2000 Silver Beavers Selected

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award bestowed by a local Council as a recognition of the National Court of Honor for distinguished service to youth within a Council’s service area.

The dinner and recognition program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, Missouri. The cost will be $35.00 per person. Reservations are required. For additional information, please contact Mark Brayer at 816-942-9333 or 800-776-1110. The Guest Speaker for the evening is Roy L. Williams, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

A special, “By invitation only” reception will be held prior to the banquet for persons who are members of the Council’s Endowment Heritage Society. Contact Jason Baxendale for details (816) 942-9333x 129.

The 2000 Silver Beaver recipients to be honored at the Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Dinner on November 15, 2000 are:


Annual Business Meeting and Elections

The Annual Corporate Business meeting for the Heart of America Council will be held on November 15, 2000. During this meeting, election of officers, board of directors, and members-at-large will be conducted.
The President’s Winner’s Circle is a recognition for those districts who achieve two important benchmarks by June 30, increasing the number of youth served by 2% compared to the previous year and reaching the district’s Friends of Scouting goal. These two benchmarks are important because they represent an increase in the number of youth positively impacted by the Scouting program and by achieving the FOS goal by June 30, this enables the district volunteers to focus solely on delivering the Scouting program the remainder of the year.

Congratulations to the volunteers of these districts who achieved President’s Winners’ Circle 2000:

North Star
Richard Martin, District Chair
Jim Olshefski, District Commissioner
Brad Richerson, FOS Chair
Bill Coyne, Growth Chair

Pioneer Trails
Rick Boeshaar, District Chair
Pat Saviano, District Commissioner
Brad Van Aulen, FOS Chair
John Franklin, Growth Chair

Santa Fe Trail
Bill Cheek, District Chair
Forrest Bolles, District Commissioner
Larry Hawks, FOS Chair
Jerry Robinson, Growth Chair

Thunderbird
Del Willenson, District Chair
Larry Overfield, District Commissioner
Ron Juergenson, FOS Chair
Fred Bixler, Growth Chair

Twin Rivers
Jene Vickerly, District Chair
Dave Miller, District Commissioner
Big Muddy
Keith Dorsch, District Chair
Larry Maxwell, District Commissioner
Leland Kolkmeyer, FOS Chair

A Decline in Values Tops Americans’ Concerns for Youth

What value is placed on characteristics such as honesty, integrity, ingenuity, and loyalty among the youth of today? It used to be true that to uphold one’s integrity in business dealings was more important than the bottom line. At what point did the lines defining success become so gray? How can we begin redefining those boundaries to ensure a better tomorrow for the future leaders of this country? Today’s society is searching for answers—answers to questions that will take us back to a time when strong values were at the core of good leadership. Most people will agree that a major problem in today’s society and major cause of such incidents as the Columbine High School tragedy is a lack of family values. Some will say that we have allowed young people to become indifferent, rarely appearing for evening meals with the family or spending time with elders. Most people in America will say that we need to find our way back to a more traditional way of life, when the family was at the core of American life and values were more than a monetary estimate of worth.

A number of variables such as changing family structures, technological advances, and increasingly diverse populations are imposing challenges on today’s society. Technology seems to be driving our culture to new realms of possibilities—new places and new opportunities. Some might believe that appreciation for one another, nature, and conservation of natural resources have taken a back seat to the Internet and cellular phones. What impact are these things having on America’s youth—the leaders of tomorrow?

Not learning values tops the public’s list of problems facing kids in America according to the Kids These Days report issued by the Public Agenda. As we attempt to bring family values back to the core of our existence, family-based programs and organizations are a vital part of the process.

“Because they define the problem as one of values, Americans gravitate toward solutions that help develop young people’s character. People believe that schools should help teach kids discipline, honesty, and respectfulness toward themselves and others. They believe community centers and volunteer organizations like the Boy Scouts could be effective because they lend moral structure to youngsters’ lives.” –Source: Kids These Days, The Public Agenda, 1997

The Kids These Days report indicates that more than half (53 percent) of the parents surveyed for the study believe that “greater reliance on volunteer organizations like the Boy Scouts would be a very effective way to help kids.” The Boy Scouts of America is an organization that cultivates family values and leadership skills among its members, while providing a common denominator between youth and adults.

Thank you for your efforts in delivering a quality program to over 55,000 youth in the Heart of America Council.
Endowment

New Endowment Director

Jason M. Baxendale has joined the Heart of America Council as the Endowment Director. An Olathe, Kansas native, Jason graduated from Olathe North High School in 1992. He was an Eagle Scout from Troop 86, and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He also served on the summer camp staff at Camp Naish.

Jason earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Kansas State University. He also earned his Juris Doctor degree from The Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas. For the past eighteen months he served as a Trust Administrator for UMB Bank in Kansas City. Jason may be reached at (816) 942-9333, Ext. 129 or jbxendal@bsmail.org.

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Tax Quote of the Month

Introduce a wise and efficient system of taxation, and life and energy will per- vade the country. Without such a system, it will sink into general and fatal paralysis.

— The Atlantic Magazine

Taxes

Death Tax Relief Now Act of 2000

In the waning days of the Congress- sional year, Rep. John Tanner (D-TN) and other “Blue Dog” coalition members introduced yet another estate tax relief bill. Rep. Tanner noted, “I cannot go along with those who believe an ‘all or nothing’ strategy should be the course we chart for those to whom we have been promising tax relief.”

The proposals include:
1. Simplification of the complex rules such as the Qualified Family Owned Busi- ness Exclusion.
2. Increasing the exemption equivalent to $1.5 million per person immediately, with continued increases by the year 2010 to $2 million per person.
3. Indexing the unified credit, and thus the exemption equivalent, for inflation.
4. Reducing all rates by 20%, producing a top rate of 44%.

The proposed legislation is significant, since it represents a reasonable middle ground in the heated estate tax rhetoric. The ‘all or nothing’ approach of many in Congress is indeed an unlikely ultimate result. Given the historic propensity for Congress to compromise on tax legisla- tion, the estate tax reform process in 2001 could very possibly implement most of the Tanner proposals.

IRS Finds Its Heart

On September 25, 2000 the IRS issued a legal memo, ILM 200038059 promising tax relief. “In a 419-0 vote. The IRS promptly mod- ified the legal memorandum (ILM 200034029) and created a presumption that the parents would still be entitled to claim dependency exemptions. Personal Finance

Gifts of Land

Gifts of land can include vacant land, or land with a home, a commercial building or other structure on it. The gift is accomplished by deeding property to a charity.

When land or land with its buildings is deeded to a charity, there are several considerations. If the property is given outright to a charity, there is a deduction for the fair market value of the gift. If the property is given to the charity with a debt on the property, there is a bypass of capital gain. This value is determined by an appraisal by an inde- pendent appraiser.

