Royal Weekend

Scout Day returns to the “K” April 10
See page 8 for special game day details
Once again, the Heart of America Council was recognized as the number one metropolitan council in the nation in 2015 as it relates to our Journey to Excellence score. But what does that mean to you as a Scouting volunteer? It means that our council continues to provide a level of programming, support and service at the highest level. That being said, there are always improvements that can be made to build on our success. Our Council Executive Board and staff are constantly looking at strengthening our programs and support to our units and volunteers. For the first time in the 5-year history of the Journey to Excellence program, we had 12 of our districts achieve a gold rating and 2 receive a silver rating. This really speaks volumes about the strength of our council and the commitment of our volunteers to provide a quality program for the youth in the greater Kansas City area.

We have just concluded our five-year strategic plan and are working on a new 3-year strategic plan that will be published in the next issue of Adventures in Scouting. The major focus of this new plan will be to strengthen our Cub Scout recruitment and retention efforts. As a council we are committed to looking at every aspect of the Cub Scout program and determine new and innovative ways to serve and retain more youth. One key aspect that will be emphasized will be working with pack leaders to have a written leadership succession plan. The number one reason that boys drop out of Cub Scouts is because of “boring den and pack meetings.” Rather than wait until the fall to ask a volunteer to lead a Cub Scout den or pack, imagine the positive impact if the pack committee worked this spring to identify and recruit the best person to take over in the fall? Asking someone today to consider taking a position 6 months from now will yield better results than winging it a few weeks before the new program year kicks off.

This is also the time of year to think about summer programs. We are fortunate in the Heart of America Council to offer a variety of summer programs for all ages. As a council we can track the increased retention rate for those boys who participate in Cub Scout Day Camp, Bear Camp, Webelos Camp and Webelos STEM weekends.

The same can be said for Boy Scouts who attend summer camp. Did you know that the Bartle Scout Reservation is the only 10-day summer camp left in the country? On average when a Scout attends Bartle for 10 days, versus the typical 6-7 day summer camp, they will earn an additional 2-3 merit badges. If your troop hasn’t been to Bartle in several years it’s time for you to check it out.

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

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**February/March 2016**
2016 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Leading the Way
The 2016 Heart of America Council volunteer officers were officially sworn in during the Annual Business Meeting on January 21. We're looking forward to a great year under their leadership.

Service to Scouting
After years of dedicated service to the council, Frank Wright, Jim Hayes, and Lester Ham were honored at the Annual Business Meeting for all they have done for Scouting in Kansas City.

• Frank Wright — Council Training Chair (3 years of service)
• Jim Hayes — VP of Program (4 years of service)
• Lester Ham — VP of Properties (4 years of service)

2015 Journey to Excellence Results
“Journey to Excellence” is the BSA’s performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of units, districts, and our council. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. We are pleased to report that the Heart of America Council set the gold standard once again this year and all 14 of our districts achieved either gold or silver status.

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars will award a $5,000 first place scholarship, a $3,000 second place scholarship, and a $1,000 third place national scholarship. In addition, the Department of Missouri will award a $1,000 scholarship to the Department Scout of the Year.

Applications are due no later than March 1, 2016. Detailed eligibility, application requirements and the application form can be found at www.vfw.org under Community/Youth and Education.

Need a Gift for a New Eagle Scout?

Consider a NESA Membership!

Do you have a new Eagle Scout in your family? Give them the gift of membership in NESA, the National Eagle Scout Association. NESA provides valuable resources to Eagle Scouts nationally, including significant scholarships. Go to www.nesa.org to find out more and to join.

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2015 Don Hall, Jr. Eagle Scout Class Reception

Calling all 2015 Eagle Scouts...You’re invited to attend the 2015 Eagle Scout Class Reception on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at Municipal Music Hall in downtown Kansas City, MO. All 2015 Eagle Scouts in attendance will receive this commemorative “Challenge Coin” and will be included in the official class photo. The reception begins at 1:00 pm. 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.

A Kansas City Scouting tradition, the annual Eagle Scout Reception will also feature the presentation of the Paul D. Arend Distinguished Scoutmaster Award and Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.

Myrl Wear, Scoutmaster of Troop 93, Shawnee United Methodist Church, will be recognized as the Paul D. Arend Distinguished Scoutmaster while Zane Schafer, Troop 1332, First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs, will be honored with the council’s Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.

ABOUT OUR EAGLE SCOUT CLASS HONOREE

This year’s Eagle Scout Class Honoree is Don Hall, Jr. Mr. Hall is president and chief executive officer of Hallmark, a role he assumed in 2002. He also serves as vice chairman of the board. He joined the company in 1971, working in multiple areas – manufacturing, product development, sales and creative among them – before being named executive vice president of strategy and development in preparation for taking over the company’s top position.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in economics and literature from Claremont McKenna College and an MBA from the University of Kansas.

Don’s grandfather, Joyce C. Hall, the founder of Hallmark Cards, served as the 1961 Eagle Scout Class honoree.
JOIN OUR TEAM

Council College Internship Program

Think you have what it takes to join our team? The Heart of America Council’s internship program offers full-time college students the opportunity to work in a non-profit corporate setting. Our interns receive a variety of unique experiences with real work assignments as they interact within a team environment.

In return, our interns provide the council with new perspective and ideas. It is a trial period that could potentially lead to full time employment. Internship opportunities are now available in the areas of field service, finance, and marketing.

An intern works 20-hours per week, with a $200 per-week stipend. The hours are flexible to adjust for class schedules. There is no required field of study. Previous Scouting experience is recommended, but not required.

