Friday, February 15 | Marriott Muehlebach

Honor the top volunteers from across the Heart of America Council at our annual Recognition Banquet on Friday, February 15. The “Traditions Old... Adventures New” inspired event will pay tribute to our council’s rich heritage while also looking ahead to the future of the Scouting movement. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of our council’s most coveted honors—the Silver Beaver and North Star Awards. Meet this year’s honorees and enjoy a few surprises.

Gather your Scouting friends and reserve your table of 10 today at hoac-bsa.org/annual-recognition-dinner.

- Reserve a table of 10 for $400
- Individual reservations: $45
- Salute to a Silver Beaver: $100
- Publicly recognize your favorite Silver Beaver recipient(s) on a page in the program.

Truman Library Merit Badge Program

January 19, 2019 | Independence, Missouri

On January 19 take part in the annual Truman Library Merit Badge Program and earn all the requirements for American Heritage or Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badges and tour the historic Truman Library and Museum. There will only be one session of this event due to construction at the Library and Museum, so only the first one hundred registrants will be able to participate. You don’t want to miss this one of a kind opportunity to earn these badges.

This is an individual registrant event, there is no unit registration. Class “A” uniform is required.

To register and view the event website for prerequisites at hoac-bsa.org/merit-badge-program
What you need to ‘Be Prepared’ for the launch of Scouts BSA on Feb. 1, 2019

On February 1, 2019, the Boy Scouts of America will officially launch Scouts BSA. It’s the same great program we currently call Boy Scouts, but it will be open to any young person—boy or girl—ages 11 to 17.

Volunteers, parents and Scouts have been preparing for Scouts BSA for months with families forming a plan to start all girl troops as soon as possible.

It’s important to note that there will be separate Scouts BSA troops for girls and boys. Some units may choose to form a linked troop—separate boy and girl troops that share a chartered organization and troop committee.

So how do you get started? Here’s a checklist for success when starting your new troop.

How to Start Your New Troop
A Check-List for Success

✔ Identify your “Organizer”
  — This person will gather all paperwork and coordinate the new unit organizing process.

✔ Contact your District Professional
  — Connect with your District Professional and let them know you are starting a new unit.

✔ Identify the Chartering Organization
  — Obtain their approval to charter a new unit and obtain a completed and signed new unit application and charter fee.

✔ Select a Scoutmaster
  — Choose who will lead your unit and obtain a completed application and appropriate fee.

✔ Select a Committee
  — Obtain completed applications and appropriate registration fees from each person.

✔ Get Trained
  — All leaders in your unit will need to be trained for their position and must complete Youth Protection Training.

✔ Draft a 12-month Program Plan
  — Include meeting dates, times, location and summer camp, recruiting plans, popcorn sales, service opportunities, district and council activities, and unit campouts each month. Utilize HOAC’s Ideal Year of Scouting to help you begin this process. View resources at hoac-bsa.org/ideal-year-of-scouting.

✔ Recruit Youth Members
  — Interested youth members are engaged during a recruiting process that culminates with an orientation night or event. Be sure to make it fun! Applications and appropriate fees are collected from youth members and parents that night.

✔ Organizer Meets with District Professional
  — Review and submit all paperwork.

✔ Timeline
  — On February 1, 2019, or after, begin your unit plan and continue to recruit new members into your unit.

Where can I find a Troop in my area?

Visit BeAScout.Org and search by zip code for a unit in your area or contact the Heart of America Council directly at 816.942.9333.

Keep up to date with the latest news on Scouts BSA at scouting.org/scoutsbsa.

Essential Scouts BSA resources available now at scouting.org/familyscouting

INFOGRAPHICS  LAUNCH PLAN
FAQS  RECRUITING LEADERS
Coming Soon

Summer Camp 2019

Make your summer plans now!

It might be cold outside now, but we’re thinking summer and the return to summer camp! And now is the time to make your unit’s summer plans. Here are the 2019 summer adventures available along with reservation details to help you plan your ultimate summer.

