George Breidenthal and E. Frank Ellis of Kansas City were honored with the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award by the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America on Sunday October 21, 2001. Named for the late Whitney M. Young, Jr., the award is presented to individual volunteers or organizations who have made an outstanding contribution in bringing the Scouting program to rural or low-income urban youth within the council.

Mr. Breidenthal is President of Kansas City Women's Basketball, Inc. and is the owner of the Kansas City Legacy of the National Women's Basketball League. George grew up in Kansas City, Kansas where he was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout.

For 20 years he was involved in the banking business serving as Board Chairman and President of many community banks. He has been involved in numerous community activities including the Red Cross, the United Way, Donnelly College Board of Trustees, the YMCA, youth sports coaching, Trinity United Methodist Church and the Kansas City Board of Education where he is presently serving his eighteenth year.

“My grandfathers were involved in our community and I believe that their involvement has taught me a great deal about living life”, Breidenthal states.

Frank Ellis is the President and CEO of FirstGuard Health Plan, which is the Midwest’s largest inner city ambulatory facility, serving over 45,000 people. Frank serves as a guest lecturer for several area colleges and universities creating an awareness of Scouting opportunities for low-income families.

Ellis has served as the Council Scoutreach Chairman from 1998 thru 2000. In that role he assisted districts and the council in adding minority volunteers to their committees. Frank’s position in the community as a business and civic leader helped him recruit new volunteers to the Scouting program.

Frank’s effort to improve Kansas City’s low-income communities goes beyond his civic involvement. He is a member of the community and has a vested interest in improving the lives of the families who work and live here. Ellis said, “The success of the Scouting program in the urban core of the city helps shape our future leaders for many years to come.

The award was presented at the 13th Annual Celebration to benefit the Scoutreach Programs of the Heart of America Council. Participating in the award presentation were Michael Carter, President and CEO of Carter Broadcast Group parent company of KPRS 103.3 FM and Larry Moore, News Anchor on KMBC TV Channel 9.

POW WOW 2001
WOW! What an event. Over 500 Cub Scout Volunteers turned out to gather knowledge and ideas to help run their packs and dens. Teresa Baggs, Danny Stamps and their staff put on a great training opportunity. Many thanks to all of the staff, teachers, exhibitors and participants for making this year’s Pow Wow an outstanding success. Books, shirts, patches and prior year’s CD’s are available at the Council Service Center.

TIGER CUB DAY AT THE ZOO

Tigers were everywhere on October 27th at the Kansas City Zoo in Swope Park. It was an awesome day. The sun was shining, the birds were singing, the hippos were dancing, and the seals were swimming. It was perfect. Lil’ tigers were enjoying face painting and loads of candy at every turn. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help in the once again fabulous success of Tiger Cub Day at the Zoo. It just gets better every year. Garfield even got to come out this year and hang out with the Tigers. The entire Council joined in on the fun of the day with trick or treating, face painting, and making sure every one was having a great day. Thank you to the Tiger Committee who once again orchestrated the Tiger Event everyone looks forward to each year.

Popcorn Sale 2002
A “Popping” Success!

The 2002 Popcorn Sale was a great success. 395 units sold a total of $1.82 million in popcorn! Units will earn $580,000 in commission plus prizes worth an additional $85,000. Watch the February Adventures in Scouting for a list of the Top Sellers in the Council. There is still some popcorn available if you have any late orders or if customers inquire about getting additional. Please call Christina Grindall at (816) 942-9333 ext. 122 to reserve your additional popcorn.

Adventures in Scouting
brought to you by
Friends of Scouting.
United Way and the
Trail’s End Popcorn Sale.

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Heart of America Council
Boy Scouts of America

2002 Registration Information

When is Project C.O.P.E. available?

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Registration Process
1. Complete the Registration Form (select a first and second choice date and designate which program you are requesting (Climbing/Rappelling Tower or C.O.P.E.)).
2. Return the completed registration form to the Council Service Center a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. (Registrations are processed on a first come/first served basis.)
3. A confirmation letter will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration. In the event that your choice of program/dates are full you will be notified by telephone.
4. A deposit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total cost will be required when your reservation is confirmed. The balance is due at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled event.
5. Participants meet at the parking lot by the Maintenance Barn at Camp Naish by 8:30 AM on the day of the event.
6. Please Note: Two-deep, on-site leadership is required the day of the event.
7. Fees for C.O.P.E. participants include a T-shirt and a bandana and day of instruction. Participants are responsible for providing their own lunch.

PROGRAM SIZES ARE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:
- Climbing/Rappelling Tower – minimum of 8, maximum of 40
- C.O.P.E. – minimum of 8, maximum of 24

What is Project C.O.P.E.?
Project C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) is a fun and exciting way to develop team-building skills. The program consists primarily of three basic components: initiative games, low-course and high-course events. At each level, participants work through a series of challenges to achieve success on an individual and team basis.

Teamwork Communication Trust Leadership Decision-Making Problem-Solving Self-Esteem Fun

What To Bring:
- Long pants (NO sweats or nylon pants) • Sturdy shoes/boots • Leather work gloves
- Rain gear • Water bottle • Camera (optional) • Sack Lunch • Current Class I Health Form
- Please DO NOT wear jewelry – (rings, watches, necklaces, body piercing studs, large belt buckles, etc.)

Who Is Eligible?
Boy Scout, Explorers, Venturers, Varsity Scouts and Adult Scouters who are currently registered with Boy Scouts of America. Must be at least 13 years of age by January 1 of the year participating. Non-Scouting groups by special arrangement.

REGISTRATION FORM
Submission of this registration form is not a guarantee that space is available. A confirmation letter will be sent to the contact person listed below with program reservation information. A deposit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total program cost will be due with the return of the confirmation letter.

PROGRAM (circle one):
- C.O.P.E. - $25.00/person
- Climbing/Rappelling Tower - $15.00/person

District __________________________ Type of Unit (Troop, Crew, etc) __________________________ Unit # ________

Desired Date: ________________________ Second Choice: ________________________

Contact Person

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State________________ Zip___________________

Phones: Day (_______) _______________________________ Evening (_______)____________________________

# of Youths Participating __________________________ # of Adults Participating __________________________

Total Persons Participating __________________________ # of Non-Participating Adults Attending __________________________

PLEASE NOTE: Non-participating adults may attend at no cost for leadership purposes.

Mail registration form: Project C.O.P.E. Registration Heart of America Council, BSA P.O. Box 414177 Kansas City, MO 64141-4177

This section for office use only

Date Received_________________ Rec’d by _____________________ Confirmation Sent_________________

REMINDER: BOY SCOUT CAMP FEE PAYMENT DUE
Troop leaders should note that the second fee payment is due on Friday, March 1, 2002. This payment equals 1/2 of the remaining balance. The final payment is due May 3, 2002.

Resident Summer Camp Staff
Camp directors are currently interviewing candidates to serve on the 2002 camp staff. To serve the full summer season, Scouts must be at least 15 years old by June 1, 2002. Counselors in Training (CIT) serve for one session only and must be 14 years old by June 1, 2002. Counselors in Training (CIT) serve for one session only and must be 14 years old by June 1, 2002. Counselor positions require Scouts be 18 years old or a high school graduate, and several director positions require that the employee be at least 21 years old. Most positions are paid and all include room, board, staff t-shirts (2), and a chance to serve Scouting in a very valuable way! Anyone interested in being on camp staff should download one from our website at www.hoac-bsa.org or pick up an application in the Resource Center at the Council Service Center or their district roundtable.

TRIBAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS
Recommendations for Mic-O-Say Tribal Council are due March 1, 2002 for consideration for the 2002 camping season. By action of the Council of Chiefs, recommendations received after the deadline will be returned and must be submitted for the following camping season. Recommendation forms are available on our website at www.hoac-bsa.org or in the Resource Center at the Council Service Center.
2002 PROGRAMS EXPLORING THE TROPICS

Registration: February 4th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. CST 1-800-637-4950

Since its inception, Scouting has been all about exploring and appreciating the wilderness. The Florida Sea Base offers an opportunity to explore a completely different type of wilderness—the underwater wilderness. Florida Sea Base provides many ways to gain access to this underwater wilderness—large sailing vessels, powerboats, kayaks, and SCUBA equipment.

Imagine thousands of square miles of underwater coral formations, peaks, valleys, and literally hundreds of different types of colorful fish. Your mask will become a kaleidoscope of colors as you glide effortlessly among pillars of coral and multi-hued fish. The warm, clear waters of the Florida Keys give you the sensation of weightlessness in this underwater wilderness.

