January 1, 2003
Registration Fee Increase

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Boy Scouts of America’s registration fee increased from $7.00 to $10.00 per year for traditional members. The increase affects youth and adult members registered in packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships, as well as council and district volunteers.

The $10.00 prorated fees became effective for any traditional membership (whether it is recharter, new, additional registration, etc.) with a membership effective date of January 1, 2003, or later. The registration fees are based on the unit’s or the member’s membership effective date regardless of when the work is completed or what month the membership system is in.

Here are questions and answers and the prorated fees to help you plan for the new registration fees.

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Questions and Answers on the Registration Fee Increase

1. When will the fee increase be effective?  
The fee increase will be effective January 1, 2003.

2. What is the fee increase?  
The fee will increase from $7.00 to $10.00 per year for any traditional membership and be prorated at $5 cents per month. See the fee schedule.

3. Will the December charter renewals be affected by the increase?  
YES, the December charter renewals will be affected by the fee increase because their new membership effective date is January 1, 2003.

4. Will all traditional adult fees increase?  
YES, the registration fee will increase to $10.00 per year for all traditional adults. This includes adults that are registered in packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships, as well as council and district volunteers.

5. Will this affect Merit Badge Counselors?  
YES, if merit badge counselors choose to pay a registration fee and the effective date is January 1, 2003, then they must pay the $10.00 fee.

6. Will the transfer fee remain the same?  
YES, the transfer fee will remain at $1.00.

7. Will the charter fee remain the same?  
YES, the charter fee will remain at $20.00.

8) Will the Learning For Life fee also change?  
NO, the Learning for Life group and post will remain the same at $5.00 for youth/adult for groups and $7.00 for post per year for youth/adult.

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Prorated Membership Fee Schedule  
( Based on the new $10.00 fee)

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More Required Information on the Adult Application = Improved Security for our Youth!

Since Scouting’s inception, having the highest quality of volunteers as role models and advisors for youth has been of utmost importance. Our highest priority continues to be the safety of our youth members and participants.

Beginning 1972, the Boy Scouts of America standardized adult registration procedures and developed as a guideline for screening adult volunteers. Further resources were created more recently to improve the recognition and reporting of child abuse, such as Youth Protection Training for Adults Leaders video in 1988. Age-appropriate videos for youth members were created beginning 1989, with the most recent versions released in 1999. To further aid in the delivery of Cub Scout-aged youth protection training, the BSA developed a comic book to address areas of child abuse and appropriate protection methods. The first issue of the comic book was released in January 2002. It focused on bullying among children. Periodic revisions are done to keep these resources up-to-date.

All of our youth protection videos have the distinction of being award-winning productions. They have won awards for excellence in the training categories of the CINE Golden Eagle and the Telly Award.

We continue to seek and implement improvements to our youth protection guidelines and procedures. New information technologies are now available to conduct accurate, reliable criminal history record checks on volunteer applicants based on the applicant’s Social Security number. This important development offers a practical way to limit the possibility of individuals with a history of criminal acts against children being granted positions with the BSA. When used in conjunction with other youth protection strategies, criminal history record checks are valuable tools that discourage ineligible volunteers from seeking positions with the BSA and help to identify and screen the current application process, which includes reference checks and the ineligible volunteer screening process. This new process will be conducted for all new adult volunteers in the traditional Scouting program. If a registration form is completed, the council will perform a background check.

The adult volunteer application now clearly advises applicants that a criminal background screening will be conducted, requires written consent to conduct the background check, certifies permission to use resulting information, and requires a Social Security number.

The application includes the following statement:

By submitting this application, you are authorizing a criminal background check of yourself. This check will be made from public record sources. You will have an opportunity to review and challenge any adverse information disclosed by the check.

What does this mean to our current volunteers? The primary impact will be feeling of greater security and the knowledge that anyone with a history of criminal conduct with a child will more likely not be a volunteer in your pack, troop team, or crew. It also means a new adult application cannot be processed without a Social Security number and consent to conduct the background check (the application must not be signed by anyone other than the applicant). Current leaders should make sure the required information is included on all adult applications before turning them in to the council service center.

We believe the critical importance of protecting our youth from abuse or violence will be recognized by all and that parents and leaders will take comfort and pride in the steps we are taking.
Eagle Scout Selected as Rhodes Scholar

Benjamin Champion, an Eagle Scout from Troop 85 in the Red Tailed Hawk District, was selected as one of 32 students to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. These scholarships were established in 1902 after British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes died and are awarded annually to students from the United States. As a Rhodes Scholar, Ben will spend two years in Oxford University in England. The scholarships provide for more than $50,000 for this endeavor.

Ben’s father, Mike Champion, said, “My wife Paula and I are extremely proud of Ben’s accomplishment, and we’re excited by the opportunities he’ll have through the Rhodes Scholarship.” Mike also said that Scouting has had a tremendous impact on Ben and his desire to study Natural Resources and Environmental Science while at Kansas State University. In an application for the Truman Scholarship, Ben said “my career in public service will hopefully be one in which I can use my understanding of science to challenge current policy in hopes of modifying it to foster a sustainable relationship between humans and our environment.”

Ben also stated “one program I have never really outgrown is the Boy Scouts. I explored the natural world through adventures in the outdoors and experienced a wide range of human personalities through my relationships with fellow scouts. When I began to seek the meaning in my experiences, Scouting gave me a jumping off point for my thoughts in the Scout Oath and Law.”

Ben has certainly been active in Scouting, earning the Eagle Scout Award in 1996, serving as a first year camper coordinator for Troop 85 at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and serving as staff on Rotary Camp for Special Needs Scouts, attending two Philmont treks and two Oskip winter camping experiences, serving as a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and serving as Shaman Silent Flashing White Lightning in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Described as a committed environmentalist and accomplished chemist, Ben has visited the Galapagos Islands and Quito, Ecuador to broaden his knowledge of the world environment. He has served as President of Students for Environment Action at Kansas State University and led SEA in a campaign to increase recycling on campus in part because of the realization of the number of plastic water bottles discarded after home football games.