SCOUTS BSA
Registration is now open for the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations.

- Half payments are due on February 13, 2019
- Full payments are due on April 17, 2019

Cub Scouts
Online Bear Camp reservations will begin on February 11, 2019 and final payments are due by April 24, 2019. There are no walk-ins available.

Online Webelos Camp reservations will begin on January 14, 2019 and final payments are due by April 24, 2019. There are no walk-ins available.

Online sign-up for Day Camps begin on January 14, 2019 and payments are due by April 24, 2019. After April 24, prices will increase to $75/Scout. Walk-Ins are $80/Scout.

For more information on all camping opportunities, visit ScoutCamping.org

Adventures Ahead!

2019 Summer Camp Adventure Guide is Here!

Summer camp is an invaluable part of Scouting and where memories are made. And whether it’s roasting marshmallows over a campfire, facing your fears from the top of the climbing tower, or even splashing in a pool on a hot summer day, the fun and adventure of summer camp stays with us for a lifetime.

Make plans now to make this summer unforgettable. Our 2019 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 Scouts BSA to STEM.

Download the digital guide at ScoutCamping.org
Become a Friend of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is the Heart of America Council's annual fundraising campaign that keeps Scouting an affordable and effective youth development program. Your investment stays right here in the Greater Kansas City area and provides our Scouts with the camps, programs, and leadership opportunities to prepare them for life.

All units are highly encouraged to hold a Friends of Scouting presentation between January and March. To schedule a presentation, contact your district's Family Friends of Scouting Chairman or district professional.

RECOGNITION ITEMS

We want to recognize all of our donors and supporters who give to Scouting in Kansas City.

- **All Gifts**—Prepared. For Life Static Sticker
- **Family Level ($180)**—"Cheerful" Council Strip Patch
- **Leadership Level ($300)**—"Cheerful" Council Strip Patch + Family Level Patch + American Flag Hat
- **Pacesetter Level ($540)**—"Cheerful" Council Strip Patch + Leadership & Family Level Patch + American Flag Hat

RECOGNIZING OUR UNITS

We want to recognize all of our units who meet or exceed their 2019 Friends of Scouting goal by awarding them FREE rank advancement through March 30, 2010. In order to receive this incentive, you must have held your unit FOS presentation no later than April 15, 2019 and achieve your unit dollar goal.

*You may reach the goal after April 15, 2019 but no later than December 31, 2019.*

3 WAYS TO GIVE

GIVE NOW | GIVE MONTHLY | GIVE LATER
GIVESCOUTINGKC.ORG

The 2019 Patron Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 7 in the Grand Ballroom of the Kansas City Convention Center at 11:30 am.

The Patron Luncheon is part of the Heart of America Council’s annual "Friends of Scouting" campaign and will feature Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski.

A 21-year veteran of the United States Air Force, Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski (USAF, Ret.) wanted to fly military jets from the moment she saw them at her first air show when she was five years old. A leader, a combat veteran, the first woman pilot on the Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron, an instructor, a White House Fellow, and an inductee into the Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame, Nicole's Air Force career exceeded her wildest dreams.

Sponsorships and Table Host opportunities are available, some of which include access to the exclusive speaker reception held prior to the event. Those interested in attending should contact Haley Bowman at 816.569.4965 or haley.bowman@scouting.org.
So… You’re a New Den Leader

So… You’ve been recruited to be a Den Leader. Now you may be asking yourself “What did I get myself into?!?” Don’t worry, you’re not alone and we’re here to help! We’ve created a new video just for new Den Leaders that outlines the top 5 things to help navigate the critical first month of Cub Scouting.

