**Hero Scout**

Kansas Eagle Scout recognized with BSA Lifesaving Award after saving family from drowning.

**Royal Welcome**

Scout Day at the K plays host to thousands for annual assembly of Scouting and baseball.

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**Dig Day**

Scouts and KC Parks partner to make Kansas City beautiful.

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What Are Your Traditions?

Anytime an organization has been around for over a century, like the Boy Scouts, traditions will be developed within your unit at the district or council level. Traditions are an important part of any organization’s history and their future.

What got me thinking about this was attending Troop 86’s 86th Anniversary Celebration last month. Troop 86 is the oldest troop in Olathe, Kansas. While I was walking into the anniversary celebration I noticed the troop trailer parked by the front door. On the back door of the trailer was a list of all Troop 86 Eagle Scouts. While I’m sure other troops have also thought of this idea, it was quite the visual display of the impact this troop has had on the boys in their community. As I was taking this photo, a gentleman was coming to the celebration and when he looked at the trailer door he said, “My name is on that trailer.” Of course I had to ask him to point it out for me. He went on to share his Scouting involvement and his family’s history in Scouting.

Personally, I love that as a council we have so many great traditions, some new and some old. Scout Day at the K — the largest gathering of Scouts at a Major League Baseball stadium in the nation, the Eagle Scout Class Reception at Municipal Music Hall, the Camp Staff College Scholarship program, the leadership development programs of the Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say…the list goes on and on!

In May, the council started what promises to become a new tradition for many years to come — Dig Day. Held on Mother’s Day weekend, Dig Day partnered with Kansas City Parks and Recreation and brought together hundreds of Scouts and leaders to plant more than 80 of the city’s community flower beds across 35 locations. It’s a project that would normally take KC Parks about 2 months to complete.

My goal would be to see the Dig Day program grow to serve all our communities throughout the council. Not only is this a great Good Turn for the community, but it’s a great way to showcase Scouting. I promise you that a Scout will not forget the flower bed he helped plant on Dig Day.

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

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

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Go to www.hoac-bsa.org/calendar
Overland Park Eagle Scout saves family from drowning
Awarded with BSA Lifesaving Award

Quick thinking and Scouting skills helped avoid tragedy on a southern Ozark river. On June 20, 2015, Eagle Scout and Olathe East High School senior, Nate Reichmuth, embarked on a rafting trip to the Black River in southern Missouri with family and friends. A heavy rain the night before made for less than ideal conditions, leaving the water levels much higher than usual. No more than fifteen minutes into their trip, a raft carrying family friends, Brett and Janette Miller, became entangled in a large fallen log in the middle of the river. The raft soon tipped, spilling the Miller family into the water with the strong current pinning them against the log.

Nate’s father jumped into the water in an attempt to rescue the family, but the current was too strong and quickly swept him downstream. After making sure his father was alright, Nate took matters into his own hands and put the skills he learned in Scouting to work. He waded carefully into a shallow part of the river upstream and let the current carry him to the Millers still clinging to the log. Upon reaching them, Nate calmed the couple down and then ushered them to the edge of the log. Once others in the party arrived back on the scene, Nate instructed the Millers to let the current carry them downstream. One by one, all three carefully pushed away from the log, floated downstream, and safely reached the shore where they were pulled from the river.

For his bravery and quick thinking, Nate Reichmuth was awarded the BSA’s Lifesaving Award, a rare honor that recognizes Scouts who have performed an act of heroism at risk of their own life. Nate received the award at a special Troop 122 Court of Honor on May 16, 2016 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Included in the ceremony was the Miller family themselves, who helped honor Nate for his bravery.

Nate’s story of heroism was also recognized by the Kansas City Royals earlier this year. Nate was chosen to sit in the Buck O’Neil Legacy Seat as part of Scout Day at the K on April 10.
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Scouts and KC Parks Partner to Beautify Kansas City

Nearly 500 Scouts and volunteers spent a gorgeous Mother’s Day weekend digging to make a difference in Kansas City. On Saturday, May 7, the Heart of America Council and Kansas City Parks and Recreation teamed up for Dig Day — a day dedicated to making Kansas City beautiful. The inaugural event helped plant more than 80 of the city's community flower beds across 35 locations.

More than just a way to beautify Kansas City, Dig Day also helps save the city time and money. What would normally take Kansas City Parks about 2 months to complete, Scouts were able to accomplish in just one day. The city-wide event also drew the attention of City Hall. Kansas City Mayor Sly James helped kickoff Dig Day festivities in late April with the official “first shovel” and photo op in downtown Kansas City.

Mark your calendars now and plan to participate in next year’s Dig Day celebration on Saturday, May 13, 2017.
PATCH PERFECT

Pair of Eagle Scouts Earn Every Merit Badge Possible

Earning every merit badge possible is an amazing feat. What’s even more impressive is having two council Scouts accomplish this rare achievement in the same month. But that’s exactly what happened this past April.

David Mumm, an Eagle Scout and student at Lee’s Summit West High School, earned every Merit Badge offered by the BSA as a member of Troop 1262. David was honored at a special ceremony on April 3 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Lee’s Summit.

Troop 218’s Dawson Garcia also completed his quest for perfection in April. Dawson is an Eagle Scout and a sophomore at Blue Valley Northwest High School. In 2014, Dawson was recognized with the Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award for his work with Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Northland Scout Shop Now Open

The doors are open in the Northland. Located at 345 NW Barry Road — the new Northland Scout Shop opened for business on April 9. The grand opening celebration included the official “rope cutting” and prize giveaways all day long. Spanning 3,700 square feet, the new store is part of the council’s strategic plan to continue to provide better customer service to our Scouting families. By adding a second location we are now able to offer two convenient locations for everything Scouting.

2016-2017 Ideal Year of Scouting Planning Guides

Plan your Scouting year the Ideal way. Our 2016-17 Ideal Year of Scouting Planning Guides are available now and will help your pack and troop with everything from program planning to budget development. Pick up your FREE guides at roundtable or download your own copy today at www.hoac-bsa.org/ideal-year-of-scouting.

