SCOUTING ON DISPLAY

Iconic fleur de lis towers above downtown Kansas City
**FROM THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE**

### Scouting the Road Ahead

As a stakeholder in the Heart of America Council, we want you to be proud of the great things that Scouting accomplishes in our communities. Thanks to strong fiscal stewardship and the continued growth of our endowment fund, this coming year the council will reinvest over $600,000 in capital improvements at the Bartle and Naish Scout Reservations. These funds go to not only maintaining and upgrading the infrastructure, but for new construction and new program area additions.

We can also be proud of the fact that the Scouting program is the largest youth serving agency in the greater Kansas City area with a market share of 20% of all Scout age boys participating in our program. So, how do you provide the opportunity for more youth to be in Scouting? One of the areas that each of us has the most impact on is the retention of youth that are currently in Scouting. While our retention rate is one of the best in the nation, we can always do better. A key indicator when it comes to youth retention is participation in one of our outstanding summer programs. As you begin to receive information on our summer camping programs, please encourage your members and their parents to participate. Later in 2016 we will be rolling out a new “Council Honor Unit” recognition program for packs, troops and crews who continue to maintain strong youth retention through good programing and leadership succession planning.

I’ve shared my comments in the past about “who pays for Scouting?” This is the time of year when our Investment in Character Campaign kicks off. This past year the council raised $2.3 million through the Investment in Character Campaign, this was almost a 10% increase over last year. What’s interesting to note is that of the total $2.3 million raised, the Family Campaign represented $765,000 or about 33% of the overall campaign. The remaining 67% comes from the business and community campaigns. When we conduct a review of the Family Campaign only about 17% of our Scouting families made a contribution in 2015. It is really outstanding to have such great support from the community and corporate campaigns. Frankly, these funds ($1.5 million) help to subsidize all of our council events so our members can participate at a discount. I have always believed that what a person contributes is a personal choice, but just like being a member of a church, the expectation that everyone contribute is the key. As leaders for your units I would ask your support and encouragement of the members of your unit for this year’s Investment in Character Campaign.

As we enter the holiday season, I can truly say that the Scouting program in the Heart of America Council is blessed to have such outstanding community and volunteer support as we positively impact the lives of our Scouts making our communities a better place for all of us.

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

**Kenn Miller**  
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New Council Landscape Takes Shape

A new year brings new possibilities and for the Heart of America Council, a new district landscape. Earlier in 2015, the Council’s Board of Directors unanimously approved a plan to realign the majority of our district boundaries to help us better serve Scouting. The new district reorganization goes into effect on January 1, 2016 and will result in 17 districts across the council. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/districts for more information and to find out which district you are in.
SALUTE TO SERVICE

2015 Council Recognition Banquet

On November 11, nearly 500 Scouts and Scouters gathered to recognize the Heart of America Council’s top volunteers at the 2015 Council Recognition Banquet. The “Salute to Service” themed event was held on Veteran’s Day and paid tribute to those who serve our country as well as the council’s eighteen Silver Beaver Award recipients. Other honorees included the 2015 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award recipient, Lisa Garcia, the 2015 Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor members and Mic-O-Say Tribesmen who were elevated to the Tribal Council this year.

2015 SILVER BEAVER CLASS

Catherine Albers  John Rohrer
Eugene Bellner Sr.  Zachary Shafran
Fred Bixler Jr.  James Wasko
Michael Brady
Tamela Cockrum
William Easley
Nils Erickson
John Freshnock
Philip Gramlich
Raymond Graskemper Jr.
Benjamin Grimsley
Anthony Grosshans
Allen Huff
Lee Perry
Catherine Puls

2015 Don Hall, Jr.
EAGLE SCOUT
Class Reception

Sunday, February 21, 2016
Municipal Music Hall

Join Eagle Scouts from across the council and help continue a Kansas City Scouting tradition. All Eagle Scouts and their families are invited to attend the 2015 Don Hall, Jr. Eagle Scout Class Reception on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at Municipal Music Hall in downtown Kansas City, MO.

All 2015 Eagle Scouts in attendance will receive the commemorative “Challenge Coin” and will be included in the official class photo. Be on the lookout for the official invitation provided by our friends at Hallmark.

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.

APRIL 10
TICKETS ON SALE JANUARY 1, 2016

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

December 2015/January 2016
Downtown Kansas City Puts Spotlight On Scouting

The twinkling lights of Kansas City’s downtown skyline are a beautiful sight every night of the week — but for a special night in October, the cityscape lit up with an eye-catching message that showcased Scouting for thousands of people to see.

During the Heart of America Council’s Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner on October 19, Scouting received a special tribute courtesy of the downtown Kansas City Marriott in which the BSA’s iconic fleur de lis towered over the city. The letters “BSA” also stretched across the building in red white and blue.

“We need to be telling the Scouting story every day and what better way to showcase our brand than by making it part of the Kansas City landscape,” said Matt Armstrong, council marketing director. “The Heart of America Council is fortunate to have community partners like the Downtown Kansas City Marriott who help us put Scouting on display in unique and memorable ways.”

See more photos on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HeartofAmericaCouncil.BSA.

New Scout Shop to Open In Northland

COMING FEBRUARY 2016

We’re setting up shop in the Northland. Set to open by the end of February 2016, the new Northland Scout Shop will be located at 345 NW Barry Road — just south of Metro North Mall and about 25 miles north of the Holmes Road Scout Shop. The new store is part of the council’s strategic plan to continue to provide better customer service to our Scouting families. By adding a second location we are now able to offer two convenient locations for everything Scouting.

