READY TO RECRUIT

School Night for Scouting 2016

Get your first look at new resources and new ways to join.

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The Chicken or the Egg...Recruitment or Retention?

We’ve all heard the old saying, “which came first, the chicken or the egg?” While I don’t have the answer to that question, I do have the answer to “what comes first, new youth recruitment or retention?” To me the answer is both!

This fall, thanks to the help of a great staff and dedicated volunteers, we will give young boys in 465 elementary schools the opportunity to join Cub Scouts. Our overall goal this fall is to register 5,000 new Cub Scouts. Frankly, when it’s all said and done, the recruitment is the easy part. The question is...Does your pack have a retention plan in place?

I have to smile when Cub Scout leaders or my staff tell me that a Cub Scout Pack lost a number of youth members at recharter time. To be true, these boys didn’t drop out at recharter time in December or January. In fact, I would bet that the majority of the boys dropped out within the first four weeks of joining.

Planning for retention starts long before a new Scout ever joins a pack. When I look at our packs with a strong retention program I see the following components:

- **Den Leadership Selection:** Don’t just ask for a volunteer to be the new Den Leader. Meet as a Pack Committee and then determine who is the best person to be the Den Leader. Then pick 2-3 committee members to make the request “in person”. Never recruit alone or over the phone.

- **Pack/Den Program Plan:** Our best packs plan their program and monthly themes in the summer, before the new pack program year begins. At the first pack meeting of the school year they hand out a printed schedule for the year of all the pack’s activities and meetings. A well planned and fun program will keep your Scouts coming back for more!

- **Budget:** It does take finances and an annual budget to operate a successful pack. Successful packs usually hold one fundraising event a year — the majority participate in the council popcorn sale. Rather than asking parents for money every month, set a fundraising goal per Scout.

- **Follow Up:** For many of our new Scouts, if they miss a few meetings they may think they are too far behind their friends and don’t return. Our best packs make it a practice at their monthly committee meetings to review the names of Scouts who missed 2 or more meetings in the last month and then personally follow up with a visit or call to the parent.

Good luck on your fall recruitment efforts and build your plan for successful retention. Remember that Scouting is good for our youth and our Scouts make our communities a better place to live!

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

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August/September 2016
COUNCIL NEWS

Build a Fire for Life

2015 Annual Report

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. More than just words, the twelve points of the Scout Law fuel the fire of character that burns bright inside each and every Scout.

Help us show character burning bright and relive an amazing year of Scouting in Kansas City with our new interactive 2015 Annual Report. Share the Scout Law in action and you could be handsomely rewarded.

Start your digital experience at www.HOACAnnualReport.com

Downtown BBQ Serves Up Food for Funding

Nearly one-thousand hungry Scouting supporters made their way to downtown Kansas City on June 24 for the 19th annual Scout City BBQ. A summertime staple, the Scout City BBQ raises much needed funds for Scoutreach in Kansas City. Event proceeds go to inner city Scouting programs to provide essentials like uniforms, handbooks, and even summer camp assistance. After an outpouring of generous donations, we are pleased to report that the 2016 Scout City BBQ raised a staggering $30,000. Special thanks to all our sponsors and to Plowboys BBQ for catering this year’s lunch.
NEW CAMPAIGN LOOK

We’re pulling out all the stops this year with new ads and new ways to share Scouting. More than just a compass or Pinewood Derby car, our new ad campaign focuses on the fun of Scouting all while emphasizing the timeless values our programs have to offer. Be on the lookout for new recruitment ads this fall on…

- Billboards
- Theater
- Mobile
- Radio
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Homepage Takeovers

START WITH THE BASICS

Here are a few helpful hints to make sure your School Night is the best it can be…

- Have a marketing plan! Utilize marketing materials like fliers, posters, and yard signs provided by the council as well as social media strategies to get the word out about your School Night.
- Give families multiple opportunities to join. Conduct a School Night in August as well as other joining events in September and October.
- School Night should be about recruiting youth, not selecting leaders. Identify your leaders before the School Night or prior to your Parent Orientation Meeting.
- Create an annual program plan and budget and share with your Scouting families.

New Recruitment Resources Available

www.hoac-bsa.org/Pack-Recruitment-Resources
NEW WAYS TO JOIN

New in 2016, we’re making joining easier than ever. Starting this August, prospective Scouting families will now have the ability to join the fun of Scouting online or via text. You heard right, online registration is here! Simply visit www.KCScouting.org or text JOINSCOUTS to 51555 to get started. From there you can select your pack and pay online…it’s that easy!

NEW INCENTIVES

Exclusively for our new members, all Cub Scouts who join this fall are in for a surprise. Not only will they receive our “Royally” inspired join Scouting t-shirt, but they will also take home a rocket for FREE! In order to qualify, the Scout must turn in a completed application, with fees, at School Night or online.

2016 School Night Sponsors

- Pinstripes
- DeMolay
- Clorox
- Mr. Bell Foods Inc.
- Westlake Ace Hardware

THE NEW CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPOUT

You’ve never seen a Cub Scout Family Campout like this before. Bring the entire family to one of 6 campouts at Bartle or Naish this fall, join the launch party, and watch your new rocket take flight! All new Cub Scouts attend FREE. This is your chance to create Scouting memories with your family and have a blast while doing it. Learn more or register online at www.ScoutCamping.org.
**COUNCIL NEWS**

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**Sporting Kansas City**

**SCOUT NIGHT**

**Saturday, August 13 | Camp Naish**

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**Sporting Kansas City**

**SCOUT NIGHT**

**Friday, September 9**

**Children’s Mercy Park**

Cheer on Sporting Kansas City as they take on rival Houston Dynamo on Friday, September 9 at Children’s Mercy Park. Arrive early for games and activities for the entire family including your shot at a post-match penalty kick on the field!

Tickets are only $25. But act fast…less than 250 Scout Night ticket packages are still available.

And don’t forget your scarf. Pre-order your official 2016 Scout Night Scarf for an additional $20 while supplies last.
PROJECT POPCORN

There are plenty of reasons for your Scout to jump right into the 2016 popcorn sale. In addition to the sale being the largest fundraiser for local Scouting, Scouts learn valuable life skills like teamwork, time management, goal setting and salesmanship — just to name a few.

With new incentives and products like Visa gift cards, a Spin-to-Win Party, and our World Series Champion Kansas City Royals tin, your Scouts will easily fill-up their sales sheets in no time. And to make it even easier, this year we are offering a vendor website to help manage sales for Scouts and leaders.

