On August 30 at a pregame ceremony at Kauffman Stadium, eleven adult Eagle Scouts were honored for a lifetime of service to their communities.

These individuals were the first to receive the Ewing M. Kauffman Adult Eagle Scout Award. The eleven, honored in a pregame ceremony, included: Michael Avery, Rick Boeshaar, Cliff Illig, Mark Jorgenson, Leo Long, Henry Lyons, Carl Mesle, Neal Paterson, Ike Skelton, Brant Tidwell and Larry Winn III.

The Kauffman Adult Eagle Scout Award was started as a part of the Heart of America Council’s celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. This local award will be presented annually and is named in honor of one Kansas City’s most prominent Eagles, Ewing M. Kauffman. Mr. Kauffman earned his Eagle Badge in 1932 and credited his Scouting experience with his safe return from three years of active sea duty during WWII. He was active in Scouting throughout his life.

The Ewing M. Kauffman Eagle Award highlights the positive impact that more than 44,000 Eagle Scouts have made on our community, just as Mr. “K” did throughout his lifetime.

Eleven Eagles Honored for Lifetime Achievement

(l to r) Cliff Illig, Carl Mesle, Ike Skelton, Larry Winn III, Rick Boeshaar, Henry Lyons, Brant Tidwell, Mrs. Leo Long.
The Hall Family & Hallmark Cards, Inc
2010 Heart of America Council Distinguished Citizen

The Heart of America Council is proud to recognize the Hall family with the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award. Through the establishment and development of Hallmark Cards and their belief in giving back to the community that has helped to make them successful, the Halls are a cornerstone of business life in Kansas City and set an outstanding example for us all.

When Joyce Hall arrived in Kansas City with two boxes of postcards in 1910, she had no idea that her business would grow to become Kansas City’s largest employer. In 1966, Donald Hall became Hallmark’s Chief Executive Officer. He was Hallmark’s CEO during the mid-1960’s through the 1980’s overseeing dramatic growth and innovation. He served as CEO until 2002 when he became the Chairman of the Board allowing his son, Donald Hall Jr., to become President and CEO. Don Hall’s second son, David Hall, joined the team in 1981 and became President of North American Operations in 2005.

The family’s Scouting involvement dates back to the 1940’s when Rollie Hall was a volunteer for the Boy Scouts. He served as a presiding Chief-tain of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 1944 and was known by the tribal name of Friendly Elk. Don Hall attended H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in the 1940’s and became a warrior of the tribe in 1945. His tribal name is Glowing Wood. He was a member of Troop 84 and attained the rank of Life Scout. Don Hall Jr. served as a volunteer with Cub Scout Pack 4016 while his son Billy attended and earned Cub Scouting’s highest rank, the Arrow of Light. They both participated in the camping programs at Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. David Hall was also a youth member of the Scouting program.

Active on many area boards, the United Way and non-profits, the Hall family believes in the importance of giving back to the community. The Hall’s philosophy extends to their company and makes Hallmark an outstanding example of corporate citizenship. The Halls encourage their employees to volunteer in the community by matching Hallmark dollars with employee volunteer service. In the late 1980’s the Hall Foundation was instrumental in providing the initial funding for our Urban Scouting program. Growing from an initial group of 300 Scouts, this program currently serves more than 6,070 young people.

Congratulations and thank you to the Hall family and Hallmark Cards, Inc for your dedicated service to Scouting and the Kansas City community during your first 100 years. Your caring leadership sets an example for us all and makes Kansas City a wonderful place to call home.
Sporting Clays Tournament and Shooting Sports Banquet & Auction

On Sunday October 17, 2010, more than 120 shooters gathered at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation for the first combined Sporting Clays Tournament and Shooting Sports Banquet. These events offered an opportunity for a day of fellowship and fun while raising money to support the Heart of America Council’s Shooting Sports Program for Scouting youth. Our Shooting Sports Program provides an opportunity for Scouts learn about gun safety and practice the safe use of various, age-appropriate firearms.

The Sporting Clays Tournament was held on a newly designed, portable course consisting of 12 stations. Following the tournament shooters and other guests were treated to a dinner of exotic eats cooked by council volunteer chefs. Following dinner was a silent and live auction of various home use and outdoor items.