If you have questions or if you would like to be considered for an upcoming internship position, contact Anthony Escobar at anthony.escobar@scouting.org.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Camp Staff College Scholarship Program

The Heart of America Council’s Camp Staff Scholarship program is back in 2016. The program is instrumental in retaining older, more experienced camp staff to continue to deliver a higher level of program to the youth of our council. Camp staff scholarships allow staff to continue to return to camp year after year instead of getting a summer job to help cover the rising costs of tuition. The annual program raises funds each year that are distributed at the end of the summer camping season to staff. Over the past 4 years, the council has increased the amount of annual scholarships from $64,000 to more than $150,000. To make a contribution to the Camp Staff Scholarship program, visit www.hoac-bsa.org and click DONATE NOW, or call Alan Sanders at (816) 569-4958.

Council Honored with National Safe Housing Award

The Portland Cement Association recently named the Heart of America Council as the recipient of the 2016 Resilience Leadership Award in the category of Safe Room New Construction for the storm shelter pavilions at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

The Resilience Leadership Awards recognize individuals, organizations, and projects that have advocated, communicated, and showcased the benefits of resilient construction and the importance of concrete in achieving resilience. Resilience Leadership Award winners spread the resilience message in a variety of arenas, including education, community organization, construction, and code enhancement.

2016 PATRON LUNCHEON

MARCH 3 | MARRIOTT MUEHLEBACH

Guest Speaker: Michael Durant

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

This year’s luncheon is being chaired by Stephen Hooley, CEO of DST Systems. Limited sponsorships and Table Host opportunities are still available, some of which include access to the exclusive speaker reception held prior to the event. Those interested in attending should contact Jeromy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965 or jeromy.rutledge@scouting.org.
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PACK PIZZA PARTY
Members of Pack 3348 celebrate a year of success with an all-pack pizza party. The incentive was part of a new council initiative that rewarded all packs who achieved year-end membership growth by October 31.

SHARE YOUR STORY
Do you have a story you would like to see in the next edition of Adventures in Scouting? Send articles and photos to Matt Armstrong at matt.armstrong@scouting.org. You could be featured in our next issue!

Interactive Merit Badge Pamphlets Now Available
It's a new year and that means Scouts now have a new way to earn all 20 of the most popular merit badges — which just so happen to include all of the Eagle Scout required badges — via our new interactive digital merit pamphlets.

Since going digital last summer, the BSA has been rolling out more and more pamphlets throughout 2015 to make sure all Eagle-required merit badge pamphlets are available for 2016. Today, Scouts can earn all of their Eagle-required badges without ever picking up the traditional print and ink versions.

Scouts still need to earn a total of 21 merit badges to fulfill the Eagle Scout requirements, but all of the badges you must earn to reach the rank are available digitally.


Head to www.ScoutStuff.org to download your digital pamphlets today.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Joining our new Alumni Association is free and allows you to participate in events, rekindle old friendships, and make new ones.

Choose your Alumni group and register for free today!

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EAGLE SCOUT
Kansas City has one of the highest concentrations of Eagle Scouts in the country. Be in the company of other high achievers at select activities and events.

CAMP STAFF
Did you spend your summers on the Camp staff at Bartle or Naish? Catch up with fellow staffers and learn about new ways to stay involved in Scouting.

MIC-O-SAY
Rekindle your Mic-O-Say friendships in the company of fellow Tribesmen. Connect with other members by participating in different activities and events.

ORDER OF THE ARROW
Are you part of the Order of the Arrow’s largest Lodge? Reconnect with Tamegonit Lodge and preserve the OA’s rich tradition across Kansas City.

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Half Marathon Entry Fee Schedule:
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- Race Day Registration = $70

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POPCORN FOR OUR TROOPS
Giving back to those who serve our country. Scouts helped distribute nearly $60,000 in popcorn to soldiers at Fort Leavenworth during the holiday season.

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Pricing
Boy Scouts $7.00 each
Adults $10.00 each
Additional Adults $10.00 each

Minimum of 10 scouts to book

To check availability or book your trip call 816.556.3234!

E nhan ce your Scouting unit’s monthly program. Check out our newly updated Community Activities calendar to find fun events for the entire family in 2016. Learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/community-activities.
**SCOUT DAY AT THE K**

**Sunday, April 10 | Kauffman Stadium**

It’s back!!! Join thousands of Scouts at Scout Day at The K on Sunday, April 10 during the Royals’ first weekend homestand of 2016. Cheer on your 2015 World Series Champions as they take on the Minnesota Twins in a Central Division showdown. First pitch is set for 1:10 pm.

**ADDITIONAL TICKETS GO ON SALE**

Monday, February 22, 2016
12:00 pm
www.hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k

*Additional tickets will be made available on a first come, first served basis.
*Game tickets only $10

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**Game Day Details**

More than just admission to the game, your Scout Day at the K ticket will 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.

**ROYAL GATHERING OF EAGLES**

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Join fellow Eagle Scouts prior to the game for the Royal Gathering of Eagles. This Eagle-only event will include fun and fellowship and will feature a special introduction of the 2016 Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Class.

**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, the first 4,000 Scouts in Class A uniform through Gate E will receive a special Scout Day at the K commemorative item. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, as we will reveal the commemorative giveaway item in the coming weeks. www.facebook.com/heartofamericacouncil.bsa

*Only Scouts in Class A uniform shirt will receive the special commemorative item. 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 commemorative giveaway item.

**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.

**GIVE A CAN…GET THE PATCH**

Scouting is all about giving back and this year we’re teaming up with Harvesters Community Food Network to fight hunger. Everyone who brings a canned food item(s) to Scout Day at the K will walk away with the official 2016 patch. Donation barrels and representatives will be located near Gate E.

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

COUNCIL NAMES NEW TOP POPCORN SALESMAN

It definitely pays to sell popcorn — just ask this year’s top salesman Aiden Heenan. The Pack 4516 Scout sold a staggering $9,030 in popcorn in 2015 — a new council single sales record. Aiden chose the gift card reward option which totaled $450. His pack awarded their top seller an iPad mini (which he won). He received $200 from his mystery house findings (yes, he found more than one). He will also receive another $200 for being the council’s top seller. So what’s Aiden going to do with all his rewards? Take his family to Disneyland of course!

