Scout Day at the K

14,500 Scouts and Royals make history at the K

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Scouting...A Way of Life

For those of us who have been involved in Scouting our entire lives, sometimes we forget just how unique the Scouting program is in our fast paced world. Try to come up with another program that a boy can join in 1st grade and then continue for the rest of his life? While I’m sure there are a few, Scouting truly can become a “way of life”.

A Scouting volunteer recently shared with me an e-mail that he had received from the parent of a boy in their troop. Take a minute to read his comments below:

I was thinking after the meeting last night about what an achievement it is for any youth in today’s world to stick with something for 5 or 6 years. Consider this:

- The average career length for an NFL player is 3.5 years, NBA 4.8 years and MLB is 5.6 years.
- U.S. workers average job tenure is 4.6 years.
- The average college student takes 6 years to get a four-year degree.
- Of the 20 million youth in the U.S. that sign up yearly for team sports, almost 70 percent quit by the time they’re 13.

The average kid who continues in sports begins limiting themselves to one sport on average by age 14-15. It makes it tough for a kid to stay in a program like Scouts that requires year round participation. Scouting is the only activity I can think of that is a 12 month participation “sport” so to speak. For any youth to stay active at any level for 5-6 years is a feat in itself. To still be participating at the age of 16-18 in a program they most likely started in 1st grade is nothing short of amazing. I think it says volumes about the Scouting program and the quality of the youth involved in Scouting.

One of the things I like to share with parents is that most Scouts (and parents) will not fully realize the positive impact that Scouting has had on their life until they are out of high school. It will quickly become apparent to them that thanks to their time in the Scouting program, they have a broader knowledge and better leadership skills than most of their friends. Their time on campouts, backpack trips and summer camp will make them more self-sufficient and confident.

With over 32,000 youth involved in the Scouting program in the Heart of America Council — or about 20% of all Cub Scout and Boy Scout age youth, we know that our communities are a better place because of Scouting. This would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of over 15,000 registered leaders.

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

Kenn Miller
(816) 569-4980
Kenn@Scouting.org
School Night for Scouting 2015

From August to October, thousands of new boys will be introduced to Scouting at a School Night for Scouting. So how can you make sure their first Scouting experience is the best it can be? Here are a few hints to help your pack this fall.

► PLAN YOUR IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING:
— Create an annual program plan
— Tie that plan to a budget
— Communicate that plan to your Scouting families

► HAVE A MARKETING PLAN:
— Get the word out about your School Night
— Choose at least seven methods from our proven “Top 40” marketing techniques

► MULTIPLE RECRUITMENTS:
— Give families multiple opportunities to join
— Conduct a recruitment event in August (School Night) and in September or October

► SELECT ADULT LEADERS:
— Identify your leaders before the School Night or prior to your Parent Orientation Meeting

Get the resources needed to hold the ultimate School Night at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources.

JOIN SCOUTING T-SHIRTS
They’re back! Add that extra bit of excitement to your recruitment night with our official “Join Scouting” t-shirts. Boys who join at a School Night for Scouting will receive this limited edition t-shirt for FREE. In order to qualify, the Scout must turn in a completed application, with fees, at School Night.

The NEW Cub Scouting
TIPS TO UNDERSTAND THE NEW PROGRAM

It’s June and that means the New Cub Scout program is finally here! But what exactly does the new program have to offer and what are the major benefits? Here’s a quick rundown…

THE NEW CUB SCOUT PROGRAM…
• Is simplified and all components are built into the advancement program.
• Has more hands on action packed adventures vs. the traditional classroom setting.
• Takes less time to complete for leaders and parents.
• Includes outdoor and STEM adventures for today’s youth.

The new Cub Scouting also includes a number of easy to understand resources to help you implement the new program. Visit www.scouting.org/programupdates for resources like...

• Updated training guides
• New Pack Meeting plans
• Updated requirements for Cub Scout awards
• New adventure requirements and insignia

Still looking for more? Be sure to check out the latest Scouting Magazine blog — Everything you need to know about the new Cub Scouting program at http://scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/everything-need-know-new-cub-scouting-program/.

2015-2016
Ideal Year of Scouting Planning Guides

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

Guides are available now at the Council Service Center and online at www.hoac-bsa.org/IdealYearofScouting.
Independence School District Honored with Ambassador of Scouting Award

The inaugural Ambassador of Scouting Award was presented on May 7 to the Independence School District for their continued support of the Scouting program. Superintendent Dr. Dale Herl accepted the award on behalf of the school district.

The inaugural Independence Ambassador of Scouting Award Dinner was hosted by Ken and Cindy McClain at Ophelia’s restaurant in downtown Independence. The event also recognized approximately 40 of the nearly 2,000 Eagle Scouts that live in Independence, Missouri.

Hike Kansas City’s Historic Trail

There’s history all around us. Every day we drive past sites where local history was made — and we probably don’t even realize it. But now there’s a way to explore the history of Kansas City with your Scouting unit.

Stop by the Council Service Center and pick up your FREE Historic Trail Field Guide. Our newly created guide will lead you along the city’s historic trail route where you’ll explore sites from the Liberty Memorial to the famous Scout Statue.

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

*supplies limited

Council Honored With 3 National BSA Marketing Awards

BEST MARKETING CAMPAIGN | SCOUTING 500
BEST DIGITAL MARKETING | SCOUTING 500
BEST MULTICULTURAL MARKETING | SCOUT CITY BBQ

Awards were presented during the BSA’s National Annual Meeting in May in Atlanta.
More than 1,000 runners made their way to Kansas Speedway on May 16 for the 3rd annual SCOUTStrong Challenge Half Marathon & 5K. Participants challenged themselves on our scenic course that started and finished on the track of the Kansas Speedway. Awards were presented to the top finishers in each race and age group.

