Mission Hills Eagle Scout Earns Every Merit Badge

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Photo by Joe Ledford, Kansas City Star
Celebrating Scouting Today and Planning for the Future

This February the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 106th anniversary during Scout anniversary month. I would encourage every unit to start planning a celebration in February to help recognize and showcase the impact Scouting has on our community. A key tenet of the Scouting program is Duty to God. With over 75% of our packs and troops chartered to religious institutions, February is also an ideal time to hold a Scout Sunday/Sabbath religious service. Involve your Scouts in the service and certainly recognize those Scouts who have earned their religious award. Speaking of religious awards, did you know that nearly every denomination has an adult Scouting religious award? The adult awards are not something you work to earn as an adult, but rather something that you are recognized with by your religious institution and unit for service to Scouting. If you have a leader in your unit that is active in their religious institution and unit for service to Scouting, this is an outstanding recognition for them. Don't forget to check with the Scout Shop to order special Scout Sunday religious bulletin covers for your religious service.

As a council we can be proud to set the bar for other councils to follow. We are currently wrapping up our 5-year strategic plan and are pleased with the significant accomplishments that we have achieved to provide the highest level of Scouting for the youth of Greater Kansas City. Our key areas of focus have been, camp facility improvements, expanded council level programming, council volunteer support and of course, youth recruitment initiatives. As we begin the planning for our new 3-year strategic plan beginning in 2016, I am reminded of a quote, “The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to support you long enough to enable you to reach for something higher.”

As a council it is vital that we continue to look towards the future and challenge ourselves to build on our strong traditions. We are only limited by our vision and dreams. Do you have a comment or idea that you’d like to share for the new strategic plan? Give me a call or e-mail and let me know. At the end of the day, our goal is to provide the support and resources for our more than 15,000 volunteers and over 32,000 youth.

Thank you for your service and commitment to the Scouting program and the Heart of America Council.

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

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Camp Staff Scholarships Top $150,000

Another summer is in the books and hundreds of our camp staffers are now back at college. But did you know that working at one of our Scout Reservations is helping them pay for their education?

Now in its 16th year, the Heart of America Council’s Camp Staff College Scholarship program rewards our best college-aged camp staff with grants that augment their staff salaries, enabling them to work at summer camp and still afford the high costs of a college education. Scholarships are merit-based, meaning those who do the best job during the entire summer receive the highest amount.

“The program has been very successful in attracting and retaining excellent staff leadership and helps to make our camping program the best in the country,” said Kenn Miller, Heart of America Council Scout Executive.

This year, a record $150,000 in scholarships were presented to 112 staffers from the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations and Rotary Camp. All qualified staff who applied received a scholarship ranging from $300 to $4,000.

The council receives the funds necessary to present these scholarships through annual donations and endowments provided for this purpose. Over the past five years, the amount of scholarships has increased by 132% and the number of staff receiving grants has grown by 22%.

Visit www.hoac-bsa.org for more information or to donate to the 2016 Camp Staff College Scholarship program.
Mission Hills Eagle Scout Earns Every Merit Badge

John Rosher, an Eagle Scout with Troop 16, is one of the few who has earned all 136 merit badges, but it’s how he did it that will amaze you. Every badge tells a story and his quest for perfection has taken him across the U.S. and beyond.

To earn some of the more exotic badges, Rosher used his family vacations. He studied oceanography with a marine biologist in Seattle, went whitewater rafting in Colorado, tried his hand at fishing in the Amazon jungle, experienced scuba diving in the Cayman Islands, and even climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.

“My badges represent more than just a number,” said Rosher, who is a senior at The Pembroke Hill School. “They represent seven years of adventures with my family and all my hard work and all the Scout leaders who helped me along the way. I couldn’t have accomplished this milestone without support.”

John was recognized for his tremendous accomplishment on August 31 during his troop’s Court of Honor at St. Andrews Church.

Read the full story about John’s quest for every merit badge in the Kansas City Star at http://bit.ly/1OzXQB5.

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Good Turn for Goodwill

Good Turn for Goodwill is a community-wide recycling/donation drive. We’re asking Scouts to collect and deliver donations of clothing, household items, books and games. Scouts will distribute donation bags to friends and neighbors in the community along with a flyer requesting donations. On the designated day, neighbors will place the filled bags on their porch for Scouts to pick up. Items are then delivered to the pre-selected Goodwill donation center and tallied.

A special patch will be provided by Goodwill for each Scout who participates. The collection & delivery date is November 14. Volunteer to help at www.hoac-bsa.org/community-service.
SCOUTSTRONG

Naish Hosts Inaugural Triathlon

Camp Naish’s Inaugural Varsity Triathlon & Campout welcomed more than 106 Scouts to the Reserva- tion August 7-8. Competitors braved our challenging course consisting of a 200-yard swim, 6-mile mountain bike ride and 2-mile cross-country run. Several Scouts and leaders demonstrated true Scout spirit, finishing the race and then returning to the course to support fellow Scouts until all had crossed the finish line.

TEAM WINNERS
1st — Troop 130
2nd — Troop 418
3rd — Troop 378

TOP FINISHERS

11-13 YEAR OLDS
Dan Foster  Troop 378
James Smith  Troop 397
Brandon Chase  Troop 130

14-15 YEAR OLDS
Ethan Perrins  Crew 2158
Andrew Olsen  Team 6465
Jeffy Lund  Troop 378

16+
Adam Olsen  Team 6465
Evan Dantzsch  Troop 378
Logan Davis  Troop 42

ADULTS
Joey Foster  Troop 378
Joshua Blanch  Team 6465
Mitch Wood  Crew 2418

All Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venturers are invited to attend next year’s Triathlon on August 12-13.

Scout Night at Sporting Park

Rain and chilly temperatures couldn’t stop more than 2,000 Scouts and their families from making this year’s Scout Night at Sporting Park one to remember. Scouts filled the South Stand and cheered on Sporting to a convincing win over FC Dallas. Scouts also took to the field with activities that included a Scout color guard, flag parade and post-match penalty kicks. Thanks to our Scout Night committee for a great event! Be sure to check out more event photos on our Facebook Page.
2016 PATRON LUNCHEON

MARCH 3 | MARRIOTT MUEHLEBACH

**Guest Speaker: Michael Durant**

The 2016 Patron Luncheon is set for March 3 and this year’s featured guest speaker will be master pilot and best-selling author, Michael Durant. Durant was the pilot of Black Hawk helicopter Super Six Four that was fired upon and subsequently brought down during a combat operation in Mogadishu, Somalia on October 3, 1993. After a horrific street battle, he was overrun by a crazed mob, captured, and held prisoner for 11 days. His image as a POW was seen around the world on the cover of TIME, Newsweek, US News and World Report. The events of that day were recounted in Mark Bowden’s best-selling book *Black Hawk Down* and Ridley Scott’s Academy Award-winning movie of the same name.

