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2016 Eagle Scout Class Reception finds new home at One Arrowhead Drive.

There's An App For That ...............page 16

Kansas Scout comes up with a clever solution to troop's camping communications.

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BASEBALL IS BACK

SCOUT DAY AT THE K | 4.30.17

Scout Day Returns to the K

See page 5 for special game day details.
A Council with No Pants?

Rarely will I rerun one of the Scout Executive articles, but as we wrap up the fall recruitment season and with thousands of new Scouts joining our program, I thought it would be a good time to rerun this article from a few years ago.

It is embarrassing when you don’t have your pants on. And it really looks silly because we aren’t completely dressed. Well, actually, most Scouts I see are wearing some sort of pants, just not Scout pants. Now let’s face it…we never see Little Leaguers or the soccer team wearing off-color pants or blue jeans, do we? No, sirree. They expect you to buy the whole thing—buy completely into the program, and they make no apologies for it. And no matter how fast the kids grow, next year, if it’s sports—he’s in full uniform. Now I know what you’re thinking…it’s economics, right? Can’t afford it? I thought that might be true. I realize there are certain exceptions, but for the most part we have to stop selling our program short, i.e. “you don’t have to take training…you don’t have to participate in council activities...you don’t have to meet that often…” Whoa, whoa, whoa…you don’t have to do anything. But wait! Scouting is the best youth program in America. Why not treat it that way? We don’t have to apologize. We are cheating our kids when we shortchange and shortcut. Camping is a part of the program. Pants are. A Scout belt is. Training is. It all makes sense and has benefits, otherwise we’d drop it. So don’t drop it. Turn it on. Go all the way. Scouting needs to be a way of life, not a part of your life. Wearing the full Scout uniform starts at the top. As a Scouting volunteer at the council, district or unit level you set the tone for others to follow. Give our kids 100% of Scouting. The Heart of America Council is a proud council….one with class. Let’s not be caught with our pants off.

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

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

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Council Banquet Honors Top Volunteers

On November 16, more than 400 Scouters gathered to recognize Scouting’s elite at the 2016 Council Recognition Banquet. The “Celebration of Scouting” themed event honored the council’s 2016 Silver Beaver Class and the 2016 Whitney M. Young, Jr. and School District of the Year Award recipients. The event also offered attendees the chance to give back through an on-site community service project that involved writing thank you letters to active military stationed overseas for the holidays.

2016 SILVER BEAVER AWARD
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Bruce Snyder
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2016 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE YEAR AWARD
Shawnee Mission
School District

Chiefs CEO Named 2016 Eagle Scout Class Honoree

Fixtures of the Kansas City community—the Chiefs and Scouting—are joining together for one unforgettable event in 2017. We are excited to report that Clark Hunt will serve as the 2016 Eagle Scout Class Reception honoree. Hunt has been involved in the leadership of the Kansas City Chiefs for more than a decade and currently serves as the club’s chairman and CEO.

The 2016 Eagle Scout Class Reception will also be moving from Municipal Music Hall to One Arrowhead Drive. All members of the 2016 Eagle Scout Class and their families are invited to this historic event at the Kansas City Chiefs—University of Kansas Hospital Training Complex on Sunday, March 5, 2017.

All 2016 Eagle Scouts in attendance will receive the commemorative “Challenge Coin” and will be included in the official class photo. Be on the lookout for the official invitation provided by our friends at Hallmark. There is no cost to attend, but all attendees must pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org. Space is limited so reserve your spot today!
Kansas City Scouts Plant 1,570 Trees in 2 Days

The inaugural Heartland Tree Alliance Academy is in the history books…literally! On October 29 and November 5, 199 Scouts and leaders alongside Heartland Tree Alliance and Bridging the Gap volunteers planted a record 1,570 trees at Blue Valley Park in Kansas City, MO. In addition to planting trees, the event also helped Scouts earn their Forestry Merit Badge and rack up community service hours.

Special thanks to Bridging the Gap and Heartland Tree Alliance for developing the Forestry Merit Badge teaching aids that included poster boards, workbooks for each Scout, and several display items. Additional thanks to Noelle Morris, Bridging the Gap, and Sarah Crowder, Heartland Tree Alliance, for their dedication to this project. We plan to hold the Tree Academy in the spring and fall each year so be on the lookout for more information in 2017.

Scouts Step-up for Socktober

Talk about a perfect pair…The Heart of America Council and The Call KC partnered this Socktober and the results were absolutely staggering. Area Scouts helped collect 3,500 of the 8,848 total socks donated to benefit the homeless in KC. To put that into perspective, the 2016 campaign shattered last year’s record of 687 pairs of socks collected. Thank you to everyone that participated and for making a difference.

A Distinguished Career

Wishing Mark Brayer the Best in Retirement

On October 2, 1978, Mark Brayer began his professional Scouting career as a District Executive in the Cahokia Mounds Council in Granite City, Illinois. Then in 1985, Mark made his way to Kansas City to serve as the Sr. District Executive in the Lone Bear District. For the next 31 years Mark would serve the Heart of America Council as Kaw District Director, Assistant Director of Field Service, Director of Finance and eventually Director of Support Services.

After a 38-year career with the Boy Scouts of America, Mark Brayer will be retiring effective December 31. Mark’s lifetime of service to Scouting is an inspiration to us all. Please join us in wishing Mark the very best in retirement where he plans to spend more time with his family.
BASEBALL IS BACK
SCOUT DAY AT THE K | 4.30.17

SCOUT DAY RETURNS TO THE K
Sunday, April 30 | Kauffman Stadium

It may be winter, but we’re thinking spring and the return of baseball at the K! Join more than 12,000 Scouts at Scout Day at the K on Sunday, April 30 as your Kansas City Royals take on the Minnesota Twins in a Central Division showdown. More than just admission to the game, your Scout Day at the K ticket will also give you access to Scout exclusive pre-game experiences throughout the stadium.

