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Is Scouting Relevant for Today’s Youth?

On occasions I will share my column with someone who has written a great story about their Scouting experience. Earlier this month I saw a posting on the Mic-O-Say Facebook page by Steve Madigan, an Eagle Scout from Troop 10 in Leawood, KS. Here’s what Steve had to say:

“I’ve been thinking in the past few months since my Eagle board of review about my experiences in Scouting and what a lost treasure it has become. And my apologies if this is lengthy. It’s something that I don’t think gets enough notice from most outside of the program.

Looking in from Day 1, Scouting in today’s society is almost countercultural. Even some of my best friends wouldn’t dare spend even one (let alone 11) nights outside at a camp. The reasons are too numerous to count — sports, videogames, girls, etc.

I’ve always been peer-pressured into thinking Scouting is a dead program and that the values it teaches are outdated. Why waste your weekend in a tent in the middle of nowhere when you could be playing ‘Call of Duty’? A vast number of my classmates form negative opinions about the program with literally no basis or thought.

And that infuriates me and anyone else who’s been through or knows the program. If most people just took a few minutes to get to know someone who’s benefited, I think this would diminish greatly. I started Boy Scouts as a timid fifth-grader, like most. I had almost no social skills and didn’t know the first thing about work ethic. The decision to join was, admittedly, partly my mom’s, and I will never be able to thank her enough for it.

This “countercultural” program that my classmates scorn has made me into a person I never would have become otherwise. I’ve grown more mature and professional from my time in the troop than in my 10 years of formal schooling combined. The experiences and skills that Scouting gives are vital, yet so many grow up without them.

What are boards of review if not preparation for job interviews? Sure, they prove a point for Scout rank. But all of those times I sat before a group of new people, ready to make an impression, I gained that much more experience in ways most my age will never.

All those Scoutmaster conferences? Phone calls to assistant Scoutmasters for merit badges or such? I can’t even imagine how much easier that will make finding and keeping a good job later on. The courage to stand up for yourself rather than just sit and passively let whatever happens happen.

It’s really a shame that so many people are so closed-minded about what is, in my opinion, the last real experience someone my age can have in this day. No pretty disguises or excuses. It teaches a solid work ethic, and looking forward to college and beyond, that is 1,000 times more important than knowing how to kick or throw a ball or shoot a pixel on your TV. This program truly is a gem, one whose beauty is lost on all too many. And it’s a real shame.

I am, and proudly always will be, an Eagle Scout, a Warrior, and a leader. I’m one of the elite 5 percent who made it. And that will ALWAYS mean something. Looking forward to many more years of service to Scouting,

Steve Madigan
Eagle Scout — Troop 10

Thanks again to Steve for sharing his comments. I have no doubt that Steve will go on to do great things with his life. Don’t ever forget that our youth and communities are a better place because of the work that each of us does to provide a strong Scouting program to over 33,000 youth in our area!

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

Kenn Miller
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Kendrick.Miller@Scouting.org
**Boswell Named New Council President**

The Heart of America Council is proud to announce the selection of Scott Boswell as the 2015 Council President. Scott is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Commerce Trust Company’s West Region. He has oversight of all Commerce Trust lines of business, including Private Client, Private Banking and Institutional Money Management. He also serves as Trust Company-wide head of the Institutional Services and Corporate Trust business lines. Scott joined Commerce Trust as Managing Director in Kansas City in January of 2007 and has over 20 years of investment management experience.

Scott holds a Masters of Business Administration Degree from the University of Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Westminster College. In addition to the Heart of America Council, Scott holds leadership roles on a variety of charitable and industry boards including past Trustee of Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri; President of the board of The Kansas City Choral; Chairman of the Board of The Kansas City Repertory Theatre, Board of St. Luke’s Health System Foundation and Board of the American Royal.

An Eagle Scout, Scott is also an Honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. He most recently served the council as Vice President of Administration and Chairman of the inaugural Scouting 500. Scott and his wife, Robyn, have two Eagle Scout sons.

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**2015 New Council Board Members**

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**Coming Soon — Council Alumni Association**

**RECONNECT...REKINDLE...RECOMMIT**

Looking to stay connected to Scouting? The Heart of America Council’s new Alumni Association will soon connect Scouters with people and programs across the Kansas City area. Members will receive exclusive invites to special alumni events and access to our secure alumni directory. Those who join will also get the inside scoop on what’s happening in Scouting with our members-only newsletters.

**CHOOSE YOUR ALUMNI GROUP:**

Eagle Scouts | Camp Staff | Mic-O-Say | Order of the Arrow | Heritage Society

Be on the lookout for more information and registration details this spring.

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**ADVENTURE AHEAD: New Cub Scout Program Unveiled**

A fun and exciting NEW Cub Scouting program launches June 1, 2015. Are you ready? From improved activities to easier-to-understand advancement, Cub Scouting is about to get even better than before.

But what exactly is changing? Here are some of the highlights.

- Changes in advancement program. Theme based around 6 core requirements and 13 elective requirements.
- Theme based program around program adventures. Requirements are rigorous, but fun, and include more family involvement.
- Boy Scout Oath and Law now for Cub Scouts as well.
- Arrow of Light is now a standalone program and does not require Webelos to complete.
- Sports and Academic program discontinued and integrated into the adventures.
- More active activities vs. static “classroom” activities.

Check out all the changes at [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx).
COUNCIL NEWS

2014 David Lockton
EAGLE SCOUT
Class Reception

Sunday, February 22, 2015
Municipal Music Hall

Reception w/Light Refreshments 1:00 pm
Eagle Scout Group Photo 1:30 pm
Program Begins 2:00 pm

Continue a Kansas City Scouting tradition and join more than 1,500 area Eagle Scouts and families at the 2014 David M. Lockton Eagle Scout Class Reception on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at Municipal Music Hall in downtown Kansas City, MO.

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

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

Space is limited so reserve your spot today.

About Our Honoree

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

KC Museum Shares History of The Plains with Local Scouts

They once stood on the grounds of The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Now, a number of authentic tipis have found a new home. On January 11, the museum held a ceremony to officially donate three of the nine tipis displayed at the museum to local Scouting groups. The tipis were part of the groundbreaking exhibition, The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky, which ran September 14, 2014 to January 11, 2015.

Cub Scout Pack 3193, Boy Scout Troop 10, and the Order of the Arrow’s Tamegonit Lodge were all presented a tipi, along with six other charitable organizations. Following a short presentation, Scouts helped dismantle the tipis painted by Native American Artist Chandler Goodstrike.

