What's The Story About Advancement?

This probably comes as no surprise to you, but a Scout's advancement record is one of the best indicators we have as to whether he will stay in Scouting or not.

I remember clearly when I was a young Boy Scout, my Scoutmaster speaking to me in a quiet measured voice... Well actually it was more like yelling, “If you don't work on your advancement you won't get promoted!” While I certainly was not the youngest or fastest Scout in my troop to reach the rank of Eagle Scout, I did achieve this milestone in my life.

But back to the topic of advancement. What percent of Cub Scouts should advance in rank each year? You might say it should be 100%. While that would be outstanding, the actual goal for the council is 71% of Cub Scouts advancing annually. Last year the council ended with a Cub Scout advancement rate of only 62%. That means more than one-third of our registered Cub Scouts did not advance to the next rank.

The question about Boy Scout advancement might be a little tougher since not all Scouts can advance a rank each year due to service and tenure requirements. Again, our goal in the Heart of America Council is for 53% of all Boy Scouts to advance in rank yearly and we ended the year with a Boy Scout advancement rate of 48%.

We know that some of the issues with the council’s advancement record lies in the reporting. Unfortunately, some of our packs and troops do not see the importance of recording this information in the online BSA Advancement program or turning in an advancement form at the Council Service Center.

Don’t let your Scouts miss out on the many new things they will learn working on their next rank advancement. And certainly don’t let them know that they are actually learning something while having fun! At the end of the day, our job is to help our Scouts “get promoted.” Make sure to record the advancement for your unit.

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

Kenn Miller
(816) 569-4980
Kendrick.Miller@Scouting.org

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ADVENTURES IN SCOUTING

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Cub Scout Program Modified to Give Den Leaders More Flexibility

The BSA recently announced modifications to the Cub Scout program that make it more flexible for busy parents, den leaders and Cubmasters. They gathered feedback from den leaders who had delivered the new Cub Scouting program for a year. What they learned was that some den leaders had difficulty fitting all of the adventures required for advancement into a single program year. This resulted in boys not advancing. After a thoughtful and deliberate review, the BSA has released some modifications to address this concern.

Modifications include making more of the adventure requirements optional, giving dens more flexibility to match their unique needs. Changes also include the number of requirements that must be completed, reducing the mandate to a number achievable within the limited time available to many dens. Ultimately, the changes will increase den-level customization. Units that can handle more content, perhaps because they meet more often or for longer periods, can—and should!—keep the optional requirements part of their program. On the other hand, those that have struggled to finish the requirements will welcome these changes as a way to meet their needs.

With the modifications, dens should be able to complete one adventure in approximately two den meetings. The transition should be seamless, with leaders able to use revised requirements as the den begins any new adventure.

The good news is, you won’t need to buy any new materials. The new requirements will be posted in a free addendum available at http://scouting.org/programupdates. This will supplement all handbooks in circulation and for sale online and in Scout shops.

4,994 New Cubs Join Scouting

2016 School Night for Scouting Results

Another recruitment season is in the books and we are ecstatic to report that nearly 5,000 new Cub Scouts were recruited during our fall School Night for Scouting campaign. To put that into perspective, that’s an increase of nearly 15% compared to the previous year. Please join us in welcoming the thousands of new families to the adventure of Scouting and thank you to our leaders and volunteers for an amazing year!
2016 Journey to Excellence Results

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

The start of a new year also ushered in a change in our council’s top volunteer leadership. At our 2017 Annual Business Meeting in January, we welcomed a number of new officers as well as a new Council President and Council Commissioner. A very special thank you to our outgoing Council President, Scott Boswell, and Council Commissioner, Keith Sickendick, for your unmatched service to Scouting in the Heart of America Council.

Shafran Named New Council President

The Heart of America Council is honored to announce the selection of Zack Shafran as the 2017 Council President. Zack is a Senior Vice President of Waddell & Reed Investment Management Company and Ivy Investment Management Company.

Zack graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City with a Bachelors in Business Administration. He also earned an MBA from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Zack is an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver Award recipient, and a member of the 2016 Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Class - an honor presented for notable contributions to the Kansas City community.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year of Scouting under Zack’s leadership in 2017.

Outgoing Council President, Scott Boswell, symbolically passes the gavel to new Council President, Zack Shafran.

Newly appointed Council Commissioner, Robert Kline, is congratulated by outgoing Council Commissioner, Keith Sickendick.

SCOUTStrong CHALLENGE

5K AND 10K | ENGLISH LANDING PARK | PARKVILLE, MD

6.24.17 SCOUTSTRONGCHALLENGE.ORG
Eagle Scouts distinguished themselves as Scouting’s elite in 2016 after reaching the pinnacle of the Boy Scout program. Now it’s time to honor those Scouts for their tremendous accomplishment. All 2016 Eagle Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend the Clark Hunt Eagle Scout Class Reception on Sunday, March 5 at the University of Kansas Hospital Training Complex at One Arrowhead Drive. All members of the 2016 Eagle Scout class in attendance will receive our Chiefs-inspired “Challenge Coin” and will be included in the official class photo. There is no cost to attend, but all attendees must pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org. We expect more than 1,500 attendees and space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

ABOUT OUR HONOREE
Clark Hunt is Chairman and CEO of the National Football League’s Kansas City Chiefs and FC Dallas of Major League Soccer. Over the last decade, Hunt has built his family’s franchises into consistent winners, and he is a leading voice among his fellow owners in the NFL and MLS. The Dallas, Texas native graduated first in his class at Southern Methodist University in 1987, where he was a four-year letterman and captain of the Mustangs nationally-ranked soccer team. He and his wife Tavia have three children—Gracie, Knobel and Ava.
SCOUTS DELIVER $52,000 in Popcorn to Kansas City Soldiers

Giving back is a staple of the Scouting program and after a phenomenal popcorn sale in 2016, Heart of America Council Scouts showed their support by paying it forward to local military families. A key component of the annual popcorn sale involves the collection of donations and popcorn for soldiers. On December 6 in Lee’s Summit, MO, council Scouts distributed more than 600 cases or $52,000 worth of popcorn and hand-written thank you notes to service men and women from the 89th Sustainment Brigade.