Usually, most property is quite easy to appraise. For a residence or most com- mercial buildings, the appraiser will determine the value of comparable prop- erties. He or she will then evaluate your property and determine the fair market value as of the date of the gift. The appraisal is required for the donor’s Form 1040 Income Tax Return. For gifts of land or land with its buildings, the deduction is useable to the charity.

There are two excellent benefits for gifts of land. First, there is an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the gift. Since this is a gift of appreciated property, the deduction is useable to 30% of your income each year. You may receive the full value of the deduction, but it may take two, three or more years to report the write off amount. You have as many as six total years to take the deduction. Second, so long as there is no prearranged agreement to sell the prop- erty, there is a bypass of capital gain. This bypass can save 20% or more in capital gains taxes.

There are two concerns that may occur with property. First, there may be debt on the property. If you give prop- erty to charity with a debt on the prop- erty, then you will receive a charitable deduction for the value of the equity. In addition, there is a partial reporting of capital gain on your transfer of the debt to the charity. Second, some property may have environmental concerns. It may be nec- essary to obtain an Environmental Impact Survey to make sure that there are no problems with the property. Gifts of land can work very well for both the donor and the charity. The donor receives a charitable deduction, bypasses the gain on the gift of the property and the charity can either use the property or sell and receive a very nice benefit.
2001 National Scout Jamboree

The National Jamboree Committee and the Heart of America Council have joined to offer a fundraising opportunity for National Jamboree participants.

The sale begins September 30th, 2000. Extra popcorn forms may be picked up at the Council Service Center customer service counter. All completed order forms should be clearly marked: National Jamboree Participant and given to Liz Honeycutt in Camping Services by November 14th at 5pm. This is the last day orders will be accepted.

Pick up of popcorn orders must be made at Season Van Lines: 15765 S. Keeler, Olathe, KS on Saturday, December 2nd, 2000 from 1-3 p.m. Payment should be collected and clearly marked: National Jamboree Participant and turned in to the Council Service Center by January 11, 2001.

Scouts selling popcorn will receive 32% of the gross sales towards the Jamboree. This will be internally applied to the Scouts Jamboree account. For more information contact Jamboree Staff Advisor Morgan McNally at (816) 942-9333 x132.

The Jamboree trip will run from July 21st through August 3rd, 2001, and will include a three-day tour of Washington D.C., prior to departing for Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia. Call today for details and info! You may contact Mark Brayer or Roger Hoyt at Council, (816) 942-9333. You may also call your 2001 Jamboree Promotion Committee: Dr. Bob Hunter (816) 781-8692, Jim Salisbury (816) 373-5044, Russell Downing (816) 587-2025, Dr. Norman Smith (816) 587-9545, Dr. John Carter (913) 451-2548, Dan Quintero (816) 241-1406, or Bill Price (913) 384-5342. December is approaching and the snow may be starting to fly. However, before you know it summer camping season will be here. If you’re like me, there are just too many Scouting adventures for me and my boys to choose from. Sea Base, Battle, Naish, Philmont, etc., etc., etc. We want to do them all! If your son only has time for one activity next summer, it needs to be the National Scout Jamboree. This truly is a one-of-a-kind experience. Without a doubt the Jamboree is the most exciting trip I’ve ever been on—with or without a Scout uniform. It is a life experience that your son will always cherish. Council contingent troops are forming now and spring campouts are just around the corner. Call today for details and bring your son to a rally to see for himself.

The 19th annual Boy Scout/G.S. Wetzell Memorial Golf Tournament was a terrific success. The field was comprised of 39 four-person teams totaling 156 players.

The tournament through participation and sponsorship raised $12,508.07 for the operation and maintenance of the H. Roe Battle Scout Reservation, near Osceola, MO.

The major sponsors include Golden Valley Country Market, Charles E. Beverage, Hilty Quarries and St. Luke’s Medical.

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Attention All Boy Scout Leaders!
Would the boys of your troop like to have the opportunity to earn the Shotgun Merit Badge?

Announcing:
The 2nd Annual Tony Adams and Friends
Sporting Clays for Scouting
Saturday May 12th
At
Powder Creek Gun Club-Lenexa, KS

Reserve your Troop’s spot now to participate in a day of Shooting Sports. Boy Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the entirety of the Shotgun Merit Badge on a single Saturday. Scouts will also have the opportunity to compete in both Trap & Skeet Competitions. Camping sites are available and encouraged for interested Boy Scouts.

Prizes will be awarded to top shooters.
If your Troop is interested in participating in this exciting weekend, reserve your spot now. There are a limited number of openings to participate in the Shotgun Merit Badge Class, and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, contact Glen Steenberger @ the Council Service Center (816) 942-9333

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2001 College of Commissioner Service announces expanded Continuing Education Curriculum for all Scouters.

The Tenth Annual Heart of America Council College of Commissioner Service will be held at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Saturday, March 10, 2001. Dean of the College, Bill Anderson has announced a new expanded curriculum, which will include new courses added to the continuing education program. These new courses will be of interest to all Scouters, including Commissioners. You don’t have to be a Commissioner to attend the College. Continuing Education courses are open to all registered Scout Leaders. If you ever wanted to know more about being a Commissioner, this is your opportunity. Current C.E. courses under development address current topics in Scouting and a review of traditional Scouting values. Watch for further announcements in the following months.

Dean Bill Anderson can be reached at 785-843-2044. The Council contact is Jason Scott, 816-942-9333 ext. 169.
Camping and Training

**Barle and Naish Closed**

The H. R.oe Bartle Scout Reservation is closed to all activities November 10 to November 27, 2000 due to the Missouri deer hunting season and Thanksgiving holiday. Caution is advisable for any unit planning outdoor activities during the various hunting seasons. Bartle and Naish will be closed from December 16, 2000 through January 3, 2001 for the holiday observance.

**Wood Carving Workshop**

A wood carving workshop will be held at the Naish South Camp Dining Lodge on December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is $9.00 per person and includes a wood carving knife. Please bring your own sickle. Registration is limited to the first 75 paid participants. Please pick up your registration form at your district roundtable. Participants must be Boy Scouts.

**Camp Staff Applications**

Applications for camp staff, at both Bartle and Naish Scout Reservations, are currently available on the Heart of America Council web-site at www.hacbsa.org or at the Council Service Center. Also, you will be able to pick one up at your November roundtable. First reviews will be given to those applications received by December 1, 2000.

**A Scout is Thrifty?**

Saving for summer camp can help teach Scouts how to manage money and a budget. There are many ways to pay for summer camp including the Scout’s family, popcorn sales or other fund-raising activities, chartered partners and financial aid. Some Scouts pay for camp with one or a combination of each of these sources. As little as $3.85 (Bartle) or $2.79 (Naish) saved each week would cover the camp fee. By starting early, each Scout can “save his own way” and enjoy Scout camp. This is an important lesson that, when learned early will last a lifetime. Financial assistance can greatly help, but does not cover the entire camp fee.