Join the America Council Alumni Association and connect with Scouting friends past and present. Visit www.HOACAlumni.org to register and to check out activity updates and Scouting profiles from Camp Staff, Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow and Mic-O-Say alumni. If you’re not a member, sign up for FREE and reconnect, rekindle and recommit to Scouting.
Despite a chilly start, more than 800 runners made their way to Kansas Speedway on May 14 for the 4th annual SCOUTStrong Challenge Half Marathon & 5K. Participants challenged themselves on the only road race that starts and finishes on the track of the Kansas Speedway. Awards were presented to the top finishers in each race and age group. For official race results and more event photos visit www.seekrun.com.

2016 SCOUTStrong Challenge Race Results

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The 2017 National Jamboree is the ultimate Scouting experience, and we want you to be part of it.

On July 11, 2017, 125 Scouts and leaders will leave Kansas City, stop at several national landmarks, and then on July 19, arrive at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in the rugged hills of West Virginia for the Scouting adventure of a lifetime. The Heart of America Council is currently taking applications to fill three council troops and two council crews and you can be part of the excitement!

Before arriving at The Summit, tour stops include:

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

After traveling for a week, you will arrive at the Summit Bechtel Reserve and participate in ten days of the most thrilling Scouting experience imaginable. From July 19-28, the National Jamboree will host programs and activities that will excite Scouts from across the country. Adventure Areas will offer experiences to get Scouts’ blood pumping.

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

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

Scouts have already started signing up. If you want to participate, you need to sign up now! Make your $100 deposit and register online at www.hoac-bsa.org/national-jamboree. Remember, if you don’t sign up in 2017, the next Jamboree will not be held until 2021.

Any unit interested in having a presentation about the 2017 Jamboree should contact Alan Sanders at asanders@scouting.org or (816) 569-4958. A member of the Jamboree promotions committee will be happy to come out to show your Scouts how much fun they will have at Jamboree.
2016 POPCORN SALE PREVIEW

We have a great new popcorn sale headed your way in 2016 full of new product, incentives and prizes! Following rave reviews, we are also bringing back our Sellers Academy with plans to make it even bigger and better than last year.

NEW PRODUCTS FOR 2016

Coming in 2016…Get ready for the World Series Champion Kansas City Royals tin! Everyone will want to get their hands on this collectible tin full of delicious Cheese Lovers popcorn. The new tin features the entire team roster along with photos of Alex Gordon, Salvador Perez, Eric Hosmer, Alcides Escobar and Lorenzo Cain. A new Trails End Trail Mix will also join the product lineup in 2016. This new non-popcorn item features peanuts, M&M’s, raisins and almonds.

NEW PRIZES AND INCENTIVES

In addition to our traditional prize program through National Supply, we are excited to introduce a new “Spin to Win” party recognizing the council’s top sellers. Each Top Seller will get to choose from great prizes and enjoy an amazing party in their honor.

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NEARLY $1 MILLION IN SALES

RETURNED TO LOCAL SCOUTING UNITS IN 2015

Sign-up for the 2016 Popcorn Sale
www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn

In Memory of:

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Nancy & Jim Carnes
Ann & Bruce Ebling
Janet Boone Service Club
Joanne Hayes
Merriman Foundation
Mrs. Elaine Atha Merriman
Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Merriman Sotos
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Atha Merriman
Rita & Charles Miller
Nicholas Powell
Bill & Tom Walker
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Marcia Cook
Douglas Furnell
Marcia Cook

To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Jeromy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.
Reservation Ready for Summer
More than 400 volunteers made their way to the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation on April 9 for the annual Skilled Trades Work Day. From painting to plumbing, the annual work day helps ready the Reservation for summer camp.

COUNCIL CONTINGENT UNITS
A New Way to Camp in 2016
Every Boy deserves a chance to attend camp and we are excited to announce a new way for Scouts to attend the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation this summer. If a Scout is unable to attend his normal session with his home unit, he now has the opportunity to attend 6th Session with a council contingent unit. Contingent units will be made up of Scouts from across the council and will be under the supervision of Reservation leadership. Contingent units are also open to Scouts who would like to attend camp for a second session this summer. For more information contact Laura Campbell at (816) 569-4928 or laura.campbell@scouting.org.

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

BARTLE STEM CAMP
July 27 – August 2 | Bartle Scout Reservation
Cost: $245 | Open to all Boy Scouts & Venturers

CUB SCOUT STEM CAMP #1
June 24 – 25 | Naish Scout Reservation
Cost: $55 | Open to all Cub Scouts

CUB SCOUT STEM CAMP #2
July 24 – 25 | Naish Scout Reservation
Cost: $55 | Open to all Cub Scouts

SIGN-UP TODAY www.STEMCamping.org

Webelos STEM Weekend
On April 30, the Reservation hosted the spring Webelos STEM Weekend. More than 300 Scouts participated in activities ranging from learning about Volcanos to simple physics experiments. But the real highlight for most Scouts was learning how hydraulics could be used to manipulate a robotic arm to do simple tasks like picking up and stacking blocks. Programs concluded with an evening campfire complete with an introduction to the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Mark your calendars — the next Webelos STEM Weekend is set for Saturday, October 1.
C.O.P.E.

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. My next adventure took me to the COPE Course. COPE is a one-day program that allows Scouts to work on team building exercises on the “Low Course” before they advance to the “High Course”. The High Course has a zip line, vine walk, two-way traverse, giant's ladder and other activities. I watched the Scouts on the Low Course and was pleasantly surprised to see how Scouts of all ages got into the event. They used all of their physical and mental capabilities with other members of their team as they progressed through the events. Then I went over to the High Course and observed the Scouts on the zip line and giant's ladder and other challenging activities. The Scouts all wore full safety gear and the staff carefully observed all activity from their high perches and on the ground. A great time 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.)
Plan an Adventure Camp Weekend

Can’t get enough camp? Then this coming fall, don’t just plan a campout at Camp Naish, plan an Adventure Camp Weekend! Experience the new ATV Rider Course, shoot rifles or shotguns, challenge yourself on the climbing tower, or do several of them! Registrations are first-come, first-serve, so now is a perfect time to reserve your spot at Naish!