Our new store will span 3,700 square feet, more than twice the size of our current Scout Shop, and will also house the Northern Lights and Golden Eagle Field Staff. From advancement to applications, the new store will be able to conduct any business that is done at our Holmes Road Service Center. Be on the lookout for grand opening celebration details this January.
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

Brauer Named Scout Executive

Congratulations to Director of Field Service, Ray Brauer. Ray was selected to serve as the Scout Executive of the Twin Valley Council in Mankato, MN. Ray assumed his new role on December 1. The Heart of America Council wishes Ray and his family all the best!

Scouts Help Usher in American Royal’s New Home at Arrowhead Stadium

Hundreds of Scouts and Scouters took part in the 90th annual American Royal Parade, enjoying a perfect October morning at Arrowhead Stadium. Cloudless skies, cool breezes and bright sunshine made for a great show as Heart of America Council Scouts joined the cavalcades, floats, and bands celebrating the American Royal’s new home.

This year, the American Royal changed the venue for the World Series of Barbeque and parade, as well as introducing the CowTown Family Fun Fest at the Truman Sports Complex. After the Saturday morning parade, Scouts and their families joined hundreds of other participants in exploring the Fun Fest attractions.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Joining our new Alumni Association is free and allows you to participate in events, rekindle old friendships, and make new ones.

JOIN FOR FREE | HOACALUMNI.ORG

EAGLE SCOUT
Kansas City has one of the highest concentrations of Eagle Scouts in the county. Be in the company of other high achievers at select activities and events.

CAMP STAFF
Did you spend your summers on the Camp staff at Barrie or Nash? Catch up with fellow staffers and learn about new ways to stay involved in Scouting.

MIC-O-SAY
Rekindle your Mic-O-Say friendships in the company of fellow Tribemen. Connect with other members by participating in different activities and events.

ORDER OF THE ARROW
Are you part of the Order of the Arrow’s largest Lodge? Reconnect with Tamegonit Lodge and preserve the OA’s rich tradition across Kansas City.

Choose your Alumni group and register for free today!

HOACALUMNI.ORG

SCOUTING ANNIVERSARIES

Share your Scouting milestones with us. Email photos to matt.armstrong@scouting.org and you could be featured in the next edition of Adventures in Scouting.

Troop 201 — 100th Anniversary
Maywood Baptist Church | Independence, MO

Troop 460 — 50th Anniversary
Gracemor Elementary School PTA | Kansas City, MO
DOES SCOUTING WORK?

We all know Scouting’s goal is to prepare young people for life, but does it work? Scouting was put to the test over the course of three years, when a research team from Tufts University worked with the Boy Scouts of America’s Cradle of Liberty Council to measure the character attributes of both Scouts and non-Scouts — all with a goal of better understanding the character development of youth as it was happening. The project, which was funded by the John Templeton Foundation and led by Dr. Richard M. Lerner, surveyed nearly 1,800 Cub Scouts and nearly 400 non-Scouts under age 12 using both interviews and survey data. In the beginning, there were no significant differences in character attributes between the two groups. By the end, however, the differences were striking in several areas:

**2,000+ Scouts and non-Scouts aged 6-12 from across the Philadelphia area were measured in 6 key areas:**

**HELPFULNESS**

**CHEERFULNESS**

**KINDNESS**

**HOPEFULNESS**

**OBEDIENCE**

**TRUSTWORTHINESS**

*Hopeful Future Expectations*

**CHANGE IN CHARACTER**

during the course of the 3-year study:

- **SCOUTS**
- **NON-SCOUTS**

**KEY FINDINGS:**

- The more time kids spend in Scouting, the better the outcomes in character development.
- Those who attend meetings regularly report higher outcomes virtually across the board when compared to Scouts with lower attendance.
- Scouts are more likely to embrace positive social values than non-Scouts.
- Scouts who are more engaged in the program report higher outcomes in nearly every category.

With fun and discovery at every turn, Scouting makes the most of right now. But what’s more, it builds positive character and provides young people a foundation they can stand on to embrace opportunity, overcome obstacles, and make new discoveries.

**SCOUTING WORKS.**
2015 POPCORN SALE SPOTLIGHT

For the second straight year, Pack 4374 out of Liberty, MO took home top sales honors after selling a whopping $36,316 worth of popcorn this year. But what's the secret to their success? We sat down with Michael Newland, Pack 4374's Popcorn Kernel, to find out what it takes to be the council's top selling unit two years in a row.

Q: You are the most successful popcorn selling unit in the council. What do you attribute your success to?
A: Our success is largely due to the fact that almost all of the pack participated. Out of our 70 Scouts, 53 participated this year and 30 of them sold $500 or more. Having sales goals of $500 per Scout covers all pack dues, registrations, and program.

Q: We noticed that most of your sales were from Show and Sell. How do you organize that on the pack level?
A: We had 15 Scouts participate in Show and Sell which attributed to around $18,000 in sales. Most sales were at Sam’s Club, Hy-Vee and Lowe's. It’s a team effort so all the boys that participated get a percentage of all products sold.

Q: What are your plans with the money earned from selling popcorn?
A: The money generated will help fund the Christmas party and Blue and Gold banquet and one big trip for the entire pack. We are still in the middle of planning the trip, but it will be coming up this spring.

Q: What would you tell another pack is the most important aspect of a successful popcorn sale?
A: The kick-off is the most important part of the sale. This is where we outline goals and expectations. It gets parents interested in how the program is funded and what the expectations will be.

Top Selling Unit: Pack 4374, First Presbyterian Church of Liberty
Total Sales: $36,316

2015 POPCORN SALE TOTAL
$2.3 Million

Investment in Character 2016

With more than 32,000 youth served, unparalleled camping facilities spanning 5,300 acres, and endless experience oriented activities, there’s no better place to be a Scout than right here in the Heart of America Council. Help us continue to make Scouting a viable option for all youth by making an investment in character.