This was Aiden’s first year selling popcorn. In fact, the pack’s chartered organization, the International House of Prayer, is new to Scouting. The church also sponsors Troop 1516 which was the second highest selling unit in the council this year with $31,817 in sales.

Aiden’s best advice for selling popcorn would be set your goal, work hard, get advice from people who know sales, and “just keep swimming.”

2015 Top Popcorn Salesman Aiden Heenan and little brother Oliver

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Top Shot Paintball

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. I never envisioned that what started out as a single Boy Scout Camp would grow into a Scout Reservation with three camps and more activities than I could imagine!

When I stopped at Headquarters and talked to Mike Pearce about activities available to Scouts at camp, he rattled off about twenty different activities. I couldn't believe there were that many things to do at camp. It wasn't like that in the good ol' days. I guess everything changes with the times.

Well this time Mike told me to go down to Camp Piercing Arrow to check out Top Shot Paintball. I saw a sign from the road that said “Top Shot” so I parked my car and hiked over to the program area. The staff was just giving the safety instructions to the Scouts and Scouters who were going to participate and I sat and listened to the briefing. Like all the other activities I have seen at camp, safety is the first thing emphasized. I learned that the Scouts at Bartle use “environmentally friendly” chalk paint balls. I had never heard of such a thing, but one of the campers told me that the chalk just disintegrates and blends naturally into the earth with no ill effects.

Then I went from station to station with an instructor and observed the Scouts shooting. I heard bangs and hits on all kinds of targets all over the program area until the command “cease firing” was given when the Scouts had shot all of their paintballs. Scouts were able to shoot from a line at targets down field and from buildings just like I remembered from movies about the old west. After the paint ball guns and ammo boxes were secure, the campers and staff went back to the safety area where they all enjoyed a special Dutch oven meal cooked by the staff that included Black Forest Cobbler. They looked at my lips drooling over the great food they had cooked and invited ol’ Joe Scouter to partake with them. A great time and great food was had by all! Man these Scouts have so much more to do than we had at camp 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 on what he observed.)

Bartle New Programs

Reservation Unveils New Programs for 2016

Get ready to take adventure to new heights at Bartle in 2016. This summer will feature two new exciting program options for Scouts to experience. The climbing tower will now include a new “Ice Climbing Wall” on one side that will challenge participants to learn new skills and use climbing axes and crampons. The other new program will be the addition of a new BMX pump track. The pump track is intended to teach participants entry-level BMX skills before they get on the BMX track for the first time.

STEM Camp

July 27 – August 3

STEM Camp is a whole new way to experience the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. STEM Camp will introduce Scouts to science, technology, engineering and math themed programs. Camp is open to all Venturers and Boy Scouts and will feature programs that will help them earn their NOVA and SuperNOVA Awards. STEM Camp is staffed by Reservation full time staff and unit leaders are not required for youth to attend. The cost for attending this 7-day camp is $245. Register at www.SCAMPing.org.

Learn more at www.ScoutCamping.org
As my plane lined up on approach to Zurich International this past week, it occurred to me that almost everything we take for granted in modern life would not be possible if it were not for some very smart men and women in today's STEM fields. Things like texting while streaming the latest science movie in the comfort of my economy seat flying halfway around the world.

But what is STEM you ask? It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. It's the initiative that many universities, business corporations, even whole countries are embarking on to spark the interest in today's youth and draw them into the wonders of scientific discovery. Titans like Honeywell, Burns & McDonnell, Black and Veatch, Boeing, The Boy Scouts of America, and many more are grooming the engineers, scientists, physicists and mathematicians of tomorrow.

Wait, did I just say Boy Scouts of America? I sure did! The Scouting program is a leader in today's STEM related activities. Our massive membership has produced, and can draw on, some of the top minds in today's fields. And it's not a new thing either. Some of the first merit badges in 1911 were Architecture, Astronomy, Chemistry, and Electricity.

Over the next several articles, I will share how your unit can help your Scouts earn the BSA Nova and Supernova awards. We will talk about getting your unit ready with your own counselors, building a program, teaming with district and council resources, achieving the Nova awards, and driving toward Supernova. An awesome start to the New Year!
There’s Still Time to Register Your Troop for Summer Camp

Choose your own outdoor adventure amidst the rolling hills of Camp Naish this summer. The amount of activities are endless and our featured programs for 2016 include…

- Tour the Kansas City Quarry as part of our Mining in Society and Geology Merit Badge programs
- Learn Welding Merit Badge from Ironworkers Local 10
- Tee off with Golf Merit Badge at Sunflower Hills Golf Course
- Make a splash with Canoeing and Kayaking Merit Badges at Wyandotte County Lake

Outpost Programs


Younger Scouts can meet important requirements for their first three Boy Scout ranks with the Trailbazer Program, designed specifically to help them advance with instruction on campfire cooking, knot tying and first aid. Older Scouts can conquer Project C.O.P.E. featuring the rappelling tower, climbing wall and zip line, plus take on the new crate-stacking challenge.

Aquatics programs include Scuba BSA, Polar Bear Swim, Kardboard Kayak Races and Adult Belly Flop Contest. Evening activities are also available including the Naish Heritage Night Hike, Bubble Ball Soccer and Iron Chef Naish competition.

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’s Visitors Night features a Nature Lodge Open House, dinner in the Dining Hall, Campfire entertainment and an Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony open to all, plus homemade Root Beer.

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

Become a COPE | Climbing Level 1 Instructor

Become a climbing instructor at the Naish Scout Reservation. The 2016 spring COPE/Climbing Instructor course will take place April 1–3. Learn basic skills for facilitating BSA Project COPE/Climbing and Rappelling events. Register online at http://spring2016copeclimbing.kintera.org.