**Mic-O-Say Tribal Council Recommendations**

Recommendations for 2001 Mic-O-Say Tribal Council elevations are due to the Council Service Center by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2001. Individuals recommended will, if approved by the Council of Chiefsmen, fulfill an important responsibility serving on the Tribal Council. They will be required to complete orientation and training. Elevation to the Tribal Council is not an honor—it is a responsibility.

Contact the Council Service Center for recommendation forms.

**Winter Banquet of Tamegonit Lodge**

The 2001 Tamegonit Lodge Winter Banquet will be held Saturday, January 6, 2001 at the Jack Reardon Civic Center, 5th and Minnesota in Kansas City, KS. Fellowship begins at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost is $18.00 per person. Do not miss the fun and fellowship. Registration are due by December 15, 2000. Use the reservation form below, and mail to: Winter Banquet, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. Make checks payable to HOAC.

**2001 Camp Staff Reunion (Rotary, Naish, Bartle)**

Heart of America Council camp staff past and present should mark their calendars for the 2001 Camp Staff Reunion! See your camp friends and relive the “good ole days” at this year’s staff reunion!

**2000 Camp Staff Reunion Reservation Form — Acct #: 1-6801-717-20**

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**RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE!!!**

Please enclose $17.00 per reservation. Total enclosed $________

MAIL EARLY!!!


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**2001 Council Camp Workdays:**

H. Roe Bartle / Theodore Naish

**Wanted — You and your friends to help prepare camp for this summer, no experience required, will train!**

Each year, volunteers are responsible for assisting with the opening of the Bartle and Naish Scout Reservations. A wide variety of projects will be scheduled. Typical projects include: painting, basic building repair, tent and cot repair, roofing, plumbing and general clean-up. If you, or Scouts in your group, possess a particular trade or skill please call in advance so a specific project could be scheduled. Check-in is at the maintenance barns.

**BARTLE**

Workdays are open to any adult (age 18 and above) who pre-registers with the Council Service Center prior to a workday. Please register in ADVANCE with camp services at (816) 942-9333 or (800) 776-1110 or by filling out the workday form if you plan to attend so we will be sure to have enough material on hand and also enough food. Meals are provided at adult workdays, so be sure to let us know which meals (breakfast, lunch, supper) you’ll attend. All registered Boy Scouts and leaders are encouraged to attend. Units will provide all of their own meals. They will need to fill out a short-term camping reservation form and check-in with the Campmasters at the Corbett Health Lodge when they arrive.

**NAISH**

Workdays at Camp Naish are open to all registered Boy Scouts and leaders. If you plan to attend, please register with camp services by calling or filling out the workday form. Lunch will be made available to those requesting it—when registering in ADVANCE.

Any troop may also make special arrangements for their own workday by contacting the camp ranger at the following numbers: Naish — (913) 423-1035, Bartle — (417) 666-8115.

**2001 Workday Sign-Up**

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**YES, Count on me for the following workdays:**

- March 3, 2001 Barle
- March 10, 2001 Bartle
- March 24, 2001 Naish

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**TOTAL ATTENDANCE: **

**SCOUTS: **

**LEADERS: **

**Donations Help Camp**

There are many Scouts who help camp with their donations of time, money and equipment and thanks goes to all! However, two particular Scouters have helped the H. R.oe Bartle Scout Reservation with donations of expensive equipment that should be recognized. Joe Falco of Sportsman Tracker and Marine has donated a fishing barge to the lakefront of Bartle Camp within the last few years. This equipment is used to transport non-swimmers to Cedar Bluff in our paddles program, as a safety boat during water-skiing and even to pull skiers if one of our boats is down. Bob Cunningham has, for many years, donated a pick-up truck for our use during the summer. His truck has been invaluable to the reservation in numerous ways. Thank you Bob and Joe for your donations over the years and your dedication to Scouting.
Hey, Leaders, would you like free rank advancement patches for your Pack or Troop until December 31, 2001?

**HERE’S HOW** –
If you participate in the Family Friends of Scouting program and achieve your unit goal and participation goal, you can receive free rank advancement patches until December 31, 2001. This includes Bobcat, Bear, Wolf, Webelos and Arrow of Light for the Cub Scout program; Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle* for the Boy Scout program; and, for the Venturing program, Gold, Bronze and Silver.

**UNIT GOAL** –
- families X .25 X $130 = GOAL

**PARTICIPATION GOAL** –
Receive a Friends of Scouting gift from 40% of families in your unit.

**IMPORTANT NOTES** –
- Families are defined as youth members at re-charter (i.e., a pack with 102 boys at re-charter would have 102 families). In the instance of brothers from the same family, 2 or more youth from the same family count as 1 family.
- The cost of delivering the Scouting program in 2001 is $127 per youth.

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS FAMILY FOS INCENTIVE IS:**
- Recognize units for their FOS achievement through free rank advancement
- Motivate families to support 25% of the cost of delivering Scouting to youth and to increase the number of families participating in FOS to 40%

*Excludes Eagle Kit

For more information call your District Executive, Family FOS Chair or Britt Davis at (816) 942-9333 ext. 124.

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**Camping continued**

**WINTER ACTIVITIES**
There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most advanced and challenging of outdoor adventures. Special considerations for winter camping include the following:

1. **Leadership** – In no other camp is leadership as important as in the winter camp. It is vital that a leader be an experienced camper with strong character.

2. **Equipment** – Do not attempt to camp unless completely outfitted. Even if equipment for winter camp is more expensive than for summer camp, Scouts must be adequately clothed, and leaders should ensure that blankets and other equipment are of suitable quality and weight.

3. **Physical Condition** – A physician’s certificate as to physical ability must be obtained by each Scout before preliminary training begins.

Beyond camping, a number of cold-weather activities present a challenge to the Scout and leader, such as cross-country snow shoeing. Essential ingredients for fun include skill training and an awareness of the hazards unique to these activities. Snow conditions could include: hazardous terrain, special clothing needs, and emergency survival are important issues for a safe and successful experience.


**2001 WEBELOS CAMP**
Webelos Camp is designed to provide an introduction to outdoor camping for Webelos Scouts. The camp is held for three days and two nights with adult leadership from your pack. The camp’s daily schedule has two separate programs for both first year and second year Webelos during the same session. This enables your pack to attend the same session using the same adult leadership. Everyone can attend certain activities such as campfires, swimming, and camp-wide events from your pack.

The first year Webelos Scout has the opportunity to work on outdoor-related activity badges like Aquanaut, Craftsman, Forester, Naturalist, and Oudoorsman.

The second year Webelos Scout has the opportunity to shoot BB Guns and archery equipment, go on hikes, build a model rocket at Naish, visit Cub World, and more! If he did not attend camp as a first year Webelo, he may choose to work on activity badges instead.

