Eagle Scout Reception

EAGLE SCOUT CLASS RECEPTION MOVES TO SILVERSTEIN EYE CENTERS ARENA

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Council Banquet Honors Top Scouters

On January 31, The Heart of America Council’s 2018 Council Banquet welcomed nearly 400 Scouters to the Overland Park Convention Center. The event recapped an amazing 2017 of Scouting in Kansas City and honored the council’s 2017 Silver Beaver Class, School District of the Year, and Scouting District of the Year. Special thanks to our banquet committee and all this year’s honorees for their service to Scouting.

2017 Silver Beaver Class
Harold Baggs
Rob Baker
Paul Bertrand
Bob Borgelt
Everett Cates
Jonathan Cerda
Douglas Darling
Larry Duncan
Bill Essmann
Randy Florence
Ron Fredman
Tony Jackowski
David Lehman
Cindy Lynn
Peter Meline
Bruce Priday
Leroy Smith
Bruce Snyder

2017 School District of the Year
Independence School District

2017 Scouting District of the Year
Shawnee Trails
Eagle Scout Reception Moves to Independence

Saturday, March 3 | Silverstein Eye Centers Arena

Calling all 2017 Eagle Scouts...Celebrate reaching the pinnacle of Scouting and be recognized at the 2017 Eagle Scout Class Reception. All members of the 2017 Eagle Scout Class and their families are invited to this special reception on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Silverstein Eye Centers Arena. All 2017 Eagle Scouts in attendance will receive the official "Challenge Coin" and will be included in the official class photo on center ice. There is no cost to attend, but all attendees must pre-register at hoac-bsa.org. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

ABOUT OUR HONOREE

This year’s Eagle Scout Class honoree is Cliff Pemble, President & CEO of Garmin. Cliff Pemble joined Garmin International in 1989 as a software engineer. As one of the company's first employees, he has served in a variety of leadership capacities, including systems engineering and software engineering management. In 2007, Pemble was appointed president and chief operating officer and served in that capacity until being named CEO in January 2013. Pemble earned his bachelor’s in mathematics and computer science from MidAmerica Nazarene University.
It may not feel like it yet but summer will be here before you know it. Our 2018 Summer Camp Adventure Guide will fill you in on the details with what you need for a fun, successful summer. We have summer camp opportunities for scouts of all ages. Cub Scouts can enjoy our Superhero Academy themed Day Camp this year and Naish Scout Reservation will be hosting Bear and Webelos Camps. If science is your thing, we have a few special STEM camps for Bears, Webelos and Boy Scouts too. Interested in some the best summer camp experiences in the Midwest? Register to camp at Bartle and Naish Boy Scout Camps for fabulous camping programs from sunup to past sundown. Been there, done that you say? Explore some of our national high adventure opportunities like Philmont Scout Ranch and Florida Sea Base! You will find the information you need in our Adventure Guide such as dates, prices and featured activities to help make 2018 your best summer yet.

Download your copy at HOAC-BSA.ORG

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**Superhero Academy Day Camp**

**WHO CAN ATTEND:** Cub Scouts (Kindergarten – 5th Grade)

Discover your inner superhero at a Superhero Academy Day Camp in 2018. Explore a new world of fun at one of 14 camps conveniently located throughout eastern Kansas and western Missouri. Superhero Academy Day Camps run 4-5 days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and are open to all Cub Scouts in Kindergarten – 5th grade.

**Featured Activities:**
- Archery
- Science
- Sports
- Slingshots
- Arts & Crafts
- Obstacle Course

**COST:** $65 per Scout

Includes t-shirt, patch and all program materials

Register at SCOUTCAMPING.ORG

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**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 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 SCOUTCAMPING.ORG

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**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 SCOUTCAMPING.ORG
Starting this year, families can choose Cub Scouts for their sons and daughters, who can now take advantage of the lifechanging experiences provided through Scouting. Cub Scout packs may choose to establish a new girl pack, establish a pack that consists of girl dens and boy dens or remain an all-boy pack. Cub Scout dens will be single-gender—meaning all boys or all girls. Cub Scout packs, meanwhile, can include any combination of all-boy or all-girl dens. The choice is left to individual pack leaders in consultation with their chartered organization. This hybrid model builds on the benefit of a single-gender program while also providing character and leadership opportunities for both boys and girls.

A Scouting program for older girls will be announced later this year and delivered in 2019, allowing for participating girls to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

BECOME A FAMILY SCOUTING EARLY ADOPTER

The Heart of America Council introduced the early adopter program this January to meet the overwhelming demand from Cub Scout packs that are already prepared to provide the Cub Scout program to girls. Although programs will officially launch to welcome both boys and girls in Cub Scouting during the 2018-19 program year, early adopter packs began to officially register girls (K-4) in Cub Scouts on January 15. Contact your district professional or visit www.hoac-bsa.org to learn how your pack can become a Family Scouting early adopter.