Check out video resources and more at hoac-bsa.org/new-den-leader

5 Steps to Complete by Your First Den Meeting

Step 1: Get Trained
Step 2: Know Your Den
Step 3: Get the Uniform
Step 4: Follow the Guide
Step 5: Conducting Your First Meeting

Your Adventure Continues Here…

Are you currently in an LDS Scouting unit and planning to continue the Scouting adventure beyond 2019? Attend one of our upcoming Town Hall meetings for ways you can Continue the Adventure!

Upcoming Town Halls

- February 28th—Council Service Center—7:00 PM
- March 28th—Council Service Center—7:00 PM
- April 27th—Council Service Center—9:00 AM

We’re also here to help you plan your next Scouting adventure. Complete an interest form at hoac-bsa.org/the-adventure-continues and we’ll have someone contact you to help you get started.
COPE-A-Palooza

April 12 – 14 | H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

COPE-A-Palooza is the newest COPE and Climbing event set for this spring at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. C.O.P.E, which stands for, Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, is the ultimate way to test yourself and climb to new heights. This event is a great option for your troop’s monthly campout and to get a sneak peek of your summer session campsite before anyone else. Each participant will receive a COPE-A-Palooza bandana.

WHAT YOU’LL BE DOING:
- **Cope course**: zip line, crate stacking, climbing, rappelling
- **Climbing tower**: climbing, rappelling, ice climbing, rope ascending, up and down cave
- **Fort Collins**: natural site rappelling portable climbing tower
- **Cedar Bluff**: rappelling Cedar Bluff, climbing Devil's staircase, explore Rattlesnake Cave

$25 per person (including adults)
Bring your own food and shelter and camp at either Pioneer Trails or Piercing Arrow.
Learn more and sign up at [hoac-bsa.org/cope-a-palooza](http://hoac-bsa.org/cope-a-palooza).

Scout Day returns to the K on Sunday, April 28.

Join more than 10,000 Scouts as the Kansas City Royals take on the Los Angeles Angels. More than just admission to the game, your Scout Day at the K ticket will also give you access to Scout exclusive pre-game experiences throughout the stadium.

**ADVANCE TICKETS ON SALE JANUARY 14**
GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY, THIS GAME WILL SELL OUT!

**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.

**PRE-GAME SCOUT PARADE:**
We’re giving 1,000 lucky Scouts the chance to see the K from a new perspective as they’re a part of our pre-game Scout parade. Scouts will be cheered on by thousands of fans as they make their way around the diamond. All parade participants must pre-register at [hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k](http://hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k). Parade reservations available beginning February 1.
Connect with the New Scouting App

Track every advancement with real-time results

It’s our gift to you. Starting on January 1, 2019, all Scoutbook subscriptions are now FREE for everyone! Scoutbook is the BSA’s online management tool that helps Scouts, parents and leaders track every advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail.

Along with Scoutbook being free for all users, we are excited to share with you the BSA’s newest app, Scouting, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play and is compatible for iPhone and Android users.

The Scouting app makes it easier than ever for youth and their parents to view and track advancement across all Scouting programs. The app pulls existing advancement data straight from Scoutbook for viewing on an enhanced user interface.

No wifi—no problem! This app will go with you when your Scouting adventures take you off the grid with offline capability that allows parents and Scouts (13 and older) to access advancement data anywhere any time.

Once downloaded, parents and Scouts should use their Scoutbook credentials to login. If you don’t have a Scoutbook account yet, visit Scoutbook.com to create one now. If your unit hasn’t signed up for their Scoutbook account yet, don’t worry, you can still log on and create an account for your Scout.

What can this app do?

• Track a Scout’s advancement
• Track logs like service hours, hiking, and camping
• View parent and/or Scout profiles
• Provide parent access to your Scouts’ accounts
• Other features include; night-mode, user default data settings, and offline capabilities. Additional features like a Scout community, notifications, leadership, calendar and Scout challenges are expected to be released soon.

Download this free app today and start tracking your Scout’s journey!

SCOUTBOOK.COM
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 rip-offs 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
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