In 2016, council Scouts sold a staggering $2.3 million worth of popcorn. The annual sale is Scouting’s largest local fundraiser and helps Scouting units raise funds for everything from summer camp to awards.

BIG WINNER DINNER Honors Top Popcorn Sellers

We rolled out the red carpet for more than 200 Scouts and their families in downtown Kansas City on January 21 for our first ever Big Winner Dinner. Smiles and prizes filled the room as our top popcorn sellers walked away with more than $10,000 in prizes! In order to qualify for one of our “Golden Tickets,” Scouts had to sell at least $1,500 in popcorn during the 2016 sale.

SCOUT DAY RETURNS TO THE K

Sunday, April 30 | Kauffman Stadium

Join more than 12,000 Scouts at Scout Day at the K on Sunday, April 30 as your Kansas City Royals take on the Minnesota Twins in a Central Division showdown. More than just admission to the game, your Scout Day at the K ticket also includes Scout exclusive pre-game experiences throughout the stadium.

THE OUTFIELD EXPERIENCE

9:30 am – 11:30 am

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

“Time and effort!” That’s what it took for Austin Terryberry to land the coveted council top seller spot in 2016. Austin sold an amazing $7,542 in popcorn this year. An eight-year-old Bear Scout from Pack 4124 in Raytown, MO, Austin scoured neighborhoods Monday through Friday making personal asks and spending his weekends at Show ’N’ Sells. We are honored to name Austin the 2016 top seller because of his hard work and determination.

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FINANCE NEWS

In Memory of:

- DM Alexander
  - Marsha Alexander
  - Julie Caldwell
  - Wanda Eubanks
  - Osborn Family
  - Thomas & Carol Peoples

- William Arnold
  - Dean & Peggy Smith
  - Milton Smith

- Robert E “Bob” Burt
  - Lori Bagdell
  - Julia Saunders

- Timothy Crews
  - Olga Crews
  - Larry & Tina Crews & Natalee
  - Lionel & Lori Crews
  - Amelia, Emma & William
  - Omar & Sarah Crews & Lilly
  - Orville & Virginia Crews

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  - Heart of America Council Staff

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  - Vicki Raine

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Alan & Mardi Smith
Phillip Smith
Lucille Simmons
Jeanette & Alfred Thompson
Alice Weese
Paula Yates

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Community College

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- Nadeen Tuley
- Jack Vetter
- Richard & Ann Volin
- Christine Elliott Wildy
- Jim, Pam & Tyler Willard
- Liz Wyer
- Rosalie Youngblood

Robert Woodbury
Dr John H Cowan

In Honor of:

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  - Zack Shafaf

- Lisa Sowell
  - Zack Shafaf

- Larry Mallin
  - David & Barbara Finn
  - Sharon Hall

To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Jeremy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.
SCOUTING 500

August 25–27, 2017 | Kansas Speedway

Get ready to leave normal in the dust because we’re back on the track in 2017! The Scouting 500 returns to Kansas Speedway August 25–27. 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 patch trading…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.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES:
▶ Go Karts
▶ Robotics
▶ Shooting Sports
▶ Live Music
▶ Zip Lines
▶ Science Lab
▶ Patch Trading
▶ Midway Mile
▶ Meltdown
▶ Sports Clinics
▶ Drones
▶ Military Demos
▶ AND MUCH MORE!

SCOUTING 500 FAST FACTS

1. All Cub Scouts Encouraged to Attend
   The Scouting 500 is open to everyone, including Cub Scouts. In fact, we’ll have a special activity Pit Stop dedicated to just Cub Scouts.

2. Bring the Entire Family
   Sure, the Scouting 500 is for Scouts, but it’s also an event for the entire family. Siblings, parents and even friends are encouraged to attend.

3. There’s 130+ Activities
   Think you know the Scouting 500? Think again! We’re pulling out all the stops in 2017 with more than 130 different activities. There’s so many things to do there’s no way to see everything in one day!

4. Explore for 3 Days for 1 Low Price
   Take advantage of all there is to experience and stay all 3 days for only $37.50 per person. Camping is encouraged Friday and Saturday for all Scouts, including Cub Scouts and friends and family.

5. A Can’t Miss Main Event
   Monster Trucks meet NASCAR. Our Saturday night finale will have Scouts talking after a fast paced, car-crushing extravaganza.

Register by June 1 and receive a FREE Scouting 500 Sling-Bag

TEXT 500 to 51555 or visit Scouting500.org to register

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Summer Awaits

**H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation**

Recognized as one of the best Boy Scout Camps in the country, the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation is the ultimate summer camp destination stretching across 3 camps and 4,200 acres. Experience the only 10-day Boy Scout camp in the country in the Ozark Hills on Truman Lake in Osceola, Missouri. Discover more than 40 different merit badges and a host of aquatics, climbing, shooting sports and outpost programs. The Bartle Scout Reservation is also the home of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, a nationally renowned program that keeps older Scouts coming back to summer camp.