Undoubtedly, scholastics and involvement in other activities played a significant role in his selection as a Rhodes Scholar. A KoHonors Scholar, a Morris K. Udall Scholar, a KSU Putnam Scholar, and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Research Scholar, Ben has accomplished much. He also has a busy schedule, having minored in Spanish and Political Science in addition to his chemical and environmental studies. Despite being busy, Ben regularly seeks a good run to clear his head.

Scouting has played an important part in the formation of Ben’s appreciation of our natural resources and Scouting has also provided the outlet for Ben to enjoy the outdoors.

As one of two men from Kansas chosen for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, the Heart of America Council is proud of Ben’s accomplishments and we eagerly await the impact his studies and future endeavors will have on our country and our environment.
Five Reasons to Create an Endowment

The Endowment program at the Heart of America Council continues to grow because more and more of our friends recognize the benefits of creating their own named endowment. Some prefer to launch their endowments now so they can see the results, and others make arrangements to establish endowments later with on estate assets. And some prefer to start an endowment now and add more to it later through a bequest.

Why do these people choose to make endowment gifts to the Council? There are a number of reasons, of course. Here are five you may wish to consider:

1. Durability
The idea of creating a perpetual stream of financial support makes sense to people who see a similarity between retirement funds and endowments. They like the concept of a fund that is guarded and invested separately from other assets so the principal of the fund will grow strong. Only the income, or a portion thereof, will be used to support the Council.

2. A Positive Legacy
When donors add their names to an endowment, they create an enduring legacy that will outline their influence and succession generations. Grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family members and friends will be reminded of the person's values and commitments. Endowments can also be used to honor the lives of others who have made a significant impact on the donor and/or the Council.

3. Perpetual Annual Gifts
Many donors see an endowment as a means to underwrite their own regular giving to the Council. For example, an endowment of $25,000 could create an annual "gift" of $1,250 to the Council. It's a great way to keep giving generation after generation.

4. A Stronger Heart of America Council
Each year, the Council must raise a certain number of dollars to meet operational costs to sustain facilities, program and personnel. Raising money for the "here and now" is always a priority. Annual payouts from endowments relieve some of this pressure and permit the board and executive committee to plan more confidently for the future. An organization with a strong endowment is simply more stable financially.

5. Personal Satisfaction
There is something wonderfully fulfilling about doing something good that lasts, something that really makes a difference. Other kinds of giving are important, but having your name on a fund that will benefit others for centuries is truly satisfying.

If you would like to learn more about the Council's Endowment, please call Jason M. Baxter, Endowment Director, at (816) 942-9333 ext. 129 or Jbaxteren@bsa.org. You may also visit our web site at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Heart of America Council Heritage Society

The Heart of America Council Heritage Society recognizes men and women who believe in preserving the tradition and values of Scouting, as well as perpetuating its future for generations to come.

The Council acknowledges their foresight and generosity and bestows lifetime membership to all men and women who make an outright gift to the Heart of America Council Endowment of at least $1,000. Lifetime membership is also available to those who make a planned gift of any amount.

The annual Heritage Society Reception is held in honor of all members. All members receive a handsome certificate and an attractive pin. Member names are engraved on the Heritage Society plaque prominently displayed in the lobby of the Scout Service Center.

The Endowment was established by the Board of Directors of the Heart of America Council. Gifts to the Endowment are held in perpetuity, meaning that the gift amount is never spent, but rather invested. The earnings from the Endowment are used to bring the Scouting program to over 5,000 youth in the years to come. A gift to the Endowment truly is the gift that gives on giving – forever.
A New Year, A Fresh Beginning

Attention All Boy Scout Leaders!

Would the boys of your troop like to have the opportunity to earn the Shotgun Merit Badge?

Announcing:

The 4th Annual
Tony Adams and Friends
Sporting Clays for Scouting
Saturday May 17th
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 shooting portion of the Shotgun Merit Badge on a single Saturday. Camping sites are available and encouraged for interested Boy Scouts.

Last year was a success. We have enlisted the support of the Powder Creek Shooting School and their instructors and we are sure to have satisfied shooters this year. The fee for this event is $15 per participant.

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.

If your company is interested in entering a team, please contact Brad or Bill at 816-942-9333 or lgooding@bsamail.org.

For more information, contact Lori Gooding @ the Council Service Center (816) 942-9333 or lgooding@bsamail.org

Twelfth Annual Heart of America Commissioners College to have Venturing Emphasis

All Scouters should make plans now to attend the 2003 Commissioner’s College, scheduled for March 7-8, 2003. The college will be held on the grounds of historic Ft. Leavenworth, KS. This year’s keynote speaker will be Charles Holmes, National Director of Venturing. Brad Harris, Associate Director, will accompany Charles. The Venturing theme will also be carried out with the addition of the Venturing basic training course, which will be offered for the first time. This is an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the Venturing program.

Other courses offered will cover Unit Planning, Budgeting, Problem Solving, Insurance and Unit Registration. Any registered Scouter can attend the college by participating in the Associate’s Degree program. Catalogs and registration forms are available from the Council Office, or contact your District Commissioner.

All commissioners must be registered and must attend initial training prior to entering the degree program. A registered Scouter can attend the college by participating in the Associate’s Degree program. Any registered Scouter can attend the college by participating in the Associate’s Degree program.

Serve The Country’s Best Barbecue at Your Event

Non-Profit and Youth Organization Special

The Express Walkaway Buffet
• Poor Russ Meat (chopped burnt ends)
• Hickory Pit Beans • Creamy Coleslaw • Potato Salad
• Hot & Mild Sauces • Pickles • Buns
• Paperware, Serving Utensils and Condiments

$5.95 Per Person ($9.95 per Person on 20 or more)

Offer valid through March 31, 2003

Announcing:

Adventure in Scouting

How many of you have made New Year Resolutions? How many of you have kept them so far? The New year brings a fresh start and a chance to evaluate our past and decide what to change for the future. As you go through that process in your personal lives, let me challenge you to also do that in your Scouting service.