For more information or to sign your unit up for this year’s popcorn sale, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.

GALACTIC COLLECTION PATCH

The sky is no longer the limit with the Galactic Collection Patch! Take selling to a new level by completing the collection patch and earning the Top Seller Pin!

SOLDIER’S ACADEMY

Back by popular demand, Seller’s Academy will be offered August 13 in the Northland at Cerner Riverport and August 20 at the Overland Park Convention Center. Conducted in a trade show format, Seller’s Academy is for Scouts and Unit Kernels and offers everything from sales tips to exciting prize giveaways. Pre-register for a Seller’s Academy today at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.
Parris Named 2016 Distinguished Citizen

The Heart of America Council is honored to announce the selection of Roshann Parris as this year’s Distinguished Citizen. The Distinguished Citizen Award honors a local individual or company for their efforts in making a distinct difference in the fabric of our community.

Roshann is the founder of Parris Communications Inc., a Kansas City-based public relations and strategic communications firm now celebrating its 28th year. The firm has developed a reputation for its broad-based strategic and crisis communications work in both the U.S. and countries worldwide.

While managing her energized Parris team, Roshann has simultaneously maintained an active Washington, D.C.-based public sector career which, since 1978, has included 6 years on the United States Senate staff and senior roles on 10 presidential campaign staffs of Democratic candidates.

The 2016 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 15 at the Sheraton Overland Park. The event will honor Roshann and award two $10,000 college scholarships to area Eagle Scouts. For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Jeromy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965 or Jeromy.rutledge@scouting.org.

2016 Scholarship Recipients

Denon Martinez
2016 Roshann Parris Scholarship

Denon received his Eagle Scout Award from Troop 1080 chartered to Holy Cross Parents for Scouting. He has attended eight sessions at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and has participated in two National Jamborees. While maintaining a 3.8 GPA, he was a leader in JROTC and was involved in soccer, National Honor Society, and Boys’ State. He plans to attend UMKC this fall to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Matthew Crotty
2016 Ewing M. Kauffman Scholarship

Matthew received his Eagle Scout Award in 2013 as a member of Troop 1124 chartered to Raymore Christian Church. He is a Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and a Brotherhood Member in the Order of the Arrow. Matthew was a valuable member of his high school jazz and marching bands and will be pursuing a degree in music education.

Sporting Clays Classic

October 7 - 8

One of the most exciting council fundraising events happens every October at Camp Naish. This year's Sporting Clays Classic will be held October 7-8. This event has grown to more than 250 shooters on more than 55 teams. Included in the weekend is an auction and reception at The Grid Event Space in Overland Park on Friday, October 8. Food and drinks are provided by Inspired Occasions and Central States Beverage. Select auction items include hunting trips, weekend hotel stays, restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia, and much more. The minimum sponsorship amount for a team of four plus tickets to the auction and reception is $1,500. For more information contact Bob Hamlin at (816) 569-4921.

In Memory of:

Russell Atha Jr
Esther & Don Giffin
Leonard Como
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Richard “Dick” Cook
Carol Johns & Larry Lester
Maren Morefield
Sam & Carla Sciascia
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Luther E Holland Jr
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Tom O’Connor
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Dr. Chuck & Sally Beaty
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In Honor of:

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AnnMarie Wattjes
Robert Nauman
Marcia Cook
Douglas Furnell
Marcia Cook

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

What did you do on your summer vacation? Sebastian Trill, a Life Scout from Troop 10 in Leawood, KS, probably experienced more than most. Sebastian was chosen to attend the highly selective United States Naval Academy STEM Camp in Annapolis, Maryland. The program is designed to encourage rising high school students to pursue a course of study in engineering and technology throughout high school and college.

**Webelos STEM Weekend**

**October 1-2 | Bartle Scout Reservation**

Registration is now open for the fall Webelos STEM Weekend at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. The October 1-2 session will focus on simple machines and how electricity is generated. Get on the fast track to your Nova and Supernova awards during an unforgettable weekend that also includes traditional camp favorites and a special campfire introduction to the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Register now at [www.STEMCamping.org](http://www.STEMCamping.org)

Sessions limited to 250 campers.

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**First up, Nova! Program Ideas... Cool Experiments**

By now you’ve started looking over the Nova awards, and thought, “OK, I can do this, but what kind of experiment can we actually do?” Well, I put together a list of some fun experiments that I’ve used, and you can too!

**For Cub Scouts:**

**Make Root Beer:** Use water, sugar, dry ice and extract to make 5 gallons of root beer, and teach science in the process. The experiment takes about 30 minutes to make 5 gallons, and you can talk about sublimation, carbonation, dissolving solids into liquids, and gas densities, all while a delicious treat is brewing.

**Mousetrap Marshmallow Catapults:** Use mousetraps with plastic spoons taped-on to launch marshmallows at your opponent's castle. (Made of stacked paper cups.) First one to knock down the castle wins (If they don't eat the ammo)! You can teach stored energy, kinetic energy, trajectory, castle architecture and history, all while having a blast from the past.

**For Boy Scouts and Venturers:**

**Marble Madness:** Cheap plastic plumbing from the lumber yard and a roll of duct tape can make for a huge amount of creative fun. Build jumps, turns, funnels, and traps. Learn kinetic energy, trajectory, velocity, ballistics, wind drag and brace design, with a good dose of math tossed in.

**Pinewood Derby:** Yup, that's right. Create your own rules for designs, tracks and obstacles. Build your own car, and your own track if you want. Explore design, drag, resistance, timing, friction and photography while visiting your past.

*The STEM Guy*

Questions? Email [jim.forson@HPE.com](mailto:jim.forson@HPE.com)
SALUTE TO SUMMER

It wouldn’t be summer without summer camp! Whether it was walking the plank at Treasure Island Day Camp or taming the tower on the Reservation, thousands of Scouts made memories to last a lifetime at a Heart of America Council summer camp this year. Here are some of our favorite photos from Summer Sixteen.
SALUTE TO SUMMER

Follow our social media channels for more of our favorite summer camp photos.

12,483 Scouts Camped in 2016
Adventure Camp Weekends

Plan a Saturday Adventure at Camp Naish this Fall

Looking for a great troop campout or crew activity? Make it a trek at Camp Naish.