For official race results and more event photos visit www.seekcrun.com.

### 2015 SCOUTStrong Challenge Race Results

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Sporting Kansas City Scout Night returns on Friday, September 18. Cheer on Sporting Kansas City as they take on FC Dallas in a Western Conference showdown. Tickets are only $25. Get yours soon because this game will sell out fast! And don’t forget your scarf. Purchase your official Scout Night Scarf for an additional $20 while supplies last. Order tickets and scarves at www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc.
Grand Slam for Scouting: Scout Day at the K 2015

First pitch and catch with Slugerrr

(left to right) Scott Boswell and Wendy Guillies present the 2015 Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards to John Dillingham, John Holt and Lon Lane.

Official Scout Day Color Guard

Eagle Scout Josh Stark performs the National Anthem

Tigers take in the sights of Kauffman Stadium

Scouts run the bases as part of the Outfield Experience

Getting ready for game time
What do you get when you mix more than 14,500 Scouts and Scout families together with pregame festivities, Eagle Scout honorees and America’s favorite pastime? One of the largest Scouting events in history and a major home run for Scouting in Kansas City.

Attendees crowded into Kauffman Stadium on April 19 for the 6th annual Scout Day at the K to watch the Kansas City Royals take on the Oakland A’s. Scouts were treated to a thrilling game and a win, but more than just a baseball game, Scout Day showcases the fun of Scouting to the entire Kansas City community.

Scouts were given VIP access to the stadium as part of the “Outfield Experience” which included a variety of special activities for Scouts and their families. Scouts were also featured in a number of pregame activities such as the first pitch, national anthem, color guard, and Scout parade.

Part of the annual event also included the presentation of the Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, an honor that recognizes adult Eagle Scouts for their positive contributions to the Kansas City community. This year’s honorees were Fox 4 News Anchor John Holt, John Dillingham, President of Dillingham Enterprises, Inc., and Lon Lane, owner of Inspired Occasions.

Plans are already in the works for Scout Day at the K 2016. The 2016 date and pricing will be announced this November.
2015 Sale Preview

We have an exciting new popcorn program coming your way in 2015. There's new products, new websites, new incentives, new training models and a new volunteer leadership team. Here's a sneak peek at what's in store.

NEW PRODUCTS

Our newest product is as simple as it gets. Sunflower oil, popcorn and sea salt. It is called “Simply Popped” and our council is one of the beta testers for this product. The tins are back and one will be turning heads for sure. We're excited to announce the addition of a brand new Kansas City Royals tin for this year's sale! Last, but not least, we're also bringing back some non-popcorn items for Scouts to sell.

NEW INCENTIVES

New incentives to help motivate Scouts and leaders include free delivery of popcorn for those units that sell more than $15,000. This is a great help for those who traditionally have had to pick and distribute popcorn themselves. We are also streamlining our prize program to make it less cumbersome for our leaders. All prizes will be facilitated through BSA National Supply who did a great job last year offering unparalleled customer service.

NEW TRAINING

We're excited to announce the addition of our new Seller's Academy — a training workshop aimed at educating both Scouts and leaders about the 2015 popcorn sale. Seller's Academy courses will feature everything from online selling tactics to how to manage your unit’s prize program. Seller's Academy workshops will start this August. Be on the lookout for specific dates and locations this summer.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Our new Popcorn Steering Committee is continuously generating new ideas and processes to improve our sale. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn for more resources and to sign-up for the 2015 sale.
One of the newest cornerstone fundraising events for the Heart of America Council happens every October at Camp Naish. This year’s Sporting Clays Tournament will be held the weekend of October 9-10. This event has grown to more than 200 shooters on more than 50 teams. Included in the weekend is an auction and reception at Union Station on Friday, October 9. Food and drinks are provided by Inspired Occasions and Central States Beverage. Select auction items include hunting trips, weekend hotel stays, rifles, shotguns, handguns, restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia, and much more. The minimum sponsorship amount for a team of four plus tickets to the auction and reception is $1,400. For more information call Bob Hamlin at (816) 569-4921.

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BOY SCOUT Golf Classic

On April 21, twenty teams gathered at Loch Lloyd Country Club for a fun filled day of golf. Participants helped raise more than $62,000 to benefit local Scouting programs. A special thank you goes out to this year’s sponsors.

Major Sponsors:
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Adams Dairy Bank
Loch Lloyd Country Club

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.
Explore summer in a whole new way with a Heart of America Council STEM Camp.

These interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) themed camps aren't your typical summer camps. Scouts will participate in hands-on workshops covering everything from robotics to engineering. STEM Camps will give Scouts the chance to be creative and develop leadership and teamwork skills. There’s a STEM Camp for every age so sign up today!

**BARTLE STEM CAMP**
July 26 — August 1 | Bartle Scout Reservation
Cost: $245 | Open to all Boy Scouts & Venturers

**CUB SCOUT STEM CAMP**
June 26-27 | Naish Scout Reservation
Cost: $55 | Open to all Cub Scouts

**WEBELOS STEM CAMP**
September 12-13 | Bartle Scout Reservation
Cost: $30 | Open to all Webelos

**SIGN-UP TODAY**
www.hoac-bsa.org/STEM

Bartle Scout Shack

More than 200 volunteers made their way to the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation on April 11 for the annual Skilled Trades Work Day. One of the many projects completed was the construction of a new BMX Program Center. The framework for the new BMX structure may look familiar. That’s because it was on display from March 20-22 at the Greater Kansas City Home Show. The aptly named “Scout Shack” was constructed in the HBA Build Zone inside Bartle Hall by Homes by Chris. The framework was then donated and transported to the Bartle Reservation a few days later.