To register for a weekend, sign up at www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends.

Fall Adventure Camp Weekends

- September 24, 2016
- October 8, 2016
- October 22, 2016
- November 5, 2016

ATV Rider Course

At the April 23 Adventure Camp Weekend, Tamegonit Lodge Chief Senn Boswell and his brother Graham had the opportunity to experience the brand new ATV Rider Course. Here’s what they had to say about our new program.

“The ATV Rider Course at Naish was incredible! With no prior experience, I learned how to operate and enjoy an ATV safely with the guidance of the well-trained instructors. The training course was a great learning environment, and the class concluded with an ATV ride around the Reservation. For any Scouts that have ever been interested in learning, the BSA is the way to go!”

Register now to ride at www.atv.kintera.org.

Varsity Triathlon

August 12-13 | Camp Naish

Swim, bike and run your way across Camp Naish on August 13 during our 2nd annual Varsity Triathlon. This year’s triathlon is open to all Scouts and Venturers ages 11 to 20, as well as adult leaders. The event will be conducted as a “Super Sprint,” including a 200 yard swim, 5.25 mile mountain bike course, and a 2 mile cross-country run. Units are encouraged to plan physical fitness activities into their unit’s annual plan that will prepare them for the triathlon.

Registration is now open at HOAC2016VarsityTriathlon.Kintera.org.
Vigil Honor and Founders Award Nominations

Nominations must be RECEIVED at the Heart of America Council Service Center by July 1, 2016. Nominees must have been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years before being considered for selection as a Vigil Honor member. Learn more about Vigil and Founders nominations at www.hoac-bsa.org/vigil-honor.

OA Unit Elections

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/Data/Sites/1/media/order-of-the-arrow/oa-documents/oa-unit-elections.pdf. Contact your chapter OATR for more information.

2016 OA Dues

For the past four years, Tamegonit Lodge has held the title as the LARGEST Lodge in the nation. Help us retain our position as the top Lodge by simply renewing your dues. OA members paying their 2016 dues through their unit should contact their Troop Representative or Troop Representative Advisor for information. Members paying their 2016 dues individually can pay online at http://oadues2016.kintera.org.

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. For more information about these High Adventure programs, visit http://adventure.oa-bsa.org.

Spring Inductions

This year’s spring inductions were action packed and never left a dull moment for Arrowmen and Scouters alike. Our new Vice Chief of Inductions, Alexander N., had no trouble adapting to his new job, as his fellow Arrowmen were always willing to help in cheerful service. Alexander is currently implementing new forms of communication at inductions, including digital schedules, scavenger hunts, and a remind 101 service which will allow quicker communication throughout the camp. If you missed these weekends, you still have a chance to complete your Ordeal or seal your membership as a Brotherhood member at one of two induction weekends this fall at either Naish or Bartle Scout Reservations.
SCOUT DAY AT THE K

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
June/July 2016
World Champs Give Scouts Royal Welcome

A soggy start couldn't dampen the spirits of nearly 12,000 Scouts and their families as they made their way to Kauffman Stadium for Scout Day at the K on April 10. After the skies cleared, Scouts were treated to an extra inning thriller as the World Champion Royals edged out division rival Minnesota in stunning fashion.

More than just a day at the ballpark, Kauffman Stadium’s annual assembly of Scouting and baseball has become one of the largest Scouting events in the country — a fact that’s tough to refute with Scout families filling nearly one-third of the stadium’s seats. There was also no doubt that this was Scout Day with Scouting’s fingerprints all over the event. Scouts threw out the first pitch, received VIP early access to the stadium, served as the color guard and participated in a pregame parade. An all-Eagle Scout choir made up of students from Free State High School sang the national anthem, with one Scout soloist performing “God Bless America” in the seventh inning. A cool surprise also awaited the first 4,000 Scouts in uniform who were rewarded with the official Scout Day at the K sunglasses.

Before the World Champs took the field, our council All-Stars took center stage. The presentation of the Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards is a Scout Day tradition and honors adult Eagle Scouts for their positive contributions to the Kansas City community. This year’s recipients were Bill Esry, Chuck Hoffman, the Rev. Roger Jackson and Zack Shafran. The award — and Kauffman Stadium itself — are named for Eagle Scout Ewing M. Kauffman.

As you’d expect when Scouting’s involved, the day also included service to others. Scouts teamed up with Harvesters Community Food Network for a canned-food drive. In total, Scouts collected more than 3,000 pounds of food to help feed the hungry in Kansas City.
**BEAR CAMP**

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

Bring your Bears to the wooded hills of Camp Naish, where Cub World is home to a fantastically fun two days and one night of camping this summer. At Bear Camp, your Scout will find a Castle, a Fort, Tipis, a Lost Mine and a Pirate Ship. Bears will have fun with all the activities that are available at camp. And there are over 40 possible advancement activities that are available for a Bear to check off in their handbooks. Splashing in the Pirate Ship Water Park and shooting water cannons are some summer favorites.

Signups are still underway, but session availability is limited. Register now at [www.bearcamp.kintera.org](http://www.bearcamp.kintera.org).

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**WEBELOS CAMP**

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

Celebrate Camp Naish’s 90th anniversary with a summer camping experience that will create memories to last a lifetime! Webelos Camp is a two-night, three-day adventure full of great activities. Campers will shoot BB-guns and bows and arrows, learn first aid through different hands-on scenarios, splash in our Olympic-sized swimming pool, learn about the creatures living in the Nature Lodge, enjoy our campfire skits, and much more!