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

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**Welsh Named 2015 Distinguished Citizen**

On October 15, the Heart of America Council will honor Polsinelli Chairman and CEO, Russ Welsh, with the 2015 Distinguished Citizen Award. The Distinguished Citizen Award honors an individual or company in the Kansas City area for their efforts in making a distinct difference in the fabric of our community. The annual event highlights our Scoutreach programs and the in-roads Scouting is making to bring the values and life skills to young people who might not otherwise be reached because of socio-economic barriers. Another highlight of the Distinguished Citizen Award dinner is the presentation of two $10,000 scholarships to local Eagle Scouts. Contact Jeremy Rutledge for more information or to register at (816) 569-4965 or jeromy.rutledge@scouting.org.

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**Mystery House**

Find your district Mystery House and win big! Each week, Popcorn Kernels will be given clues to where the Mystery House is located in each district via the Kernel Journal. The first youth to knock on the door of the Mystery House will be awarded a $100 Visa gift card!

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**Project Popcorn**

- Sell Trail’s End Online.
- **Tips for Success:**
  - Go to sell.trails-end.com.
  - Sign in or create an account.
  - Send emails, texts and social media posts to your contacts.
  - View your online sales.

- Place Final Orders
- Submit Program Plan and Budget
- Final Distribution
- Scholarships Due
- Popcorn Payments Due
Scouting Honors Labor Union Members

2015 George Meany Award Dinner

On August 20, more than 160 union members, community leaders and Scouters gathered for the 3rd annual George Meany Award Dinner at Argosy Casino Hotel. Named for the AFL-CIO’s first president, the George Meany Award recognizes union members who have made a significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the BSA.

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Labor Council AFL-CIO presented the George Meany Award to Tim Foster, Sheet Metal Workers Local 2. Tim is an Eagle Scout and has been involved with Scouting for close to fifty years. Tim has shared his leadership talents over the years as a Committee Member, Committee Chairman, Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster for Pack 4264 and Troop 1264 chartered by the Lee’s Summit United Methodist Church. The Tri-County Labor Council of Eastern Kansas presented the George Meany Award to Lee Perry, Ironworkers Local 10. Lee joined Scouting as a youth in Buffalo, New York before moving to Kansas City with his family. Lee is a proud father of an Eagle Scout. He has shared his enthusiasm for Scouting by serving as Chartered Organization Representative and merit badge counselor for Pack 4460 and Troop 1460 chartered to the Gracemor Elementary PTA. Lee serves on the council maintenance committee and has been a member of the camp staff for more than 17 years. He is a Sagamore in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

The evening also included the presentation of the council’s Community Labor Partner Awards. Awards were presented to the Carpenter’s District Council for their support of the council’s Skilled Trades Work Days. The Community Labor Partner Award was also presented to the Bank of Labor. For more than 30 years, the Bank of Labor has provided support to the annual Investment in Character campaign, Skilled Trades Work Day and the George Meany Dinner.

A special presentation of the BSA’s North Star Award was made to Kevin O’Neill, Publisher of the Labor Beacon, for his support and promotion of the Skilled Trades Work Days and the George Meany Dinner. Kevin also served as the dinner emcee.

The featured guest Speaker was Eagle Scout R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International President of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Tom serves on the National Board of the Boy Scouts of America.
Tamegonit Lodge Shines at National Order of the Arrow Conference

More than 170 Arrowmen from Tamegonit Lodge made their way to Michigan State University August 3-8 to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow at the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Boasting a total attendance of more than 15,000, NOAC participants experienced an unforgettable week long program that included training, competitions, stage shows, friendship and fellowship.

Upon arriving at Michigan State University, participants were issued their individual Spark social media device that turned meeting others into a fun competitive game. The premier event kicked off the OA Centennial Anniversary Celebration with a night stage show entitled “It Starts with Us”. All present were challenged to affect change and bring the fire home to their home councils.

As the week continued, Arrowmen took part in sessions from How to Better a Committee, to Fly Fishing Made Simple, to creating the Cutting Edge Conclave. In a demonstration of physical stamina, our members participated in the 5k Run, taking 1st in the 4x400 Relay and 3rd place in soccer.

In the American Indian Activities/Inductions and Ceremonial Events competition, our Dance Team and Ceremonial Team took home more national awards than ever before. Four of our six dancers advanced to ribbon in the semi-finals in the individual dance competition. Four members received ribbons in the individual Dance Attire competition. The team also competed in the inaugural PowWow competition. Our Ceremony Team, having trained together weekly over the past two years, medaled as National Honor Team in all events, the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, the new Brotherhood Ceremony, and the Vigil Ceremony performance. During the Night of Champions, our Ceremony Team took center stage and were named National Champions in the Ceremonial Costume Competition portraying their region, a first for Tamegonit Lodge.

In his keynote speech, the OA National Chief launched the #DareToDo service initiative for 100 days following NOAC. It calls for all Arrowmen to perform small acts of service and to share what they did on social media. The power of 165,000 Arrowmen performing these simple tasks will ignite other Scouts to follow, thus putting our foot forward in service for all. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us at NOAC 2018 at Indiana University.
READY TO RIDE
ATV Safety Course at Naish

Get ready for the ultimate adrenaline rush! ATV classes at Naish are open and available. The program focuses on equipping Scouts with knowledge and skills for safe four-wheel ATV riding.

• Scouts must be 14 years of age or older to participate
• Next Course: October 24-25 | Naish Mini-Camp Weekend

For more information on the ATV course or to register online visit http://2015ATVSafety.kintera.org.

ORDER OF THE ARROW
Lodge Dues to Increase in 2016

Earlier this year, the Tamegonit Lodge Executive Committee voted to raise annual dues from $10 to $15, starting January 1, 2016. This is the first time in over a decade that the Lodge has raised its annual dues. The purpose of this change is to further improve our program while maintaining the infrastructure Tamegonit Lodge has worked so hard to build over its 76 year tenure in the council. Please direct any questions to the Lodge Staff Advisor, Scott Weaver, at scott.weaver@scouting.org.