The key to Webelos Camp in the Heart of America Council is flexibility. The camp staff, led by the program director, will work closely with your pack leadership to help complement your year-round program. Thirteen sessions will be held at the camp staff, led by the program director, will work closely with your pack leadership to help complement your year-round program. Thirteen sessions will be held at Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, Kansas. Approximately one adult for every three Webelos in attendance is suggested as a maximum. The camp is a great Scouting opportunity for all Webelos. Don’t miss Webelos Camp 2001! Mark your calendar!! The Webelos Camp Draw is January 27, 2001. Your unit’s committee chairman and Webelos leader will receive Webelos Camp draw information in the mail soon.

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**The Congressional Award**
America’s Award for Youth

The Congressional Award is about challenge. It is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you would like to try for the first time. To earn the Award, you set goals in four areas: volunteer public service; personal development; physical fitness and expedition/exploration. You select an adult advisor who will help you set challenging but achievable goals and plan activities to reach those goals. Then you are on your way to earning The Congressional Award.

Young people don’t win the Award—they earn it. Help your Scouts to be the very best they can be by getting them started on the road to The Congressional Award. In the coming months, thousands of young Americans will be going for the Gold. We hope that many of your Scouts are among them.

For further information, please visit the website at [www.congressionalaward.org](http://www.congressionalaward.org) or call one of the Program Managers at (202) 226-0130.

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**Tellebration!**
A weekend of storytelling in Kansas City
November 18 & 19, 2000

- **Tickets:** Children’s $2.00 advance, $3.00 at door, family ticket $10.00.

- **Ernie Miller Nature Center in Olathe**
  - **Sunday Nov. 19**
  - **Family show**
  - **2:00 pm**

- **Maple Woods Community College**
  - **Sunday Nov. 19**
  - **Family show**
  - **2:00 pm**

- **Ghost Stories $6.00**

To order tickets: Send Leader’s name, address, phone & number of tickets, time/date of performance and check to River and Prairie Storyweavers, PO Box 25261, KC, MO 64119

Ticket orders received by Nov. 10 will be mailed. All others will be held at the box office as Will Call.

Info about tickets call Gary Kunts @ 816-452-6893
Info about shows call Doyle Pace @ 816-361-0171
No Stopping the Popping

Popcorn and prize orders are due to the Council Service Center on Tuesday, November 14th. Please don’t forget to include a copy of your Unit Order and Settlement form, and a copy of the prize form. Remember, all orders can be partial cases (what you sell is what you order)! Many units have been successful in selling popcorn outside stores, such as Wal-Mart, grocery stores, etc. Be creative and see your popcorn sales go through the roof. If there are any questions about the sale, contact Roman Lee at (816) 942-9333, ext. 147.

Fall Camporee

Thanks to Bruce Allen and his committee, a record number of boys and leaders had the opportunity to participate in this year’s “Down Under Olympics” at Longview Lake. Thanks to everyone for making this event a success.

Merit Badge Marathon

The Pioneer Trails District will hold the Annual Merit Badge Marathon on Saturday, January 27, 2001 at Bishop Hogan High School. This is an outstanding opportunity to allow your Scouts to earn a lot of winter advancement. Please sign up early with Lloyd Lazarus. Due to the past success of this event, registration will be limited to the first 250 Scouts. For more information, contact Roman Lee at (816) 942-9333, ext. 147.

Award of Merit Nominations

Do you know of someone who deserves District Recognition for all the “above and beyond” things they have done for your unit or district? Pick up a nomination form. Nominations are due by the December Roundtable to Lloyd Lazarus.

Fall Round-Up

The end of the year is quickly approaching! Does your unit have youth participating in which you haven’t registered yet? No one should, but some of you do. Don’t wait until the last minute! Get them turned in now! The district needs your help in this effort if we are to be a quality district at the end of the year. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and for working to help Pioneer Trails once again reach Quality Status.

Pioneer Trails District Dinner

The Annual Volunteer Awards and Recognition Dinner on behalf of the Pioneer Trails District is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2001. Please be sure to submit promptly to a member of our professional staff any paperwork on unit recognition, as well as the District Award of Merit.

Calendar of Events

November

2 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church 5144 Oak
12 2000 Popcorn Sale Ends
14 District Commissioner’s Meeting, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 2915 Swope Parkway
19 District Committee Meeting, VFW National Headquarters, 3400 Broadway

December

1-2 2000 Popcorn Pick Up
7 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church 5144 Oak
12 District Commissioner’s Meeting, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 2915 Swope Parkway

Building friendships. Boys that work together and play together, stay together. Cub Scouting is where lifelong friendships are made.

Racing Out of the Past into the Future

The 2001 Family Friends of Scouting campaign is now underway. Progress has been made toward our goal. November and December are the months to put your presentation date on the calendars. Typically, Packs schedule their F.O.S. presentation at the Blue & Gold Banquet. If you have not signed up for a presentation, please call Roman Lee at (816) 942-9333, ext. 147.

Remember your pledge helps to support Scouting in many different ways. Let’s give everyone in your pack or troop an opportunity to pledge.
Charlene Naylor, new Blue Elk Cub Leader Training Chair.

Blue Elk trains 47 new Cub Scout Leaders

Unit Charter Distribution
On November 18, 2000 all unit leaders are encouraged to visit the Council Service Center to visit with your unit commissioner and pick up your unit's rechartering packet. All charters are due back to the Council Service Center by February 15, 2001 to be processed by March 1, 2001.

Think Snow More Snow!
The 2001 Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2001 at the Longview Lake Group Organized Camping Area. If you need more information, or want to be on staff, call the Council Service Center at (816) 942-9353.

Raytown Round Up Days Parade
For over 30 years the Raytown community has maintained an enthusiastic atmosphere with the Raytown Round Up Days Parade. The parade was on Saturday September 23, 2000. It started at Blue Ridge Elementary at 10 a.m., traveling down 63rd Street to Raytown High School, and ending around 12:00 p.m. Close to 100 Cub Scout leaders and youth participated in the parade even though it was a wet and cool morning. Annette Grauer from Pack 469 was the coordinator for the Raytown area packs. Larry Whittow provided the parade permit, trailer, and the materials to build the float. Pack 350 built the tent for the Suburban, and Pack 428 provided the pine wood derby track. Thanks to all the other Packs who spent time on the float: Packs 1, 88, 269, 285, and 341. We had a great time and can't wait until next year!

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Cub Leader Training
Next up on the Cub Leader Training calendar is Pow Wow November 4th at Truman High School. Walk in registration is still available. Your choice of classes will be limited. Be sure to attend the monthly roundtable. In addition to the many monthly theme ideas shared by the staff, there is a new feature called the “Training Highlight”. Each month something of importance to Cub Scout Leaders will be presented. These presentations will range from uniforms to fundraising to adult recognition. Be sure to attend, as you can never be sure what Allen is going to do. The next opportunity for Cub Scout Leaders Basic Training will be January 2001. Watch for more information. Pick up flyers and registrations at Roundtable.

Blue Elk Annual Business Meeting
The Blue Elk District, Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on Thursday Nov. 9, 2000. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Blue River Community College, 26301 East 78 Hwy in Independence, MO.

