A soggy start couldn’t keep thousands of Scouts from Kauffman Stadium.

New council STEM trailer set to inspire Scouts this summer.

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So how does a century old organization like Scouting remain relevant in a constantly changing society and why is this important?

For those of us who have been involved in Scouting in our youth; have had youth in the program; or served as a volunteer, there is no question that you can see the positive impact that participating in Scouting will have on the life of a boy. We are very fortunate in the Heart of America Council to have outstanding camping facilities for all ages of Scouts. When a Scout participates in one of these camping experiences, they learn how to better interact with other youth and leaders. They learn how to problem solve and ultimately they become more self-sufficient in their own lives.

I’ve always said that part of the Boy Scout’s longevity and success in serving the youth in our communities is moving forward with, not ahead of or behind, societal norms. One of the things that has remained constant in our history is that Scouting has always and will continue to be the premier youth development organization. No matter your background, if your behavior is consistent with the Scout Oath and Law there is a place for you in the Boy Scouts.

The National Council is currently studying how to make Scouting more accessible to all families and to bring the benefits of Scouting to the greatest number of youth possible. The National Council is looking at options that would enable Scouting to maintain the strength of single-gender programs while working to meet the needs of today’s families—all while remaining true to our core mission and values, outlined in the Scout Oath and Law. Obviously, this is a long-term process and discussions on this topic will continue throughout this year.

Why do I share all this with you? This August and September, thanks to the help of many volunteers, we will recruit over 5,000 new Cub Scouts into the Scouting program. Character building, leadership development, self-reliance and community service are what defines Scouting. As I have shared before, think about what our communities would look like without the Boy Scouts. We are proud to be the largest youth serving agency in the greater Kansas City area, but with this pride comes the responsibility to ensure we are remaining relevant as a program for our youth.

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

Kenn Miller
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**Lee’s Summit Scout Honored by American Legion**

**Named Missouri Eagle Scout of the Year**

His accolades are beyond impressive—Now, this Lee’s Summit Scout can also add American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year to his resume. Cameron Haas was selected by the American Legion Department of Missouri earlier this year as their Eagle Scout of the Year for his exceptional leadership in Scouting and community service. Cameron received the highest score among all Missouri applicants and will be honored at the Legion’s state convention this July in Jefferson City, MO. He will also be eligible to compete for the American Legion’s National Eagle Scout of the Year which will be announced in August at the Legion’s national convention.

Cameron is a member of Troop 42 chartered by Woods Chapel Community of Christ in Lee’s Summit. Cameron has held almost every leadership role within his troop including Senior Patrol Leader. He earned the rank of Eagle at the age of 14, received the National Outdoor Activity award in camping and has received two Gold Scouting Participation Medals for his work with special needs Scouts.

Community service is very important to Cameron. He has been an active participant with the City of Lee’s Summit’s Youth Court for the past 4 years where he has served in numerous roles, but primarily as the prosecuting attorney. He also serves as a board member and active volunteer in the service organization, TEENS 4 GOOD. Cameron has been a youth counselor for the past two years at the Lee’s Summit Rotary Camp for special needs Scouts and is excited to return this summer.

Cameron is a senior at Blue Springs South High School and competes on the varsity debate team and the varsity golf team. He is a member of the Mock Trial Team and has qualified to attend the state tournament in St. Louis. He is a member of HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and will be competing in the HOSA state debate tournament in Rolla.

Cameron has a 4.2 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. When thinking about a career choice, he took into consideration his love of science and how much he enjoys helping others. After doing some research Cameron decided that a job in the field of pharmacy would be a good fit. He will be attending the University of Missouri-Kansas City this fall and was 1 of 40 freshmen accepted into the School of Pharmacy’s Early Assurance Program.

Cameron is the son of Troy and Suzy Haas of Lee’s Summit.