We’ve expanded. The Brinton Environmental Center has just been completed to serve as a launching area for the Out Island and Key’s Adventure programs for 2002. This new facility, located at Mile Marker 24, offers air-conditioned dorms and food service.

Many new and exciting adventures offered from this location are being designed. Check the Florida Sea Base’s web page for program update. www.bsaseabase.org

2002 KEY POSITIONS AT BARTLE

The following positions and individuals have been appointed to the 2002 H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Camp Cabinet:

• David Allen
  Reservation Commissioner
• Wayne Weimer
  Reservation Program Director
• Bruce Reed
  Reservation Business Manager
• Ralp Rowo
  Program Range Director
• John Johnson
  Treefitter/Scoutmaster

PRESIDENT: David M. Lookton
VICE PRESIDENTS: Clifford W. Igig
            Thomas J. McCullough
            Debra K. Tuirin
            David J. Zimmer
            E. Frank Ellis

TREASURER: Stephen M. Clifford
LEGAL COUNSEL: David A. Fenley
COUNCIL COMMISSIONER: Richard T. Bechsaar

ANY LEADER — FULL OR PART TIME ATTENDING ANY HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL RESIDENT CAMP (BOY SCOUT OR WEBELOS) MUST BE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

Camping

The Heart of America Council, BSA Presents BEAR RESIDENT CAMP Theodore Nasah Scout Reservation’s CUB WORLD

Session 1: June 2-3
Session 2: June 14-15
Session 3: June 16-17
Session 4: June 30-July 1

Overnight Camping • BB Guns • Action Archery • Frontier Fort Indian Village Teepees • Knight’s Castle • Water Activities Outdoor Cooking • Sports • Trading Post • Exciting Campfires

Come Explore Tall Tales and Cub World Trails This Summer Want To Sign Up? Registrations will be accepted beginning February 5, 2002. Watch for the Cub Scout Sign Up Forms on the Heart of America Council’s Website (www.hoac-bsa.org) or call Bryan Bolding at the Council Service Center (816-942-9333) or e-mail to bbolding@bsamail.org for more information.

BEAR RESIDENT CAMP FACT SHEET
• Cub World, Theodore Nasah Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, Kansas
• Participants will include Adults and Bear Cubs
• Register as a Pack, Den or Individual Family
• Bear Cubs – Scouts going into 3rd Grade in Full of 2002
• Overnight Camping on Scout Reservation in Tents
• Water Activities – Swimming
• Theme Related - Crafts, Games, Activities
• Outdoor Cooking
• Special Events
• Exciting Campfires – Staff and Cub Participation
• Field Sports – BB Guns, Action Archery, Archery
• Nature/Conservation
• Campsite Living
• Trading Post
• Staff – Grizzly Guides

2 Full Days & 1 Night of Fun: June 23/24, June 14/15, June 16/17, June 30/July 1

Fees: Bears - $40.00/each, Adults $35.00/each

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Registration Begins – February 5, 2002
Early Bird – April 1, 2002, Save $5.00 for paid in full Cub Registration
Final Fee Due: May 1, 2002
Leader Orientation: May, 2002
June: Come Have Fun At Cub World!

Questions? Contact Bryan Bolding @ 816-942-9333 or 800-776-1110 or bbolding@bsamail.org

This Summer Come Explore “Tall Tales and Cub World Trails”
Why? Because Every Scout Deserves A Trained Leader.

2002 Webelos Resident Camp Draw and Registration

Again this year we will continue with a council-wide sign-up for the 2002 Webelos Resident Camp. Please note that for 2002, three different draws will take place. To help you plan for next summer, please keep the following important details in mind.

1. The Webelos Camp Draw will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2002 at the Council Service Center.

Draw SCOUTS CAMPED IN CHECK-IN DRAW TIME BEGINS
2000-2001
First 15 or less 8:30 AM 9:00 AM
Second 15-30 9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Third 14 or less 9:45 AM 10:15 AM

A non-refundable registration deposit of $15.00 for each Webelos Scout and each leader attending camp must be paid at registration. The $15.00 per camp attendee registration fee is transferrable to a substitute Scout or full-time leader, within the same pack, but cannot be applied to the pack’s remaining balance due and is not transferrable to part-time leaders.

EXAMPLE
Pack ABCD registers 12 youth and 4 leaders and submits a total registration deposit at the draw of $240.00. If the actual attendance is 11 youth and 3 leaders, Pack ABCD will forfeit $30.00 in registration fees if cancelled prior to the final payment due date.

2. Any Leader, Full or Part Time Attending Camp must be a registered member of the BSA.

3. As many of you already know, we are using Scout-Net to keep track of camping in the Heart of America Council. This technology allows us to do some things that normally we would have to wait until camp is over to do. One of these is entering the names of those registered Scouts and Scouters that will be attending camp. The names of these Scouts and Scouters will be due by the final payment due date on May 31, 2002. You will be receiving a roster to return to your District Committee to complete and return with your final payment. This step will assist in making the check-in process at camp more efficient and quicker. This requirement will be discussed in detail at the Webelos Leader Orientation in April.

4. DO NOT MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM - A pack representative MUST be present and entire enclosed form in the draw by your draw date. Please note that only one registration form per pack is necessary. Once a draw begins, forms will not be accepted until that draw is completed.

5. Sessions are limited to 300 youths and 200 leaders or a maximum of 500 participants. Packs should have at least two alternative session choices ready in case their first choice is not available. A random drawing will determine the order of packs selecting 2002 Webelos Camp sessions.

6. 2002 Session Dates

NO. SESSION DATES
1 Sunday, June 30 thru Tuesday, July 2, 2002
2 Thursday, July 4 thru Saturday, July 6, 2002
3 Saturday, July 6 thru Tuesday, July 9, 2002
4 Thursday, July 11 thru Saturday, July 13, 2002
5 Sunday, July 14 thru Tuesday, July 16, 2002
6 Thursday, July 18 thru Saturday, July 20, 2002
7 Sunday, July 21 thru Tuesday, July 23, 2002
8 Thursday, July 25 thru Saturday, July 27, 2002
9 Sunday, July 28 thru Tuesday, July 30, 2002
10 Thursday, August 1 thru Saturday, August 3, 2002
11 Sunday, August 4 thru Tuesday, August 6, 2002
12 Thursday, August 8 thru Saturday, August 10, 2002
13 Sunday, August 11 thru Tuesday, August 13, 2002

ALL WOBELOS SESSIONS ARE AT NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION

2002 Fee Schedule: Youth Full-time Adult
Non-Refundable Deposit (due at registration)
$15.00 $15.00
First Payment (due March 15, 2002)
$30.00 $25.00
Balance (due May 31, 2002)
$35.00 $30.00
TOTAL
$80.00 $70.00
Late Fee – June 1, 2002 and After Add
$15.00 $15.00

For any leader who pays in full at the time of registration you will be assigned upon check-in at camp.

7. The 2002 fee schedule is as follows:

8. A maximum of 2 part-time leaders may share a full time spot as long as they do not overlap on any day. Part-time leader fees are $25.00 per day for registrations received on before May 31, 2002 and $35.00 per day for registrations received June 1, 2002 or later. No individual meals will be sold. If you attend camp for any part of any day, the part-time leader fees apply.

9. Packs not present at the draw may register on a first come first serve basis for remaining openings. Please note that space available at this time will be limited.

10. The CAMPING DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST SESSION ASSIGNMENTS.

11. REFUND POLICY: There will be a $50.00 CANCELLATION FEE PER PERSON (includes $15 non-refundable deposit). May 31, 2002 or after for any full time camper (Scout or leader) not attending. There will be a $10.00 PART-TIME LEADER CANCELLATION FEE. (Units may fill the slot internally. Scout and full-time leader slots are interchangeable.) THIS CANCELLATION FEE IS ASSESSED FOR EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM PURCHASES MADE PRIOR TO CAMP, WHICH CANNOT BE CANCELLED DUE TO ABSENCE OF CAMPERS. After cancellation fees is accessed, all funds are refundable.

If a Scout or leader becomes all while attending camp and is sent home by the camp medical staff, they are eligible for a pro-rated refund (by day) of the “balance of fee.” ($15 deposit is non-refundable). If a camper leaves without being sent home by the camp medical staff, there is NO refund. All refunds must be submitted in writing, before leaving camp. The unit leader, leader signature, refunds requests will be considered if submitted after camp.