Council Scouts and Scouters will have the opportunity to see the tipis at Day Camps this summer and at District Camporees this fall. Tamegonit Lodge will include its tipi in Induction and Fall Fellowship weekends, as well as having it on display on June 20 during the Central Region ArrowTour at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

DIG DAY

Council Community Day of Service

Saturday, May 9, 2015

The Heart of America Council is teaming up with Kansas City Parks and Recreation to beautify the city for spring by planting more than 105 of the city’s community flower beds and assisting in cleaning-up trails in the North Star and Pioneer Trails Districts. Our inaugural Dig Day will kick-off at 9:00 am at the Eagle Scout Memorial Fountain (39th and Gillam, Kansas City, MO) on Saturday, May 9. Scouts assisting in planting flower beds will have the opportunity to take home a flower for Mother’s Day which is on Sunday, May 10. District Activity Chairmen outside of North Star and Pioneer Trails are also planning additional community service projects on May 9.

HOW TO REGISTER

North Star District:
http://nscommunityserviceday.kintera.org

Pioneer Trails District and Tamegonit Lodge OA Chapter Chiefs/Advisors:
http://communityserviceday2015.kintera.org

Show Your EAGLE PRIDE

Get your official Heart of America Council Eagle Scout Decal
Available for just $1 at the Council Service Center
Join More than 14,000 Scouts at Kauffman Stadium

SCOUT DAY AT THE K 2015

Scout Day at the K is back on Sunday, April 19 and we’re anticipating a record crowd of more than 14,000 Scouts and Scout families! Join us as your 2014 American League Champion Kansas City Royals take on the Oakland A’s in a rematch of last year’s Wild Card thriller. Reserve your tickets early because this game will sell out!

GAME TICKETS ONLY $8 if Registered by March 13

*Price includes commemorative 2015 Scout Day at the K patch and admission to the Outfield Experience or Royal Gathering of Eagles.

(Ticket Cost Increases to $10 on March 14)

RETURNING IN 2015 — ROYAL GATHERING OF EAGLES

The Royal Gathering of Eagles is back and bigger than ever. This year’s event will include a special pre-game gathering and ceremony recognizing the 2015 Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Class. All Eagle Scouts are invited to attend for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Be on the lookout for more details soon at www.hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k.

*All Royal Gathering of Eagles participants must purchase a Scout Day at the K ticket in order to attend.

*All Royal Gathering of Eagles participants must pre-register online.

REGISTER EARLY & WIN BIG

Buy your tickets early for your chance to win big. We’re giving away great prizes that include Royals player autographed bats and baseballs, but you must be registered by March 13 to be entered in our drawing! Check out the official rules and regulations at www.hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k.

PRE-GAME SCOUT PARADE

We’re giving 1,000 lucky Scouts the opportunity to be a part of our pre-game Scout parade. Scouts will be cheered on by thousands of fans as they make their way around the diamond. All parade participants must pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND — THE OUTFIELD EXPERIENCE

Not attending the Royal Gathering of Eagles? Be part of the Outfield Experience. Located in the outfield concourse area, the Outfield Experience includes activities like Sluggerrr’s Mini Golf, Base Run, Batting Cage, Pitching Mound, Little K, Hall of Fame and a few “Scout” surprises! All Scout Day at the K ticket holders will have FREE access to select Outfield Experience activities from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

*Scouts must purchase “tokens” from the Kansas City Royals to participate in Outfield Experience activities after 11:30 am.
Investment in Character Campaign Underway

Investment in Character is our annual fundraising campaign that gives families, friends, alumni, business and community organizations the chance to support Scouting in the Heart of America Council. It allows the council to provide the resources necessary to make sure every youth can benefit from Scouting’s fun, exciting, adventure-filled activities that foster character, honesty, respect and life-long values.

Why do we have an Investment in Character campaign? Each year, your $24 annual Scouting registration fee goes directly to the BSA’s national office. If a Scouting unit collects dues, that money stays with the unit. By investing in the Heart of America Council’s Investment in Character campaign, you make sure the necessary funds are available to:

- Recruit and train youth and leaders
- Provide assistance to those in need
- Keep our camps and activities affordable
- Enhance programming and facilities
- Provide communication tools and a framework of organization for volunteer leaders

Investment in Character contributions provide over 20% of the support the council receives each year. The success of Scouting depends on those who support it. Please help the Heart of America provide the resources necessary to make sure every youth has the opportunity to participate in Scouting. Your generous tax-deductible gift to the Boy Scouts of America provides direct funding for educational initiatives and active learning that program fees and unit dues do not cover — it is a statement about your belief in Scouting, our programs and properties.

Please consider a 2015 gift at your unit’s Investment in Character presentation or donate online at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Trailhead Scout Named Top Popcorn Salesman for 5th Consecutive Year

That’s right…Nicholas Kost has done it again! Nick knocked on over 2,400 doors and sold more than $7,000 in popcorn this year to claim his fifth consecutive top seller title.

Through his impressive sales streak, Nick has earned a trip to the 2015 World Jamboree in Japan, has more than paid for his Scouting program and has learned some of the best salesman-ship skills ever.

In Nick’s short popcorn career he has sold nearly $35,000 in popcorn all by himself.

While many Scouts have attempted to top Nick’s sales records, each seem to fall shy. Now of course his success would not be possible without the support of his parents Patrick and Cathy who will tell you from the second week in September through December, “it’s popcorn season!”

We asked Nick what makes him a great salesman. His response…“Listen to my customers, thank them. Don’t get discouraged. Knock on every door.” Pretty sound advice for any Scout hoping to one day become our next top seller.

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In Memory of:

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- Ronald E Brockman
  Friends at John Deer Advertising
  Georgia Hopwood
  MG & DA Mountford
  Barbara Peters
  Daniel Peters
  Dianne Smith
  Marcia Young
- Milton Ted Cox
  Mic Finn
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  Van & Cami Dunlap
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  Skip & Laurie Fitzsimmons
  Patricia Haynes
  Kent Hobert
  The Knox Family
  Steven & Vanessa Meyer
  Brian & Kim Sheets
  Jamie & Juari Trubroha
  Monty Weston
- Ronald Johnson
  Mic Finn

In Honor of:

- Matthew Kavanaugh
  Kurt & Stephanie Kavanaugh
- Jeff Richardson
  Judith & Kent Richardson

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 Jeremy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.
SAVE THE DATE — 2015 Tribal Celebration

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Tribal Celebration on May 29 – 31. A rich tradition of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, the weekend long celebration will offer wonderful fellowship, fun, and of course food! Make sure to save the date and stay alert for more information regarding registration this spring.

Brave Round-ups

The Tribe welcomed 910 new Braves in 2014! These new Braves gathered on January 31, 2015 to receive further instructions on valuable information. For new Braves who missed the January round-up, one final opportunity to meet will be held on February 28, 2015, from 8:30 am to 12 pm at the KCMO Police Academy. Parents are also invited to attend. Contact the Council Camping Department at (816) 942-9333 for more information.