Special thanks to the Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City, Homes by Chris and McCray Lumber for our latest camp addition.
**ORDER OF THE ARROW**

**Don’t miss the OA Centennial Fall Fellowship Weekend | September 18-20 | Camp Naish**

- Join the Fun at Tamegonit Lodge’s Fall Fellowship
- Discover the Possibilities ahead in our Second Century of Service
- Vote!

Save the date and register now. Kick off your unit’s Fall camping season with fun and adventure at the Tamegonit Lodge’s OA Centennial celebration. Non-Arrowmen are welcome, too.

This year’s Fall Fellowship will include even more to do and see than we had during the Lodge’s 75th Anniversary Weekend.

- Bubble Ball Soccer is back!
- Same for the OA Fall Fellowship midway and Campfire Arena shows!
- Climbing and Rappelling
- Take on the COPE team-building challenge for your Troop Committee or older Scouts
- Rifle and Shotgun shooting; Archery; and try the new Action Archery course
- ATV Safety Course (8 hours of riding instruction) available Friday, Saturday and Sunday — Scouts must be at least 14 years old; maximum of 8 Scouts per class
- Arrowmen only:
  - 2015 NOAC highlights: reflecting, connecting and discovering the possibilities
  - 2015 NOAC Ceremonial Team demonstration at Whippoorwill ceremony ring
  - Tamegonit Lodge sounds the drum to begin a new OA Century of Service
  - 2016 Lodge Officer and Chapter Chief elections

Camping areas will be organized to follow the approved District re-alignments and to enable building new ties of brotherhood among the affected and new OA Chapters of the Lodge.

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**Award Nominations**

Due July 1 Vigil Honor & Founder’s Award

www.hoac-bsa.org/resources-oa

**OA 2015 Fall Induction | Registration is Open Now**

August offers two additional opportunities in 2015 for Scouts and Scouters to complete the Ordeal or become a Brotherhood member at one of the Tamegonit Lodge’s Fall OA Inductions.

**August 14-16**
OA Fall Induction #1 at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- Registration deadline is July 31, 2015

**August 28-30**
OA Fall Induction #2 at Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
- Registration deadline is August 14, 2015

**Bartle Text Alerts**

The emergency text alert messaging system will be operational again this summer at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Subscribers of this FREE service will receive severe weather or camp emergency updates to their mobile phone.

Go to http://mobile-text-alerts.com/BoyScouts to register.

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**Varsity Triathlon | August 7-8 | Naish Scout Reservation**

This is a “Super Sprint” triathlon with a 200-yard pool swim, 6-mile mountain bike trail ride, and 2-mile cross country run. The event is open to all troops, teams and crews (ages 11-20) and adult leaders.

Scouts and Scouters not participating as an athlete may support the event by serving on Service Squads. Service Squads will help direct participants on the course, keep times and hand out water. The Varsity Triathlon Pin will be awarded to all participants who finish all phases of the event. Cost is only $15 if registered by July 1. Cost increases to $18 after July 1. Register now at http://bit.ly/1PB1uaM.

**Fall 2015 Mini-Camps**

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

During March and April, 302 Scouts and Scouters gained new knowledge and skills during Mini-Camp weekends at Naish — including 176 who attended Wilderness First Aid training classes, 95 who learned or improved their rifle, pistol or shotgun shooting and archery abilities, and 31 who worked on climbing and rappelling.

Those great opportunities will return this fall, along with some new offerings…

- Fishing Merit Badge
- Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge
- Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge
- Farm Mechanics Merit Badge
- Search and Rescue fundamentals
- ATV Safety Course

**Mini-Camp Dates:**

- August 7-8 (Aquatics Supervision only)
- September 26
- October 10
- October 24
- November 7

Register at www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends.

**Naish Work Days**

This fall, we will hold scheduled workdays on the following dates:

August 2 — Camp Teardown
August 29 — OA Fall Induction #2

Sign-up to help out on workdays at http://bit.ly/1zQYKEo.

Join skilled trades workers Saturday September 26 and help complete important projects at Naish. Sign up for our 2015 Skilled Trades Workday at http://bit.ly/1zQYKEo.
**LAST CHANCE FOR SUMMER CAMP**

**CUB SCOUT SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Book Your Summer Adventure Today**

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**“KNIGHTS IN TRAINING” DAY CAMP**

All Sessions Open

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**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING**

**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: $3,600 – $4,100

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

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**ISRAELI SCOUT CARAVAN**

**SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015**
7:30PM | JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER | LEAWOOD, KS

**MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015**
7:00PM | JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER | LEAWOOD, KS

**MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015**
7:00PM | JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER | LEAWOOD, KS

Join us for a special performance by the Tzofim Friendship Caravan! Experience the excitement and energy of Israel like never before!
CAMPING & PROGRAMS

HIGH ADVENTURE

2017 National Jamboree

Live Scouting’s Adventure

In just over two years, the council will send its largest contingent of Scouts to the Summit Bechtel Reserve for the 2017 National Jamboree. To do this, we are looking for the right leaders to make this event possible for our Scouts. Our goal is to fill 5 Troops and 4 Venturing Crews.

If you are interested in leading a group of Scouts to the National Jamboree contact Leslie Staack at (816) 569-4969 or leslie.staack@scouting.org.

Key Dates:
June — Leadership announced for 2017
June – August — Media at Bartle and Naish supporting Jamboree 2017 to generate Scout interest

Sign up now at www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree.

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Book your next Boy Scout adventure to SEA LIFE Aquarium Kansas City and request our brand new Oceanography Merit Badge Program. Once complete, the boys will be very close to completing their Oceanography Merit Badge.