The cost of the conference is $150.00. This includes all food, course materials and one course t-shirt. A nonrefundable deposit of $25.00 per scout should accompany the Scouts application form which is due at registration. A non-refundable deposit of $25.00 per session leader should accompany the application form which is due at registration.

Each conference participant must be at least a First Class Scout, 13 years old, and currently registered in basic Scouting.

The Heart of America Council Training Committee using the Junior Leader Training Conference outline approved by the Boy Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America conducts this course. Participants should plan to arrive between 6:00 AM and depart at approximately 4:00 PM.

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Program will be held at Rotary Scout Camp, September 13-15, 2002 for the classroom sessions, and September 27-29, 2002 at Naish Scout Reservation for the outdoor session.

Applications may be picked up in the Resource Center at the Council Service Center, your Roundtable, OR by downloading from our website www.cihoac.org or visit the Council Resource Center.

2002 AFL-CIO ANNOUNCES WOOD BADGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A scholarship program covering the current Wood Badge course, which was updated in 2000. Wood Badge for the 21st century has been developed for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The focus of the course is on the development of leadership skills, not outdoor skills.

To obtain an application contact Debbie Holt in camping services at 816-942-9333.

Brownsea 22

Brownsea 22 is an extensive seven-day outdoor training experience for young men in support of the Scouter’s responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders. The Heart of America Council Training Committee using the Junior Leader Training Conference outline approved by the Boy Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America conducts this course.

Each conference participant must be at least a First Class Scout, 13 years old, and currently filling a leadership position in the troop or likely to assume one soon. He should be proficient in basic Scouting.

The conference will be held at Naish Scout Reservation in Brownsville, KS.

What's the Location?
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What's the Cost?
The cost of the conference is $150.00. This includes all food, course materials and one course t-shirt. A nonrefundable deposit of $25.00 per scout should accompany the Scouts application form which is due at registration.

Brownsea 22 will commence on Saturday, June 2, 2002 and conclude on Saturday, June 8, 2002.

Participants should plan to arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Scouts will be ready to depart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and conclude on Saturday, June 8, 2002.

The balance is to be paid by May 16, 2002. A personal equipment list and health form will be provided upon payment of the deposit.

To obtain an application, you may download one from the council website at www.cihoac.org or visit the Council Resource Center.
Tribute Funds

In Memory Of:

Rick Hollingsworth
Ray Seidelman Jr.
Wayne and Pam Westfall
Steve and Debbie Roberts
Kevin, Debby, Matt, and Kelly Stoker
Judy Maher
Everett and Elizabeth Easley
Janet and Michael Nosseir
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DeLeve Family
Kevin Vorbeck
DeLeve Family
Tony Julo
DeLeve Family
Larry Mallin
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WILL SEZ:

WHY WRITE A WILL?

Whether you are married, single, widowed or divorced, you need a will. In many cases, it has nothing to do with how large or small your estate may be. Without a will, your estate will not be distributed to those family members and organizations that you care about. The State will decide who gets your assets, and probably keep a sizable chunk of it for itself. Without a will, the State can also decide who takes care of your young children when you are gone.

Without a will, your family and friends will suffer, but so will your church, your schools, and Scouting. Your bequest gift can make a real difference in the financial future of your council and the other organizations that are important to you and your family. Call us and ask for more information on the importance of a will and what it can mean to you.

You spent a lifetime building your estate. Now it’s time to take a few minutes to protect that estate.

WHY REVIEW YOUR WILL?

What if you bought a new car and never cleaned or repaired it? What if you never landscaped your yard or repainted your house? You would own a car or a house that looked like a lot of people’s wills.

Having any kind of a will is better than no will at all. But updating your will gives maximum protection to you, your family, and the organizations that you support. As you add to your estate, as your marital and family situation changes, if you move to another state, if tax laws change, if your preferences and charitable interests change, that’s when you need to update your will.

Contact the Heart of America Council Endowment office for more information on Estate Planning and the Heart of America Council Endowment, please contact Jason M. Baxendale, Endowment Director, at (816) 942-9333 Ext. 129 or jbaxenda@bsamail.org

HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL OPENS NEW ENDOWMENT WEB SITE

You may now access all of the Council’s Endowment information via the World Wide Web. Simply type www.hoac-bsa.org and click the Endowment tab. In this section, you will find information on Endowment events, ways to give to the Endowment through your estate, Endowment forms to download, links to tax, finance, and planned giving information, contact information, and more.

Letter from a Unit

Scrooge has struck our Scout Troop in a very unfortunate way. On Sat. Dec. 15th the troop was to go on another of our fun packed overnights, unfortunately when we arrived at the church parking lot we quickly figured out that our troop trailer had been stolen. We have lost everything, tents, ground cloths, coolers, stoves, dining flies, propane tanks and water jugs. Our trailer was just over a year old. Any help that you could give us would be greatly appreciated. We have set up a fund with the church that sponsors us to accept donations.

Your Friends in Scouting
Dave Degenfelder A.S.M. Troop 354
816-246-8020

Donations can be sent to:
Meadowbrook United Methodist Church
2800 N.E. Antioch Rd.
Gladstone, MO 64119
C/O Troop 354 Equipment Fund
January 2002

**Council Calendar**

1 New Year’s Day
Council Service Center and Scout Shop Closed

2 Service Center Open/Scout Shop Open 9-6 p.m.
Council Day Camp Meeting

4 Popcorn Payments Due
Theodore Naish Scout

5 OA Winter Banquet

22 Executive Board Meeting

**February**

2 Groundhog Day

3 Scout Sunday

4 Cub Scout Day Camp Sign-up Begins

Bear Camp Sign-up begins

6 Day Camp Meeting

SNAWS Meeting

9 Scout Sabbath

Venturing Officer’s Association Meeting

9 Pow Wow Staff Meeting

SNAWS Meeting

12 Executive Committee Meeting

Lincoln’s Birthday

13 Pow Wow Staff Meeting

Ash Wednesday

14 Valentine’s Day

18 Council Service Center Closed

President’s Day

21 OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

22 Washington’s Birthday

**DISTRICT**

**UNIT**

**NAME**

Big Muddy 1120

Travis Michael Bradford

Blue Elk 1138

Christopher Ray Harthorn

Blue Elk 1138

Jaredon Brown

Blue Elk 1173

Clarence Colwell Franklin IV

Blue Elk 1201

Matthew M. Marble

Blue Elk 1216

Dustin David Pickering

Blue Elk 1216

Justin Jared Whitley

Blue Elk 1228

Alex Matthew Ford

Blue Elk 1282

Daniel Abraham Smith

Blue Elk 1306

Ryan Andrew Jorgenson

Blue Elk 1381

Benjamin D. McRae

Blue Elk 1546

Grant Morgan Brown

Blue Elk 1763

Hugh Starmer Welsh

Blue Elk 1763

Scott Patrick Smith

Blue Elk 1865

Scott Thomas Dorch

Blue Elk 1946

Jeffrey C. Staples

Blue Elk 6946

Chance Olsen Cooper

Kaw 22

Bradley Dwayne Hook

Kaw 22

Jeremy Alan Hogue

Kaw 66

Jonathan Scott Wilson

Kaw 165

Joshua Len Meyer

Kaw 173

Ryan John Rogers

Kaw 366

Caleb D. Klinger

Kaw 366

Tyler Louis Oulton

Lone Bear 1002

Timothy Wayne Dudley

Lone Bear 1304

Luke W. Johnson

Lone Bear 1404

Thomas F. Poldo

Lone Bear 1430

Chad M. Jolley

Lone Bear 1437

Jon Crownover

Lone Bear 1437

Travis Thomas Allen Raby

North Star 1137

David Christopher Dyck

North Star 1215

Seth C. Schroeder

North Star 1271

Brian Christopher Cooper

North Star 1314

Christopher James Conwin

North Star 1314

Jason Michael Brownell

North Star 1333

David Andrew Hendy

North Star 1357

Jeremy Alan Schroeder

North Star 1374

Scott Matthew Hall

North Star 1374

Severn Elliot Craven

North Star 1376

Matthew Douglas Warnock

North Star 1395

Robert Clark Hall

North Star 1412

Adam G. Koile

North Star 1433

Tyler Christian Willhire

North Star 1444

Richard Frederick Hinkle

North Star 1707

Stephen R. Marcivai

North Star 2234

Jon William Scott

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Nicholas Edward Woods

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Stephen Andrew McKim

Northern Tier 91

William J. Colpitts

Northern Tier 93

Joel Alan Morgan

Northern Tier 98

Thomas Edward Kellerman

Northern Tier 189

Andrew Angel Conyers

Northern Tier 351

Jonathan Michael Einsley

Northern Tier 351

Nathan Way Chick

Northern Tier 393

Scott Richard Smith

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2002 College of Commissioner Service expands Curriculum for Associates Degree

The Eleventh Annual Heart of America College of Commissioner Service will be held at Ft. Leavenworth, KS Saturday March 9, 2002. Dean of the College Bill Anderson has announced a new expanded Associates Degree curriculum. These new courses will be of interest to those who nearing their tenure at their current unit position who may be considering continuing their Scouting career in Commissioner Service. If you or someone in your unit fits this description, and would like to know more about Commissioner Service, contact Dean Bill Anderson 785-843-2044. Or contact Jason Scott 816-942-9333 ext. 169 at the Council Office.
MIC-O-SAY DANCERS
The Mic-O-Say Dancers’ mission is to promote continued involvement in Scouting, participation in the camping experience at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Membership is open to any Tribesmen. All members are required to remain active with their home unit. If you know of Tribesmen in your unit who are interested in joining the Mic-O-Say Dancers, have them contact us, and we will send them information.