This event was possible thanks to the support of the following sponsors: Waddell & Reed, Tournament Sponsor; CZ-USA Shooter Favor Sponsor; Fairbanks Morse, Promotions Sponsor; Federal Premium Ammunition, Ammunition Sponsor; Auction Sponsors: Hodgdon Powder, The Bullet Hole, D9 Firearms.com, Cerda-Fied Gun Dogs. Shooting Sponsors: ATK, Cerner, Commerce Bank, Dan Henry, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Garmin International, Hodgdon Powder, Kansas State Rifle Association, KPMG LLP, Lockton Companies, Midland Radio, Safari Club International, Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP, Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP, Swope Community Enterprises, Wachter Electric.

Troop 366’s 100th Eagle Scout Celebrated in Scouting’s 100th Anniversary

On 20 September 2010, Daniel Klinger, son of Randy & Linda Klinger, was presented his Eagle Scout Award as a member of Boy Scout Troop 366 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He became the 100th Eagle Scout from Troop 366 in this the 100th Anniversary of the Boy scouts of America and the 50th Anniversary for Troop 366.

Daniel earned 36 merit badges. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. For his Eagle project, Daniel planned and executed the removal of a plywood structure from the Pioneer Chapel activity room. He also supervised the assembly of metal storage cabinets and the restocking of the Chapel materials. In addition, the project included the recycling of the wood and cardboard shipping containers. The project made the Chapel more presentable and organized.

Most notable about Daniel’s achievement is that he joins his four older brothers, as Eagle Scouts, all from Troop 366. His oldest brother, Nathan, earned his Eagle Scout award on 1 December 1993 and is now a manager for Wal-Mart in Roeland Park, Kansas. Joel, the next oldest, earned his Eagle Scout award on 4 August 1997 and is also a manager at a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market in Overland Park, Kansas. They were followed by Caleb who earned his Eagle award on 6 September 2001 and is currently in the Ukraine as a missionary for Campus Crusade for Christ. Micah who earned his Eagle award on 6 March 2003 and is a senior at Mid-America University and a manager at Applebee’s in Lawrence, Kansas. Daniel ’s grandfather, Malcolm McGregor, was also an Eagle Scout.
A Year of Celebration for Our Scouts

In 2010, the Heart of America Council celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in a big way. Our year-long series of activities included everything from community service to one of the largest weekend-long gathering of Scouts and Scouters in the country during the anniversary year.

Community Good Turn Days
In April and May, each of our 13 Scout districts selected projects designed to make our communities a better place. Scouts painted, weeded, cleaned up parks, bikeways and streams. Scouts and Scouters donated thousands of volunteer manhours throughout the council marking Scouting’s tradition of the Good Turn.

Royal Gathering of Eagles
More than 4,800 Scouts and Scouters including more than 1,700 Eagle Scouts attended the first Royal Gathering of Eagles on August 30. Eleven adult Eagles were recognized for lifetime service with the first class of the annual Kauffman Adult Eagle Scout Awards and our oldest Eagle Scout, Carl Mesle, threw out the first pitch.

National Jamboree
The Heart of America Council sent a contingent of over 150 Scouts and leaders to represent us at the 100th Anniversary National Jamboree.

Scout-Out Hunger
Scout-Out Hunger was a council-wide partnership with Harvesters to provide food to help needy families in our community. More than 200,000 pounds of food was collected by the Scouts in our council and donated to Harvesters.

Centennial Campout
More than 11,500 Scouts and Scouters gathered near the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation for a weekend-long, Jamboree-style event. The Centennial Campout was one of the largest gathering of Scouts in 2010. Scout were treated to events and activities all day followed by a stage show and fireworks on Saturday night.

Adventure Base 100
Created specifically for the 100th Anniversary Celebration, Adventure Base 100 is a national 10,000 square foot Scouting campus of hands-on activities and displays. On the first weekend in October it visited the America Royal Barbeque. Adventure Base 100 was visted by more than 5,500 Scouts from as far away as Wichita, Kansas.