Bartle Camp Leader Orientation

Each year it is important for a representative from each unit that will be attending camp to attend one of our Camp Leader Orientation meetings. Attendees will receive the new Leader's Guide and Program Guide and will learn about all the changes happening at camp for the coming year. Orientation meetings are also a great venue to have all your camp questions answered.

H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Orientation Meetings

*All meetings begin at 7:00 pm

- Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
  Lee's Summit Christian Church  
  800 NE Tudor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64086

- Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
  Kansas City Police Academy  
  6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd,  
  Kansas City, MO 64119

- Thursday, March 12, 2015  
  Center of Grace  
  520 S. Harrison, Olathe, KS 66061

Questions? Contact the Council Camping Department at (816) 942-9333 or visit www.scoutcamping.org.

Spring Webelos STEM Weekend

Webelos STEM Weekend is back at Bartle April 25-26. All participants will enjoy a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) themed program that will include robotics, geocaching, chemistry and more. Scouts will also experience traditional camp favorites like shooting sports, climbing and slingshots.

Cost is only $30. Space is limited so register today at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Be an Innovator! Contribute to Mini-Camp Fun and Learning.

We need your help creating more Mini-Camp opportunities for Scouts. Who do you know that you want to get involved or more involved? Those with the character and temperament to be great merit badge counselors and enthusiastic to share their knowledge, training and skill in teaching Scouts? Is this you?

Volunteer as a Mini-Camp Program Leader or Counselor for the following Merit Badges:
- Emergency Preparedness
- Search & Rescue
- Wilderness Survival
- Weather
- Geology
- Surveying

Naish Boy Scout Camp to Offer 49 Different Merit Badges

We’re gearing up for another unforgettable summer. Here’s a few highlights of what to expect in 2015.
- New Merit Badges: Fire Safety, Mining in Society, Movie Making, Painting, Plant Science, Rowing, Welding
- Six Merit Badges required for Eagle Scout
- Off-site transportation for Golf Merit Badge at Sunflower Hills Golf Course and Canoeing and Kayaking Merit Badges at Wyandotte County Lake
- Exciting Outpost Programs: Action Archery, Black Powder Barbeque, Critter Supper Club, Disc Golf, Frontiersman Village, Indian Village, Martinek Mountain Bike Program, and Rock Challenge
- Younger Scouts can take the Trailblazer Program, designed specifically to help them advance through their first 3 ranks in Boy Scouts with instruction on campfire cooking, knot tying and first aid
- Adult training opportunities including Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training, Outdoor Leader Skills, Youth Protection Training, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense

Naish Camp Leader Orientation

The 2015 Camp Naish team will offer two Camp Leader Orientation Meetings in March. At least one registered adult Scouter who will be camping with the unit this summer should attend just one of these Orientation Meetings.

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2015 OA Dues

Each member of the Order of the Arrow needs to pay his or her dues on a yearly basis. Dues for Tamegonit Lodge are only $10 per person. All dues should be paid no later than February 28, 2015. You can now pay dues online at http://oadues2015.kintera.org/

OA Service Projects

Join us on February 21 at the Naish Trading Post to help the lodge continue its service to camp by doing a pre-season cleaning. There’s no cost to help out, and we’ll even feed you lunch that day. Sign-up at http://oaserviceproject.kintera.org.

Unit Elections

Unit Elections should be well underway. We encourage all units to complete their OA unit election by March 31 so that those youth elected and adults nominated have every opportunity to attend an Induction event in 2015. You can schedule your unit’s OA election through your Chapter Chief or his Chapter Election Team.

OA Induction Weekend at Bartle

Tamegonit Lodge will again this year hold an Induction weekend at Bartle, serving troops in the southeastern area of the council. The Lodge is excited to continue providing service to the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation where many of our members spend their summers and weekends throughout their Scouting career. Look for induction packets at your February Roundtable and online at www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

OA National Director Addresses 2015 Winter Banquet

Clyde Mayer, National Director of the Order of the Arrow, was the honored guest and Keynote Speaker at the January 3 OA Winter Banquet. 323 Arrowmen kicked off the OA’s Centennial anniversary, gathering again this year at the classic Uptown Theater. Mr. Mayer expressed his appreciation for the council’s and Tamegonit Lodge’s leadership and influence on Scouting nationwide.

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2015 Induction Schedule

May 1-3 — Spring Induction #1 @ Naish
May 15-17 — Spring Induction #2 @ Naish
June 10-11 — Summer Induction #1 @ Naish
June 17-18 — Summer Induction #2 @Naish
August 14-16 — Fall Induction #1 @ Bartle
August 28-30 — Fall Induction #2 @ Naish

Section C-5B Conclave

April 17-19 — Camp Arrowhead

This year’s Section Conclave will be at Camp Arrowhead, Missouri. You can look forward to ceremonies and dance competitions, shooting sports, quality training, inter-lodge competitions, and electing the new Section youth leadership. The Lodge has a goal of having at over 100 OA members to Section Conclave. To help make that happen, all youth (OA members under 21 years of age by April 17, 2015) who register for Section Conclave by Friday, March 13 at 5:00 pm will receive a vintage Naish camp shirt FREE, as part of their paid registration!
WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

Webelos Camp 2015 will feature the BRAND NEW National Webelos programming adventures and elective requirements! Make memories that last with this two-night, three-day camping experience for first and second year Webelos.

**FIRST YEAR PROGRAM** includes activities like: Aquanaut, Archery, BB-Guns, Build It, Building a Better World, Camper, First Responder, and Into the Wild

**SECOND YEAR PROGRAM** includes activities like: Action Archery (NEW), Adventures in Science, BB-Guns, Earth Rocks, Into the Woods, Rappelling and Rockets

Online registration is now available at [www.scoutcamping.org](http://www.scoutcamping.org).

### 2015 Webelos Camp Fees

- On or Before 4/29/15 — $145.00
- After 4/29/15 — $155.00

### 2015 Webelos Leader Orientation Meetings:

- Tuesday, April 7 — Camp Naish — 7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 9 — Camp Naish — 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 11 — Council Service Center — 10:00 am

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DAY CAMP 2015

**KNIGHTS IN TRAINING**

Our 2015 Day Camp teams are putting the final touches on what promises to be the most exciting camping season yet. Day Camp is a great way for Cub Scouts to experience the thrill of the outdoors all while being close to home.

This year’s theme — **KNIGHTS IN TRAINING** — will introduce Cub Scouts to the ultimate medieval adventure. Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts, including Kindergarten graduates, and typically runs 4-5 days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily. Camps are geographically located throughout the Heart of America Council for the convenience of our Scouting families.

Cost is only $60 if registered by April 10, 2015. The cost increases to $70 starting April 11. Please register as a pack at [http://daycamp.kintera.org](http://daycamp.kintera.org).

