Seller’s Academy Trainings on Saturday, August 15 or Saturday, August 22, and learn a lot more about the 2015 sale and earn extra commission! The training will be conducted expo style so you can come and go as you please anytime between 9:00 am and noon. Make sure your Unit Kernel is planning on attending one of these trainings.

Important Dates:

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September 11-12 Show N Sell Pick-up
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Thanks to everyone for a great 2015 Day Camp!
**LONE BEAR**

**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

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**2015 CAMPING**

**Cub Scout**

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**“Knights in Training” Day Camp**

The 2015 Cub Scout Day Camp was a huge success! Thank you to all the staff that gave their time throughout the week and a HUGE thanks to Camp Director Allison Bolt and Program Directors Melissa Moore and Lesley D’Orazio. We averaged about 160 youth every day and you could not have asked for better weather. The activities that took place were lots of fun and educational. Who wouldn’t have fun swimming and going down the 50 foot slip and slide every day!!! If you are interested in joining the Day Camp staff in 2016 contact David Riker or Allison Bolt.

**Fall Camporee**

*October 16-18 | H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation*

Plans are underway for a great Camporee. The current plan is to hold Camporee at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. More information will be available soon.

**Cub Scout Family Campout**

*October 3-4 | Lowry City Corn Maze*

The Cub Scout Family Campout is an opportunity for boys and their families to start the Cub Scout year with a fun outdoor event. This overnight campout will feature games and activities for the entire family. Your family can start to show up any time after 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 3. A hot dog dinner will be provided as well as breakfast on Sunday morning. This year’s campout will be held at the Lowry City Corn Maze, 11000 NE 201 Rd, Lowry City, MO. This a family event and the cost is $10 per person. The fee includes meals and entrance into the corn maze. Make sure to bring your own camping equipment.

**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 recruitment. Boy Talks will be completed in the schools that will allow them as well as the distribution of flyers. Posters and yard signs will once again be available. Troops should be conducting open houses as well. Try getting all of your parents to promote the recruitment night or other recruitment events via their Facebook pages as well. That can reach a lot of people very quickly!

Leave no stone unturned and let’s recruit as many new youth as possible. For more information or for recruitment resources, contact David Riker at david.riker@scouting.org or (816) 569-4974.
Think of the possibility of 10 whole days in the woods Bartle into the back of my mind. I didn’t even want to think of anti-raccoon sentinel (I never saw any). I pushed a walking stick and sat in my chair with it as a sort of the time I was at the camp. The next year, I bought something like, “If there is any infinitesimal amount of food raccoons. I think, if I recall correctly, he said some-thing out of my guide’s mouth were about the ever-present Reservation, there was an orientation. The first words place. On my first night at the Theodore Naish Scout place. It’s the place of nature, and it’s the place of happiness, friendship, and warmth. It’s the place of you-have-KP-in-the-morning and to the Reservation. It makes me wonder how peo-ple still aren’t. Bartle is the place of kayaking. Bartle is the place of endless trails. It’s the place of shotguns. It’s the place of early mornings and late nights. It’s the place ofwarmth. It’s the place of you-have-KP-in-the-morning and first year homesickness. It’s incredible. Bartle brings out a certain thing in people that I have yet to witness anywhere else in this world. I feel like I come back home a slightly different person every single session. I grow so close to the people around me, and to the Reservation. It makes me wonder how peo-ple ever got by without our beloved Reservation. My closest friends all attended Bartle. It’s changed us. We appreciate the world around us just a little bit more. We’re new people, better people, because the Reserva-tion is in our hearts. I’d never give up those memories for anything. And I hope to give as many young men the same once-in-a-lifetime experience.
Day Camp 2015 — Knights in Training

If you managed to take some time to venture out to Camelot (Shawnee Riverfront Park) June 8-12, you would have noticed that many of our Knights-in-Training (Cub Scouts) seemed very young and small this year. This is because over 40 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 with no rain-outs!

Day Camp 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 “Crazy Dave” Sultz (director), “Sir Dave the Brave” Scharpenburg (program director), Gigi Maddox (program director), and Paula Fix (registrar) for their commitment and service. A fun week was had by all!

