Hike the Haunted Trails of Camp Naish on October 26

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**Anticipated BSA Membership Fee Change**

Scouting truly is a life changing program for youth. It’s where our future leaders learn to lead and it’s a program that prepares our children for a better life.

In the last month, more than two-thousand new families took their first step on the Scouting trail and joined a Cub Scout pack in the Heart of America Council. These families believe in Scouting and trust that our program will instill positive character and leadership values in their children.

They, along with the rest of our Scouting community, also know that Scouting is an incredible value for families. As we continue our mission to deliver Scouting across the Greater Kansas City area, the leadership of the Heart of America Council is committed to providing a safe and cost effective Scouting experience for everyone.

Right now, our National organization is evaluating the growing costs of delivering our program and have tasked a team of volunteers and staff from across the country to determine the best path forward for our organization.

**This will likely require a national membership fee increase for youth and adult leaders effective January 1, 2020.**

The exact amount of the potential fee increase has yet to be determined, but that figure is expected to be released in late October. Once the exact increase is determined, we will relay that information via our council website and social media channels.

It’s important to note that annual membership fees go directly to our national organization to pay for essential items like insurance coverage, youth protection resources and criminal background checks. The increase is being considered out of necessity to support these critical safety components of our organization.

Rest assured, our council will make sure that all youth have the opportunity to experience the character-building benefits that Scouting provides regardless of their financial situation.

We thank you for your continued commitment to Scouting in the Heart of America Council and urge you to continue to be an advocate for Scouting and how our programs are preparing thousands of youth across Kansas City for life.
Updated Background Check Authorization
For All Adult Volunteers

The BSA and the Heart of America Council are committed first and foremost to keeping youth safe. Part of that commitment includes continually updating our youth protection policies to help ensure we are always on the forefront of youth safety.

One of the BSA’s many barriers to abuse is a mandatory criminal background check during the adult volunteer application process.

The BSA will now also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs.

All adult volunteers are required to complete the authorization process outlined on this page. Please complete at your earliest availability to help us continue to provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts and leaders.

The steps below must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed.

1. Review the disclosure document “Background Check Disclosure”

2. Once you have reviewed the “Background Check Disclosure,” print the document titled “Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization”

   Review the additional disclosures on that form, then complete and sign the Authorization using an ink/wet signature.

   *Note: A print signature is required for this document.

3. Turn in the signed “Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization” form promptly to your unit leader or Heart of America Council Service Center. (10210 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, MO 64131)

If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form and return it to your unit leader or Heart of America Council Service Center, your 2020 annual registration will not be processed.

Unit Leaders: Completed Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization forms should be collected and submitted with your 2020 re-charter paperwork.

All registered adults in the Heart of America Council will also receive an email communication from BSA National in October reminding all volunteers of this process.

DOWNLOAD FORMS AT WWW.HOAC-BSA.ORG
PLAN YOUR ADVENTURE NOW

For more than 100 years, camping has been at the forefront of the Scouting program. The outdoor experience is one of the most important aspects of Scouting we can provide for our Scouts and now is the time to plan your 2020 summer camp adventure.

We’re currently preparing for an amazing 2020 camping season. Based on the feedback of our troops, Scouts, and families, we are ready to offer the following summer sessions for our Scouts BSA Troops.

**BARTLE SCOUT RESERVATION | 2020**
- Mixed gender sessions will be offered in Camp Piercing Arrow for all-boy and all-girl troops during 2nd and 4th sessions
- A mixed gender session will be added during session #5 if sessions 2 & 4 reach capacity
- 2020 session schedule allows linked troops to camp in the same camp during the same session, but in separate campsites
- All-girl troops will combine into designated campsites separate from all-boy troops
- Boys and girls will participate in program areas together
- Camps Lone Star and Sawmill will be available for all-boy troops only during all sessions

**NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION | 2020**
- A mixed gender session will be offered for all-boy and all-girl troops during 1st session
- A mixed gender session will be added during session #2 if session 1 reaches capacity
- All-girl troops will combine into designated campsites separate from all-boy troops
- Boys and girls will participate in program areas together

The draw to determine the 2020 camp placement for all Scouts BSA troops camping at the Theodore Naish and H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservations begins this October. All Scoutmasters and committee chairmen were mailed a letter with more information and their particular draw date.

The draw is based on the number of Scouts and full-time leaders your troop camped in either 2018 or 2019 (whichever is greater) and will be camping in 2020. A troop representative must be present to place their “ticket” in the draw and be prepared to pay the required deposit of $75 per Scout and full-time leader. Troops will be placed in camp, session and campsite in the order of the draw, as space is available.

Please contact the Heart of America Council Camping Department with questions at 816.942.9333.
October 26 | Camp Naish

Bring the entire pack to Camp Naish on October 26 and brave the ghouls and goblins along our Haunted Trails. This spooky Halloween favorite is suitable for all ages with tours scheduled every fifteen minutes from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

A guided tour costs only $8 per person and includes the official patch and a spooky snack. Choose from our list of haunted tours and reserve your spot today at www.hoac-bsa.org/haunted-trails.

HAUNTED TOURS ONLY $8
Includes Guided Tour, Spooky Snack & Patch

Tours Begin at Bonner Springs High School
100 McDaniels St. | Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Please arrive early and make sure your entire group is present before starting your tour!
All Scouts who recruit a friend to join Scouting will receive this limited edition Halloween-themed council shoulder patch. Simply turn in the new application at the council office through October 31st and both Scouts will earn the patch.

Even better, our “recruiters” will also be entered into drawings to win $100 Amazon or summer camp gift cards. The more friends you recruit, the more chances you have to win!