**FEATURED ACTIVITIES:**
- Water Skiing
- Action Archery
- BMX Bike Course
- Top Shot Powderball
- Ice Climbing
- Tribe of Mic-O-Say

**NEW IN 2017**

**Eagle Adventure Camp**

Take flight at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation’s newest camp. Eagle Adventure Camp is geared towards senior Scouts who are close to earning their Eagle Scout rank. Camp curriculum will focus on Eagle required merit badges and a handful of unique merit badges that are tough to earn anywhere else. Eagle Adventure Camp will be held July 27 – August 2. This is a provisional camp, meaning Scouts will sign up individually and not with their home unit. The cost is $250 for the week. Learn more at [www.hoac-bsa.org/bartle](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/bartle).

**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](http://HOAC-BSA.ORG)
STEM Summer

Escape from the ordinary and explore summer in a whole new way at a Heart of America Council STEM Camp. These interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) themed camps are a high-tech 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
THEODORE NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION

Spend Your Summer at Naish

A top Midwestern summer camp destination year after year, the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation encompasses 900 acres of Scouting paradise in the rolling hills high above the Kaw River Valley. The Camp Naish Boy Scout summer program includes a 6-day adventure with a robust merit badge curriculum that includes 42 merit badges ranging in subjects from Movie Making to Welding. In addition to offering Order of the Arrow unit elections, Call-Outs, and Inductions, Camp Naish features extensive camp programs from sunup to past sundown.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES:
- Rock Face Challenge
- ATV Outpost
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Golf
- SCUBA
- Order of the Arrow

Happy Trails Scott

Please join us in wishing our own Scott Weaver the best in retirement. Scott has provided invaluable service to the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation and his leadership has provided thousands of Scouts a superior camping experience. Thank you Scott for all that you have done and what you will continue to do for Scouting in the Heart of America Council.

Camp Staff College Scholarship Program

The Heart of America Council’s Camp Staff Scholarship program is back in 2017. The program is instrumental in retaining older, more experienced camp staff to continue to deliver a higher level of summer programs to the youth of our council at both the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations. Camp staff scholarships allow staff to continue to return to camp year after year instead of getting a traditional summer job to help cover the costs of a college education. The annual program raises funds that are distributed at the end of the summer camping season to staff. Over the past 5 years, the council has increased the amount of annual scholarships from $64,000 to more than $150,000 just last year. To make a contribution to the Camp Staff Scholarship program, visit www.hoac-bsa.org and click DONATE NOW.

2017 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS

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Limited Sessions Still Available

Learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/naish

2016 Camp Staff College Scholarship Recipients

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation | Heart of America Council
Lodge Hosts Annual Winter Banquet
On January 7, 305 Arrowmen gathered at the DoubleTree Hotel for Tamegonit Lodge’s Winter Banquet. The annual event recognizes newly inducted Vigil Honor members and Founders Award recipients. In addition to award presentations, the Winter Banquet is also a time for friendship and fellowship and to set the vision for the Lodge for the coming year. In 2017, all Arrowmen are asked to “Build Upon the Fire” and become more involved with the Lodge in an effort to serve more Scouts across the council.

On behalf of the Tamegonit Lodge Executive Committee, we thank everyone who has done their job as an Arrowman. That duty is to fulfill our purpose as an integral part of the BSA through positive youth leadership. Please continue the tradition and remember to “Build Upon the Fire.”

Don’t forget to plan your Unit Elections for 2017
A successful unit election is the first step to attaining membership in the Order of the Arrow. Learn how to schedule an election at www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow.

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More than 300 Arrowmen gather at the DoubleTree Hotel for the 2017 Tamegonit Lodge Winter Banquet.

Tamegonit Lodge Chief, Senn Boswell, encourages Arrowmen to “Build Upon the Fire” in 2017.

Rise to the top with DeMolay.

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Questions | NaishTroopCamping@scouting.org

THEODORE NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION
HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL

2017 WEEKENDS

MARCH 24-26
APRIL 7-9
APRIL 28-30
SEPTEMBER 29-1
OCTOBER 13-15
OCTOBER 27-29
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

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

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

Register at hoac-bsa.org/webelos-camp
ADVANCEMENT & TRAINING

COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SERVICE

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Meet Charles Dahlquist, New National Commissioner.

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

Why Wood Badge?

By: Alex Taylor | Wood Badge Participant

My father and I attended the fall Wood Badge course at Camp Naish last year. It was motivational and not only a personal accomplishment, but I also got to spend two memorable weekends with my dad, my Scoutmaster, and my friends.

During the Wood Badge course we learned multiple leadership skills such as team-building, different leadership styles and problem solving. This was a great experience for me and my dad to go through together. As Robert Baden-Powell once said, "The Scoutmaster teaches boys to play the game by doing so himself." I believe this is very much a part of what Wood Badge is all about.

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.

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.

2016 James E. West Fellows

Kevin B. Templin  Brad Eichstadt
Daniel Hughes  Jason Waltonen
Brian Bigley  Debra Wilkinson
Terrance Gallagher  Sheila Lancaster
Paul R. Mosiman  Emil A. Oprisu
Leroy Smith  William Singleton
Jack E. Scogin  Michael S. Weaver
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Johnnie Ortiz  David A Gumucio
Steve Hannah  Guy Jacobs
John Boyce  Scott Wohlford
Matthew Rasins  Andrew Wendel
Lawson Rener  John Cowan
Kimberly Eichstadt  Dak R. Burnett

The Dog Soldier recognition is reserved for Tribesmen who contribute $1,000 or more towards the Mic-O-Say trust fund.