As a commissioner, your job is well defined in the numerous books and training manuals. If you are going to evaluate how well you performed last year and decide what your priorities will be in the new year, start going back to those basic references and refresh your memory on all of your responsibilities. If there are any that you have overlooked, then an obvious resolution to improve would be to fulfill that responsibility this year. Another possibility is to complete commitments you may have made last year, but have not yet completed.

Are you responsible for units that you have not visited regularly? Have any of your unit leaders asked you for information or resources that you still need to find and bring to them? What was your percentage of units that earned the quality unit award in 2002? How can you improve on that in 2003? Is there a training course you need to complete at the Commissioner’s College in March? Have you turned in your registration yet?

How “up to speed” are you on all the exciting events this year? Do your Cub Scout units know all about the new Bear Resident Camp? Are they prepared for the Webelos Camp draw? Are you fully briefed on what the Campaign For Family Values will do for our camps and why Scouting families need to support it this year?

How well did your district and your units do in last year’s Friends of Scouting Campaign? What can you do to help increase their success this year? What Webelos are due to cross over to a Scout Troop? What are your units doing to ensure that they all do?

Which of your Chartered Partners could benefit by forming a Venture Crew, Scout Troop, or Cub Pack? How many of your Institutional Heads did you visit last year? Can you visit them all this year?

These are just a few of the questions you can be asking yourself to make 2003 another great year in the Heart of America Council. I hope you will join me in using this process and infusing new passion into your work as commissioners! HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Earn Free Rank Advancements in 2003!

Here's How:

If your unit participates in the 2003 Family Friends of Scouting program and achieve your unit goal and participation goal, you can receive free rank advancement patches for all your Scouts until December 31, 2003. This includes Bobcat, Bear, Wolf, Webelos and the Arrow of Light patches for the Cub Scout program. Boy Scout patches include Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle (excluding the Eagle Kit). Patches for the Venturing program are the Gold, Bronze and Silver.

Figuring Your Unit's Goals:

Dollar Goal:
Multiply the number of Families in your unit by .25. Then multiply that number by $130. That number equals your unit's dollar goal, and...

The total amount of Family Friends of Scouting dollars your unit raised in 2002. Whichever is greater will be your unit's dollar goal, and...

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 2002 is $130 per youth.
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For more information, call your Family FOS Chairman or District Executive at (816) 942-9333 or 1-800-776-1110.

Cubs in Action

Members of Webelos Den 14 from Lenexa Cub Pack 3428 spent nearly two hours Monday evening helping Veterans enjoy their free meal courtesy of The Golden Corral Restaurant in Olathe.

The Scouts found out about the free meals for Veterans from one of their leaders and decided to make it a service project for their Citizen Activity Badge. During their time at the restaurant the boys acted as doormen, served coffee, iced tea and soft drinks to several hundred diners, helped dish up food items for the desert bar and spoke with several Veterans about their years of service. "When we called the manager of the restaurant and said we wanted to help the managers were thrilled," said Assistant Den Leader Tim Keltner. "It was very fulfilling to see a Cub in uniform talking to a Veteran in uniform. The Golden Corral gave away thousands of dollars worth of food across the nation on the 11th, I can’t say enough about their commitment to our nations heroes."

The Cubs hope to make this an annual project and hope it will catch on across the country. The first year Webelos attend Bonjour Elementary School and Pack 3428 is chartered by the Country Hills Christian Church at 8835 Luckman Road.

Webelos Scouts Jason Stomeking, Donavan Cross, Joseph DeValder, Texan Kelner and Dalton Cross help Veterans out at the Golden Corral Restaurant during Military Appreciation night, November 11th.

Scouting at Science City

Special Scout Offer
Come to Union Station in your scout uniform and receive discounts on general admission to Science City and shows in our Theater District.

Free Badge Activity Guides
Free Scout Badge activity guides are available at the Union Station Information Booth. These guides direct Scouts to Science City exhibits to help fulfill science related achievements, electives, and badge requirements. Guides are available for Tiger Cubs, Wolf Cubs, Bear Cubs, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Daisies, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadettes, and Senior Girl Scouts.

Camp-ins at Science City (Beginning Spring 2003)
Come spend the night at Science City for an entire evening of science fun! Camp-in packages include admission to Science City, dinner, snack, and breakfast, a large-format movie in our Extreme Screen theater, Scout badge workshop, and Science City Camp-in patch. For groups of 100 scouts or more.

Cost:
$40 per scout.
$20 per chaperone (1 to 6 ratio required).

Cub Scout Saturdays (Coming in 2003, dates TBD)
Attention Cub Scouts! Join us at Science City to earn your Astronomy and Science pin and belt loop.

For more information, call (816) 460-2020 or visit the Scout link on our new web site, www.unionstation.org.

Scouting for Cartridges

Scouting for Cartridges is off to a fantastic start! The program was first introduced at September and October roundtables, and has been very well received by Scouting units. Since the program’s introduction, Scouting volunteers have requested 1245 collection boxes to fill with used cartridges. So far, 5 filled boxes have been returned. Scouting for Cartridges is a program designed to collect used inkjet cartridges from computer printers. Instead of throwing them in the trash, why not recycle them. Just as many of us “old timers” did as we were Scouts, we collected newspapers, glass, and cans to recycle and do our environmental ‘good deed’. Our troops collected some cash from our environmental collection efforts. The Scouting for Cartridges program works on the same concept, and Inkjet Collect, a Lenexa, KS firm pays Scouting units $1.00 for each recyclable cartridge sent to them.

For more detailed information on the Scouting for Cartridges program visit www.counetngfor cartridges.com.

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Brownsea 22 Training

Brownsea 22 is an intensive, seven-day outdoor training experience for young men in support of the Scoutmaster’s responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders. It is conducted by the Heart of America Council Training Committee, using the Junior Leader Training Conference outline approved by the Boy Scout Division of the BSA.