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**Scouts Plant Nearly 2,000 Trees Across Kansas City**

**Heartland Tree Alliance Academy**

Scouts are putting down roots in our community…literally! On April 22 and May 6, 174 Scouts and volunteers planted 1,919 trees across Kansas City as part of the Heartland Tree Alliance Academy. The annual event includes everything from planting demos to conservation best practices and allows Scouts to earn their Forestry Merit Badge and a few community service hours. Over the past year, our partnership with Heartland Tree Alliance has helped plant 3,489 trees across Kansas City.
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June/July 2017
Scouts and KC Parks Plant 18,000 Flowers on Mother’s Day Weekend

Giving back is a staple of the Scouting program and on Saturday, May 13, Heart of America Council Scouts and Kansas City Parks and Recreation helped make Kansas City even more beautiful. 500 Scouts, volunteers, and KC Parks employees celebrated Dig Day by planting more than 18,000 flowers across 100 of the city’s community flower beds on Mother’s Day weekend. More than just beautifying Kansas City, Dig Day also helps save the city time and money. What would normally take Kansas City Parks about two months to complete, Scouts were able to complete in just half a day. Special thanks to everyone who helped dig in to make a difference, especially our sponsor, Suburban Lawn & Garden.
LEAD NEW ADVENTURES
Through The Trail’s End Popcorn Sale

EVERY GREAT ADVENTURE STARTS WITH A PLAN

1. Develop A Unit Activity Plan
   What programs do you want to execute this year?

2. Create Or Review Your Unit's Budget
   How much will the annual programs cost?

3. Set Your Unit’s Sales Goal
   Based upon funds needed for your program

4. Set A Sales Goal For Each Scout
   Give Scouts something to aim for

5. Host A Fun Kickoff Rally
   Motivate Scouts, inform parents, and provide selling tools

6. Have Fun Selling Trail's End
   Fund your unit’s entire year of Scouting!

SELL ONLINE!
Raise More Money in Less Time with Less Effort

Raise More Money
- Average Online Sale in 2016 was $62 vs. $18 selling face-to-face
- Amount Returned to Scouting increased by 49% vs. 2015

Technology Makes Selling Easy
- Scouts register an online account and personalize it with a fundraising bio, photos, videos and more
- Personalized webpages can easily be shared with family and friends via email, text message and social media

NEW in 2017!
- Technology enhancements made to the Scout and Leader accounts
- Online leaderboard showing Scouts where they rank across the country
- Exciting products and promotions added throughout the year

Get your Scouts registered today at Trails-End.com!
Text LEADER to 62771 to join our text message program.

NEW in 2017
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS TIN
Get in the game with our exclusive Kansas City Chiefs tin—new to our product line up in 2017. This officially licensed Cheese Lovers tin is sure to be a hit with customers across Kansas City.

Sale Starts September 8
Sign up your unit to sell at hoac-bsa.org/popcorn

Key Sale Dates
- 8/12/2017 Sellers’ Academy—Cerner Riverport Campus
- 8/19/2017 Sellers’ Academy—Overland Park Convention Center
- 8/21/2017 Show-N-Sell Orders Due
- 9/8/2017 Show-N-Sell Distribution
- 10/2/2017 Early-bird Orders Due
- 11/1/2017 Prize Orders Due
- 11/3/2017 Final Distribution
TRAIL’S END SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scouts that sell at least $2,500 of qualifying Trail’s End products in a calendar year will have 6% of their total sales count towards their own Trail’s End Scholarship.

- Once enrolled, 6% of any amount of sales thereafter will go towards the scholarship
- Scouts only have to hit the $2,500 minimum one time
- Bonus! Top 5 Scouts in each region will have an additional 6% go towards their account

Visit Sell.Trails-End.com for full details

BENEFITS OF SELLING POPCORN

- Eliminate or reduce out-of-pocket expenses
- Counts toward Scout Advancement & Merit Badges

FUNDRAISING FACTS

- For most units, if each Scout sells $650-$750 in popcorn, it will fund your unit’s annual programming - including Summer Camp!
- Scouts who set a goal are twice as likely to fund their entire year of Scouting

MILITARY DONATION PROGRAM

Your customers can support both you and our military by purchasing a military donation. 70% goes back to Scouting, and a gift of popcorn is sent to military men & women, their families, and veteran organizations.

- To date, more than $47 million in popcorn has been donated to U.S. Troops and veteran organizations
- Over 4,500 tons of popcorn has been shipped to military bases

MANAGE YOUR ENTIRE SALE THROUGH THE POPCORN SYSTEM

Manage all aspects of your unit’s sale in one place! The Trail’s End Popcorn System enhanced functionality makes running your popcorn sale easier.