The program includes:

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

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

To book your troop, please email KCGroups@merlinentertainments.biz or call 816-556-3234.
Chief Bartle Arrives at Camp to his Favorite Camp Song

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

It always seemed that Chief Bartle managed to arrive from Kansas City around mealtime in the early 1940’s. His big, black car “would roar around the dining lodge a couple of times and then he would make his grand entrance to the delight of staff and campers alike,” recalled Bob Merrill (Medicine Man Fast Squirrel) over fifty years later. “You never knew the Chief to do anything quietly!” When Chief Bartle exited his car, the entire assemblage of Scouts, leaders and staff would break into a chorus of “The Big Chief”:

An Indian Chief with a big red nose
Got stuck on an Indian Maid,
And every night when the moon was bright
Across the Osage he’d wade.
He’d sit and croon to his dusky moon
Under the big oak tree.
And when they met they sang a duet
That sounded like this to me:
Eewah cheewah Osceola!

This was both a tribute and a welcome to the Chief upon his arrival.

The old dining hall was the social center of camp and was used through 1950. A small balcony was added on the inside, in addition to the picnic-pavilion annex on the outside. After the meals were complete, campers would sing, enjoy skits, listen to stories told by the camp staff and be entertained by those musically inclined. This always helped keep camp morale high.

Favorite songs and staff singers that campers remember include:

Chief Bartle — “Trail to Eagle”, “The Hills of Osceola” and “Tell Me Why”
Skipper Joe Macy — “On the Banks of the Wabash”
Ike Wall — “Ivan Skavitsky Skivar”
Finley Fiske — “Smile and the World Smiles With You”
Doc Soule — “Alouette”
Pappy Grube — “Valley Will Roll” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns, email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.

HUNDREDS HONORED AT BLUE & GOLD

255 Cub Scouts from the Kansas City, Kansas USD 500 after school Kid Zone program are recognized for advancing in rank at their Blue and Gold Banquet.

Olathe Troop Recognizes 200th Eagle Scout

With a legacy spanning 85 years, Troop 86, Grace United Methodist Church, is one of the oldest troops in Olathe, Kansas. On April 11, the troop celebrated a milestone achieved by very few as they recognized their 200th Eagle Scout. The historic celebration brought together Eagle Scouts spanning generations and the event itself was held exactly 83 years after the troop awarded its first Eagle badge on April 11, 1932.

The highlight of the event was the roll call of Eagle Scouts. The names of all 200 Eagle Scouts were read and all those present were recognized. The most senior in attendance was Harvey Jetmore who was awarded his coveted Eagle badge on May 29, 1944.
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2015 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER 133.2%

June
1-4 Cub Scout Day Camp
Walnut Hills, Carrollton, MO

July
11 Unit Coordinator Training, 6:00 pm
Lions Club Lake, Lexington, MO

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

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

4 School Night Presenter Training, 7:30 pm
Lexington United Methodist Church,
1211 S. 13 Hwy, Lexington, MO

Big Muddy Gives Back to Orrick
On Saturday, May 9, a year to the date a tornado touched down in the community of Orrick, MO, over 70 Scouts spent the day picking up trash and beautifying the city. Special thanks to all who helped continue the recovery process and to Kim Edney for organizing this effort.

Troop Hosts Flag Retirement Ceremony
Troop 120 hosted a flag retirement ceremony on April 2 at the Dean Farm in Odessa, MO. Over 50 Scouts from across the district joined in honoring our flag and fulfilling their duty to their country by retiring over 40 flags. Thank you to Doug Watson and Troop 120 for organizing and hosting the event.

Dr. William LaHue Honored With Good Scout Award
Friends, family, and Scouters gathered to honor Dr. William LaHue with the Good Scout Award on April 29. Dr. LaHue accepted the award on behalf of the many volunteers and parents in the Big Muddy District. Dr. LaHue has spent more than 30 years serving the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation as a camp doctor, and he was elevated to the responsibility of Presiding Chieftain in 2008. The event was chaired by Mr. William Tempel, sponsored by Langdon & Emison, Attorneys at Law and hosted by the Margaret Gray Center in Lexington, MO. Thanks to their support, the event raised over $1,400 for the district’s Investment in Character Campaign.

The Good Scout Award is presented to those who exemplify in their daily life the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law. Recipients are chosen for their outstanding community service, as evidenced by their leadership to many worth-while organizations, as well as the respect and esteem in which they are held by their colleagues. The recipients are often not currently involved in the Boy Scouts, but often have supported the organization in some way. If you know someone in your community deserving this award, contact James Arcano or Bosh Bruening.

Roundtable Resumes August 4
Due to camping during the summer, Roundtable will resume on Tuesday, August 4. If you have any questions, please contact one of our district leaders. Thank you for your patience and see you in August.
2015 Cub Day Camp: Knights in Training

Hear ye, hear ye! Knights in Training is gearing up to put on a grand Day Camp experience for you! Come out to the Legion Farm in Blue Springs July 13-17 for some fun in the sun! We will be offering all of your favorite programs like BB guns, archery and sling shots, as well as some new activities fit for all Knights! It is not too late to sign your pack up. Remember, any registered Cub Scout (including kindergarten graduates) may attend day camp. Sign-ups will be available at the Scout Office or you can register online at www.scoutcamping.org. Please remember to sign up as a pack!

Questions?
Ray Miller—Day Camp Director
Miller1556@sbcglobal.net
Sunsia O’Brien—Program Director
Sunsia.obrien@gmail.com
Charlene Naylor—Registrar
cnaylor@swbell.net

Independence EcoFest Fun: “It’s all about water!”

For the first time, Blue Elk will be participating in the Independence EcoFest held at Waterfall Park on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. This is an interactive event for adults and youth to learn about the ecosystem and how to better the environment. There will be lots of exhibits with games, prizes and entertainment. Bring your Scouts and potential Scouts for a day of fun!