THE OUTFIELD EXPERIENCE
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Located in the outfield concourse area, the Outfield Experience includes activities like Sluggerrr’s Mini Golf, Base Run, Batting Cage, Pitching Mound, Little K, Hall of Fame and much more! All Scout Day at the K ticket holders will have FREE access to select Outfield Experience activities from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

*Scouts must purchase "tokens" from the Kansas City Royals to participate in Outfield Experience activities after 11:30 am.

WEAR YOUR UNIFORM…WIN BIG!

Scout Day is all about showing that you’re a Scout. As a way to reward all Scouts who wear their uniform to the game we’re bringing back one cool giveaway. The first 4,000 Scouts in Class A uniform through Gate E will receive the official Scout Day at the K sunglasses…for FREE!

*Only Scouts in Class A uniform shirt through Gate E will receive sunglasses. Class A uniform consists of official BSA uniform shirt (official BSA pants, shorts, socks, etc. NOT required). Scouts in Class B t-shirts will NOT qualify for sunglasses.

PRE-GAME SCOUT PARADE

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

MORE INFORMATION
WWW.HOAC-BSA.ORG/SCOUT-DAY-AT-THE-K

Scout Night UMKC Men’s Basketball

Tickets only $8!
First 200 get pizza party!
ALL Scouts will receive a UMKC patch

Use special code: SCOUTS

Saturday, Jan. 28th
Municipal Auditorium
Pizza Party 6:00pm
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KANSAS SPEEDWAY
JOIN MORE THAN 10,000 SCOUTS
FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND CAMPING FESTIVAL!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
- Surveying
- RC Airplanes
- Zip Lines
- Sports Clinics
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- Obstacle Course
- Service Projects
- Geocaching
- Climbing Tower
- The Fling Thing
- MeltDown
- SCUBA Diving
- Bungee Run
- CPR & First Aid
- Mechanical Bull
- Disc Dogs
- Zoomobile
- Conservation
- Aviation
- Engineering
- Welding
- Giant Jenga
- BB-Guns
- Robotics
- Pinewood Derby
- Go Karts
- ATVs
- Cub World
- 5K Run
- Military Demo
- Helicopters
- Midway Mile
- Patch Trading
- Archery
- Powderball
- RC Cars
- Rappelling
- Drones
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- Live Music
- Weather Watcher
- Pioneering
- Car Show
AND MUCH MORE!

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COUNCIL NEWS

Triple Take
Eagle Scout Brothers Reach Scouting’s Pinnacle

Identical twins reaching the rank of Eagle happens once in a while, but triplets taking flight as Eagle Scouts is almost unheard of. However, that’s exactly what happened in Troop 395. Meet Aidan, Bennett, and Christian Hense—triplets who recently passed their Eagle Scout Board of Review.

While the three are hard to tell apart, their Eagle Scout projects couldn’t be more different. Amazingly, all three projects also took place over the same weekend in three different locations.

Aidan redesigned and re-landscaped the grotto at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Roeland Park. The existing grotto had been around for about 30 years and became overgrown and in disrepair. Aidan and his team cleaned up the overgrown foliage, planted a variety of plants and perennials, and added new mulch and landscape rocks to help beautify the location.

Bennett held a car wash to raise money for Giving the Basics, a program that collects and distributes a variety of personal care products for the poor and homeless. Bennett raised around $500 to purchase products and help fund the car wash, and also held a collection drive at his church to provide additional products for this much needed program.

Christian held a garage sale to raise money for materials to create a children’s nature walk at Our Lady’s Montessori School in Kansas City, KS. The garage sale raised nearly $500 and proceeds helped purchase mulch, plants, grass seed, foot path stones, and a bench for a 50-foot path adjacent to the school.

The triplets are currently planning their Eagle Scout Court of Honor for the spring—an honor they will all share together.

Another popcorn season is in the books and the 2016 sale has topped $2.3 million! Thank you to every Scout who sold this year. The annual sale goes a long way to support Kansas City area Scouting programs and this year nearly $1 million will be returned to local Scouting units.

But the sale doesn’t have to stop completely. Check out our online sale option to earn rewards year-round at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.
American Sniper to Highlight 2017 Patron Luncheon

The 2017 Patron Luncheon is set for March 2 with featured guest speaker Kevin Lacz. Kevin "Dauber" Lacz is a former Navy SEAL sniper, breacher, and combat medic. Kevin's true account of his 2006 deployment with SEAL Team THREE's Charlie Platoon was recounted in The Last Punisher—the gripping story of a young SEAL's first deployment to a combat zone. Kevin also worked as the SEAL Technical Advisor and played himself in the Oscar nominated 2014 film American Sniper.

This year’s luncheon is being chaired by Gordon Lansford, President & CEO of JE Dunn Construction. 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 Jeremy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965 or jeromy.rutledge@scouting.org.

Investment In Character 2017

Investment in Character is the council's annual fundraising campaign that keeps Scouting an affordable and effective youth development program. All units are highly encouraged to hold an Investment in Character presentation between December and March. To schedule a presentation, contact your district's Family Investment in Character Chairman. Also, be on the lookout for our new "Kind" recognition patches and thank you for investing in our future.

TEXT TO GIVE

We're also making it easier to give to Scouting in 2017. Simply text IIC to 41444 to make your gift instantly.