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Kimberly Eichstadt  John Cowan
Brad Eichstadt

For more information or to learn how to contribute, contact Jeromy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.
LIVE SCOUTING’S ADVENTURE

2017 National Jamboree

Scouting’s largest event is rapidly approaching. In late July, Heart of America Boy Scouts and Venturers will join more than 30,000 of their closest friends at the BSA’s 2017 National Jamboree. The Jamboree will be held at The Summit…Scouting’s newest high adventure base in West Virginia. Our council is sponsoring three troops and two crews for this event. Less than 25 spots remain for this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

This year’s Jamboree contingent will depart from Kansas City the evening of July 11. Led by contingent Scoutmasters David Ayers, Dave Powell, and Brian Osgood, Scouts will first visit the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. This extraordinary space exploration museum has on display a complete Saturn 5 rocket and crew module, the type of rocket used to send our astronauts to the moon in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Contingent participants will also spend a day whitewater rafting and a few days in Washington DC where they will tour the Capitol, the Smithsonian Museum, Arlington Cemetery and more.

Scheduled to arrive at The Summit on July 19, Scouts will spend ten days experiencing activities including a merit badge midway, high adventure challenges like zip lines and rock climbing, stage shows, patch trading, and much more.

Reservations are still being accepted, but act fast! Unit leaders are encouraged to promote the Jamboree and help their Scouts register online at www.hoac-bsa.org/National-Jamboree.

High Adventure Open House

April 19 | Council Service Center

Is your troop or crew looking for ways to keep your older Scouts fully engaged in Scouting? Ready for a new outdoor challenge? Are your Scouts curious about High Adventure opportunities? Then attend our High Adventure Open House on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00pm at the Heart of America Council Service Center.

This open house is designed to expand the High Adventure horizons for adult advisors, older Scouts, and Venturers. Experienced High Adventure leaders will present detailed information about each of the BSA National High Adventure bases—Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base and The Summit. Information will also be provided about other high adventure opportunities like the National Jamboree.

For information on the Jamboree Troop in your area contact:
North Troop—David Ayers (909) 844-0832
South Troop—Dave Powell (316) 708-9828
East Troop—Brian Osgood (816) 478-4768
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Explore Something New: Start A Crew!

Have you ever wanted to start up a new hobby, but you don’t want to do it alone? Venturing is a great way for youth to get together and try something new together! Our council features Venturing Crews who focus on a variety of topics from hiking to shooting sports to horseback riding, and more! The best part of Venturing is that YOU get to choose your adventure.

During this time of year, many organizations and groups start thinking about starting a Venturing program. Here are a few tips to make sure your crew gets started on the right foot.

1. **Choose a Focus:** Whether you’re initially alone in your interest or you have a whole group of friends ready to join you, you need to choose a general focus for your crew. Don’t worry, you can change your focus along the way, but start with something new and exciting like photography, mountain biking, or robotics.

2. **Contact the Council:** You can do this at any point in your process, but your District Executive will have ideas, resources, and connections to help get you going.

3. **Meet Your Minimums:** Every crew needs at least 5 primary youth members and 4 adult members. Youth members are the easy part. Just ask your friends! Or, hold an Open House to tell other teens what your activities will be for the year. Hopefully your adult members have some background in your area of focus. But, if they don’t, you can always learn together or ask an expert! Parents, teachers, college students, and church youth group leaders all make great adult members.

4. **Find a Chartered Organization:** If you have a very specific focus, like archery, you may be able to find a chartered organization who also shares your interest, like an archery range. If your area of focus does not require such specialized equipment or facilities, consider asking your PTA/PTO, church, or community center.

5. **Lead the Adventure:** Once your paperwork, training, and planning are complete, you’re ready to start your adventure! Be sure to create a regular schedule and continually invite others to join you.

Keep It Going: Annual Program Planning

Venturing is a very flexible, customizable Scouting program, which has its pros and cons. One benefit is that you as the Venturers get to choose where your adventure will lead! But, that requires a LOT of planning. The best way to keep Venturers engaged and to recruit new members is to have a strong annual program plan and calendar.

Your Crew should be following a process similar to this one each year to ensure your program is planned, prepared, and awesome.

1. **Before You Plan:** Before your annual program plan, get together as crew officers and discuss the interests of the members of the crew. You can utilize various forms provided by the BSA to do this such as the Program Capability Inventory and Activity Interest Survey.

2. **Hold a Conference:** The Crew Annual Program Planning Conference is exactly what it sounds like; a time for your crew to create its Annual Program Plan. This should be its own meeting and could even be an overnight experience.
   a. Your Crew President should lead the discussion, asking for ideas for the coming year’s activities, and writing them on a board or chart for all to see. The goal is to identify a Super Activity that you will ultimately focus on throughout the year.
   b. Brainstorm ideas based on the Activity Interest Surveys.
   c. Evaluate the ideas and see if they match up with your Program Capability Inventory. Do you have the resources you need for this idea?
   d. Narrow down the ideas by voting. Keep in mind, some of the other ideas could be used as smaller activities as you plan for your Super Activity.

3. **Create the Calendar:** Once activities have been identified and selected, begin planning out your calendar. The officers will then approve the final calendar.

4. **Assign Activity Chairs:** Each larger event should have an activity chair, a Venturer who is in charge. This is a great leadership opportunity. The Super Activity is usually chaired by the Crew President or one of the officers.

5. **Execute and Evaluate:** Throughout the year, evaluate your past and upcoming activities. Make changes if necessary. Note activities that were particularly successful or unsuccessful and why. Keep these notes for the next Annual Program Planning Conference.