Our staff is dedicated to one goal: to make sure we provide the best camping experience for you and your Scouts. Limited sessions are still available. Email Christi.boyer@scouting.org for more information.
Host an International Scout

With an influx of International Scouts heading to our camps this summer, the need for host families is at an all-time high. Host families are the critical link between the camp experience and the Scouts' American life experience. Prospective host families must be able to house the Scout prior to and after his or her camp staff assignment and provide transportation to the Scout's respective camp.

If you're interested in serving as a host family contact Jeannie Salmon at jrsalmon@kc.rr.com or Peter Houston at phouston@sunflower.com.

Trail to Eagle Takes Canadian Detour

He's one of the council's newest Eagle Scouts, but his trail to Eagle is anything but ordinary. In 2009, after several years as a Cub Scout in Kansas, Spencer Monninger moved to Oakville, Ontario where his family lived for 3 years. He could have dropped out of Scouting, but instead Spencer joined the 1st Trafalgar Scout Group and was active with the Great Escarpment Council of Scouts Canada. While other boys his age back in Kansas were earning their Arrow of Light and Tenderfoot, Spencer was busy earning his Voyageur Award as well as over a dozen challenge badges - the Canadian version of merit badges. He attended summer camp in Canada and earned the Brown, Green, and White Challenge Awards. He was well on his way to receiving his Pathfinder rank when his family returned to Kansas. Spencer soon resumed his Scouting journey as a member of Troop 59 and that path has led him all the way to Eagle Scout.

International Camp Staff Spotlight

Carlos Portillo — Honduras

Each summer, the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations welcome international Scouts to serve as members of the camp staff. This month, we are excited to introduce you to Carlos Portillo.

Carlos is originally from Honduras and will serve on the camp staff at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation this summer. Carlos first became involved in Scouting through We-belos and is now actively involved as a Rover Scout. He has found Rover Scouts "most gratifying because you do a lot of social labor, you help your community and you are able to travel a lot, go to camps and many Scout events." Carlos is starting his career as an adult Scout leader as he continues his studies towards a degree in Psychology.

2016 INTERNATIONAL CAMP STAFF

Rhys Lanham — United Kingdom (Bartle)
Carlos Portillo — Honduras (Bartle)
Dawa Sherpa — Nepal (Bartle)
Diana Izurieta — Ecuador (Naish)
Khaliun Lkhamdash — Mongolia (Naish)
A Celebration of Success

2015-2016 Venturing Awards and Recognition Banquet

The Heart of America Council celebrated a successful year of Venturing at the 2015-2016 Venturing Awards and Recognition Banquet on April 23. Serving over 1,400 youth in the Kansas City Metro Area, the Venturing program has expanded the reach and influence of Scouting throughout the council.

During the past year, Venturing provided adventure and opportunity to teenagers in the form of sporting events, Haunted Trails, late night lock-ins, tropical scuba trips, mountain trek excursions, and more. The Heart of America Council Venturing Officers Association is also proud of all of our Venturers who received awards throughout the year.

The banquet also served as the venue to recognize our 2016 Council Venturing Leadership Award (VLA). The VLA is presented by the council to Venturers and Venturing Advisors who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Our first 2016 VLA recipient is Ann Salisbury. Ann has been involved in Venturing for 16 years. She is the Committee Chair of Crew 2264 and the current VOA Co-Advisor. Ann has led 15 crews in completing treks to Philmont, 12 crews to Okpik in Ely, MN and Northern Tier High Adventure Base. Ann has continually been an active member of Venturing and Scouting in her unit, district, and the council.

Our second 2016 VLA recipient is Max Erickson. Max is the Vice President and a founding member of Crew 2165 in Lansing, KS. He has led his crew in several activities including two High Adventure Tier 3 trips. He has also served as a Kodiak Guide at the Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base. Max is on the training team for the Kaw district and presents classes on Venturing, outdoor skills, and Leave No Trace Training.

Venturing Leadership Award recipients Ann Salisbury and Max Erickson with Scout Executive Kenn Miller.
STEM Resources | Teaming with your District and Council

I've received more than a few emails about "where can I find this?" or "what about that?" All good questions, but it occurred to me, maybe a pointer to a few highlights and resources might be in order. Web sites don't transmit well in articles, but I thought I'd share a few of my favorite links with you.

First, my favorite — www.scouting.org/stem. A great spot to start your journey through STEM. Along with that, the training link, www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx. Probably the two most heavily used links I know of. You can also check out council STEM camping opportunities at www.StemCamping.org.

But enough of the links. You know who really makes the program sizzle… People! Ordinary people like you and me that have a passion for STEM. For instance, did you know that each district is working toward appointing a STEM Chair? That's right, and that the council has top executives from some of the best companies around the metro working toward making the program the best it can be? Amazing. And all focused on one thing, getting you the resources you need. Yup, the true rock stars are in the units. Leaders working with the Scouts and surfing the edge of what is possible. So next time you get a chance, attend a district roundtable and introduce yourself. Join our team and let us know what we can do for you.

The STEM Guy
Questions? Email jim.forson@HPE.com

STEM Summer Camps

BARTLE STEM CAMP
July 27 – August 2
Bartle Scout Reservation

CUB SCOUT STEM CAMP #1
June 24-25
Naish Scout Reservation

CUB SCOUT STEM CAMP #2
July 24-25
Naish Scout Reservation

SIGN-UP TODAY www.STEMCamping.org
Stitch it up!

On March 7, students from our Hospital Hill Explorer Post practiced their suturing skills on chicken breasts and bananas with help from residents from Truman Medical Center. This year’s program is coming to an end, but more opportunities are available this fall!

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Law Enforcement Challenge

On June 11, Law Enforcement Posts from around the council will come together for the annual Law Enforcement Challenge. The Overland Park Police Department will host this year’s event with challenges that include mock scenarios of building searches, traffic stops, and much more. If your Post is interested in joining this year’s challenge, please contact your Senior Exploring Executive.