- Camp in your own tents (no fee)
- Hike the Rim Rock Trail and enjoy the fall colors from the hills of the Kaw Valley
- Experience an adventure activity

Fall 2016 Sessions:

September 24
ATV Rider Course
Wilderness First Aid

October 8
ATV Rider Course
Basic Rifle & Shotgun Shooting
Advanced Rifle & Shotgun Shooting
Archery
Climbing & Rappelling Basics
C.O.P.E.
Wilderness First Aid

October 22
ATV Rider Course
Rifle & Shotgun Fun Shoot
Archery
Climbing & Rappelling Basics
C.O.P.E.
Wilderness First Aid

November 5
ATV Rider Course
Rifle & Shotgun Fun Shoot
Climbing & Rappelling Basics
C.O.P.E.
Wilderness First Aid Course

Register now for your Adventure Weekend at www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends

2017 Boy Scout Camp Draw

The sun has set on another amazing summer and now it's time to look ahead to 2017. The draw to determine camp placement for next year starts in October. Save the date and mark your calendars accordingly.

H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- Friday, October 14
- Thursday, October 20
- Saturday, October 22

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
- Saturday, October 22

Contact the Council Camping Department with Questions at (816) 942-9333

Naish Skilled Trades Day

The Theodore Naish Scout Reservation saw three important projects completed during the spring and summer of 2016:

- 9 pavilion tops and steel roofs completed on the Central Camp FEMA shelters
- Cunningham Pavilion (Cub World) steel roof replaced
- 4 fans installed in the Central Camp Dining Hall

In addition to the scheduled Skilled Trades Day on September 24, there’s abundant opportunities for skilled volunteers to help maintain and improve the Reservation’s facilities and infrastructure during both weekdays and weekends throughout August, September and October.

Learn how you can help at www.hoac-bsa.org/campmasters.
GEOCACHING

Joe Scouter Visits the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

Was I surprised when I returned to my old Scout camp on the Osage River after having been away for some 85 years. Man, have things changed. My next adventure took me to Davis Lodge and Geocaching — one of the most popular outdoor activities at camp each summer. All the Geocaching units (or GPS units) at camp are provided by Garmin.

The counselor at Davis Lodge showed me a Garmin GPS unit and it was really slick — much better than the old metal pocket compass I used when I was at camp. These GPS mobile receivers can be used to pinpoint locations anywhere in the world. He said there were several locations around the Reservation that Scouts can seek out using a Global Positioning System (GPS) device. He encourages Scouts to find them on their own, but not to disturb them as they are also used for merit badge instruction.

A typical cache on the Reservation is a small waterproof container that contains a logbook. The Scout who is the geocacher enters the date they found the box and signs it with their geocaching code name. The box must be replaced to the same location after the logbook is signed. Man, these Scouts have so much more to do than we had at camp some 85 years ago!

(Editor’s Note: Joe Scouter was a Boy Scout from 1929 to the early 1930’s who reported on activities at Camp Dan Sayre in Noel, Missouri and Camp Osceola (now the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation). He would routinely send articles back to the Kansas City newspapers which were read by the parents of Scouts who were at camp. It just so happened that Joe Scouter visited the Bartle Scout Reservation this past summer and sent us a few observations.)
2016 Order of the Arrow Dues

For the past four years, Tamegonit Lodge has held the title as the LARGEST lodge in the nation. Help us retain this position by renewing your dues for 2016. The graphic above represents the number of members we had last year. The blue portion is the number of members who have already paid their 2016 dues, and the red portion represents the dues still needed.

OA members paying their 2016 dues through their unit should contact their unit’s OA Troop Representative or Troop Representative Adviser for information. Members paying their 2016 dues individually can pay online at http://oadues2016.kintera.org.

National Leadership Seminar

Since the 1970s, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has crafted one of the best weekend leadership trainings available in the nation — inside or outside of Scouting. This training is available only to Arrowmen, and one seminar, out of the many offered nationally, is held in our council in Parkville, MO. The 2016 National Leadership Seminar is scheduled for October 14-16. Make plans now to attend, as spots fill up fast. More information is available at www.Tamegonit.org.

Operation Arrow

After a record-setting attendance at the national conference in 2015, the Order of the Arrow will again look to make history with Operation Arrow at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. To continue a tradition that dates back to the 1950 National Scout Jamboree, over 750 youth Arrowmen will answer the call to serve as part of Operation Arrow — the largest jamboree staff team ever assembled by the Order of the Arrow.

Learn how you can be a part of Operation Arrow at http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2017.

Tribesman of the Lodge Executive Committee attended the 2016 Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration Chieftain ceremony. Pictured are Jackson, Asa, Senn, Chief Strong Spirit Kenn Miller, Dawson and Jack.

Winter Banquet Preview

The guest speaker at the 2017 Winter Banquet will be Robert C. Birkby. Birkby is an American adventure guide, author, photographer, speaker and trail designer. Birkby grew up in Sidney, Iowa. As a Boy Scout, he served on summer camp staff, made a trek to Philmont Scout Ranch and earned his Eagle Scout rank.

Follow us on Social Media

What’s your #ThrowbackThursday?

Every Thursday, our social media team shares a Throwback Thursday, or #TBT, to resurface and celebrate old Scouting memories. This feature is a favorite throughout our social media channels, and it’s submissions from our followers that make it possible. So go ahead and dig out that induction photo from 1985, the photo from camp staff 1948, or even the photo from NOAC 2015 and send it to socialmediachair@tamegonit.org.

Facebook: @Tamegonit-Lodge-Order-of-the-Arrow-149979421736092
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2016 Tamegonit Lodge Fall Calendar

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International Camp Staff Spotlight
Diana Yaselga — Ecuador

Diana Yaselga made her way from Quito, Ecuador to Bonner Springs, Kansas this summer to serve on staff at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. She began Scouting as a teenager, and has since travelled the globe to places as far as Japan for the 2013 International Jamboree.

Diana was impressed by the facilities at Camp Naish, including the tower and the cabins. In Ecuador, Scouts don’t have summer camps on Reservations, like Naish or Bartle. Instead, they do more traditional camping where they hike and set up tents for a several days.

Regarding life at Naish, Diana said, “I enjoy very much the energy you have here.” One of her fondest memories was earlier this summer at a T-Bones game where she found herself feeling homesick. One of the staff members noticed, and they all began to sing a camp song to lift her spirits. This moment, she said, made her feel like they were family. Another fond moment was at the top of the climbing tower in 100-degree weather as she was telling the kids “it’s going to be okay, don’t be scared, I got you.” Diana enjoys many aspects of Scouting in the United States and plans to return to Ecuador to continue improving the Scouting program.

