EAGLE SCOUTS SOAR in Independence

2017 CLIFF PEMBLE EAGLE SCOUT RECEPTION

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New Council Website

*Same Domain…New Experience*

It’s the same address, but a new online experience. Visit [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org) to check out the newly redesigned Heart of America Council website. Thanks to our friends at i7Media, our upgraded site was designed for the ultimate user experience. With a streamlined design, improved search functionality and new mobile viewing options, this is your source for everything Scouting in Kansas City. Log on today to start your online experience.

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**COUNCIL CALENDAR**

**March**

- 27 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 28 District Popcorn Kernel Meeting
- 30 Good Friday—Council Service Center Closed

**April**

- 4 Council Day Camp Committee Meeting
- 7 Bartle Workday & Skilled Trades Day
- 7 Portable Climbing Wall Training
- 11 Properties Committee Meeting
- 11 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 12 Council Endowment Committee Meeting
- 17 Scouts with Disabilities Committee Meeting
- 17 Mic-O-Say Council of Chieftains
- 18 Council Coordinated Committees Meeting
- 19 Board of Directors Executive Meeting

For the complete Council Calendar go to [www.hoac-bsa.org/calendar](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/calendar)
Eagle Scouts Soar In Independence

2017 Eagle Scout Class Reception Moves to Silverstein Eye Centers Arena

With nearly 1,000 in attendance on Saturday, March 3 at Silverstein Eye Centers Arena, more than 200 Eagle Scouts were honored for their accomplishments in attaining Scouting’s highest rank. Chairman and CEO of Garmin, Cliff Pemble, accompanied the group as the 2017 Eagle Scout Class honoree for the annual reception. Pemble, along with emcee Joel Goldberg from FOX Sports Kansas City, helped honor these spectacular young men as a part of Scouting’s elite.

There were also some special accomplishments recognized at this event. Kendall Seal, Vice President of Research and Policy and General Counsel for the Women’s Foundation, John Thomson, Founder and CEO of PayIt, and Zachary Walker, Independence, MO City Manager, were recognized as National Outstanding Eagle Scouts. Gabriel Maloney from Troop 1564 was awarded the Eagle Scout Project of the Year and Troop 1062 Scoutmaster, George Weaver, was recognized as the Paul D. Arend Distinguished Scoutmaster of the Year. Members of the 2017 Eagle Scout Class were also awarded a special “Challenge Coin” for attending.

Dig Day

Saturday, May 12

Get ready to roll up your sleeves because Dig Day is right around the corner. On Saturday, May 12, the Heart of America Council will partner with Kansas City Parks and Recreation once again for Dig Day—a day dedicated to making a difference. Scouts will plant more than 18,000 flowers on Mother’s Day weekend across Kansas City—an undertaking that would usually take Parks and Rec employees nearly two months to complete. We need the help of Scouts and volunteers to help plant every flower in one day. Help us make Kansas City even more beautiful again this year. Sign up to help and select your dig site at www.hoac-bsa.org.
### Scouting in Kansas City

#### 2017 Year in Review

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<td>Ensure quality Scouting programs are delivered throughout our council</td>
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<td><strong>Eagle Scouts</strong></td>
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<td>Distinguished themselves as Scouting’s elite after reaching the pinnacle of the Boy Scout program</td>
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<td><strong>21% of Kansas City Youth</strong></td>
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<td>Are served by Scouting, making the Heart of America Council one of the largest youth serving agencies in our area</td>
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#### Additional Statistics

- **153,633 Community Service Hours**
- **29,033 Merit Badges Earned**
- **$119,670 Provided in Camping Assistance**
- **12,661 Rank Advancements**
- **18,192 Scouts Camping**
- **4,003 Arrowmen in Tamegonit Lodge**
- **81,392 MOC-2-Say Tribesmen**

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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. Make plans now to make this summer unforgettable. Our 2018 Summer Camp Adventure Guide is now available at hoac-bsa.org. Inside you’ll find camping opportunities from Day Camp to High Adventure and everything in between.

Download your copy at HOAC-BSA.ORG

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

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

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
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.

SCOUT DAY AT THE K

Sunday, April 29 | Kauffman Stadium

Scout Day returns to Kauffman Stadium on Sunday, April 29. 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.

Give a Can…Get the Patch

There’s no place like a Sunday at the K and we’re excited to unveil our new Royals “home jersey inspired” patch. This limited-edition patch is available to the first 8,000 attendees who bring a canned food item for Harvesters to Scout Day at the K!
NASA Astronaut Highlights Patron Luncheon

March 1 | Kansas City Convention Center

The Heart of America Council’s Patron Luncheon, the council’s largest fundraising event of the year, set records in attendance and dollars raised on March 1. Highlighted by former NASA astronaut, Captain Jerry Linenger, the sold-out event welcomed more than 1,100 business and community leaders to the Kansas City Convention Center. Captain Linenger’s motivating message to lunch attendees centered around the importance of character and perseverance, and how under adversity, was able to safely return to Earth after a grueling mission in space.

This year’s luncheon also featured a captivating interview between John Holt, Fox 4 News Anchor, and five of Kansas City’s first female Cub Scouts. Ray Kowalik, CEO of Burns & McDonnell, served as event chairman and helped raise more than $600,000 for local Scouting programs.
INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

Investment in Character is the council’s annual fundraising campaign that keeps Scouting an affordable and effective youth development program. All units are highly encouraged to hold an Investment in Character presentation between by this April. To schedule a presentation, contact your district’s Family Investment in Character Chairman. Be on the lookout for our new “Obedient” recognition patches and thank you for investing in our future.

TEXT TO GIVE

We’re making it easier to give to Scouting. Simply text IIC to 41444 to make your annual gift instantly.

Give back to Scouting and track your unit advancements for FREE with Scoutbook. We’re excited to announce that all Heart of America Council units who achieve their 2018 Investment in Character goal will receive a FREE Scoutbook account for all of their Scouts!

Scoutbook delivers a suite of easy-to-use web-based tools that allow units to communicate more effectively, update records, track advancement and manage activities. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org for the official details.
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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW DICK’S SUPPORTS SPORTS LEAGUES, VISIT DICKS.COM/TSHQ
World Jamboree

July 22 – August 2, 2019

Don’t miss the chance to meet Scouts from around the globe at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree! The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia will host the global event for 12 days of adventure and fellowship. Scouts will make new friendships and gain valuable exposure to other cultures as they interact with other Scouts and Scouters from over 200 countries. The Scout Oath binds all Scouts together and the World Scout Jamboree will provide all who attend a truly global perspective. Learn more about how to join our council contingent at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Complete Your Unit Assessment

Due April 30

Completing a detailed unit assessment for every Scouting unit is essential when it comes to planning your Journey to Excellence strategy for the year. A detailed unit assessment will include strategic goals to aid in planning and budgets, membership recruitment and retention, program attendance, and volunteer leadership. Please work with your unit commissioner to make sure that your detailed unit assessment is recorded in Commissioner Tools.

Every unit that works with their Commissioner to complete their detailed unit assessment for the period of January 1 thru April 30, will have their unit number placed in a drawing for one paid campership to be used this year at Day Camp, Bear Camp, Webelos Camp, STEM Camp or Boy Scout Camp. This campership may be assigned to an adult or a Scout.

Every Commissioner who completes and records a detailed unit assessment will also be entered into a similar drawing for one paid campership.
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