Your investment stays right here in the Greater Kansas City area and provides our Scouts with the local camps, programs, and leadership to prepare them for life.

Your Investment Helps Provide:

• The opportunity for every boy to be a Scout, no matter his economic circumstance
• First-rate camping programs at the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations
• Support and training for more than 15,000 volunteer leaders that make the Scouting program possible
• Materials and program development for the once-in-a-lifetime experiences that only Scouting can provide
• A safe and fun Scouting experience with insurance for BSA activities

Donate online today at www.hoac-bsa.org.
FINANCE NEWS

In Memory of:

Dick Kaufman
Paul & Andrea Anderson
Kay Callison
William & Jill Coughlin
Jeffrey & Barbara Henson
Robert Hulsey
Kevin & Ada Koch
Robert & Jane McKim
Mary & Tim Nay
Lamont & Sharon Nigus
Brian & Susan Smith
C. Lee & Mark L Snyder
Ronald & Cynthia Zitterkopf
Roger & Shirley Wercholtz
Robert “Bob” Miller
Bruce Ainsworth
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Leona Bradford
Euna Vaye Brant
Robert Bruce & Susan Brower
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Chuck & Ellene Hoffman
Kathryn Kennedy
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John & Carol Larson
Patricia Martin
Lucinda Powell
Tom & Betty Scott
Charlie & Tracy Tetrick
Laurie Thomas Schweinefus
Alice Tikijjian
Your friends on patrol

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.

LEARN MORE AT HOAC-BSA.ORG/PATRON-LUNCHEON
CRATE STACKING & ZIP LINING

Joe Scouter Visits the Bartle Scout Reservation

Was I surprised when I returned to my old Scout camp on the Osage River after having been away for some 85 years? Man, have things changed. I never envisioned that what started out as a single Boy Scout Camp would grow into a Scout Reservation with three camps and more activities than I could imagine!

When I stopped at Headquarters and talked to Mike Pearce about activities available to Scouts at camp, he rattled off about twenty different activities. I couldn't believe there were that many things to do at camp. It wasn't like that in the good ol' days. I guess everything changes with the times.

When I stopped at Scott's Store in Iconium on the way in to camp to get a peach float, there were Scouts talking about the record that had been set at crate stacking that afternoon. Mike told me that the activity was a good one for showing the Scouts what fun they could have on a C.O.P.E. course. I asked Mike to draw me a map to crate stacking and zip lining so I could see what all the excitement was about. I arrived there just in time for the evening program and the staff members were preparing a delicious Dutch oven meal for the 24 campers and leaders who were at the activity.

I stood in the background and watched the staff share all of the safety instructions with the campers. They explained what each camper would be doing and then opened up two crate stacking stations — and the action began. I never thought that Scouts could have so much fun trying to climb to the top of a stack of milk crates. Scouts were encouraging their buddies to go higher and higher as they tossed the milk crates up to the Scout who was doing the climbing. One leader said that it was fun to see the younger Scouts surpass the number of crates that some of the older Scouts were able to climb. I think the record of 21 milk crates was set that day.

After crate stacking, the group went further down the trail to the zip line area. They had another extensive safety briefing along with equipment fitting and the instructors took their positions on top of the stations and on the ground to monitor the activity. The participants were tethered one at a time, climbed the poles to the top station and then zip-lined to another station way across the open area. They really seemed to enjoy it! After all completed the activity, they went back and enjoyed a delicious Dutch oven meal that ended with cobbler and ice cream.

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Joe Scouter was a Boy Scout from 1929 to the early 1930’s who reported on activities at Camp Dan Sayre in Noel, Missouri and Camp Osceola (now the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation). He would routinely send articles back to the Kansas City newspapers which were read by the parents of Scouts who were at camp. It so happened that Joe Scouter visited the Bartle Scout Reservation this past summer and sent us a few observations on what he observed.)

2016 Webelos STEM Weekends

In 2016, the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation will host two Webelos STEM weekends. Sessions will be held April 30 - May 1 and October 1 – October 2. Webelos Scouts will have the chance to experience the fun of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and work towards their NOVA Award. This parent and son event is open to all Webelos and Cub Scouts that are eligible to attend Webelos camp in 2016.

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

Cost per person is $30 and includes Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, and event patch.

Space is limited to the first 250 Scouts and 250 adults. Registration will only be accepted in adult/Scout pairs. Learn more at www.STEMCamping.org.

Join the 2016 Camp Staff

Each summer, thousands of Scouts and leaders make memories to last a lifetime at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. But an exceptional summer program can only be delivered with a great summer camp staff. Think you have what it takes to join our team? Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/bartle-camp-staff and submit your application.
## 2016 Brave Round-Ups

Each winter, the Tribe of Mic-O-Say offers Brave Round-Up meetings for new Braves. Sessions will take place Saturday, January 30 and Saturday, February 27 and will run from 8:00 am to noon. The purpose of these sessions are to help new Braves prepare for their journey to Warrior should they hear their name called. Parry Lodge will also be on hand to help the new Braves prepare their Tribal attire for the coming year. The locations have not been set at this time, but a postcard will go out to all Braves with the information in January.

The Tribe is on Facebook. Like us today and check out the Tribe’s official online voice for everything Mic-O-Say. Find us at [www.facebook.com/MOSHOAC](http://www.facebook.com/MOSHOAC).