NRA Firearms Training

| Shotgun Qualification & Instructor Training | March 19 & 20 |
| Rifle Qualification & Instructor Training | March 19 & 20 |
| Pistol Qualification & Instructor Training | April 16 & 17 |
| Muzzle-loading Qualification & Instructor Training | April 16 & 17 |
| Shotgun Qualification & Instructor Training | September 24 & 25 |
| Rifle Qualification & Instructor Training | September 24 & 25 |
| Pistol Qualification & Instructor Training | October 29 & 30 |
| Muzzle-loading Qualification & Instructor Training | October 29 & 30 |

Register now http://nrabasicinstructor.kintera.org/

Become a USA Archery Instructor

Sessions are held twice a year at the Naish Scout Reservation, once in the spring and once in the fall. Training runs from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturdays. You must attend the whole day to complete training. Participants must be at least 15 years of age. The course fee of $30 covers the cost of all course materials and lunch on your training day. Register at http://usaarchery.kintera.org/.

2016 Camp Naish Leadership

**Bear Camp**
Camp Director — Judy Tuckness
Program Director — David McClannahan

**Central Camp**
Camp Director — Phil Helt
Program Director — Spencer Weaver

**Reservation**
Ranger — Rick Ledgerwood
Commissioner — Bob Euler
Director — Scott Weaver
Incoming OA Lodge Chief Sets Goals for 2016

At the January 9 Winter Banquet, incoming Lodge Chief Senn Boswell addressed the crowd of more than 420 Arrowmen and put forth the 2016 Lodge goals. The new chief introduced the Lodge communications plan, placing equal emphasis on publishing and distributing the Torchbearer and on ramping up the Lodge’s use of web-based social media to communicate.

In the area of membership, outreach to units with low OA participation and promoting unit OA elections is also key in the new year.

He finished his remarks by using a “selfie” to encourage all Arrowmen to follow the Lodge’s use of web-based social media channels @tamegonit147 on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

TAMEGONIT LODGE

Winter Banquet Recap

Tamegonit Lodge held one of its largest Winter Banquets ever with over 420 Arrowmen in attendance to celebrate the start of a second 100 years of brotherhood. Thanks to everyone who attended.

2016 Tamegonit Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief: Senn Boswell
Vice Chief of Inductions: Alexander Nguyen
Vice Chief of Administration: Phillip Vaughn
Vice Chief of Programs: Connor Matches
Vice Chief of Chapters: Kenny Ward
Secretary: Dawson Garcia
Treasurer: Asa Abrahamson

OA High Adventure Opportunities

Order of the Arrow High Adventure is a way for Arrowmen to attend a Boy Scout High Adventure base at a reduced cost in return for service to the camp. Learn more about OA High Adventure at http://adventure.oa-bsa.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.


Vigil Honor and Founders Award Nominations

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2016. The nominee must have been a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow for a minimum of two years before being considered for selection as a Vigil Honor member. Nomination forms available at www.hoac-bsa.org/vigil-honor.

Section C5-B Conclave

Section Conclave is a yearly tradition of the C5-B section. It gives Arrowmen the opportunity to meet brothers from four other Lodges and bond through brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

When: April 15–17
Where: Camp Matigwa, Woodword Iowa
What: A gathering of five Lodges for one amazing campout

Learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities

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2016 Tamegonit Lodge Events

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
Make Tracks to BEAR CAMP this Summer

16 Camp Sessions available

Bear Camp is an outdoor adventure for Cub Scouts entering the 3rd grade. It’s a great first step for a boy to experience the magic and excitement of Scout Camp with a two-day, one-night planned program. At camp, Bears will earn advancements, experience new skills and have an amazing amount of FUN! Their accompanying adults will have the opportunity to gain memories for a lifetime, learn with their sons and build enduring friendships.

Exploring Bear Camp will include splashing in a Pirate Ship Water Park, defending a Castle, building a toolbox, and prospecting a Lost Mine. Of course, there’s the BB-guns and Archery too. Bear Camp will make this summer a memorable experience for both parent and Scout.

WEBELOS | Naish is the Gateway to Advancement

11 Camp Sessions available

Opportunities to complete the BRAND NEW national Webelos programming adventures and elective requirements are at the center of Webelos Camp’s two-night, three-day camping experience for first and second-year Webelos Scouts.

The first-year Webelos program includes activities that introduce Scouts to outdoor camping: Aquanaut, Archery, BB-guns, Build It, Building a Better World, Camper, First Responder, and Into the Wild.

The second-year Webelos program helps prepare Webelos for their transition to Boy Scouts and Boy Scout Camping: Action Archery, Adventures in Science, BB-guns, Earth Rocks, Into the Woods, Rappelling and Rockets. The Camp’s Akela Program is an exciting campfire ceremony specifically for second-year Webelos Scouts that challenges and inspires them to pursue the Scouting Trail to Eagle.

The program also offers an additional 16 supplemental programs for Webelos Scouts twice a day, including the NEW Aware and Care, Castaway, Duty to God and You, Duty to God in Action and Fix It! Packs can enjoy the disc golf course, geocaching course and giant chess board during free time too.

That’s not all! Exciting nighttime activities include an opening night campfire, dessert contest, polar bear swim, extreme tie-dying and the Naish Heritage Night Hike. Plus, visitor’s night festivities include the nature lodge open house, dinner in the dining hall, and a fabulous closing night campfire complete with an exclusive gift only available to second-year Webelos.

There are also plenty of fun adult activities like the belly flop contest on the last day of camp. Plus, awesome adult training opportunities led by the Camp Commissioner staff—including Boy Scout Fast Start, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards and an overview of the NEW Cub Scout programs and adventure requirements.

Online Reservations are now being accepted.

Webelos and leader camp fees are $150 each, on or before April 27, 2016. Den Chiefs attend camp for only $60. Register now at http://webeloscamp.kintera.org.

Bears and leader camp fees are $65 each, on or before April 27, 2016. Den Chiefs can attend Bear Camp for only $30. Register now at http://bearcamp.kintera.org.
Plan an **Adventure Weekend** at Naish

Adventure Weekends are coming up soon, with plenty of activities available for your troop, team or crew. Pitch tents in North Meadow and Clark’s Fork for FREE...Get in shape for your upcoming Philmont Trek hiking the RimRock Trail...Rent the facilities needed to make your unit event a great one! Pick your weekend, see what’s available and make your selections online now at www.hoac-bsa.org/off-season-camping-naish.