Diana has a degree in clinical psychology and conducted her final research project on how Scouting “helps children develop strong selves and eventually cope better with frustration and limitations” and how it increases creativity. In five years she would like to be back home in Ecuador where she plans to start her own clinical psychology practice.

Overall, Diana said that “Scouting is awesome and has taken me to so many places and allowed me to meet so many valuable people that I can’t ask for anything else in my life right now. I’m super happy.” She expressed that “It’s like having family all around the world.”

Israeli Scout Caravan Returns to Kansas City

The Israel Scouts (Tzofim) “Friendship Caravan,” the only world-wide Scout Entertainment corps, returned to Kansas City this past July. Each year, thousands of Israeli Scouts apply and audition for the entertainment corps that travels to North America and performs at Scout Camps and community venues. Four groups of ten Scouts traverse the United States in what are called Tzofim Friendship Caravans. These Scouts offer a taste of Israel and strengthen bonds between youth across seas. This year’s local performances included tour stops at the Jewish Community Center and Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

SAVE THE DATE
October 14-16
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
University of Scouting

Saturday, November 5 | MCC Business & Technology Campus

So just what is all the buzz about University of Scouting? Simply put, it’s a day of learning for all ages. It’s an opportunity to rekindle or catch the fire and excitement of the Scouting movement, and to come away from the experience with new friends, fresh ideas, shared memories, and enthusiasm to put the pizzazz into your Scouting program.

There is truly something for everyone. Classes are offered for youth and adults — everyone from the newest leader to the seasoned professional. Courses will be offered to help with the administration side of Scouting, Cub Scout programming all the way to high adventure treks, to program diversity.

Try a class or two, meet up with friends, or even earn a Scouting degree! For those pursuing a degree at University of Scouting, 2016 is the first year that the Doctorate Degree can be earned.

University of Scouting will deliver meaningful, innovative, vivacious, up-to-date, and accurate training in a timely manner to meet the needs and fulfill the interests of multigenerational Scout Leaders within and outside the Heart of America Council.

Our vision of future success is educated and skilled Scout Leaders who enthusiastically guide, instruct, and inspire youth and adults across all programs of the Boy Scouts of America. Enroll today and Educate, Excite, Empower!

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- Trainer’s Edge
- Recording Advancement Online
- Re-Chartering Seminar
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Every Youth Deserves Trained Adult Leaders
By the Book

Eagle Scout Dawson Garcia succeeded in earning all 136 merit badges in the book — but he didn’t stop there. Dawson decided to donate all of his merit badge books to the council’s Scoutreach program for other Scouts to enjoy and advance. Congratulations Dawson and thank you for your generous donation to Scouting!

WOOD BADGE 2016

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

September 9-11 & October 7-9 | Camp Naish

What training should a Scout leader have? Most Scouters know how to start a campfire, pitch a tent, or render basic first aid. For a weekend outing you might be able to get by. You probably didn’t even need to take training to learn these skills. So what skills does it take to plan a troop meeting, campout, campfire program, or conservation projects? What about coaching and mentoring Scouts, managing conflict, problem solving, or teaching proven leadership skills? At Wood Badge you learn and practice these skills and so much more.

Our fall Wood Badge course will be held on September 9-11 and October 7-9, 2016. This will be your only chance to attend this advanced adult leadership training event until April of 2017.

Fee before August 5th is $200, after that, the fee increases to $230.

For more information or to register, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge.

2016 NESA Scholarship Recipients

Heart of America Council

$5,000 Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarships
John Rosher — Troop 1016

$3,000 NESA Academic Scholarships
Nathaniel Helgeson — Troop 83
Ryan Wagner — Troop 257

$2,500 Cooke Academic Scholarships
Alexander Burroughs — Troop 1175

$2,500 Michael S. Malone/Windrush Publishers Journalism Scholarship
Justin Curto — Troop 351

Apply for 2017 scholarships at www.nesa.org/scholarships.html
Powder Horn Training

September 23-25 | Camp Naish

Powder Horn is designed to help a Boy Scout Troop or Venturing Crew provide an interesting and exciting program for older Scouts. The course curriculum will guide participants through tools and resources to safely conduct outdoor/high adventure type activities. The course is open to older youth or any adult interested in experiencing a unit level, high adventure program. Learn more or register at www.hoac-bsa.org/powder-horn.

Haunted Trails

October 29 | Cub World — Camp Naish

Travel the Haunted Trails of Camp Naish this October! Haunted Trails is a Halloween themed event for Cub Scouts and their families. Cost is $8 per person — $4 for children ages 4 and under. The fee includes a light meal, shuttle service and event patch. All Venturers are encouraged to help run this event. Learn more or register today at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Exploring California with Black & Veatch
On June 9-12, Black & Veatch Explorers embarked on their annual Superactivity to San Diego. Black & Veatch engineers took 6 students on the opportunity of a lifetime to experience California’s engineering structures. They were able to visit Petco Park, the MLB All-Star Game, the San Diego Zoo, and the USS Midway aircraft carrier.

Explorers also had the opportunity to visit Belmont Park, the San Diego Air & Space Museum, the Ruben H. Fleet Science Center and the Maritime Museum. They finished up their trip by taking a cruise tour around the harbor. Black & Veatch will be hosting an open house at the end of August for their 2016-2017 program. Visit www.Exploringkc.org for updates!

Law Enforcement Challenge
On June 11, two of our local Law Enforcement Posts in Overland Park and Olathe, came together for the annual Law Enforcement Challenge. The Overland Park Police Department hosted this year’s challenge featuring mock scenarios of traffic stops, DUI enforcement and “Top Gun.”

Firefighting Explorers Make a Splash
On June 8, the Belton Fire Department hosted water rescue training and Explorers got to join in on the fun! Firefighters and Explorers were tasked to rescue a “drowning victim,” take them to safety and swim around the lazy river dodging obstacles in their way. They were also trained on how to escape their life vest if they were pinned underwater.
The 2017 National Jamboree
Join Our Council Contingent

The 2017 National Jamboree is less than a year away and we want you to be part of it!