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Black & Veatch First Responders Competition

Black & Veatch Explorers have been focused on improving and creating engineering solutions for first responders all year long. They were paired in teams and interviewed several first responders to determine a problem that could use a better engineering solution. They looked at scenarios like how to minimize car chases or how to create efficient response times for emergency calls. First prize included having this summer’s Post “Superactivity” trip to California paid in full and partially paid for teams who finished 2nd and 3rd. The winners were Garrett Gasaway and Nick Modes. Their project was ‘Flying into the Future’ and used drones to aid first responders.
Become a better-informed Scouting leader while you drive to work

Pause the playlist, silence the sports talk and call an audible on the audiobook. Take a few moments of your commute — just 10 to 15 minutes a month — to make yourself a more-informed Scouter.

With the BSA’s triple-threat lineup of monthly podcasts — CubCast, ScoutCast and the new ExploringCast — you’ll be the smartest Scouter in your pack, troop or post. All this for the low, low price of FREE.

CubCast

CubCast, powering packs since 2007, gives you great ideas for improving your Cub Scout adventure. Some notable recent topics include:

- Preparing for the Webelos-to-Scout transition
- Staying active during the summer
- Cultivating new and future leaders

Download it by searching “CubCast” on your favorite podcasting app. Or listen to it through your browser at www.scouting.org/Scoutcast/Cubcast.aspx. After listening to the newest episode, be sure to scroll through the archives for other relevant topics.

ExploringCast

ExploringCast, making its debut with the May 2016 episode, opens your ears to what this career-development program offers to young people.

With short, informative episodes, the hosts will explain how Exploring helps young men and young women discover their future. This new podcast is suited both to veteran post advisors and to those who aren’t involved with Exploring but want to learn more about the program.

ExploringCast will be available on iTunes and other podcast platforms soon. For now, listen at www.scouting.org/Scoutcast/ExploringCast.aspx.


ScoutCast

ScoutCast, improving troops since 2013, covers the world of Boy Scouting, including subjects that affect both new and seasoned Scouters. Recent topics include:

- Making your Scoutmaster’s minute really count
- Guiding Scouts without coming across as lecturing
- Selling popcorn when your Scouts are no longer little Cub Scouts

Download it by searching “ScoutCast” on your favorite podcasting app. Or listen to it through your browser at www.scouting.org/Scoutcast/Scoutcast.aspx. After listening to the newest episode, be sure to scroll through the archives for other relevant topics.
An Early Visitor’s Day at Camp in Elk Springs

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

The second issue of The Mid-West Boy Scout had a couple of reminders as the date to finalize payments for camp was fast approaching. Scout Executive A.J. Palmer reminded readers that boys not registered by six o’clock Thursday, August 5th would be unable to go to the Third Annual Summer Camp at Elk Springs that summer — the year was 1915.

Once the advance baggage car left for camp, no additional equipment would be accepted from dilatory Scouts. Palmer announced that since this would be the best camp ever for Scouts, Sunday, August 22nd had been designated as “Visitors Day” and everyone was welcome to visit the camp and see how the Scouts were trained and how they benefited from their camp experiences.

In those days, if a family was able to come to camp for Visitor’s Day, they took the train from Kansas City to Elk Springs and returned later that day. Visitor’s Day was a full day in the early days of Scouting.

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 — March - April 2016

**BIG MUDDY**

Troop 1120 Jay Banhart Douglas Watson, SM
Troop 1611 Cody Brooks Richard Webb, SM
Troop 1713 Gavin Collins John Mitchell, SM
Troop 1713 Mark Dickey John Mitchell, SM

**BLUE ELK**

Troop 1042 Ryan Bolden Jay DeHardt, SM
Troop 1082 James Gibson Christopher Diaz Sr., SM
Troop 1175 Dean Sheppard Donnie Rickman, SM
Troop 1228 Zehariah Ritchheart Patrick Liang, SM
Troop 1246 William AhMu John Miller Jr., SM
Troop 1282 Brandon Muller Scott Howell Jr., SM
Troop 1282 Curren Gentry Scott Howell Jr., SM
Troop 1492 Caden Stone William Hyatt, SM
Troop 1492 Austin Hyatt William Hyatt, SM
Troop 1492 Nicholas Williams William Hyatt, SM
Troop 1603 Allan Brown Jason Waltonen, SM
Troop 1692 Thomas Fligg Brian Gilliland, SM

**GOLDEN EAGLE**

Troop 1180 John chirpich Howard Scott , SM
Troop 1180 Joseph Brady Howard Scott , SM
Troop 1247 Logan Palmer Kyle Bergman, SM
Troop 1247 Brett Mason Kyle Bergman, SM
Troop 1303 Ethan Murphy Brenton Pfaff, SM
Troop 1360 Tylor Godsey Christopher Golden, SM
Troop 1374 Jack Browning Paul Crooks, SM
Troop 1374 Jack Meyers Paul Crooks, SM
Troop 1376 Derek Nason Michael Riley, SM
Troop 1376 Blaek Wilson Michael Riley, SM
Troop 1376 Kayl Auch Michael Riley, SM
Troop 1394 Braeden Perry Brian Streich, SM
Troop 1394 Kellan Campbell Brian Streich, SM
Troop 1412 Christopher Hoffman Justin Hoke, SM