2015 Popcorn Sale

The annual popcorn sale is right around the corner. There are many new and exciting components to the popcorn sale this year, including: a new KC Royals tin, new website, new jalapeno popcorn and the "mystery house" prize contest. If you have not sold before, or did not sell last year, this is the year to start. The popcorn sale is the only council supported fundraiser that helps both units and the council raise vital funds. To sign-up to sell or for questions contact Kim Lewis at lewiskrm@gmail.com.
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Are you Ready for School Night for Scouting?

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** 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 message.
- **Plan your agenda for School Night.** Provide a short meeting (40 minutes or less), offer a short activity for new Scouts.
- **Keep them engaged.** Offer a short activity for new Scouts.

As you plan for the fall, consider these tips for School Night:

- **Ask parents to fill out the applications and Parent Talent Survey.** Send families home with a 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, Bryan Fox, District School Night Chairman, as well as members of the Commissioner Staff will be available to support your effort. Our goal is to recruit 150 new Scouts this fall.

**Trails End Popcorn Sale**

Please plan to attend the district Popcorn Kickoff on August 11. 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 2014. 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 council. If you have any questions contact Melissa Lord, District Popcorn Kernal, at countryengineer@hotmail.com.

**Cub Scout Day Camp**

Congratulations to all involved with this year’s Cub Scout Day Camp. In June, more than 170 Cub Scouts enjoyed 4 days of Cub Scout fun and adventure thanks to the hard work of Kathleen Gordon-Ross, Brian Workman, Melissa Lord and their staff.

**National Summertime Pack Award**

If your pack planned and held 3 summertime activities...you win! Actually your Cub Scout families win! Fill out the National Summertime Pack Award application and claim the award. If your pack attended one of the Activities Committee Summertime programs, you can count it as well. Thanks to Kathleen Gordon-Ross and her committee for putting this together again this summer.
8. District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Wornall Road Baptist Church,
400 W Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, MO

11-12 Popcorn Pick Up for Show N Sell

25 Cub Family Campout
Lake of the Woods,
Swope Park Oakwood Dr, Kansas City, MO

October

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

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

13 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Wornall Road Baptist Church,
400 W Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, MO

17 Fall Camporee
Lake of the Woods,
Swope Park Oakwood Dr, Kansas City, MO

Day Camp 2015: Knights in Training
The 2015 Scout Day Camp was a huge success! Thank you to all the staff that gave their time and energy to a great week and a huge thank you to our Camp Director, Ken Mcfeders, and Program Director, Ben Bezanson, who spent the past eight months putting together a great program. We would also like to thank the staff of the Housing Authority and Youthbuild for all their help this year and for serving on staff. If you are interested in helping with Day Camp for 2016 contact Niel Campbell or Ken Mcfeders.

Popcorn Sale
It’s popcorn time! A simplified order form and a new prize company are just a few of the changes made for this year’s sale. Make sure that your unit gets signed up to sell so that your boys can earn their own way through Scouting.

Cub Scout Family Campout
The Cub Scout Family Campout is an opportunity for boys and their families to start the Cub Scout year with a fun outdoor event. This overnight campout will feature games and activities for the entire family. Your family can start to show up anytime after 5:30 pm on Friday, September 25. Friday evening will include a campfire and a hot dog dinner. Breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning. The campout will be held at Lake of the Woods in Swope Park.

Fall Camporee
Test your survival skills at Camporee, this year’s theme is Wilderness Survival. Camporee will be held the weekend of October 17 at Lake of the Woods in Swope Park. Interested in helping with the program? Contact Niel Campbell.

2015 School Night for Scouting
August and September are busy months for recruiting new youth into Scouting. Obtaining school rosters, having lunch with your son in uniform and creating events on Facebook are great ways to get the word out. Boy Talks will be completed in the schools that will allow them as well as the distribution of flyers. Posters and yard signs will once again be available. Look for the latest recruiting resources at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources.