On July 11, 2017, 125 Scouts and leaders will leave Kansas City, stop at several national landmarks, and then on July 19, arrive at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in the rugged hills of West Virginia for the ultimate Scouting adventure. The Heart of America Council is currently taking applications to fill three council troops and two council crews. Space is filling up fast so now is the time to sign-up!

Before arriving at The Summit, tour stops include:

- Huntsville, Alabama: U.S. Rocket and Space Center
- Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Norfolk, Virginia: Norfolk Naval Station
- Washington, D.C.: Sites throughout our Nation’s Capital
- A day of whitewater rafting

After traveling for a week, participants will arrive at The Summit and participate in ten days of the most thrilling Scouting experience imaginable. From July 19-28, the National Jamboree will offer up excitement through Adventure Areas sure to get Scouts’ blood pumping.

- **Adventure Valley** — home to rock climbing, cross-country mountain biking, downhill moun-
tain biking, a ropes challenge course, The Zip, and lake kayaking.
- **The Canopy** — home to the Summit’s canopy tours where you will soar through the trees on a series of zip lines 50 to 80 feet in the air.
- **Thrasher Mountain** — home to The Park and The Trax where you will participate in thrilling skateboarding, BMX and mountain board courses.
- **Bows and Barrels** — home to world-class shooting sports. There is a wide variety of shotguns, rifles, pistols, 3-D archery, and sporting arrows offered.
- **Aquatics** — home to fishing, kayaking, paddle-boarding and an expanded Water Reality obstacle course. Scuba diving and swimming will also be offered.
- **STEM Quest** — home to high-tech, state-of-the-art exhibits and hands-on adventures.

These are just a few of the activities that Scouts will experience. There’s also the Stadium Event — the greatest Scouting concert ever that is held once every four years! For more information about these and other adventures, check out www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview.

Scouts have already started signing up. If you want to participate, you need to sign up now! Make your $100 deposit and register online at www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree.

Any unit interested in having a presentation about the 2017 Jamboree should contact Alan Sanders at asanders@scouting.org or (816) 569-4958. A member of the Jamboree promotions committee will be happy to come out to show your Scouts how much fun they will have at Jamboree.
Five myths about the 2017 National Jamboree, debunked

With the 2017 National Jamboree a year away, many Scouts think they’ve missed their chance to attend this quintessential quadrennial Scouting event.

But there’s good news: The door to the jamboree is still very much open.

In fact, “jamboree registration has closed” is one of several myths floating around out there about the jamboree, which I call “the coolest party in all of Scouting.”

So before you sign up to attend as a participant or staff at the 2017 National Jamboree, let’s debunk those myths.

Myth 1: It is only for boys.

Reality: Young women are invited to attend as Venturers or serve on staff.

The 2013 National Jamboree was the first to welcome Venturers, including young women. And even more female Venturers are expected at the 2017 National Jamboree. Registered Venturers of any age are invited to attend. Men and women who will be at least 16 years old by the first day of the jamboree may also serve on staff.

Myth 2: The campership deadline has passed.

Reality: Camperships are available to help Scouts and Venturers attend the jamboree. But don’t delay. You must apply for these camperships by Sept. 1, 2016.

Camperships are available to youth participants only, and applications must include an explanation of why the participant needs campership funds and what he or she is doing to raise funds in addition to the campership request. Recipients will be notified by Oct. 1, 2016.

Myth 3: My 11- or 12-year-old will miss out.

Reality: Scouts who are 12 years old by the first day of the jamboree (and even certain 11-year-olds) may attend.

A participant must be at least a First Class Scout and be at least 12 years old by the first day of the jamboree — or an 11-year-old who has graduated sixth grade. Participants must not have reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the jamboree.

Myth 4: The experience for staff is unchanged from 2013.

Reality: The jamboree team has made significant improvements for 2017 Jamboree staffers.

The list of upgrades includes solar-heated showers for staff, expanded transportation options, more time off, better lunch choices and a more robust communications strategy.

Myth 5: The jamboree isn’t for my child.

Reality: The 2017 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve has something for Scouts and Venturers of any interest or skill level.

Adrenaline-seekers can try rock climbing, mountain biking, skateboarding, BMX and zip-line challenge courses.

Aquatics aficionados can visit one of SBR’s lakes or pools to fish, kayak, paddleboard, scuba dive, swim or try the Water Reality obstacle course.

Young scientists can hit up STEM Quest, which offers high-tech, state-of-the-art, hands-on exhibits.

Everywhere you look at the 2017 Jamboree, you’ll see friendships formed, merit badges earned and patches traded. It’s unlike anywhere else in Scouting.

Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree to be a part of the Heart of America Council’s 2017 Jamboree contingent. Make your $100 deposit and start the application process today.

You can also get an overview of the entire Jamboree experience at www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview.

The Boy Scout Photo Contest of 1915

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

Both McCleskey Photo Supply and K.C. Photo Supply (located close to one another and the Scout Headquarters at 10th and Grand) encouraged Scouts to purchase a Kodak camera, film and supplies to take advantage of the photo contest announced in the previous edition of the *The Mid-West Scout* magazine. Ralph Baird, the famous newspaper photographer would judge the contest classes:

- Class A—Wild animals, birds or fish in their native habitat.
- Class B—Boy Scout activities.
- Class C—Landscapes, interiors and portraits.

The prizes for the contest were a silver Scout honor medal for the best picture entered and $2.00 worth of photographic supplies for the best picture in each class. It was also announced that McCleskey, the photo merit badge instructor, would be in camp to teach Scouts how to capture the perfect shot of a thrush or ground squirrel.

Scoutmaster Allen of Troop 19 was a merit badge examiner for the toughest merit badge to earn—stalking. He would be in camp to help Scouts get enough animal and bird pictures to qualify for the merit badge which had only been earned eight times in America.