2015 Vigil Honors

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the Lodge, council and Scouting. Tamegonit Lodge recognized 46 individuals with this distinction at the 2015 Vigil Banquet on October 3.

Turn to page 14 for the complete 2015 Vigil Honor listing.

CAMPING & PROGRAMS
Fall 2015 Mini-Camps

- October 10
- October 24
- November 7

It’s summer camp when you want it! Enjoy Scout camp favorites like rifle, shotgun, archery, climbing and rappelling. Take advantage of these opportunities to gain new skills and discover new interests:

• Fishing Merit Badge — October 10
• Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge — October 24 & November 7
• Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge — October 10
• Farm Mechanics Merit Badge — October 10
• Search and Rescue fundamentals — October 24 & November 7

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

MIC-O-SAY NEWS
Brave Roundups

The 2016 Mic-O-Say season will be here before you know it and now is the time to start getting ready. The Tribe of Mic-O-Say will again be hosting Brave Roundups the last Saturday of January and February in the Kansas City area. This is a great way to prepare all the 2015 Braves to become Warriors in the Tribe. The meeting will include a refresher from the Brave process and an opportunity to secure items to make their tribal attire from Parry Lodge. Look for more information at Roundtable in November.

Tribal Elevations

Hundreds of youth and adults were elevated to new ranks and responsibilities throughout the summer camping season. Congratulations and a big “How How” to everyone!

• Foxmen (900)
• Braves (909)
• Hardway Warriors (787)
• Honorary Warriors (301)
• Honored Women (106)
• Firebuilders (461)
• Tom Tom Beaters (226)
• Runners (148)
• Keepers of the Sacred Bundle (66)
• Shaman (66)
• Sachems (45)
• Keepers of the Wampum (10)
• Sagamores (9)
• Medicine Men (3)
• Chieftain (1)

See page 14 for the complete list of 2015 Tribal Council elevations.

Their Work Is Done

The Tribe is saddened over the recent loss of several important leaders in the Tribe’s history. These Tribesmen dedicated so much to the Tribe, and now their work is done.

Bruce E. Davis, Chieftain Swift Streaking Comet (1998 Presiding Chieftain)
C. Jack Phillips, Chieftain Far Away Hawk (2000 Honorary Chieftain)
Harold “Cotton” Smith, Jr., Chieftain Spirit Fire (2004 Presiding Chieftain)
**Jamboree-on-the Air**

The world's largest annual Scouting event occurs on the 3rd weekend of October each year. Jamboree-on-the-Air will connect Scouts from over 200 countries through the use of amateur radios.

Hit the airwaves with us at Camp Naish from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 17. Ham radio operators will be standing by to assist Scouts. This event is open to Scouts and Scouters of any age at no cost. No reservations are required. Scouts can come as a den, pack, troop or as individuals.

**2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

The National Jamboree is an unforgettable experience that will stay with you for a lifetime! The 2017 National Jamboree will be held July 19-28 at the BSA's newest High Adventure Base, The Summit in West Virginia.

The Heart of America Council is now accepting reservations for this unforgettable adventure. Tour stops include visits to the NASA Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama, Gettysburg Battlefield, whitewater rafting, and two days in Washington D.C. For more information and to make your $100 deposit go to [www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree).

**MAKE YOUR $100 DEPOSIT TODAY!**

**OA High Adventure Excursions**

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

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

For more information or to register, visit [www.adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org).

**International Scouting Activities Open House**

Heart of America Council Service Center
Tuesday, October 27, 2015
7:00-9:00 PM

**PHILMONT ADVISOR SKILLS SCHOOL**

October 23 — October 26 & October 30 — November 2

Philmont Advisor Skills School features a one-night adventure into the rugged New Mexico backcountry led by an experienced member of the Philmont Ranger Department.

Participants will be transported from the Denver Airport to Philmont. The cost to attend is only $76 and covers shuttle transportation to/from Denver, lodging gear, meals and PASS materials.

Learn more at [www.philmontscoutranch.org/TrekPreparation/PASS.aspx](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/TrekPreparation/PASS.aspx) or call Dave Woodman (913) 709-4006.
Outstanding volunteers make the Heart of America Council one of the best councils in the country.

We are proud to recognize this year’s “Top Honors” recipients for their service to Scouting.
**TOP HONORS — SILVER BEAVER**

**The Silver Beaver Award** is the highest award that a local council may bestow on an adult volunteer for distinguished service to youth.

**The Heart of America Council is proud to recognize the 2015 Silver Beaver Award Recipients** for their service to Scouting.

Honorees will be recognized at the Council Annual Recognition Banquet on **November 11** at the Overland Park Convention Center. Online reservations are now available at [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org).
2015 Heart of America Council
Wood Badge Training Participants

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2015 Heart of America Council National Youth Leadership Training Participants

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- Preston S Conner
- Bret O Cooper
- Mike Culver
- Levi J Dunham
- Jared A Fears
- Timothy D Frantze
- Jeff B Fox
- Les Garber
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- Michael Grimaldi
- Bob James Robert Hale
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- Thomas E Hines III
- Howard W Hoenshell
- Marshall Hollingsworth
- Joshua David Horton
- Reynard Irwin
- Joseph G Jacobs III
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- Reade C Montgomery
- Michael Mosakowski
- Christian A Nissen
- Mike Norton
- Pam Olive
- Scott Gregory Osborne
- Brandon C Pemburlin
- Patrick V Ralston
- Brent Soendker
- Gabriel J Smart
- Rick Thomann
- John Wessling
- Bruce A White

#### Sachem Hunter of Whitetail
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- Sachem Calling Redwing Whippoorwill
- Sachem Burning Star In The Night
- Sachem Son of Loud Roaring Bear
- Sachem Flying A Fire
- Sachem Lonesome Lost Wolf
- Sachem Dances With Trout
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- Sachem Little Ever Thundering White Stallion
- Sachem Flying Little Gray Squirrel
- Sachem Least Silver Blue River
- Sachem Chases Northern Lights
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- Sachem Little Soft Sounding Coyote
- Sachem Whispering King Snake
- Sachem Spark of High Flying Yellow Flame
- Sachem Smoking Long Rifle
- Sachem Lone Burro
- Sachem Talking Wind In Tall Pine
- Sachem Serving Beaver
- Sachem Silver Puma Spirit
- Sachem Grandson of Yellow Ember
- Sachem Bold Bright Sun
- Sachem Whispers To Diving Nighthawk
- Sachem Running Son of Little Black Leggings
- Sachem Little Bright Twin Star
- Sachem Dark Horizon
- Sachem Swift Falling Tree
- Sachem Youngest Daughter of Quiet Night
- Sachem Survivor of Shadows
- Sachem Second Son of Glistening Tree
- Sachem Majestic Speaking Falcon
- Sachem Farmer of Many Animals
- Sachem Stalker of Long Shadows
- Sachem Light Misting Rain Cloud
- Sachem Fast Rising Trout In the Early Dawn
- Sachem Slumbering White Bear