The Dancers are available for performances for your unit during the months of October through April. Performances are available for a small fee. A typical performance is 30 minutes in length. We present interpretations of authentic story dances as well as current examples of pow-wow dancing. We recommend that units call early to reserve dates in February and March. Booking request may be made via our answering machine at (816) 358-4404 or by visiting our website. Request volume is high at the first of the year, phone calls are answered in the order they are received by volunteers, please be patient. To keep up to date with the activities of the Mic-O-Say Dancers’, join our e-mail list by sending a message to mosdancers-subscribe@yahoo.com

Thank you for using Troopmaster or Packmaster Software.

ADVANCEMENT DISK HINTS:
There have been a few problems downloading Advancement files from the disks submitted in the Council Service Center. Please help us keep our records updated by following the directions with the software. The most common errors are as follows:

1. The originator of the disk needs to go in weekly to the software site www.troopmaster.com and if there is a patch for the software they need to download it or the software will show an error. The latest version is 1.11 for the troop. Please put the originator’s name and daytime phone on the printout in addition to the leaders name.

2. The originator must save the file with a .csv extension (i.e., KS troop would save like Adv0010.csv MO troop would save like Adv1010.csv. A Kansas Cub pack would be advc3285.csv or Missouri pack would be advc4285.csv). Remember—Kansas’s troops have a zero (0) in front of their number and packs have a three (3). A Kansas Cub pack would be advc3285.csv or Missouri pack would be advc4285.csv.

3. An error will occur if the originator of the disk entered any text in the Special Needs Descriptions field and used a regular Enter or TAB. The instructions on the Unit Management software clearly states—NOTE: To start a new line, press CTRL-Enter. To enter a TAB, press CTRL-Tab. IF THIS DOESN’T HAPPEN—The council needs to give the disk back to the originator, the unit leader, and have them delete and re-enter the Special Needs Descriptions and re-enter them correctly and recreate the disk.

4. The originator needs to save the file in Alpha order. Also, a print out needs to be in Alpha order and submitted with the disk.

5. The originator needs to designate names the way they appear on the unit’s charter. No nicknames (i.e. Chuck for Charles).

SWIMMING MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS
The National Boy Scout Advancement Committee recommended changes in the requirements for the Swimming merit badge that were approved by the National Boy Scout Committee on October 16, 2001. These changes become effective on January 1, 2002. Youth have the option of doing the requirements listed in the Boy Scout Requirements 2001 book or these new requirements. The significant changes are:

First Class requirement 9 (c) has been removed from the First Class requirements and is now requirement 4 of the Swimming merit badge.

Requirements 7 and 9 have been combined and are now requirement 8. This requirement will now read as follows:

Do ONE of the following:

a. Snorkeling and scuba diving
   Demonstrate selection and fit of mask, snorkel, and fins: discuss safety in both pool and open-water snorkeling.
   Demonstrate proper use of mask, snorkel, and fins for underwater search and rescue.
   Describe the sport of scuba diving or snorkeling, and demonstrate your knowledge of BSA policies and procedures relating to that sport.

OR

b. Demonstrate the following competitive swimming skills:
   Racing dive from a pool edge or dock edge (no elevated dives from racing platforms or starting blocks)
   Racing form for 25 yards on one competitive stroke (front crawl, back crawl, breast-stroke, or butterfly)
   Racing turns for the stroke that you chose in 8b (2), OR, if the camp facilities cannot accommodate the racing turn, repeat 8b (2) with an additional stroke.
   Describe the sport of competitive swimming.

Requirement 11, “Assist with instruction in basic swimming skills…” has been deleted entirely.

Please keep these changes in mind as you prepare for the next summer camping season.
JANUARY SALUTES

This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagles as of October and November: Kurtis Britz of Troop 194, Thomas Kellerman of Troop 98, Johnathan Ensley of Troop 351, Chad Talbott of Troop 750, Nick Ostmeyer of Troop 247, Jason McAninch of Troop 54, T.J. Topf of Troop 54, Charles “Luke” Young of Troop 54, Carter Holt of Troop 192, Donald Grat of Troop 91, Chris Holdgraf of Troop 91, and Joey Caudle of Troop 299, and a May Eagle, Sonny Ellis of Troop 351.

Yea Team! Congratulations to you all from your Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council.

A Northern Tier Thank You to Our Popcorn Host

We want to give a big Northern Tier thank you to Covin World Wide Moving Inc. on Shawnee Mission Parkway in Shawnee for giving our 1st annual Popcorn Pick-up a home in 2001. John Luchich and Covin were fantastic in providing an excellent location and service, making popcorn a snap.

We truly appreciate your generosity in giving us the perfect place for a whole lot of popcorn. We look forward to slinging some popcorn with you next year. Thank you from the Northern Tier District.

CUBOREE – CAMPOREE

WEBELOS ON WHEELS “CONSTRUCTION CITY” 0f 2001

Where do I start? What an awesome year 2001 was to kick off the new Northern Tier District. Did we have fun? We began with the 2001 Northern Tier Cuboree led by our fearless leader Phil Park, Cuboree Chairman. We had the perfect weekend for the perfect event out at Cub World at Camp Naish. Cub Scouts of all ages, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos had a blast learning about Indian Lore, Rope Making, Cooking Skills including Mud Worms and Eggs in a Baggy. Thank you to Troop 299 who fed our rambunctious group through the weekend. What a cooking show they put on for us! Thank you to all the parents who brought out their packs and had a fantabulous weekend on our first official campout. And, thank you to the Naish Camp Masters who volunteered their experience and expertise in teaching our Cub Scouts new skills. A Cuboree to lead all future Cubores. Thank you to everyone. See you next Year.

Just when we thought, it just can’t get any better than Cuboree, then came Camporee. Camporee out at Monticello Park proved to be the perfect weekend. Steve Brady, Camporee Chairman and his fearless duo, David Woy and Doug Lenhart put on quite an extravaganza of events for our Boy Scout Troops. Leading the way was the decoration of 70 United States Flags engulfing the field of our Camporee. It was a spectacular site to see 70 Flags intertwined within the incredible midway filled with Troop exhibits including cooking, troop 246 rope making, 91’s fire building, troop 93’s homemade root beer and trebuchet that could shoot to the sky, and a two story tower lashed together with the bare hands of troop 299. It was truly awesome! The list goes on with 17 troops worth of fantastic exhibits. Thank you to all the troops and webelos that came out to celebrate our 1st Annual Northern Tier Camporee, “Scouting the Future.” Our future truly looks grand.

Thank you to everyone for making our 1st Northern Tier Camporee another event to go down in the history books.

Wahoo for WOW! That Paul Ginther really knows how to put on a Webelos event. Webelos on Wheels, “Construction City” wowed the world. It was extraordinary. 300 Webelos building a city of cardboard with their bare hands. They started from filing the permit, to getting a loan, to surveying their site, and then the building began. It was a sight to see. The city towered with such monuments as the Empire State Building, The Capital of the United States, A Stealth Bomber, The Pentagon, A Candy House, and so many more outstanding architectural creations. It was incredible! Every creation truly was a masterpiece. Paul Ginther, Webelos on Wheel Chairman, with his loyal entourage orchestrated the perfect day for our Northern Tier Webelos. And, we are even famous. Channel 9 and Channel 41 came out to visit and televise our very own Webelos on Wheels event. Thank you to everyone.