In Memory of:

Dorian M. Alexander
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Catherine Osterling
Robert & Dorothy Shoemyer
Pat & Harold Smith
Richard & Beth Stegall
Fern Truschke Stuart
Phillip & Marilyn Swisher
Larry & Sandy Vilmer
Thomas & Barbara Winkler

In Honor of:

Roshann Parris
Marcia Karbank & Joseph Smuckler
Jim Shull
Andy Dubill

To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Jeremy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.
JOIN THE 2017 CAMP STAFF

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

If you were not on the Camp Staff in 2016, you will need to complete a BSA application.

*Please use code 49M for youth applications and code 49 for adult applications.

2017 CAMP SESSIONS

H. ROE BARTLE SCOUT RESERVATION

Boy Scout Camp
Staff Week .................May 31 – June 4
Session 1 ....................June 5 – 14
Session 2 .....................June 15 – 24
Session 3 ..................June 25 – July 4
Session 4 ...................July 7 – 16
Session 5 ...................July 17 – 26
Session 6 ...................July 27 – August 5

Leader Orientations: March 7, 9, or 11

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1 Attraction | $7.00 + Tax | $3.00 + Tax Per Workshop | $10.00 + Tax | 1 FREE adult for every 5 scouts! $10.00+tax per additional adult
2 Attraction | $12.00 + Tax | $3.00 + Tax Per Workshop | $15.00 + Tax | 1 FREE adult for every 5 scouts! $20.00+tax per additional adult

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December 2016/January 2017
Boy Scout Summer Camp at Naish

Scoutmasters, fire-up your Scouts’ summer camp memories with 7 days at Camp Naish. Younger Scouts can meet important requirements for their first three Boy Scout ranks with the Trailblazer Program, designed specifically to help them advance with instruction on campfire cooking, knot tying and first aid.

Keep your busy older Scouts involved in the outdoors and going to camp, with programs just for them:

- ATV RiderCourse! (14 and older)
- Discover SCUBA (14 and older)
- Learn Welding Merit Badge from Ironworkers Local 10
- Tee-off with Golf Merit Badge at Sunflower Hills Golf Course
- Make a splash with the Canoeing and Kayaking Merit Badges at Wyandotte County Lake
- Conquer Project C.O.P.E. featuring the rappelling tower, climbing wall and zip line, plus take on the crate-stacking challenge (14 and older)

Outpost Programs


Aquatics

Programs include Mile Swim, Polar Bear Swim, Cardboard Kayak Races and Adult Belly Flop Contest.

Evening program activities are also available: including the Naish Heritage Night Hike and Iron Chef Naish competition.

Order of the Arrow

Camp Naish also offers troops the opportunity to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow—the BSA’s national honor camping program—with Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies on Thursday evenings.

Wednesday is Visitors’ Night

Featuring a Nature Lodge Open House, dinner in the dining hall, family campfire entertainment and an OA Call-Out Ceremony open to all, plus homemade Root Beer.

Contact the council camping department for more information at (816) 942-9333 or visit www.scoutcamping.org.

2017 Naish Leadership

Bear Camp Director ......................... Judy Tuckness
Bear Camp Program Director ................. Rich Park
Boy Scout/Webelos Camp Director ............. Phil Helt
Boy Scout/Webelos Camp Program Director .................. Spencer Weaver
Reservation Director .......................... Scott Weaver
Reservation Commissioner .................... Bob Euler
Properties Superintendent ..................... Rick Ledgerwood
**MIC-O-SAY NEWS**

### 2017 Mic-O-Say Summer Calendar

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### 2017 Brave Round-Ups

Each winter, the Tribe of Mic-O-Say offers Brave Round-Up meetings for new Braves. Sessions will take place Saturday, January 28 and Saturday, February 25. The purpose of these sessions are to help new Braves prepare for their journey to Warrior. Parry Lodge will also be on hand to help new Braves prepare their Tribal attire for the coming year. The locations have not been set at this time, but a postcard will go out to all Braves with the information in January.

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**MIC-O-SAY NEWS**

### Winter Banquet Guest Speaker: Robert Birkby


### OA High Adventure Opportunities in 2017

**OA TRAIL CREW:** This two-week expedition at Philmont is literally a mountaintop experience. Blaze new trails during a week of service. Then experience Philmont and the OA like never before. Just $250

**WILDERNESS VOYAGE:** Experience the wilds of Wilderness Adventure. Explore the waterways of the north woods. Rebuild centuries old trails and live the virtues of the OA. Just $200

**CANADIAN ODYSSEY:** Service goes international in the Ontario wilds. Embark on the odyssey of a lifetime, transcending borders and the spirit of the Order. Just $200

**OCEAN ADVENTURE:** Explore tropical waters while performing conservation projects in the Florida Keys. Just $500

**SUMMIT EXPERIENCE:** Explore the Summit and provide service to the New River Gorge National River. Experience rafting and kayaking while building bonds of brotherhood. Just $250

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### Save the Date | Tamegonit Lodge Events

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### Don’t forget to plan your Unit Elections for 2017

A successful unit election is the first step to attaining membership in the Order of the Arrow. Learn how to schedule an election at [www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow).

### Join our Ceremony and Dance Team

The Tamegonit Lodge ceremony and dance team is looking for new ceremonialists and dancers. No prior experience required! For the ceremonies team, contact Ellen at ellendmcgurk@gmail.com. For the dance team, contact Tim at tmitchell@kc.rr.com.

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**HONOR CAMPING**
Bear Camp
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation—Cub World

Bear Resident Camp is open to all Cub Scouts entering the 3rd grade and offers Scouts a 2-day/1-night outdoor adventure at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS.

Scouts will splash into fun at our Pirate Ship Water Park, defend a castle in the woods, roast marshmallows over an open fire, take aim at adventure at our shooting sports complex and much more.