Independence School District honored with Ambassador of Scouting Award

The inaugural Ambassador of Scouting Award was presented on May 7 to the Independence School District for their continued support of the Scouting program. Superintendent Dr. Dale Herl accepted the award on behalf of the school district.
Harrisonville Fire Department Welcomes New Post

On April 21, the Harrisonville Fire Department opened their doors to high school students to sign up for the department’s new post. Explorers will gain practical experience in the field of fire and emergency to determine their career path. The open house included this year’s program overview and a chance to climb the 60ft ladder!

Interested in joining the new Harrisonville Fire Department post? Learn more at www.exploringkc.org.

KU Med Students Explore the R.E.A.C.H. Lab

KU Med Center Explorers got the chance to tour the R.E.A.C.H Lab. R.E.A.C.H enables young scientists to gain experience with researchers at KU Medical Center. One of our students tested brain activity as they performed exercises. Check out their experience at www.facebook.com/exploringkc.org.
Scout City BBQ

Since 1998, the Scout City BBQ has raised over $295,000 for Scouting programs in the Greater Kansas City area. The success of this event has made it possible to provide youth the opportunity to become Scouts by reducing the cost of Scout registration, camp, handbooks, uniforms and other program essentials.

Your participation in the 2015 Scout City BBQ held at Barney Allis Plaza, 12th & Wyandotte on Friday, June 26, 2015, from 11 am – 2 pm, will help the Scouting program continue to assist underserved youth in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Please consider making a donation and joining us for a great lunch. This year’s BBQ will be prepared by American Royal Grand Champion Plowboys BBQ.

Individual tickets are $12 which includes a pulled pork sandwich, sides, ice cream, and a beverage. Sponsorships are also available.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit www.ScoutCityBBQ.org.

Congratulations to Frontier’s District Award of Merit and Paraprofessional Scouter Award Recipients

On April 16, the Frontier District presented the District Award of Merit to Activities & Civic Service Chair, Chris Cullum. The Professional Scouter Award was presented to Camping Co-chairman, LaKisha Martin.

Frontier District Leader Awards:

Highest Popcorn Sales — Bernadette Murray & Robert Murray
Service and Fun at Kaw’s OA Call-Out

On April 11, the Kaw District called out over 45 youth and adults for the Order of the Arrow at the Annual Kaw District OA Call-Out. The event was enhanced this year by Mark Blanken and the OA Kaw District Chapter. This year’s event included a service project in the morning followed by the climbing wall, and EMS and fire department volunteers teaching prevention and safety training. Thank you to Mark and the youth of OA Chapter 1 on a great event!

Investment in Character Campaign

The Kaw District would like to thank all units who hosted an Investment in Character presentation at either their Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. To date, the following units have met their Investment in Character goal and will receive free rank advancement through March 2016: Troop 33 and 165 and Packs 3140 and 3167. Great Job!

Popcorn Sale is Coming Soon

Are you ready to sell popcorn? We are! If your unit is looking to sell popcorn, it is that time again to start looking for your unit kernel to help lead your pack, troop or crew to a successful popcorn sale. If you know who your kernel is already, please submit the name to Jose Romero at jose.romero@scouting.org.

John McBurney Honored

Every year the Kaw District and Heart of America Council select one volunteer from the district to honor at the Wyandotte County United Way Volunteer Recognition Dinner. This year our honoree was John McBurney, Scoutmaster of Troop 133.

John was instrumental in starting the “buddy program” at Camp Naish, a program that pairs traditional Scouts with Scouts with disabilities. He serves as a merit badge counselor and has served as the district’s Scouts with Disabilities Chair.

Memorial Day Tribute

Thank you to all of the Scouting units that participated in this year’s Memorial Day Flag Placement Ceremony. More than 1,200 Scouts placed flags on more than 31,000 graves at the VA National Cemetery in Leavenworth, KS.

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Venturing Chair: Joe Utter (816) 569-4973
Senior District Executive: Jose Romero (Jose.Romero@scouting.org)

June

1-5 Kaw Day Camp
Camp Naish — South Camp

9 School Night Kickoff, 6:30 pm
YMCA, Bonner Springs, 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

July

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

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

August

6 Kaw Roundtable
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church

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Hey Cub Scout Packs, do you know about the Summertime Pack Award? Did you know it is a simple award to earn? The requirements are to have at least one pack activity a month in the months of June, July, and August and to keep track of who all attends. That is it. Once completed and the summertime pack award form is filled out, simply submit the form to Debbie Read at the Heart of America Council Service Center and you can then get your patches in the Scout Shop. This is a great way to keep your boy’s engaged throughout the summer. Activities could include day camp for June, a swim party in July, and a hot dog barbeque in August to welcome everyone back to the pack for the fall. You can find the form at [www.hoac-bsa.org/camping-resources](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/camping-resources).

Be Featured in Adventures in Scouting

The Lone Bear District would love to hear your Scout-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.

Spring Camporee was AWESOME!

Jon Cerda and his team provided an outstanding spring camporee! It was a new idea and a new location, and I believe everyone had a great time. In case you missed out, here are the details. The camporee was held at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, MO. The boys who came prepared most likely went away from the camporee with the completed Fly Fishing merit badge. There were contests for the most fish caught, the biggest fish caught, and the first fish caught. A HUGE thank you goes out to Charlie Reading and Readings Fly Shop. Charlie and his team helped provide some additional staff to help teach the young men the fly fishing merit badge as well as provided at least $1000 worth of free prizes, including two fly rod and reel combos! Thank you again Jon and your staff for your leadership and preparations to provide an outstanding spring camporee.