BEAR RESIDENT CAMP

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World**

Bear Camp 2015 will feature the BRAND NEW National Cub Scout Program!

Join your Scout for a one-night, two-day introduction to the Boy Scout summer camp experience. As a one-on-one camping adventure, every youth attending Bear Resident Camp must have an adult partner.

Leaders can register their packs for Bear Camp online beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015. Online registration will remain available until all sessions reach capacity. Register online at [www.scoutcamping.org](http://www.scoutcamping.org).

The 2015 Bear Camp fee is $65.00 if paid on or before April 29, 2015 or $75.00 after. The cost for Den Chiefs is $30.00 if paid before April 29, 2015 or $35.00 after.
Council Plans Contingent to Scotland

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

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

Host an International Scout in 2015

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

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

New Equestrian Venturing Crew

Interested in horses? Check out the new Crew 2829. Crew activities will be equine related and include horse judging, learning different riding techniques, tours to horse barns, and much more.

The sponsor is Equestrian Heights of Kansas City and the group meets at Holsman Stable near Grandview.

For more information contact Stephanie Regalia at Stephanie.regalia@scouting.org or (816) 896-6689 or Peter Grassl at pogbowman@gmail.com or (913) 481-5469.

Venturing Leadership Award Nominations

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

2015-16 Venturing Officer Association Youth Nominations

Each year, youth are selected to serve as members of the Council’s Venturing Officers Association (VOA). All nominations MUST be submitted to the Council Service Center on or before March 1, 2015. Download the nomination form at www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.
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. The program can be scheduled as an overnight for an additional fee. Cost includes the program, admission into SEA LIFE Aquarium Kansas City and a behind the scenes tour.

To book your troop, please email KCGroups@merlinentertainments.biz or call 816-556-3234.
WOOD BADGE —
www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge

Wood Badge is training for adult leaders from all Scouting programs. It provides participants with firsthand knowledge regarding how teams develop and achieve excellence. Participants take part in an active learning process through involvement in planning, development, presentation and assessment. Participants will enjoy a world-class learning experience that will strengthen their long-term commitment to Scouting and provide them with valuable leadership skills.

Spring 2015 course will be held April 10-12 and April 24-26.
Fall 2015 course will be held September 11-13 and October 2-4.
Both courses will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Register today, space is limited!

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

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

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

VFW Scout of the Year Scholarships

Think you have what it takes to be named the Scout of the Year? The Veterans of Foreign Wars will recognize three individuals with scholarships this year in the amounts of $5,000, $3,000 and $1,000. Applicants must be Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, or Venturing Gold or Silver Award recipients.

HOW TO APPLY: Scouts should submit the completed VFW Scouting Scholarship form, resume of high school activities, Scouting record, community service record and letters of recommendation to a local VFW Post no later than March 2. Visit www.vfw.org/Community Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship to download the official scholarship form or to learn more.

Medal of Honor Recipient Gives Lesson in American Heritage

Retired Army Colonel and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Roger H.C. Donlon, visited with more than 20 Boy Scouts on December 6, 2014, at the National World War I Museum at the Liberty Memorial to help Scouts earn their American Heritage Merit Badge.

One of the requirements for the American Heritage Merit Badge is for Scouts to interview two military veterans. Ret. Col. Donlon, the first recipient of the nation’s highest military award for valor during the Vietnam War, graciously volunteered to answer the Scouts’ questions at the semi-annual event. He also shared with the Scouts a World War I compass that his father had given to him when he was a Scout.

Victor Dutel..............................Big Muddy
Elijah Clutter..............................Big Muddy
Ken Horrell..............................Blue Elk
John Williamson.........................Blue Elk
BJ Straw.................................Lone Bear
Al High.................................Lone Bear
Tom Lanio..............................North Star
John Cookingham, Jr.................North Star
Caleb Weins.............................Red-Tailed Hawk
Austin Kuklenski.......................Thunderbird
Amber Woodrome.......................Thunderbird
Dick Schmidt...........................Trailhead
Mike Baska..............................Trailhead
Todd Whiteley..........................Trails West
H. Roe Bartle’s Philosophy on Camping

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

A
fter visiting Camp Dan Sayre in Noel, Missouri, new Scout Executive H. Roe Bartle quickly realized that he needed something more interesting and different to retain older Scouts. One of the keys to keeping younger Scouts entering the program was to keep the older role models interested in Scouting. The younger soon to be Scouts looked up to the older boys in school and church, and followed along their path. The Kansas City Council had camped at Noel, Missouri for several years and the novelty was beginning to wear off.

Bartle was quoted in the 1929 summer edition of the Kansas City Scout as saying “I can't look on a fellow as a true Scout unless he knows how to look after himself in the woods, can hump his pack, can find his way, can build his shack, can cook his grub, and can take his full share of work with the rest of the bunch — with always a smile and never a grouch.” The council was experimenting with a number of camps to allow the Scout to accomplish all of this in 1929.

In 1929, the council offered the following camp experiences for older Scouts:

▶ Camp Roosevelt in Benedict, Kansas for older Scouts
▶ Rotary Camp in Lee Summit, Missouri for African American Scouts
▶ Camp Keane at Bean Lake, Missouri for Sea Scouts
▶ Camp Swinney in Stover, Missouri for employed Scouts

Bartle would soon seek another alternative for the 1930 summer camp season to solve the council’s summer camp issues.

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

Rare sash with Session 1 and Session 2 Camp Dan Sayre patches, Outpost patch, Camp Troop One and Two patches, Camp Roosevelt Patch, Honor Scout — 1929 and Satisfactory Scout 1928 patches, Camp Swinney patch, Honor Troop 1929 and “Four-M” Honor Camping Society 1928 patch.
The “Challenge” Returns This Spring

2015 SCOUTStrong Challenge
May 16, 2015

Are you up to the challenge? Find out on May 16 at the 3rd annual SCOUTStrong Challenge Half Marathon and 5K. This year’s event is open to Scouts and runners of all ages and will begin and end on the track of the Kansas Speedway.

2015 RACE FEATURES:
▶ Half Marathon Prize Purse
▶ Chip time, instant results
▶ Unique custom medal
▶ Certified course
▶ Custom Technical shirts for all runners
▶ Post-race party with food, beverages and music
▶ Awards for top finishers in all age groups

Register today at www.scoutstrongchallenge.org.