4 Kansas City Girls Among First to Join Cub Scouts

A Kansas City pack is one of the first in the nation to welcome girls into Cub Scouts. Meet Ruthie, Anna, Madelyn and Kiera, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts from Pack 4612 chartered to Trinity Christian Center in Kansas City, MO. Now proud members of the Golden Eagle District, the girls and their newly formed all-girl dens are more than excited to start their Scouting journey.

Nationwide registration for girls in Cub Scouting officially opened January 15 in packs who qualified as early adopters. Girls can now enjoy the Cub Scouting program alongside their male counterparts and will learn the same skills that may one day lead them to the coveted Eagle Scout rank. Cub Scout registration for girls will continue to roll out through the fall and a parallel program will be created for older girls beginning in 2019.
OFFERING ICONIC BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROGRAMS TO BOYS AND GIRLS

FAMILY SCOUTING

WHY THE CHANGE?

Families today are busier than ever and with less free time, families want convenience. In fact, convenience beats cost as the #1 concern.

Research shows that our programs are extremely appealing to today’s busy families.

In a recent survey of parents not involved with Scouting...

90% are interested in a program like Cub Scouts for their daughters

87% are interested in a program like Boy Scouts for their daughters

HOW WILL IT WORK?

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

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Cub Scouts

Ages 5-10 (or grades K-5)

All Boy Cub Scout Pack

Boys and Girls Cub Scout Pack

All Girl Cub Scout Pack

“Older Scouts”

Ages 11-17 (or grades 6-12)

Older Youth Program

Boy Scout Program

Girl Program (coming in 2019)

Research shows that our programs are extremely appealing to today’s busy families.

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America February 2018
Scout Day returns to Kauffman Stadium on Sunday, April 29. Come out to the K and join more than 12,000 Scouts to watch the Royals face off with Central Division rivals, the Chicago White Sox. More than just admission to the game, your Scout Day at the K ticket will give you special Scout access to pre-game activities throughout the stadium. Have fun with activities like Sluggerrr’s Mini Golf, Base Run, Batting Cage, Pitching Mound, Little K, the Royals Hall of Fame and much more. We are also giving 1,000 lucky Scouts the opportunity to participate in our pre-game parade on the field around the diamond. Don’t miss out and reserve your tickets today at www.hoac-bsa.org.
In Memory of:

Leonard Como
Patricia Como

James Craig
Richard & Janice Lawson

Nancy Lessig
James & Patricia Bondurant
Lawrence & Mary Brady
Adam Brinkley
Dwight & Mary Brinkley
Terry & Colleen Chapman
Keith & Teresa Clavin
Carolyn & Ronald Crawford
Caroline Cummings
R A & Terry Edwards
Helen & Phillip Everley
Jack Graham
Lawrence & Judith Hathaway
Laird & Carol Ingham
Martha & Everett Lathrom
Stephen & Lynn Segebrecht
Patricia Shultz
Madeline Tolleson
David & Valeita Williams
Keith & Barbara Wood
Robert & Marilyn Zerwekh

Drew McCullough
Faye Smith

Monty Raine
Mathew & Elizabeth Harrison

Delbert Jackson (Jack) Robinson
Peter Robinson

Berton Russell
Robert Mic Finn

Michael Samms
Karla & Scott Gordon
Mark & Gail Ingham
Randy & Jeanne Kanoy
Lila Link
Cynthia & Michael Mense
Janet & James Milkovich
Neil & Nancy Rowland
Zach Shafran
Deborah Sinkins
Randy Warner

Bobby Sims
Dawn & Steve Chandler Family
Carolyn & Allan Harms Family
Tammy & Jerry Schmidt
Marilyn Vohs Family
Patricia & Derral Weber
Dorothy Wilson

Barry Wasson
Betsy Abert
Jeffrey & Virginia Bohndorf
Pauline & Douglas Oliver
Sharon Tackett
Margaret Wasson

Walter W Walton
Stu & Hazel Knutson
Georgette Page

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.

LEAVING A LEGACY
Investing in the Council Endowment Fund

If you’re reading this publication, you likely share a love of Scouting, and recognize the many benefits it brings in providing fun, exciting and educational opportunities for the youth in our communities. Just by reading through this newsletter, you can see prime examples of all the good things that are being done at the unit, district and council levels.

Of course, this all takes money. Many of you have showed your support of the Scouting program in tangible ways, like through the Investment in Character campaign and Patron Luncheon. While these efforts help to fund the day-to-day operations of the council, supporting our professional staff, the operations of our two nationally recognized camps and our inner city Scoutreach programs, Scouting has larger and longer-term needs as well. How will you leave a legacy? How will you affect future generations of young people?