Current Chartered Organization Representatives and current District Members-at-Large are eligible to vote.

Persons wishing to make recommendations to the council will address their comments to: Blue Elk District, Attn: Britt Benz, Jim Burgess and Kevin Naylor present at Roundtable.

Cub Leader Training Team Members Marie Benz, Jim Burgess and Kevin Naylor present at Roundtable.

Appreciation Dinner Coming Soon!!
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Call David Chinnery For:
¥ Home Loans
¥ Commercial Loans
¥ Consumer Loans

The Bank That Makes Loans
First Community Bank
301 S.E. Main • Lee’s Summit
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Recruiting takes everyone's best effort

Take a moment to reflect on your unit's presentation to new prospective youth members and their parents. Were all of the leaders and boys in uniform? Were the youth and parents made to feel welcome when they entered the room of your presentation? Was it informative and representative of a quality Scouting program? Or was it uninformative, chaotic, and generally not a good impression? Recruiting takes everyone's best effort! This is an excellent opportunity to encourage youth and their parents to join the Scouting program. However, if our general appearance and presentation was not representative of the values of Scouting, then we may have missed a golden opportunity.

Having said that, recruiting does not stop here, but continues year round. Do you know how to add more youth members to your unit's roster? If your unit needs assistance with a recruiting activity or open house, call your District Executives (816-942-9333) for some exciting ideas.

Friends of Scouting

As the new year approaches, we are gearing up for another Friends of Scouting Campaign. Each unit is asked to host a 10 minute presentation at its Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, Parents' Night or Pack Meeting during the months of December through March. We need the support of the entire district to achieve success and to ensure that the quality of Scouting that we have become accustomed to will continue uninterrupted and without compromises. If you know when your unit will be having one of the meetings listed above, contact Dusty Boatright at (816) 942-9333.

Roundtable

Roundtables are a form of commissioner service and supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. It serves as a source of information on events and training, and an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fellowship with other unit leaders. Roundtables provide unit leaders with skills, techniques, and program ideas to enhance the quality of their meetings. Having said that, Roundtables are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The location for the Roundtables is Robert Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs, KS. Please make an effort to participate in these informative sessions, which are designed to assist unit level leadership in program development.

Popcorn

The 2000 popcorn sale is currently underway. All units should be aware that the sale ends November 12th and that the orders are due to the Council Service Center by November 14, 2000. Don't forget to get into your unit's settlement form, and prize order form. The delivery date is Saturday, December 2, 2000. We will operate on a schedule. Coleman Equipment has graciously offered their warehouse for our distribution site. (This location is off Highway 7, just south of the Kaw River in Bonner Springs, KS)

Award of Merit

As a reminder, the District Award of Merit is the highest recognition that a District can bestow upon one of its leaders. If you know of someone whom you feel is deserving of this prestigious award, pick-up a nomination form, complete it and turn it into the Council Service Center. The deadline for receiving nominations is December 1, 2000.

Charter Information Meeting

The first step to a successful Charter Renewal period is attending the Charter Information Meeting on November 2, 2000 at Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs, KS. Every unit must have someone present at this important feature of Roundtable. Charter Renewal is not just a time of re-registering the youth and adults in your unit, it is a time of receiving and sharing information with the District and Council.

Membership

School Nights and Troop Open Houses have concluded, and youth have joined the Scouting membership ranks. Are the applications still riding around in your trunk, or on your desk in a folder, or do you have your youth in the money and applications in to the Council Service Center for processing? If you have not turned in applications of youth or adults that recently joined your unit, so do immediately. Do not wait until the Charter Renewal period.

Calendar of Events

November

2 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7 p.m., Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs, KS
Charter Information Meeting, 7 p.m., Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs, KS
9 District Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., BPU (300 N 65th St.) in Kansas City, KS
16 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Country Club in Leavenworth, KS

December

7 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7 p.m., Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs, KS
14 District Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., BPU (300 N 65th St.) in Kansas City, KS
21 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Country Club in Leavenworth, KS
K. C. @ Night Reminder

Mark your calendars for November 10th, 2000. This will be the date for the first ever “K. C. at Night” here in Kansas City. This event will be fun-filled, and all night long. We will be touring and visiting different sites and locations throughout Kansas City. This event will be limited to the first 88 explorers to sign-up. We will begin our events at the Sprint IMAX Theater located at the Kansas City Zoo. Registration will begin at six o’clock p.m. The event will run through the night and will end at the Cerner Corporation’s campus around six o’clock in the morning on Saturday, November 11th.

Detailed information about “K. C. at Night” has been mailed to all Exploring Posts. If you post has not received this information please call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333.

With your help, we will build this event into one of the strongest programs provided by the Heart of America Council. It’s time to get excited!

2000 Charter Renewal Notice

The 2000 charter renewal process is coming up fast. This is the time of the year that each charter affiliated organization renews their membership with the Exploring Division at the Council Service Center. Adult and youth leadership is updated and all outstanding fees are paid.

The Exploring staff has put together the 2000 renewal packets for each post. These packets have been available to the posts since September 1, 2000, and we have been distributing them at all scheduled first nights. We are asking that all posts complete the renewal paperwork by November 1, 2000. This will allow a one-month lead-time for all Exploring paperwork to be completed by the end of the year (December 30, 2000). Just remember that a twenty-dollar reorganization fee will be required to recharter your post. There is also the seven dollars per adult/ youth fee for participants. Our recruited volunteer directors will assist you with this process. This new structure should prompt a speedier process for us all.

Adult Exploring Training

Training is being offered to any post that may be interested. This is an opportunity for all of your post’s adults to be trained, allowing everyone to be on the same page for this program year.

The “Adult Exploring” training has been put into a PowerPoint presentation format. This will allow us to make the training sessions more enjoyable and less time consuming. This format will allow us to bring the training to you at your facility, rather than requesting everyone’s presence at a certain time and place to conduct the training. The new format is great for a breakfast or lunch meeting structure, that being the shorter time frame to conduct the training. We hope that this will be more customer friendly to you and your organization, and we would like to see that this would generate a greater interest in the opportunity of being trained.

If you have any questions regarding training or would like to schedule a time for a training session, then please call the Exploring Division at 816-942-9333.

Fall Recruitment Reminder

If you haven’t conducted a first nighter meeting yet, then, here is some information about the 2000 fall recruitment process.

The 2000 career interest survey results have been converted into Excel database from this past June/July. We will be contacting each post in regards to disbursement of this information to each advisor. We recommend that you decide on the First Meeting date as soon as possible, so that all of us can prepare adequately for this event. We would like to stress to all posts that a 10-day advanced notice is needed by the Exploring Division for requesting mailing labels for your mailings of first meeting recruitment letters. This will allow us to accommodate the demand of this procedure, so that we may fulfill everyone’s requests in a timely fashion. This will lead to a successful first meeting and fall recruitment. More information will be sent out to all post advisors. If you have questions about fall recruitment, please call the Exploring Division at 816-942-9333.