**Wilderness First Aid Certification Classes**
- Youth: $30
- Adults: $50
- Available MARCH 12, APRIL 2, APRIL 16, APRIL 23 and MAY 21

**22L Rifle Level 2 Open Shooting Experience**
- 6-8 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $40 for group
- 9-11 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $50 for group
- Available APRIL 2 and APRIL 23 — 8:00 am – 10:00am

**20-gauge Shotgun Level 2 Open Shooting Experience**
- 4-5 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $50 for group
- 6-7 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $60 for group
- Available APRIL 2 and APRIL 23 — 8:00 am – 10:00 am

**Climbing/Rappelling Basics**
- 8-16 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $80 for group
- 17-31 x Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $120 for group
- Available APRIL 23

**ATV Adventure Ride Course**
- Group Rate: 6-8 x Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $25 each
- Individual Rate: 5 or fewer Scouts, Varsity or Venturers: $40 each
- Available APRIL 23 and MAY 21

**Shooting Sports Merit Badges**
- Rifle: $30 per youth
- Shotgun: $30 per youth
- Advanced Rifle: $30 per youth
- Advanced Shotgun: $30 per youth
- Archery: $20 per youth

Learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/off-season-camping-naish
Philmont — A Personal Viewpoint

By: Steele Jacobs
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If someone were to ask me my favorite place to spend the summer, I would say Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. I went to Philmont for the first time during the summer of 2013 with my Boy Scout troop and I definitely was not the most prepared physically. I won’t say that Philmont wasn’t hard; in fact it is one of the hardest things that I — and many others — have ever done. Philmont can be both physically and mentally challenging, but that is what makes it so rewarding.

At Philmont you can expect to see other Scouts from all over the U.S. and maybe even International Scouts. The Philmont Scout Ranch is also home to some of the best views in the world, my personal favorite being Window Rock. During your trek you also get to experience Philmont’s outstanding staff camps and activities. My fondest memories of Philmont are those of musical campfires, spar-pole and rock climbing, and getting yelled at for not making a railroad tie fast enough. Both times I went to Philmont, they had the best and most committed staff. Not only are the staff members musically entertaining, they are also great comedians and actors.

My first experience in 2013 excited me so much that I went back to Philmont for the Roving Outdoor Conservation Trek (ROCS) in 2014. This second trek allowed me to see the entire ranch from northern-most parts of the Valle Vidal to the southern-most staff camp. There is nowhere on all of Philmont’s property that isn’t worth seeing. Philmont taught me valuable life lessons and skills and has given me friends that I wouldn’t have met otherwise.

Every Scout in the Heart of America Council should have the opportunity to hike the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. The Council Camping Committee is here to assist units with registration for Philmont or any other BSA High Adventure base. For more information contact High Adventure Promotion Chair Keith Wood at kwood@cjnetworks.com.

Live Scouting’s Adventure

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 stage 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 can’t have reached your 18th birthday 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 Council contingent will be $2,250 per person. This fee will cover 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/nationaljamboree.
**WOODBAGE**

April 15-17 | May 6-8
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Are you ready to develop new leadership skills? Are you ready to learn more about Scouting’s history and traditions? Are you ready to make new friends and widen your circle in Scouting? Are you ready to have fun? If your answer is yes then Wood Badge is for you!

**Wood Badge is…**

- A leadership course for all Scouting volunteers.
- A worldwide training tradition that reaches back to the days of the founding of Scouting.
- A six-day experience where you learn more about Scouting, leadership, and yourself.

Wood Badge will make you a more effective leader. The course is designed to be fun while teaching practical applications of communication, project planning, and teambuilding. Participants will connect with fellow Scouters who become friends and a resource for years to come. It is the pinnacle training for Scout Leaders and volunteers that will have a lifelong impact on your contribution to Scouting.

The Heart of America Council conducts two Wood Badge Courses each year, spring and fall. The spring courses are set for April 15-17 and May 6-8 at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Register online at [www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge).

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**HIGH ADVENTURE**

- Sailing
- Fishing
- Snorkeling
- Kayaking
- Scuba diving

- Wilderness
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- International
- Winter Expeditions

- Backpacking
- Rock Climbing
- Shooting Sports
- Horseback Riding
- Living History
- High Adventure
- Summer Camp
- Rock Climbing
- Shooting Sports
- Zip Lining

[BOOK YOUR ADVENTURE](http://www.scouting.org/HighAdventure)

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**SCOUT SUNDAY**

February 7, 2016
Church bulletin programs available at the Kansas City Scout Shop

**New Boy Scout Handbook**

I Want to Join Venturing!

Have you seen Scouts in their green uniforms around Camp Naish during the summer? Have you seen Facebook posts about exciting adventures from groups called crews? Are you looking for a way to enhance or begin your Scouting experience? You’re thinking of the Venturing program. Venturing offers a youth-led, adult-guided experience where young men and young women 14-20 years old choose their own adventure. Some Venturing Crews have specialties such as shooting sports, equestrian, STEM, aviation, service, and more. Other crews rotate their experience based on the interests of crew members. In any case, Venturers are encouraged and empowered to make their own decisions, exercise leadership, and accomplish great things together.

Did You Know?

• Boys can be registered in a troop and a crew simultaneously. Venturing can add to your Scouting experience without detracting from your honor camping involvement.
• Boys can earn their Eagle Scout if they are registered in a crew. As long as you earn your First Class rank with a troop, your crew can facilitate your Boy Scout advancement all the way to Eagle.
• Venturing has its own recognition system. The Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit Awards are available to all Venturers. The recognition system is designed to be completed by individuals regardless of the interest of the rest of the crew.
• There is a crew near you! Find a Venturing Crew near you at www.BeAScout.org. If you don’t find a crew close enough to you or if you have an idea for a new crew, contact the Heart of America Council at (816) 942-9333. We’d love to hear from you!