- Place traditional popcorn sale orders for your unit
- Enter and/or track your unit’s sales by Scout
- Fully integrated Online Selling System - Single Login
- Order your unit’s prizes at the end of the sale (follow links to prize vendor sites)
- Run sales reports as well as your unit’s invoice

Login to the Popcorn System at Scouting.Trails-End.com

SELLERS’ ACADEMY

Back by popular demand is our Sellers’ Academy. The premise is to provide information on changes for the 2017 popcorn sale in a trade show format. Unit Kernels can pick up their sales guides, calendar information, credit card squares, sales techniques, and more. Youth of all ages are welcome to attend to learn the tricks of the popcorn sales trade. Sellers’ Academy workshops will be offered from 9:00 am to noon on August 12 at the Cerner Riverport Campus and August 19 at the Overland Park Convention Center. Pre-register for free at hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.
Sky Zone is the original trampoline park, and Sky Zone Lee’s Summit is proud to bring the unmatched, out-of-this-world, and high-flyin’ FUN of the world’s first all-trampoline, walled playing court the Lee’s Summit area.

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BANKING ON SCOUTING

Alumni Pro Series

The Heart of America Council’s Alumni Association is now connecting Scouting alumni through careers across Kansas City. The first-ever Alumni Pro Series event kicked off this spring at Commerce Bank. Scouting alumni from multiple banks throughout the metro participated. Organizer Matt Koch, Assistant Vice President, Commerce Bank; Capital Markets Group, conceived the idea to bring Scouting alumni from the banking industry together on a regular basis to network and share ideas on how to further Scouting in our council. “As a 31 year-old Eagle Scout who was involved in Scouting, I felt this networking event would be a fantastic way to connect bankers across Kansas City.” Learn about upcoming Pro Series events or join our alumni association for FREE at HOACAlumni.org.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Eagle Scouts: Where Are They Now?

Eagle Scouts are everywhere. They are doctors, architects, entrepreneurs, lawyers and bankers. In an effort to honor the Eagle spirit and legacy, “Eagle Scouts: Where Are They Now?” highlights adult Eagle Scouts in Kansas City.

Chris Constant
Eagle Scout Class of 1999
Troop 50 | Kansas City, Missouri

Chris Constant is currently a manager in the Supervision and Risk Management Division at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. As a youth, Chris served six summers on the Bartle Camp Staff from 2000 to 2006. He received his bachelor’s degree and Masters of Business Administration from the University of Missouri – Columbia. Chris remains active in Scouting and is currently a Keeper of the Wampum in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

What was your favorite merit badge?

Chris: I’ve always enjoyed the ideas of saving, investing, and personal finance. Personal Management merit badge taught me skills related to these areas, including goal setting and budgeting. Because of the skills that the badge introduces, it’s no wonder why the badge is Eagle required.

What point of the Scout Law is most important to you?

Chris: A Scout is Friendly. Life can be short and hectic, and we should cherish the relationships and people that we love. Even more, we should seek friendship and understanding with those that may be different than us.

What does being an Eagle Scout mean to you?

Chris: Being an Eagle Scout is a lifelong commitment to the ideals of Scouting. It reminds me to not only do my best, but to be my best.

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.
It’s a taste of summer camp without ever leaving home. You can now keep an eye on the skies over the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation 24-7 this summer thanks to our friends at Weather Metrics, Inc. Our BARTLECAM is connecting a new generation of potential campers and keeping parents informed of current weather conditions. Check out our live camera feed at www.hoac-bsa.org/bartle-cam.

Take flight this summer at Eagle Adventure Camp—the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation’s newest camp geared towards Star and Life Scouts working towards Eagle. Camp curriculum includes a robust lineup of 17 Eagle required merit badges including a few summer surprises. This Sunday Friendly session is scheduled for July 30 – August 5 at Camp Sawmill. Cost is $250 per camper or $200 for those returning for a second session. Register online at www.hoac-bsa.org/bartle.

Philmont Advisor Skills School Comes to KC

October 28 & 29, 2017

Philmont Advisor Skills School (PASS) is designed to help prepare Philmont advisors to lead a successful trek and this year courses are coming to Kansas City. Sessions will be held October 28 & 29 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Heart of America Council Service Center. These 8-hour courses will cover backcountry and logistical fundamentals of Philmont, including:

- Campsite set-up
- Cooking and cleaning
- Gear needs
- Physical conditioning
- Transportation
- Tips and tricks the PASS instructors have learned over their years on Philmont staff

The course is targeted towards advisors coming to Philmont in 2018. If you are interested in learning more about Philmont, you are more than welcome to attend; however, the material is tailored towards those attending in 2018. The $40 fee covers instruction, a Philmont-style trail lunch, dinner, PASS materials, and a patch. Register now at www.philmontscoutranch.org/TrekPreparation.