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
| TROOP 1138 | Samuel Slayton | Dennis Henks, SM |
| TROOP 1161 | Devin Tracy | David Dunn, SM |
| TROOP 1173 | Preston Frenenberg | Donald Seaver, SM |
| TROOP 1173 | Ian Harmon | Donald Seaver, SM |
| TROOP 1173 | Michael Ferrara IV | Donald Seaver, SM |
| TROOP 1173 | Nicholas Fiorello | Donald Seaver, SM |
| TROOP 1173 | Jack LeVota | Donald Seaver, SM |
| TROOP 1173 | Evan Wilson | Donald Seaver, SM |
| TROOP 1175 | Truman Delles | Donnie Rickman, SM |
| TROOP 1175 | Grant Scott | Donnie Rickman, SM |
| TROOP 1175 | Andrew Simms | Donnie Rickman, SM |
| TROOP 1221 | Jacob Ayers | James Waldman, SM |
| TROOP 1221 | Jared Bears | James Waldman, SM |
| TROOP 1221 | Jordan Daugherty | James Waldman, SM |
| TROOP 1223 | Christian Deshaizer | Jason White, SM |
| TROOP 1255 | Austin Wike | Brian Osgood, SM |
| TROOP 1255 | Ethan James | Brian Osgood, SM |
| TROOP 1257 | Chandler Rудdell | Loyd Mitchell, SM |
| TROOP 1266 | Dillon Phillips | David Graham, SM |
| TROOP 1266 | Zacharia Jones | David Graham, SM |
| TROOP 1282 | Jacob McLeod | Scott Howell Jr, SM |
| TROOP 1282 | Cooper Mangels | Scott Howell Jr, SM |
| TROOP 1310 | Mason Harper | Jon Trumble, SM |
| TROOP 1492 | Joshua Highfill | William Hyatt, SM |
| TROOP 1603 | Carter Goettling | Jason Waltonen, SM |
| TROOP 1763 | Shawn Stark | Bryan Richardson, SM |
| TROOP 1763 | Charles Welch | Bryan Richardson, SM |
| TROOP 1763 | Seth Sims | Bryan Richardson, SM |

**GOLDEN EAGLE**

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| TROOP 1247 | Blake Dafron | Kyle Bergman, SM |
| TROOP 1247 | Conlin Thacker | Kyle Bergman, SM |
| TROOP 1247 | Justin Bergman | Kyle Bergman, SM |
| TROOP 1260 | Timothy Reddekopp | Michael Webb, SM |
| TROOP 1260 | Jeremy Webb | Michael Webb, SM |
| TROOP 1260 | Waylon Evans | Michael Webb, SM |
| TROOP 1303 | William Judkins | Brenton Pfaff, SM |
| TROOP 1309 | Kaleb Kennedy | Timothy Denney, SM |
| TROOP 1309 | Hunter Zink | William Watt, SM |
| TROOP 1320 | Jonathan Snowden | William Watt, SM |
| TROOP 1354 | Zachary Adams | James Niederberger, SM |
| TROOP 1374 | Benjamin Varnell | Paul Crooks, SM |
| TROOP 1376 | Asher Weinaus | Michael Riley, SM |
| TROOP 1376 | John Schleeter | Michael Riley, SM |
| TROOP 1394 | Zane Klausing | Brian Streich, SM |
| TROOP 1394 | Colin Bayless | Brian Streich, SM |
| TROOP 1412 | Morgan Atkinson | Justin Hoke, SM |
| TROOP 1412 | Evan Corda | Justin Hoke, SM |
| TROOP 1447 | Paul Fisher | Matthew Wheeler, SM |
| TROOP 1054 | Nicholas Andrews | Steven Hilger, SM |
| TROOP 1054 | Logan Jackman | Steven Hilger, SM |
| TROOP 1098 | Andrew Weaver | John Weaver, SM |
| TROOP 1110 | Zachariah Brown | Carl Gustafson, SM |
| TROOP 1215 | Nathan Long | Craig Powers, SM |
| TROOP 1220 | Jacob Culross | Andrew Wilcox, SM |
| TROOP 1262 | Seth Harmon | Jon Ledford, SM |
| TROOP 1283 | Tavis Kelley | Eric Zinser, SM |
| TROOP 1469 | Jacob Wilkinson | Lexie Wallace, SM |
| TROOP 1469 | Demetrious Hampton | Lexie Wallace, SM |

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| TROOP 1016 | Lian Royster | David Banks, SM |
| TROOP 1024 | Uziel Pecina | Craig Scranton, SM |
| TROOP 1027 | Morris Campbell III | Robert Coates, SM |
| TROOP 1030 | Louis Baggerly | Jeffery Baird, SM |
| TROOP 1062 | William Cordier | George Weaver, SM |
| TROOP 1084 | Mitchell Roach | Samuel Otto, SM |
| TROOP 1118 | Joseph Pennington | Michael Lisac, SM |
| TROOP 1118 | Daniel Bauman | Michael Lisac, SM |

**SOARING EAGLE**

| TROOP 10 | Harrison Westerfield | Robert Day, SM |
| TROOP 10 | Hunter Woosley | Robert Day, SM |
| TROOP 10 | Thomas Dunn | Robert Day, SM |
| TROOP 10 | Sean Day | Robert Day, SM |
| TROOP 10 | Sean Donovan | Robert Day, SM |
| TROOP 10 | Nathan Eckman | Robert Day, SM |
| TROOP 92 | Aris Vinsant | James Rinehart, SM |
| TROOP 92 | Nathaniel Hofmann | James Rinehart, SM |
| TROOP 222 | Christopher Walker | Marcus Adinolfi, SM |
| TROOP 222 | Nick Felling | Marcus Adinolfi, SM |
| TROOP 222 | Jacob Carnes | Marcus Adinolfi, SM |
| TROOP 222 | Henry Broussard | Marcus Adinolfi, SM |
| TROOP 324 | Cooper Bredeoehof | Kent Bredeoehof, SM |
| TROOP 324 | Jacob Wilson | Kent Bredeoehof, SM |
| TROOP 324 | Phillip Holland | Kent Bredeoehof, SM |
| TROOP 324 | Conner Odum | Terry Ecklund, SM |
| TROOP 324 | Eric Popp | Terry Ecklund, SM |
| TROOP 483 | William Loper | Kirk Mcloughlin, SM |
| TROOP 483 | Justin Knoepker | Kirk Mcloughlin, SM |
| TROOP 483 | Garrett Reilly | Kirk Mcloughlin, SM |
| TROOP 483 | Michael Taylor | Kirk Mcloughlin, SM |

**SPOONTAIL**

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| TROOP 1801 | Luke Svetnam | Randall Svetnam, SM |
| TROOP 1032 | Jacob Shriner | Dan Barnes, SM |
| TROOP 1111 | Colby Petznick | Thomas Hines III, SM |
| TROOP 1256 | Elliott Madison | Douglas Dibben, SM |
| TROOP 1300 | Drake Sivils | Samuel Bass, SM |
| TROOP 1510 | Collin Sumler | Paul Fyffe, SM |
| TROOP 1801 | Christian Wyse | Randall Svetnam, SM |

