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Thanks to the 19,359 adult volunteers who gave selflessly of their time and talent, the 760 Chartered Organizations who support Scouting and the thousands of donors who provided financial support. Scouting changed the lives of 55,365 young men and women in our community!

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Message from the Leadership

The 2004 Annual Reports asks, “What is the Heart of the Heart of America Council?” Our Council has been recognized on a national basis for achieving excellence in our camping program, adult leader training success, marketing efforts, and the “Keeping Our Promise” Capital Campaign. We know that it is through the teamwork of thousands of volunteers that we achieve success and help young people reach their full potential.

In this report, you will hear from Scouts, parents, community leaders, educators, and young people, all of whom deliver the promise of Scouting. We are committed to ensure that Scouting thrives and thank you for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Dr. John D. Hunkeler
Council President

Richard T. Boeshaar
Council Commissioner

James J. Terry, Jr.
Scout Executive
Leadership

“The values I learned as a Scout back in Troop 74 are as applicable today at age 44 as they were at 11. Integrity, teamwork, and leadership are keys to success as a youth or in adult life. Leading a Tiger Cub den offers me the opportunity to share the Scouting experience with my son, Ryan, and to emphasize the values we need to pass on to future generations.”

Gone Kelly, Den Leader
Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouting—Boys in first through fifth grades learn teamwork and have fun with friends and family.

Boy Scouts—Young men, ages 11 to 18, have an opportunity to learn leadership and enjoy exciting outdoor adventure.

Varsity Scouting—Young men, who are 14 to 18 years old, grow in teamwork and physical fitness in sports-related activities and outdoor adventure.

Venturing—This hands-on, co-educational, leadership program is for young adults from ninth grade to age 20.

Exploring—Exploring helps young men and women, ages 14 to 20, learn firsthand about such career fields as law enforcement, architecture and health care.

Learning for Life—This character education program prepares students for life by helping boys and girls in kindergarten through twelfth grade learn ethical, decision-making skills and grow in social adeptness.
### Membership Overview

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Christopher Myers
Age 14
Life Scout
Troop 212
Chartered to Trinity Episcopal Church
Independence, Missouri
Bravery

"Being in Boy Scouts and, especially, being a Patrol Leader has made me aware of my surroundings and to respect others. It has taught me to be alert and to remember and live by the Boy Scout motto—'Be prepared'—and the Scout slogan—'Do a good turn daily.'"

*Christopher Mays, 14*
*Life Scout*

*Christopher has been the recipient of Troop 282's Scout of the Year Award for three years. He has been recommended for the Meritorious Action Award for having rescued his young cousin who had run out into the street in the face of oncoming traffic.*
The opportunity of Scouting is available to all youth regardless of their socioeconomic status. Through the commitment of the Council’s Executive Board, the Scoutreach program began in 1988 and now serves 15,530 youth.

Urban Scouting—Urban Scouting brings the excitement and adventure of Scouting to young people in the urban core of Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas. Scouts participate in camp, enjoy field trips, and earn rank advancement while connecting with positive adult role models.

The Urban Scouting program serves 14,467 young men and women in the urban core of Kansas City. Currently 5,153 young men are served through the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs and 9,314 young men and women are served through Exploring and Learning for Life.
Camperships—Parents want their sons to join Scouting for its values, but boys join Scouting for one thing—fun! Through the camperships program, 725 Scouts received more than $80,910 in support to help them experience the fun and excitement of camping in the summer of 2004.

Special Needs Scouting—Rotary camp delivered the magic of Scouting to 44 Scouts with special needs who experienced Scouting just like any other kid. Scouts participated in swimming, crafts, and earned merit badges. Around the campfire, these Scouts experienced the outdoors as they made friends and lifelong memories.

Outreach in Other Districts—The Scouting Outreach program also delivers Scouting to all corners of the Council’s boundaries. This includes 1,019 Scouts served through Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, and the Learning for Life Program to ensure that they would experience the fun and adventure of Scouting!
Phillip Vann
Age 16
Eagle Scout
Troop 30
Chartered to
Scouting Patrons of
Christ the King Church
Kansas City, Missouri
Opportunity

“Scouting has given me a chance to try things I otherwise never would have done, like skiing, camping, or shooting at the rifle range. It has enabled me to do things I didn’t think I could do, like being able to speak in front of people. Scouting taught me ‘never give up, because one day you’ll soar like the eagle’. It’s an involvement for a lifetime.”