#### Keeper of the Wampum
- David Belzer
- Dwight D Fowler
- Jeffrey A Grubb
- Lawrence D Jefferson
- Robert N Kline
- David Lehman
- Michael Morris
- John P Peter
- Don M Seaver
- Carol L Snyder

#### Sagamore
- John Nick Badgerow
- Stephen E Foote
- Brad Frederick
- Steven L Lancaster
- Russell S Lindsay Jr
- Daryl L Stine
- James B Todd
- Salvatore E Valenti
- Scott J Willoughby

#### Medicine Man
- Edward L Gooseman
- Danny Mimick
- Randy Sims

#### Chieftain
- Gary V Cover
New Scout Uniforms Arrive in Kansas City

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

Soon after Scouting’s launch in Kansas City, Gordon & Koppel Clothiers announced that the first eighty sets of uniforms had been received and were being distributed to the lucky Scouts who had placed their orders earlier that month.

Each uniform set cost $2.65 and included a hat, shirt, baggy knee trousers and a khaki knapsack.

Tenderfoot Scouts would receive a special button to wear on their uniforms until permanent insignia arrived.

Three troops of Scouts were scheduled to wear their uniforms on scheduled hikes in early November of 1910; the first troop hiked from Westport Baptist Church to Merriam, Kansas; the second left from the First Congregational Church bound for Independence, Missouri and the last left the First Congregational Church in Kansas City, Kansas bound for the Quindaro Ruins. People in Kansas City observed the Scouts in their brand new uniforms on their hikes.

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

**BLUE ELK**

**KAW**

**LONE BEAR**

**NORTHERN TIER**

**PELATE**

**PIONEER TRAILS**

**RED T AILED HAWK**

**THUNDERBIRD**

**TRAILHEAD**

**TRAILS WEST**

**TWIN RIVERS**
**Big Muddy Officers**

- **District Chairman**: Randy Florence (816) 232-4479
- **District Commissioner**: Steve Graver (660) 595-2434
- **Activities Chair**: Troy Stigall (816) 809-7645
- **Advancement Chair**: Phil Dierking (816) 405-7540
- **Boy Scout Roundtable Chair**: Ed Gooseman (816) 682-2008
- **Cub Scout Roundtable Chair**: Susan Dallstream (816) 470-5919
- **Eagle Board of Review Chair**: Jim Snyder (816) 263-3120
- **Finance Chair**: Jonetta Atkinson (816) 838-1311
- **School Night Chair**: Tom Hodson (816) 934-2731
- **Mic-O-Say Advisor**: Scott Medlock (816) 220-2220
- **Order of the Arrow Advisor**: Nicholas Belmore (660) 542-8777
- **Public Relations Chair**: Kim Edney (816) 517-9249
- **Risk Management Chair**: Chuck Scott (660) 934-2755
- **Training Chair**: Darrell Underwood (660) 542-1170
- **Venturing Chair**: Darrell Neuner (660) 259-2837
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Brett Cooper (816) 726-4263
- **District Executive**: James Arcano (816) 569-4941
  
  **James.Arcano@scouting.org**

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**2015 CAMPING**

- **Boy Scout**: 70.1%
- **Cub Scout**: 39.8%

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**November**

1. **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
   Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO
2. **District Roundtable, 7:30 pm**  
   Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO
3. **District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
   Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO
4. **Popcorn Distribution**  
   Lexington CenturyLink

**December**

1. **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
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**Eagle Expo at Roundtable**

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church. In October, a representative from the High Trails District will visit Big Muddy to help us set up our own Eagle Promotion Program. Please make sure your unit has someone at Roundtable 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!

**Scouts Honored at Norborne Soy Bean Festival**

Scouts from Norborne, Carrollton, and Waverly were brought up on stage during Norborne’s Soy Bean Festival this year. Carroll County has a strong history of Scouting and the community enjoys recognizing youth and their leaders for all the hard work they do.

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**Popcorn Sale Underway**

The 2015 popcorn sale has started off with a pop! The Big Muddy District had five units sign-up for Show N’ Sell to get the product in the hands of our customers even faster. Take orders will be available November 6-7. Contact our District Popcorn Kernel, Kim Edney, with questions at (816) 517-9249.
November

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

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

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December

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School Night for Scouting 2015

Was your pack’s recruitment night a success? School Night is just the first step in Cub Scout recruitment. Possible follow-up recruitment events could include: pack meetings, pool parties, family campouts or any other fun activity. Be sure to take advantage of several marketing resources made available including videos, email templates, fliers and posters at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources. While there is a strong emphasis on recruitment in the fall, boys can join anytime. Make sure new youth recruitment is year-round process in your pack.

Klondike Derby

Mark your calendars. The Blue Elk Klondike Derby will be held January 16, 2016 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs. The Klondike Derby will begin on Saturday morning and conclude on Saturday late afternoon. Camping on Friday and/or Saturday night are optional. Want to learn more? Contact David Widschuetz at sachemism@yahoo.com.

Investment in Character 2016

Make sure your unit schedules its 2016 Family Investment in Character presentation. Please submit your presentation date at the October Roundtable. Units that meet their Investment in Character goal will qualify for one full year of free rank advancement!
Black & Veatch OPEN HOUSE

On August 25, Black & Veatch held their annual open house event with more than 200 potential Explorers in attendance. The Heart of America Council and Black & Veatch have had a great partnership for over 40 years and the success is showing! Learn more about Exploring at www.ExploringKC.org.

Interested in HEALTH & MEDICINE?

Do you want to be a doctor, surgeon, nurse or healthcare administrator? If so, Exploring has a program for you! It’s that time of year to enroll students in our Health and Medicine Exploring programs. Our partnerships include UMKC School of Dentistry, Truman Medical Lakewood, Hospital Hill and KU Medical. Our programs offer hands on experiences and connections to determine your future career path. Register today at www.ExploringKC.org.