Yea Team! Congratulations to you all from your Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!
FRIENDS OF SCOUTING KICKOFF 2002

Let's all join in this wonderful way to support the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting 2002 is in high gear. We, as the Northern Tier District have the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is such a vital part of our program in to help support our leaders in their needed training, preserving both the Nalik and Burtle Scout Reservations that we all enjoy every year after that, and that needed help for camp, uniforms, or registration fees for those that may need a little assistance. Those are just a few ways our Friends of Scouting dollars are used. Please sign your unit up today to show your support of the Scouting Program and our Northern Tier District. And don't forget, free rank advancement till the end of 2002 when your unit has reached its goals. Thank you for your continued support. We ask that you schedule your presentation between November 2001 and February 2002 during Blue and Gold Banquets, Troop Courts of Honor, and Venturing Crew Award Ceremonies. To schedule your presentation, please contact Lisa Hayes at the Council Service Center at 816-942-9333 ext. 172.

WANTED: Unit Commissioners

As friends and counselors of unit leaders, unit commissioners operate quietly, generally in the background. They are effective communicators, providing the resources of the district and council to the units they serve. They aid the chartered organizations that operate the units through charity from the Boy Scouts of America. If you are interested in becoming a Unit Commissioner and would like to learn more about this exciting field of unit service, please contact Mark Warnick, District Commissioner, Northern Tier District at mwarnick@planetkc.com, or (913) 268-6260.

No previous experience is necessary. We will provide training for all interested individuals.

KEEP THIS INFO CLOSE!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

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Family Friends of Scouting 2002

The Family Friends of Scouting campaign is now well under way and is off to a better start than ever. Each Unit should now have a Friends of Scouting presentation set for a pack meeting or a court of honor. If your unit is still in need of a presentation call Dana Raynes at (660) 429-6059 to get one set up.

Klondike Derby 2002

The Lone Bear District 2002 Klondike Derby will be sponsored by Venturing Crew 304 of Holden, Missouri. The Derby will be held on January 12, 2002 starting at 8:00 am. For more information come to roundtable or call Jim Harmon at (816) 732-7232.

Recharter Deadline 2002

The recharter deadline for 2002 is fast approaching and now is the best time to get them done. You can bring them to the January Roundtable or call Alan Sanders to come by and pick it up. If you have any questions, or need a charter picked up, call Alan Sanders at 1-800-776-1110.

2002 District Dinner

The Lone Bear District Dinner for 2001 will be held on January 11th, 2002 at the Clinton Rotary Club Building starting at 6:30pm. During the dinner, the Silver Bear and the District Award of Merit will be presented to dedicated scouting volunteers of the Lone Bear District. Please RSVP to Alan Sanders at 1-800-776-1110.

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Pack 404 of Warrensburg carry the American Flag in the Homecoming Parade at Central Missouri State University
Family Friends of Scouting 2002

Did you do it yet? Have you signed up your unit for a family presentation? Lock down a date and time now and call your Pioneer Trails Family FOS Chairman Steve Livingston at (816) 444-5730 today! Your contribution is vital to the continued success of Scouting in Pioneer Trails. It is more than financial support, it is an investment in our greatest asset: our youth. Please do your part and support a program that offers real character development, promotes citizenship and enhances the lives of over 7,000 youth in Pioneer Trails – Scouting! For additional information on FOS feel free to call any of your Scouting Professionals at (816) 942-9333.

Klondike Derby

Mike Grimaldi and his activities team are putting together a terrific winter wonderland for your unit at this year's Klondike Derby. Make plans now to attend this wonderful winter event on Saturday, February 23, 2002. Units can sign up at roundtable or stop by the Council Service Center to pick up information. There will be plenty of "hot" competition to keep your warm so don't worry about the cold weather! If you have questions, feel free to call Mike Grimaldi at (816) 363-7949.

2002 Merit Badge Marathon

Come one come all and have a ball! It's time once again for the most eagerly anticipated event of the year: the 2002 Pioneer Trails Merit Badge Marathon. The marathon will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2002 at Hogan Academy, 1221 East Meyer Boulevard. Scouts will be able to pick from over 15 merit badges. Classes fill up fast and some requirements will need to be completed before the event. Lunch will be provided and partial day registrations will be accepted. Information packets are available at the Council Service Center. Don't miss the fun; call Lloyd Lazarus for additional information at (816) 942-8174.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

The Pioneer Trails District would like to invite you to attend its Annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday February 9, 2002 at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 95th & Wornall. The District Award of Merit, Of the Year Awards, Spark-Plug Award and the Pioneer Award will highlight this year's dinner. Reserve your table today and help us thank so many volunteers who give so much to the district. For more information contact George Weaver at (816) 941-6411.

Fall Camporee

Over three hundred Scouts and Scouter had a "blast from the past" at the Pioneer Trails Camporee on October 12, 13, and 14, 2001. The theme was presented through the cooperation of many Pioneer Trails Scout Troops and a well-coached activities committee. Scouts enjoyed many pre-civil war activities and adventurers while the leaders enjoyed a beautiful sunny weekend at Clinton Lake in Lawrence, Kansas. Many thanks go to Mike Grimaldi and Jon Voss for a fun-filled educational weekend. We can hardly wait to see how Mike can top this one!

Training

Did you miss the fun last year? Did you miss the rollout of the most exciting training ever in the district? No worries, you get a second chance! That's right, the Pioneer Trails District Training Team will be offering it's spring training extravaganza on April 13,17,20 & 21, 2002. This training is for all leaders in every position of Scouting. When was the last time you attended training? If you can't remember it's time to go again! Plan now to be there and don't miss the fun again. For more information call Norm Kahn at (913) 341-7972.

Friends Of Scouting

The 2002 Friends of Scouting campaign is upon us again. This is an opportunity to provide financial support to over 50,000 youth in Kansas City. The support helps to deliver life-changing values of Scouting programs and the Learning for Life programs to youth in our 19-county area.

Currently, there is around 4,500 young men and women who participate in about 100 Explorer Posts in the greater Kansas City area. The Learning for Life program operates in schools to provide life skills, character and career education programs to students in grades K-12, with enrollment of over 18,000.

If you would like to further support these programs financially, and/or have questions regarding the Friends of Scouting Campaign, then please call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333.

This is a great way to maintain and strengthen the Learning for Life and Exploring promise for Kansas City's youth of today, and tomorrow.

Train

In order to be successful with any youth program, adult leader training is essential. Specialized courses have been developed to give every Explorer Post Advisor and every Learning for Life teacher the required tools to help their young people to get the most out of the program. Training Courses have been reconstructed to last 30-45 minutes after which you will be much better equipped to handle the programs ahead.

For more information or to schedule a personalized course for your organization, please contact Adam Berthot, Exploring/Learning for Life Training Specialist at 816-942-9333, ext. 170 or email: aberthot@bsamail.org.

Super-Activity Requests

To all posts who are planning a super-activity this year, just a quick reminder on Tour Permits. Each post that is planning to travel outside of the 19-county Heart of America Council needs to contact us to obtain a Tour Permit form. We ask you to inform us of your post’s plans, as well as returning the completed form to us. By completing this form, each of us will have an official copy for our individual files and will allow us to be informed of your super-activity plans. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

If you have any questions or would like to request a Tour Permit form, then please call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333. These forms can also be found in the "Guide to Safe Learning for Life Activities".

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This is a great way to maintain and strengthen the Learning for Life and Exploring promise for Kansas City’s youth of today, and tomorrow.

Train

In order to be successful with any youth program, adult leader training is essential. Specialized courses have been developed to give every Explorer Post Advisor and every Learning for Life teacher the required tools to help their young people to get the most out of the program. Training Courses have been reconstructed to last 30-45 minutes after which you will be much better equipped to handle the programs ahead.

For more information or to schedule a personalized course for your organization, please contact Adam Berthot, Exploring/Learning for Life Training Specialist at 816-942-9333, ext. 170 or email: aberthot@bsamail.org.

Super-Activity Requests

To all posts who are planning a super-activity this year, just a quick reminder on Tour Permits. Each post that is planning to travel outside of the 19-county Heart of America Council needs to contact us to obtain a Tour Permit form. We ask you to inform us of your post’s plans, as well as returning the completed form to us. By completing this form, each of us will have an official copy for our individual files and will allow us to be informed of your super-activity plans. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

If you have any questions or would like to request a Tour Permit form, then please call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333. These forms can also be found in the “Guide to Safe Learning for Life Activities”.