2001 Friends of Scouting

Now is the time to select a parent or leader from your unit to serve as this year’s FOS Unit Captain. They are responsible for attending the Family FOS Kick-off, setting up a FOS presentation at your Pack’s Blue and Gold or your Troop’s Court of Honor, and finally they will help follow-up with all families to ensure that every family has the opportunity to contribute financially to the campaign. If your Boy Scout Troop is conducting a Court of Honor within the month of November or December, the Pelathe District would like to have a representative there to talk on behalf of the 2001 Friends of Scouting Campaign. Please contact Morgan McNally at 1-800-776-1110 ext. 185 to schedule your Troop’s presentation for your Courts of Honor.

It’s Charter Renewal Time

Information on how your unit can successfully renew its charter on time and without mistakes will be discussed at the November and December Roundtables.

Central Kansas District Committee Roster

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2000 Popcorn Sale

The popcorn sale is currently under-way. The training was held on Sept 27th 2000 at Westside Presbyterian Church. However, if you were unable to attend this training and still want to sell popcorn, please contact Morgan McNally at 1-800-776-1110. This is a fun and easy method of raising the necessary dollars to ensure a quality program for the youth in your unit. Just in case you forgot, the 2001 Friends of Scouting Campaign. If your Boy Scout Troop is considering a Popcorn Sale, please contact Morgan McNally at 1-800-776-1110 ext. 185 to schedule your Troop’s presentation for your Courts of Honor.

2000 Charter Renewal Notice

The 2000 charter renewal process is coming up fast. This is the time of the year that each charter affiliated organization renews their membership with the Exploring Division at the Council Service Center. Adult and youth leadership is updated and all outstanding fees are paid.

The Exploring staff has put together the 2000 renewal packets for each post. These packets have been available to the posts since September 1, 2000, and we have been distributing them at all scheduled first nights. We are asking that all posts complete the renewal paperwork by November 1, 2000. This will allow a one-month lead-time for all Exploring paperwork to be completed by the end of the year (December 30, 2000). Just remember that a twenty-dollar reorganization fee will be required to recharter your post. There is also the seven dollars per adult/youth fee for participants. Our recruited volunteer directors will assist you with this process. This new structure should prompt a speedier process for us all.

Adult Exploring Training

Training is being offered to any post that may be interested. This is an opportunity for all of your post’s adults to be trained, allowing everyone to be on the same page for this program year.

The “Adult Exploring” training has been put into a PowerPoint presentation format. This will allow us to make the training sessions more enjoyable and less time consuming. This format will allow us to bring the training to you at your facility, rather than requesting everyone’s presence at a certain time and place to conduct the training. The new format is great for a breakfast or lunch meeting structure, that being the shorter time frame to conduct the training. We hope that this will be more customer friendly to you and your organization, and we would like to see that this would generate a greater interest in the opportunity of being trained.

If you have any questions regarding training or would like to schedule a time for a training session, then please call the Exploring Division at 816-942-9333.

Fall Recruitment Reminder

If you haven’t conducted a first nighter meeting yet, then, here is some information about the 2000 fall recruitment process.

The 2000 career interest survey results have been converted into Excel database from this past June/July. We will be contacting each post in regards to disbursement of this information to each advisor. We recommend that you decide on the First Meeting date as soon as possible, so that all of us can prepare adequately for this event. We would like to stress to all posts that a 10-day advanced notice is needed by the Exploring Division for requesting mailing labels for your mailings of first meeting recruitment letters. This will allow us to accommodate the demand of this procedure, so that we may fulfill everyone’s requests in a timely fashion. This will lead to a successful first meeting and fall recruitment. More information will be sent out to all post advisors. If you have questions about fall recruitment, please call the Exploring Division at 816-942-9333.

First Meetings—Your Key to Success!

The beginning of the school year has begun; it’s time to start planning your post’s First Meeting (First Nighter). For those of you who are new to Exploring, the First Meeting is the kick-off for your post’s recruitment efforts. Listed below is a suggested guideline to follow when planning your First Meeting.

1. Begin early. Try to schedule your First Meeting in September before your prospective Explorers get involved in too many other activities.
2. Make sure you get the Student Interest Survey results for your area. Your Exploring Executive should give them to you. Check the list of Explorer Post clusters to find out who your executive is.
3. Involve your post officers and GOOD LUCK FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST MEETING!
Klondike Derby is Just Around the Corner

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT PLC!

This year’s Klondike Derby is being planned and carried out by your District PLC! This year we are asking for your help. We need Scout volunteers to be on the event staff. The staff will meet at each Roundtable leading up to the Klondike. Please ask one or more of your Scouts to volunteer for this great opportunity to get valuable leadership experience, and be of service to the scouting community. This would make a great “scoutmaster assigned leadership project” to fulfill that requirement for Star and above.

For information and questions call David Gurwell, District PLC Director (913-381-3928) or Gus Meyer, Klondike Advisor (913-642-3209), or Ric Porte, Program Advisor (913-649-6279).

October Recharters

If your unit recharts in October and your charter has not been turned in yet, please contact your unit commissioner for assistance or your district executive for help in completing the paperwork.

March and April Recharters

For Units who rechart in March and April, please have a representative from your unit to attend recharter training at the December or January Roundtables. You will receive your packet and instructions on how to complete the recharter process.

Be Prepared for FOS 2001

Friends of Scouting 2001 is getting ready to kick off another successful campaign. Are you prepared? Thank you to all the packs and troops that supported the Friends of Scouting of 2000 and to all the presenters for their enthusiasm and participation. It was a fantastic success, and you made it happen! So we are asking that you join in and help to support the Santa Fe Trail Scouting Program once again in scheduling your presentation with the Santa Fe Trail Team of District Executives.

Please schedule your presentation between November 2000 and February 2001 during Pack Blue and Gold Banquets and Troop Courts of Honor. Schedule your presentation now so that we will be able to plan for a successful presentation to ensure a great year of Scouting! Please call Ross Pfannenstiel at (816) 942-9333 ext. 164 to schedule your presentation. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Unit Commissioner Important Information!

Did you know that you have your own personal Unit Commissioner for your specific pack or troop? This commissioner is trained to assist and help with your unit questions or concerns. Please make your leaders aware of their commissioner so that they may better serve your unit. For more information on who your Unit Commissioner is please contact Forrest Bolles, Santa Fe Trail District Commissioner at (913) 438-3637. Unit Commissioners can play a vital role in helping units to grow and be successful for the future, and to assist you in the present.

2000 Popcorn Sale Highlights

- Sale Ends November 12th. Orders due to the Council Service Center by November 14th. Popcorn pickup December 1st & 2nd.
- For questions or more information please contact Jonathan Bonness at the Council Service Center at (816) 942-9333 ext. 155.