**SHAWNEE TRAILS**

| TROOP 272 | Bailey Noland | Todd Martin, SM |
| TROOP 93 | Gavin Kirkpatrick | Myrl Wear, SM |
| TROOP 123 | Nathaniel Drescher | Troy Johnson, SM |
| TROOP 136 | Noah Tatley | Lowell Teague, SM |
| TROOP 192 | Harrison Reed | Shane Marx, SM |
| TROOP 199 | Tevin Nang-Trost | Allen Perkins, SM |
| TROOP 251 | Timothy Mitchell | Sean Wilde, SM |
| TROOP 251 | Kyle Skelton | Sean Wilde, SM |
| TROOP 265 | Edward Vera Jr | Stephen Vohs, SM |
| TROOP 265 | Michael Bartoski | Stephen Vohs, SM |
| TROOP 282 | Colin Hueser | Kerby Ball, SM |
| TROOP 282 | Connor McDougall | Kerby Ball, SM |
| TROOP 283 | Joseph Levin | Dana Stockey, SM |
| TROOP 284 | Adric Tenuta | Steven Revare, SM |
| TROOP 299 | Nicholas Wilson | Eric Argie, SM |
| TROOP 299 | Andrew Harrison | Eric Argie, SM |
| TROOP 299 | Andrew Argie | Eric Argie, SM |
| TROOP 354 | Bradley Schuben | Robert Kakareka, SM |
| TROOP 358 | Shane Delamore | Nathan Roney, SM |
| TROOP 393 | Kyler Zietsdorfe | David Nash, SM |
| TROOP 394 | Peter Walsh | Bryan Barragree, SM |
| TROOP 395 | Andrew Silkmman | Bryan Clingan, SM |
| TROOP 401 | Ryan Troy | Michael Meigs, SM |

**TWIN RIVERS**

| TROOP 63 | Taylor Wilmarth | Gary Johnson, SM |
| TROOP 74 | Blake Wallis | Roger Turner, SM |
Frank White Honored with Ambassador of Scouting Award

On June 2, the Blue Elk District honored Royals legend and Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr. with the Ambassador of Scouting Award. The annual dinner was hosted by Ken and Cindy McClain at Ophelia’s Restaurant & Inn. The Ambassador of Scouting Award honors an individual or organization for their efforts in making a distinct difference in the fabric of our community. Mr. White was only in Scouting for one year as a youth, but the values he learned from his parents and community mirrors those of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. White is a shining example of the values that the BSA strives to instill in each Scout.
Inaugural Day Camp Huge Success

The inaugural Golden Eagle District Day Camp was a huge success. We had 382 Scouts attend at Elkhorn Elementary School outside of Excelsior Springs. The weather tried to dampen the excitement, but thanks to full access to the school, we were able to move our activities indoors and keep the fun going! From archery, BB-guns and slingshots to Pirate Ship Racing and firetrucks, there was no lack of fun for youth and adults alike. Thank you to Elkhorn Elementary School and the Excelsior Springs School District for their kind generosity.

Scout City BBQ

Thank you to those who attended this year’s Scout City BBQ! This annual luncheon took place June 24 at Barney Allis Plaza. The success of this event will continue to make it possible to provide youth the opportunity to become Scouts by reducing the cost of Scout registration, camp, handbooks, uniforms and other program essentials. This year’s lunch was prepared by American Royal Grand Champion Plowboys BBQ. Since 1998, the Scout City BBQ has raised over $345,000 for Scouting programs in the Greater Kansas City area.

Mobile Day Camp

Thank you to our Mobile Day Camp Staff for your hard work this summer! Mobile Day Camps were held in June and July through the Upper Room summer academic program. Cub Scout aged youth participated in weekly summer Scouting activities that included shooting rubber band guns, archery, cooking, crafts, science experiments and climbing. Special thanks to the following Upper Room sites for hosting summer sessions: Mary Kelly Center, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church, and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

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September

13 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
South Patrol Police Station,
9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO

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

October

20 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
South Patrol Police Station,
9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO

21-23 Camporee, 5:00 pm
Wilderness Camp,
34030 W 204th St, Lawson, MO

2016 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

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Day Camp Recap

Arg, matey! Did you attend Day Camp this summer? Tell your friends about how much fun you had! Tell us about your experiences on the High Trail Facebook page. Share your photos with us by emailing them to the Day Camp Director staff or to your professional staff—We would love to see you having fun!

2016 Recruitment and Cub Family Campouts

Recruitment season is upon us. Make sure to bring the energy, fun, excitement, and your organizational skills to your School Night so that more boys get the chance to become Scouts. Make sure to invite your new parents to attend one of the Cub Family Campouts, available at Camp Naish and Bartle Scout Reservation, throughout the fall! Learn more at www.ScoutCamping.org.

2016 Fall Camporee

Prepare yourselves for the camping adventure of a lifetime…October 22nd at Lake Jacomo, get ready to go back in time with Steampunk! Open to all troops and crews. Don’t forget to invite the Webelos.

Fall Recruitment 2016

The start of a new school year is busy, full of new possibilities, and most importantly it’s another opportunity to introduce boys to all the fun that Scouting provides! In preparation for a successful year, we are excited to welcome at least 618 new Scouts throughout the Iron Horse District with recruitment.

Please don’t forget to use all the resources provided by council through the BSA Marketing Hub. Also, be sure to work with your District Executive to finalize important information such as securing dates, times, promotional material needs, and Boy Talks. Keep in mind that planning and promoting in advance are keys to a successful and fun-filled night. We look forward to getting all school districts assigned with a Recruitment Night date in the near future!
Gearing up for the Fall

We hope everyone’s had a great summer! So many units had great activities and we can’t wait for the fall! Thank you to all those that made the Kaw District Day Camp such a success and to those that gave their time attending summer camps. Fall recruitment has started with planning and we’re getting the materials ready for our first and second graders as possible and invite them to your recruitment. Boy Scouts. Please make sure that you are working with your district executive and district committee to help you achieve a successful fall recruitment drive. Your help is needed in securing some of the recruitment locations and rooms as well as helping to promote your Scouting unit. On the day of your recruitment, have as many parents attend school in their uniform and eat lunch with their child and help to promote the recruitment event. Obtain your school’s roster and reach out to as many of the first and second graders as possible and invite them to your recruitment. Boy Talks will be completed in the schools that will allow them as well as the distribution of flyers. Posters and yard signs will once again be available as well.