Be Featured in Adventures in Scouting
The Pioneer Trails 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 Niel Campbell at Niel.Campbell@Scouting.org.
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2015 CAMPING

Cub Scout
Boy Scout

August

4 School Night Presenter Training, 7:00 pm Colonial Presbyterian Church 12501 W 137th St, Overland Park, KS
4 School Night Unit Material Pick-Up 7:00 pm Colonial Presbyterian Church 12501 W 137th St, Overland Park, KS
6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm Olathe Community of Christ Church, 15520 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS
25 Blue Valley School District School Night, 7:00 pm
26 Popcorn Show N Sell Orders Due

September

3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm Olathe Community of Christ Church, 15520 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS
10 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Blackbob Rd, Olathe, KS
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11 Popcorn Show N Sell Pick Up

October

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3 Webelos Walkabout Cedar Lake, Olathe, KS
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8 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Blackbob Rd, Olathe, KS
9-10 Cub Family Campout Old Lake Olathe Golf Course, 2350 Golf Course Rd, Olathe, KS
9-11 Camporee Old Lake Olathe Golf Course, 2350 Golf Course Rd, Olathe, KS

Cheerful Service: Local Scouter Recognized for His Service to the City

In July 2014, the City of Edgerton issued a Boil Water Advisory due to low water pressure. Since Edgerton does not have a certified lab, using the KDHE lab could force Edgerton residents to remain on a boil order up to three more days. DeWayne McAllister, Lab Manager, responded to Edgerton’s call late one evening, running tests, incubating them for 24 hours and providing the results in the wee hours of the morning. Edgerton avoided a serious inconvenience to their residents because of DeWayne’s willingness to help a neighboring community. For his efforts, DeWayne received the 2014 Vision, Values, Mission Award for his Leadership through Service. DeWayne is an active member of Pack 3387 at the Christ Community Church of the Nazarene and Troop 255 at the College Church of the Nazarene. Congratulations DeWayne and thank you for exemplifying the Scout Law!

Get Ready to Get Wild with an Animal Adventure!

October 9-11, Old Lake Olathe Golf Course

Don’t miss the 2015 Cub Family Campout & Camporee! We look forward to seeing all of our new Cub Scouts and their families as we have an Animal Adventure. Remember, this is a great activity to invite potential Cub Scout friends to as well. Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews are encouraged to attend and participate in our Camporee activities, designed with our more experienced Scouts in mind. Webelos are also invited to spend an extra night out on Saturday with the Boy Scout Troop of their choice and participate in all the Camporee fun.

Adventure is Waiting: Build Yours. And Bring a Friend!

Cub Scouts is always more fun with a friend! Each fall, we take the time to make sure every boy has the opportunity to join Scouting through our fall recruitment campaign. We appreciate all the effort our pack leaders put in to their School Nights for Scouting, which provides an opportunity to join to thousands of local boys and their families. But, we don’t stop there! We encourage all of our packs and Cub Scout families to invite new boys to activities throughout the fall like pack meetings, the Cub Family Campout, and even Haunted Trails. For assistance with your recruitment plans, contact Jeff Marshall at marshalljeff80@gmail.com.

Final Red-Tailed Hawk District Dinner
February 6, 2016

Join us for the final Red-Tailed Hawk District Dinner as we celebrate our successes from 2015 and show our appreciation for all who served to make it a great year! Award nomination forms are available at www.hoac-bsa.org/red-tailed-hawk-activities.
Day Camp Recap

Did you attend Day Camp this summer? Tell your friends about how much fun you had! Tell us about your experiences on the Thunderbird Facebook page. Share your photos with us by using the hashtag #TBDayCamp2015 — We would love to see you having fun!

2015 Day Camp King, James Montigny, and his family of Scouters.

2015 Recruitment and Cub Family Campout

Recruitment season is upon us. Make sure to bring the energy, fun, excitement, and your organizational skills to your School Night so that more boys get the chance to become Scouts. Make sure to invite your new parents to attend the Cub Family Campout on October 2-3 at Unity Village near Lee’s Summit.

2015 Fall Camporee

Prepare yourselves for the camping adventure of a lifetime…October 9-11 in the reportedly haunted old Truman Farm Area north of Freedom Cycles in Grandview, you will learn to survive the impending ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE…if you dare. Open to all Troops and Crews. Don't forget to invite the Webelos.
Thank You to the Trailhead Day Camp Team

If you haven’t already, be sure to thank Will England, Trailhead Day Camp Director, accepting National Camp Accreditation for Trailhead Day Camp.

Did we mention there will be “Mystery Houses” this year where Scouts can earn bonus prizes if they knock on the right door? Contact Catherine Kost, District Director, for more information at FSTOP_PHOTO@hotmail.com or (913) 262-7935.

August

13 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS

13 Scouting Resource Forum, 7:00 pm
Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS

20 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Merrill Lynch, 3401 College Blvd, Leawood, KS

15 Seller’s Academy Popcorn Training, 9:00 am – Noon
Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS

September

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16-18 Camporee
Louisburg Park, 26600 Jingo Road, Louisburg, KS

Get Your Popcorn!

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Learn more and earn a 2% bonus commission by attending the Seller’s Academy Popcorn Training on Saturday, August 15 or Saturday, August 22. The training will be expo style this year so you can come and go as you please anytime between 9:00 am and noon. This will be a great opportunity for both new and returning Unit Kernels to learn about the popcorn sale and changes for this year.

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camp this year including a melon catapult launch, a climbing wall, and the Olathe Fire Department helped with our annual egg drop. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers that made Trails West Day Camp happen!

Bill O’Connor has been the Trails West Day Camp Director for the past ten years. He was recognized for his service on the last day of camp. Bill has helped thousands of Cub Scouts have a safe and fun Scouting experience. He has also helped hundreds of older Scouts develop leadership as they served on the camp staff. Bill is also a Committee Chair, COR, Crew Advisor, past Scoutmaster, and an Eagle Scout. Thanks Bill for your service to Scouting!

Cub Scout Family Campout

The Trails West Cub Scout Family Campout will be held on September 12-13 at Camp Naish. This is the first campout for many Cub Scouts. There will be activities for the whole family like archery, rockets, climbing, games and more. The event starts on Saturday afternoon and ends on Sunday morning. The activities run Saturday afternoon and are followed by a fun campfire program. Campers will pack up and leave Sunday morning after a light breakfast.

Camporee

The Trails West Camporee will be held on October 9-11 at Camp Naish. This campout is for all Webelos II, Boy Scouts and Venturers. Camporee will feature Scouting skills, contests and special challenges. This year’s Camporee will start Friday night and go through Sunday morning. Activities will be all day on Saturday and a campfire will follow that night. This will be the last official campout for Trails West District!
School Night Kickoff  
**August 6 | Roundtable**

It is important that each pack be represented at our School Night Kick-off refresher on Thursday, August 6. Important information will be presented and a training will be held. Please check the School Night for Scouting schedule to verify your School Night.

Cub Scout Family Campout  
**September 25-26**  
**Forest Park — Ottawa, KS**

Plan to kickoff the Cub Scouting year at the Cub Scout Family Campout at Forest Park on September 25-26. This is a great opportunity for all Cub Scout families to have an overnight outing and to get to know more about your plans for the program year and to build fellowship. Plan to arrive early Friday evening, set up camp and enjoy time around the campfire. On Saturday, the program includes a hot breakfast along with some fun and games before packing things up and calling it a day. See you in September.

Popcorn Training  
**August 13 | Paola Presbyterian Church**

The annual popcorn sale is right around the corner. Selling popcorn gives every Scout the opportunity to be thrifty and earn his own way in Scouting. This year our District Popcorn Kernel is Julie Couch. She can be reached at julcouch@yahoo.com.

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**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

**October**

- **1 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:00 pm**  
  First Presbyterian Church,  
  110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS
- **5 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
  First Presbyterian Church,  
  110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS
- **6 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
  Whistle Stop Café,  
  901 6th St, Osawatomie, KS

**Cub Scout Day Camp — Knights in Training**

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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