Brownsea starts on July 6, 2003 and ends on July 12, 2003 and will be held at the Naish Scout Reservation. It’s purpose is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at it’s best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course, to have fun!!

Registration forms can be found on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org or visit the Council’s Resource Center.

Wood Badge Training

Wood Badge training is an experience like no other!

You will take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors with your patrol. You will learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to it’s maximum potential. This training experience is open to all adult Scouters registered in the Boy Scouts of America. The course will be held on two weekends (September 12th thru 14th and October 3rd thru 5th). Registration forms and additional information are available at your district roundtable and the Council Service Center. You are not required to have camping or Scout Craft skills in order to enjoy this ultimate training experience, however you need to be trained in your current registered position. The objective of the course is to help you learn to be a more effective leader. You will experience a professional environment with knowledgeable and skilled trainers using the most modern and effective training techniques and materials. The fee for the course is $195.00 (including non-refundable deposit of $55.00) and includes all meals and training material.

Sharing Native American Ways XIX

“The drums send forth a warm welcome to all – to come, participate, have fun, and share in this great learning experience.”

Saturday, March 29, 2003 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SNAWS is open to all Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Leaders. Give your Scouts an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of Native American culture. Classes will provide instruction in crafts and games. Many workshops on culture, dress, clothing, crafts, dancing, singing, and drumming will be held throughout the day. Each Scout and leader registering will receive a SNAWS souvenir booklet containing additional information and instruction. Look for registration information at your district roundtable or the Council Service Center.

Community Service Day

On Saturday, April 12, 2003, the youth of the Heart of America Council, BSA will complete an approved local community service project. The type of service project will be the choice of each individual unit, however, it cannot be a project that supports a Heart of America Council property, or an Eagle Project. The goal of “Community Service Day” is to encourage each Scouting Unit in the Heart of America Council to participate in a service project for their local community. Scouting and Community Service work hand in hand and service projects should be incorporated into the year round program for each Scout Unit.

Scouts are encouraged to submit a patch design for the participation patch contest. Rules for the patch design contest can be found in the Community Service Day Unit Guide which is available at roundtables or at the Council Service Center. Designs must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 7, 2003.

Order of the Arrow

2003 Winter Banquet

The OA Winter Banquet was held at the newly remodeled Hilton Garden Inn in Kansas City, Kansas. Leaders council-wide can be proud of their Scouts that put this banquet together with the help of their advisors. Over 600 Arrowmen and guests attended and had a great time. Shown below is a picture of the installation of the 2003 Lodge Executive Committee Officers and Chapter Chiefs. This year’s executive committee has great plans in place to move OA forward. The Lodge Chief, J D Jones, delivered his address with much enthusiasm with regard to his upcoming reign.

Are you an Arrowman that has not renewed your membership. Even if you were an Arrowman from way back, rejoin us. You can renew your membership on the council’s website by following the links to the event registration site or mail your dues ($7.00 per person) to the Council Service Center at PO Box 414177, Kansas City, Missouri 64141-4177.

MOS Tribal Council Recommendations

Recommendations for Mic-O-Say Tribal Council are due March 1, 2003. All recommendations received on or before March 1 will be considered for the 2003 camping season. By action of the Council of Chieftains, recommendations received after the deadline will be returned and must be submitted for the following camping season.

Recommendation forms are available on the council website or at the Council Service Center.

Bartle and Naish Camps

Bartle Scout Reservation Upcoming Workdays

Saturday, February 8, 2003
Saturday, February 22, 2003
Saturday, March 8, 2003

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Saturday, March 1, 2003
Saturday, March 22, 2003

Summer Camp Leader Orientations

We know it is still C O L D outside, but don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Summer Camp Leader Orientation Meetings that are almost upon us. Both camps will hold meetings on Monday and Tuesday, March 24th and 25th. A reminder notice will be sent to the primary contacts in the near future.

National Camp School

Did you know that the H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation will host one of Central Region’s National Camp Schools? Over 200 camp leaders from seventeen states will travel to our great camp to participate in training sessions for camp mangement, program, aquatics, shooting sports, etc. Volunteers who can serve as support staff the week of May 17 – 24, 2003, helping in the dining hall, the health lodge, etc are asked to call David Allen at the Council Service Center (816-942-9333 or 1-800-776-1110) or e-mail daallen@bsamail.org.
2003 Summer Camp Directors

David Allen  HRB Reservation Director
Jonathan Bonness  TN Reservation Director
John Christiansen  HRB Reservation Ranger
I. Vince Edmondson  MOS Recording Medicine Man
Michael Finn  HRB Food Service & I.S. MOS Advisor
Merlyn Grubb  MOS Directing Medicine Man
Ronald K. Johnson  HRB Sawmill Camp Director
J D Jones  DA Lodge Chief
Richard Legderwood  TN Reservation Ranger
C Jack Phillips  MOS Tribal Purchasing
Bruce Reed  HRB Reservation Pgm Dir & PA MOS Advisor
Michael Rodak  TN Assistant Reservation Director
Steven Rogers  HRB Piercing Arrow Camp Director
Tom Sero  Rotary Camp Director
Tom Volk  HRB Lone Star Camp Director
Richard Weiland  HRB Asst Resv Dir & SM MOS Advisor
Wayne Weiner  HRB Reservation Commissioner
Michael Weiner  TN Program Director
Dave Woodman  HRB Reservation Business Manager
William M Coyne  TN Reservation Commissioner

Rotary Scout Camp
Rotary Scout Camp is the HOAC long term resident camp for special needs Scouts. This camp is held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility which is located in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Rotary Scout Camp starts on August 4th and continues through August 8th. Volunteer staff members are currently being recruited. Unit staff members work one-on-one with campers during the week of camp. Staff members must be at least 14 years old, a registered Scout or Scouter. If you have questions regarding Rotary Camp or want to schedule an interview to be on staff contact Dusty Boartright at the Council Service Center or dbuatright@bsmai.org. Rotary Scout Camp allows Scouts to enjoy the outdoor experience, earn merit badges and have as much fun as can be squeezed into five days and nights.