Day Camp 2015 — “Knights in Training”

Hear ye, Hear 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. Interested being a part of our Day Camp Staff? Contact Allison Bolt, Day Camp Director, at (660) 441-7113 or allison.duchesne@gmail.com.
TED TALKS — News from our District Chairman

Summer is an important time for our Scouting program in many ways. There are activities for all our units including Day Camp for Cubs and Summer Camp for Scouts. Planning for these started last fall with camp draws and leader assignments. But now is the time to make sure that all Scouts have the opportunity to attend. We want to make sure that as many Scouts as possible participate in these activities - because they are such an important part of Scouting.

Now is also the time to plan additional activities for your units during the summer. We all know how busy it is with family activities, summer sports, school activities, and everything else that goes on. It is too easy to let our Scouting programs “take a break” after day or summer camp with the intention of regrouping in the fall, but if we do our Scouts can lose interest. When that happens membership and retention suffer. Spring recruiting programs are designed to offer our activities to those who missed fall sign-ups and want to participate during the summer, but it is up to us as leaders to see that the summer months are active and busy for all Scouts, new and old.

Summer is also a good time for planning, particularly for Scouts. A summer campout is a perfect time to let the Scouts design their program for next year. Leaders need to know what the Scouts like, and sometimes the Scouts need some direction in choosing activities that will advancement needs as well as being fun. Planning needs broad participation and all the distractions of summer can make it hard to focus on Scouting. By getting your units off in a retreat setting, you can form the solid base for an excellent year of Scouting.

Before you know it, fall recruitment will be here, and summer is the best time to start planning ahead for back to school nights. This is a great time to recruit new adults as well, but with Tiger leaders we need to start sooner. In too many cases we have parents who are willing, but without prior Scouting experience it is too much to ask of them without an opportunity to learn and train first. Try to identify potential Tiger Den Leaders during the summer so they can be ready to go when the boys are.

As a unit leader, don’t be afraid to ask for help and ideas. Roundtable is a great time to meet with your peers and see what they are doing. Your Unit Commissioner is another resource, if they don’t know the answer to a question they can find someone who does. Our District Executives and the staff at the council office are professionals trained in Scouting programs and are also always ready to help.

To all those involved in Scouting in the North Star District, keep up the good work. I thank you for your time and hard work.

Yours in Scouting…
Ted Wilson
— North Star District Chairman

“PLUS ONE” — Attention Unit Leaders!

Are there any youth in your unit who have a friend who is not in Scouting? If your answer was NO, then you should probably look again.

Every Scout who is an active member in a unit has a friend who is not in Scouting. What are these non-Scouters missing? Fun! Adventure! Leadership Skill Development! Camping!!!….and the list continues.

Your challenge is to find that one Scout in your unit and get him to personally invite that friend to come see what Scouting is all about. And, add +1 each and every month.

If every unit can add just one more Scout to their unit this month, then our District will be able to meet our membership goal by the end of the year. LET’S DO IT!!!
July
No District Events

August

4 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Grace Christian Fellowship Church,
7230 Quivira Rd, Shawnee, KS

4 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Grace Christian Fellowship Church,
7230 Quivira Rd, Shawnee, KS

6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Antioch Park, Shelter #3,
6501 Antioch Rd, Merriam, KS
Merit Badge Counselor Training,
OA Chapter 13 Meeting, Eagle Book Review

20 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

Venturing Leadership Award Recipient

David Smiros, President of Crew 2888, was awarded the Venturing Leadership Award at the Council’s Venturing Banquet on April 24. David was also inducted as the 2015-2016 Venturing Officers Association President.

David is involved in many activities in Scouting and in every event you will see him wearing his Venturing uniform. He has guided his crew in a variety of functions. Among these activities was the Haunted Trails event at Camp Naish, where the crew haunted the “Lost Mines” as zombies. This past year he helped organize the crew’s tour of Whiteman Air Force Base, as well as many other additional activities. Under his leadership, the crew earned the Gold JTE award. David has earned the Outdoor Venturing Bronze Award, the Venturing Award, and the very difficult Ranger Award.

David is an Eagle Scout and was awarded the Order of the Arrow’s Vigil honor this past fall. He is also a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

David is a natural leader and has a desire to serve; he is a true example of servant leadership. He has been trained in emergency procedures and first aid through his five year involvement with the Explorer Post sponsored by the Olathe Fire Department. He shares this skill by serving as the Emergency Preparedness Support Staff Chairman in Tamegonit Lodge, where you can find him serving in the Health Lodge during OA activities. This summer, David will be serving his fourth year on Bear Camp Staff at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation and will serve as the Assistant Program Director.

David attends Johnson County Community College. After he earns his Associate Degree, he plans to attend Pittsburgh State and major in Environmental Sciences. Our district is incredibly proud of this successful Scout!

Northern Tier District — IOLS Training at Camp Naish

On April 13 our district held its spring Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills training at Camp Naish – South Camp. This training initiative was led by the Training Chairman for Northern Tier, Jeff Deane, and several assistants including Dave Sultz, Bob Wald and Dan Wright. Saturday was an absolutely gorgeous day to be outside learning the patrol-style method of Troop leadership. With several Troop leaders in attendance, the discussions were varied and informational.

2015 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

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Pictured from Left to Right: Judy Tuckness, David Smiros, and Kenn Miller

David and his Venturing Leadership Award

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**Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic**

The date is set for August 31. Lawrence Country Club is the course and KU Basketball Coach Bill Self has graciously agreed to serve as our honorary chairman and celebrity golfer. This tournament has a long history of Scouting support. Derek Bailey and his committee are hard at work recruiting the 28 teams to enjoy a day of golf while raising more than $18,000 to support Scouting in the Pelathe District and the Heart of America Council.