## MIC-O-SAY NEWS

### 2016 Mic-O-Say Summer Calendar

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Experience an Adventure Weekend at Naish

You spoke and we listened. We’re revamping Mini-Camps this spring by providing more flexible pricing and unit-friendly programs on select weekends at Naish. We’re calling them Adventure Weekends and they have plenty to offer your troop, team or crew. Pitch your tents in North Meadow and Clark’s Fork for FREE...Get in shape for your upcoming Philmont Trek hiking the RimRock Trail…Rent the facilities needed to make your event a great one! Pick your weekend, see what’s available and make your selections online now at www.hoac-bsa.org/off-season-camping-naish.

Wilderness First Aid Certification Classes
- Youth: $30
- Adults: $50
- Available MARCH 12, APRIL 2, APRIL 16, APRIL 23 and MAY 21

.22L Rifle Level 2 Open Shooting Experience
- 6-8 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $40 for group
- 9-11 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $50 for group
- Available MARCH 12, APRIL 2, APRIL 23 — 8:00 am – 10:00 am

20-gauge Shotgun Level 2 Open Shooting Experience
- 4-5 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $50 for group
- 6-7 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $60 for group
- Available MARCH 12, APRIL 2, APRIL 23 — 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Climbing/Rappelling Basics
- 8-16 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $80 for group
- 17-31 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $120 for group
- Available APRIL 2 and APRIL 23

ATV Adventure Ride Course
- Group Rate: 6-8 x Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $25 each
- Individual Rate: 5 or fewer Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $40 each
- Available APRIL 23 and MAY 21

Shooting Sports Merit Badges
- Rifle: $30 per youth
- Shotgun: $30 per youth
- Advanced Rifle: $30 per youth
- Advanced Shotgun: $30 per youth
- Archery: $20 per youth

Learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/off-season-camping-naish

Naish Trading Post

Now available online!
https://store.hoac-bsa.org/
Limited items now available

December: Fill your stocking with camping gear and apparel from Camp Naish
January: Visit the traveling trading post at the Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet

Coming soon: Special order BSA National Supply items (including uniform parts and advancement) for pick-up at Camp Naish

Camp Naish opens for the season March 5, 2016

Let us know what you would like to see in the trading post next year!

Trading Post Manager: Greg Ogan
Email: NaishTradingPost@scouting.org
New Ordeal Members Can Attend Winter Banquet at a Special Price: $10

This year’s banquet will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the MCC Business & Technology Campus in Kansas City, MO. The Lodge will begin gathering at 4:30 pm, with Chapter booths, fun Lodge activities and a full range of OA Trading Post merchandise for sale.

The 2016 OA Winter Banquet Guest Speaker is the Commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Brigadier General Paul Tibbets, IV. He commands one of the U.S. Air Force’s only two B-2 Stealth Bomber units. He’s also a Scouter and an active member of the Heart of America Council.

Sign-up online at http://winterbanquet.kintera.org. Cost for Arrowmen is $30, new Ordeal members can attend for just $10. Registration is open through 5:00 pm, December 31, 2015. No walk-ins allowed.

Get Your 2016 ArrowPass

Purchasing a 2016 ArrowPass for just $135 guarantees registration for all the Lodge’s 2016 big events:

- 2016 OA Winter Banquet
- OA Spring Induction #1
- OA Spring Induction #2
- OA Fall Induction at Bartle
- OA Fall Induction at Naish
- OA Fall Fellowship


2016 Lodge Officers

Chief: Senn Boswell
Vice Chief — Administration: Phillip Vaughn
Vice Chief — Chapters: Kenny Ward
Vice Chief — Inductions: Alexander Nguyen
Vice Chief — Program: Connor Matches
Secretary: Dawson Garcia
Treasurer: Asa Abrahamson

2016 OA Elections

It’s almost time for OA Unit Elections! Every registered Scout is eligible who has attained at least First Class, has experienced 15 days of camping within the last two years, and has his Scoutmaster’s approval. Youth are elected by their peers, in accordance with policies set forth by the national Order of the Arrow committee.

2016 OA Spring Induction Weekends

Induction Weekends introduce newly-elected Candidates to the Order of the Arrow by providing them the opportunity to complete their Ordeal and become an Arrowman, and allow Ordeal members to seal their Brotherhood membership in OA. Service is at the heart of every Induction Weekend, but there’s plenty of fun, too, and the chance for Scouts who’ve just crossed-over from Webelos to catch a glimpse of the Scouting adventures ahead of them.

2016 OA Fall Fellowship

Service is at the heart of every Induction Weekend, but there’s plenty of fun, too, and the chance for Scouts who’ve just crossed-over from Webelos to catch a glimpse of the Scouting adventures ahead of them.

OA High Adventure Excursions

Need an escape from the ordinary? Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a number of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs. Whether it’s taking a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean at the Florida Sea Base or taming the Summit’s adventure sports paradise, an OA High Adventure excursion will put you at a National High Adventure base at a terrific price.

- $250 — 2 weeks at Philmont
- $250 — 8 days at the Summit
- $200 — 2 weeks at Northern Tier
- $500 — 10 days at Sea Base

For more information or to register, visit www.adventure.oa-bsa.org.
Cub Scout Day Camp

Treasure Island
Open to all Cub Scouts, including kindergarten graduates, Day Camp will give your Scout an unforgettable outdoor experience. In 2016, escape to Treasure Island and experience everything from shooting sports to science. Day Camp is held within your district and typically runs 4-5 days from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily.

2016 DAY CAMP FEES
- On or Before 4/27/16 — $65.00
- After 4/27/16 — $75.00
- At Camp — $80.00

Online Registration Opens January 4

Bear Resident Camp

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World
Bear Resident Camp is open to all Cub Scouts entering the 3rd Grade, offering Scouts a 2-day/1-night outdoor adventure at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS. Scouts will splash into fun at our Pirate Ship Water Park, defend a castle in the woods, roast marshmallows over an open fire, take aim at adventure at our shooting sports complex and much more.