Get Your Crew Noticed

Every crew is more fun with more Venturers. More participants means more ideas, more leadership, and more synergy. But people need to be able to find you! There are thousands of high school students looking for a positive recreational experience. And Venturing might be the right fit. Each crew should find ways to be more visible and easier to contact when youth are interested in joining. Here are a few ideas.

• Update your BeAScout.org pin. Your crew’s key leadership can update your BeAScout pin by accessing myscouting.org and clicking on “BeAScout” on the left-hand side. Providing contact information and information about common crew activities helps increase your visibility and accessibility to the public.
• Hold an open house. Each crew should hold an annual open house to invite new youth to learn more. Current crew members should invite their friends to this open house.
• Submit a story to the local or school newspaper. If your crew has done something exciting and newsworthy, submit a story to your local or high school newspaper. Include as many pictures as you can!
Venturing in the Bahamas

During the summer of 2015, two council Venturing contingents of 23 participants traveled to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas for a high adventure trek of sailing and exploration. The crews flew into the town of Marsh Harbor on Great Abaco Island. The Abaco Islands lie in the northern Bahamas 180 miles east of south Florida. The Venturers lived on-board several 46 ft. sailing yachts, the youth serving as the mates and crew for the captain of each vessel. Privately chartered ships were used to allow the crews more flexibility in planning their program and itinerary for the week. The Scouts enjoyed a combination of sailing, snorkeling, fishing, and beachcombing as well as cultural exchange with the local Bahamian residents. Seafaring skills were learned and teamwork was developed to ensure smooth sailing throughout the crystal clear waters of the Sea of Abaco.

Traveling from island to island, the crews explored a variety of locations and remote villages while soaking in the sun and the ocean surf. The Scouts enjoyed sampling some of the local foods such as fresh baked goods and conch fritters. They also visited the small Bahamian village of Man O’War where the ancient boat-building art is still practiced. Some members of the contingent even had the opportunity to experience scuba diving on the reefs off Great Guana Cay. All the Venturers enjoyed the magnificent views from the top of the Hope Town lighthouse on Elbow Cay…one of the last manual lighthouses in the world. The week was highlighted by good weather and clear starlit nights, featuring a full moon which made for ideal sleeping conditions up on deck. These adventurous Scouts from the Heart of America Council returned from their expedition with many new skills and experiences, photographs, suntans, and lots of memories to last a lifetime!

Jamboree-On-The-Air

Approximately 50 Scouts and Scouters actively participated in the 58th annual Jamboree-On-The-Air at Camp Naish this past October. JOTA connects Scouts from around the world through amateur radios. Scouts of any age could drop in throughout the day to make contact with the more than one million Scouts from more than 150 countries that participated throughout the weekend.

Participation in JOTA/JOTI is one of the requirements for Scouts to earn the International Spirit Award. To earn this award, Scouts must participate in at least one JOTA/JOTI. Earning the International Spirit Award gives the recipient priority placement within the Heart of America Council for the 2019 World Jamboree that will be held at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia. American participation in the 2019 World Jamboree will be limited as most of the slots go to Scouts from other countries, so competition for one of the Heart of America Council slots will be intense.

Download the application at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/international/pdf/130-044_WB.pdf and start earning your International Spirit Award today.
Explorers Go Bananas on Hospital Hill

You wouldn't think chicken breasts and bananas go together, but don't tell that to our Hospital Hill Explorers. Thanks to help from Hospital Hill resident students, our Explorers practiced proper suturing techniques on poultry and fruit — an activity that is now a post favorite. Think you have what it takes to take on the post’s next challenge? Visit www.Exploringkc.org for more information and to join.

Explore a Career in Firefighting

Our Exploring program has countless opportunities in the Kansas City Area. Photos taken from Olathe Fire Department Explorers show the adventures that await students interested in Fire & Emergency Services. Every meeting is filled with interactive activities and information to help you be successful in your future career. Learn more at www.ExploringKC.org.
10 tips for planning the best Pinewood Derby ever

The Internet is full of resources for Cub Scouts wanting to make a better, faster Pinewood Derby car. But what about parents and Scouters wanting to plan a better Pinewood Derby? I’ve got you covered with these 10 Pinewood Derby planning tips.

1. Encourage Scouts to actually build their own cars

Building a Pinewood Derby car is a life-changing bonding experience for parent and son. The Cub Scout isn’t — and shouldn’t be — expected to do it all himself. But what about when mom or dad (usually dad) takes on a little too much of the work? That happened in Scouter Ken D’s pack when he “actually had a Scout who couldn’t tell me which car was his to take home after the derby!” Not good.

Damon E. came up with a breakdown you can try in your pack: “Tigers do about 20 percent of the work, 40 percent for Wolves, 60 percent Bears, 80 percent Webelos,” he says. “By the time they’re a fifth-grade Webelos, the Scout is doing almost 100 percent of the work with just a safe guiding hand of a parent or adult.”

2. Plan a Pinewood Derby workshop

How do you ensure the Scouts have a hand in making their car? Bring them all under your roof.

Host a designated car-making workshop where parents and sons build the cars together and parents bring tools to share. It’s fun, and it’s a great way for the less mechanically inclined to learn a thing or two.

Some of the best Pinewood Derby workshops use the assembly line approach. Parents and sons go from station to station working on their car. When they’re done, they have a near-finished product ready for painting.

3. Hold side races for parents

Try as you might to encourage Scout-built cars, there are still some ultra-competitive dads and moms out there.

Harness that competitiveness into a race just for parents (and/or siblings). Some packs call these “outlaw” races. In other packs, the “outlaw” moniker is reserved for Scout-built cars that don’t meet the regular race requirements.