You can find more resources for starting a Venturing Crew and creating an Annual Program Plan at the new Venturing website, www.venturing.org.
**Exploring Key Leadership**

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**Cerner STEM Club at Heritage Middle School**

Cerner hosted their third meeting at Heritage Middle School in Liberty where STEM focused students can learn about health-centered careers. This past week, a registered nurse from Cerner came to talk about vital signs and how to measure them. Students had a great time listening to heartbeats, using pulse oximeters to measure blood oxygen levels, and feeling their own pulse before and after exercise.

**Overland Park Police Holiday Party**

The Police Explorers at Overland Park celebrated a fantastic first half of the year the only way Kansas City knows how... with barbeque! Explorers and Officer Advisors played games, did some team building exercises, and enjoyed dinner together in celebration of the holiday season.

**Shawnee Mission Law Enforcement Learns SWAT**

Tactical gear, SWAT equipment, combat vehicles, and more! Shawnee Mission Law Enforcement’s most recent post meeting was hosted by Shawnee Police who have a specialized SWAT team among their officers. Explorers got to hear from a SWAT Sniper, try on equipment, tour Shawnee SWAT vehicles, and so much more! We’re expecting great things from the Shawnee Mission Explorers at this Year’s Law Enforcement Challenge.
Peace Light returns to the Heart of America Council

The international Scouting tradition of sharing the Peace Light throughout the world continues and in early December, the Peace Light arrived at the Pelathe District roundtable in Lawrence where it was shared with representatives from troops in Overland Park and Junction City, Kansas. The Peace Light was also featured at two special events hosted at the Troop 55 Scout cabin in Lawrence where anyone could come to receive the light and share its message of peace.

Each year, a child from Austria obtains the Peace Light from the grotto in Bethlehem where it has burned continuously for hundreds of years. The flame is carried in two blast proof miners lamps on an Austrian Airlines jet from Tel Aviv, Israel to Vienna, Austria. The light is then distributed to delegations of Scouts and others from across Europe who take it back, with a message of peace, to their home countries. Since 2004, Austrian Airlines has also flown the lamps containing the Peace Light from Bethlehem to New York City where Scouts in the US help the light spread across all of North America.

Learn more about the Peace Light at www.peacelight.org.

Scouts earn Citizenship in the World Merit Badge at National World War I Museum

Twenty-one Scouts from fourteen different troops made their way to the National World War I Museum this past November to learn about history and earn their Citizenship in the World Merit Badge. The highlight of the day, according to the Scouts, was the 90-minute private tour of the museum by Scouter David Pendleton, who has volunteered as a guide at the museum for ten years.

The next Citizenship in the World Merit Badge workshop at the museum will be held on April 8. All the seats for this event are already filled, but Scouts can be added to the wait list by emailing David Pendleton at Henry.D.Pendleton.ctr@mail.mil.
The Boy Scout board of review, a guide to getting started

At certain critical points in a Boy Scout’s journey through the program, he’s asked to stop and think. He looks back on where he’s been and looks ahead to where he’s going. We call it the board of review.

The board of review is a chance for adults to talk with the Scout about what he’s done, what he’s learned, how it helped him in his advancement and how he’s enjoying the program.

It’s an essential part of the Boy Scouting experience, and it’s required for every rank from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout—plus the Eagle palms.

Who sits on the board of review?
That depends on the board of review we’re talking about. For everything but Eagle—Tenderfoot through Life—and the Eagle palms, the board of review occurs at the unit level.

The unit selects three to six committee members who sit on the board of review, and they must be 21 or older. Typically, these are committee members.

For the Eagle Scout board of review, the council decides how it’s run. It could be held at the unit level with a district or council representative sitting in. Or it could be held at the district or council level. For the Eagle Scout board of review, there must be between three and six adults 21 or older. For this one, board of review members don’t have to be registered members of the Boy Scouts, but they should have an understanding of the candidate and the Eagle Scout Award.

So non-Scouters can sit on the Eagle board?
Yes. In fact, that can be a powerful way to introduce a soon-to-be Eagle Scout to the community.

Is anyone ineligible to sit in?
Yes. Parents and unit leaders.

What if a parent insists on sitting in?
Having a parent there could change the dynamics of the room, so it’s strongly discouraged. The Scout may not feel free to answer the questions honestly. He may give the answer he thinks his parents want him to give. That said, if a parent insists that he or she sits in, this must be allowed.

Who schedules the board of review?
The Scoutmaster or the team coach. Once they have the Scoutmaster conference or unit leader conference, they are responsible for arranging the board of review at a time that works for board members and the Scout.

Should a Scout be retested?
Scouts should not be asked to do things like recite the Scout Law or tie a bowline. That’s not the point of the board of review.

Must a Scout wear his uniform?
No. There’s been a myth going around for many years that a Scout must be in Scout uniform, and that is not the case. They can be in Scout uniform if they have the complete uniform or as complete as possible. A board of review should not be denied because the Scout is not in uniform.

Where can I learn more?

SCOUTING HISTORY

The 1st Summer Camp at Naish

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

The summer of 1928 brought the first official season of summer camping at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. The 150 Scouts that attended camp that summer all arrived to camp on the “Kansas City, Kaw Valley and Western Railroad.” Once the Scouts arrived, they were in for a long hike along a narrow, bumpy path that followed a stream cut gully straight up the bluffs to camp. Scouts who disembarked fresh from the train were tired and weary by the time they carried their gear up the long path to camp.