*Note: These are two separate PASS courses. The instructors will cover the same material both days, so you only need to attend one session.
Ten Commandments Trek Highlights  Scouting’s Many Paths to God

On Sunday, April 23, more than sixty Scouts, adult leaders and parents gathered at Leawood’s Beth Shalom synagogue to start their day-long Ten Commandments Trek. After joining morning services, the Scouts learned the first two Commandments from Rabbi Glickman, Beth Shalom’s Senior Rabbi. The day-long trek was coordinated by Norman Kahn, Jewish Chaplain in the Heart of America Council.

Throughout the day, the Scouts went to four more houses of worship in Kansas City, learning about two of the Ten Commandments at each stop. The group went to Catholic Mass at St. John Francis Regis Church, led by Boy Scout Chaplain and Catholic Deacon, Ken Albers. They then joined the Islamic Society of Greater Kansas City for afternoon prayers at the mosque in eastern Kansas City, where they were welcomed by Muslim Scouting Chaplain and Heart of America Council Board Member, Mahnaz Shabbir, and taught by Ashan Latif, an Eagle Scout and lawyer in Lawrence, KS, who is President of the Crescent Peace Society.

The group went from there to the Mormon meeting house in Kansas City, MO, for teaching led by LDS Scouting Chaplain, Jim Scott. The Scouts finished at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS, where they learned the final two commandments, and received a private tour of the new sanctuary and impressive stained glass window by Youth Minister, Dave MaGee.

The purpose of the Trek was to fulfill the line in the Scout Oath, “Duty to God”, and the twelfth point of the Scout Law, “Reverent.” At the same time, the Scouts experienced the strong message that Scouting recognizes many paths to God, and that each of these faiths share a common ancestry and history.
How do you say thanks to the Scout mom who has everything? Buy her brunch of course! We are now accepting reservations for our first ever Eagle Scout Mother’s Brunch on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Treat mom to this mom-only fundraising event where she’ll hear and connect with other Scout moms from across the council. All proceeds benefit the Heart of America Council’s Scoutreach program. Scoutreach ensures that all young people have the opportunity to participate in Scouting in Kansas City’s urban and rural neighborhoods regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.

Barbara Cusick will serve as our inaugural event chair. Barbara supports youth development organizations, educational institutions, social service organizations, medical missions, and much more. In 2016, Barbara and her husband were honored as the AFP Philanthropists of the year. She is a proud Scout mom to three Eagle Scout sons and is also married to an Eagle Scout. Her dedication to Scouting began at the pack level and has continued on through service at the troop and council level.

**EVENT PRICING:**
- Individual Tickets: $100
- Purchase a Table (8): $700
- Event Sponsor: $1,000

Brunch will begin at 8:30 am with the program starting at 9:30 am.

Make your reservation today at **MOTHERSBRUNCH.KINTERA.ORG**

**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
- Ron Clary
- Kenneth Horrell
- Terrance Gallagher
- Danny Minnick
- Stephen Roberts
- Kathy Sims
- Shane Sternecker

For more information or to learn how to contribute, contact Jeremy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.

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- **Hugh Inman**
  Constance Inman
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A new call to sustain our Tribe
In the spirit of 12 Pieces of Wampum, thousands of Tribesmen will share equally in the cost of the Tribal Guardians’ first project. After almost 75 years, our summer home and archive of our history is in need of preservation and revitalization.

Your gift will last for generations
• New Record Center to preserve our rich history
• Improved Parry Lodge crafts/storage/retail space
• Endowment for facilities and operations

Founder status limited to the first 5,000 $100 donors*
1. Text FOUNDER to 91999.
2. Go to www.mic-o-say.org/tribalguardian.
3. Send your gift by mail to: Tribe of Mic-O-Say
Heart of America Council, BSA
P.O. Box 414177
Kansas City, MO 64141-4177

*For participants before Dec. 31, 2017
One-time and monthly options available.
Donations should be payable to HOAC. Credit card contributions may also be made at the Council Office, Parry Lodge, RHQ or any Camp Trading Post.
WE’RE BACK ON THE TRACK

Scouting 500 | September 22-24 | Kansas Speedway

It’s the event that everyone is already talking about. Join more than 10,000 Scouts and families at the Scouting 500 September 22-24 at Kansas Speedway. 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. Stay the weekend for $37.50 or just visit for the day for only $20! Sign-up now at Scouting500.org.