2002 Welcome

Welcome back from the holidays! We here at Learning for Life/Exploring hope that all of you had a great holiday with your family and friends! We’re glad and excited to start this new year, and know that continued success is coming our way in all of our programs. We hope that you are rested and ready to start this new year!

We will be looking at some new events to take place this spring and early summer. These events will be getting off of the ground, which will be new and beneficial to everyone involved. We will be holding “Spring Cluster Activities” here in 2002. We are very excited and hope that you are too! Let’s make these events a success and let’s have fun doing them. More information about these events will be coming to you by mail, the “Life Choices” newsletter, and future issues of “Adventures in Scouting”. So keep an eye out, as it’s time to get excited!

New LFL Chair

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Mark McPhee our new Learning for Life Division Chair. He is Vice-President for Medical Affairs and Chief Academic Officer for Saint Luke’s Hospital. Mr. William Blessing, Vice-President of Strategic Planning at Sprint PCS, successfully served three years in this position on the Learning for Life Committee. We thank him for his leadership as Dr. McPhee assumes the chair. Welcome aboard Mark!

Cluster Activities

A new aspect to programming in Exploring will be introduced this mid-spring, this program will be known as “Spring Cluster Activities.”

These activities will consist of specific career related activities related to each Exploring cluster (i.e. Arts and Communications, Business and Law, etc…). These events will consist of project competitions between posts, presentations given and exchanged between posts, or even re-inacted/mock situational events.

A meeting will be held with all Cluster Chairs and Exploring advisors this early spring to discuss and brainstorm this activity. A direct mailing to all advisors will be conducted with information regarding this meeting and the spring activities.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Exploring division at (816) 942-9333.

Resources

Visit our national web-site for all of your program and recognition needs! Please take advantage of this great resource tool! Check it out today at: www.learning-for-life.org
Fall Camporee

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Zathner and Exploring Post 2979, over 200 Boy Scouts and Webelos Scouts had a fun weekend of competition and skill development during the weekend of October 19-20, 2001.

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 as in Blue and Gold Banquet. Court of Honor, Parent’s 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 Marvis Clay at (800) 776-8110, ext 165.

Klondike Derby

As a reminder, the Kaw District Klondike Derby will be held at Wyandotte County Park on January 18-20, 2002. A leader’s packet was mailed to every registered Scoutmaster in November. If you need more information concerning this event, please contact Gene Bellner at 913-894-2288

2002 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign

A reminder to all unit leaders and committees that information regarding your unit’s participation in the 2002 Friends of Scouting Campaign should be turned in to Chad Wyancko (ext. 162) or Marlene Bean, 913-764-1050. For more information regarding Friends of Scouting, contact Chad or Marlene. Remember that your FOS. presentation helps to support the scouts in your unit, so please schedule your presentation now and make a hole-in-one for Scouting!

2002 District Awards

Recognition Dinner

Get ready to attend the first Trails West District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. located at the Center of Grace. Make sure you have marked your calendars. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs.

This year’s event will be an evening filled with fun and fellowship as we remember the great highlights of 2001. Anticipation will fill the room as we await the announcement of who’s the special guest of such awards as: Outstanding Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Webelos Leader and many more. Don’t miss out on an evening to be remembered.

2002 Day Camp Registration

With snow and ice building on the gutters, let me bring you to a state of warmth and excitement. Day Camp 2002 is fast approaching. The Trails West Day Camp team has been planning since the fall for a fun filled camp for all scouts that will attend. There will be a sign up for Day Camp on February 2nd at the First Christian Church of Olathe, 200 E. Loula. Please contact Dee Creath, Day Camp Director, for more information.

2001 Popcorn Sales

Congratulations goes to all members of the Trails West District for our annual popcorn sale this past fall. Collectively the district sold a grand total of $162,926. With only 25 units participating, these units now have at $60,000+ to use for their program. A special thanks goes to Geoff Milldenhal as our Popcorn Chair. Without his help the district could not have achieved this amount. Thanks to all units that participated!!

Merit Badge Forum

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS! The first Trails West Merit Badge Forum will be held at Olathe North High School on the 19th and 26th of January. Scouts will be able to earn required Eagle Scout Merit Badges. For more information look for announcements at Roundtable or contact Gene Bellner at 913-894-2288

Roundtable

Roundtables are a form of commissioning service and supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. It serves as a source of information on events and training. It’s 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. 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.

Kansas City, Kansas Community College Merit Badge Conference

Begin making plans to attend this year’s Merit Badge Conference. It promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

Charter Renewal

The Charter Renewal Turn-In Night for the District is January 5, 2002 at the Roundtable. Remember this 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/ Council. If you need help with the Charter Renewal process, please call Charles Flowers at (816) 942-9353 ext 149.

Kaw District’s Annual Leaders’ Recognition Dinner

The Kaw District’s Outstanding Volunteers and Program Chair, Gene Bellner at 913-894-2288

Calendar of Events

January

3 Roundtable, 7 p.m.; Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs, KS.

10 District Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.; BPU (300 N 66th St.) in Kansas City, KS.

17 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7 p.m., Lansing High School, Lansing, KS.

18-20 Klondike Derby

26 Kaw District’s Annual Leaders’ Recognition Dinner

Unit Re-chartering

It’s almost that time again. A reminder for all unit leaders: the time is drawing near to recharter your unit again for another year! Please make sure that your unit has a representative at the January Roundtable to receive training on how to be successful in re-chartering your unit for 2002.

REMEMBER OUR MOTO, “BE PREPARED!” Take advantage of the training at roundtable and 2002’s re-chartering will be a snap!

2001 Tiger Cub Day at the Zoo

Saturday, October 27, 2001 proved to be a day that was picture perfect. Over 1800 Tigers, leaders and families attended this years main event. Both Garfield and our infamous Tiger Cub stole the hearts of youth attending the zoo that day. The day was a huge success due to the magnitude of volunteer involvement. Thank you to everyone who participated in 2001’s Tiger Day at the Zoo.

Calendar of Events

January

1 Scout Center Closed

3 Roundtable at Center of Grace-520 South Harrison, Olathe-7:00 p.m.

5 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet

12 “DANE” District Award Recognition Event Dinner held at Center of Grace, 520 Harrison, Olathe

16 District Committee Meeting at Center of Grace-7:00 p.m.

17 Eagle Board of Review at Church of Jesus Christ, LDS 7845 Allman, Lenexa-6:30 p.m. (Please arrive 15 min early)

19 New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection, Tiger, Wolf and Bear Den Leader Training.

19 Merit Badge Forum, Olathe North

26 High School

21 Scout Center Closed

Martin Luther King Day

30 Commissioner Meeting at Center of Grace

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The volunteers of Trails West District served a recent Roundtable with a tribute to all the heroes of September 11th. All Trails West Scouts, Volunteers and Professional Staff salute those who served our country.
2001 District Awards Recognition Dinner

Get ready to attend the 2001 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 26, 2001. Make sure you have marked your calendars. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very important salute to our district's outstanding volunteers and programs.

This year's event will be an evening filled with fun and fellowship as we remember the great highlights of 2001. Anticipation will fill the room, as we await the announcement of who's the special recipient of such awards as: Outstanding Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Webelos Leader, Crew Advisor and many more. Don't miss out on an evening to remember.

2001 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign

A reminder to all unit leaders that information regarding your unit's participation in the 2002 Friends of Scouting Campaign should be turned in to Debra Howell (913-491-4779), or Ross Pfannenstiel (ext. 164) at the Heart of America Council Office.

Remember that your FOS contribution helps to support the scouts in your unit and across our Council, so please schedule your presentation now and help support the values and ideals of Scouting!

Don't Forget! If your unit goes over its goal, advancement badges in the HACM Scout Shop are free up to December 31st, 2002. See that date now.

Congratulations to the Units Selling Popcorn!

This year, we sold over $120,000 in popcorn to help support both the Scouting program, and our individual units. This is an increase of over $20,000 from last year. That means our 19 units that participated benefited over $40,000 from the sale. Thank you for your support. Also a big thanks to Kimberly Keyser, who coordinated this year's sale. We appreciate all your hard work.

2002 Klondike

It's just around the corner. We're hoping it won't get to -6º again, but we'll have fun no matter what. For more information about program, location, or how to sign up, call Dave Gurwell at 913-381-3928.

Unit Rechartering

It's almost that time again. A reminder for all Cub Scout and Boy Scout unit leaders, that the time is drawing near to re-charter your unit again for another year! Please make sure that your unit has a representative at the January Roundtable to receive your re-charter packet from your Unit Commissioner. For re-chartering training, see your Unit Commissioner as well. If you need to get a hold of your Unit Commissioner and you don't know who that is, please call Forrest Bolles at 913-438-3567, or Ross Pfannenstiel at the Council Service Center.