In 1928, the first camp buildings were erected—a small cook shack and dining pavilion next to the campgrounds. They were located about 100 feet northwest of the “Steel Building”—a structure that stood into the 1980’s. The camp’s first administrative area was located in a small clearing near the walkway to today’s Rotary Dining Hall. Three green wall tents were set up in a semi-circle in this area. The center tent was adorned with a small placard that read “Headquarters.” A first aid and staff tent flanked it. The entire first year camp staff, the Camp Director and Camp Bugler, were housed in the staff tent. Reveille and retreat ceremonies were held in the area in front of the tents. A flagpole, cut from a pine tree, stood in front of these tents. There were four two-week sessions held that first summer.

The two campsites constructed earlier that year were able to hold all the attendees. The first two campsites were known as Camp Bridger and Camp Boone. This began the tradition of naming campsites after famous American pioneers. The first two campsites were located in the general area where the Rotary Dining Hall is located, not far from the present location of their counterparts. Campers slept in squad tents without floors. These tents were known for the ease of which they blew down during the heavy summer rainstorms.

The activities at the early camp sessions were similar to activities at camp today. Nature, handicrafts and camping were the highlights of the program. The biggest difference was that the activities took place in the campsites under the watchful eye of troop Scoutmasters. Regular program areas with counselors and instructors, as we know them today, did not develop until many years later.

The water activities were also a big highlight of camp. Swimming, canoeing and other water games were held at the nearby Lake of the Forest. Campers swear that the one-mile walk down to the lake was about five-miles back. Boy Scouts continued to swim at the Lake of the Forest until the late forties when the first Camp Naish swimming pool was built.

Other activities that were popular at camp included archery and softball. A makeshift archery range was set up on a gentle sloping area not far from the dining shelter. Scouts made their own bows and used them to earn the coveted archery merit badge. This was one of the toughest badges for Scouts back then to earn. The favorite camp event was the camp softball tournament. Softball games were scheduled daily on a small meadow where the swimming pool now stands. Bragging rights went along with the camp championship as troops challenged one another each session.

Another popular activity at camp was a “fence line” hike around camp or a hike to the “bathtubs.” The “bathtubs” were a chain of water basins along a small stream not far from the dining shelter. Another popular activity was a cookout on the rock outcrop known as “Cooking Flats”—today known as “Coronado Flats.”

At sundown it was customary to hike down to “Fossil Point”—now “Inspiration Point” to watch the sun set over the Kaw Valley. In the evening, campers gathered at the council ring for a campfire program complete with songs, fellowship and lots of laughs.

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

**BIG MUDDY**

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**2016 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED**

704

**February**

- **4** District Dinner, 6:00 pm
  Wentworth Military Academy, 1880 Washington Ave, Lexington, MO
- **7** District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO
- **7** Roundtable, 7:30 pm
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO
- **9** District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO
- **17-19** Klondike
  Kcac-FM Lexington, Odessa, MO

**March**

- **5** District Pinewood Derby, 2:00 pm
  Higginsville Middle School Gym, 805 W 31st St, Higginsville, MO

**Klondike Derby**

This year’s Klondike Derby will be held on February 17–19 at Radio Hill—a few miles outside of Odessa. There will be several “towns” set-up so Scouts can stop and learn new skills. The most important skill they will learn is teamwork. One cannot survive the Arctic winter on their own. We hope to see you all out at Big Muddy’s 2017 Klondike Derby. It will be a blast. Look for more information at www.hoac-bsa.org/big-muddy.

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**2016 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED**

2,443

**February**

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

**March**

- **2** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  Colonial Hill Community of Christ, 3539 SW 7 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO

**April**

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

**CubCraft Day Camp**

Discover the science of Scouting at CubCraft Day Camp

July 10–14 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs. This year’s CubCraft theme will feature a new and exciting program focused around mapping and building. Online registration is now available at ScoutCamping.org.

- $65 before April 26
- $75 on or after April 26
- $80 if added at camp
- New Scouts are always $65

For more information, contact R. Scott Smith at rss1600@aol.com
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- **Sr. District Executive**: Stephanie Regalia (816) 569-4929 Stephanie.Regalia@scouting.org
- **Program Paraprofessional**: LaKisha Martin (816) 569-4960 LaKisha.Martin@scouting.org

**It’s Pinewood Derby Time**

The Frontier District Pinewood Derby is set for March 4 at the General Motors Fairfax Plant. An estimated 300 Scouts are expected to participate. There will also be a silent auction and raffle with the proceeds going to help Frontier Scouts pay for summer camp. Timeline and rules will be distributed soon. For more information, contact Stephanie Regalia at Stephanie.regalia@scouting.org.

**2016 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED** 3,903

**February**

- 8 **District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm**
  South Patrol Police Station,
  9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO
- 16 **District Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  South Patrol Police Station,
  9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO

**March**

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

**April**

- 12 **District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm**
  South Patrol Police Station,
  9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO
- 20 **District Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  South Patrol Police Station,
  9701 Marion Park Dr., Kansas City, MO

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**GOLDEN EAGLE**

**Key Leadership**

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- **Sr. District Executive**: Kerry Jorn (816) 569-4937 Kerry.Jorn@scouting.org

**Popcorn Celebration**

Pack 4394 celebrates their top popcorn salesmen courtesy of a pie in the face of their Cubmaster! Brian Striech was a good sport and allowed the Cub Scouts who had the highest traditional and online sales in the pack throw a pie in his face.