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**2014 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

- **District hours**: 4,640
- **Hours per scout**: 6.0

**2014 CAMPING**

- **Cub Scout**: 70.4%
- **Boy Scout**: 88.2%

**March**

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

3. **District Roundtable, 7:30 pm**
   Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Hwy, Lexington, MO

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

28. **District Pinewood Derby, 9:00 am**
   Wellington-Napoleon Elementary Gym, 800 Missouri 131, Wellington, MO

**April**

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

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**Community Honors Dr. Ross with Good Scout Award**

On December 16, members from the Carrollton community gathered at the Carroll County Memorial Hospital to honor Dr. Marvin “Pete” Ross with the Good Scout Award. State Representative Joe Don McGAugh chaired the event and helped ensure more than 30 community members attended the event. Jared Smith shared his Scouting experience and told the audience about his older brother’s Eagle project. Mike Rice, Eagle Scout class of 1970, gave a history of Scouting in the United States. Thank you to Joe Don McGAugh, Jeff Thindle, and Kevin Walden for all their help with the Good Scout Award Breakfast.

**Troop 1414 Welcomes New Wood Badge Trained Leaders**

Phillip Smith and Nicholas Belmore, Troop 1414, Carrollton, were honored with their Wood Badge beads, neckerchief, Woggle, and certificate at their troop meeting on December 8. Congratulations to Phillip and Nicholas on their accomplishments!

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**Big Muddy Gets in the Christmas Spirit**

December was very active with Christmas parties all across the Big Muddy District. Santa even took some time out of his schedule to visit Pack 4324 in Richmond and Pack 4120 in Odessa spent some time making some Christmas cards for area nursing homes before opening presents.

**Big Muddy Roundtable**

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church. Please make sure your unit has someone there to pick up materials and relay information. 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! January and February were very active with Pokitanou Chapter Elections.
2015 Day Camp Theme Revealed: "Knights In Training"

The Blue Elk District Day Camp Staff is hard at work planning this summer’s "Knights in Training" Day Camp. Scouts will shoot BB guns and bows and arrows, work on badges and belt loops, learn about science and nature, and even scale our climbing tower. Going to camp is a wonderful part of the Cub Scouting experience and helps your pack earn Scouting’s Journey to Excellence and Summertime Pack Awards.

The pack must provide leadership and adult supervision for their Cub Scouts who attend Day Camp, plus provide for transportation to and from camp. It is recommended that packs have at least one registered adult leader attend camp for every five to six Cub Scouts. Camp takes place rain or shine, is easy to sign up for, and provides a lifetime of treasured memories.

Online registration is now open at www.scoutcamping.org. Questions? Contact Raymond Miller, Day Camp Director, at (816) 229-4897 or BEdaycamp@gmail.com.

Cub Christmas Craft

By Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk Public Relations Chair

Coventry Baptist Church in Independence hosted the annual Cub Christmas Craft event on December 6. Cub Scouts and their families from Independence, Blue Springs, and Grain Valley created ornaments, cards, and other projects to celebrate the holiday season. Laura Milam, the organizer of the event, was pleased with the attendance and the efforts of her staff to bring new crafts to the Cubs every year.

Robbie Campbell helps his sons Noah and Jacob, Pack 326, create the perfect Christmas ornament.

Dalton M., Pack 546, receives some Christmas Craft pointers from Karen O’Riley.
Post Explores Future of Medicine

Kansas City, Kansas School District students received hands on experience in the Orthopedic Department at KU Medical Center on November 5. Students not only got to tour the department, but they were also able to see the history of bone replacements and how they are used today, see and touch a cadaver arm, and use simulation machines to practice drilling into a bone.

Interested in joining one of our Medical Posts? Visit www.exploringkc.org.

New Post Gives KC Cub Scouts a Lesson in Entrepreneurship

By Katrina Markel, Silicon Prairie News

On November 22, a small group of Kansas City area Cub Scouts got a chance to learn a little about what it means to be an entrepreneur. The Youth Entrepreneurship Outreach Workshop (YEOW) was the brainchild of Matt Thomas, a Kansas City Cub Scout leader who was searching for ways to teach his scouts about entrepreneurship. Eventually, he began working with Adam Arredondo, co-founder of the Center of Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Development (CEED), and together the pair launched Explorer Post 816.

Typically, Explorer Posts are centered on more traditional careers such as law enforcement, healthcare or aviation, but Explorer Post 816 concentrates on entrepreneurship. Another aspect of Explorer Post 816 is to visit other entrepreneurs to get insight on their business. Explorers recently made a visit to Pinstripes in Overland Park on November 5. The students had the opportunity to meet with the company’s Founder and CEO, Dale Schwartz.

Learn more about Exploring and Post 816 at www.exploringkc.org.
Boy Scouts of America’s Mission Statement. Programs will take place at schools within the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area. Programs run after school from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Flexible hours. Pay starts at $10 per hour and can increase upon performance. A background check is required. Scouting background is preferred.

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

Scouting Service

The Scouts of Pack 4136, Ingels Elementary School, read books to patients at the Life Care Center of Grandview. They also excitedly presented the center with boxes of Boy Scout popcorn for the patients to enjoy. Giving back to the community is an integral part of the Scouting program. Participating in a community service project not only makes our neighborhoods better places to live, but it also teaches our Scouts a valuable lesson. If there are any projects or opportunities within the community that you would like our Scouts to assist with, contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.

Upcoming Campouts

- February 13, 14, 15 — Frontier Campout at Naish
  1100 Martinek Lane Kansas City, KS

- March 7 — Troop 42 Campout at Watkins Mill State Park
  26600 Park Rd N, Lawson, MO

Scouts can look forward to food, games and activities that range from pioneering to earning their Cooking Merit Badge. These will definitely be great events and we look forward to camping as many youth as possible. For inquiries please contact Pauline Rios (816) 569-4960 or Pauline.Rios@scouting.org.

General Motors Pinewood Derby

Start your engines… it’s time for the General Motors Pinewood Derby! This year’s race will take place March 28 at the General Motors Fairfax Plant, 3201 Fairfax Trfy, Kansas City, KS. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the race will begin at 9:00 am. More than 250 Scouts are expected to participate. The event will also include a silent auction with proceeds benefitting the council's Scouting program. For more information about the Pinewood Derby contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.
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2014 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
15,823 district hours
7.6 hours per scout

2014 CAMPING

| Cub Scout | 65.5% | 60.4% |
| Boy Scout |

March

5 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church,
405 Morse St, Bonner Springs, KS

12 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
LDS Church,
8616 Haskell Ave, Kansas City, KS

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

21-23 Kaw District Klondike Derby
Kenneth Bernard Park, Lansing, KS

April

2 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church,
405 Morse St, Bonner Springs, KS

Day Camp Early Bird Deadline Fast Approaching

Are you ready for the Kaw District “Knights inTraining” Day Camp? Our Day Camp Staff would like to remind you that the early bird deadline to register for $60 is April 10, 2015. After that the cost goes up to $70. The Kaw Day Camp will be held at Camp Naish June 1–5.