The first of these opportunities is the James E. West Fellowship Award. Becoming a James E. West Fellow is a way to leave an enduring and perpetual gift to promote the benefits of Scouting. This is a national recognition for individuals who contribute $1,000 or more in cash or securities to the council endowment fund. This contribution is in addition to, and does not diminish or replace your annual gift to Investment in Character. Organizations or individuals may contribute and award in honor of someone...an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver recipient, district chairman, unit leader, or in memory of a departed loved one, business associate, Scout or Scouter. The award is recognized by a personalized certificate, lapel pin, and embroidered square knot for uniform wear.

Another way to help Scouting in a significant way and on a long-term basis is through the Second Century Society (formerly called the “1910 Society”). This is a major gifts campaign for donors to connect their vision and passion for Scouting in tangible and meaningful ways. You will be hearing more about these initiatives in the coming months, but donors who are able to support Scouting with a gift (presently or over five years) will qualify at levels of $25,000 and above. Donors are also encouraged to provide these gifts through a will or trust, life insurance policy, or other deferred gift. Of course, suitable recognitions in the form of attractive medals and certificates are provided to all members of the Second Century Society.

Consider a tax-deductible gift for one of these initiatives and share this information with others you know who are able to give to this program we all love so much—and the benefits of which we so clearly see.

If you have any questions about the council’s endowment program or would like additional information about planned gifts to the Heart of America Council, contact Kathy Sims at 816.569.4972 or kathy.sims@scouting.org or visit www.hoac-bsa.org/endowment.
Take the SCOUTStrong Challenge
June 23 | English Landing Park | Parkville, MO

Get your running shoes ready because the SCOUTStrong Challenge returns to historic Parkville, MO this summer. The SCOUTStrong Challenge features a 5K, 10K and a Challenge race—which is running both the 5K and the 10K races. The Challenge is a fun, formidable race along the Missouri River held at English Landing Park. Custom technical shirts will be given to all runners and unique custom medals will be awarded to the top finishers in all age groups. Start training today for this great event to support Scouting on a certified course. We can’t wait to have you at English Landing Park on Saturday, June 23. Register now to take the Challenge at www.hoac-bsa.org/scout-strong-challenge.
Limit one coupon per customer. Must be used in one transaction. Minimum purchase of $50, excludes tax and shipping charges. Cannot be combined with any other offers, team discounts, or used for gift cards, licenses or previously purchased merchandise. Not redeemable for cash, gift cards or store credit. No reproductions or rain checks accepted. Returns or exchanges where a ScoreCard Reward or other discount was applied may result in an adjusted refund amount. Excludes DICK’S Team Sports HQ Uniform and FanWear purchases and clearance items. Clearance items have .X3 or .X7 endings. Some exclusions apply. See store and DICKS.com/Exclusions for details. Valid 2/1/18 through 1/31/19.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW DICK’S SUPPORTS SPORTS LEAGUES, VISIT DICKS.COM/TSHQ
STEM Summer Camps

Adventures in Science for Every Scout

Explore summer in a whole new way at a Heart of America Council STEM Camp. Our 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. Learn more or register at STEMCamping.org.

College of Commissioner Service

February 24 | Cerner Riverport Campus

All commissioners regardless of position, prior training, and commissioner college degree are encouraged to attend this year's College of Commissioner Service on February 24 at the Cerner Riverport Campus. This year's guest speaker is Ralph de la Vega, Chairman of the 2017 Jamboree and the BSA’s All Markets Initiative.

The 2018 course curriculum will address the wide range of needs and issues often encountered in providing effective unit service. To learn more or to register, visit www.ccs2018.kintera.org.

February 26 | Federal Reserve Bank

The Heart of America Council Alumni Association is hosting the next Pro Series event at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Focused on professionals in the banking and finance industry, attendees will hear from Federal Reserve Bank President, Esther George, as well as a panel of finance industry experts who are also Scouts. This FREE event includes a continental breakfast and will be held on Monday, February 26 from 7:30 to 9:30 am at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Seating is limited to 100 participants and all attendees must pre-register at www.AlumniBanking.kintera.org.
Scout Patch included on all of the above shows except WWE Smackdown.