Try getting all of your parents to promote the recruitment night or other recruitment events via their Facebook pages as well. That can reach a lot of people very quickly!

Leave no stone unturned and let's recruit as many new youth as possible. For more information or for recruitment resources, contact David Riker at david.riker@scouting.org or (816) 569-4974.

Duty to Country

Kaw District Scouts help prepare the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery for Memorial Day.
“Decisions Determine Destiny”
This year’s LDS 11 year-old camp “Decisions Determine Destiny” was a great experience for all campers! On June 24-25, 11 year-old Scouts camped at Camp Naish and participated in activities like swimming, climbing, rifle shooting, archery, orienteering, crate stacking, COPE and more. In addition to an evening campfire, Scouts also had reflections at each activity. Special thanks to Rebecca Cook, Margene Furnell, Emily Burneson and Aida Thompson for their leadership.

Outdoor Adventure and Overcoming Challenges
Summer 2016

Scouts in the Northern Lights District embarked on a variety of outdoor adventures this summer. Between the merit badge classes, outpost, crafts, shooting sports, and climbing wall, Scouts and their adult leaders enjoyed exciting moments of achievement and self-discovery.

The inaugural Northern Lights Day Camp featured a portable climbing tower that allowed all 125 Cub Scouts a chance to face their fears, challenge themselves, and feel the thrill of personal achievement.

This fall, please remember to invite new boys and new families to join the adventure this coming year. The Northern Lights District wants to invite every eligible youth to participate in and receive the benefits of the Scouting program. Find a pack, troop, or crew near you at www.beascout.org.
**PELATHE**

**Key Leadership**
- **District Chairman**: Scott Braden (785) 423-1134
- **District Commissioner**: Scott Gates (785) 550-8477
- **District Executive**: Chrissy Hatcher (816) 569-4913

**2016 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**
- **August**: 15 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm
  First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS
  15 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
  First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS
- **September**: 1 Roundtable and Bobcat Academy, 7:00 pm
  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

**Are you Ready for School Night?**
Here are some things to keep in mind

- Spread the word about your School Night in at least 3 or 4 different ways. People need to see your message a number of times before it sinks in.
- Recruit at your elementary school Ice Cream Social the week before school. Distribute your pack calendar/contact list. If possible register them on the spot.
- Call all families at your elementary school the weekend before the School Night. The district can provide the list. Divide up the list and call with a short message.
- Plan your agenda for School Night. Provide a short meeting (30 minutes or less), offer a short activity for new Scouts. Ask parents to fill out the applications and Parent Talent Survey. Send families home with a calendar and contact list in hand.
- Hold a Parent Orientation Meeting within a week of School Night. Expect each family to play a role in running the pack.
- Plan an additional Recruiting Opportunity. Use your September pack meeting or activity. Volunteer to run a program for your elementary school fall carnival and do it in uniform. Not everyone will hear about School Night or be able to attend. Let’s give them another chance to join.

**PIONEER TRAILS**

**Key Leadership**
- **District Chair**: Wayne Feuerborn (816) 333-5742
- **District Commissioner**: Morgan Olander (913) 649-6388
- **Senior District Executive**: Niel Campbell (816) 569-4949

**2016 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**
- **August**: 4 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO
  4 District Committee and Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO
- **October**: 6 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
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**September**
- 1 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO

**2016 Popcorn Sales**
The 2016 popcorn sale is just around the corner and the new 2015 Kansas City Royals World Series Champion tins are sure to be a big seller this year! Sign your unit up to sell popcorn at roundtable or online at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn. And be sure to check out our new Seller’s Academy training for 2016!
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We are very excited to announce the first Shawnee Trails Camporee will be held October 14-15 at the Naish Trust Property. More information coming soon!

School Night for Scouting 2016

Summertime will come to an end before we know it, so our eyes are on the start of the new school year and all of the new Cub Scouts that will be eligible to join your pack! This year new Cub Scouts will not only receive a Kansas City Cub Scouts t-shirt upon joining, but they will also receive a rocket! New Cub Scouts will be able to launch their rockets at the Cub Scout Family Campout weekends in September. Look for Cub Scout Family Campout flyers at Shawnee Trail’s August Roundtable! Be prepared for your School Night, plan to promote at a back-to-school event, and select a School Night Coordinator. Let’s get ready to welcome hundreds of new Cub Scouts!

Cub Scout Fall Recruitment Night — September 1

Our district Cub Scout Fall Recruitment Night will take place on September 1, at 7:00 pm. Every elementary school in the Blue Valley School District has already been reserved for your pack that evening! New Scouts get a FREE 2016 Cub Scout T-shirt and a rocket!

Don’t forget to order your marketing materials at least two weeks before September 1. We’ve got yard signs, fliers, postcards, posters, stickers, bookmarks, and more! To order your School Night Materials, contact Lizz Rhodus at Lizz.Rhodus@scouting.org. Marketing materials will be available for early pick-up at the August Roundtable.

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### 2016 Investment in Character

#### August

2 **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
Harrisonville Middle School,  
503 S Lexington St, Harrisonville, MO

6 **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
Harrisonville Middle School,  
503 S Lexington St, Harrisonville, MO

9 **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm**  
Archie United Methodist Church,  
W Chestnut St., Archie, MO

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### School Night for Scouting

After an exciting summer of Scout Camp and Day Camp, it’s time to get ready for fall, back to school, and Cub Scout recruitment. Don’t miss out on our School Night Kickoff on August 3 at the Cass County Sheriff’s Office. Be sure you are there to see all the new resources that are available. Get flyers, order supplies, share methods and best practices, and gain some tools on engaging and recruiting new parents!

### New District Chair & School is Back in Session

We are pleased to announce that we have a new District Chair taking over for Doug Furnell this fall. Please welcome Josh Hebert of the Louisburg Cider Mill to the Twin Rivers District.

With summer also winding down, youth are gearing up to head back to school. That means fall recruitment is starting up. There will be School Night Kickoff and presenter training before the August Roundtable so make sure you have someone representing your unit at this roundtable.

There is also plenty of fun to be had this fall. With Cub Outdoor Experiences at Camp Naish and Bartle FREE to all new cubs, and Fall Camporee at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Fall Camporee has a STEM theme this year. Keep an eye out for more information at upcoming roundtables.
Say goodbye to Summer Sixteen in style with some of our favorite camp photos.

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