**HIGH TRAIL**

Troop 1054 Christopher Mitchell Steven Hilger, SM
Troop 1054 Derrick Cretel Steven Hilger, SM
Troop 1054 Andrew Mitchell Steven Hilger, SM
Troop 1054 Colton Gru Steven Hilger, SM
Troop 1195 Payton Hale David McEachern, SM
Troop 1220 Brice Lane Andrew Wilcox, SM
Troop 1262 Collin Dustin Jon Ledford, SM
Troop 1264 Allen Retzler Mark Dunning, SM
Troop 1264 Carter Lloyd Mark Dunning, SM
Troop 1366 Brandon Leary Chester Galloway, SM
Troop 1366 William Bostick Chester Galloway, SM
Troop 1366 Kyle Andes Chester Galloway, SM
Troop 1601 Forrest Roubidoux III Michael Dulle, SM
Troop 1631 Andrew Meyer Kenneth Douglas, SM
Troop 1631 Spencer Gosselin Kenneth Douglas, SM
Troop 1631 Daniel Meyer Kenneth Douglas, SM

**IRON HORSE**

Troop 34 Brandon Higgins Scott Higgins, SM
Troop 83 Narendra Maharaj Jacob Brelsford, SM
Troop 86 Patrick Starr Robert Norris, SM
Troop 88 Tanner Wilyard James Martin, SM
Troop 88 David Kiker James Martin, SM

**KAH**

Troop 66 Phillip Pierce Richard Lockwood, SM
Troop 149 Peter Klingele Craig Theroff, SM
Troop 167 Noah Sousser Roger Linder, SM
Troop 167 Alexander Arriaga Roger Linder, SM
Troop 169 Hunter York Eric York, SM
Troop 357 Dakota Falley Raymond Stockman II, SM
Troop 357 Lucas Boice Raymond Stockman II, SM

**LONE BEAR**

Troop 1437 Patrick Joplin Hurley Mahan, SM

**MORMON TRAIL**

Troop 103 Joshua Livingstone William Hull, SM
Troop 117 Nathan Niederhauser David Harwood, SM
Troop 117 Spencer Callister David Harwood, SM
Troop 1146 Evan Cook Jason Cook, SM
Troop 1417 Jacob Beeson Lars Floden, SM
Troop 1417 Tyler Gough Lars Floden, SM
Troop 1663 Samuel Noorlander Zachary Williams, SM

**NORTHERN LIGHTS**

Troop 1261 Matthew Revers Jeffrey McKinney, SM
Troop 1261 Kyle Downes Jeffrey McKinney, SM
Troop 1314 Charles Pyles Ryan Hughes, SM
Troop 1351 Colby Matthews Maechelle Noe, SM
Troop 1395 Christopher Kaufman Steven Conway, SM
Troop 1395 Christian Jacobs Steven Conway, SM
Troop 1444 Austin Denig Thomas McPherson, SM

**PELATEHE**

Troop 53 Calvin DeWitt Mitchell Yulich, SM
Troop 53 Joshua Kallenbach Mitchell Yulich, SM
Troop 53 Isaac Hanson Mitchell Yulich, SM
Troop 55 Romero Murray Robert Burdick, SM
Troop 59 Spencer Monninger Guy Jacobs, SM
Troop 60 William Schrader Jeffrey Wellman, SM

**PIONEER TRAILS**

Troop 1016 Sean Murphy David Banks, SM
Troop 1024 Adam Maijale Craig Scratchon, SM
Troop 1024 Joseph Green Craig Scratchon, SM
Troop 1046 Walden Thurn Duane Ball, SM
Troop 1046 Anthony Ball Duane Ball, SM

**SOARING EAGLE**

Troop 10 Brandon Grothen Robert Day, SM
Troop 10 Connor O’Neill Robert Day, SM
Troop 10 Alexander Stark Robert Day, SM
Troop 10 Tyler Kodanaz Robert Day, SM
Troop 10 Shaunak Lokre Robert Day, SM
Troop 10 Tanner Rupp Robert Day, SM
Troop 92 Austin Patterson James Rinehart, SM
Troop 218 Ryan Sanford Mark Garcia, SM
Troop 333 Collin Kelly Terry Ecklund, SM
Troop 1061 Joel Silverman Brian Bell, SM

**SPIRIT TRAIL**

Troop 1003 Kirkland Fisher Anthony Laughlin, SM
Troop 1244 Samuel Fuller Joseph White, SM
Troop 1300 Kinlichiniin John Samuel Bass, SM
Troop 1621 Iasaca Toler Patrick Snider, SM
Troop 1621 Jesse Turos Patrick Snider, SM
Troop 1621 Matthew Argotsinger Patrick Snider, SM
Troop 1801 Benjamin Aschliman Randall Swetnam, SM

**SHAWNEE TRAILS**

Troop 91 Robert Mansur Todd Martin, SM
Troop 123 Ian Boyd Troy Johnson, SM
Troop 186 Austin Donnelly Ronald Morris, SM
Troop 194 Lucas Harriman Rick Harris, SM
Troop 194 Samuel McAnany Rick Harris, SM
Troop 194 Luke Smock Rick Harris, SM
Troop 194 Brenden Hill Rick Harris, SM
Troop 194 Taylor McAnany Rick Harris, SM
Troop 194 John Harris Rick Harris, SM
Troop 194 Ian Jones Rick Harris, SM
Troop 199 Matthew Hart Allen Perkins, SM
Troop 246 Timothy Collins James Collins, SM
Troop 257 Kevin Thomas Andrew Russell, SM
Troop 257 Dominik Warren Andrew Russell, SM
Troop 257 Shawn Kennedy Andrew Russell, SM
Troop 265 Steven Rohde Stephen Vohs, SM
Troop 282 Ian McCalmon Kerby Ball, SM
Troop 284 William Ericson Steven Revare, SM
Troop 284 Gregory Strobel Steven Revare, SM
Troop 284 Matthew Canfield Steven Revare, SM
Troop 299 Jonathon McMillin Eric Argie, SM
Troop 299 Joseph Brown Eric Argie, SM
Troop 354 Franklin Carter Robert Kakareka, SM
Troop 354 Asa Abrahamson Robert Kakareka, SM
Troop 358 Jackson Zumalt Nathaniel Roney, SM
Troop 393 Mitchell Owls David Nash, SM
Troop 394 Max Yates Bryan Barragree, SM
Troop 395 Thomas Murphy Bryan Clingen, SM

**TWIN RIVERS**

Troop 63 Adam Creviston Gary Johnson, SM

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

June/July 2016
**BIG MUDDY**

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#### June
- **6-9 Big Muddy Day Camp**
  Confederate Memorial, Higginsville, MO
- **28 School Night Kickoff, 7:00 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO

#### July
- **No District Meetings**

**Big Muddy Scouts Give Back to Odessa**

On April 23, more than 60 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and volunteer leaders from Odessa, Lexington, Wellington, and Higginsville gathered to give back to the Odessa community. Scouts spent four hours refurbishing and painting the grandstand bleachers and clearing rocks out of the arena for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Rodeo Grounds. Troop 1120 Scoutmaster, Doug Watson, organized and oversaw the entire event.