Exploring Officers

Division Chairman    Duane Anstaett
Finance Chair       Joe Jacobs
Membership Chair    Keith Sickendick
Fire & Emergency Cluster Chair  Kurt Neis
Health & Medicine Cluster Chair  Joy Hobick
Law Enforcement Cluster Chair  Darin Chance
Engineering Cluster Chair  Bryan Watts
Activities Chair     Melanie Pierce
Senior Exploring Executive  Kerry Jorn  (816) 569-4937
Kerry.Jorn@Scouting.org

October

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

November

12  Cluster Breakouts/Re-charter Turn-in,
    12:00 pm
    Heart of America Council,
    10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO
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promoted role within the Frontier District is to serve as a staff advisor to the Frontier District, develop and provide program resources to Paraprofessionals, plan Day Camps and Scouting activities like lock-ins and adventure day events, as well as collaborate with community organizations to offer STEM programs to Scouts. LaKisha is an Honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow. Please welcome and congratulate LaKisha in her new role with the council.

Frontier Paraprofessional Scouter
Scoutreach Part-Time Job Opportunity

Job Description: Give leadership to the development and maintenance of quality Scouting Programs located in underserved areas in accordance with the Heart of America Council's Scoutreach Mission Statement. Programs will take place at schools, churches, and/or community centers within the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area. The programs run Monday through Friday for at least one hour. The number of hours worked will depend on number of sites assigned to you. Training will be provided. Pay starts at $10 per hour and can increase upon performance. A background check is required.

Qualifications: Must be over 18 years of age. Must have some experience working with youth, and own a working automobile with adequate insurance coverage complying with the State of Missouri or Kansas. Interested? Contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.

LaKisha Martin — Program Paraprofessional

Meet LaKisha Martin, Frontier's Program Paraprofessional. LaKisha has served as a Paraprofessional with the Scoutreach program for five years as a Cubmaster and Scoutmaster in after-school and community center programs. LaKisha's

October

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

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

November

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

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

December

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

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

Thanks for a great summer!

2015 URBAN DAY CAMPS
**Haunted Trails**

We've all heard the spooky campfire stories at Camp Naish and once a year those stories come alive! Share with your Cubs and families this family friendly event that is sure to garner fun and good memories. The Venturing Officers Association spooks up a Halloween themed Camp Naish on Saturday, October 24. Cost is $8 per person for ages 5 and up and $4 per person for ages 4 and below. Cost includes a light meal, shuttle service and patch. Space is limited. Sign up today at www.hoac-bsa.org or email kyle.fulbright@scouting.org.

**Kaw Silver Beaver**

The Silver Beaver Award recognizes Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within the Heart of America Council. Kaw's very own Nils Erickson is being recognized for his service and will be honored at the Council Annual Banquet on November 11. Congratulations Nils!

**Bobcat Academy**

Congratulations to 10 new Tiger Cubs that earned their Bobcat at the September Roundtable. The Kaw District Tiger Den Leader Mentor, Celeste Williams, put on a great program for new parents and Cub Scouts to kick start their adventure!
Cub Scout Family Campout

The Cub Scout Family Campout is an opportunity for boys and their families to start the Cub Scout year with a fun outdoor event. This overnight campout will feature games and activities for the entire family. Your family can start to show up any time after 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 3. A hot dog dinner will be provided as well as breakfast in the morning. There will be a worship service on Sunday morning and then your family can head home. This year’s campout will be held at the Lowry City Corn Maze, 11000 NE 201 Rd, Lowry City, MO. This a family event and the cost is $10 per person. The fee includes your meals and entrance into the corn maze. Make sure to bring your own camping equipment.

School Night for Scouting

The main recruitment drive for the district is complete. Second and third chance recruitments and invitations to unit events will be crucial to the success of our fall recruitment campaign. Make plans to be involved in homecoming parades and other events to help promote your Scouting unit. Make sure to invite all the boys that are currently playing football or soccer and let them know they can still join Scouting. For more information contact Jon Cerda at gundogpro@gmail.com.
October

1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO
Merit Badge Counselor Training & OA Chapter Meeting.

2-3 Cub Scout Family Campout, 4:00 pm
Camp Branch — Loop B, 17600 Collins Rd, Smithville Lake

2-4 North Star District Camporee, 5:00 pm
Kelsey Short Youth Camp, 17980 Collins Rd, Smithville Lake

8 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO
RECHARTER Packet Handout & Training

9-10 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, 5:00 pm
Kelsey Short Youth Camp, 17980 Collins Rd, Smithville, MO

26 Popcorn — Final Orders Due Online

31 Chartered Organization Representative Specific Training, 9:00 am
Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd St, Kansas City, MO

November

5 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO
Recharter Turn-In, Merit Badge Counselor Training & OA Chapter Meeting.

7 University of Scouting
Metropolitan Community College, 1775 Universal Avenue, Kansas City, MO

12 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th St, Kansas City, MO

December

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

10 District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 pm
Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th St, Kansas City, MO

New District Names Announced
IT’S OFFICIAL! The names for the new Platte and Clay County Districts have been selected. They are…

Platte County: Northern Lights
Clay County: Golden Eagle

Now the work starts on coming up with a logo design for each district. If you are creative and have an artistic flair, please draw out your design and submit it to one of the professional scouters for consideration.

Recharter
Now is the time to start thinking about your unit recharter. There are some changes for every unit in the district to be aware of. Recharter will start at the October District Commissioner’s Meeting — Thursday, October 8. Recharter Turn-In will be at the November 5 Roundtable. All charters will need to be turned in at the November Roundtable so they can be processed by 12/31/15. There will be no grace period provided. If you have any questions, be sure to ask one of the district professionals or your Unit Commissioner.

Golden Eagle District Director

I’m Stephanie Regalia, and I’m the new District Director for Golden Eagle District. I have been happily married to my college sweetheart for almost nine years, and just purchased our first house in Gladstone, MO. I began my Scouting career with the Central Florida Council as a District Executive then moved to the Heart of America Council to serve as the New Unit Organization Executive and as Staff Advisor for new units, the VOA, and Venturing.

My vision of the future starts with being a JTE Gold District, supporting sustainable membership growth for every unit, and generally doing anything and everything in the best interests of our youth! I look forward to serving the youth of our district and to assist the volunteers in the development and delivery of the Scouting program.

Stephanie R. Regalia
— Golden Eagle District Director

New Northern Lights District Executive

My name is Elisa Corry and I am the new District Executive for the Northern Lights District. My husband Thomas and I live in Overland Park with our dog, Kiwi. I have been with the Heart of America Council for 2 years and have served as the Hispanic Emphasis Executive and the District Executive in Red-Tailed Hawk.