Popcorn season is here and Scouts are now selling delicious Pecatonica River Popcorn across Kansas City. Selling popcorn teaches Scouts the valuable lesson of earning their own way and helps them pay for amazing experiences like going to summer camp. So, if you see a Scout selling, help them out by purchasing a tin or two or three!

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POPCORN RESOURCES & MORE

www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn
Shawnee Mission North High School

Sharpen your pencils! University of Scouting is moving to Shawnee Mission North High School on Saturday, November 2.

Whether you’re a new leader or a seasoned pro, there’s a course for you at University of Scouting. From new sessions all about Scouts BSA to Scoutbook, there’s truly something for everyone.

This is your chance to network and learn alongside more than 500 fellow Scouters at one of the largest Scout training events in the country.

Choose from more than 100 unique courses all offered on this “Super Saturday” from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost to attend is only $30 per person. Your enrollment fee includes lunch, access to our Midway with over 30 vendors, course supplies and the official University of Scouting patch.


EARN YOUR DEGREE

Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s & Doctorate Degree

Courses Available

available courses

- STEM in Scouting
- ScoutBook.com
- Guide to Safe Scouting
- Duty to God
- #Marketing
- Den Chief Training
- So…You’re a New Den Leader
- Cooking for Beginners
- Beyond the Badge
- High Adventure
- First Year Camping
- & Much More!
October 18-20 | Camp Naish

Explore the science of Scouting through exciting workshops taught by experts in the areas of space exploration, engineering, chemistry, aviation and more!

Our inaugural STEM Rally is scheduled for October 18-20 at Camp Naish. The interactive program includes an introduction to the BSA's Nova Awards — a cutting-edge advancement program that explores the basic principles of STEM and how it can be applied to careers and education.

Learn more and make your reservation now for only $25 at www.STEMCamping.org.

A Scout is... REVERENT

Explore the spiritual values and worship experiences of 8 different faith traditions during this 2-part event. Our Ten Commandments Interfaith Trek will visit Jewish, Islamic, Catholic, LDS, Protestant, Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh houses of worship over the course of two Sundays.

| PART 1 | PART 2 |
| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 | SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020 |

Participants will experience a worship service, learn about that religion and hear how each interprets the Ten Commandments. This FREE event is open to Scouts, leaders and families of ALL faiths and includes a unique 2-part patch. Pre-register and learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/ten-commandments-trek.

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Join us for one of the wildest Scouting events of the year November 1 – 2 at the Kansas City Zoo.

Open to Scouts of all ages, explore a special overnight zoo adventure with interactive activity stations and the rare chance to catch a glimpse of the zoo's nocturnal animals.

The program is broken down into several different activity areas ready to accommodate your pack and troop. Stations are designed with games, crafts, and animal encounters with specific advancement requirements in mind.

- Open to youth 6 and older
- $40 per person if registered before October 12
- $50 per person if registered after October 12
- FOTZ—members receive a 10% discount

Reservations available at www.kansascityzoo.org/events/cub-scout-bsa-night.

Can't make it to Scout Night? Stop by on Saturday, November 2 for Scout Day at the Zoo. Scouts in uniform will receive FREE admission and those accompanying them will receive a reduced admission of $7. The first 250 Scouts will also receive a limited edition Kansas City Zoo Patch.
It’s one of the cooooollest events of the year! Scout Night with the Kansas City Mavericks returns to Silverstein Eye Centers Arena on Saturday, December 7. The puck drops at 7:05 pm.

The Scout Night ticket package is only $20 and includes a game ticket, official Scout Day patch, access to pre-game activities on the concourse and a post-game shot on goal on the ice! And don’t forget to wear your uniform. We will be selecting Scouts to participate in games on the big screen during timeouts.

New in 2019, Scout in style to the game with our limited edition Kansas City Mavericks and BSA co-branded cap. Pre-order yours today for an additional $24 and we’ll have it waiting for you at the game.

December 7 is also Marvel Night! The Mavericks will be wearing limited edition Spider-Man jerseys and we’ll be hosting a private meet and greet with select Mavs players and Marvel characters for Scouts from 5:15 pm – 6 pm in the President’s Club.

And don’t forget your Teddy Bear! Fans are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal for the annual Teddy Bear Toss to be thrown on the ice after the Mavericks score their first goal.

ORDER TICKETS AT HOAC-BSA.ORG
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 2/1/19 through 1/31/20.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW DICK’S SUPPORTS SPORTS LEAGUES, VISIT DICKS.COM/TSHQ
November is Scout Month
at LEGOLAND® Discovery Center and SEA LIFE!

Scout groups of any size are invited to visit and receive a mega-awesome discount during Scout Month!

*Offer valid exclusively for scouts, scout leaders, parents & guardians throughout the month of November 2019 only!

*Workshops must be booked 2 weeks in advance with at least 15 scouts.

SCOUT MONTH TICKET RATES:
$7+tax per scout
$10+tax per adult
Jurassic World Fans — get ready for this all-new, live action show coming to your hometown! Experience the excitement of being face-to-face with life-sized dinosaurs, including the vicious Tyrannosaurus Rex, the Velociraptor Blue and many other favorites. Adventure is guaranteed with arena-sized action, special effects and physical stunts that will leave you on the edge-of-your seat!

FOR DETAILS:

sprintcenter.com/scout
Call: 816-949-7177
Email: goupottickets@sprintcenter.com
JurassicWorldLiveTour.com

Valid on select seating. Offer expires Nov. 22. (while supplies last). $10 Handling Fee.
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