### BLUE ELK

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#### August
- **9 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO
- **9 District Roundtable, 7:30 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO
- **11 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO

#### June
- **2 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Colonial Hill Community of Christ, 3539 SW 7 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO
- **11 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm**
  Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 E Holke Rd, Independence, MO

#### July
- **11-15 Blue Elk District Day Camp, 8:00 am – 3:00 Daily**
  American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Drive, Blue Springs, MO

**The Best Camporee EVER! All New Location!**

Mark your calendars for September 30 – October 1, 2016. The Blue Elk District, in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Conservation, will be hosting a Camporee like you have never seen before!

This year’s Camporee will be at an all new location, Landahl Park, and will feature new and unique events including: mountain biking, rifle and shotgun shooting, rock climbing, archery and more!

For questions contact the Blue Elk District Activities Chair, Greg Dowell, at gdowell0130@gmail.com or Grant Dealy at grant.dealy@scouting.org.
YMCA Health Fair

The Frontier District collaborated with the YMCA of Kansas City, Kansas on April 30 during a community health fair. The Heart of America Council featured its famous climbing tower which was a hit at the event. Other activities included free haircuts, eye exams, fitness information, and face painting. Over 100 participants attended this event.

Spring Camping

On April 16, approximately 100 youth participated in a weekend camping trip to Lake of the Woods in Kansas City, Missouri. Various Frontier packs and troops collaborated with the Pioneer Trails District to put on this successful event.

Scout’s Honor

Troop 1327 volunteers Greg Hill and Reggie Hill are honored at Success Academy for their dedication and service to Scouting.

Webelos Woods 2016 Cancelled

As many of you know, we had to cancel our 2016 Webelos Woods campout due to weather. It’s always a hard decision to cancel an event, especially when you know how much work goes into planning the event and that so many young Scouters are looking forward to it. We wanted to take a moment to let everyone know that while this decision was hard to make, we knew we had to put safety first. We had to take into consideration the past weather (the ground was already very soggy) and the present and forecasted weather. The major factors that lead to the cancellation of the event were the forecasted thunderstorms and the lack of shelter at Smithville Lake. We would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work planning Webelos Woods as well as the volunteers and Scouts that were so understanding of the need to cancel the event.

STEM is Amazing!

Have you considered sending your Scout to STEM Camp this year? There is still time to sign-up! Cub Scouts can attend STEM Camp June 24-25 or July 24-25 at Naish and Boy Scouts can join the fun July 27 – August 2 at Bartle. Visit www.STEMcamping.org for more information or to sign-up.
Troop 86 Celebrates Golden Birthday

Scouts, families, and alumni of Troop 86 gathered in April to celebrate 86 years of Scouting. Tents were up in preparation of a fun-filled night of camping and an incredible hand-carved totem pole created by members of the troop was on display in front of Grace United Methodist Church. Organizers collected tables full of interesting memorabilia from old rosters and patches to clothing.

Bob Courtney, President of the Olathe Historical Society, presented on what life in Olathe looked like in the 1930’s when the troop was founded. Harry Mullins announced and recognized those who have received the Eagle Scout rank from Troop 86 — an astonishing 206 Scouts. A 50-year veteran of Troop 86, Melvin Reece, recounted stories of campouts and High Adventure excursions the troop has participated in. Multiple Scouts were called on stage to discuss their fondest Scouting memories with the troop. Before grabbing dinner and eating delicious cobbler made by the troop, Rob Norris and Jeff Smith reflected on what Troop 86 has done, what it is doing today, and where it is headed.

**High Trail**

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**2016 Investment in Character**
- **66.2%**

**June**
- **7** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  Raytown South Middle School, 8401 E 83rd St, Kansas City, MO
- **7** District Roundtable, 7:30 pm  Raytown South Middle School, 8401 E 83rd St, Kansas City, MO
- **14** District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee's Summit, MO

**July**
- No District Meetings

**August**
- **2** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  Raytown South Middle School, 8401 E 83rd St, Kansas City, MO
- **2** District Roundtable, 7:30 pm  Raytown South Middle School, 8401 E 83rd St, Kansas City, MO
- **9** District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee's Summit, MO

**District Camporee... New Location... New Date!**

**October 22-23, 2016**

Join us for the inaugural High Trail District Camporee at Lake Jacomo, October 22-23! The theme this year will be steampunk, a genre of science fiction that typically features steam-powered machinery rather than advanced technology. Activities will include an escape room, a robotics team, a steampunk campsite design contest, and so much more. Signups will start in August so get the date on your calendar now!

**Iron Horse**

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**2016 Investment in Character**
- **66.2%**

**June**
- **2** Roundtable, 7:00 pm  Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
- **9** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
- **16** Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm  Colonial Presbyterian Church, 12501 W 137th St, Overland Park, KS

**August**
- **4** Roundtable, 7:00 pm  Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
- **11** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
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**25 Venturing Committee Challenge**
- First Baptist Church, 2024 W 151st St, Olathe, KS

**25 Venturing Advisor Position Specific Training**
- First Baptist Church, 2024 W 151st St, Olathe, KS

**District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**

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**20-24 District Day Camp**
- Heritage Park, Olathe, KS: Equestrian Area, enter near 175th & Pilnum

**July**
- No District Meetings
**August Fall Huddle at Cabela’s**

We’re looking forward to our Fall Huddle at Cabela’s on August 4. This will be a kick-off for next year where we talk as a group about planning and pass out a few recognitions. We also plan to have some activities at Cabela’s so invite other adult leaders, SPLs, Crew Presidents, and other Junior Leader positions to attend! Mark your calendars for the Fall Huddle at Cabela’s on August 4 at 7:00 pm!

**Summer Camp 2016**

Every Scout looks forward to summer-time each year. Why? Because it’s camp time! Whether it’s Day Camp, Bear Camp, Webelos Camp, or Boy Scout Camp, there’s an adventure waiting for your Scout in 2016. It could also be the time for a High Adventure trip for your unit. There are endless possibilities for your boys and adults to experience. The key to adventure is open to all who seek it. Check out the latest camping opportunities at www.ScoutCamping.org.
The LDS-BSA Seminar & Conference in Salt Lake City was a great experience! Thirteen members from the Mormon Trail District represented the Heart of America Council, the largest contingent among all participating councils. Pictured is former Young Men’s General President Charles Dahlquist, Second Counselor in the Young Men’s General Presidency Joseph Brough, BSA National Commissioner Tico Perez and LDS-BSA Director Mark Francis. Beginning in 2017, President Dahlquist will replace Tico Perez as our National Commissioner.

**Battle the Summertime Blues**

*How to make the most of your summer experience*

So, you had a great time at camp and started the summer with a bang! Now what? Before your boys enter their virtual world for the rest of the break, consider these local summertime activities.

**June 4 & 5 — Worlds of Fun Scout Days:**
Pick up a discounted ticket ($34 admission) and Worlds of Fun patch when your pack, troop or Scouting family makes a trip to Worlds of Fun.

**June 25 — T-Bones Scout Night:**
Campout on the field and watch the big game with your pack, den or family.

**August 20-21 — Schlitterbahn Scout Days:**
Cool off at Schlitterbahn with a special Scout Day admission rate.

Visit the Weston Red Barn Farm, Zona Rosa Farmers Market, or the Parkville Farmers Market for a day of outdoor fun and adventure.

**Plan a service project:** Several local charities can always use a helping hand — even if you just drop in!

**Hillcrest Thrift Shop** — Drop in any weekday between 10am – 5pm and help sort donations that go to support and provide jobs to local families in transitional housing.
- 6520 NW Prairie View Rd, Kansas City, MO
- 1305 Branch St, Platte City, MO
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### Key Leadership

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**PIOioneer Trails**

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2016 marks the 29th anniversary for Scouting for Food in the Pelathe District. We can take pride in the fact that each year, more food is collected and more Scouts participate. This year our community good turn project collected a combined total of more than 11,000 cans for the Lawrence, Eudora and Baldwin City communities.

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**2016 School Night for Scouting**

With all this talk about camp, we can’t forget about School Night for Scouting. We have new and exciting information and incentives for new Scouts that join this fall. The Pioneer Trails School Night Orientation & Kickoff will be held at the June Roundtable. We are looking to have all Pack Membership Chairs and Unit School Night Coordinators attend. If you have any questions, contact our District Membership Chair, Dave Ladwig at (816) 678-4782 or Niel Campbell at (816) 569-4949.
### District Information

#### Shawnee Trails

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#### School Night for Scouting 2016!

With the 2015-2016 school year coming to a close, our eyes are on the start of the next school year and all the new Cub Scouts that will be eligible to join your pack. This year, new Cub Scouts will not only receive a Kansas City Cub Scouts t-shirt upon joining, but they will also receive a rocket!

Be prepared for your School Night, plan your pack calendar before the end of the summer, plan to promote at a back-to-school event, and select a School Night Coordinator. School Night dates for the fall will be coordinated by Jenna Bentrop and Lauren Crowder. Shawnee Trails will hold its School Night Kickoff on June 21 at 7:00 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park.

![Cub Scouts T-shirt](image1)

#### Kansas City

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**Soaring Eagle Scout Earns Every Merit Badge**

In 2011, Dawson Garcia set a personal goal to earn every merit badge possible. After 5 years of traveling to local and out of state forums, a trip to the National Jamboree, and an extension to his sash, Dawson achieved his goal this April. Of the 137 merit badges Dawson has earned, his favorite were Metalwork and Welding. The most challenging ones were Bugling, Backpacking, and Genealogy.

Dawson is a 16 year-old sophomore at Blue Valley Northwest High School. He lettered in Academics and Band and plays the snare on the BVNW Drumline. Dawson is an Eagle Scout from Troop 218, Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow, Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and the 2014 recipient of the Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.
Thanks to everyone who came out to the Program Planning Fair at the May Roundtable. Highlights included a guest appearance from the Scout Shop and our District Popcorn Kernel, Tammy Barnes, in her popcorn vest!

Back to school time is right around the corner...

That means fall recruitment nights are following right behind. Training for recruitment nights will be held in June and July so we are ready for the school year. Contact Katie Dalton at (816) 569-4973 or katie.dalton@scouting.org to find out when and where.

Popcorn is also coming soon. Popcorn training will be held at Roundtable on August 4 at 7:00 pm in Paola. If you have not committed to selling popcorn, contact Julie Couch at (785) 229-7798 or julcouch@hotmail.com to get your unit signed up.

Day Camp will be from June 6-9 at Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola, KS. There is still time to sign up. If you are interested contact Kelley Dagget at (913) 731-8246 or osawatomiepack3099@hotmail.com.
POPCORN PREVIEW

2016 Trails End Popcorn Sale

Get the inside scoop on the 2016 popcorn sale including your first look at our new Kansas City Royals World Series Champions tin!

Turn to page 9 for details.