I am excited to serve the Scouts and Scouters in the Northern Lights District. Please let me know how I can help you as you deliver the Scouting program to the youth of our area.

Elisa Corry
— Northern Lights District Executive
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2015 CAMPING

| Boy Scout | 61.1% |
| Cub Scout | 69.1% |

October

1. Roundtable, 7:00 pm — Re-Charter Training
   Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

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

16-18 District Camporee, 4:00 pm – 11:30 am
   Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbie Rd, Shawnee, KS

November

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

3. District Committee Meeting, 8:00 pm
   Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd, Shawnee, KS

5. Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

December

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

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   Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

Merit Badge Counselor Training,
OA Chapter 13 Meeting, Eagle Book Review

Camporee 2015 “Back to the Santa Fe Trail”

October 16-18 — Camp Naish Trust Property

Back to the Santa Fe Trail, a theme that is intended to pay homage to the former Santa Fe Trail District (some of us have been around long enough to remember that), as well as, an opportunity to return to the fundamentals of Scouting, and in the pioneer spirit, explore new things to come.

Camporee is meant to enhance the patrol method within your unit. It is also a chance for your Scouts to show off their skills at camp-making, cooking, teamwork, and cooperative methods of problem solving. Camping will be set in large troop areas, but each patrol will be judged on their ability to camp and complete Scout skills as a team.

Visit Northern Tier’s Activities page for more information and to register online: www.hoac-bsa.org/northern-tier-activities. Questions? Contact Phil Park at parke@bsacamporee.com.

2015 Order of the Arrow Vigil Candidates from Northern Tier

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to Lodge, council and Scouting. It is a mark of distinction that recognizes Arrowmen who have provided exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest in contributing to the strength of the Lodge and those around them.

After years of cheerful service, Chapter 13 of the Tamegonit Lodge would like to congratulate a few of their own on becoming Vigil Honor members of the Order of the Arrow.

- Lisa Grimsley
- Stephanie Ogan
- Paul Cast
- April Clark
- Eric Issacson
- Benjamin Kelm
- Edward Welsh
- Jacob Martin

Congratulations to our 2015 Northern Tier Silver Beaver Award Recipient

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition a local council may present to an adult volunteer. Ben Grimsley will be recognized at the Council Annual Recognition Banquet on Saturday, November 11. Online reservations are now available at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Benjamin Grimsley

Harry and Jacob Moyer at NOAC

Our NOAC contingent from Northern Tier
Investment in Character

Thank you for making the 2015 Investment in Character Campaign such a success. Since the 2016 campaign is just a few months away, be sure to plan for a short 8–10 minute presentation at your upcoming Blue and Gold or Court of Honor.

The Investment in Character campaign provides funds needed to operate the Heart of America Council. Our annual fundraising drive is a primary way that we raise money to run our council. A gift helps us keep activity costs to families and Scouts as low as possible. Attend a camporee or summer camp and the fee pays for the camp staff, program materials, a portion of the insurance costs and food.

Investment in Character funds also allows us to provide uniforms, books and camperships for families who need additional help to give their children a Scouting experience. Your gift also helps to extend Scouting to more families and allows for the organization of new packs, troops and crews.

Presentations can be scheduled for as early as November for troops with late fall Courts of Honor. Packs plan to hold the presentation as a part of your Blue and Gold Banquets. Our presentations have been running less than 10 minutes. Presentations also let people know how Scouting is organized and how they benefit from the services and programs offered by the Heart of America Council.

Popcorn

October is the big month in our sale. There are many ways to sell popcorn and provide needed funding for your pack or troop and the council. If you have not tried the Internet sale option, this is a great way to reach out of town family and friends. Door to door sales is the most effective way of increasing your sales.

Take time to swing through the neighborhood a second time, email your relatives to get those last minute sales. Thanks to Melisa Lord, our District Popcorn Chair, and her committee for a great start to this year’s sale. If you have any questions give her a call at (785) 865-8050 or email at pelathepopcornkernel@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Family Camp and Webelos Woods

Our October Cub Scout overnight on September 26 - 27 at Camp Bromelsick was a huge success. This event provides Cub Scouts and their families the opportunity to spend quality time outdoors playing games, learning about camping and attending a campfire. Special thanks to Troop 60, Troop 61, and Crew 2052 for putting on this year’s Cub Scout Family Camp.
### Pioneer Trails Camporee

Scouts will test their wilderness survival skills at the fall Camporee this year in a wide range of patrol based activities such as fire building, shelter building, map and compass, tomahawk throw and a cooking competition! Camporee will be held at Lake of the Woods in Swope Park the weekend of October 16. Be sure to invite your Webelos to attend with your troop and participate in the activities.

### 2015 Popcorn Sale

Popcorn season is here and in full swing. Make sure everyone in your unit has everything they need to go out and fundraise for their unit. Selling popcorn is a great way for every Scout to fund his Scouting dues. Scouts will have fun as they work to support their Scouting program and earn great prizes. If you have any questions contact Niel Campbell at (816) 569-4949 or niel.campbell@scouting.org.

### Recharter 2016

The Pioneer Trails recharter kick-off will take place at the October Roundtable. We need your help to have another successful recharter in 2016. Our goal is to complete the recharter process on time, with all charters completed by the end of January. Unit recharter packets will be distributed at the October Roundtable. Please track your Journey to Excellence goals for this year. If you have any questions contact Niel Campbell (816) 569-4949 or niel.campbell@scouting.org.

### Scouting Continues to grow in the 18th and Vine District

The American Jazz Museum is now home to Troop 1292 and Pack 4292. Through the efforts of Reggie and Greg Hill, Scouting is becoming a permanent part of the 18th and Vine District and the American Jazz Museum. Both units meet on Tuesday nights in the Museum and take an active role in the community. We would also like to thank Ralph Reed, Chris Burnett, Glen North and Anthony Ell for supporting the Scouting movement in the community.

Troop 1020 which had previously been part of the Frontier District successfully transitioned to the Pioneer Trails District this year. The troop joins Pack 4020 at the church under the leadership of Roosevelt Braxton as their new Scoutmaster.