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BEAR RESIDENT CAMP

On Saturday, February 1, 2003 a council wide draw will be held for the 2003 sessions. Each Cub Scout household and selected registered leaders in each pack recently received a Cub Scout Camp booklet in the mail. You can also visit the council’s website for the latest information.

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CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP
Registrations will be accepted beginning Monday, February 3, 2003

$45.00 - Registration (Scouts whose fees are paid in full by April 11, 2003 receive an additional item in their camp packet).
$10.00 – Non Refundable Deposit (due with each registration and is a part of the total fee due)
$15.00 – Late Fee (will be added for any fees not paid in full by May 9, 2003)
$15.00 – Cancellation Fee (assessed for cancellations after May 9, 2003)

Heart of America Council 2003 CAMP SESSIONS

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BOY SCOUT CAMP FEES

| H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation |
| By May 2, 2003 | Additional Fees Beginning May 3, 2003 |
| Boy Scouts | $210.00 | $25.00 |
| First Two FT Leaders | $100.00 | $25.00 |
| Additional FT Leaders | $210.00 | $25.00 |
| Part Time Leaders | $32.00 per day | $5.00 per day |
| FT Cancellation Fee | $25.00 | $100.00 |
| PT Cancellation Fee | $15.00 per day |

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

| Boy Scouts | $155.00 | $25.00 |
| First Two FT Leaders | $80.00 | $25.00 |
| Additional FT Leaders | $125.00 | $25.00 |
| Part Time Leaders | $32.00 per day | $5.00 per day |
| FT Cancellation Fee | $25.00 | $75.00 |
| PT Cancellation Fee | $15.00 per day |

Don’t forget that the first 1/2 payment for Boy Scout Camp is due February 28, 2003 along with updates to your reservation, if applicable.
Unit Charters—Don’t Forget!
All charters are due back to the Council Service Center by February 15, 2003 to be processed by March 1, 2003. This is a requirement for a unit to be a quality unit and also to help the district achieve quality status. This also gives units the chance to make sure that everyone gets registered and put on the charter.

Klondike Derby 2003
The 2003 Klondike Derby was a great success this year! Special thanks goes to Jim Salisbury and his staff for planning the fun and excitement this year. We are all ready looking forward to next year and need as many people to help out. Please contact Chad Wyansco at 816-942-9333, ext 162 if you would like to be involved in making 2004’s Klondike a reality.

“Gentleman, Start Your Engines”
The 2003 Pinewood Derby is fast approaching. Come see the fun at Lee’s Summit Community of Christ Church (1101 NE Independence Ave Lees Summit, Mo 64086) on February 8th at 8:00am-11:00am. All entries are welcome will be accepted and fun will be had by all. If you need more information, or want to be on staff, contact Chad Wyansco at 816-942-9333, ext 162.

2003 Thunderbird District Committee
Chairman
Bill Love ........................................ 816-474-4396
Commissioneer
Roger Mamony .......................... 816-887-3004
Vice-Chairman
Myrna Frost .................................. 816-936-5268
Activities
Barbara Lark .............................. 816-356-6963
Advancement
Mark Grant ............................... 816-358-0612
Camping
Keith Gregory .......................... 816-942-6285
Membership
Fred Rider ................................ 816-593-6195
Special Needs
Barbara Shaffer ......................... 816-763-3226
Training
Kelsie Clark .............................. 816-430-5654
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Mike McClaney .......................... 816-358-6242
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District Executive
Chad Wyansco .......................... 816-942-9333, ext 174
cwyansco@bsamail.org

Appreciation Dinner
The Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 8th, 2003 at the Oakwood Baptist Church in Lee’s Summit. Come join us in recognizing the outstanding volunteers in the Thunderbird District. Registration forms are located in the Council Service Center with a cost of $16.

2003 Friends of Scouting
The official kick-off date was January 29th, and the Thunderbird District already is on its way to achieving our goal. Our overall goal this year is $188,000. The family goal is $83,000. Please remember, “Friends of Scouting” is a key element in the financing of our Council and it’s programs. Let’s make sure that the Thunderbird District completes its goal on time and goes above and beyond the call of duty. Remember, units can once again receive free rank this year as an incentive to achieve their unit goal. Last year, there were 25 units that received free rank. Let’s see a whole lot more receive free rank this year.

Make sure to see Lee Berroven, Family FOS Chairman, at roundtable or contact David Riker at 816-942-9333, ext 174 to sign up your unit or to check on the status of your unit achieving free rank.

Training
Spring will be upon us shortly and the training season will be starting. Make sure that you get all new leaders trained and any current leaders trained in the position they hold. Mark these dates in your calendar and watch for flyers at roundtable and on the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org. If you have any questions concerning training contact either the trainer at David Riker at the Council Service Center at 816-942-9333 ext. 174. Remember, every youth deserves a trained leader.