Philip Vann, 16
Eagle Scout

Philip has been mentoring a younger Scout with asthma to enable him to continue in the Scouting program.
The Heart of America Council’s camping program is recognized as a national leader. In 2004, 15,075 Scouts enjoyed an experience at one of the Council’s summer camp programs. A quality camping experience that is fun, exciting, and safe is at the heart of delivering the Scouting promise. Imagine the excitement of a Tiger Cub on a nature hike at day camp, the Cub Scout on his first overnight, or a Boy Scout on the climbing tower, as they grow in self-esteem and self-confidence conquering new challenges.

H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation—The Hills of Osceola, Missouri, were host to 6,511 Boy Scouts who attended the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and enjoyed programs including rifle and shotgun, archery, swimming, water skiing, conservation, and wilderness survival. Outpost programs included caving, climbing at Cedar Bluff, war canoe overnights, Australian Outpost, and Men of Sherwood Forest. The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation continues to have a tremendous impact on the lives of Scouts as they experience their first taste of an outdoor adventure.
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation—Located near Bonner Springs, Kansas, the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation provided a wide array of exciting Scouting experiences. A highlight this summer was the Cub Scout Bear Camp that served 947 Cub Scouts and their parents. In total, 596 Boy Scouts attended camp at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation and 2,957 Webelos enjoyed an overnight camping experience.

Cub Scout Day Camp—3,477 Cub Scouts participated in this year’s day camp program. Archery, crafts, rope making, first aid training, and water games were all part of the fun for these Cub Scouts enjoying their first taste of camp. Day Camps were held in a variety of locations throughout the Council’s 19 county service area.
Perspective

“What I have learned through the Scouting program provide the cornerstones of my foundation as an adult. The Scout law and oath keep me grounded. Another experience with Scouting from a parent perspective reinforced my childhood experience through older, more mature eyes. At my son’s Eagle Court of Honor, my father whispered to me, ‘You have now earned your Eagle.’”

James Corwin
Eagle Scout
**Good Turn for America**—Scouts, parents and leaders contributed more than 470,000 hours of service to their community through the Good Turn for America program. This effort provides Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venture Crews the opportunity to participate in many different service projects.

This nationwide effort will continue through 2009. It allows Scouts, leaders, and parents the opportunity to record their service project online. Through partnership with other local organizations, Scouting’s members and leaders will have a greater impact on their community through service projects.

Through the efforts of Scouts and leaders, many community food banks were replenished and were able to meet the needs of our community’s homeless and hungry. These are true heroes for helping others in times of need!
High Adventure Experiences—In 2004, 1,562 Scouts from the Heart of America Council participated in a national High Adventure program at the Florida Sea Base, Philmont Scout Ranch, or Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base. This enables Scouts to enjoy adventure in a part of the country they have never before traveled and to meet Scouts from around the country.

Advancement—Scouts gain self-esteem and self-confidence as they set goals, achieve them, and are then recognized through the rank advancement program. In 2004, 831 Boy Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting’s highest honor.
Andrew J. Holt
Age 16
Eagle Scout
Troop 911
Chartered to Our Lady of the Presentation Church
La Salle Summit, Missouri
Service

“The single greatest contribution Scouting made in my life was an introduction to the art of doing for others. When I earned my Eagle Award, it was as though all the earlier experiences—leadership, friendship formation, allegiance to God, concern for others—were pinned on my chest as a symbol that I had succeeded in life so far and a sign that I could grow even more in the right direction.”

Andrew J. Holt
Eagle Scout

Andrew is the Heart of America Council’s 2004 representative for the Young American Award.
David A. Rock, Ph.D.
Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say
Past District Chairman
Blue Elk District
FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Independence, Missouri
Perseverance

“As an educator for 35 years, Scouting gave me a closer connection to young people outside the school setting. I gained a fuller view of youth, their challenges, needs and potential. Attending the high adventure wilderness camp at Philmont was a life-rewarding opportunity. All Scouts learn that the difficulty on the way to the summit of life makes us better human beings.”