Districts…Start Your Engines!

We’re offering the district with the highest % of youth registered for the Scouting 500 by August 31 the chance to select 6 Scouts to ride shotgun in an actual race car during our Saturday night finale on September 23!

Find your custom district car on our Council Facebook Page and help us spread the word using #SprinttotheSpeedway and #Scouting500. We’ll be updating our leaderboard monthly.

Scouting 500 App

From breaking news to event extras, our new Scouting 500 app will be your ultimate source for Scouting’s largest event. Available in the App Store and Google Play this September.
AND IT’S GOING TO BE BIG

09.22-24.2017
KANSAS SPEEDWAY

2 WAYS TO REGISTER

Camping Pass $37.50 (Camping & Meals Included)
Friday - Sunday 9.22-24
Access to All Activities + 2 Nights Camping + 3 Saturday Meals + Event Water Bottle + Event Patch

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EXTREME! 
JOIN US ON THE TRACK 09.22-24
ELY BIG!

TRACK 09.22-24
Despite a soggy start, more than 12,000 Scouts and their families packed Kauffman Stadium on April 30 for Scout Day at the K—one of the largest Scouting events in the country. Scouts threw out the first pitch, received VIP early access to the stadium, served as color guard, participated in a pregame parade and helped collect enough canned food and cash donations to provide 5,573 meals for Harvesters—The Community Food Network.

But more than just a day at the ballpark, the event also recognized area Eagle Scouts. The presentation of the Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is a Scout Day tradition and honors adult Eagle Scouts for their positive contributions to the Kansas City community. This year’s recipients were David Dillon—Retired, Chairman & CEO, Kroger Company; Bishop James Johnston—Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph; Doug Price—President, Price Brothers Management Company; Seth Sinovic—Professional Soccer Player, Sporting Kansas City; Willard Snyder—Attorney/Chairman, The Breidenthal-Snyder Foundation. The award and Kauffman Stadium are named for Eagle Scout Ewing M. Kauffman.

Check out our Flickr Page at www.flickr.com/hoacbsa for more of our favorite Scout Day at the K photos.
Scouts Earn Citizenship in the World Merit Badge at WWI Museum

51 Scouts spent this spring at the National World War I Museum and earned their Citizenship in the World merit badge. The Scouts, from 23 different troops, spent several hours working with eight Merit Badge Counselors to earn the badge. Scouts also received a 90-minute private guided tour of the museum’s main gallery. After the completion of the merit badge in the afternoon, Scouts received the opportunity to return to the main galleries for additional time to look around, visit the special exhibits in the two original museum buildings, or check out the Kansas City skyline from the top of the 217-foot tower.

The Heart of America Council’s International Committee hosts this merit badge opportunity twice each year—spring and fall. The fall date has not been set, but Scouts can receive additional information on Scouting opportunities at the National World War I Museum by contacting H. David Pendleton at Henry.D.Pendleton.ctr@mail.mil.
BSA Releases Exploration Merit Badge

Sorry, Captain Kirk, but these days, Scouts and former Scouts are the ones who “boldly go where no man has gone before.”

That’s why it’s fitting for the BSA to introduce a new merit badge: Exploration. The badge—the 137th on the BSA’s list of currently available merit badges—celebrates the spirit of adventure that has inspired Scouts for more than a century.

That spirit helped Eagle Scout Paul Siple, who coined the term “wind chill,” travel to Antarctica with Adm. Richard Byrd in 1928. It helped Eagle Scout Neil Armstrong land on the moon in 1969. And it helps today’s Eagle Scouts explore the world through opportunities like the National Eagle Scout Association’s World Explorers Program.

**What Scouts will do**

After learning about the history and importance of exploration, Scouts plan, prepare for and go on an actual expedition. The expedition need not be to Mount Everest or the Marianas Trench. Scouts must plan and take a trip to somewhere of interest to them; it can be close by or far away. It can be a troop activity or a small-scale excursion.