KEEP THIS INFO CLOSE!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

| District Commissioner          | Forrest Bolles (913) 438-3637 |
| District Training Chairman    | Judy Yeager (913) 362-2029     |
| Youth Protection Training Coordinator | Judy Yeager (913) 362-2029   |
| Boy Scout Training Coordinator| Bart Schwarz (913) 541-0629    |
| Cub Scout Training Coordinator| Linda LasKares (913) 592-5136 |
| Vice Chairman, Program        | Mark Warrick (913) 268-6260   |
| Membership Chair              | Janice DeSalvo (913) 393-0005 |
| Advancement Chair             | Herb Strain (816) 941-8614    |
| Camping Chair                 | Mike Blinn (913) 432-4224     |
| Venturing                     | Scott Worsham (913) 381-4082  |
| Public Relations              | Bruce Re (913) 381-9475       |
| Relationships Chair           | Ray L. Morrison (913) 764-4107|
| NESA                         | Keith Koenigsdorf (913) 649-0400|

Extensions for your District Executives of the Santa Fe Trail

- Jonathan Bonness ext. 155 816-942-9333 ext. 155
- Jason Ballew ext. 182 816-942-9333 ext. 182
- Ron Pfannenstiel ext. 164 816-942-9333 ext. 164
- Lisa Hayns ext. 172 816-942-9333 ext. 172
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- District Director Douglas County ext. 155
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Salute to Fall Camporee, “The Final Chapter, A New Beginning”

Do those guys know how to put on a camporee or what? This year’s, The Final Chapter, was the perfect ending to a perfect camporee history at Smithville Lake. The entire weekend was packed with activities put on by the youth, participated by the youth, and planned by the youth. Activities like: The Monkey Bridge, A Signal Tower, Catapult, Log Rolling Relay, Wilderness Survival, and Morse code. Just makes you want to go back and do it all again. It truly was a great Boy Scout event! Thank you to the guys who really put their hearts into making this a grand event: Mike Blinn, Jeff Gillenwater, J Jack Clark, Chuck Even, Dave Weerts.

Salute to Tiger Cub Day at the Zoo

All I can say is what a Blast! Tiger Cub Day at the Zoo has reached an all time high for fun. This year’s program included fun, face painting, patches, ribbons, singing, and so much more. Thank you to all the packs that came out and participated in the festivities. A special round of applause to the volunteers who came out to help with all the activities. It’s a great day to see all the districts join in and have such a great time. Like I’ve said before, why write about what I can show you. A few pics from the Zoo Day to mark all Zoo Days!

And thank you to the Tiger Cub Council Committee who made this day happen—Diane Delong, Joy Freeland, Veronica Vann, Julie Hill, Wendy Richardson, Carol Howell, Genie Wilcox, and Joy and Don Sadler. A BIG TIGER SALUTE TO EVERY ONE OF YOU! Thank you.

Salute to a Barnyard Adventure Day Camp Volunteer

We want to personally send out a Barnyard Salute to Mary Wojtkiewicz, the Program Director for week three at the Barnyard Day Camp of 2000. Your dedication and commitment to the Barnyard Day Camp for Santa Fe Trail is greatly appreciated.

Salute to the Rainy but Action Packed Venturing Day

Thank you to the volunteers who dedicated their time to make the 2nd Annual Venturing Day a success. Scott Worsham, Debbie Gaunt, Bobanne Kalkofen, Joe Ogilvie, John Forsythe and the SFT Training Team, Bob Alleman, and everyone who participated in the 2000 Venturing Day. It may have been a little soggy and a little cold but that didn't hold anyone back from such events as orienteering, the climbing tower, backpacking, archery, and rifle shooting. Next year is already in the works. Can’t wait to see you there

Salute to Indian Hills Middle School

As we anticipate the upcoming holiday season, we want to salute Indian Hills Middle School for their continued support to the Scouting Program. As you look across the school grounds you can see the Scouting program everywhere, Eagle Scout Projects decorate the grounds. Charlie Rhodes, Eagle, built benches that compliment the bridge that was built by Parker Mendell, also an Eagle Scout. Beautiful flowers accent Indian Hills and were also an Eagle Project supported by the school. Thank you Indian Hills Middle School for your continued support of the Scouting Program. In this season of giving thanks, thank you for giving back to your community.

Salute to 123

Troop 123 has challenged the Santa Fe Trail Units to see who can be the next unit to have their Friends of Scouting Presentation. Mark Warnick, Scoutmaster of T-123 has successfully surpassed their goal by raising over $1200.00 at their presentation. Who will be the next unit?

Salute to Troop 284

What a neat story. Troop 284 celebrated on September 2nd, the elevation to Eagle Scout, Brian Beachler and Joe Ramsey. Joe and Brian have gone through the entire Scouting program together, starting their Scouting careers as Cub Scouts at John Deimer School and then crossing over to Troop 284. What makes this story such a Scouting story is that Brian had reached his advancement to Eagle in June of 1999. But he chose to wait for Joe, his best friend to make Eagle, so that they would both be honored at the same time in their advancement to Eagle at their Eagle Court of Honor. We salute these two fine young men in all their accomplishments, their dedication and loyalty to the Scouting Program and Troop 284.

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Klondike Derby
The 2001 Klondike Derby will be held on January 22, 2001 at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake. Be on the lookout for more information at the December and January Roundtables.

District Dinner
January 13, 2001 is the date for the year’s District Dinner. The location, again, will be at the KCI Marriott. For more information, contact Jason Scott or Steve Roberts at 816-942-9333.

Silver Beaver
Congratulations to Richard Martin and Craig Liljegren on receiving the Silver Beaver Award. Their hard work and dedication to Scouting is greatly appreciated.

H. Virgil Bower Scoutmaster Award
Nominations are now being accepted for the H. Virgil Bower Scoutmaster Award and are due by Friday, December 1, 2000. Nominates must be currently registered Scoutmasters in the North Star District. Nomination forms are available through Steve Roberts at 816-942-9333. The award will be presented at the District Dinner.

Friends of Scouting
NOW is the time to schedule your unit’s 2001 Family Friends of Scouting Presentation. Every dollar raised helps to ensure that we can keep on delivering a great program to the youth in the North Star District. To schedule a presentation, call Don Bonjour at 816-942-9333 or Jeff Cook at 816-616-6882.

Popcorn
WE ARE POPPING!!! You can pick up your popcorn at the Farmland Underground on December 1st and 2nd. To schedule a pick up time and to get directions call Kim Hughes at 816-746-6045 or Jason Scott at 816-942-9333.

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North Star
Annual Business Meeting
Attention all Scouting Volunteers in the North Star District. The District’s Annual Business Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 9th at Beethoven’s Restaurant in Paola, KS. Each year this is the District’s opportunity to annually elect the District’s leadership for 2001. Chartering Organization Representatives are the voting representatives for each Scouting unit and are encouraged to attend.

There will be no nominations made from the floor. Only Chartering Organization Representatives will be able to vote on the slate of candidates that will serve in District Positions. This is a public meeting, and open to all interested Scouting volunteers.