**2016 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED** 2,645

**February**

- 2 **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Police Academy,
  6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO
- 4 **Commissioner College**
  Cerner Riverport,
  6711 NE Birmingham Rd, Kansas City, MO
- 7 **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  St. James Catholic School,
  309 S Stewart Rd, Liberty, MO
- 9 **District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  St. James Catholic School,
  309 S Stewart Rd, Liberty, MO

**March**

- 2 **Patron Luncheon, 12:00 pm**
  Kansas City Marriott,
  200 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO
- 6 **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Police Academy,
  6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO
- 4 **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  St. James Catholic School,
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  St. James Catholic School,
  309 S Stewart Rd, Liberty, MO

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Scouts watch the intense 2014 Pinewood Derby Race at the GM Plant
High Trail District Dinner

Join us for the High Trail District Dinner March 18 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church beginning at 5:30 pm. Registration is available online or at the Council Service Center. Cost is $25 to attend. New Eagle Scouts can attend the dinner for only $15. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the program will start at 7:00 pm. We will honor selected volunteers with multiple awards, including the District Award of Merit.

Iron Horse Day Camp

The Iron Horse Day Camp is scheduled for Monday, June 26 – Friday, June 30 at the Johnson County Fair Grounds (136 E Washington, Gardner, KS). This year’s theme is *CubCraft*—think Minecraft combined with Cub activities for one awesome week of programs. The schedule is 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Friday. Registration is available at ScoutCamping.org. Cost is $65 before April 26, $75 after the 26, and $80 at the gate.

Contact Laura Guengerich with questions at laura@IHDayCamp.xyz.
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District Executive  Janell Neal  (816)-569-4983  Janell.Neal@scouting.org

2016 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED  1,083

February

2  District Roundtable, 6:30 pm  Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS

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

9  District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm  Cabela’s, 10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS

March

2  District Roundtable, 6:30 pm  Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS

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9  District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm  Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS

21-23  Camporee/OA Call out  Ken Bernard Park, 15650 Gillman Road, Lansing, KS

2017 Day Camp—“CubCraft”

Take Scouting to the next level this summer at CubCraft—our game inspired Day Camp adventure. Camp will take place June 5–9 at Camp Naish in Kansas City, Kansas. Going to camp is a wonderful part of the Cub Scout experience and helps your pack earn Scouting’s Journey to Excellence and Summertime Pack awards.

- Register online at ScoutCamping.org
- Scouts paid in full on or before April 26—$65 per Scout
- Scouts paid in full after April 26—$75 per Scout
- Scouts added at camp $80
- New Scouts are $65 anytime

Volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Janell Neal for more information.

LONE BEAR

Key Leadership

District Chairman  Gary Groff  (660) 924-4028  groffdds@iland.net
District Commissioner  Bob Hale  (660) 238-7232  haloebb@gmail.com
District Director  David Riker  (816) 569-4974  David.Riker@scouting.org

2016 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED  770

February

7  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

14  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  Warrensburg United Methodist Church, 141 E Gay St, Warrensburg, MO

April

7  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

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

13  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

March

7  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

District Recognition Dinner

The annual Lone Bear District Recognition Dinner was held on January 31 at the Clinton Elks Lodge. The evening was a huge success as we were able to recognize several of Lone Bear’s quality volunteers and honor the 2016 Lone Bear Eagle Scout Class.

District Award of Merit Recipients:

- Dr. Chuck Barry—Troop 513
- Arnold Sauther—Troop 509

Silver Bear Recipients:

- Todd Dale—Troop 513
- Sarah Duncan—Pack 430
- James Simmons—Troop 400
- Gabriel Smart—Troop 350

Lonely Bear Recipient:

- Melissa Willings

Top Popcorn Seller:

- Tyler Nunez—Pack 405
- Whiteman Air Force Base
  Sold $1,771 in popcorn
March 2 & 7 Attend Local Roundtables
6 Roving Roundtable

The inaugural Mormon Trail District Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, March 3 at 7:00 pm at the Independence Stake Center. The evening will include the presentation of the District Award of Merit and a special recognition of our 2016 Eagle Scout class. Charles Dahlquist, the new National BSA Commissioner and former General Young Men’s President for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will serve as keynote speaker. The dinner is open to all Stake Presidencies, Bishoprics, Scouting leaders, 2016 Eagle Scouts, and families. The cost is $15. All 2016 Eagle Scouts are free. Register at www.hoac-bsa.org/mormon-trail-activities-and-camping.

### Celebrating Success: Northern Lights District Dinner

2016 was an amazing year for the Northern Lights District and we had a lot to celebrate at our District Dinner in January.

- **Dan West**, Scoutmaster of Troop 249, was recognized with the first Northern Lights Outstanding Leader Award. Dan has been an active Scouting volunteer for nearly 20 years and has provided valuable leadership and mentorship to the youth of Weston, MO.

- **Dan Walstrom**, District Vice Chair of Membership, was recognized with the District Award of Merit. Dan has been actively involved in Scouting as a unit leader, camp commissioner, and district committee member. Dan has brought new insight and leadership to the District Membership Committee and helped achieve membership growth for 2 consecutive years.

- **Ryan Hughes**, Scoutmaster of Troop 314 and District Activities Chair, was recognized with the District Award of Merit. Ryan is the youngest Scoutmaster in Northern Lights and shares his excitement for Scouting with those he leads. As District Activities Chair, he has planned spectacular events such as Camporee, District Pinewood Derby, Webelos Woods, and more.
SCOUTING FOR FOOD—A Pelathe Scouting Tradition in its 30th Year

Scouting for Food is a long-standing tradition in the Pelathe District. This April will mark the 30th year that Scouts have conducted a one-day, district-wide drive to collect food from our neighbors for local food banks. In 2016, more than 10,000 items were collected by Scouts on a single day.