REMEMBER OUR MOTTOS, "ALWAYS BE PREPARED"! Please take advantage of the resources at roundtable and 2002's re-chartering will be a snap!

2001 FALL CAMPOREE

Our first ever Trailhead Camporee was a huge success. The 700 people in attendance enjoyed the Mid-70's weather. The nights were clear enough to see spectacular sights at the observatory, we had a haunted forest, fun activities, great food, and a flag that was big enough to see from the highway. All in all, it was a great time! A big thank you goes out to Larry Stocker and troop 10 for coordinating this year's Camporee. We look forward to seeing even more people at next year's event.

2001 BOO AT THE ZOO

Cubs on the prowl! This year's Boo at the Zoo was great. It was a beautiful day. We enjoyed Trick-or-Treating, face painting, and of course getting to see all the animals. We got to show off our costumes and got to meet Garfield. Thank you to all of our volunteers who came to help. We had a lot of fun.

District Appreciation Dinner

It is time again to recognize those Scouters with outstanding service to their unit. The dinner is on Saturday, January 26, 2002 at the Oakwood Baptist Church (located in Lee's Summit, MO.) Check-in starts at 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The cost is $16.00. Bring your reservation forms and administration forms will be at roundtables and at the Council Service Center.

District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m., Council Service Center

District Committee Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church

District Commissioners Mtg. – 7:30 p.m., Council Service Center

District Appreciation and Awards Dinner (check-in: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.), Oakwood Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, MO

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District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church of Raytown

Youth Protection Training – 7:00 p.m.

Dist Commissioners Meeting – 7:30 p.m., Council Service Center

District Committee Meeting, TBA

Klondike Derby, Longview Lake

District Appreciation and Awards Dinner (check-in: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.), Oakwood Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, MO

Merit Badge Academy

Once again it's time for the 2002 Merit Badge Academy. It will be February 16, 2002 at Hickman Mills Senior High School (9910 Old Santa Fe Road). Counselors are needed for several new merit badges that are being offered this year. If you can help or would like more information please contact Ken Fuhrman at 816-537-8877. Registration forms will be at roundtables and at the Council Service Center.

2002 Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting Campaign has kicked off. Many units have had a presentation or are scheduled for one. If you have not scheduled your presentation, please contact Leo Berretteran at 816-355-3511 or David Rizer at 816-942-9333 ext 174

Popcorn

Thank you to all of the units who helped make the popcorn campaign a huge success. A big thank you goes out to Barbara Schaffer for putting everything together. We had a tremendous increase in the number of units who took advantage of this terrific money raising opportunity. If you did not participate this year, be sure to plan on enrolling your unit for next year.

Time To Recharter

It's that time of the year again. All unit charterers are due in to the commissioners by Friday February 15, 2002. Keep in mind that if your unit is late turning in the recharter materials, your boys will not be insured on outings, and their Boys' Life subscription will be stopped until the recharter is received.

Training

Happy New Year! Hopefully one of your resolutions for 2002 is to become trained in your position in Scouting. If it is, make sure you attend the training this spring. Dates and places have yet to be set so keep checking at roundtable and the Council website for updates. Trainings for this spring include:

Basic Leader Training and New Leader Essentials

Outdoor Leader Skills

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

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2002 Rechartering
If you have not turned in your charter packet yet, you need to do so immediately! Call Ken Newkirk or Emily Minacer at 816-942-9333.

Klondike Derby
DATE: SATURDAY JANUARY 19th
TIME: 7:30am to Noon
PLACE: George Owens Nature Park
COST: $6 for Scout youth
$5 for Webelos youth
$4 for Adults
$10 unit registration fee
$15 unit registration fee after January 1st

It is time to pack up your sled and head out to meet the challenges placed before you. If you have not signed up to participate and would like to, call Randy Cooper immediately or email him at rcooper@ci.bluesprings.mo.us.

If you are planning on camping Friday night, your registration must be in by Roundtable, January 3rd.

A Big Thank You, Troop 229
I would like to thank Misty Lewis and three of her Scouts from Troop 229 for volunteering to take over the in-school pack at Three Trails Elementary. Senior Patrol Leader and Life Scout Matthew Bidleby, Patrol Leader and Life Scout Michael Aus- trey, and Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster Tristan Wilson, have dedicated their Wednesday afternoons to delivering a quality program to all Scouts. The Webelos from this pack will now cross over to their troop. If any other troop is interested in having a brother pack, please contact me, Emily Minacer at 816-942-9333 ex.177.

Cub Scout and Venture Leader Training
"Every boy deserves a trained leader!" If you’ve heard it once you’ve heard it a dozen times which means there is no excuse for you not to be trained. Attend the next training January 19th at the Maywood Baptist Church in Independence. Registration is at 7:30am and we will begin at 8am. Call Charlene Nayler at 816-795-0180 (Cub Scout information) or Sue Grote (Venturing information) to sign up. The cost is $6 per person.

Boy Scout Leader Training
FEBRUARY
7 – Fast Start Training 7pm-9pm at Bingham
26 – New Leader Essentials 7pm-9pm at Beacon Heights
MAR
2 – Scoutmaster and ASM specific training, 8am-4pm at Beacon Heights
12 – Troop Committee Training 6:30pm-9:30pm at Beacon Heights
22 – Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills 6pm-10pm at Beacon Heights
APRIL
4 – Safe swim/Alwst Training 7:30pm-9pm at Bingham

Leader Recognition Dinner
BLUE ELK ANNUAL LEADER RECOGNITION DINNER will be held on Friday, January 25. This year the Dinner will be held at the Westminster Hall in Downtown Independence. We will begin with a gathering between 6:00pm and 6:30pm. The cost is $15 per person and due by January 18th. Sorry but we cannot accept late or walk-in meal reservations! The Annual Dinner is a once a year event where we recognize all adults who work with Scouting. We encourage you all to attend.

Friends of Scouting
FOS is our chance to provide financial support to the program that does so much for our youth. It’s time to put your heads together and set a date for your Friends of Scouting Presentation. Please let us know what date you plan to present your appointed coordinator for your unit. Call Ken Newkirk at 816-942-9333 to schedule a presenter to attend your next Pack meeting or Court of Honor.

Calendar of Events
January
3 Cub, Scout, Venturing Leader Roundtable
Order of Arrow Chapter Meeting
Merit Badge Counselor Training, 7:30 p.m., Bingham 7th Grade Center
10 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Street Community of Christ Church
19 Klondike Derby, George Owens Nature Park, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scout and Venture Leader Training, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Maywood Baptist Church
25 Blue Elk Leader Recognition Dinner Doors open at 6 p.m., Westminster Hall, Intersection of Lexington and Pleasant, Downtown Independence
February
7 Cub, Scout, Venturing Leader Roundtable
Order of Arrow Chapter Meeting
Youth Protection Training
Eagle Guest Training
Boy Scout Fast Start Training
7:20 p.m., Bingham 7th Grade Center
14 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Street Community of Christ Church
21 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bingham 7th Grade Center
26 Boy Scout New Leaders Essentials, Beacon Heights, 7-8 p.m.,

Calendar Change
Please note that date of the North Star District Committee meeting has changed from the first Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month.

Calendar of Events
February
3 District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
Youth Protection Training at Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting at Roundtable
8 District Committee Meeting – 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion
10 Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
12 District Recognition Dinner – 6:30 p.m., KCI Marriott, 775 Basilia
19 Klondike Derby, Kelsey Short Youth Camp, Smithville Lake
26 Boy Scout New Leaders Essentials, Beacon Heights, 7-8 p.m.,

Recognition Dinner
In celebration of the outstanding 2001 Quality District year, the Annual Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. Once again, it will be held at the KCI Marriott. We will recognize the recipients of the District Award of Merit and the H. Virgil Bower Scoutmaster Award. In celebration of the outstanding 2001 Quality District year, the Annual Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. For questions concerning the Mall Show, please contact Juan Long at 816-454-4318. For questions concerning the Pinewood Derby, please contact Jeff Cook at 816-460-9232.

Camporee was not only a huge success, but a great time as you can see from the pictures. An enormous thank you to all of your volunteers and Lum Brown for helping produce such a fantastic event. We look forward to seeing you all there again next year.