Rechartering
As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, Scouting units across the District need to take time to slow down for the holidays. Don’t let this lull catch you unexpectedly since all unit charters expire in Twin Rivers on January 31, 2001. If your unit allows for your charter to expire, it is possible that you will also lose your Scouting tenure.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 21st. Plan on attending a meeting that will help all Scouting leaders to sort through the sometimes confusing recharter paperwork. Those units that attend this training will have the opportunity to turn in their recharter information that evening. For questions or more information, contact the District Commissioner, Dave Miller @ (913) 849-3574.

Popcorn
Since the beginning of October, Scouts from all over the Twin Rivers District have been honing their salesmanship skills promoting the annual popcorn sale. Encourage your boys to keep up the hard work. Remember, a great popcorn sale in fall will keep your Scouting group off the street and heads in the popcorn house. Once the popcorn arrives, it will need to be sorted for each unit. No unit will be allowed to pick their popcorn up until all of the popcorn in the box has been sorted. Volunteers are needed to help expedite this task.

Please contact Matt Goyer at the Council Service Center if your unit has volunteers that would like to pick up popcorn. Those units that contribute volunteers will be able to pick up popcorn on Friday night. All other units will need to pick up popcorn between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, December 2nd.

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November
2 District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
OA Chapter Meeting & Youth Protection Training
9 Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
11 Den Chief Training, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
14 District Annual Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1301 NE Vivion
18 William Jewell Merit Badge College, 8:00 a.m., William Jewell College, Liberty, MO
28 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Kick-Off – 7:00 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1301 NE Vivion
December
4 District Committee Meeting – 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Road
7 District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
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November
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7 O.A. Chapter Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie, KS
9 District Annual Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Beethoven’s Restaurant, Paola, KS
21 District Recharter Training, time and location T.B.A. at Roundtable
* District Commissioner’s Meeting, T.B.A., contact Dave Miller at (913) 849-3574 for more information
December
2 Popcorn Pickup, 8:30 a.m., Slayman’s Beverage, Osawatomie, KS
5 O.A. Chapter Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie, KS
7 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 201 S. Silver, Paola, KS
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Growth
How has your units Fall Roundup gone? Has every boy you recruited filled out an application? If not, this is the time to do it. Contact Growth Chair Bill Cosye at 816-454-8795 or a member of the North Star team at 816-942-9333.
Big Muddy

Big Muddy Annual Business Meeting Announcement

The Big Muddy District, Heart of America Council, BSA, will hold their Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers on Tuesday, November 14. It will be held at the Wellington American Legion Post beginning at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled District Committee Meeting. All district voting members (members-at-large and all Charter Organization Representatives) are strongly urged to attend. Remember, if you don't vote you can't complain.

Calendar of Events

November
7 Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Lexington United Methodist Church
8 District Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Richmond United Methodist Church
14 District Annual Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Wellington American Legion Post

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5 Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Lexington United Methodist Church
13 District Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Richmond United Methodist Church
19 District FOS 2001 Kick-Off, time and location TBA
21 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Wellington American Legion Post

Popcorn 2000
As a reminder to all units selling popcorn, keep these dates in mind:
- Sale begins September 30.
- Sale ends November 12.
- Popcorn pick up is December 1 & 2, by appointment (call Carol Brooks at 660-259-6278).

FOS 2001
It is time now to start thinking about the 2001 Friends of Scouting Campaign and get your unit signed up for its presentation. To sign up for your unit’s presentation, and to find out how your unit can get FREE rank advancement patches, call Alan Sanders at 1-800-776-1110, ext. 158.

2001 Recharter Kick-off

FOS 2001 Rechartering
District Executive, Wes Kramer, 1-800-776-1110 ext. 118

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training
Last month’s Cub Leader Basic Training was very successful. Thanks to all who attended. You just took a big step in delivering a quality program to the youth in your unit! Also, thanks to Mary Martens and the rest of the training staff. You guys do a great job!

Rechartering 2001
If you were not in attendance at the October Roundtable to receive your unit’s recharter material, please call your District Executive. He will be more than happy to deliver it to you. Let’s all strive to achieve 100% on-time recharter status. This is very beneficial to your unit as well as the district in achieving Quality status.

Lone Bear

Award of Merit
Know anyone you think is deserving of special recognition for a job well done? The District Award of Merit is the highest award that can be given to a volunteer by his or her district. Nominations forms were included in your unit’s program planning packet and are available at Roundtable, and the Council Service Center. The deadline is the December 5th Roundtable.

2000 Lone Bear District Committee
Chairman Lynn Harmon (H) 660-747-5794
Commissioner Mike Thornton (H) 660-679-4483
Executive Alan J. Sanders (W) 880-776-1110
Membership J.C. Smith (H) 660-885-2744
Training Bob Heeter (H) 660-563-4693
BS Training Ray Norris (H) 660-747-2796
CS Training Mark Koenh (H) 816-850-6935
BS Roundtable Gary Hart (H) 660-543-7234
CS Roundtable Betty Jones (H) 660-563-5649
Advancement Gary Cover (W) 660-885-6914
NESA Rick Carleton (H) 660-747-8470
Camping Randy White (H) 660-747-6954
Exploring Director Randy White (H) 660-747-6954
Special Needs Bob Straw (H) 816-885-6336
Activities Wayne Terry (W) 660-885-2998
Venturing Jim Harmon (H) 816-732-4636

The new recharter packets will be at the November Roundtable and Steve Foote will give a recharter orientation for all leaders who will be working on the recharter for this year. For more information contact Steve Foote at 417-646-2651.

FOS 2000
Popcorn 2000
All popcorn orders and prize selections must be in to the Council Service Center by November 14, 2000. If you need help or need to have someone take yours to Kansas City, please call Alan Sanders at 660-422-8285. The popcorn will be in on December 1st and you will need to call Joy Lakey at 660-747-3996 to get a time to pick up your popcorn.

Membership
Lone Bear District had a great Fall Recruitment push in September and October, but it is always a good time to recruit new boys into your unit. Now is the time to look at your units Recharter Packet and make sure all active boys are on the unit charter. For help and any other information, please call Alan Sanders at 660-422-8285.

Calendar of Events

November
7 Commissioner Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scout and Cub Scout Roundtable at 7:30 p.m., Clinton Scout Center
13 Council Annual Meeting and Silver Beaver Banquet
28 District Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Clinton Scout Center

December
5 Commissioner Meeting at 6:45 p.m.
Boy Scout and Cub Scout Roundtable at 7:30 p.m., Clinton Scout Center
Unforgettable Holiday Gifts
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Thurs.: 9 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Adventures
In Scouting

VIPPEE FOR CAMPOREE! Thank you to everyone that made this year's Camporee so exciting. Your hard work and dedication to making a fun and educational weekend for our youth is greatly appreciated.

TO OUR VALUED VOLUNTEER: