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Reinvesting in Our Camps

When you think about the Heart of America Council one of the things that really defines us is our camps. We are fortunate to operate two Scout Reservations—Theodore Naish (1,000 acres) and H. Roe Bartle (3,800 acres). We know the positive impact that sending a boy to camp can have on their lives and are proud to be one of the top councils in the nation with 82% of our Boy Scouts participating in a long-term camping experience.

A challenge for any camp is the funding of ongoing maintenance and capital improvements. To keep our cost for a Scout to attend camp as low as possible, we do not pass along the cost of deferred maintenance or capital improvements through our camp fees. I thought it might be good to share how our deferred maintenance and capital improvements are funded by the council.

Five years ago, we established a great partnership with our local trade unions and their participation in the Skilled Trades Work Day at Bartle Scout Reservation. Last spring, over 250 were in attendance and in addition to the $57,000 in materials & supplies that were donated, the combined value of the work performed on the Reservation was over $264,000. It has been exciting to see the Skilled Trades Work Day continue to grow each year.

We have been fortunate to see the council endowment fund grow from 12 million to over 20 million the past six years. While most councils will utilize the revenue generated from their endowment fund to support their general operations, the Heart of America Council does not. Four years ago, the Council Executive Committee adopted the practice of using the majority of the revenue generated to fund capital projects and maintenance needs at our camps. For 2017 these funds totaled over $433,000. This funding program has allowed us to catch up on many deferred maintenance and capital needs. I can tell you that the good news is that the majority of the infrastructure repairs have been completed and this will allow us a greater opportunity to use these funds in more visible areas of the camps.

Our final major source of revenue for capital projects is through individual, company and foundation donations to fund specific projects. A good example of this is the $80,000 grant we recently received from the HDR Foundation for the total renovation of two campsites at Bartle Scout Reservation. (learn more on page 12)

Having a secured “long term” funding plan in place for our camps will ensure that the Heart of America Council will continue to be a leader in camping operations and we can provide the best facilities possible for our Scouts and leaders.

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

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Your STEM Camp Adventure Awaits

There's summer camp…and then there's STEM summer camp. Unlock your imagination and explore summer like never before at one of our interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) themed camps. These high-tech escapes are an excellent way to enhance the outdoor experience. Scouts will participate in hands-on workshops covering everything from robotics to rocketry in addition to a few traditional camp favorites. There's a STEM Camp for every Scout so sign-up today!

WEBELOS STEM CAMP

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

BEAR STEM CAMP

June 23-24 & July 7-8 | Naish Scout Reservation
Cost: $75 | Open to all Bear Scouts

BOY SCOUT/VENTURING STEM CAMP

June 13-18 | Naish Scout Reservation
Cost: $250 | Open to all Boy Scouts & Venturers

REGISTER NOW AT STEMCamping.org
EAGLES SOAR AT ARROWHEAD
2016 Clark Hunt Eagle Scout Class Reception

On Sunday, March 5, a long-standing Kansas City Scouting tradition made the move to One Arrowhead Drive. Once held for more than 40 years at Kansas City’s Municipal Music Hall, the Heart of America Council’s Eagle Scout Class Reception swapped the stage for the gridiron at the University of Kansas Hospital Training Complex at One Arrowhead Drive.

Kansas City Chiefs CEO Clark Hunt hosted this year’s reception and served as the 2016 Eagle Scout Class honoree. Hunt addressed the near capacity crowd of more than 1,500 Eagle Scouts and their families and applauded them for reaching Scouting’s highest rank. The more than 300 Eagle Scouts in attendance were recognized with the 2016 Eagle Scout Class challenge coin and were all individually congratulated by Clark Hunt himself.

In addition to honoring the 2016 Eagle Scout Class, this year’s reception also highlighted our Eagle Scout Project of the Year, Distinguished Scoutmaster of the Year, and National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award recipients.

Paul D. Arend Distinguished Scoutmaster
Scott Howell, Jr. | Troop 1282

The Paul D. Arend Distinguished Scoutmaster Award is presented annually to a Scoutmaster who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the values of the Scout Oath and Law and to the mentorship of Eagle Scouts. This year’s award was presented to Scott Howell, Jr., Scoutmaster of Troop 1282 chartered by Trinity Episcopal Church.

Eagle Scout Project of the Year
Nathan Riley | Troop 1376

The Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award was presented to Nathan Riley from Troop 1376 in Liberty, MO. Nathan’s project involved the removal and rebuilding of a foot bridge at Immacolata Manor—a community living center that assists individuals with developmental disabilities.

National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

The National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award honors Eagle Scouts who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and have made a positive impact in our community. This year’s honorees were Robbie Makinen, President and CEO of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, Todd Mackin, VP of Sales for the Missouri Mavericks, and Colonel Andrew Shoffner, Garrison Commander at Fort Leavenworth, KS.
HEARTLAND TREE ALLIANCE ACADEMY
April 22 & 29

Help plant more than 1,500 trees across Kansas City and earn Forestry Merit Badge during this FREE workshop. The spring Heartland Tree Alliance Academy is scheduled for April 22 or April 29. This event is open to all Boy Scouts, Venturers and Varsity Scouts and includes everything from planting demos to conservation best practices. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to learn about nature and earn some service hours along the way.

Where: Blue Valley Park in Kansas City, MO (near 23rd and Topping Avenue)
When: April 22 or April 29 (Scouts attend only one date). Rain date: May 6
Who: For Boy Scouts, Venturers and Varsity Scouts only
Why: Participating Scouts will earn the Forestry Merit Badge and earn 3 community service hours (Life Scouts earn 3 conservation hours)
Cost: FREE—Scouts will receive a snack prior to the tree planting activity

DIG DAY | Saturday, May 13
Get ready to dig in and make a difference. On Saturday, May 13, we’re partnering with Kansas City Parks and Recreation for Dig Day—a day dedicated to making Kansas City beautiful. Roll up your sleeves and help us plant more than 18,000 flowers on Mother’s Day weekend. Sign-up to help at http://digday2017.kintera.org.

REGISTER NOW
Less than 5 Dig Sites Left

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL
Oak Grove Scouts Help Rebuild Their Community
In the face of snow and freezing rain, Scouts from Troop 266 in Oak Grove, MO jumped into action just days after a tornado ripped through their community. More than 25 Scouts and leaders helped cut and remove downed trees and removed debris to assist in the cleanup and rebuilding process in Oak Grove.

RESERVATIONS ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 SCOUTS FOR EACH DATE. REGISTER ONLINE AT http://heartlandtree.kintera.org.
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SCOUTStrong Challenge
June 24 | English Landing Park

NEW Challenge, NEW Course. The 2017 SCOUTStrong Challenge is set for June 24 and we’re making the move to English Landing Park in Parkville, MO. Now part of the KC Running Company Racing Series, we are also adding 5K and 10K courses to our lineup.

10k Event Pricing  5K Event Pricing
Prior to 4/15/17: $30  Prior to 4/15/17: $25
Prior to 5/15/17: $35  Prior to 5/15/17 $30
Prior to 6/23/17: $40  Prior to 6/23/17 $35
Race Day Registration $45  Race Day Registration: $40

The SCOUTStrong Challenge is open to runners of all ages and will feature a scenic river run on a certified course. All participants will receive a custom medal and technical t-shirt as well as access to the post-race party that includes food, beverages and live music.

REGISTER NOW SCOUTStrongChallenge.org

Sporting Kansas City Scout Night is back! Cheer on Sporting Kansas City as they take on the Vancouver Whitecaps on Saturday, September 30 at Children’s Mercy Park. Arrive early for activities for the entire family including your shot at a post-match penalty kick on the field!

Tickets are only $27. But act fast...only 1,000 Scout Night ticket packages will be sold. Ticket packages include the 2017 Scout Night patch. And don’t forget your scarf. Pre-order your official 2017 Scout Night Scarf for an additional $20 while supplies last. (*Only 200 available)

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SCOUTING 500 Moves to September 22-24

We’re back on the track… just now in September. Thanks to our great partnership with the Kansas Speedway and after an in-depth review by the Scouting 500 committee, we are moving Scouting’s largest event to September 22-24. Key factors in the decision to change the date were more favorable weather conditions in September and an extra month to invite new Cub Scouts to participate. Adjust your calendars now and make plans to join us for an unforgettable weekend.

This is your chance to experience the best of Kansas City Scouting and go full throttle with more than 130 activities over 3 days of high-octane excitement at this one of a kind weekend camping festival. From zip lines to go karts to a private NASCAR race… we’re taking over the entire Speedway for 1 epic event!

The Scouting 500 is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Varsity Scouts, Explorers, leaders, friends and family members. Stay the weekend or just visit for the day for only $37.50. You heard right… you can stay the entire weekend for only $37.50! Cost includes 2 nights camping, access to all activity Pit-Stops, 3 Saturday meals, commemorative water bottle and event patch.

New Activities:
- Cub World
- Video Drones
- Stunt Jump
- Hot Air Balloon
- Talk with the International Space Station

Returning Favorites:
- Zip Lines
- Go Karts
- Robotics
- Shooting Sports
- Private NASCAR Race
AND MUCH MORE!
Messengers of Peace Hero Award Recipient to Attend Scouting 500

Katie Hancock, a Venturer from Lubbock, TX will be at this fall's Scouting 500 as part of the International Scouting experience. Katie was the first female American Scout under the age of 18 to receive the rare Messengers of Peace Hero Award.

After major flooding hit San Marcos, Texas in the summer of 2016, Katie led her Venturing Crew's efforts to collect donations for those hit by the severe weather. In three days, her crew received 4,000 donations of bottled water, diapers, packaged food, and tools. Katie convinced a U-Haul dealer to loan the crew a truck to carry the supplies on the 7-hour trip to San Marcos. The crew not only distributed the supplies that they brought, but they helped clean-up the area from the flood damage.

After a few Texas news stations picked up the story, Katie's story reached the Messengers of Peace organization and she was selected to receive the hero award. Katie flew to Saudi Arabia to receive the award where she not only met the King of Saudi Arabia, but the King of Sweden also, another avid Scouter.

Katie Hancock with her Eagle Scout Father, Joseph, and her Silver Fox recipient Mother, Jennifer. The Silver Fox is Scouts Canada's highest award given to adults not registered in Scouting.

Katie Hancock receives her Messengers of Peace Hero Award from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

Katie is an avid snowboarder with Olympic potential through the Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy. Stop by the International Scouting experience exhibit at the Scouting 500 and meet Katie at the Kansas Speedway.
**READY TO RACE**

**General Motors Pinewood Derby Helps Send Scouts to Summer Camp**

Just as iconic as camping, the Pinewood Derby is a staple of the Cub Scout program—and what better place to hold a Pinewood Derby than where actual cars are assembled. On March 4, more than 120 Kansas City-area Cub Scouts brought their gravity-propelled creations to the 18th annual General Motors/UAW Local 31 Pinewood Derby at the Fairfax Assembly Plant. Before the big race, Scouts were treated to their own unique car show and a sneak peek of the car building process. Not to be outdone, local businesses also sponsored their own cars in a series of corporate races. More than 20 Kansas City companies raced their specially designed Pinewood Derby cars for bragging rights and the first-place trophy.

But more than just fun and racing, the annual event raises funds to help send Scouts in Kansas City’s urban core to summer camp. Over the past 18 years, the General Motors/UAW Local 31 Pinewood Derby has raised more than $300,000, sending more than 3,000 Scouts to summer camp.

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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.

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**The James E. West Fellowship Award is a national recognition for individuals who contribute $1,000 or more to their local council endowment trust fund.**

**New 2017 James E West Fellows**

- Michael Cash  
- Kenneth Horrell  
- Shane Sternecker  
- Danny Minnick

For more information or to learn how to contribute, contact Jeromy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.
Patron Luncheon Hosts Record Crowd

The annual Patron Luncheon, the Heart of America Council’s largest fundraising event of the year, set a new attendance record on March 2. Highlighted by former Navy SEAL sniper, breacher, and combat medic, Kevin Lacz, the sold-out event welcomed more than 1,100 business and community leaders to the downtown Marriott Muehlbach. Kevin’s motivating message to lunch attendees centered around the importance of character and perseverance and how his success in life is rooted in the skills he learned as a Scout. Kevin also highlighted his book, The Last Punisher, a gripping story of a young SEAL’s first deployment to a combat zone.

This year’s luncheon also featured an inspiring testimonial from triplet Eagle Scouts Aidan, Bennett, and Christian Hense. Gordon Lansford, CEO of JE Dunn Construction, served as the 2017 Patron Luncheon Chairman and his leadership helped to raise more than $520,000 for local Scouting programs. The Patron Luncheon is a key component of the council’s annual Investment in Character campaign.

To learn more or to donate, visit www.hoac-bsa.org.
National Camping School

May 18-26 | Bartle Scout Reservation

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation will host National Camping School for the fifth consecutive year May 18-26. National Camping School is a nine-day training course that is required for the leadership of every Boy Scout camp in the country. Nearly 200 Scouters from every corner of the Midwest attend this event each year. This is a unique opportunity for camp staffers to share ideas and experiences, and ensure that Scouts everywhere receive the greatest camp experience possible. An additional benefit for the Heart of America Council is the chance to showcase one of its two fantastic Scout Reservations, as well as the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Reservation Goes Green

Bartle Receives $90,000 for sustainable campsites

A local foundation is helping Bartle go greener this summer. The Heart of America Council and the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation recently received an $80,000 grant from the HDR Foundation to implement campsite restoration in the Sycamore (Sawmill) and Ft. Collins (Piercing Arrow) campsites. Funding will assist in the design and construction of sustainable “green pod” campsites. Seeded with native grasses, these permanent level and well-drained campsites will control runoff, manage erosion and prevent sediment from entering creeks and streams. This will become the foundation of a new Water Quality Protection Plan (WQPP) that will be incorporated into the Reservation’s Conservation Plan.

Also contributing to the restoration project was Boy Scout Troop 428, Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church. The troop provided an additional $10,000 towards the plan bringing the total funding to $90,000.

Founded in 2012, the HDR Foundation has provided more than half a million dollars in grants to local organizations. HDR Inc. specializes in engineering, architecture, environmental and construction services.

Explore Summer Like Never Before

For more than 100 years, camping has been at the forefront of the Scouting program. It’s an invaluable part of what we do. And whether it’s roasting marshmallows over a campfire or facing your fears from the top of the climbing tower, the fun and adventure of summer camp stays with us for a lifetime.

Make plans now to make this summer unforgettable. Our 2017 Summer Camp Adventure Guide is your ultimate source for everything camping in the Heart of America Council. Inside you’ll find camping opportunities from Day Camp to High Adventure and everything in between.

Download your copy at HOAC-BSA.ORG
CubCraft Day Camp

**WHO CAN ATTEND:**
Cub Scouts 1st – 5th Grade (includes Kindergarten graduates)

Take Scouting to the next level this summer at CubCraft—our game inspired Day Camp adventure. Explore a new world of fun at one of 14 camps conveniently located throughout eastern Kansas and western Missouri. CubCraft Day Camps run 4–5 days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and are open to all Cub Scouts in the 1st – 5th grade, including Kindergarten graduates.

**FEATURED ACTIVITIES:**
- Archery
- Science
- Sports
- Slingshots
- Arts & Crafts
- Obstacle Course

**COST:** $65 per Scout
Includes t-shirt, patch and all program materials

Register at [hoac-bsa.org/cub-scout-day-camp](http://hoac-bsa.org/cub-scout-day-camp)  Price Increases April 27

Bear Camp

**WHO CAN ATTEND:**
Bear Scouts (3rd Grade)

**WHERE:** Camp Naish—Cub World

Nestled in the hills of Bonner Springs, Bear Camp provides Cub Scouts their first chance to camp at a real Boy Scout Reservation. Bear Camp is for Cub Scouts in the 3rd grade and includes opportunities to complete Bear required and elective adventures. This 2-day, 1-night Scout-and-Buddy (parent or guardian) adventure is a can’t miss experience at one of the highest rated summer camps in the country.

**FEATURED ACTIVITIES:**
- Build a Toolbox
- Archery
- Pirate Ship Water Park
- Western Stockade and Tipi Village
- Climbing
- BB-guns

**COST:** $75 per Scout
Includes all meals, t-shirt, patch and program supplies

Register at [hoac-bsa.org/cub-scout-bear-camp](http://hoac-bsa.org/cub-scout-bear-camp)  Price Increases April 27

Webelos Camp

**WHO CAN ATTEND:**
Webelos Scouts (4th & 5th Grade)

**WHERE:** Camp Naish

Welcome to Webelos Camp…an outdoor adventure that will put your new Webelos and Arrow of Light-bound Scouts on track for success. Scouts will spend 3-days and 2-nights in Boy Scout campsites and will get a true taste of what Scout camping is all about. Scouts will also have the opportunity to start several Webelos and Arrow of Light required and elective adventures. Open to Webelos Scouts in the 4th – 5th grades, fun and friendship is waiting at Camp Naish.

**FEATURED ACTIVITIES:**
- Rocketry
- Climbing and Rappelling
- Into the Wild
- Archery
- First Responder
- Aquatics

**COST:** $155 per Scout
Includes all meals, patch and program supplies

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Register at [hoac-bsa.org/cub-scout-bear-camp](http://hoac-bsa.org/cub-scout-bear-camp)  Price Increases April 27
Scouting is outing. We’ve all heard that, right? And Scouts love adventure. They also love recognition and cool awards that tell the story of their outdoor Scouting adventures. Here’s a way to add some patch bling to your Scouts’ uniforms.

Many Scouts are undoubtedly qualified for recognition under the National Outdoor Awards Program. But too few Scouts actually receive this award. The National Outdoor Award focuses on six different areas of emphasis: Adventure, Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Riding, and Conservation. The award itself is a fully embroidered, very colorful, pentagon-shaped core patch with rocker segments that are placed around the edges as each area of emphasis is completed.

Each emphasis area has the same core requirements and then activity specific requirements. In all six areas, Scouts need to earn the First Class rank and several merit badges related to the point of emphasis. Similar requirements also allow Venturers, Varsity Scouts, or Sea Scouts to earn these awards.

Every unit in the Heart of America Council likely has deserving Scouts who already qualify for one or more of these awards. Give your Scouts recognition for their outdoor adventures. Encourage your advancement committee chair to gather the records necessary to present these awards. Complete details on requirements and the award application are available at www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/Youth/Awards/NOA.aspx.
Lodge Goals for 2017

Each year, Tamegonit Lodge makes a few changes. These changes are done by goals set by Lodge officers and the Lodge executive committee. The goals that the Lodge sets are goals to improve the Lodge, advance the Lodge, and make things easier. Tamegonit Lodge has many goals this year, one example is to increase membership by 450 Arrowmen by reaching out to parents and troops that don't participate in OA, and reach the Gold JTE level for the Lodge. Another change that will happen is the publication of a Lodge app. Details of this app will be revealed soon.

2017 Induction Schedule

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Section Conclave

April 7-9 | Falley Scout Reservation—Oskaloosa, Kansas

Every year, each OA section holds a section conclave. Our Section C-5B Conclave is set for April 7-9 at the Falley Scout Reservation. Section Conclave features patch trading, competitions, trainings, fun activities, and the election of the section officers. Currently, Tamegonit Lodge holds one section officer, Joe Ward, the section secretary. At this year's section conclave, we will have three members run for a section office. The section officers are section chief, section vice-chief and section secretary. Tamegonit Lodge is always represented well at section conclave and we are looking forward to a great event.

“Tribal Celebration

June 2-4, 2017

“The hills of Osceola are calling me today,
Come back along the Scouting trail,
their voices seem to say.
I dream of woodland valleys,
and pathways that I knew,
And answer Osceola dear,
I’m coming back to you…”

The Hills of Osceola are calling all Tribesmen back to celebrate Mic-O-Say’s role in our council. Registration for this wonderful Mic-O-Say tradition to be held is now available. This is your opportunity to join your fellow Tribesmen and come back along the Scouting trail to take part in the Tribe's annual celebration.

The Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration, June 2-4, will honor the finest leadership brotherhood in the world. More than 80,000 Scouts and Scouters have heard their names called to take their place on the long and hazardous trail that leads to the Inner Circle of Mic-O-Say. Our Tribal Celebration weekend is a fantastic weekend that launches the camping season. And, of course, the Celebration provides opportunities to visit the pathways you knew, as well as renew friendships and participate with Tribesmen returning to our Reservation.

It's important for Tribesmen to make sure our youngest members attend. ALL 2016 BRAVES CAN ATTEND THE 2017 TRIBAL CELEBRATION FREE OF CHARGE! Our annual Tribal Celebration is an excellent occasion for the Tribesmen of your unit to attend as a group, so register today.

Register for the 2017 Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration today at www.hoac-bsa.org/mic-o-say-tribal-celebration. (Or use the Celebration Registration form in the Spring 2017 issue of CEDAR SMOKE.)
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Join our Venturing contingent May 26 – June 1, 2018. Cost will be approximately $1,675. Fee includes round-trip transportation, Sea Base program fees, high adventure t-shirt, and 4 preparation sessions.

Completed applications will require a $300 deposit. Space is limited to only 6 Venturers. All Venturing age (14-20) Scouts are eligible to apply. Don’t get left behind…the council will start taking applications in April for this amazing adventure!

Contact Peter Houston for more information at phouston@sunflower.com.

Jamboree activities are grouped into six general areas. In the Aerial Sports area, Scouts will enjoy zip lines, canopy tours, challenge courses and climbing walls. The Target Sports area includes shooting (shotgun, rifle and pistol) and archery (standard, 3D, and sporting arrows). The Extreme Sports area features BMX and skateboarding. Aquatics activities will include kayaking, stand-up paddleboard, SCUBA, and free swim. Additional off-site programs are available, as well as Science Behind the Sport programs offered by the University of West Virginia.

There will be three headlining shows at the AT&T Summit Stadium: The Celebration of Scouting Show, the Fellowship and Service Show, and the Farewell Show. These grand events are just a few of the shows and experiences that Scouts will enjoy. The Merit Badge Midway will also be in full swing with plenty of time for patch trading.

If you are ready for the best Scouting experience, make your $100 deposit and register at www.hoac-bsa.org/National-Jamboree.
ADVANCEMENT & TRAINING

Why Wood Badge?

A Husband and Wife’s Take on Training

Matthew: I came home singing. Both weekends. The weather had been perfect. The lessons were exactly what I needed to hear, and the friendships—the kind you write about. I remember looking at my wife later that night and saying, “You really ought to go to Wood Badge too.”

It took me months of explaining why. I remember saying that it was like 15 years of corporate training, 7 habits, Meyers-Briggs, and Parish retreats all rolled into 2 weekends. But, oh the excuses. I don’t have time. You’ll have to take vacation to watch the kids. I don’t want to camp with strangers. I don’t want to. I would usually respond with something like. You’ll learn so much. It’s for the kiddos. It will help you with so much more than Scouts. In the end, I think I wore her down and in the interest of marital felicity she called me at work one day and said, “I think I want to do Wood Badge.”

Janet: My weekends? Well, let’s just say Mother Nature didn’t cooperate so much. Meeting lots of new people at once may not be my thing. Or maybe I just went in too begrudgingly. Not to mention I hate the Scout pants. Their uncomfortableness even surpassed the camping in the rain complaints. But something happened that first weekend. The awkward beginning led to laughter and a camaraderie with my patrol that I was surprised could develop in such a short time. I learned so much and my understanding of Scouting’s values and aims changed. I thought I knew what Scouts was about, but Wood Badge showed me how much more there is that I never understood. And just like Matthew, I came home singing too.

Matthew: I now have a partner in my Scouting responsibilities. As Cubmaster, I’m pulled in so many directions and it often feels like a one-man show. With a little help on the home front, it is not so overwhelming anymore. She sees the value in the little things we do at meetings, helps me prepare for them, and is actively helping our pack and helping me to do my best. She’s taken on the role of Advancement Chair, which in-itself, took a load off of me. Having a Scout network was not a priority for her or even anything she thought necessary. But now she enjoys reuniting with her patrol to share stories and ideas over coffee—some of which have made it back into our pack.

Be a part of our spring Wood Badge course April 7–9 and April 21–23 or our fall course September 15–17 and September 29–October 1 both at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Online reservations are now being accepted at www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge.

EAGLES FLY TOGETHER

Troop 601 Honors 11 Eagle Scouts

Not one, not two, not three... but 11 Scouts from Troop 601, St. Thomas More, received Scouting’s highest honor in February at a combined Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Even more amazing, their Eagle Scout projects accumulated an astounding 1,173 hours of community service!

Register online at http://tencommandmenttrek.kintera.org

Ten Commandments Trek

Sunday, April 23

Join our Ten Commandments Trek where Scouts will learn more about their faith and the faiths and cultures of others. This year’s trek will include visits to Jewish, Islamic, Catholic, Protestant and Latter-day Saints’ houses of worship on Sunday, April 23. Participants will learn a little about each religion and hear how each interprets the Ten Commandments. There is no cost to attend, but all attendees must pre-register. All participants will also receive the official patch at the end of the day.

When: The trek will begin at Beth Shalom, 14200 Lamar, Overland Park, KS at 7:45 am.

Who: For Scouts of any age. Leaders and families welcome. All Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform.

What to Bring: Bring a lunch and a water bottle.

Register online at http://tencommandmenttrek.kintera.org

Happy Retirement

Liz Boots Celebrates 35 Years of Service to Scouting

We would like to wish our own Liz Boots a happy retirement after 35 years of service to Scouting. Liz began her Scouting career at the Heart of America Council in 1981. Her career has spanned roles in everything from program to council registrar. Liz has mastered the art of customer service and her dedication to Scouting is unmatched. We wish you all the best Liz!
Olathe Fire Department Post takes the Plunge

At precisely 10:15 am January 28, Olathe Fire Department Explorers “plunged” into freezing cold water at Schlitterbahn Water Park to support Special Olympics Kansas. They were challenged by the Explorers at Olathe Police to raise money and take the plunge! Students showed up in fire gear and were even interviewed by local news about their involvement, fundraising, and support for the cause. Way to go Post 2884! Their post will be hosting a fundraiser at Olathe Firehouse Subs locations on April 12—Be sure to stop by and show your support!

JE Dunn Explorers Spend the Day at Rockhurst

JE Dunn Explorers from Lincoln Preparatory Academy spent a chilly February day touring the campus of Rockhurst University, dining on campus, and learning more about collegiate life. Advisor Marcus Walker said of the trip “It was a great way to get these students thinking and planning for their future. Hearing from real college students made it possible for them to imagine what college life will be like.”

Law Enforcement Leadership Academies

Police Explorers from all over the country—and some from our council—have applied to the Law Enforcement Leadership Academies hosted this summer by different departments such as the US Marshals Service, US Army Military Police, US Customs and Border Protection, and more. The academies will feature programs on the dynamics of leadership, physical training, and law enforcement practices. Good luck to all our Law Enforcement Explorers who have applied!

Interested in Giving Back to Exploring?

There are many ways for volunteers to get involved with Exploring. Committees, service team/commissioners, and new posts all help grow the Exploring program in Kansas City! Contact Exploring Executive, Chelsea Wales for more information.

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Complete list of 2017 Boy Scout requirement changes

The BSA’s 2017 Boy Scout Requirements book, detailing major and minor changes to Boy Scout ranks and merit badges, is now available.

The changes are the work of volunteers and Scouting professionals who have analyzed feedback from Scouts and Scout leaders about current requirements. (Send your feedback to advancement.team@scouting.org.) The experts modify requirements to reflect the latest trends in outdoor skills, career fields, trades and hobbies.

But first, a quick plug for Scoutbook, the official BSA web app that makes tracking advancement easier and more fun. With Scoutbook, you’ll always have the latest requirements—on every device, everywhere you go.

Rank Requirement Changes

Second Class

2d—sentence structure change

New: Explain when it is appropriate to use a lightweight stove and when it is appropriate to use a propane stove. Set up a lightweight stove or propane stove. Unless prohibited by local fire restrictions, light the stove. Describe the safety procedures for using these types of stoves.

Old: Explain when it is appropriate to use a lightweight stove and when it is appropriate to use a propane stove. Set up a lightweight stove or propane stove. Light the stove, unless prohibited by local fire restrictions. Describe the safety procedures for using these types of stoves.

8e—wording change

New: Participate in two hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. Explain how your service to others relates to the Scout Oath.

Old: Participate in two hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. Tell how your service to others relates to the Scout Oath.

First Class

8b—added requirement to “develop a plan”

New: Share your challenges and successes in completing First Class requirement 8a. Set a goal for continuing to include physical activity as part of your daily life and develop a plan for doing so.

Old: Share your challenges and successes in completing First Class requirement 8a. Set a goal for continuing to include physical activity as part of your daily life.

See the complete list of Merit Badge changes and updates at blog.scoutingmagazine.org.

Bryan Wendell, an Eagle Scout, is senior editor of Boys’ Life, Scouting and Eagles’ Call Magazines. Follow Bryan on Scouting at http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org
A New Scout Executive in 1928

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

In the early 1920’s, a young lawyer named H. Roe Bartle was trying to decide what his right career path would be. He was a musical director and church youth group leader in his spare time and had also become a Boy Scout volunteer. He could see the importance of working with youth and helping to mold them into good citizens.

In 1923 he was approached with a job offer from the Boy Scouts of America to become the Scout Executive for the State of Wyoming. In Wyoming, Bartle spent at least a day a week on the Wind River Indian Reservation near the town of Riverton. He befriended a Native American Chief named Lone Bear of the Arapaho Tribe. Lone Bear shared with Bartle many ideas that would eventually be incorporated into Bartle’s Tribe of Mic-O-Say in St. Joseph and later Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1925, Bartle was recruited to be the Scout Executive in St. Joseph, Missouri where he initiated his Tribe of Mic-O-Say based on the teachings of Chief Lone Bear. Under Bartle’s guidance, the council in St. Joseph expanded rapidly and set records for recruiting and camp attendance. He was soon invited to a Boy Scout conference in Chicago where he was asked to outline his plan for over 600 volunteer Scouters from over 100 councils across America. The “St. Joseph Plan” was soon adapted in many councils across the land.

Bartle was soon recruited to the larger council in Kansas City, Missouri. He had made tremendous strides in St. Joseph and now felt that the national organization wished him to take up the new Kansas City challenge. Upon his arrival in Kansas City, Bartle began recruiting leaders in the community who could help him build the Kansas City Area Council.

New Scout Executive H. Roe Bartle had seen Camp Dan Sayre in Noel, Missouri and quickly realized that he needed something more interesting and different to retain older Scouts. He knew full well that one of the keys to keeping younger Scouts in the program was to keep their older role models interested in Scouting. Bartle knew it was time to find a camp that would serve Scouts for many years to come.

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
EAGLE SCOUTS: Where Are They Now?

Eagle Scouts are everywhere. They are doctors, writers, architects and entrepreneurs. The hallmark of an Eagle Scout is dedicated, determined leadership. In an effort to honor the Eagle spirit and legacy, “Eagle Scouts: Where Are They Now?” highlights men who earned their Eagle Scout award in the Heart of America Council.

Craig Boddington
Eagle Scout Class of 1967
Troop 45

Craig Boddington was born in Kansas in 1952. As a teenager, when not involved with hunting and shooting, he spent a lot of time pursuing Boy Scout activities. At 17, he became the youngest person to become Activities Director at Camp Naish. Boddington attended the University of Kansas on an NROTC scholarship, graduating with an English degree and a regular commission in the United States Marine Corps.


WRITING CAREER

Craig joined Petersen Publishing Company in 1979, initially as Associate Editor for Guns & Ammo magazine. Over the next few years he served as Editor of Guns & Ammo Specialty Publications and Associate Editor of Petersen’s HUNTING, and from 1983 to 1994, was Editor of Petersen’s HUNTING magazine. In 1996, Petersen Publishing was amalgamated with Primedia, and subsequently InterMedia Outdoors. Craig’s current position with InterMedia is Executive Field Editor for InterMedia Outdoor Group, including Guns & Ammo, Petersen’s HUNTING, and Petersen’s RifleShooter magazines, and co-host of Guns & Ammo TV and Petersen’s Hunting Adventures TV. Together with his daughter, Brittany, he hosts The Boddington Experience TV series on The Sportsman Channel. Craig has published more than 4000 magazine articles; authored 25 books on hunting, shooting, and conservation; and has appeared in more than 500 television episodes.

Craig: I’ve been in this crazy business for a long time now. I still love it, and I know how fortunate I am to make a living doing what I like to do. I give full credit to my dad. Back in 1979 I was off active duty from the Marines, doing some freelance writing and selling hunts with a small firm in Santa Monica. I was doing okay, but sort of at loose ends. So I applied for law school, was accepted, and would have started that fall. Then the guys at Petersen Publishing offered me the junior editor’s job at Guns & Ammo. At the time I thought I was a pretty good writer. I’ve gone back and read some of my old stuff, and I was wrong about that…but I had no idea what an “editor” really did, so I wasn’t sure if I should take that plunge. My dad was a lawyer in Kansas City; up until then my goal had always been to go to law school and go into his firm. This was actually the second time I’d been accepted at the KU law school; the first time was in 1974, and the Marine Corps just giggled…they needed infantry officers a lot more than lawyers! Anyway, I asked Dad what he thought, and I’ll never forget his answer: “Son, you’re going to have to work for a long time. If you have a chance to make a living doing something you like, you’d better give it a shot. If it doesn’t work law school will still be there.”

Well, obviously it worked out. My friends Gary James and Payton Miller pre-dated me at Guns & Ammo, but they’ve both had “broken time.” Today I have the longest continuous run as a contributor to both Guns & Ammo and Petersen’s HUNTING…and a good run it’s been!

In recent years I’ve done a lot of outdoor television. Fortunately, I’ve cut back a bit on TV, but at one time I was involved in five different series, something over 500 episodes altogether, which I suppose is about as much TV as anyone in the industry has done. Eventually you learn to ignore the camera but, unlike some of my colleagues, I have never learned to love it! These days I think it’s important to take a “multi-media” approach, so we do TV, and we do internet and social media—these are powerful tools—but I still think of myself primarily as a writer.

Do you know an Eagle Scout that would like to be featured in Adventures in Scouting? Contact Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978 or matt.armstrong@scouting.org.
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**Show Your Eagle Scout Pride**

Get your official Heart of America Council Eagle Scout Decal

Available for just $1 at the Council Service Center
Arcadian Moon Dinner

On April 28, Arcadian Moon Winery will host a fundraising dinner for the Big Muddy District. The event will be from 6-9 pm. There will be dinner, live music, and a silent auction. Tickets are $30 per person and proceeds will help support the Scouts of the Big Muddy District. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tanner Fuson at (816) 569-4926 or tanner.fuson@scouting.org.

Spring is Here!

What a great fall we had in Blue Elk, recruiting over 400 new Cub Scouts! Now it’s a new year, bringing new opportunities and new youth to join Scouting. What does your pack have planned to recruit new Scouts this spring? Need a fresh, new idea? Contact your District Executive and look out for more information on spring recruiting soon. Don’t forget, anyone can join year-round, online at KCScouting.org!
General Motors and Scouts Partner for Pinewood Derby

Held on March 4, the 18th annual GM Pinewood Derby was a tremendous success, and the competition left the crowd breathless! More than 120 Cub Scouts were in attendance, accompanied by family and siblings cheering from the stands. Volunteers from the GM Fairfax Plant, and Kaw and Frontier Districts joined together to make this race the experience of a lifetime. Scouts and their families started their journey by walking past a brand new 2017 Chevy Malibu, down 40 Aisle where you can see much of the car building process, past a car show comprised of antique and exotic cars, and into their double-track racing grounds. This event goes beyond building and racing following the rules; the GM Derby instills in these young men an unsurpassed love and comprehension for automobiles! The Cub Scout Race was followed by an Open Youth Race as well as an Adult/Corporate Race.

A Warm Klondike Derby

On January 28, Golden Eagle held its annual Klondike Derby with nearly 500 people in attendance! Although the weather was not a winter wonderland, Scouts and leaders enjoyed the weekend at Shoal Creek Living Museum. If you would like to give back to Shoal Creek, there is a Service Day on April 22 to help with various projects.
2017 Klondike Winners

Join the building and mining fun this summer at this year’s CubCraft Day Camp! Cub Scouts of all ages are sure to enjoy four fun-packed days of festivities as we travel to different Minecraft worlds where Scouts will acquire resources to build their Scouting skills. Scouts will visit the BB Gun shooting range, meet the challenge of building a bridge, check out some exciting STEM activities, test their mettle in the Human Foosball court, and much more! Day Camp 2017 will be held June 26-29 at Jerry Smith Park.

For more information or to volunteer, contact:
Co-Camp Director: Craig Goehring, arauthor91@yahoo.com
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Program Director: Lynn Goehring, graphicgator@yahoo.com
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Troop 34 Vikings—Klondike winners
**KAW**

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#### 2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

- **April**
  - 6 District Roundtable, 6:30 pm
    - Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS
  - 13 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
    - Cabela’s, 10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS
  - 11 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
    - Cabela’s, 10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS

- **May**
  - 4 District Roundtable, 6:30 pm
    - Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS

### Congratulations to Kaw’s District Award of Merit Recipients

On January 28, the Kaw District presented the District Award of Merit to three worthy Scouters at the annual District Dinner.

- Walter Brown, Jr. .............. Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 304
- Mark Gilbert ..................... Committee Member, Troop 304
- Calvin Mayfield ................ Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 304

**Kaw District Awards:**
- Carol Gersema .................. Chartered Organization Representative of the Year
- John Creedon ..................... Committee Chairperson of the Year
- Celeste Williams ................. Cubmaster of the Year
- David Moon ....................... Scoutmaster of the Year
- Nils Erickson .................... Crew Advisor of the Year
- Andrew Conrad ................... Den Leader of the Year
- Bob Sixta ........................ Long Term Scouter Award

### Day Camp Early Registration Deadline Fast Approaching

Are you ready for the Kaw District “CubCraft” Day Camp? Our Day Camp Staff would like to remind you that the early registration deadline to register for $65 is April 26, 2017. After that the cost goes up to $75. The Kaw Day Camp will be held at Camp Naish June 5-9.

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#### 2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

- **April**
  - 4 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
    - Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO
  - 9 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
    - Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

- **May**
  - 2 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
    - Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO
  - 13 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
    - Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

### Lone Bear Spring Camporee—Night Games

**May 5-7 | Knob Noster State Park**

Night Games is a combined game of German Spotlight and Capture the Flag…Scouts will build their signal towers, using appropriate lashings, during the day and defend those towers from the opposing team that night. Towers will be constructed from cut poles and rope no more than 4 feet from the ground and must support an average adult in order to qualify for the game. All lashings must be inspected and approved. Towers will be used for searchlights to spot advancing opponent team members.

The object of the game is to either capture all your opponents’ team members and escort them to “jail”, or capture the opposing team's flag and hoist it up your tower's flag pole, thereby ending the game.

Time limits are set and referees will ensure all rules are followed. The overall winner will play the adult leaders for the championship and bragging rights.

Look for more information and registration details at upcoming roundtables.

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

April/May 2017
Troop 135 Recognizes Six New Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to the six new Eagle Scouts from the Kearney Ward of the Far West Stake. Clayton A., Tyndale E., Jarom F., Ethan L., Josh L., and Ty T. held their Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 5, 2017. Each new Eagle Scout shared stories about their Eagle Projects and spoke about their experiences in Scouting. Special guests included TJ Berry, MO State Representative.

Burning Rubber—2017 District Pinewood Derby

One sunny Saturday morning in February, 50 Cub Scouts and their parents, and biggest fans, attended the 2nd annual Northern Lights Pinewood Derby. Even though none of these Cub Scouts have their drivers licenses yet, every car in the race sped down the track at over 150 mph. The fastest racer of the weekend recorded a speed of 195.5 mph!

Our judges were delighted to see cars designed for speed and decorated with style. We are proud to announce the following as winners of our District Pinewood Derby:

Tiger 1st Place Racer: Joshua Petry
Wolf 1st Place Racer: Kenny Grame
Bear 1st Place Racer: Brayden Lock
Webelos 1st Place Racer: Jack Reynolds
Arrow of Light 1st Place Racer: Julian Abella

Overall Winners:
1st Place: Julian Abella—195.5 mph
2nd Place: Kenny Grame—193.7 mph
3rd Place: Jack Reynolds—192.4 mph

Thank you to our Activities Committee and to all the parents, leaders, volunteers, and Scouts who made our race a success! We’ll see you all next year!
**PELATHE**

**Key Leadership**

- **District Chairman**: Scott Braden (785) 423-1134  SoaringEagleSOC@gmail.com
- **District Commissioner**: Scott Gates (785) 550-8477  Scott-Gates@att.net
- **District Executive**: Chrissy Hatcher (816) 569-4913  Christine.Hatcher@scouting.org

**2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- **April**
  - 1 Scouting For Food Flyer Distribution
  - 6 District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:00 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
  - 6 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
  - 8 Scouting For Food Pick-up
  - 13 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS
  - 22-23 IOLS/OWL Training  Camp Bromelsick

- **May**
  - 4 District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:00 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
  - 4 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

**Day Camp is almost here!**

Day Camp is May 30 – June 2 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Don’t forget to register your pack for camp by April 26 to get the early registration discount of $65! Day Camp is 4 awesome days of STEM, BB-guns, archery, rock climbing, service projects, metal stamping, and more fun! Recent Kindergarten graduates who join Cub Scouts in the spring can go to Day Camp too!

Family Night will be on Thursday where the whole family can come out to camp for lots of fun activities. We will also have the climbing tower at camp on Thursday night!

Walking Leader Training will be held at the District Roundtable on May 4. Each pack must have at least 2 Walking Leaders for every day of camp. For more information about Day Camp go to www.hoac-bsa.org/peлатhe-day-camp.