If you would like to play a few holes with Coach Self then the Eagle Foursome is for you at $3,000. If you would like to play and sponsor a hole then the Life Foursome at $800 is for you. Hole Sponsorships are also available at $250. For more information please contact Derek Bailey at (785) 856-9418 or DBailey@greatambank.com.

**Investment in Character — Goal $51,180**

Congratulations to John Rowe, Family Investment in Character Chair, Will Bohne, Community Investment in Character Chair and their workers for an outstanding 2015 campaign. The Pelathe District faced a challenging combined goal of $51,180 for our 2015 campaigns. Thank you to Scouting families, as well as the individuals and businesses that generously support Scouting in the Pelathe District and the Heart of America Council.

**Trails End Popcorn Sale Set for Fall**

The Trails End Popcorn Sale is just around the corner. Plan your Ideal Year of Scouting, build your unit annual budget, select your unit Popcorn Kernal, set your unit and Scout sales goals, and plan the date for your unit kickoff. The Trails End Popcorn Sale is a great way for Scouts to earn money needed for Scout- ing activities and to support the camping facilities of the Heart of America Council. For more information contact Melisa Lord at mlord@sunflower.com.

**Cindy Lynn Selected as One of the Top 50 Cubmasters**

For the past 3 years as Cubmaster, Cindy Lynn has worked tirelessly to provide an outstanding Scouting program to the families of Pack 3363 chartered to the Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority. Her work has helped the families of Cub Scouts in the pack provide one of the most vibrant Cub Scout programs in the district.

Cindy attended the BSA National meeting in Atlanta Georgia at the end of May to be recognized and to participate in workshops and meetings designed to help improve the Scouting program that we provide to our youngest members. Congratulations Cindy!
Pioneer Trails
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Last chance to be a Knight in Training

The Pioneer Trails Day Camp is coming up June 22-25 at Wayne Minor Park. If you have not registered yet, you may register on the first day of camp! Camp this year will be held at Wayne Minor Park at 1940 E 11th St, Kansas City, MO.

Gary Williams: January 4, 1946 – April 19, 2015

Scouting and the Pioneer Trails District lost a great leader and friend with the death of Mr. Williams. Gary was a Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and a Vigil member in the Order of the Arrow. Pictured here (back row) with Scouts and leaders from Troop 27 at the Scout Cabin at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gary always had a warm smile and a great story to tell.

First Camping Trip for Scouts from the Jazz Museum

Troop 292 conducted its first over night at Campsite Blue Mills at Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope Park, along the way the Scouts visited the Eagle Scout Memorial. The Scouts and their Leaders had a great time working on Tenderfoot requirements and reported “that no food was burned”.

Fall Recruitment Kick Off

The Pioneer Trails School Night Orientation & Kickoff will be held at the June Roundtable. We are looking to have all Pack Committee and Membership Chairs as well as Cubmasters attend to start planning now for the fall.

Be Featured in Adventures in Scouting

The Pioneer Trails District would love to hear your Scouting story. Do you have an interesting trip that your unit has gone on or a community service project that you would like to share? We would love to be able to share your story in the next edition of Adventures in Scouting. Send photos and stories to Niel Campbell at Niel.Campbell@Scouting.org.
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### 2015 Investment in Character

- **106.4%**

### DISTRICT INFORMATION

#### July

- **No District Events**

#### August

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

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

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

### Red-Tailed Hawk Day Camp

- **Old Lake Olathe Golf Course**,  
  2350 Golf Course Rd, Olathe, KS

### DAY CAMP IS BETTER WITH A FRIEND!

**June 15-19**

Bring a fellow knight in training who is new to Scouting and he can attend for only $60!

Haven’t signed up yet? Register now at

[www.scoutcamping.org](http://www.scoutcamping.org)

### 473 Volunteers Make a Difference for Olathe

On Saturday, April 11, Red-Tailed Hawk Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and a Venturing Crew turned out to clean up the Indian Creek Trail and Creek from Frontier Park to 163rd Street.

Scouts picked up trash, cleaned out gutters, raked leaves, cleaned up fence lines and planted day lilies along the path. Various painting projects took place including painting railings, a swing set and parking posts. One unit removed, rebuilt and installed new bat houses, bluebird houses and butterfly houses.

Red-Tailed Hawk had 30 projects, 234 Scouts, 48 non-Scouts and 191 adults volunteer for a total of 1,176 hours. According to Independentsector.org, the dollar value of the 1,176 hours is $27,130.

### Mayor Michael Copeland Recognized with Good Scout Award

On April 30, Scouters and community leaders from Olathe gathered to celebrate a new tradition at the 2015 Scouting in Olathe Breakfast. Olathe Mayor Michael Copeland served as the keynote speaker and was recognized with the Good Scout Award for his outstanding service to the community and support of Scouting. Attendees raised $3,250 to support Scouting efforts in Olathe. Thank you to all those who attended. We hope to see you at our event next year.

### Investment in Character Family Campaign Victory

Each year, the Heart of America Council relies on donations from families and community members to support the programs we provide to Scouts. The Red-Tailed Hawk District has had a very successful campaign this year and would like to recognize the following units who, as of this publication, have reached their goal and achieved Free Rank Advancement until March 2016.

### Packs:

- **3086**
- **3138**
- **3316**

### Troops:

- **3434**
- **3465**
- **3476**

### Wards:

- **85 218**
- **122 222**
- **201 240**

### Packs:

- **3406**

### Troops:

- **Olathe 2nd**
- **Olathe 3rd**
- **Heritage Park**

### Since 2010, the district has provided over $150,000 worth of volunteer time to assist the City of Olathe.

### Local Troop Makes a Buzz with Beekeeping

Scouts in Troop 225 of the College Church of the Nazarene have a unique experience to try their hand at beekeeping over the next two years. The troop was awarded a grant from the Kansas Honey Producers Association that provided them with the materials for 2 beehives, bees, safety equipment, and membership in the Kansas Honey Producers Association.