In some packs, these parents-only races are used as pack fundraisers. The entry fee — maybe $5 a car — goes into a pot, where the winners get a nice prize and the pack gets the rest to help offset pack expenses. In other words: Everyone wins.

4. Schedule smarter

Create a tournament bracket that gives each Scout several races, even if he loses them all.

Scheduling is a decision for you and other Cub Scouters, but you have several options at your disposal.

Elimination-style races, where the first across the finish line wins, are the most exciting for live viewers. But they favor those assigned to “fast lanes” — flaws in some tracks where one lane is faster than others.

Round-robin formats, where every car races in every lane, are great for those with high-tech timing equipment to determine first through fourth. But it’s hard to tell who’s winning that way.

5. Stagger arrival times

If you know the Webelos race won’t start until 5 p.m., do the Webelos Scouts and their parents really need to show up at 3:30 with everyone else?

Give parents specific, staggered arrival times to minimize waiting around.

You could even hold several awards ceremonies — one after each division is finished — so that families can leave when their son’s racing category has concluded.

Ask yourself: Is it really necessary for every family to be there for the entire event? Remember to leave them wanting more.

6. Giving siblings plenty to do

Set out a big container of Legos for the sisters and brothers of racers to enjoy during the Derby.

Distribute racing-themed coloring pages and colored pencils.

Invite someone to run a face-painting station or make balloon animals.

Whatever you do, be sure to offer something to keep those nonracers occupied.

7. Make an event out of it

A maximum of four boys will be racing at any one time. So what will Scouts and parents do between races?

They can cheer on their fellow Scouts with songs and yells.

They can purchase food at the concession stand — operated by a local Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew, perhaps.

They can race their cars on a designated secondary track for practice and fun.

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**8. Check the rule book**

Does your local council or district have special Pinewood Derby rules and regulations? If so, you should adopt those same rules for your pack’s Pinewood Derby.

Following the council’s rule book makes your winners eligible for district- and council-level Derbies. And they ensure a level race field for all Scouts.

**9. Pick teams**

Great Pinewood Derbies require great volunteers. Assign the necessary teams for Derby day:

- **A Track Team** that sets up the track, tests it and runs the race.
- **A Food Team** that keeps Cub Scouts and parents happy and well-fed.
- **A Pit Team** that checks in the families and weighs and inspects the cars.
- **An Activities Team** that handles anything not related to the race — pictures, face-painting, skits and songs, and anything else to keep Scouts entertained.

**10. Make memories, take pictures**

A Pinewood Derby will be over in a couple of hours, but the memories will last forever. That’s especially true if you take official race day photos of Scouts and their families.

First, create a fun backdrop. It should include your pack flag, some racing imagery and the current year.

Next, assign a volunteer to take the photos of the Cub Scout with his car and his parents. You could even do close-ups of each Scout’s car.

You can make the photos available on a photo site like Flickr for parents to download and post to Facebook for all the world to see.

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February/March 2016

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**Old Time Christmas Crafts**

Coventry Estates Baptist Church in Independence hosted the annual Blue Elk District Cub Christmas Craft event on December 5. Cub Scouts and their families from Independence, Blue Springs, and Grain Valley created traditional crafts to celebrate the holiday season.

Laura Milam, the event organizer, was pleased with the attendance and the efforts of her staff to bring new crafts to the Cubs this year. Sixteen packs sent 75 youth with their families to the program that was staffed by over 30 volunteers.

**2016 Fall Camporee**

Camporee may be 8 months away but it’s not too early to get it on your calendar! There are MANY NEW things about this year’s Camporee to consider…

New Venue: This year’s Camporee will be held at Landahl Park in rural Jackson County.

New Program: Though the program is still being finalized, this year we plan to feature many new activities like rifle and shotgun shooting, archery, mountain biking, and rock climbing to name a few!

Make sure to mark your Calendar for October 1 & 2!
Frontier Recognizes its First Eagle Scout

Please help us congratulate Richard Atkins, Troop 342, Victory Hills Church of the Nazarene, for being the first Frontier Scout to earn the coveted Eagle rank. Richard is a 12th grader at Turner High School. His Eagle Scout project involved constructing a camp fire pit and installing a flag pole for the Scout area at Wyandotte County Lake in Kansas City, Kansas.

Frontier District Commissioner, Doug Roberts, was honored to sit in on Richard’s Eagle Board of Review. “I am happy to report that Troop 0342 and the Frontier District have their first recorded Eagle Scout,” said Roberts. “I am very proud of the district’s commissioners, professional staff, and para-professionals who were instrumental in providing resources towards this young man’s success.”

Serving the Community

Paraprofessional Pat Duffel led a competitive and successful canned food drive between her six afterschool program sites in Kansas City, Missouri resulting in more than 1,000 cans! The top three schools who donated the most canned goods were Dobbs Elementary (325 cans), Carver Elementary (235 cans), and Martin City Elementary (237 cans). All items will be donated to Harvesters Community Food Network.

Webelos Woods

Webelos Woods is scheduled for April 29-30 at Kelsey Short Youth Camp (Smithville Lake) and is the first opportunity for 4th grade Webelos Scouts to learn all about Boy Scouting. Specifically, Webelos Woods is an overnight experience that introduces boys to Boy Scout camping using the Patrol Method. Register now at www.hoac-bsa.org/golden-eagle. We’re also looking for staff to help. Contact Michael Brown to volunteer at (816) 301-4758 or webeloswoods2016@gmail.com.
## High Trail

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### Legacy Thunderbird District Dinner | March 19

Join us for the last Legacy Thunderbird District Dinner at the Armacost Museum (4200 E. 135th St, Grandview, MO) beginning at 5:00 pm. Registration is available online or at the Council Service Center. Cost is $25 until March 1, $30 from March 1 to March 9. New Eagle Scouts can attend the dinner for only $15. Silent Auction opens at 5:00 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm, and program will start at 7:00 pm.

We will honor selected volunteers with multiple awards, including the District Award of Merit.