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**2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- **April**
  - 4 Den Chief Training, 7:15 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
  - 4 Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 7:15 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
  - 6 BALOO Training  Burgess Scout Cabin, Lawrence, KS
  - 18 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS
  - 30-2 CubCraft Day Camp  Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS
  - 6 Roundtable, 7:30 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

- **June**
  - 8 District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:00 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
  - 8 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

**PIONEER TRAILS**

**Key Leadership**

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- **District Director**: Niel Campbell (816) 569-4949  Niel.Campbell@scouting.org
- **District Executive**: Marcus Solomon (816) 569-4938  Marcus.Solomon@scouting.org

**2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- **April**
  - 6 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO
  - 6 Roundtable, 7:30 pm  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO
  - 1 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO
  - 1 Roundtable, 7:30 pm  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO
  - 21 Spring Camporee  Camp Lake of the Woods, 7331 Oakwood Dr, Kansas City, MO

- **May**
  - 4 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO

**Pioneer Trails CubCraft Day Camp**

This year Cub Scouts will gather and test their skills as “Cubcrafters” at the 2017 District Day Camp! This year we’re bringing our three-dimensional Day Camp theme to VFW Post 1829 (5904 Crystal Ave KCMO). Be sure to register by April 26 to receive the $65 early bird discount. Visit www.scoutcamping.org for more information.

**Key Leadership**

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- **District Executive**: Chrissy Hatcher (816) 569-4913  Christine.Hatcher@scouting.org

**2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- **April**
  - 6 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO
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- **June**
  - 12-15 Pioneer Trails Cub Scout Day Camp  VFW Post 1829, 5904 Crystal Ave, Kansas City, MO
May
4 Planning Fair/District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
11 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Atonement Lutheran, 9948 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS
11 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Atonement Lutheran, 9948 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS
18 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS

June
12-16 Shawnee Trails CubCraft Day Camp
Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbee Rd, Shawnee, KS

Shawnee Trails CubCraft Day Camp
Mark your calendars for June 12-16! Shawnee Trails District invites all Cub Scouts, including Kindergarten graduates and Webelos, to attend our CubCraft Day Camp. Cub Scouts have played the game of a similar name, but now they can experience building, exploring, and crafting along with their favorite Day Camp activities like rock climbing, bb-guns, archery, STEM, and human foosball!

If you have not made plans to attend, you should! Camp is a wonderful part of the Cub Scouting experience and helps your pack earn Scouting’s Journey to Excellence and Summertime Pack Awards. It is recommended that packs have at least one registered adult leader attend camp for every five to six Cub Scouts. Sign up as a Walking Leader with your pack, or as Day Camp Staff. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/shawnee-trails-day-camp for more information.

April
31-1 District IOLS, March 31 – April 1
Camp Naish Teepee Village,
1100 Martinke Ln, Bonner Springs, KS
1 District Pinewood Derby
Shawnee Mission West High School,
8800 85th St, Overland Park, KS
6 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
8 Webelos Woods
Naish Cub World,
1100 Martinke Ln, Bonner Springs, KS
20 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church,
10100 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS

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**SPIRIT TRAIL**

**Key Leadership**

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**2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- **June**
  - 6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
    Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene, 2305 E South St, Harrisonville, MO
  - 6 Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 7:00 pm
    Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene, 2305 E South St, Harrisonville, MO
  - 6 Day Camp Program Staff Training, 7:00 pm
    Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene, 2305 E South St, Harrisonville, MO
  - 13 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
    Archie United Methodist Church, 204 W Chestnut St, Archie, MO
  - 13 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
    Archie United Methodist Church, 204 W Chestnut St, Archie, MO
  - 15 Day Camp Staff Training, 6:30 pm
    Cass County Sheriff’s Office, 2501 W Mechanic St, STE. 100, Harrisonville, MO
  - 20 Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 6:30 pm
    Cass County Sheriff’s Office, 2501 W Mechanic St, STE. 100, Harrisonville, MO
  - 24 Day Camp Staff Orientation
    Camp Reeder, Harrisonville, MO
  - 26-30 Spirit Trail Day Camp
    Camp Reeder, Harrisonville, MO

**Blue & Gold and Crossover Season**

What a great time of the year! February is such a fun month, especially in Cub Scouts. The packs of the Spirit Trail District celebrated the birthday of Cub Scouts in style!

**TWIN RIVERS**

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**2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- **May**
  - 5-7 Camp and Dutch Oven Cook Off, 6:00 pm
    John Brown Park, 10th St, Osawatomie, KS
  - 11 District Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
    La Hacienda, 546 Main St, Osawatomie, KS
  - 13 Twin Rivers Dig Day Project, 10:00 am
    Miami County Fairgrounds, 401 E. Wallace Park Dr, Paola, KS
  - 5-8 Cub Scout Day Camp
    Miami County Fairgrounds
  - 1 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
    First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS
  - 1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
    First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS
  - 15 Twin Rivers OA Call Out, 6:30 pm
    Lake Miola, 22470 W 299th St, Paola, KS
  - 1 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
    First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS
  - 4 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
    First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS

**Hello Kansas Weather!**

The weather is warming up and staying that way. That means camping season is upon us. Day Camp registrations need to be turned in by April 26 for the $65 camp fee. After that, the price will increase to $75. Please get any campers turned in to your unit leader or to Katie Dalton, so that everyone gets the chance to go to camp!

Boy Scout camping is also on the rise. This year we will be hosting the first ever Camp and Dutch Oven Cook-Off in Osawatomie at John Brown Park May 5–7. Cost is $25 per team and 1 toy or non-perishable food item. Teams consist of 3–5 boys and 1 adult. There is a youth and adult division. Youth can do one main course item and/or one dessert item (no cobbler or dump cake). Adults can do one bread, main course and/or dessert (no cobbler or dump cake). Contact Jennifer Howell for more information at (913) 731-0573 or idohair.howell@gmail.com.

The Ottawa Chamber of Commerce recognizes Scout Day at City Hall

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April/May 2017
We’re Back On The Track
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Hosts Record Crowd

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