This year’s Scouting For Food “Food Pickup Date” will be on April 8, after 9:00 am. We are asking all units to sign up to participate in the event at the March Roundtable and then pick up their flyers the same night. Between April 1 and April 6, units should make plans to deliver Scouting For Food flyers to all homes in their neighborhoods.

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

New Pioneer Trails District Executive

We are pleased to welcome Marcus Solomon to the Pioneer Trails team as a new District Executive with the Heart of America Council. Marcus is a Kansas City native who attended Paseo Academy of Performing Arts where he studied theater. He graduated from Grambling State University with a degree in Communications where he served as a Student Body President. In his spare time, he enjoys reading novels, traveling the country and dedicating himself to the foundation he and his sister started in memory of their mother and others who have lost their life to breast cancer.
SHAWNEE TRAILS

Key Leadership

District Chairman  Chris Hodgdon  (913) 205-8449  chris@hodgdon.com
District Commissioner  Scott Tener  (913) 422-7885  Scott.Tener@outlook.com
District Director  Jenna Bentrop  (816) 569-4969  Jenna.Bentrop@scouting.org
Senior District Executive  Lauren Crowder  (816) 569-4918  Lauren.Crowder@scouting.org

2016 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED 3,203

February

2 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Indian Creek Technology Center, 4401 W 103rd St, Shawnee Mission, KS
4 Merit Badge Forum, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
   Westridge Middle School, 9300 Nieman Rd, Overland Park, KS
9 District Dinner, 5:45 pm
   Old Shawnee Town, 11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS
11 Webelos on Wheels, 8:45 am
   UMKC—Department of Physics, Flarsheim Hall, 5110 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO
16 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
   Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS

March

2 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Indian Creek Technology Center, 4401 W 103rd St, Shawnee Mission, KS
4 Merit Badge Forum, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
   Westridge Middle School, 9300 Nieman Rd, Overland Park, KS
9 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Atonement Lutheran, 9948 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS
9 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
   Atonement Lutheran, 9948 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS
16 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
   Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS

Shawnee Trails District Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2016 District Award of Merit recipients, the Outstanding Leader Award recipients and all the volunteers of Shawnee Trails District.

District Award of Merit
RJ Wilson, Troop 428
Tom Pistorius, Troop 91
Veneta McFarlin, Troop 394
Anne Borgmier, Troop 387
Cathi Maynard Outstanding Scouter
Rick Thoman, Troop 387
Gene Bellner Jr. Outstanding Scoutmaster
Jason Parker, Troop 358
Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster
Brian Greenwald, Troop 282
Daniel Wright, Troop 394
Bill Scheiber, Troop 199

Outstanding Commissioner
Larry Huddleston
Jim Guthrie
Outstanding Chartered Organization Representative
Jim Nicholson, Troop 401
Outstanding Committee Chair
Donna Brandt, Troop 387
Steve Clark, Troop 282
Nikki England, Pack 3094
Outstanding Committee Member
Pam Hale, Troop 358
Terry Radke, Troop 395
Lynne Louise Mihm, Troop 265

Outstanding Venturing Advisor
Dave Allen, Crew 2354
Outstanding Submaster
Matthew Harkins, Pack 3298
John Schnake, Pack 3258
Outstanding Den Leader
Jeff Sickles, Pack 3394
Tracy Bebb, Pack 3094
David Gast, Pack 3394
Richard Espinoza, Pack 3094

SOARING EAGLE

Key Leadership

District Chairman  Dave Timpe  (913) 226-3566  Dwtimpe@gmail.com
District Commissioner  Mary Kilkenny  (913) 645-9625  kilkennym12@gmail.com
District Director  Lizz Rhodus  (816) 569-4970  Lizz.Rhodus@scouting.org
District Executive  Tori LoGrasso  (816) 569-4962  Tori.LoGrasso@scouting.org

2016 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED 1,836

February

2 District Roundtable Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, 3401 College Blvd, Leawood, KS
9 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, 3401 College Blvd, Leawood, KS
23 Eagle Board of Review, 6:30 pm
   Colonial Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

March

2 District Roundtable Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
9 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Jewish Community Center, 5801 W 115th St, Leawood, KS
16 District Commissioner Quarterly Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Leawood Justice Center, 4201 Town Center Dr, Leawood, KS
21 District Recognition Banquet
   KU Edwards Campus, Best Conference Center, 12604 Quivira, Overland Park, KS
23 Eagle Board of Review, 6:30 pm
   Colonial Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

Fall back…spring forward

While we look back on what a great fall we had in Soaring Eagle, where we recruited 332 NEW boys into Cub Scouts, we can’t help but look ahead to the spring. Springtime brings new life, new resolutions and a new group of boys to join Scouting. What does your pack plan to do to recruit new Scouts this spring? Don’t forget, you can sign up online for Cub Scouts anytime at KCScouting.org. Be on the lookout for information from your District Executive on spring recruiting soon.

KCScouting.org

February/March 2017
Spring into Scouting!

Scouts have a lot going on this spring. There are Blue and Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor. With all these events going on, we also want to make sure you hear about the Twin Rivers Investment in Character campaign. Without this campaign we would not be able to help our youth do things like attend camp or even register for Scouting programs.

We also have sign-ups for Day Camp, Bear Camp, and Webelos Camp happening at the pack level. The Boy Scouts are preparing for their big summer camping experience, be it High Adventure or resident summer camp.

And be sure to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TwinRivers.HOAC.BSA and stay up to date on everything happening in the district.
Explore YOUR Summer

From STEM workshops to traditional favorites, explore summer at a Cub Scout camp in 2017. See page 15 for details.

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