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Day Camp
Daryl Lenamers will again be heading up Day Camp this year at the Platte County Fairgrounds June 15th – 14th. Planning has already begun for a great week of Day Camp. Be on the lookout for information in the mail and at Roundtable.

Training
We will be offering the new training courses two times this spring. Mark your calendars for the all day session on March 19th and the evening split session on April 2, 9, and 16. For more information on any of these training opportunities contact Ron Saunders at 816-320-2292.

Thank You
Thanks to Jim Olshefski for 3 outstanding years as our North Star District Commissioner. Although Jim has finished his term as District Commissioner and has turned over the reins to Russ Downing, our new District Commissioner, Jim will continue to be active with his troop and on the district level. THANKS JIM!
Klondike Derby

Let’s have another great Klondike Derby, hopefully a real snowy one too. This year Klondike will be held the weekend of Friday February 22nd through Sunday February 24th at Camp Bromelsick. Sign up early so your team can be ready. Call Larry Thornton, 785-841-3381 for details. Help us get Pelathe’s 2002 year of camping off to a great start by bringing your unit to a wonderful winter program.

Pelathe District Recognition Banquet

Make sure your night is free on Saturday, January 19th. That’s when Baker University will play host to our Annual Recognition Banquet. This year’s banquet will offer a chance food and fellowship and we’ll honor this year’s District Award of Merit recipients.

Adventures In Scouting Needs Your Help

Would you like to promote an upcoming event or publicly congratulate a great leader? This could be your forum. Let’s make Pelathe’s section of Adventures in Scouting the most informative and interesting part of this paper. Please help make this happen by contacting Curtis Neal Harris, Pelathe District Executive at 800-776-1110 to help get your article in to Adventures in Scouting.

Also, be informed that the District is building a small database of photographs of Pelathe Scouts in action. Do you have a photo of Scouts in uniform doing something fun? Send it in. You can either e-mail your image to charris@bsamail.org, or send it in to the council office attention Curtis Neal Harris. Your photos will help advertise district events, recognize great scouts, and generally promote all the fun we are having here in Pelathe.

District Committee Roster

District Chairman Tom Sheely (785) 842-9662
District Commissioner Ker Baldwin (785) 842-9666
OA Chapter Advisor Mike O’Conner (785) 842-0572
Camping Chair Pat Donahue (785) 842-8576
Boy Scout Roundtable Tammy Raw (785) 842-2156
Activities Chair Mike McCurdy (785) 845-5500
Training Chair Carey Jones (913) 294-5582
District Executive Curtis Harris 1(800) 776-1110 ext. 161

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Write checks to Ottawa Cub Scouts.

All money will be used to pay for the bus to bring boys to Dayscape.

Pelathe District Welcomes New District Executive

Have you seen a new face at Roundtable? Received a phone call from a guy claiming to work for the Scouts in Pelathe? Well if you have, it may have been our new District Executive, Curtis Neal Harris. Curtis transferred from within the council and began serving in the Pelathe District late last year. Curtis is a 1998 KU graduate, and is glad to be back at home in Douglas County. When you need assistance please see Curtis at any district event or call him at (800) 776-1110, or email him at charris@bsamail.org.

Calendar of Events

January
3 Commissioner’s Meeting Roundtable
5 OA Winter Banquet
17 District Committee Meeting
19 District Recognition Dinner
30 Council FOS Kickoff

February
7 Commissioner’s Meeting Roundtable
21 District Committee Meeting
22-24 Klondike Derby

District Dinner

March 2, 2002, mark your calendars! That is the day of our annual recognition dinner! More information will be included in the next Adventures in Scouting and at the January and February Roundtables. There is a great deal to look forward to that evening, so don’t miss it!

Calendar of Events

January
1 Council Service Center/Shop Closed
3 OA Chapter Meeting, First United Methodist, Paola, 7:30 PM
15 District Roundtable, First United Methodist, Paola, 7:30 PM
15 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola, 7:00 PM
19-20 Klondike Derby
21 Scout Service Center/Shop Closed
26 Webelos Camp Draw

February
7 OA Chapter Meeting, First United Methodist, Paola, 7:30 PM
14 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola, 7:00 PM
16 Junior Leader Orientation Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie
18 Scout Service Center/Shop Closed
19 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola, 7:00 PM
Friends of Scouting 2002

The 2002 Friends of Scouting campaign and rechartering. We had a great turn-out and a successful kick-off in December. Volunteers from every corner of the Council were in attendance.

For those new to Scouting, Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual fundraising campaign for the Boy Scouts (locally and nationally). We raise this money in two ways, through two camps: the Family Campaign and the Community Campaign. The Community Campaign receives money from area businesses, the United Way, and other non-specific gifts. Donations for the Family Campaign are raised by people like you; concerned parents with a son, daughter or grandchild in the Scouting program. Every year each unit (pack or troop) schedules a Family Friends of Scouting presentation. These usually occur at Pack Blue and Gold Banquets or at Troop Courts of Honor. The money raised is used for many things such as maintenance for the Camp Neish and the H. Roe Battle Scout Reservation. It also pays for the council insurance and the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. The 318 Scout Cabin is located by Lexington Hospital. Adults need to be prepared to spend the night. Contact: Vic Geiger: 660-259-4708 (after 7:00 p.m.)

UNIT RECHARTERING

It's almost that time of year again. A reminder to all unit leaders that recharter packets will be available for pickup at the January Roundtable. Be sure to designate someone from your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Varsity Team to be in attendance and to provide your Unit Commissioner to help you with the process and answering any questions.

MERIT BADGE FORUM

The event will be held on February 19 and February 22, 2003. The merit badge classes will be from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

District Training

ATTENTION ALL ADULT LEADERS:

FOS 2002 District Training will be held this year in Lexington, at the Troop 318 Scout Cabin on Jan 26/27 2002 at 9:00 AM. The cost is $5.00 per adult or $2.50 per boy. Course schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY:
9:00 am: Junior Leader Training (adults will attend)
12:00 pm: Lunch (everyone will need a sack lunch)
1:00 pm: Resume JLT
2:00 pm: End JLT
3:00 pm: Resume Adult Training
6:00 pm: Dinner Break
8:00 pm: Resume Adult Training

SUNDAY:
7:30 am: Breakfast
8:30 am: Resume Adult Training
2:00 pm: Graduate

The 318 Scout Cabin is located by Lexington Hospital. Adults need to be prepared to spend the night. Contact: Vic Geiger: 660-259-4708 (after 7:00 p.m.)

2001 Fall Camporee, The Siege of Maefking

The inaugural Camporee was held at Shawnee Mission Park and saw the likes of nearly 1,000 participants who enjoyed fellowship and fun. Scouts participated in such skill competitions as cooking, orienteering, first aid, and more. Scouts saw a tank provided by the Kansas National Guard and demonstrations from Johnson County Medact and the Olathe Bomb Squad. This first Camporee was an outstanding success, and a special thanks to Gene Lamb, Dave Weerts, troop 85, 412, 222, 201, 315, and everyone involved.

The New D.E.

There is a new District Executive in the Big Muddy District. Grant Dealy assumed the position as Big Muddy District Executive as of November 1, 2002. Grant is an Eagle Scout from the Blue Elk District (Buckner, MO) and Served on the H. Roe Battle Camp Staff for 10 years. Grant is a Keeper of the Wampum of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and has served as the District Executive of the Twin Rivers District since last January. Please feel free to contact Grant at the Council Scout Service Center at 816-942-9333 or 800-776-1110 if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Big Muddy District Annual Recognition Dinner

This year’s District Dinner is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of February. At the time of the printing of this newsletter there has not been a date or location set. More information is yet to come.

Be Prepared for FOS 2002

Friends of Scouting 2002 is kicking off another exciting campaign. Thank you to all the packs and troops that supported the Friends of Scouting 2001 Campaign and to all the presenters for their enthusiasm. So we are asking you to join in and help support the Scouting Program once again in scheduling your unit presentation and providing a unit coordinator. Please contact Jason Ballew at 816-942-9333 x182, jballew@bsamail.org to provide that info.

2001 District Awards Recognition Dinner

The District will be having its first annual Awards Dinner on January 12, 2002 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., location TBA. In addition to adult recognition, we will recognize all Eagle Scouts in our troops from January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2001. Please promote the Eagles and their families to participate in the dinner and the district will cover the cost of the Eagle Scout’s attendance. Please forward names, phone numbers, and addresses of your Eagles to Hal Schmidt, 913 897-2154, hal62770@kcoel.com.
Heart of America Council

Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 29, 2002
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Appointments are preferred but not required.