Once there, the Scout will study something. Maybe he’ll analyze a location’s animal population, classify plant species at a state park or explore the effects of drought on an area.

The primary goal is that the Scout learns something, plans the trip (with his counselor’s OK) and has fun.

He’ll do this by following the same steps used by professional explorers and scientists:

- Develop a concept
- Do the research
- Select a team
- Create an exploration agenda
- Secure expedition financing
- Gather equipment
- Make communication and transportation plans
- Establish safety/first-aid procedures
- Obtain necessary documents
- Understand legal considerations
- Establish record-keeping procedures
- Follow outdoor ethics guidelines
- Take the actual trip
- Prepare a report
- Hold an after-action review

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
The Songs of Camp Naish

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

What would summer camp be without the songs? One of the earliest Camp Naish songs was written in 1936 by James Sussex of Kansas City, Kansas. The following song was adopted for use by campers at Camp Naish and documented in the Camp Naish Campfire Manual compiled by James Putnam of Emporia, Kansas:

To Camp Naish
Hiking along together
On our way to old Camp Naish
Full of pep and vim and dash.

We're going to camp together,
For a whole week of fun.
We'll laugh and play and day by day
We'll make new friends galore!

We'll do the things we like the best
And do them more and more.
Oh! Hiking along together
On our way to old CAMP NAISH!
Hiking along together.

Years later in the mid 1950’s a new camp song was being utilized on the Reservation. The new Camp Naish song was written in 1954 on the way to the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Jim Miller, Cliff Thompson and Jim Feil were the driving force behind the song that has become an institution at camp. In the 1950’s the camp had no official song at the time, but as a joke on a K-State staff member, the words of the KU alma mater were modified. The Camp Naish song has been sung at campfires ever since...

High above the broad Kaw Valley,
Stands the camp we love.
Mid the elm and tall oak branches,
With God’s sky above.
Here we say that on our Honor,
We will ever be,
Loyal Scouts and ever faithful
Dear Camp Naish to thee.

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

- **5-8 Day Camp**
  Confederate Memorial Park,
  211 West First St., Higginsville, MO

- **10 Big Muddy Dig Day, 9:00 am**
  Monument at Old 24 HWY and South Main, Carrollton, MO

**July**

- **No District Events**

**“Dig Day” to aid in tornado cleanup**

We're digging in to make a difference in our district this June. Set for June 10, our district “Dig Day” will be held in Carrollton, MO. District Scouts will roll up their sleeves to plant flowers, clear brush and help restore a monument that was damaged after tornadoes ripped through the town earlier this year. Look for more information at the June roundtable and help us make a difference in our communities.

**August**

- **8 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church,
  1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO

- **8 Roundtable, 7:30 pm**
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- **1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Colonial Hills Community of Christ,
  3539 M0-7, Blue Springs, MO

- **1 OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm**
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- **1 Eagle Scout Boards of Review, 6:00 pm**
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- **8 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm**
  Beacon Heights Community of Christ,
  19402 E. Holke Rd, Independence, MO

**August**

- **3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
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**July**

- **20 School Night District Kickoff, 7:00 pm**
  Colonial Hills Community of Christ,
  3539 M0-7, Blue Springs, MO

**Ambassador of Scouting**

On May 25, the Blue Elk District held its annual Ambassador of Scouting Award Dinner. The highlight of the evening was to recognize two individuals who have made an impact in the lives of Scouting’s youth. The first honoree recognized was Dale Carter, our 2017 Ambassador of Scouting. Dale Carter is a Blue Springs District 1 Councilman and the program manager/co-host of the Dale Carter Morning Show on KFKF, 94.1 FM. Dale is also the voice of the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. Our second honoree, Scott Young was recognized with the 2017 North Star Award. Scott’s career in education has spanned 38 years and he has announced his retirement as the Deputy Superintendent of the Blue Springs School District. Scott has dedicated his professional life to the service of others, hoping to impact the local community and the world at large in a positive way. On behalf of the Blue Elk District, we want to thank those that attended and for the many sponsors that made the event possible.