District Welcomes New District Chair and Commissioner

The Kaw District would like congratulate our new District Chairman, Andrew Cameron. Andrew is a lifelong Scouter starting as a Tiger Cub in Pack 3165. He continued on in Scouting becoming a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and served on the Naish Camp Staff for 10 years. Andrew is an Eagle Scout from Troop 165 in Lansing, KS.

Andrew graduated from Creighton University with a degree in Business Administration. He is the owner of Daylight Donuts of Kansas City and serves on the Board of Directors of the Lansing Education Foundation and the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce.

The Kaw District would also like to congratulate our new District Commissioner, Larry Strickland. Larry has been in Scouting for over 35 years and is an Eagle Scout from Troop 301. He is a Brotherhood Member in Order of the Arrow and a Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Larry has held almost every leadership position in Scouting from Tiger Cub Assistant Den Leader to Assistant District Commissioner. He also holds a Commissioner College Doctorate.

Larry is currently the Manager of Data Center Systems at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City. He is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

On Behalf of the Kaw District, we welcome both Andrew and Larry into their new District Positions. To learn more about district operations, please contact Andrew at randrewcameron@me.com or Larry at outdoors1963@gmail.com.

Register Today for Kaw’s Klondike Derby

Can you handle the cold temperatures? Be part of the Kaw District’s largest Boy Scout event, the Klondike Derby! This year’s event will be held at Camp Naish February 20-22, 2015. For more information contact Steve Henry at scoutmaster167@aol.com
LONE BEAR

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**Lone Bear Officers**

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**2014 Community Service Hours**

- **13,716** district hours
- **13.4** hours per scout

**2014 Camping**

- **13.4** percent
- **87.7** percent

**March**

- **3** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
  - 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO
- **3** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO
- **10** District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

**April**

- **7** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
  - 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO
- **7** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

**District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**

- First United Methodist Church,
  - 141 East Gay St, Warrensburg, MO

**District Recognition Dinner**

Join us as we recognize some of our outstanding adult volunteers in the Lone Bear District. The annual Lone Bear District Recognition Dinner will be held at the Clinton Elks Lodge at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 17. We will recognize the recipients of the District Award of Merit, Silver Bear, Lonely Bear, Torch of Gold, and all 2014 Eagle Scouts.

**Day Camp 2015 — “Knights in Training”**

Here ye, here ye! The Lone Bear Royal Court is calling one and all to attend Knights in Training! The Lone Bear Day Camp will be held at Artesian Park in Clinton, MO June 8-12. All Cub Scouts are invited to attend. Test your skills in balloon jousting, dragon origami, and make your own royal throne! Parents/leaders are needed as well to lead these young Knights in Training. Sign up by April 10 and the fee is ONLY $60. If you register after that date, the fee is $70. Interested being a part of our Day Camp Staff? Contact Allison Bolt, Day Camp Director, at (660) 441-7113 or allison.duchesne@gmail.com.

**Reel in Fun at Spring Camporee**

Get ready to get your line wet and haul in some trout. The 2015 Spring camporee will be held at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, MO. The event dates are May 1-3. Scouts will get to tie flies and practice using a fly rod. It is rumored that there will be giveaways as well. Cost is $7 per person. All units attending camporee will need to file a tour plan with the Heart of America Council. Contact Jon Cerda at gundogpro@gmail.com for more information.

**Welcome Pack 4237**

We would like to welcome Pack 4237 from Butler, MO to the Lone Bear District family. Butler has been without Scouting for about two years now, but some eager parents changed all that. If you happen to meet any of the leaders from the new pack, please introduce yourself!

**Be Featured in Adventures in Scouting**

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

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**Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America**

February/March 2015
This will be the 22nd running of the North Star District Pinewood Derby. There will be fun skits and surprises during the event including a “Run What You Brung” track set-up, so everyone can race a car and earn a patch! For more information contact RaceMaster Sean McCombs at seanmac614@yahoo.com.

**2014 Year in Review: Advancement**

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**North Star District Dinner**

The North Star District Dinner was held on Saturday, January 24 at Finnigan’s Hall in North Kansas City. The District recognized all of the Eagle Scouts of the past year as well as the award recipients — including the District Award of Merit winners. Special guests included Kenn Miller, Heart of America Scout Executive, Anthony Escobar, Assistant Director of Field Service, and new District Chairman, Ted Wilson. Congratulations to all our award recipients and the 2014 Class of Eagle Scouts!

**April**

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<td>KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO</td>
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<td>District Committee &amp; District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm</td>
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<td>Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th St, Liberty, MO</td>
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**Let it Snow! Klondike 2015**

SNOW!!! We have had a little snow this winter, but with six weeks to go, Klondike Commander Phil Symmonds has ordered a good dose from the National Weather Service. The Derby will be held on the weekend of February 21 at Smithville Lake. As you all know, the Derby is a fun and exciting time for Scouts and Scouters in the North Star District to show their cold-weather Scouting skills. It is also a great time for fun, adventure, and an opportunity to show how fast sleds can go in the rain, snow, or sunshine. Learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/north-star-activities.

**Racer’s Get Ready! Pinewood Derby 2015**

On Saturday, February 7, the fastest Pinewood Derby racers from each unit in the North Star District will gather to see who takes the top prize...GRAND CHAMPION!

Racing will take place at Maple Woods Community College in the Campus Center — Arbor Room.

**RACE SCHEDULE:**

- **Tigers** — Check in at 8:00 am, racing begins at 9:00 am
- **Wolves** — Check in at 9:30 am, racing begins at 10:30 am
- **Bears** — Check in at 11:00 am, racing begins at 12:00 pm
- **Webelos 1** — Check in at 12:30 pm, racing begins at 1:30 pm
- **Webelos 2** — Check in at 2:00 pm, racing begins at 3:00 pm
- **Championships** — Check in at 4:00 pm, racing begins at 5:00 pm
District Pinewood Derby Returns
March 7

Start your engines! The top three finishers in your Pack are invited to race head-to-head at the District Pinewood Derby in March. The race will be held at Hope Lutheran Church and School, with check-in on Friday from 6:00-8:00 pm. Cost is $12 per pack. All registrations must be received by Feb. 28!

Meet Our District Intern

My name is Chrissy Hatcher and I am the Northern Tier District Intern. Currently, I am nearing the completion of my degree in Parks and Recreation Management from Northwest Missouri State University and plan to graduate in May of 2015. My dad is newly retired from the Army after thirty years of service which has given me an opportunity to live all over the world and experience various cultures. While I am new to Scouting, I have been learning a lot about the program and am enjoying this new experience in my life. When I am not working, I enjoy being outdoors, eating food, and spending time with my two dogs, KC and Chief.

Thanks For A Great Year

Thank you for an outstanding 2014! We leave you with a picture of Shawnee Riverfront Park taken during Camporee 2014 at Shawnee Riverfront Park. We are looking forward to more fun ahead in 2015.