Online Registration Opens February 8

2016 BEAR CAMP FEES
- On or before 4/27/16 — $65.00
- After 4/27/16 — $75.00

Webelos Resident Camp

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
Webelos Resident Camp is open to all Webelos Scouts entering the 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 be introduced to the fun of climbing and rappelling at the tower, improve their marksmanship with bb-guns and archery, explore STEM with rockets, cool off in the pool and much more.

Online Registration Opens January 11

2016 WEBELOS CAMP FEES
- On or Before 4/27/16 — $150.00
- After 4/27/16 — $160.00

For more information or to register visit Scoutcamping.org
Where can you get the best of Scouting in one place? At the 2017 National Jamboree set for July 13 – 28 at the Summit in West Virginia.

Jamborees are one of the BSA’s coolest traditions and are a place to make new friends, experience awesome activities, witness high energy stage shows, trade patches with Scouts from across the country, and explore a stunning high-adventure playground.

Who is eligible to attend?
Scouts must be a First Class Scout and at least 12 years old by the first day of the Jamboree (July 19, 2017) or 11 years old and a sixth grade graduate. There’s an upper limit, too. To participate, you can’t have reached your 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree (July 28, 2017).

How much does it cost?
The cost for a participant in the Heart of America Council contingent will be $2,250 per person. This fee will cover all Jamboree fees, travel, housing, food, and troop supplies.

How do I register?
Make your $100 deposit and register online at www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree.
Council Plans Contingent to Ecuador

The council's International Scouting committee is currently planning a trip to the Sierra Azul Mountain Rainforest Reserve and Galapagos Islands for the summer of 2016. Sierra Azul is a private ecological reserve that protects and preserves the mountain rainforest, supports scientific research and promotes ecotourism.

Trip Details:
- Summer 2016
- 10-14 days
- Group size 24-36, coed
- Venturing Youth Age: 14-25
- Cost Estimate: $3,100 – $4,100

For more information contact Tom Johnson at tjohnsonacme@aol.com.

HONOR FLIGHT

Troop 324 Scouts made their way to KCI on Veteran's Day to see off an Honor Flight of WWII, Korean War & Vietnam War veterans bound for Washington D.C.

AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

Five delegates participating in the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program made stops at the Council Service Center and Troop 10’s PLC Meeting during their visit to Kansas City in October.

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Mark your calendars For Scout Week at SEA LIFE Kansas City Aquarium and LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Kansas City
January 19th - 23rd, 2016!

SCOUT SUNDAY
February 7, 2016

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Swimming & Lifesaving Merit Badge Sessions

Get ready to dive into aquatics. We will be hosting a number of Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badge sessions this winter.

January 10 | January 17 | January 31 | February 7 (make-up session)
Midwest Aquatics: 7565 W. 160th St. Overland Park, KS 66085
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Cost: $15.00 per Scout (checks payable to Midwest Aquatics)

All participants must pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org/aquatics-merit-badges.

University of Scouting

On November 7, more than 430 Scouters gathered together for a fun-filled learning experience at the University of Scouting. This capstone event, held the first Saturday in November every year, is a knowledge-filled fellowship opportunity. Some of the comments included, “The best Scouting event I have ever attended” and “This training will allow me to be a much better leader” and “I can’t wait until next year to come back and take even more exciting courses!”

Congratulations to Jeannie Salmon and her team for putting on a first-class event. Mark your calendars now for November 5, 2016. It promises once again to be a great event!
Emerald City Lock-In

Join us for a full night of fun at Emerald City! With private access to trampolines, slides, tunnels, rope swings, a foam pit, a maze, a zip-line, Monster Mountain rock wall, slam-dunk basketball, dodge ball, and much more, this is set to be one of the most exciting VOA Lock-ins yet.

Emerald City Gym

February 26 – 27
Check in: 9:30 pm
Check out: 7:30 am
Don't miss out on this activity for your whole Crew! Keep an eye out for registration information soon.

VENTURING CALENDAR

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
Camping is an integral part of the Scouting program and introduces boys to the outdoors and helps them develop outdoor skills and teamwork. The following packs had Scouts attend all 3 Heart of America Council Cub Scout camps in 2015 — Day Camp, Bear Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp — And we’re proud to name them CAMP CHAMPS!
Burns & McDonnell Kicks off New Exploring Program at Campbell Middle School

Students at Campbell Middle School in Lee’s Summit are getting a first-hand look at engineering thanks to Burns & McDonnell. Once a month, students will work with Burns & McDonnell engineers to learn about potential careers in engineering. This fall, students learned the fundamentals of reverse engineering on a solar calculator and also got the chance to learn about several machines including the Van de Graaff generator and Tesla coil.

Overland Park Police Department Hosts New Explorers

The Overland Park Police Department hosted their open house meeting in September at the Sanders Police Station and what a great turn out! Check out all of our programs at www.Exploringkc.org. And it’s not too late to sign up!
Scout, currently a joining badge, to become its own rank

Being a Scout is about to get a lot cooler.

Scout, previously a badge a young man received upon joining and completing a few other requirements, will become its own rank — complete with a new patch — beginning Jan. 1, 2016.

By moving from a “joining badge” to an actual rank, Scout joins Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life as the ranks a young man must earn on his way to the highest rank in Scouting: Eagle Scout.