Dale Carter receives the 2017 Ambassador of Scouting Award
Frontier and Pioneer Trails Districts Join for Fishing Derby and Camporee

April 21-23 was an exciting weekend for more than 200 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from the heart of Kansas City! Frontier and Pioneer Trails Districts combined to provide camping, fishing, competition, an Order of the Arrow Call Out, and a whole lot of fun. Boy Scouts camped the entire weekend and participated in patrol competitions including first aid, shelter building and a whole lot more. The Cub Scouts had a great time with slingshots, leatherwork and the Missouri Department of Conservation-led fishing derby! On the adult side, one of our very own Paraprofessionals, Benjamin Gregory, was called out, sealing his membership in the Order of the Arrow as a Brotherhood Member!

District Service Project

On April 22, the Golden Eagle District came together for a District wide service project. Shoal Creek Living History Museum has been a gracious host to many of our district campouts. Scouts helped with various projects around the property and what a difference they made! Thank you to all the volunteers and Scouts that helped give back to one of our hosts!
**Building Blocks—2017 District Day Camp**

On June 26 through 29, all Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to explore a whole new world. Take a journey to the world of *CubCraft* at Jerry Smith Park, where the High Trail District will once again be putting on an outdoor experience, the likes of which this world has never seen!

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Sign-ups are still open and will stay open until June 20 at www.ScoutCamping.org.

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Get your Popcorn!

Make sure to sign-up your unit to sell popcorn this year at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn. You’ll have the opportunity to earn prizes, raise funds for your unit, and help support the council. Attend one of the Popcorn Seller’s Academy Trainings on Saturday August 12 at Cerner Riverport Campus or Saturday, August 19 at the Overland Park Convention Center and learn more about the 2017 sale. Make sure your Unit Kernel is planning on attending one of these trainings.

Important Dates:

- 08/12/17 Seller’s Academy
- 08/19/17 Seller’s Academy
- 08/21/17 Show-N-Sell Orders Due
- 09/08/17 Show-N-Sell Distribution
- 09/08/17 Sale Starts
- 10/02/17 Early-bird Orders Due
- 11/01/17 Prize Orders Due
- 11/03/17 Final Distribution

August Fall Huddle at Bonner Springs United Methodist Church

We’re looking forward to our Fall Huddle at Bonner Springs United Methodist Church on August 3. This will be a kick-off for next year where we talk as a group about planning and pass out a few recognitions. We also plan to have some activities so invite other adults, leaders, SPLs, Crew Presidents and other Junior Leader Positions to attend! Mark you calendars for the Fall Huddle at Bonner Springs United Methodist Church on August 3 at 7:00 pm.

UCM Merit Badge Academy and Aviation Encampment

April 22-23 | UCM Airport

Troop 400, Warrensburg, MO, sponsored a merit badge academy held at the UCM Airport on April 22-23. Jason Gilbert lead the charge on this event and did an outstanding job! Jason not only involved Scouters, he also involved various professors and administrators from the UCM Campus and Aviation department. Numerous staff and volunteers helped with the event.

- 20 Merit Badges were offered along with Sunday flights, a ‘Trail to First Class program, and Totin’ Chip.
- 25 Troops attended. Troop 158 from Republic, MO traveled the farthest (158 Miles)
- There were approximately 673 completed merit badges and 153 Scouts completed other events (Trail to First Class, Sunday Flights, Totin’ Chip)
**“Decisions Determine Destiny”**

**LDS 11 year-old Scout Camp**

The LDS 11 year-old Scout camp will be a great experience! On June 23-24, 11 year-old Scouts will experience the excitement of Camp Naish with activities like swimming, climbing, rappelling, rifle shooting, archery, orienteering, crate stacking, COPE and more. There will be a campfire program with an inspirational testimony. Scouts will reflect on each activity as well. Special thanks to Rebecca Cook, Margene Furnell, and Kammi Bean for all their leadership. There is still time to sign up!

**Gonnello Named New District Executive**

On April 16, Anthony Gonnello assumed his role as the new District Executive of the Northern Lights District. Anthony is a Kansas City native and has grown up in Scouting. He started Cub Scouts in the third grade, earned his Arrow of Light, became a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 2008, earned his Eagle Scout Badge in 2011 with Troop 1269 in Raytown, Missouri, and has spent the last eight summers as a member of the H. Roe Bartle Camp Staff. Most recently he served as the Lone Star Program Director in 2015 and 2016. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology/Sociology in 2016. Anthony is very excited to begin his career with the Boy Scouts of America in his home council.
Paul Taylor Joins Pelathe District

Please welcome Paul Taylor as the new District Executive for the Pelathe District. Paul is a 2nd generation Eagle Scout who grew up in Topeka, KS. Paul earned his degree in Recreation and Park Administration from Kansas State University. He attributes his Scouting experience in playing a significant role in his 15-plus years of experience as a recreation professional. Paul is excited to now be joining Scouting as a professional. Please welcome Paul as the newest member of the Heart of America Council and Pelathe District!