2017 BEAR CAMP FEES

- On or before 4/26/17
  Bears: $75 | Adults: $55 | Den Chiefs: $35
- After 4/26/17
  Bears: $95 | Adults: $75 | Den Chiefs: $45

Online draw and registration begins Monday, February 6, 2017.

For more information or to register visit Scoutcamping.org.

Webelos Camp
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Webelos Resident Camp is open to all Webelos Scouts entering the 4th or 5th grade and offers Scouts a 3-day/2-night outdoor adventure at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS.

Scouts will be introduced to the fun of climbing and rappelling at the tower, improve their marksmanship with bb-guns and archery, explore STEM with rockets, cool off in the pool and much more.

2017 WEBELOS CAMP FEES

- On or Before 4/26/17
  WEBELOS: $155 | Full Time Leaders: $145 | Den Chiefs: $60
- After 4/26/17
  WEBELOS: $175 | Full Time Leaders: $165 | Den Chiefs: $65

Online draw and registration begins Monday, January 9, 2017.

For more information or to register visit Scoutcamping.org.
Less Than 50 Spots Left…

2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Where can you get the best of Scouting in one place? At the 2017 National Jamboree set for July 13 – 28 at the Summit in West Virginia.

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

Who is eligible to attend?

Scouts must be a First Class Scout and at least 12-years-old by the first day of the Jamboree (July 19, 2017) or 11-years-old and a sixth grade graduate. There’s an upper limit, too. To participate, you must be 17-years-old or younger by the last day of the Jamboree (July 28, 2017).

How much does it cost?

The cost for a participant in the Heart of America contingent will be $2,250 per person. This fee covers all Jamboree fees, travel, housing, food, and troop supplies.

How do I register?

Make your $100 deposit and register online at www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree.

Council Names New High Adventure Chairman

The Heart of America Council is proud to announce the selection of Brad Derusseau as the council’s new High Adventure Chairman. Brad brings a wealth of knowledge to the position as he has lead numerous unit High Adventure excursions over the years.
ADVENTURE WEEKENDS

COPE & CLIMBING
$8 CLIMBING
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MUST BE 16 OR OLDER

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BOOK YOUR WEEKEND ONLINE
HOAC-BSA.ORG/MINI-CAMP-WEEKENDS

Questions | NaishTroopCamping@scouting.org

MARCH 24-26
APRIL 7-9
APRIL 28-30
SEPTEMBER 29-1
OCTOBER 13-15
OCTOBER 27-29
**2017 STEM Summer Camps**

Explore summer like never before at a Heart of America Council STEM Camp in 2017. These interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) themed camps aren't your typical summer camps. Scouts will participate in hands-on workshops exploring everything from robotics to engineering. STEM Camps will give Scouts the chance to be creative and develop leadership and teamwork skills. There’s a STEM Camp for every age so sign up today!

**Webelos STEM Camp**
April 29-30 | Bartle Scout Reservation  
Cost: $30 | Open to all Webelos Scouts

**Bear STEM Camp**
June 23-24 & July 7-8 | Naish Scout Reservation  
Cost: $55 | Open to all Bear Scouts

**Boy Scout/Venturing STEM Camp**
June 13-18 | Naish Scout Reservation  
Cost: $245 | Open to all Boy Scouts & Venturers

**SIGN-UP TODAY AT STEMCamping.org**

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**There’s a Scout App for That**

When Leawood's Troop 10 was looking for a new way to sign-up for campouts they didn't have to look very far. That's because one of their own Scouts carefully coded a solution. Grayson Martin has always loved computers and what better way to challenge himself than creating his own app. With a little help from troop leaders and a lot of YouTube videos, Grayson's app was approved by Apple this summer and made its debut on the App Store.

Grayson’s creation allows troop members to sign-up for campouts and view up-to-date information about the current campout. It also features an email verification and a quick look-up list of contact information for all adult leaders.

Check out the app for yourself. Visit the App Store and search Troop 10.

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America  
December 2016/January 2017
Why Wood Badge?

By: Dillon England | Wood Badge Participant

As a 19 year-old leader going into a Wood Badge course, I had no idea what to expect. Would I be the only young person there? Will older leaders want to work with me? Will I be able to get anything out of it? Looking back, I have to say I was absolutely blown away. I didn’t just learn what I expected—I learned much more. I learned how to communicate more effectively, how to work with a team, patience, and even how to better myself.

Wood Badge really has helped me not only to take the goals I had for my own unit and equipped me to complete them, but it has allowed me to make friends that I’ll never forget. Truly, Wood Badge has been an experience that I would recommend to any leader, whether new or well-experienced. You’ll have a fun, meaningful time learning how to be the kind of leader a Scout deserves—a trained one.

Be a part of our spring 2017 Wood Badge course April 7-9 and April 21-23, 2017 at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Online reservations are now being accepted at www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge.

BSA Veteran Awards

The BSA Veteran award recognizes volunteers for their tenure in Scouting. The recognition item is a lapel pin denoting the number of years of service. The Veteran Award is an adult recognition only. However, tenure earned as a youth may be included in the total number of years registered. Congratulations to this year’s Veteran Award recipients.

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Download the Veteran Award application at www.hoac-bsa.org or contact the Council Camping Department at 816-942-9333.

COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SERVICE

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Meet Charles Dahlquist, New National Commissioner.

All commissioners, regardless of training and position, are encouraged to attend the 2017 College of Commissioner Service on March 4 at Cerner Riverport Campus. The curriculum reflects the belief that commissioners who are current in training and are familiar with new methods are better prepared to provide effective unit service. To learn more or to register, go to www.ccs2017.kintera.org.

DUTY TO GOD

Check out P.R.A.Y.’s Duty to God Online Resource Kit. Inside you’ll find everything from a Religious Emblems Chart to a sample presentation script. Get your Duty to God Resource Kit at www.praypub.org/partner_bsa.htm.