#### Mayor Michael Copeland presents the Good Scout Award to RTH District Chair, Dan Kerling.

Since 2010, the district has provided over $150,000 worth of volunteer time to assist the City of Olathe.
August

4 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Aldersgate United Methodist Church,
350 SW 150 Highway, Lee’s Summit, MO

4 District Roundtable, 7:30 pm
Aldersgate United Methodist Church,
350 SW 150 Highway, Lee’s Summit, MO

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

Fall School Nights for Scouting

Now is the time to prepare to have good recruitment
for your pack this fall! Thanks to the packs for the time
and effort you put into making your school night suc-
cessful. It is essential that all youth have the opportu-
nity to join the fun of the Scouting program. It is our
job to tell the “Scouting story” and encourage prospec-
tive new families to experience all that Scouting has
to offer. There are sessions available at the August,
September and October Roundtables to learn more or
to get additional assistance. Feel free to contact any of
the District Professional Staff to get ideas and help to
recruit more youth.

Zombie Apocalypse Camporee

Prepare yourselves for the camping adven-
ture of a lifetime... All troops and crews will
need to prepare for the impending Zombie
Apocalypse. We will gather October 9-11
in the reportedly haunted old Truman
Farm area north of Freedom Cycles in
Grandview.

Don’t forget to invite the Webelos to come
and visit this year. Webelos are in-
vited to visit your troop and stay
for the Saturday night Camp-
fire — they are not allowed to
participate in the competition with
your troop’s patrols.

For more details or to be on staff contact Pete
Zibers at pzibers@gmail.com or (816) 686-1649.

Planning Your Ideal Year of Scouting

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Center and online at
www.hoac-bsa.org/
IdealYearofScouting.
2015 Trailhead Day Camp

Get excited because Trailhead Day Camp 2015 is just around the corner! We’ll 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: Program Director — Paul Hemenway
Asst. Program Director/Shooting Sports Director — Chuck Pacunski
PR/Communications — Will England
Registrar — Pat Harvey
First Aid — Nikki England
Staff Advisor — Lizz Rhodus

CAMP PRICING:
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 groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/trailhead-day-camp-leaders to ask questions and receive updates.
 Trails West Day of Service
Thank you to the Trails West Scouts and Scouters who gave back to our communities on April 25 and May 9. Good turn projects took place at Little Mill Creek Park in Lenexa, Cedar Lake and Lake Olathe in Olathe, and the Gardner Greenway Corridor. Tasks completed included trash and trail clean-up, mulching and landscaping. A big thank you also goes out to the cities of Lenexa, Olathe and Gardner for their help with this annual event.

Troop 86 Celebrates 200th Eagle Scout
This year, Troop 86 of Olathe, Kansas commemorated advancing over 200 young men to the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 86 is the longest continually running Boy Scout Troop in Olathe, receiving its charter in February of 1930. The Eagle Scout Celebration was held at Center of Grace United Methodist Church.

This occasion was not only a chance to congratulate the more than 200 Eagle Scouts, but it was also an opportunity to thank the community for supporting this troop for the last 85 years. Honored guests from the Heart of America Council included Scout Executive Kenny Miller, Council Commissioner Keith Sickendick, as well as Olathe Mayor, Michael Copeland.

School Night for Scouting
Before your pack heads to camp, make sure you’re ready for the fall. The 2015 School Night for Scouting Campaign is right around the corner. In order to set the stage for another successful fall, all packs have been asked to identify a Pack School Night for Scouting Representative. This person will serve as the liaison between your pack and district to ensure your School Night is successful. This year’s School Night for Scouting Kickoff will be held at Roundtable on August 6 at 7:00 pm. All packs need to have their pack representatives attend the kickoff. New information and plans will be presented.
**TWIN RIVERS**

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First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS |

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**Time to Get Popping**

Would you like to offer a way for your Scouts to be able to have no out of pocket expenses for Scouting, including paying for camp? The Trails End Popcorn sale is your way to do this. Sign your unit up to sell popcorn ASAP and plan on attending the popcorn orientation meeting this fall. Watch for the date, time and location. For more information about this year’s sale contact District Popcorn Kernel, Kelly Daggett at osawatomiepack3099@hotmail.com or visit www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.

**Cub Scout Fall Recruitment**

Now is the time to get ready for School Night, our annual fall recruitment campaign. Mark your calendars to attend the fall District School Night Rally on August 6 at First Presbyterian Church in Paola.

Don’t forget to contact incoming first grade families over the summer months. Send emails, make phone calls or just talk to families about joining the fun of Cub Scouts. For more information contact Cub Scout Recruiting Chairman Robert Stegner at rstegner.bsaa@gmail.com.

**2015 Investment in Character Campaign**

Thank you for all your generous gifts and hard work to help the Twin Rivers District reach our 2015 campaign goal. If you would still like to contribute, contact Randy Kidder at randy.kidder@scouting.org. Thanks to Julie Couch, our Family Campaign Chairman, for organizing a successful campaign.

**Scouts Earn 50 Miler Award**

Four scouts from Troop 126 earned their 50 Miler Award on the Ozark Highlands Trail in Arkansas. Using Leave No Trace guidelines, the crew navigated beautiful mountain terrain totaling 58 miles. The trailhead at Lake Ft. Smith was the group’s starting point, completing at the Lick Branch trailhead. Scouts and Scouters carried all needed supplies and equipment in backpacks for the five day/four night trek. Requirements for the BSA 50 Miler Award stipulate that a comprehensive hike plan be completed, the trail to be hiked must be a minimum of 50 consecutive miles and the hike must be a minimum of five days. A total of 10 hours of trail improvements must also be completed as a service project during the hike.

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