Spring 2003 Training Dates
March 1 New Leader Essentials 9am-11am
March 1 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training 12 noon
March 15 Den Chief Training 9am-4pm
April 1 New Leader Essentials 7pm-9pm
April 5 Scouter Specific Training 8am-5pm
April 9 Troop Committee Training 7pm-10pm
April 12 BALOO 8:30am-9pm
April 15 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training 6:30pm
April 16 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills part 1 7pm-9pm
April 26-27 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills part 2 12 noon
Sat.-noon on Sunday
May 3,4 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training 9am Sat.-noon Sunday

Contacts:
Alicia Belew, Cub Scout Training, 816-540-4593, alicabelew@juno.com
Mike Husk, Boy Scout Training, 816-322-0015, huskm0@earthlink.net

2003 Thunderbird Awards
Boy Scout Troop 323
Heart of America Council, Thunderbird District
Awards Eagle Scouts

Calendar of Events

February
4 District Roundtable – 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church of Raytown
4 Youth Protection Training – 7:00 pm
8 Merit Badge Academy – 9am-4pm, Hickman Mills High School, 9010 Old Santa Fe (SW of 87th & Blue Ridge)
8 Thunderbird District Pinewood Derby 8:00am-11:00am, Lee’s Summit Community of Christ Church, 1101 NE Independence Ave, Lee’s Summit, MO 64086
8 Thunderbird District Appreciation Dinner 6:00pm-9:00pm, Oakwood Baptist Church, 7600 Lee’s Summit Road
11 Commissioners Meeting – 7:30 pm
Council Service Center
13 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Presentation Catholic Church
Lee’s Summit, MD
22 Venture Leader Training

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1 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training 12 noon-4pm
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15 Den Chief Training 9am-4pm
February Salutes
This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagle Scouts as of December: Matthew Ferris of Troop 93, Max Hodges of Troop 91 and Shane Sharp of Troop 149. Congratulations to you all from your Northern Tier District Committee and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

You Just Can’t Have Too Much Fun Getting Trained

This year was filled with some of the most fun training Northern Tier has ever had. Congratulations go out to Judy Vayer, our very own Training Chairman, John Forsyth and his Boy Scout Training Team, Dave Sulz and his Cub Scout Training Team, the BSA/CWO/LOE team and the Super Saturday crew, all fantastic volunteers who make these trainings so much fun. Remember, “Every boy deserves a trained leader.”

For questions or more information on training, please contact Judy Vayer, Northern Tier Training Chairman at 913-362-2029.

Friends of Scouting 2003

It’s not too late to sign your unit up for Friends of Scouting. Remember, free rank advancement goes to all units upon reaching your Friends of Scouting Goal and receive Free Friends of Scouting 2003 Rank Advancement to December 31, 2003?

Friends of Scouting Goal and receive Free Friends of Scouting 2003 Rank Advancement to December 31, 2003?

1st Annual Northern Tier Chartered Organization Fellowship Gathering


Phil Pack and Pack 3493
Kelly Bridenstine with Pack 3648, Troop 648, Crew 2648, Team 6648.
John Naylor & George Gille with Pack 648, Crew 2648, Team 6648.

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So Much Fun With Pack 3253

Say hi to Pack 3253’s Arrow of Light Ceremony. The ceremony included face painting and presentation of Arrow of Light plaques. The plaques held special arrows that were painted to represent each boy’s Cub Scout accomplishments from Tiger through Webelos. Bill Blair (pictured below) had 32 stripes on his arrow. The Webelos receiving the award were: 1st row in front: Zach Jenks, 2nd row left to right: Kody Lane and Bill Blair; 3rd row left to right: Eric Torres and Brena- nam Pittman, 4th row left to right: Jason Schalk and Kris Bilyeu. Thank you Pack 3253 for sharing your great time and celebration.

Calendar of Events

February

1 District Merit Badge Forum Located at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School with Super Saturday training offered
6 Roundtable, Village Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
8 Webelos on Wheels, located at Community Covenant Church
11 Youth Protection/New Leaders Essential located at Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10708 Johnson Drive (Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m and training begins at 7:00 p.m.)
13 District Committee Meeting, Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivera Rd., 6:30 p.m.
13 District Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
15 District Den Chief Conference Training
20 District Eagle Board of Reviews, LDS Church, 7845 Allman, 6:30 p.m.

March

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4 Cub Scout Job Specific Training Time & Location TBA
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20 District Eagle Board of Reviews, LDS Church, 7845 Allman, 6:30 p.m.
22 District Pinewood Derby Location and Time to be Announced For questions and information, please contact Dave Sulz, Pinewood Chairman at (913) 381-7824.
Annual District Recognition Dinner

On March 1, 2003, Twin Rivers District will hold its Annual Recognition Dinner in Garnett, KS. As part of the evening, you and your spouse will be treated to a great dinner, exciting entertainment, and recognition of the strong volunteer leadership in Twin Rivers. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Andy Thomas, State超级intendent for Education for the State of Kansas. He has served in that position since 1996 and was Principli of Pomona High School in the early 1970s. Also that evening, we will recognize many deserving leaders with the Twin Rivers District Special Service and Distinguished Service Awards and the District Award of Merit. Please plan on attending this special evening as we reflect on our building success and look to continued achievement in 2003. For more information, contact Don Lile, Dinner Chair, at 785.448.5836.

Klondeik Derby

Our recent Klondeik Derby was a great success. We first want to thank Jeff Wal- mann, Klondeik Derby Chairman and Troop 106 for hosting such an exciting event. With all the activities they had planned and prepared for us to do, we were always busy. Some of the specialties of the weekend included a district-wide dance and an awesome evening campfire. With the success of Klondeik Derby this year, it will be a challenge to top it next year!

District Roster:
District Chairman: Jerry Wiesner . . . . . . . 913.294.6642
District Commissioner: John Berton . . . . . . . 785.242.8294
Advancement Chair: Buddy Burris . . . . . . . 785.867.3005
Camping Chair: Chris Gibson . . . . . . . 913.898.4955
Endowment Chair: Richard Grant . . . . . . . 913.755.3941
Roundtable Commissioners (Boy Scouts):
Roundtable Commissioner Dan Droste at 913.294.5484. Information will be available at Roundtables, the Council Service Center and on the Council Website.

Spring Camporee

With so many things going on it is never too early to put the next event in your cal- endar if you haven’t already. Spring Cam- poree will be held from April 25-27 this year and will be hosted by Troop 100. Plans have been in the works for many months to bring you a weekend filled with fun and accomplishment. The theme of the Cam- poree will center around the Pioneering Merit Badge and your boys will have the opportunity to work on some of the require- ments of this merit badge that weekend. For more information, contact Spring Cam- poree Chairman Dan Droste at 913.294.5484. Information will be available at Roundtables, the Council Service Center and on the Council Website.

The Adventures of Cubman

Cub Scout Day Camp will be held the first week of June from the 2nd through the 6th at North Lake Park in Garnett again this summer. This is the first chance many of your Cub Scouts that joined Scouting over the past few months will get to experience some outdoor Scouting activities! Make sure you do not wait to get your boys excited about the opportunities and signed up for this awesome time! Registrations for Day Camp are being accepted right now. We are looking forward to bringing each

District Recruiter:
Friends of Scouting

The 2003 Friends of Scouting Campaign has started off really well this year. Many of our units have had or have scheduled pre- sentations with great success. With some units having earned Free Rank Advance- ment and the rest of the year to work towards this lofty goal. Call 913.294.9984 for Tom Randall at 913.294.8707. Family Campaign Co- Chairs. We are also just getting into the swing of our Community Campaign and that looks to be extremely successful this year. Thank you to everyone for your support. If you are interested in finding out how to become a great Friend of Scouting, contact Friends of Scouting Chair, Dan Crawford at 913.755.4451 or Cortland Bolles at 800.776.1110.
Training

The spring training courses are coming up fast and the training staff is hard at work to provide an outstanding training experience. Future classes will once again be the new training that was first offered this past fall. The first opportunity will be on Saturday, March 16th and the second will be on Tuesday evenings starting on April 2nd and continuing on April 9th and April 16th. These training's will cover the Essentials courses we broke our sections. Be watching for more details at roundtable and on the District Page of the Council Web Site for further training, give Ron Sanders at 816-320-2292.

Spring Recruiting

Now is the time to plan for your spring recruiting efforts. All pack are encouraged to recruit new Tiger Cubs this spring androoms will be giving new Webelos into

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The Adventures of Cubman

Day Camp 2003

Summer is sneaking up on us. Early bird registration is February 4th at Valley View United Methodist Church (95th & Woodward). Day Camp this year will run from June 9-13. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Pat Harvey. This year will be an exciting 7th Year for Day Camp. With all the great events and activities planned for the “Adventures of Cubman”, how could you not attend? Come join the fun. For more information you can reach Pat Harvey at 913-642-4671, or Rob Gilkerson at 816-942-9333.

Have You Been Trained?

It is that time for all of those new leaders or individuals who will be the future leadership to be trained. Training will give you the skills to provide a quality program for your pack or troops. This is a key to mini-

### 2003 Friends of Scouting Campaign

As you know from having presentations in the past, the goal of the Scouting Program in the Heart of America Council is $130.00 per boy, beyond the cost of registration fees and units that can be an incredible task for all units. This year your goal is to support 40% of the active members in your unit at the $130.00 level. In order to achieve this year’s goal, units need to schedule their presentations. All unit leaders who have not yet done so already need to select someone from their unit to schedule and coordinate a presen-

### Recharter Turn-In

This is the month to get your rechartering paperwork turned in. You can turn it in Roundtable on Friday 6th or at the Recharter Turn-In/Commissioner Staff Meeting on February 11th. The location for the 11th turn-in will be at the St. Luke Presbyterian Church at 4301 NE Vision. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commis-

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**Current BSA Membership**

| Membership in your unit at the $130.00 level. | Goal is to support 40% of the active mem-

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### Friends of Scouting

Have you unit a scheduled FOS presentation? A member of the family presentation team is ready to come to your next meeting. The purpose of this program is giving money to support the Scouting Program. The money you give helps the organization to provide the best possible Scouting Program for our youth and give you ideas to mini-

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District Dinner
The annual District Dinner is just days away. Reservations have been taken and the various award and dinner committees have been hard at work preparing for the event. The dinner will be held on Friday, February 7th at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6:00pm. Sorry - no tickets will be sold at the door. Larry Moore from Channel 9 News will serve as our Master of Ceremonies. So if you made a reservation, don't forget to come down to Westminster Hall in Independence to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and a chance to recognize leaders in the Beautiful Blue Elk district.

It's Fun To Get Trained!
Check out the calendar for the latest leader trainings coming up in the next few months. The Council website also lists training dates and is a great resource for lots of other council and district information. The council website address is www.bsaco.org. Upcoming trainings for Boy Scout Leaders will be held in the month of March and April. Watch for flyers at Roundtable for more detailed information and how to register. For more information about Boy Scout leader training, please contact Tom Newhard at (816) 254-6447 or Ron Pfannenstiel at (816) 942-9333.

We Want To Hear About You
We want to know about activities that are going on in your unit! This newsletter is a great way to celebrate accomplishments and events that take place in your pack, troop, crew, or post. We want to hear what you are doing and share it with our scouting friends. If you have any stories, celebrations, or fun moments to share, please email a short write-up to Frances Hunley at fhunley@bsamail.org. Please make sure that all of your information is correct and that the individuals mentioned consent. We will try to include as much of the information as our district page will allow. We hope to hear from you soon!

Eagle Board of Reviews
Eagle Boards of Review are conducted at monthly Roundtable meetings. Please call Leonard Jones at (816) 471-5184 or (816) 229-4690 at least two weeks before the Roundtable that you wish to have the Eagle Board of Review.

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United Day Way of Caring

Cub Scouts and their families of Pack 30/6, Lecompton, participated in the United Way Day of Caring, picking up road debris and clearing brush from drainage ditches near the town square in Lecompton. Great job Scouts!

Scouting for Food

Saturday, April 12, 2003

The Council Good Turn committee has offered and the Pelathe district has accepted the challenge of making our areas Community Service Day a Scouting for Food event. The date has been set for Saturday, April 12, 2003. It is the responsibility of your unit to plan the service project so that the actual collection and turn in of the food happens on Saturday, April 12, 2003. Information about when and where the turn in for our district will be distributed at the February Roundtable.

The Heart of America Council will provide food collection bags and accompanying literature, which will be distributed to your Unit’s leaders at the February Roundtable.