SCOUT SUNDAY

February 5, 2017

Church bulletin programs available at all Kansas City Scout Shops
National Youth Leader Training

NYLT is a seven-day, outdoor training experience designed for young men and women in a role of responsibility in their troop or crew and their adult unit leader. The purpose of NYLT is to give participants the confidence to run their troop or crew program, a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership, help them relate these skills to unit leadership, and give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other youth. The best part? You do it all while having FUN!

Many of our troops send Scouts who are currently in or will soon assume roles of responsibility. But, Venturing Crews can benefit too! Each year, the Heart of America Council conducts 2 NYLT courses at the Naish Scout Reservation. In 2016, we had 7 Venturers on staff and 8 as participants. That’s our best showing of Venturers ever!

We encourage all of our Venturing Crews, whether well-established or brand new, to consider adding NYLT into their regular activity calendar to strengthen their youth and adult leadership.

To learn more visit www.hoac-bsa.org/nylt
Exploring Welcomes New Executive

Welcome our new Exploring Executive Chelsea Wales. Chelsea is originally from California, and most recently relocated to Kansas City after completing a communications internship in Washington D.C. Chelsea is a graduate of Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee where she received a Bachelor’s in PR/Marketing. Please welcome Chelsea to the Heart of America Council team!

AROUND EXPLORING

ENGINEERING: Campbell Middle School students explored engineering thanks to help from Burns & McDonnell. Students started a rain barrel project—an activity that involves studying water waste and useful ways to dispose of rain water.

MEDICAL: Hospital Hill Explorers welcomed 30 new students to their fall open house. Exploring’s Hospital Hill program partners with Children’s Mercy and Truman Medical Center to give students a preview into the healthcare career field.

SKILLED TRADES: The Kansas City Builder’s Association held their open house this October where students got to see first-hand the construction management side of the skilled trades field. Explorers were able to see how technology ties into construction management through drones and project oversight.

Start exploring your future at ExploringKC.org
Kansas Scout Spends Summer in Sweden

By: Kyle Seager | International Camp Staffer

This summer, after graduating from Blue Valley West High School, I had the tremendous opportunity to work at a Scout camp in Europe. The camp, Vässarö, is the largest youth camp in Sweden, and is located on an island about three hours north of Stockholm. Through the European Scout Volunteer Program, I was able to work for an extended period of time at this camp, make a few hundred new friends, learn a new language, and experience Scouting in another culture. I met Scouts from seven different countries, allowing me to see the vast differences between the BSA and the Scouting organizations in the rest of the world.

While volunteering at Vässarö I worked in several capacities, but my two main jobs were with Fladan and Programme. During the three weeks I spent working in Fladan, a shallow bay from which the Scouts and Confirmands (Christian Confirmation candidates) can sail, canoe, and build rafts, I made many new friends and I was able to use the leadership skills that I had developed in Scouting to teach others how to sail and work as a team. I met many wonderful people and had an absolute blast.

For my last two weeks, I worked in Programme as a guide and climbing instructor. One of my many jobs included guiding groups on the Trapper Trail, a re-creation of many obstacles and traps used by trappers in the 1700’s. When we weren’t working, my fellow staff members and I spent much of our time playing soccer or volleyball together, pranking (and being pranked) by the Confirmands who were staying on the island with us, and spending time developing lasting relationships and friendships. I cannot recommend the ESVP program highly enough. For anyone who enjoys traveling and experiencing new things, I encourage you to apply.

Contact a member of our International Scouting Committee or visit www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International/ecamp.aspx to learn more about the European Scout Volunteer Program.

World Scout Jamboree Coming to the Summit

In just three years, the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be at the center of the Scouting world.

Scouts from the United States, Canada and Mexico will welcome Scouts from around the planet at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, held at the BSA’s new West Virginia adventure base.

This world Scout Jamboree is special because it’s a team effort. It’s hosted by Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México and the Boy Scouts of America.

Today’s youth members of the BSA have never had a world Scout jamboree in their country—or continent—in their lifetimes. So this is a big deal. The last world Scout jamboree in North America was in 1983 in Alberta, Canada. The last time the U.S. hosted a world Scout jamboree was in 1967 at Farragut State Park in Idaho. Mark your Scouting calendars now for July 22 to August 2, 2019. The Heart of America Council will host a contingent in 2019. Be on the lookout for more information soon.

Scouts Hit the Airwaves for Jamboree on the Air

Heart of America Council Scouts participated in several ways during the 2016 Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) on October 15, 2016. Billed as the world’s largest annual Scouting event, JOTA and its companion event, JOTI (Jamboree-on-the-Internet) always takes place during the third full weekend of October.

Both events, sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), allows Scouts to participate in JOTA by conversing with other Scouts through the use of amateur radio while JOTI allows similar interaction through Internet-enabled devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones.

Work at Scout Camp in the Alps

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Here’s your chance to work on camp staff in Europe at one of 70 Scout camps for the summer, a semester, or a full year as a paid staff member. The Heart of America Council has sent six Venturing young adults over to the UK, Sweden, and Switzerland in the last five years. The experiences have been a thrill of a lifetime, and connects these future leaders to others across the globe. Check out www.Rovernet.eu for current opportunities.
Eagle Scouts playing in the NFL in 2016

Eagle Scouts become CEOs, scientists and soldiers. They also become Broncos, Ravens, Dolphins, Redskins, Chiefs, Texans, Chargers and (Philadelphia) Eagles.

A search of the NFL’s 2016 active rosters—nearly 1,700 players in all—turns up a number of Eagle Scouts. These guys are living proof that great things start in Scouting.