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### October

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

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

3. **District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
   Wornall Road Baptist Church,  
   400 W Meyer Blvd, KC MO

### November

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

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

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*Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America October/November 2015*
**November**

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

6  **Final Popcorn Distribution, 12:30 pm**
Allegion Warehouse,
2119 E Kansas City 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

**December**

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

5  **Venturing Committee Challenge, 8:30 am**
First Baptist Church,
2025 E 151st St, Olathe, KS

5  **Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training, 8:30 am**
First Baptist Church,
2025 E 151st St, Olathe, KS

9  **Recharter Turn-in, 7:00 pm**
Coach’s, 9089 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS

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

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

29  **Recharter Turn-in, 7:00 pm**
Granite City, 15085 119th St, Olathe, KS

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**Cub Scout Family Campout/ Camporee**

We’re looking forward to seeing more than 1,200 Scouts and Scouters at the Cub Scout Family Campout and Camporee on October 9-11. Our theme this year is Animal Adventures. There is still a little bit of time left for you to get registered. For details go to www.hoac-bsa.org/red-tailed-hawk-activities.

**New District Alignment Coming Soon**

In just a few months, the Heart of America Council will officially have new district boundaries. Whether the unit you are in is going to be in Iron Horse, Shawnee Trails, or Soaring Eagle District, the support of your district leadership will be as strong as ever. As more details are finalized with the new district alignment, we will share all the information you need to make this a smooth transition to better serve your unit.

**2016 Recharter**

At the November Roundtable, we will have recharter packets available for your unit to start the recharter process. Please remember that you will be rechartering in your new district. Also, there is no longer a lapsed period for rechartering, so it is vital that you turn in your completed and signed charter before January 15, 2016. There are two recharter turn-in dates scheduled in addition to the December and January Roundtables where you can turn-in your recharter.

**2016 Family Investment in Character Campaign**

Now is the time to schedule your 2016 Family Investment in Character presentation. This should be held in conjunction with a large unit event such as Blue & Gold or Court of Honor. Presentations can be held any time from November 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

**2015 Silver Beaver Recipient**

Congratulations to Cathy Puls, 2015 Silver Beaver recipient, from Red-Tailed Hawk District. Cathy has had a distinguished volunteer career in Scouting, including serving as a Scoutmaster and immediate past District Chair. Please join us as we recognize Cathy Puls on November 11 at the Council Annual Banquet.

**2016 Merit Badge Forum**

The inaugural Iron Horse District Merit Badge Forum will take place on January 9, 23 and February 6. More than 30 merit badges and STEM programs will be offered. Look for details at the October Roundtable and online at www.hoac-bsa.org/red-tailed-hawk-activities. Registration will be due by the December Roundtable.

**2016 Red-Tailed Hawk District Dinner**

The final event of the Red-Tailed Hawk District will be the 2016 District Dinner on February 6, 2016. Please make plans now to attend this event! The final class of Red-Tailed Hawk District leaders will be recognized that night, so make sure your nominations are submitted as soon as possible. Event registration and nomination forms are available at www.hoac-bsa.org/red-tailed-hawk-activities.
**November**

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

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

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

**December**

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

1 District Roundtable, 7:30 pm  
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8 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Grace United Methodist Church,  
2400 SE 50 Highway, Lee’s Summit, MO

**School Nights for Scouting — Recruitment**

The bulk of our School Night for Scouting Campaign has been completed. Thanks to the packs for the time and effort you put into making your school night successful. Thank you to our district volunteers for taking a few extra nights to help with presentations and organizing dens.

**Camp-O-Ree**

This year’s Camp-O-Ree will be based on how to survive the Zombie Apocalypse! We will be at Blue & Gray Park, October 9-11. Cost is $8 per person. For more details or to be on staff, contact Kris Krahenbuhl (816) 589-8035 or kkrahenbuhl57@gmail.com.

**Investment in Character**

The Investment in Character Campaign keeps Scouting an affordable, effective youth development program. It funds the council’s infrastructure, or general operating portion of the budget, and provides a support system for the more than 15,000 volunteers and 800 community organizations that partner with the Heart of America Council.

In October and November, every pack, troop, and crew will be asked to support this campaign by hosting a presentation. These presentations should be at a time where most parents will be present and 10 minutes can be dedicated in the program. You will also be asked to select someone in the unit to help follow up with every family to make sure they all get the opportunity to support the programs of the Heart of America Council. For more information contact any of the Thunderbird Professional Staff.

**Charter Renewal**

It’s that time of year when we all re-register for another year in Scouting. Units are collecting fees ($24 registration, $15 Boys Life) and making sure the rosters are complete. We will have packets available for pickup and training at the October Roundtable. If you are unable to make this night your commissioner will be making an appointment to get this to you. You will be able to log-on to the online system on November 1 and we will have turn in on Thursday, November 19 at various locations around the district. At the turn in night you will also be asked to turn in your Investment in Character presentation date and Journey to Excellence forms.
November
5  Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Jewish Community Center,
   5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
5  Scouting Resource Forum, 7:00 pm
   Jewish Community Center,
   5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
12  District Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
    Merrill Lynch,
    3401 College Blvd, Leawood, KS
19  Eagle Board of Review, 6:30pm
    Emmanuel Baptist Church,
    10100 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS

December
3  Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Jewish Community Center,
   5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
3  Scouting Resource Forum, 7:00 pm
   Jewish Community Center,
   5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
8  Early Bird Recharter for Soaring
   Eagle District
   Rm 401 — Atonement Lutheran Church,
   9948 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park KS
10  District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
    Merrill Lynch,
    3401 College Blvd, Leawood, KS
17  Eagle Board of Review, 6:30pm
    Emmanuel Baptist Church,
    10100 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS

2015 Order of the Arrow Vigil Candidates from Trailhead

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Lodge, council and Scouting. It is a mark of distinction
that recognizes Arrowmen who have provided excep-
tional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest
in contributing to the strength of the lodge and those
around them.

On behalf of the Trailhead District and Tamegonit
Lodge, we would like to congratulate Dave Timpe and
Rob Baker on becoming Vigil Honor members of the
Order of the Arrow.
### Trails West

**Officers**

- **District Chair**: Dan Koontz  (479) 899-7868
- **District Commissioner**: John Rohrer  (913) 915-5218
- **Activities Chair**: Christy Allen  (913) 752-8084
- **Advancement Chair**: Shogo Cottrell  (913) 735-5001
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Dan Koontz  (479) 899-7868
- **Camping Chair**: Matt Bacon  (913) 780-5561
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: David Bryant  (913) 599-0514
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Shogo Cottrell  (913) 735-5001
- **Finance Chair**: Ken Burke  (816) 289-2687
- **Membership Chair**: Christine O’Connor  (913) 269-4042
- **OA Advisor**: April Clark  Clarkdale1@yahoo.com
- **Public Relations Chair**: April Clark  Clarkdale1@yahoo.com
- **Risk Management Chair**: James Hanus  jihanus1@gmail.com
- **Training Chair**: Rob Adams  (913) 254-9077
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Jon & Sally Riley  (913) 839-2008
- **Venturing Chair**: Tim Bodendistel  (913) 438-8696
- **Senior District Executive**: Jason Bledsoe  (816) 569-4984 Jason.Bledsoe@scouting.org