Eagles from Troop 394 Honored

Three Eagle Scouts from Troop 394 in Shawnee received some good news in December…Each were nominated by their Congressman to attend a Military Academy in 2015. Shawn Bowen — Army, Alex Quinn — Navy, and Conner Galbraith — Air Force. They join another Eagle from Troop 394, Tony Broll, who recently graduated from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Congratulations to these distinguished Eagle Scouts. Thank you for your service to our Nation!
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2014 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

6,342 district hours
6.1 hours per scout

2014 CAMPING

2014 CAMPING

March
5 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church,
1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
5 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church,
1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
19 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church,
2415 Clinton Pkwy, Lawrence, KS

April
2 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church,
1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
2 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church,
1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
4 Scouting for Food Flyer Placement

11 Scouting for Food Pickup Day
16 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church,
2415 Clinton Pkwy, Lawrence, KS
18 “Storm the Kasold”
(Spring Recruitment Event)

District to Achieve Record Investment in Character Goal in 2015
With your support, Scouting helps ordinary kids become extraordinary adults. John Rowe is chairing our 2015 Family Investment in Character campaign. During the months of February, March and April, each unit in the Pelathe District is asked to provide time for a brief presentation at a Blue and Gold, Court of Honor or any other meeting well attended by families. This presentation explains how the Heart of America Council is funded and provides an opportunity for families to contribute.

Please welcome and support your Investment in Character presenter as they do their crucial job. The Pelathe District needs everyone’s support to reach our $32,000 Family Campaign goal in 2015.

Knights in Training to Take Over Fairgrounds in June
Kathleen Gordon-Ross and Brian Workman are planning an exciting program for our 2015 “Knights in Training” Cub Scout Day Camp. The camp will be held June 1-4 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Scouting for Food — A Pelathe Scouting Tradition for 29 Years
Scouting for Food is a long-standing tradition in the Pelathe District. This April will mark the 29th year that Scouts have conducted a one-day, district-wide food drive to help the less fortunate. In 2014, more than 10,000 food items were collected by our Scouts on a single day.

Help Webelos Scouts Continue Their Scouting Adventure
The transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts is a time when we as Scout leaders have tremendous opportunity. It is crucial that we work with parents to help them understand the importance and benefits of crossing over to Boy Scouts.

• Follow up with each Scout and his parents who have visited your troop
• Recognize graduating Webelos Scouts during the pack Blue and Gold Banquet. Include the future Scoutmaster in the recognition ceremony. Consider providing a Boy Scout handbook to each graduating Webelos.
• Encourage parents to become involved with the troop as a way to continue to be a part of their son’s Scouting adventure.
• If graduating Webelos Scouts have sold popcorn, consider transferring funds to his new troop.
• At the Blue and Gold Banquet, take both individual and group photos of your graduating Webelos and post them on the Pelathe District Facebook page.

The experiences of Cub Scouting establish a foundation that we can build upon through Boy Scouting and into their adult lives. Please be sure that each graduating Webelos has that opportunity.
**Scouting with Satch, Dizzy and the Duke**

Troop 1292, chartered by the American Jazz Museum in the historic 18th and Vine District learns Scouting skills at their meetings surrounded by the history of Jazz and Negro Leagues Baseball Legends such as Duke Ellington and Satchel Paige. Troop 292's Scoutmaster, Reggie Hill, believes in the importance of bridging the history of the 18th and Vine District with Scouting in the lives of these young men.

**Champions in Football and Scouting**

Scoutmasters often hear from parents and Scouts that sports and other after-school activities get in the way and that is a reason why many who join Scouting don’t stay in the program. But don’t tell these Eagle Scouts that. Here are 9 Eagle Scouts from the Shawnee Mission East Football Team, 2014 Kansas 6A State Champions! The Pioneer Trails District is represented on the team by Scouts from St. Andrews and Country Club Christian.

**One of the more interesting ways to hold an Eagle Board of Review**

On November 28, Tom Rebecchi, Troop 80 Eagle Advisor, received a call from Azerbaijan from Zachary Palmer, a Troop 80 Scout wanting to know what was needed to complete his trail to Eagle.

Zachary's mother is a teacher at Baku International Trails High School and Zachary spends each summer with Troop 80 attending camp at Bartle. The Troop held his Scoutmaster conference on December 3 by phone two days before his 18th birthday on December 5. The Troop Committee got together on December 6 at 9:00 am central time, 7:00 pm Azerbaijan time, to finish his Eagle Board by phone. Congratulations Zachary!

**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
Red-Tailed Hawk Officers

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2014 Community Service Hours
11,087 district hours
4.1 hours per scout

RTH Cub Scouts Prepare to Become Knights

June 15-19 — Old Lake Olathe Golf Course

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! The Nobles are gathering for merriment and contests!

What does your pack need to do to prepare for our Knights in Training Day Camp?

1. Appoint a Pack Day Camp Coordinator who will provide their contact information to the Camp Directors. This person will be responsible for ensuring the accurate and timely registration for your boys.
2. Get the dates (June 15-19) on your pack calendars ASAP to avoid families scheduling vacations during that time.
3. Tell stories about camp adventures at your pack meetings to generate excitement. Remember, Day Camp is for all ranks and prospective boys. Your pack should schedule a visit by the Day Camp Team.
4. Get families excited! Registration is open and is only $60 through April 10.

For more information contact RTH Day Camp Director, Mike Domer, at mike@kansastrio.com or (816) 853-5610 or visit www.hoac-bsa.org/red-tailed-hawk-day-camp.

Red-Tailed Hawk Welcomes New District Chair

For the past 3 years, Cathy Puls has served as our District Chair. We appreciate all the time and effort she has put in to make our district so successful. The Red-Tailed Hawk District would like to thank Cathy for her service to Scouting.

Simultaneously, the Red-Tailed Hawk District welcomes a new District Chair, Dan Kerling. Dan has been an active member of Troop 315 chartered through Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Dan has also served as the Red-Tailed Hawk District Vice Chair for the past year. We are excited to work with Dan to continue to improve Scouting programs in our district.

2014 Camping

| Cub Scout | 11,087 | 4.1 |
| Boy Scout | 11,087 | 4.1 |

March

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

12 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS

12 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS

14 District Pinewood Derby

19 Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm
Colonial Presbyterian, 12501 W 137 St, Overland Park, KS

24 Olathe Community Investment in Character Event

RTH Day Camp?

SCAN NOW TO REGISTER

We hope to see you at the Red-Tailed Hawk District Day Camp in June!
April

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

District Recognition Banquet and Silent Auction

Now is the time to register for the Annual District Recognition Banquet and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 21. This is an amazing evening hosted at the Armacost Museum. We will not only celebrate the individual achievements of those in the district, but also all that we achieved in 2014 as a district. Registration is now available at www.hoac-bsa.org/thunderbird-activities.