Compiling this list, like winning a Super Bowl, was a team effort. BSA researcher Scott Olson created a spreadsheet of every player on NFL teams’ 53-man rosters. Then the National Eagle Scout Association’s Ryan Larson cross-referenced that list with his own spreadsheet of the 2 million-plus Eagle Scouts in history.

Matt Paradis, Denver Broncos
Position: Center
Eagle earned: 2008
Council: Ore-Ida Council
College: Boise State

More: For his Eagle Scout service project, Paradis renovated and enlarged a long-jump pit and shotput area.

Dennis Pitta, Baltimore Ravens
Position: Tight End
Eagle earned: 2000
Council: Utah National Parks Council
College: Brigham Young University

More: Pitta is so proud of being an Eagle Scout that his official Ravens bio even lists the honor. After helping his team win the Super Bowl in 2013, he chatted with Boys’ Life for the magazine’s Heads Up blog: “From an early age, it teaches you a lot,” he said of Scouting.

John Denney, Miami Dolphins
Position: Long snapper
Eagle earned: 1996
Council: Denver Area Council
College: Brigham Young University

More: Denney, signed by the Dolphins in 2005, is the team’s longest-tenured player. He entered the 2016 season with a string of 176 consecutive starts.

Brandon Scherff, Washington Redskins
Position: Offensive guard
Eagle earned: 2009
Council: Mid-America Council
College: Iowa

More: Scherff, drafted fifth overall in the 2015 NFL Draft, is the highest-drafted Eagle Scout on this list. He could’ve skipped his senior year for the NFL but decided to return to finish his degree.

Daniel Sorensen, Kansas City Chiefs
Position: Defensive back
Eagle earned: 2008
Council: California Inland Empire Council
College: Brigham Young University

More: For his Eagle Scout service project, Sorensen planted 300 trees in his hometown of Grand Terrace, Calif. The trees are still there today—forever a reminder of the young man’s service.

Xavier Su’A-Filo, Houston Texans
Position: Offensive guard
Eagle earned: 2009
Council: Utah National Parks Council
College: UCLA

More: Of his Scouting past, Su’A-Filo said: “I think it says a lot about me and my dedication, my leadership and my worth ethic. That’s something that I’ll bring and that I get to bring in the locker room in that environment.”

Manti Te’o, San Diego Chargers
Position: Linebacker
Eagle earned: 2008
Council: Aloha Council
College: Notre Dame

More: In 2012, Te’o told a crowd about a good deed he had performed for a woman in need. “I had a big smile on my face expecting my dad to tell me how proud he was,” Manti told the group. “But instead, he just simply said, ‘That’s what being a Scout is all about.’”

Donnie Jones, Philadelphia Eagles
Position: Punter
Eagle earned: 1998
Council: Istrouma Area
College: Louisiana State

More: Jones boomed a 72-yard punt in Week 1 against the Browns—not bad for a 36-year-old. He hasn’t missed a game since becoming a starter in 2005.
Scouting at the End of World War One

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

The end of World War One was a giant event in the Kansas City community and the local Boy Scouts were proud when they were called upon to participate. Many of their leaders were now returning and Scouting could continue unabated. During the war, summer camp sessions were cancelled at far away locations and more modest plans needing fewer adult leaders were implemented. The Scouts had been called upon to distribute War Bond posters, hold scrap drives and grow victory gardens—and this cut into camping time.

The returning soldiers marched in big parades in which the Kansas City, Kansas Boy Scouts were asked to participate. They did patrol duty along the parade route on Minnesota Avenue to keep the cheering crowds on the sidewalk as the Army units marched west through downtown. They felt quite important in their BSA uniforms. In other victory parades, the Scouts marched and sometimes led the parade with their drum and bugle corps.

In the summer, the good news was announced by the Troop Committee of Troop 1 that they wanted to encourage each Scout to prepare to attend the Boy Scout Camp for Kansas City, Kansas Scouts that would be held at Bean Lake, Missouri in August, 1920. The cost was set at $10 for the ten-day camp. Scouting was back in full swing again in Kansas City!

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
### Heart of America Council Eagle Scouts—September - October 2016

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Camporee 2016

The 2016 Big Muddy Camporee welcomed 107 Scouts and leaders on October 7-9. In addition to camping, Scouts participated in a Cook-Off Challenge where they had to use two secret ingredients, Mountain Dew and Sunflower butter, to incorporate into their dishes. After they finished cooking they were able to work on fishing merit badge. Thanks to everyone, especially our staff, for a great weekend!

Scouts Enjoy the Outdoors at Landahl Park

The Blue Elk District Camporee was held October 1-2 at Landahl Park in Blue Springs. More than 250 Scouts experienced a mountain man camp and re-enactment, participated in rifle and shotgun shooting, mountain biking, archery, rock climbing, and ham radio operation. Thirteen troops from the district enjoyed perfect fall weather on the two-night campout.

Activities Chairman Greg Dowell praised the efforts of Jackson County Parks and Recreation and the Missouri Department of Conservation to make Camporee a success. Dowell said, “I absolutely love this area, and would love to come back next year.”

Austin H. and Josh R. hit the bike trails with friends at Landahl Park during the Blue Elk District Camporee. Both Scouts are members of Troop 492 in Independence.
Frontier

Sleepless in KC

The fifth annual Sleepless in the City event took place the first week of November and 11 Frontier Scouts were in attendance. Donations and funds were collected to assist in alleviating and preventing homeless youth in Kansas City. Over 200 youth attended the event at Barney Allis Plaza, and Frontier Scouts were charged with keeping the fire barrels burning all night long. Attendees had the opportunity to hear multiple adults speak about being homeless and the struggles that they had to overcome to become productive citizens. Youth were given neckbands that determined their socioeconomic status, which determined what they ate that evening. They then had to build sleeping accommodations from cardboard.