The requirements for the Scout rank are intentionally tougher than the ones for the Scout badge. Don’t expect completion of the new requirements for the Scout rank (included below) to happen overnight, particularly for boys who were not members of a Cub Scout pack. Depending on the maturity of an individual boy, it may take a few weeks for him to memorize the Scout Oath and Scout Law (Scout rank requirement 1a), as well as to learn some basic Scout skills.

But well-prepared Scouts — especially those who have recently earned the Arrow of Light — should be able to complete the Scout rank during the first few weeks after joining.

The Scout badge/rank is changing, but the age requirements to become a Boy Scout are not. A boy must be 11 years old, or have completed the fifth grade or have earned the Arrow of Light Award and be at least 10 years old. He cannot yet have turned 18.

Let’s look at the new badge, as well as the old and new requirements.

Scout rank badge

As you can see, the new badge coloring makes more sense when seen as a part of the whole. Here’s the new set:

Each rank badge design now builds on the one before it. From left to right above that’s Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle Scout.

Previous Scout badge requirements

You’ll sometimes hear of these requirements as the “Boy Scout joining requirements.”

1. Meet the age requirements. Be a boy who is 11 years old, or one who has completed the fifth grade or earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but is not yet 18 years old.
2. Find a Scout troop near your home.
3. Complete a Boy Scout application and health history signed by your parent or guardian.
4. Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Demonstrate the Scout sign, salute, and handshake.
6. Demonstrate tying the square knot (a joining knot).
7. Understand and agree to live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, motto, and slogan and the Outdoor Code.
8. Describe the Scout badge.
9. Complete the pamphlet exercises. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide.
10. Participate in a Scoutmaster conference. Turn in your Boy Scout application and health history form signed by your parent or guardian, then participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

New Scout rank requirements

All requirements for the Scout rank must be completed as a member of a troop. If a Scout has already completed these requirements as part of the Webelos Scouting Adventure, he must simply demonstrate his knowledge or skills to his Scoutmaster or other designated leader after joining the troop.

1a. Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. In your own words, explain their meaning.
1b. Explain what Scout spirit is. Describe some ways you have shown Scout spirit by practicing the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.
1c. Demonstrate the Boy Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Explain when they should be used.
1d. Describe the First Class Scout badge and tell what each part stands for. Explain the significance of the First Class Scout badge.
1e. Repeat from memory the Outdoor Code. In your own words, explain what the Outdoor Code means to you.
1f. Repeat from memory the Pledge of Allegiance. In your own words, explain its meaning.
2. After attending at least one Boy Scout troop meeting, do the following:
2a. Describe how the Scouts in the troop provide its leadership.
2b. Describe the four steps of Boy Scout advancement.
2c. Describe the Boy Scout ranks and how they are earned.
2d. Describe what merit badges are and how they are earned.
3a. Explain the patrol method. Describe the types of patrols that are used in your troop.
3b. Become familiar with your patrol name, emblem, flag, and yell. Explain how these items create patrol spirit.
4a. Show how to tie a square knot, two half-hitches, and a taut-line hitch. Explain how each knot is used.
4b. Show the proper care of a rope by learning how to whip and fuse the ends of different kinds of rope.
5. Demonstrate your knowledge of pocketknife safety.
6. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide and earn the Cyber Chip Award for your grade.
7. Since joining the troop and while working on Scout rank, participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

Transitioning to the new requirements

Boys joining on or after Jan. 1, 2016 must use the new requirements.

Boys who have joined prior to Jan. 1, 2016 who are working on the Scout badge may continue to work on the existing requirements, but they must convert to the new requirements upon completion of the Scout badge.

Scouting During World War I

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

Clarence Abbott was the first Eagle Scout in Kansas City, Kansas. While Scouting continued in 1917 and 1918, there were no organized summer camps in Clarence's area because of World War I. Thanks to his bugling skills, Clarence was asked to become the bugler for an activated Kansas National Guard unit that served in Kansas City during the war.

Even at Clarence’s young age he was becoming somewhat famous because of this enthusiasm for Scouting. In the eighth grade graduation exercises at Horace Mann School in 1917 in Kansas City, Kansas, the principal chose Clarence and fellow Scout Jerome Grossman to perform a special demonstration of Scouting skills, which included semaphore flag signals. Their teacher gave one of them a message and he flagged it to the other Scout across the room. “Everyone who came thought Jerome and I were really special. Thank goodness we got the signaled message right the first time — I knew we could do it,” Clarence remembered years later.

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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Carrollton Scouts Put First Aid Skills to the Test

Members of Carrollton Troop 414 have been reviewing their first aid skills and had the opportunity to demonstrate those skills on a recent campout at the Carrollton Industrial Park Lake. Groups of Scouts were presented with an emergency situation and asked to demonstrate how they would respond. The situations presented varied from serious injuries such as a compound fracture to minor injuries like how to properly care for burns.

Troop 414 Scoutmaster, Nicholas Belmore, instructs Scouts during a mock eye injury exercise.

February

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

March

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

45% 40.0%

Boy Scout Cub Scout

April

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

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

2015 ADVANCEMENT

60% 40.0%

Boy Scout Cub Scout

January

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

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

58.8% 41.8%

Boy Scout Cub Scout

December

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

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

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

7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Colonial Hills Community of Christ Church, 3539 SW 7 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO

14 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 Holke Rd, Independence, MO

23 District Dinner, 6:00 pm
1400 NE Coronado Dr, Blue Springs, MO

January

3 Roundtable & Re-Charter Turn In, 7:00 pm
Colonial Hills Community of Christ Church, 3539 SW 7 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO

5 Christmas Craft, 9:00 am
Coventry Estates Baptist Church, 17133 E 39 St., Independence, MO

9 Blue Elk Annual Business Meeting, 7:00 pm
Blue Ridge Bank and Trust, 4200 Little Blue Pkwy, Independence, MO

10 Re-Charter Turn In, 6:00 pm
Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd, Independence, MO

District Annual Business Meeting

This year’s Annual Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9 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 2016 dinner will take place on Saturday, January 23 and will recognize all 2015 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.
Service in the Community

The Frontier District focused a portion of its curriculum on community service in October. Scouts learned about the importance of helping the natural world, community, as well as chartered organizations. Scouts from Pack 4136 gave back to their school by planting flowers and pulling weeds at Ingels Elementary. Completing service projects is one way that Scouts keep their promise “to help other people.” While providing service, Scouts learn to work together with others to do something that’s good for the community.

Pack 4136 plants flowers at Ingels Elementary School.

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2015 ADVANCEMENT

Boy Scout

2.4%

56.9%

Cub Scout

January

13 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO

21 Paraprofessional Roundtable, 7:00 pm
South Patrol Police Station, 9701 Marion Park Dr, Kansas City, MO

February

10 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO

18 Paraprofessional Roundtable, 7:00 pm
South Patrol Police Station, 9701 Marion Park Dr, Kansas City, MO

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2015 ADVANCEMENT

Boy Scout

52.7%

47.3%

Cub Scout

December

3 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO

Merit Badge Counselor Training & OA Chapter Meeting

8 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO

February

4 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
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DISTRIBUTI ON — Final North Star Event!

Mark your calendar. The North Star District Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016. This year the dinner will be at Signature Downtown Airport, 10 Richards Road, Kansas City, MO.

The District Dinner is a time to recognize all of the Eagle Scouts of the past year and also recognize award recipients — including the Outstanding Pack, Troop & Crew Awards, the H. Virgil Bower Unit Leader Award, the North Star Eagle Project of the Year Award, and the District Award of Merit honorees. Fellowship starts at 6:00 pm and dinner begins at 6:30 pm. Parents of 2015 Eagle Scouts are invited to attend.

The Early Bird cost is $23 per person ($18 per 2015 Eagle Scout) if registered by January 15. After January 15, the cost goes up to $25 per person ($20 per Eagle Scout). Table reservations are $10 per table, seating of 10 at a table.

To register, check for information in your unit mailbox at Roundtable, or go to goo.gl/5owdW.
December

1 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Raytown South Middle School, 8401 E 83rd St, Kansas City, MO

1 District Roundtable (Recharter Turn-in), 7:30 pm
Raytown South Middle School, 8401 E 83rd St, Kansas City, MO

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

15 Last Chance Recharter Turn-in Night, 6:00-8:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

January

5 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Raytown South Middle School, 8401 E 83rd St, Kansas City, MO

Pack Pizza Party Winners

Throughout the month of October, packs have been recruiting Cub Scouts to earn a free pizza party provided by the council. Packs who achieved membership growth by the end of October were rewarded with free pizzas to share with their pack.

Packs who qualified for the pizza party were 4098, 4195, 4219, 4251, 4264, 4285, 4428, 4469, 4516, 4550, 4601, and 4778.

Congratulations to these packs for recruiting a total of 61 new Cub Scouts to meet their year-end membership goals!

Iron Horse District to be established January 1

Units whose chartered organizations have addresses in the DeSoto, Gardner-Edgerton, Olathe and Spring Hill School Districts will comprise the new Iron Horse District effective January 1, 2016. Be sure to attend the December Roundtables for the latest district realignment details.
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#### December

- **3** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - Bonner Springs UMC, 425 W Morse Ave, Bonner Springs, KS
- **10** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave, Kansas City, KS
- **10** District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
  - LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave, Kansas City, KS
- **15-16** Outdoor Leader Skills Training
  - The Hollis Center Lodge, 11414 Kansas Ave, Kansas City, KS
- **30** District Dinner, 6:00 pm
  - JW Crancers, 530 Delaware St, Leawenworth, KS

#### January

- **7** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - Bonner Springs UMC, 425 W Morse Ave, Bonner Springs, KS
- **9** Final Recharter Turn-in, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
  - KCK Public Library, 1737 N 82nd St, Kansas City, KS
- **11** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave, Kansas City, KS
- **11** District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
  - LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave, Kansas City, KS

### LONE BEAR

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#### December

- **1** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
  - Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO
- **2** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO
- **8** District Committee Meeting/All Call, 6:30 pm
  - Clinton, MO

#### January

- **5** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO
- **12** District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - First United Methodist Church, 141 E Gay St, Warrensburg, MO

#### February

- **5** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

#### District Recharter Renewal Time!

It is that time of year again where all of the Lone Bear units need to be working on and completing their charter renewal. Units need to be making sure that addresses, phone numbers, and emails are correct on the new charter. Please take the time to double check the roster for accuracy. If you have to drop a youth member, please make sure to find out why they are dropping and let’s make sure that the boy has every option available to join a Scouting unit near him. When your unit’s recharter paperwork is complete, please make sure to contact your unit commissioner or David Riker to arrange a time and location to look over the paperwork, collect the fees, and get it up to the council office. The district would like to have all recharter packets turned in at the January roundtable at the latest. If you have questions or concerns, please make sure to contact your unit commissioner or David Riker for assistance.