### Treasure Island Day Camp

Mark your calendars! The first High Trail Day Camp will be held June 27-30. Camp fees are only $65 per Scout through April 27. More information available at www.scoutcamping.org.

## Iron Horse

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### First Annual Iron Horse Day Camp

Ahoy all Cub Scouts! X marks the spot at Heritage Park, June 20-24 for “Treasure Island” Day Camp. A week filled with BB-guns, archery, crafts, sports, and fun with water and nature are just a few of the activities planned. Register online by April 27 as camp fees are only $65 per Scout. Scouts paying after April 27 will be $75 each, or $80 for those added at camp.

Stay informed by visiting www.hoac-bsa.org/iron-horse-day-camp or by contacting Laura Guengerich, Camp Director, at Laura@IHDayCamp.xyz or (913) 963-5009.
Looking forward

In 2015, Kaw District was recognized as a Silver District through the Journey to Excellence program. This is in large part due to Kaw’s units and district volunteers who tirelessly worked to make Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties better for our youth. As a district, we should continue to look ahead and see what programs and support can be implemented to continue improving Scouting. This spring, no matter what position you have, work to implement a better unit awards presentation, a sporting recruitment event, promote our Scout camps, and stay in contact with your Scouts through holding summer time activities. There’s a lot of fun to be had and we’ll get there together! Thank you for a great 2015 and thank you for looking ahead to 2016!
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**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

**February Service Hours**

- **March**
  1. Please attend your local Roundtables
  2. Mormon Trail Roving Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  3. Independence Stake Roundtable, 7:00 pm

**Olathe Stake Roving Roundtable Program**

The first Mormon Trail Roving Roundtable took place on Thursday, January 7 at the Olathe Stake Center. 64 adult leaders attended the event that included a recharter turn in for all units in the stake. Doug Neidholdt, Mormon Trail District Commissioner, shared information about the new Mormon Trail District and the plans for 2016. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions to learn more about the district. Dennis Johnson held a Varsity Committee training for several leaders as well. Each stake will have a roving roundtable once a year. Leaders are encouraged to attend their local geographic roundtable the rest of the year to get information about the local districts and training.

**NORTHERN LIGHTS**

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**2015 North Star Eagle Scout Project of the Year**

Every Eagle Scout can remember the journey they took in identifying, planning, and completing their Eagle Scout project. Eagle Scout projects nationwide account for over 9 million service hours. Each year, every district selects one Eagle Scout project to recognize for excellent planning, leadership shown, and impact to the community. The North Star District had several great submissions, but one project stood out. The Northern Lights District would like to congratulate Chase McCollom, a new Eagle Scout from Troop 1314 at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, for being chosen as the recipient of the 2015 North Star Eagle Scout Project of the Year.

Chase’s project involved the planning and building of a new bridge over a hiking trail at the Heartland Center. Chase involved 33 volunteers donating more than 300 total service hours. Chase himself spent over 80 hours completing his project. The results were spectacular. This new bridge will be enjoyed by Scout groups, church groups, and other community members who attend activities at the Heartland Center. Chase’s project donated nearly $500 in supplies and nearly $7,000 in volunteered manpower.
### PELATHE

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### Scouting for Food — A Pelathe Scouting Tradition is in its 30th Year

Scouting for Food is a long-standing tradition in the Pelathe District. This April will mark the 30th year that Scouts have conducted a one-day, district-wide drive to collect food from our neighbors which is donated to local food banks for distribution to those who are less fortunate. In 2015, more than 10,000 food items were collected by Scouts on a single day.

Make plans now to participate as a pack, troop, team or crew. If you are in Lawrence, plan to have someone at the March Roundtable to re-confirm the area that you would like to cover. Plan to pick up you fliers and bags at the April Roundtable. Distribute the fliers to let your neighbors know about the project and then return on April 16 to collect food that is left at each house.

If you have questions about Scouting for Food, contact John Scott at (785) 542-3510 or john3scott@aol.com.

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### Pioneer Trails District OA Call Outs

Join the Pioneer Trails OA Chapter at Camp Lake of the Woods on April 16 for our District OA callouts and activities for all Scouts, regardless if they are members in the Order of the Arrow. Check in for units will be on Saturday, April 16 at noon. Families of Ordeal candidates are encouraged to attend the call-out ceremony.
**SHAWNEE TRAILS**

**Key Leadership**

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**2016 Webelos on Wheels**

“Webelos on Wheels” or “WOW” is designed to help Webelos complete some of the more difficult achievements. The concept is simple: Webelos from around the district gather together to have fun, learn, and complete one activity badge. Instructio

**SOARING EAGLE**

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**Treasure Island Day Camp**

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Houston Named District Chairman

Lynn Houston has joined the Spirit Trail District as District Chairman for the upcoming 2016 Scouting year. Lynn comes to Spirit Trail from the Thunderbird District where he served as Advancement Chairman for the last two years. Lynn is an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 1262 and serves on the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Commissioner Staff. Lynn is an Eagle Scout, a Sachem in Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Welcome Cami Marcom to the District

Cami Marcom will be joining the Spirit Trail District as Senior District Executive, transferring from the Atlanta Area Council where she has served Scouting for the last two and a half years. Cami is an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and is working on completing her Wood Badge Ticket. She comes from a large family, including four sisters and three brothers who are all Eagle Scouts. When not working, Cami enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, reading, and doing anything outdoors.

Investment in Character 2016

The goal of the Investment in Character Campaign is to involve families financially in the Scouting program. By making contributions to this campaign, families help ensure that Scouting will continue to grow and make a lasting impact in their communities. Funds raised will help support operations of the BSA like camperships, membership fees and uniforms for those who could not otherwise afford them, and various other worthy efforts.

Units should schedule their presentations at well attended events like Blue and Gold Banquets or Courts of Honor. If you have yet to schedule your presentation, please do so as soon as possible. Let’s do all we can to ensure that Scouting in Twin Rivers will remain strong in the years ahead.
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