David A. Rock, Ph.D.
Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say

Dr. Rock is one of the founders of Youth Friends mentoring program.
## 2004 Revenue

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## Excess Revenue Over Expenses

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Through the support of hundreds of organizations in Kansas City, Scouting is delivered to young people each week in churches, schools, and service organizations. In 2004, Chartered Organizations supported 1,300 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, Venture Crews, Exploring Posts, and Learning for Life Groups in our community.

The Chartered Organization concept enables Scouting to be delivered by community organizations that support the values of the Scouting program. We appreciate the support of the hundreds of churches, schools, service clubs, and other organizations that charter the Scouting program to serve young people in their community.

The Heart of America United Way is an important partner with Scouting. For more than 80 years, the United Way has supported thousands of people in need in our community. In 2004, the Heart of America Council received $1,004,152 in allocations and donor designation from the United Way. This support ensured that a quality Scouting program was provided to 55,365 young men and women in 19 counties in Kansas and Missouri.
Guidance

“Scouting helps young men meet the challenges they face at the most important times of their lives. Scouting allowed me to experience the fullness of life beyond just my neighborhood. As a grown man, I accept the challenges facing our young people today and I hope to impact their lives in meaningful ways as well. Acceptance opens the door for opportunity.”

James Jenkins
Eagle Scout
Through the leadership and dedication of Co-Chairs Terry and Peggy Dunn, Dr. John and Mary Humkele, and Cliff and Bonnie Illig, the “Keeping Our Promise” Capital Campaign will provide more than $13,500,000 in improvements at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation and the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

The Theodore Naish Scout Reservation improvements include the new Capitol Federal Savings Campfire Arena, new Courtney S. Turner Trust Trading Post and Handcraft Shelter, as well as a new dining hall, camp office, and swimming pool. Improvements to Cub World include a new Pirate Ship Water Park, Lost Mine area, plus a dining shelter, administrative center, staff housing, and shower and restroom facilities.

The improvements at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation include new Staff Villages for camps Sawmill and Piercing Arrow, a new Mic-O-Say Lodge in each camp and a new “huge troop size” campsite in Piercing Arrow. The roads into camp and leading to the lakefront have been rebuilt with additional parking available. Many infrastructure improvements have been made, including modifications to water, sewer, electrical, and communication lines.

This campaign is the largest ever undertaken in the Heart of America Council and will ensure that our camp facilities are the best possible for our Scouts and families!
In 2004, the Heart of America Council was recognized by the Boy Scouts of America with the Gold Record for Endowment achievement. More than $1 million in outright and deferred gifts were secured. Outright contributions of $136,000 and deferred commitments of more than $1.2 million were received.

The Council’s Endowment totaled $9.6 million at the end of 2004 with an additional $8.3 in deferred commitments.

The annual Heritage Society reception was held on November 17 in conjunction with the Council’s Annual Business Meeting. Heritage Society members and Executive Board members gathered to recognize those who made Endowment contributions in 2004. The Council’s Heritage Society now totals 255 members, with over 100 of these members having included Scouting in their estate plans.

The Heart of America Council would like to thank our James E. West Fellows, 1910 Society Members, Founders Circle Members, and those people who have included the Council in their estate plans. Through Endowment, these generous people ensure that Scouting will be available for tomorrow’s youth in the Heart of America Council.
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Teamwork

“From the time I earned the Firemanship merit badge, I knew that being a firefighter was my dream and destiny. Scouting is important to me today because it teaches teamwork. As a firefighter, you rely on others in your team to get the job done and save lives. It is proof that Scouting’s lessons last a lifetime.”

Richard “Smokey” Dyer
Eagle Scout
We are proud to recognize our partners in youth development. The following 2004 President’s Club contributors have invested $5,000 or more in annual giving to build a better future for our community.

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In 2004, twenty-four volunteers in the Heart of America Council were recognized with the Silver Beaver award. This is the highest award a council can bestow in recognition of service to youth. Congratulations to the Class of 2004 Silver Beavers!

Robert Bloom  David Chimney  Kelson Clark

Carol Jean DeFeo  Lester Hem  Steve Higgins

Ron Juergensen  William "Bill" Kosh  Thomas F. Lano
Pamela Thompson
Scoutmaster
Troop 151
Chartered to the
Lakemary Center
Paola, Kansas
Values

“Scouting makes such a difference in the lives of boys at the Lakemary Center. One Scout looks forward to camp so much that, immediately upon his return, he begins asking how long until he gets to go again! If everyone lived by the Scout Law—to be trustworthy, kind, helpful and friendly—the world would be a nicer place.”

Pamela Thompson
Scoutmaster, Troop 151

Lakemary Center serves young people with developmental disabilities and Troop 151 brings the excitement of Scouting to 24 boys.
Each year, the Heart of America Council honors an outstanding leader for contributions to our community with the Distinguished Citizen Award. On June 10, Congressman Ike Skelton was honored as the 2004 Distinguished Citizen.

Ike is an Eagle Scout, Distinguished Eagle Scout, and Sachem in the Tribe of Mic O Say. As a youth, Ike enjoyed camping at Camp Osceola, now known as the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and was at camp as a Scout when the Osage River flooded and cut off the camp from outside contact for seven days.

First elected to Congress in 1977, Ike represents Missouri’s Fourth Congressional District. His district includes Missouri’s state capital, Jefferson City, and much of the Ozark region of the state.
To this day, Ike counts the achievement of the Eagle Scout rank as one of his proudest accomplishments. He received the award during a ceremony at Municipal Hall as part of the Dr. Milton Eisenhower Eagle Scout Class of 1948.

The Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner, chaired by Landon Rowland, Chairman Emeritus of Jamus, and Bill Tempel, Executive Board member, was a tremendous success and raised more than $207,000 to support the Urban Scouting program in the Heart of America Council.

Congressman Ike Skelton (left) with his wife, Suzie, and son, Page.
For 75 years, the Tribe of Mic-O-Say has demonstrated a commitment to furthering the aims and methods of Scouting. The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in Osceola, Missouri, is home to this honor camping program.

The 2004 Presiding Chieftain, Harold F. "Cotton" Smith, Jr., Chieftain Spirit Fire, and Directing Chief, Scout Executive Jim Terry, Chief Eagle from the Sun, recognized 1,026 young Scouts as Foxmen and brought 936 new Braves into the Tribe. The claws of a Hardway Warrior were bestowed on 770 young men. In gratitude for their service, 390 adult volunteers were designated as Honorary Warriors and Honored Women; recognition was given to another 87 volunteers.
On June 12, over 4,300 Tribesmen gathered at the H. Rue Bantle Scout Reservation to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

This event, titled “Saluting Generations Past, Current and Future,” featured a Re-dedication Trek beginning at the Mic-O-Say Memorial Lodge, fireworks, 75th Anniversary Coups, a history book titled “Tribesmen Arise!,” a DVD titled “Strengthened by an Eagle’s Claw” and the largest gathering of Chieftains as part of the evening’s ceremony.

The celebrations were kicked off in April with a Spirit Run from the Memorial Lodge Chapel to Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. This event reminded Tribesmen of the Boy Scout Roundups of the 1950s and 1960s and was a fitting start to the 75th Anniversary celebration.
Thousands of Tribesmen wore their claws during the 75 Hours of Pride beginning on April 16 to show their commitment to the four promises.

The 75th Anniversary was chaired by Rick Boeshaar, Chieftain Thundering Black Rain. Thanks to his leadership and the dedication and efforts of hundreds of volunteers, this was a tremendous success and a fitting celebration to the difference the Tribe of Mic-O-Say has had in the lives of thousands of Tribesmen over its first 75 years.
SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Marking 65 years of service to the Theodore Raisk Scout Reservation and the Heart of America Council, Tatumoni Lodge of the Order of the Arrow grew to 3,475 active Arrowsmen during 2004, including 1,780 Ordeal members, 1,457 Brotherhood members, and 239 Vigil members. Under the leadership of Lodge Chief J. D. Jones and Lay Advisor David C. Chimney, the Lodge earned the National Quality Lodge Award.

The Order of the Arrow continues to provide Cheerful Service for thousands of Scouts!
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**DISTRICT**

- Big Muddy
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- Kow
- Lone Bear
- North Star
- Northern Tier
- Pelaque
- Pioneer Trails
- Red-Tailed Hawk
- Thunderbird
- Trailhead
- Trails West
- Twin Rivers

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