Golden Eagle

Head of the Class

On October 26, four members of Troop 376 were inducted into the National Honor Society at Liberty North High School. Adam Larson and Finn Giddings also serve as President and Vice-President of Venturing Crew 2376. Great job Scouts!
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

December 2016/January 2017

HIGH TRAIL

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Olathe City Hall Teaches Scouts about Citizenship

The City of Olathe held its annual Scouting Open House for Scouts on October 17. Representatives from the Police Department, Fire Department, and Mayor Michael Copeland spoke to local Cub and Girl Scouts about the inner workings of Olathe, Kansas. Scouts learned about how to get involved with local government, the K-9 Unit, and fire safety. Thanks to the City of Olathe for hosting and educating Iron Horse Scouts!

Klondike 2017

Join us at the first ever High Trail District Klondike on January 28 at Longview Lake! Bring your team and your sled and be prepared for an exciting race! Check the district website for registration information.

2016 Community Service Hours 6,835 hours

IRON HORSE

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2017 MBA

The 2017 High Trail Merit Badge Academy will be held on February 4 at a new location, Summit Lakes Middle School in Lee’s Summit. More than 30 merit badges will be offered. Register now at www.htmba.kintera.org—classes are filling up quickly!
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#### December

1. **Roundtable (Recharter Turn-in)**, 7:00 pm  
   Bonner Springs UMC,  
   425 W. Morse Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS

2. **District Commissioner Meeting**, 6:30 pm  
   Cabela’s,  
   10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS

3. **District Committee Meeting**, 7:00 pm  
   Cabela’s,  
   10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS

#### January

4. **Roundtable (Recharter Turn-in)**, 7:00 pm  
   Bonner Springs UMC,  
   425 W. Morse Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS

5. **District Commissioner Meeting**, 6:30 pm  
   Cabela’s,  
   10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS

6. **District Committee Meeting**, 7:00 pm  
   Cabela’s,  
   10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS

#### February

7. **District Roundtable**, 6:30 pm  
   Bonner Springs UMC,  
   425 W. Morse Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS

8. **District Commissioner Meeting**, 6:30 pm  
   Cabela’s,  
   10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS

9. **District Committee Meeting**, 7:00 pm  
   Cabela’s,  
   10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS

#### Community Service Hours

- **December**: 5,241 hours
- **January**: 3,041 hours

### LONE BEAR

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#### December

1. **District Committee Meeting**, 6:30 pm  
   Clinton Scout Building,  
   808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

2. **Roundtable**, 7:00 pm  
   Clinton Scout Building,  
   808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

3. **Recharter Turn-in**, 7:00 pm  
   Clinton Scout Building,  
   808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

4. **District Recognition Dinner**, 6:30 pm  
   Clinton Elks Lodge,  
   115 W. Franklin St, Clinton, MO

#### January

5. **District Commissioner Meeting**, 6:30 pm  
   Clinton Scout Building,  
   808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

6. **District Committee Meeting**, 7:00 pm  
   Clinton Scout Building,  
   808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

#### Community Service Hours

- **December**: 3,041 hours
- **January**: 3,041 hours

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**District Recognition Dinner**

In every pack, troop, team and crew, there are many people who give unselfishly of their time to make sure the youth of our communities have a great Scouting experience. At the District Dinner, we will be recognizing those volunteers who give so much of their time by awarding the Silver Bear, Lonely Bear, and the District Award of Merit.

The annual Lone Bear District Recognition Dinner will be held on January 31, 2017 at the Clinton Elks Lodge at 6:30 pm. We will also recognize all 2016 Eagle Scouts in attendance.

And don’t forget! We can only recognize a volunteer if you nominate them. Please take the time to nominate a deserving leader for their service to Scouting. Nomination forms will be available at roundtable and online.
Eagle Scouts Honored

Troop 1663, Lee’s Summit 3rd Ward, Kansas City Stake, held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for three members of the troop this fall. Samuel Noorlander, Christian Greeff, and Blake Furnell received Scouting’s highest rank on September 27. The Court of Honor included several presentations. David Sims, Stake Young Men’s President and Unit Commissioner, spoke to the new Eagle Scouts. Arlen Tanner, Stake High Councilor and Assistant District Commissioner, was in attendance as well. Congratulations to Samuel, Christian, and Blake for earning the Eagle Scout Award!

Top Shot Training at Camporee

Archery, sling shots, paintball, bb guns, tomahawks, and rockets… Add about 250 Scouts and you have the inaugural Northern Lights Camporee. On October 14-16 at Platte Purchase Park, Boy Scouts, Webelos and their leaders got to try their hand at a variety of shooting sports activities. One of the highlights of the weekend was the service project completed at the park for Kansas City Parks and Recreation. In the course of about 2 hours, our Scouts were able to remove, repair, and reconstruct the fences that line the park. Troop 444 even put in the extra effort to remove a large concrete anchor that had eroded and was obstructing the fence. Thank you to everyone who participated and a special thank you to Ryan Hughes and Travis Kleoppel, our District Activities Co-Chairs, for their work.
It’s that Recharter Time of Year

If you haven’t completed your recharter for 2017, now is the time to start. In the Pelathe District, charters must be processed in January or your unit will drop and lose tenure, and more importantly BSA insurance coverage. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commissioner for help.

Once you have completed your online recharter, printed and signed the hardcopy, you have a number of opportunities to turn in the paperwork and money.