### 2015 CAMPING

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### October

- **1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**: Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
- **3 Webelos Walkabout, 12:00 pm**: Cedar Lake Park, 15500 S Lone Elm Rd, Olathe, KS
- **9-11 Camporee, 7:00 pm**: Naish Scout Reservation, Bonner Springs, KS
- **13 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**: Price Chopper, 19601 W 101st St, Lenexa, KS
- **21 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**: Bass Pro, 12051 Bass Pro Dr, Olathe, KS
- **24 Popcorn Returns, 9:00 am**: Allegion Warehouse, 2119 E Kansas City Rd, Olathe, KS

### November

- **5 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**: Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
- **5 OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm**: Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
- **6 Final Popcorn Distribution, 12:30 pm**: Allegion Warehouse, 2119 E Kansas City Rd, Olathe, KS
- **10 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**: Price Chopper, 19601 W 101st St, Lenexa, Olathe
- **18 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**: Sunflower Elementary School, 8955 Loiret Blvd, Lenexa, KS

### December

- **3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**: Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
- **3 OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm**: Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
- **8 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**: Price Chopper, 19601 W 101st St, Lenexa, KS
- **15 Recharter Turn-in, 7:00 pm**: Brewbaker’s 9482 Renner Blvd, Lenexa, KS
- **16 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**: Sunflower Elementary School, 8955 Loiret Blvd, Lenexa, KS
- **29 Recharter Turn-in, 7:00 pm**: Granite City, 15085 119th St, Olathe, KS

**Camporee 2015**

This year’s fall Camporee will be held October 9-11 and will feature Scout skills contests, team building activities, a history of Scouting, and more… You won’t want to miss it! For details go to www.hoac-bsa.org/trails-west-activities.

**New District Alignment Coming Soon**

In just a few months, the Heart of America Council will officially have new district boundaries. Whether the unit you are in is going to be in Iron Horse, Shawnee Trails, or Soaring Eagle District, the support of your district leadership will be as strong as ever. As more details are finalized with the new district alignment, we will share all the information you need to make this a smooth transition to better serve your unit!

### 2016 Recharter

At the November Roundtable, we will have recharter packets available for your unit to start the recharter process. Please remember that you will be rechartering in your new district. Also, there is no longer a lapsed period for rechartering, so it is vital that you turn in your completed and signed charter before January 15, 2016. There are two recharter turn-in dates scheduled in addition to the December and January Roundtables where you can turn-in your recharter.

### 2016 Family Investment in Character Campaign

Now is the time to schedule your 2016 Family Investment in Character presentation. This should be held in conjunction with a large unit event such as Blue & Gold or Court of Honor. Presentations can be held any time from November 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

### 2015 Silver Beaver Recipient

Congratulations to John Rohrer, 2015 Silver Beaver recipient, from the Trails West District. John has had a distinguished volunteer career in Scouting, including completing Wood Badge and serving currently as District Commissioner. Please join us as we recognize John on November 11 at the Council Annual Banquet.

### 2016 Merit Badge Forum

The inaugural Iron Horse District Merit Badge Forum will take place on January 9, 23 and February 6. More than 30 merit badges and STEM programs will be offered. Look for details at the October Roundtable and online at www.hoac-bsa.org/trails-west-advancement. Registration will be due by the December Roundtable.

### 2016 Trails West District Dinner

The final event of the Trails West District will be the 2016 District Dinner on January 8, 2016. Please make plans now to attend this event! The final class of Trails West District leaders will be recognized that night, so make sure your nominations are submitted as soon as possible. Event registration and nomination forms are available at www.hoac-bsa.org/trails-west-activities.
**TWIN RIVERS**

**District Information**

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**October**

1. **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm**
   - First Presbyterian Church,
   - 110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS

2. **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
   - First Presbyterian Church,
   - 110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS

8. **District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
   - Whistle Stop Café,
   - 901 6th St, Osawatomie, KS

**November**

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**Popcorn Sale**

The 2015 popcorn sale is in full swing. Be sure to get your popcorn orders, prize orders and scholarship forms turned in by the due dates. If you have any questions contact Julie Couch, our district popcorn kernel, at (785) 229-7798. October is the big month for our sale. There are many ways to sell popcorn and provide needed funding for your pack or troop and the council. If you have not tried the internet sale option, this is a great way to reach out of town family and friends. Learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.

**School Night for Scouting**

The Twin Rivers District School Night for Scouting fall recruitment drive was a success! Thanks to all who played a part in recruiting new Scouts and parents. Be sure to follow up with very boy who didn’t sign up at school night and invite them to give Scouting a try.

Work with your new leaders and parents to be sure they are aware of the online new leader training opportunities because every boy deserves a trained leader. Watch for details of our district’s success in “Currents” — the Twin Rivers District newsletter, available at District Roundtable.

Also, please pick up any yard signs that you put out or see around town at schools, churches, or businesses and save them for next year.

**New Night for District Committee Meeting**

The Twin Rivers District Committee meeting date has moved. District Committee meetings are now held at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the same location, The Whistle Stop Café, 901 6th Street, Osawatomie, KS.

**Investment in Character**

Thank you for making the 2015 Investment in Character Campaign such a success. Since the 2016 campaign is just a few months away, be sure to plan for a short 8-10 minute presentation at your upcoming Blue and Gold or Court of Honor.

The Investment in Character campaign provides funds needed to operate the Heart of America Council. Our annual fundraising drive is a primary way that we raise money to run our council. A gift helps us keep activity costs to families and Scouts as low as possible. Attend a camporee or summer camp and the fee pays for the camp staff, program materials, a portion of the insurance costs and food.

Investment in Character funds also allows us to provide uniforms, books and camperships for families who need additional help to give their children a Scouting experience. Your gift also helps to extend Scouting to more families and allows for the organization of new packs, troops and crews.

Presentations can be scheduled for as early as November for troops with late fall Courts of Honor. Packs, plan to hold the presentation as part of your Blue and Gold Banquets. Our presentations have been running less than 10 minutes. Presentations also let people know how Scouting is organized and how they benefit from the services and programs offered by the Heart of America Council.
Tamegonit Lodge shines at National Order of the Arrow Conference and returns home National Champions.

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