DISTRICT AWARDS

- **District Award of Merit**, the highest recognition a Scouting District can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to a registered volunteer Scouter(s) for noteworthy service to youth.
- **Silver Acorn**, recognizes Scouters that have gone above and beyond the call of the duty. Service to Scouting is “noteworthy” and individuals exhibit Scouting Spirit and live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.
- **Silver Oakleaf**, recognizes the spouse of a Scouter who has given of themselves so that their husband or wife could serve the Scouting movement in a “noteworthy” manner.
- **Ernie Modlin Scoutmaster Award**, recognizes outstanding achievements of a current Scoutmaster.
- **Merle McConnell Cubmaster Award**, recognizes outstanding achievements of a current Cubmaster.

Knights in Training Day Camp

Do you have what it takes to be a knight??
This year’s Thunderbird Day Camp theme is Knights in Training, perfect for you medieval aficionados. We will be operating a twilight time framed camp for any registered Cub Scout, including those who just finished Kindergarten, from 2-8 pm from June 22-26. We are always in need of Lords and Ladies to help in the training of our future Knights of the Thunderbird Table. If you are able to help, please let James Montigny know at jmontign@yahoo.com or (816) 695-9982. Online registration is now open at www.scoutcamping.org.

Winter Klondike

On January 17, the Arctic Frost Klondike Derby took place at Longview Lake. A vast amount of fun was had across the tundra, with many a young man earning winter camping recognition and survival skills.
Trailhead

TRAILHEAD

February/March 2015

Trailhead Officers

2014 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

14,816 district hours

3.6 hours per scout

81.8%

89.2%

2014 CAMPING

Cub Scout

Boy Scout

March

5 Scouting Resource Forum, 7:00 pm
Jewish Community Center,
5801 W 115th St, Overland Park, KS

5 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Jewish Community Center,
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12 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Merrill Lynch, 3
401 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS

April

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9 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Merrill Lynch,
3401 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS

For the most updated information or to find if there have been any changes to the event schedule, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.

2015 Trailhead Day Camp

We're excited to announce Trailhead Day Camp for 2015. We will be returning to Camp Timberlake June 8-12 for a medieval themed Day Camp experience!

When: June 8-12
Where: Camp Timberlake
Theme: Knights in Training
Key Staff: Camp Director — Will England
Program Director — Paul Hemenway
Asst. Program Director/Shooting Sports Director — Chuck Pacunski
PR/Communications — Richard Espinoza
Registrar — Pat Harvey
First Aid — Nikki England
Staff Advisor — Lizz Rhodus

CAMP PRICING:

January 5 – April 10 — $60
After April 10 — $70
At camp — $75
New Scouts — always $60

While we have our key staff in place, we are in need of additional volunteers to help with program areas, set up, and take down. We need help with everything from crafts and cooking to shooting sports and registration! Please contact Paul Hemenway if you’re interested in helping at phemenway@kc.surewest.net.

Follow the Trailhead Facebook page www.facebook.com/TrailheadDayCamp and subscribe to the Day Camp Leader Google Group google.com/forum/#!forum/trailhead-day-camp-leaders to ask questions and receive updates.

2015 Investment in Character

The 2015 Investment in Character Campaign is officially underway. This is a fundraising opportunity for families to support the Scouting program. Contact John McCabe, Family Investment in Character Chair, at (816) 352-9339 or johnmikemac@yahoo.com with questions or to schedule your unit’s Investment in Character presentation.

2014 top Council Popcorn seller, Nick Kost from Troop 257, taking popcorn orders.

2014 CAMPING

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Trailhead Program Team hard at work planning 2015 Day Camp

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Investment in Character

The 2015 Investment in Character Campaign is officially underway. Our goal is to have 100% of the units in the district participate in this important program that benefits the Heart of America Council and the programs offered to youth in our community and in the Greater Kansas City area. If you have not scheduled your presentation, please contact Jason Bledsoe at (816) 569-4984 or jason.bledsoe@scouting.org with the date that a presentation can be made to your unit. Thank you to all the units that have scheduled and had a presentation already for 2015!

2015 Merit Badge Forum — Merit Badges Around Town

February 28 & March 28

The 2015 Trails West Merit Badge Forum will take place on Saturday, February 28 (Day 1) and Saturday, March 28 (Day 2). Both sessions will be held from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at St. James Academy, 24505 Prairie Star Parkway, in Lenexa, KS. Scouts may begin a merit badge on Day 1 and will have the opportunity to finish it on Day 2. Courses include: American Cultures, Citizenship in the Community, Communication, Crime Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, First Aid, Journalism, Radio, Safety, and Sustainability.

Instructors are needed. Volunteer or recommend an expert by contacting Ellen McGurk at ellendmcgurk@gmail.com or (913) 780-1577.

Summer Camp 2015


Instructors are needed. Volunteer or recommend an expert by contacting Ellen McGurk at ellendmcgurk@gmail.com or (913) 780-1577.
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- **Venturing Chair**: Malinda Botwinik (913) 980-2430
- **Senior District Executive**: John Hobbs (816) 569-4983

**2014 Community Service Hours**

- **5,569** district hours
- **7.4** hours per scout

**2014 Cub Scout Camping**

- **901 6th St, Osawatomie, KS**
  - **Whistle Stop Café**, District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - **First Presbyterian Church**, District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm

**March**

1. **District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
   - Whistle Stop Café, 901 6th St, Osawatomie, KS
2. **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm**
   - First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS
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**Save the Date:**

**District Pinewood Derby**

April 25, 2015

- Races begin at 11:00 am
- Hosted by Pack 3099
- $5 entry fee per car

Questions? osawatomicpack3099@hotmail.com

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**A Royal BBQ Competition at District Dinner**

The 2015 District Dinner was held on January 24 at Town Square in Paola, KS. The district recognized the achievements and accomplishments of many dedicated leaders in 2014. It was a great event with a “BBQ & ROYALS” theme to reflect the great season of the Kansas City Royals in 2014. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Dan Buchman, Kelly Daggett, and Brock Guernsey for organizing the event.

**Investment in Character 2015**

The 2015 Investment in Character campaign is in full swing and we are working diligently toward our goal. This year our goal is $29,000. If you have yet to schedule your 2015 presentation, please email John Hobbs at john.hobbs@scouting.org. We look forward to a great campaign in 2015!

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**Youth of Today...Leaders of Tomorrow**

This year we are continuing to focus our efforts on year-round recruitment. This plan starts with each of you in the Twin Rivers District. Now is the time to have recruiting drives and efforts as a pack, troop or crew. Please work with Membership Chair Kelly Daggett and your Unit Commissioner to plan your events. Contact Kelly at osawatomicpack3099@hotmail.com.