**Early Bird Recharter Turn-In:**
December Roundtable

**2nd Recharter Turn In:**
January Roundtable

**Final Recharter Turn In:**
December 15, 6:00 pm,
First Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, KS

**Recharter Turn in DEADLINE:**
January 12, 6:00 pm,
First Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, KS

Scoutish Highland Games Camporee

Scouts that attended October’s District Camporee participated in a slight twist on the Scottish Highland Games. Along with the Caber Toss and Stone Put, Scouts at our Scoutish Games Camporee were able to put their knowledge of knots to use in the Log Drag and Farmers Walk. Along with the activities, the Clan’s Macleod and Campbell also showcased an assortment of historical artifacts.
**SHAWNEE TRAILS**

**Key Leadership**

District Chairman: Chris Ross  
District Commissioner: Scott Tener  
District Director: Jenna Bentrop  
Senior District Executive: Lauren Crowder

**District Information**

- **December**
  1. District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
     Indian Creek Technology Center, 4401 W 103rd St, Shawnee Mission, KS
  7. Final Popcorn Payments Due  
  14. District Commissioner and Committee Holiday Celebration, 6:30 pm  
     Fox and Hound, 10428 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS
  15. Eagle Board of Review, 6:30 pm  
     Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS

- **January**
  5. District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
     Indian Creek Technology Center, 4401 W 103rd St, Shawnee Mission, KS
  5. Recharter Turn-In, 6:00 pm (before Roundtable)  
     Indian Creek Technology Center, 4401 W 103rd St, Shawnee Mission, KS
  12. District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
     Atonement Lutheran, 9948 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS

**Shawnee Trails’ Inaugural Camporee**

Shawnee Trails District’s inaugural Camporee was held October 14-16 at the Camp Naish Trust Property and hosted over 400 Scouts! Scouts were able to put their Super Scout skills to the test with activities that included obstacles, knot tying, branding, fire building, campsite cooking, rocket launching, Ham radio, hand-cranked apple cider, tent stake making, first aid, rope making, and more!

Troops competed for Best Campsite: Troop 93, Best Midway Program: Troop 358 and 93, Best Gateway: Troop 194, Best Campfire Skit: Troop 251, tug-o-War Tournament: Troop 282, Cooking Competition Main/Side Dish: Troop 387, and Cooking Competition Dessert: Troop 185. Congratulations to all our winners! Thank you all for making Super Scout Camporee a great event. Special thanks to Phil Park for chairing the event! See you all next year at Scouting 500.

**SOARING EAGLE**

**Key Leadership**

District Chairman: Rob Baker  
District Commissioner: Mary Kilkenney  
District Director: Lizz Rhodus  
District Executive: Tori LoGrasso

**District Information**

- **December**
  1. District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
     Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
  1. District Roundtable Meeting, 7:00 pm  
     Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
  7. Unit Re-Charter Turn in Night, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
     Scheels, 6503 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS
  8. District Committee Meeting—Silver Bells & Loops, 6:30 pm  
     Pinstripes, 13500 Nall Ave, Overland Park, KS
  22. Eagle Board of Review, 6:30 pm  
     Colonial Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

- **January**
  3. Re-Charter Deadline, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
     Leawood Justice Center, 4201 Town Center Dr, Leawood, KS
  21. KU Edwards Campus, Best Conference Center, 12604 Quivira, Overland Park, KS

**Taking Venturing to New Heights**

iFLY of Kansas City welcomed 30+ Venturers from the Soaring Eagle District to experience Venturing at new heights. Our first Meet the Crew event was a huge success and brought a renewed energy to Venturing in Soaring Eagle! iFLY sponsored 24 free flights and discounted the remainder of flights. Not only did they let our Venturers fly, they put on a show of some spectacular flight demos to get everyone excited for their turn to fly.

We’re looking forward to hosting more events with iFLY in the future and more Venturing events within our district. If you’re interested in joining a Crew or have ideas of events you’d like to see, email Tori LoGrasso at tori.lograsso@scouting.org.
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

December 2016/January 2017

Key Leadership

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Senior District Executive: Cami Marcom (816) 569-4940     Cami.Marcom@scouting.org

2016 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- Spirit Trail: 6,694 hours
- Twin Rivers: 1,436 hours

Annual Business Meeting

The Spirit Trail District Annual Business Meeting will be held on December 13 at 7:00 pm at the Archi United Methodist Church. At this meeting all voting members of the District Committee (CORs and Members at Large) will vote to approve slates for District Chair and Members at Large.

District Information

December

- 6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene, 2305 E South St, Harrisonville, MO
- 10 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  Archi United Methodist Church, W Chestnut St, Archie, MO
- 28 Spirit Trail/High Trail Klondike Derby, 8:00 am  Longview Lake Organized Group Area

January

- 3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene, 2305 E South St, Harrisonville, MO

February

- 7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene, 2305 E South St, Harrisonville, MO
- 14 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm  Archi United Methodist Church, W Chestnut St, Archie, MO

Recharter Time

Recharter time is upon us. Materials will be distributed at November Roundtable. If you are unable to pick-up materials at roundtable, contact Katie Dalton at 816-569-4973. Recharter turn in will be at the December roundtable. Please make sure your recharter is complete and all adults are trained into their positions to make your recharter process much smoother.

We also continue to work on growing the Scouting movement in the Twin Rivers District. As of October 31, we had 106 new Cub Scouts registered in our district. Keep it up because now is the time to recruit those who were busy with sports in the fall.

Fun with trebuchets at the Twin Rivers Camporee
To see upcoming issues of Adventures in Scouting before they reach your mailbox visit www.hoac-bsa.org/adventures-in-scouting

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KANSAS SPEEDWAY

The Scouting 500 returns to Kansas Speedway August 25-27, 2017. Experience the best of Kansas City Scouting and go full throttle with more than 100 activities over 3 days of high octane excitement.

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