For further details email grouptickets@sprintcenter.com or call 816.949.7177

www.sprintcenter.com/Scout

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Troop 1120 Trenton Connor Elliott
Troop 1138 Lawrence Kirk Leavelle, Jr.
Troop 1138 Conner Scott Wolken
Troop 1124 Colby Robert Stigall
Troop 1126 Seth Michael Zetz
Troop 1161 Dustin Rodney Oleson
Troop 1173 Brett Leroy Gittinger

BLUE ELK
Troop 1042 Adam James Scantlin
Troop 1138 Adam Daro Solimani
Troop 1175 Braden Jace Williams
Troop 1175 Donnie James Richard II
Troop 1175 Brendan Christopher Oehrke
Troop 1175 Carl Brian Westmoreland Jr
Troop 1201 Gabriel Taylor Valdez
Troop 1201 Jay Scott Mitchell
Troop 1206 Austin Michael Ford
Troop 1206 Addison Wray Wheeler Wilson
Troop 1226 Wyatt Clark Ethington
Troop 1226 Austin Darren Todd
Troop 1226 Adam Brent Magee Jr
Troop 1225 Johan Albert Sondring Wiesemann
Troop 1225 John Thomas Janich
Troop 1225 Henry Robert Reber
Troop 1225 Nicholas Xavier Smith
Troop 1225 Zachary Kevin Grover
Troop 1225 Spencer Richard Cole
Troop 1226 Tanner James Hoover
Troop 1312 George Christian Horney
Troop 1362 Patrick Dean Brue

GOLDEN EAGLE
Troop 1180 Samuel Joseph Tomes
Troop 1214 Richard Michael Stepp
Troop 1214 Patrick William-Earl Gessler
Troop 1215 Vincent Flores-Spanik
Troop 1226 Michael Gigus York
Troop 1226 Dylan Riley Seymour
Troop 1271 Ethan Scott Burns
Troop 1313 Derek Ronald McFrein
Troop 1320 Ethan Jay Foster
Troop 1337 Tyson Paul Woulert
Troop 1374 Hayden Barrett Armstrong
Troop 1374 Brandon Daniel Homan
Troop 1374 Michael A Provence, Jr
Troop 1374 Gidy Vincent Prater
Troop 1374 Peter James Mallon
Troop 1394 Derek Thomas Wilcox
Troop 1408 John Charles McPherson
Troop 1412 Liam Wollman
Troop 1447 Reece Christopher Corda
Troop 1492 Colby James Williams

HIGH TAIL
Troop 1033 Logan Bradley Summers
Troop 1251 Ethan Pierce Fields
Troop 1262 Jacob Matthew Danley
Troop 1262 Connor Thomas Bidwell
Troop 1269 Nathanael Joseph Harding
Troop 1269 Noah Quinn Wermeyer
Troop 1366 Adam Aaro Ross
Troop 1391 Hector Emilio Calaballo III
Troop 1428 Andrew Christopher Rive
Troop 1530 Dominic David Lytton
Troop 1601 Mitchell Harris McKenzie
Troop 1601 Matthew James Soty
Troop 1601 John Fields Thurlow
Troop 1631 Marcello T Bradley

IRON HORSE
Troop 83 Matthew Bryan Clark
Troop 83 Patrick Donovan Whiten
Troop 83 Jacob David Fleming
Troop 85 Zachary Alan Swanson
Troop 86 Michael Thomas Huffines
Troop 88 Jayden Michael Wingfield
Troop 122 Alexander Yijiang Ge
Troop 122 Ethan Phillip Day
Troop 240 Joseph William Raymond Chase
Troop 289 Joel David Oberkorn

PIONEER TRAILS
Troop 1016 Jonathan David Ludwig
Troop 1018 Jacob Michael flor
Troop 1027 Terrell Russell Reburn
Troop 1062 Duncan Murphy MacDonald
Troop 1084 Elliot Andrew Abnos
Troop 1084 John Byron Eckels
Troop 1118 Ryan David Holquist

SOARING EAGLE
Troop 11 William Thomas Olson
Troop 102 Trevor Matthew Find
Troop 102 Andrew David Murphy
Troop 11 John Patrick McFerendt
Troop 11 Trevor Gary Sinclair
Troop 112 Dylan Wayne Burrow-Alleg
Troop 1120 Andrew Raegan Kinder
Troop 1120 Alexander Michael Nelson
Troop 1120 Andrew Peter Connor
Troop 1122 Luke Christopher Willenberg
Troop 1122 Maximilian Joseph Wagner
Troop 1122 Cole Jackson Willenberg
Troop 1122 Logan Michael Beemer
Troop 1122 Seth Thomas Weithofer
Troop 1122 Nicholas Stephen Blanckemee
Troop 1124 Casey Joseph Ring
Troop 1124 Joseph Carl Cansfield
Troop 1143 Trenton Russell Price

SPIRIT TRAIL
Troop 1003 Brennan Noel Travis
Troop 1003 Sawyer Lundeen
Troop 1003 Christian Scott Schmidt
Troop 1003 Andrew Alan Depp
Troop 1103 Ehren Rafael Rodriguez
Troop 1103 Jeremy Joseph Rokem
Troop 1103 Connor Liam James Reilly
Troop 1128 Carlen Levi Elmer
Troop 1128 Kenton Thomas Deems
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Troop 1218 Ian Christopher Boyle
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