Districts Combine for Fishing Derby and Camporee

More than 200 Scouts from the Pioneer Trails and Frontier Districts came together this April for a fun-filled weekend full of camping and fishing. There were 139 Pioneer Trails Boy Scouts, 10 Frontier Boy Scouts, 63 Frontier Cub Scouts, and 32 of those Cub Scouts even camped overnight! The Boy Scouts camped the entire weekend and participated in patrol competitions and more. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

Scouts participating in the Physical Fitness Challenge
School Night for Scouting 2017!

Congratulations Shawnee Trails!!! During our 2016 School Nights for Scouting, over 550 Cub Scouts were recruited! That is almost twice as many Cub Scouts as the year before which was possible because of dedicated pack leaders and School Night presenters! In order to continue growth in Cub Scouts, it is time to prepare for School Night for Scouting 2017.

Be prepared for your School Night, plan your pack calendar before the end of the summer, plan to promote at a back-to-school event, and select a School Night coordinator. School Night dates for the fall will be coordinated by Jenna Bentrop and Lauren Crowder. Like last year, School Night dates will be held during the last two weeks of August. Shawnee Trails will hold a School Night Kick-Off on July 27th. Be on the look-out for more details coming soon!

Day Camp at Camp Timberlake, June 5-9

We're busy prepping for a week of fun at Camp Timberlake for the Soaring Eagle CubCraft Day Camp in June! It's going to be a week filled with creating, building, and fun! We will be at Camp Timberlake off of 179th St in Stilwell, Kansas and it's going to be a week you don't want to miss. There are some spectacular surprises in store for each day! If you're new to Scouting and haven't been to a Day Camp yet, this is the one you want to try out. We have 16 programs ready to go and have outlined the Cub Scout requirements each boy will earn. To learn more, check out www.ahoac-bsa.org/soaring-eagle-day-camp and like us Facebook for live updates, www.facebook.com/soaringeagledaycamp.
**2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

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| 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 |
| July  | No District Events |
| August | 1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene,  
2305 E South St, Harrisonville, MO  
8 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm  
Archie United Methodist Church,  
204 W Chestnut St, Archie, MO  
8 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Archie United Methodist Church,  
204 W Chestnut St, Archie, 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 |

**TWIN RIVERS**

**Key Leadership**

- **District Chairman**: Vacant
- **District Commissioner**: Vacant
- **District Executive**: Katie Dalton  
(816) 569-4973  
Katie.Dalton@scouting.org

**2017 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

**August**

- 3 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm  
First Presbyterian Church,  
110 E. Peoria St Paola, KS  
3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
First Presbyterian Church,  
110 E. Peoria St, Paola, KS  
10 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
La Hacienda,  
546 Main St, Osawatomie, KS

**Hello Summer!**

It’s that time again. Cubs are getting ready for Day Camp and troops are getting ready for their summer activities. With school being out, it’s easy to forget about all that Scouting brings to the table. Make sure you are keeping in contact with your unit to stay updated on all the great things they are doing over the summer. Packs… check out the Twin Rivers Activities page for more information about the Summer-time Pack award.

Troops…Camp is coming! Whether you are going to Bartle or Naish, it’s a time for learning and growing. Have fun out there and make some memories!

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**Investment in Character Goal Achieved**

The Spirit Trail District has had a phenomenal Investment in Character season! Our leaders and parents have raised $23,265 or 112% of our goal of $20,795! Adding that success to the efforts of our Patron Lunch team and the Community campaign team, the District has raised $65, 865 on a goal of $59,795 for a total of 110%! Thank you to our IIC team—John Hoye, Kris Turnbow, and Rob Tait, as well as our leaders and parents that continue to give back in so many ways.

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Twin Rivers District Scouts enjoy the parade at Scout Day at the K on April 30.
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