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#### Cubs’ Overnight Experience

The Cub Family Campout at Camp Naish (Oct 16-17) was a big hit! Several packs and new Cub Scouts were able to enjoy games and activities including BB-guns, archery, sling-shots and amazing food. A big thank you to Roger Linder and the members of Troop 167 for a great event. We look forward to more great things for our Scouts in the months to come.
**MORMON TRAIL**

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**2015 ADVANCEMENT**

- **Boy Scout**
  - 35.4%
- **Cub Scout**
  - 38.7%

**January**

- 5 & 7 Recharter Turn-in at your local Roundtables
- 19 Investment in Character Kickoff & Annual Business Meeting, 7:00 pm
  - Lenexa Stake Center, 21515 W 101 St, Lenexa, KS

**December**

- 1 & 3 Recharter Turn-in at your local Roundtables

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**Northern Lights**

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**2015 ADVANCEMENT**

- **Boy Scout**
  - 52.9%
- **Cub Scout**
  - 54.0%

**January**

- 11 Recharter Turn-In Opportunity & District Social Hour, 6:30-8:30 pm
  - The Brew Top, 8614 N Boardwalk Ave, Kansas City, MO

**December**

- 3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - Kansas City Police Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO
- 8 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
  - North Cross UMC, 1321 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO
- 10 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
  - Liberty LDS Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th St Kansas City, MO

**“Gorefest” Brings Excitement to First Aid Training**

We all know that a “Scout is Prepared,” but Troop 395’s annual event tests the boys’ first aid preparedness in a new, exciting way. On a crisp Monday evening in October, Boy Scouts from Troop 395 and Webelos from Pack 441 enter into the basement activity room at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. They stumble upon their fellow Scouts, showing off some gruesome “injuries” requiring various levels of first aid attention. The injuries are prepared beforehand by skilled parents and volunteers with medical and theatrical backgrounds. This activity gives Scouts the opportunity to test their first aid skills while giving them a more realistic depiction of how these injuries may appear. Great job Troop 395 for providing such an engaging program!

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**Meet Our Key-3**

- District Chairman, Bruce Priddy
- Senior District Executive, Jason Bledsoe
- District Commissioner, Doug Neidholdt
It’s Recharter Time
If you haven’t completed your recharter for 2016 now is the time to start. In the Pela-the District, charters must be processed in January 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.

Once you have completed your online recharter, printed and signed the hard copy, you have a number of opportunities to turn in the paperwork and money. Commissioners will be available to take your charter at the December and January Roundtables. You can also bring your completed charters to the First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, on December 17 or at the latest January 21 at 6:00 pm.

Key things to remember:
1.) Start early and register all active Scouts and Scouters.
2.) Scouters, be sure that your Youth Protection Training is up-to-date. You may turn in your charter as long as the Youth Protection is up to date for all leaders.
3.) This year you do not need to provide proof of training for current position.

Pioneer Trails District Dinner
The annual Pioneer Trails District Recognition Dinner will take place on February 6 at 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.
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**Trail to Eagle**

Shawnee Trails District’s inaugural Merit Badge Forum will be held February 6 and 27 at Westridge Middle School. There will be 24 merit badge classes available to Scouts. Reservations are due by January 14. All troops that register by this deadline will receive the 2016 Trail to Eagle Patch.

For more information contact:
MB Forum Chairman — Marshall Hollingsworth servingbeaver@gmail.com  
MB Counselor Contact — Michael Blinn michael.blinn@hotmail.com  
District Director — Nick Traxler nick.traxler@scouting.org

There will also be a Trailhead Legacy Merit Badge Forum available January 9 and 30 at the Church of the Resurrection. For more information about the Trailhead Legacy Merit Badge Forum contact Herb Strain at hastrain@aol.com.

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**Pack Pizza Party Winners**

In October, the council launched the Pack Pizza Party Growth Recognition incentive in an effort to recognize packs who achieved year-end membership growth by October 31 with a free Pizza Party. In order to qualify for the free Pizza Party, packs had to recruit one more youth than last year. In Soaring Eagle, nine of our packs achieved year-end membership growth! Congratulations to Pack 3333, 3002, 3010, 3425, 3097, 3321, 3092, 3538, and 3111 on their fall recruitment efforts! Together these nine packs recruited 38 NEW Cub Scouts!
**A New Beginning**
*A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...*

Or, rather, not so long ago, at the Heart of America Council, a plan was developed. This plan was intended to better serve the existing members and grow the Scouting movement in the greater Kansas City area. With this plan came many a night fraught with tension, debate, and discussion. In the end, it was determined to change the districts to better suit needs of various communities. This, my friends, is how the Spirit Trail District was formed. With the selection of Lynn Laffoon as District Chair, Lynn Houston as Vice Chair of Operations, and Kelsie Clark as District Commissioner, being spurred along by District Executive Bennett Dixon, the path blazed by the Spirit Trail begins. Let it long serve the youth and adults of the Scouting community to help young men and families grow and uphold our beliefs.

### Spirit Trail

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#### December

1. **Scout Networking**, 7:30 pm  
   Adrian Optimist Community Building, 317 South O  
   71 Highway, Adrian, MO

2. **Scout Networking**, 7:30 pm  
   Harrisonville Middle School, 601 S. Highland Dr,  
   Harrisonville, MO

3. **District Commissioner & Committee Meeting**, 7:00 pm  
   Archie United Methodist Church,  
   W Chestnut St, Archie, MO

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   Archie United Methodist Church,  
   W Chestnut St, Archie, MO

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   Harrisonville Middle School, 601 S. Highland Dr,  
   Harrisonville, MO

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NEW Pricing! Book your Scout Trip for December to receive 4 FREE tickets!

Boy Scouts $7.00 each
Adults 1 adult free for every 5 paid scouts
Additional Adults $10.00 each
Minimum of 10 scouts to book

Mark your calendars for Scout Week at SEA LIFE Kansas City Aquarium and LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Kansas City

January 19th - 23rd, 2016!

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