Sign-Up for the Pelathe-L

The Pelathe District E-mail List Serve also known as The Pelathe-L, allows you to send an email message to all who are signed up on the list, and lets you get information out quickly. It also lets you stay in touch and have up to date information. Sign up by going to http://pelathe.lawrence.ks.us and clicking on the Subscribe/Unsubscribe link.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Adventures in Cubman

June 9th – 13th, 2002

The Pelathe District Day Camp program is designed for this year’s Kindergarten (Tiger), First (Wolf) and Second grade (Bear) Cubs. Third and Fourth grade (Webelos) Scouts are encouraged to also attend Webelos Summer Camp. They can, however, attend both and we would gladly welcome them at Day Camp.

Be sure your Cub Scout enjoys the excitement of Day Camp this summer.

Day Camp Hours of Operation

Douglas County Fair Grounds, 2200 Harper, Lawrence, KS

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thu., Fri., 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM

Thursday Family Night Activities 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Day Camp will once again provide a fun filled night of games, booths, and information for the whole family. Please bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and a picnic dinner to enjoy as we take you through American Treasures!

E-mail Pelathe Day Camp Director: Rolena McCurdy at pelathecamp@sunflower.com or call her at (785) 542-3050 for information on how to be a part of the 2002 Pelathe Cub Scout Day Camp.

2003 Pelathe District Operating Committee

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District Executive Curtis Neal Harris 816-942-9333 x161 / charri@bsamail.org

March 6

Roundable, 7:30 PM, 1st Christian Church, 10th and Kentucky

20 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Land Plan Engineering, 1310 Wakarusa Drive

Red-Tailed Hawk is 2002 Quality District!

Congratulations to all Scouters in the district on meeting the requirements to be a Quality District. This is a very noteworthy accomplishment and everyone should be proud of the role they played in achieving this recognition. The past year our district has grown from 2900 youth to 2966 and we have established two new Cub Packs. Over 60% of all units have achieved the quality award, the commissioner staff has received help with the rechartering process. They can, however, attend both and we would gladly welcome them at Day Camp.

Be sure your Cub Scout enjoys the excitement of Day Camp this summer.

Let’s enjoy being a 2002 Quality District!
2003 Friends of Scouting Campaign
Pioneer Trails is on its way to another successful year in the family of Friends of Scouting Campaign. If your unit has not scheduled a Friends of Scouting presentation get on the bandwagon and give Steve Livingston a call at 816-444-5730. Remember that if your unit meets its Friends of Scouting goal, and 40% of the families give a gift, you will qualify for free rank advancement for the year 2003.

Thank you to all units that have already had a Friends of Scouting presentation or have their unit scheduled to receive one.

Spring Recruiting Begins

Most Scouters consider the fall the primary time to recruit boys into Scouting, but anytime should be the primary time. A boy recruited in the spring has the opportunity to go to Cub Day Camp or Boy Scout Camp right away. It also allows a boy to join a program before all the summer sports leagues are started. Consider putting some effort into a spring recruiting drive. For help with recruiting, please contact the Exploring Division at 816-942-0675 (h).

Spring Recruiting will be introduced this mid-
year in the Big Muddy District. As last year, the Spring Recruiting begins in the spring to discuss and brainstorm this activity between posts, presentations given and events could range from project competitions to provide life skills, character and leadership to over 55,525 youth in Kansas City. The support helps to deliver life-
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Friends of Scouting

It's that time of the year again! Another Family Friends of Scouting Campaign is upon us and unlike past years the Big Muddy District is off to a great start with over 50% of the campaign completed! Almost 80% of the money raised has been directed back into the scouting program to fund things such as equipment in the current year in the Big Muddy District. As last year's Spring Recruiting Drive will be held at Odessa Hills camp ground in Odessa, MO. Anyone interested in serving on staff please contact Carol Brooks at 660-259-6278.

District Dinner

This year's annual recognition dinner will be held this year at the Carrollton Community Center in Carrollton Mo on February 1, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. Make sure to contact Grant Deuel at the Council Service Center to reserve your spots at this event.

Calendar of Events

February

1 District Dinner
6 District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m.
Central United Methodist Church
11 District Commissioner's Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
St. Peter's Youth Center, Meyer & Womall
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22 Pioneer Trails Spring Event – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., LOCATION TBA
Merit Badge Forum
The second annual Trails West District - Merit Badge Forum will be held at Shawnee Mission South High School on Saturday February 1 and Saturday February 15, 2003 beginning at 8:00 AM and ending at Noon each day. This forum provides a unique opportunity for scouts to enroll in and complete up to two Merit Badges. They can use the two weeks between classes to complete the classroom assignments. After the classes are over, all they need to do is meet with the counselor for their final interview and to receive the approved card.

The badges available for selection include:
- Citizenship in the Community • Citizenship in the World
- Citizenship in the Nation • Coin Collecting • Communications
- Computers • Crime Prevention • Electricity • Emergency Preparedness • Fingerprinting • First Aid • Photography

Reservation Forms and fees ($1.00 each Scout) need to be mailed to the Council Office by December 5, 2002. Class assignments and Merit Badge Cards will be available at the January 2, 2003 Roundtable.

Scoutings available for selection include:
- Citizenship in the Community • Citizenship in the World • Citizenship in the Nation • Coin Collecting • Communications • Computers • Crime Prevention • Electricity • Emergency Preparedness • Fingerprinting • First Aid • Photography

Friends of Scouting 2003
Now is the time if your unit has not set a date for its presentation of the Friends of Scouting campaign. The money raised through help to keep the scouting program strong and growing in Trails West and the Heart of America Council. For more information call Marlene Bean at (913) 782-3279.

Congratulations to the following units for making their 2003 Family Friends of Scouting goal. For reaching their goal the units will enjoy free rank patches from the scout shop for the rest of the year.
- Pack 3288, Pack 3188, and Troop 186

Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner
The Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner was held on Saturday, January 25th, 2003 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Kansas City, Kansas. We awarded the District Award of Merit to six deserving individuals, as well as recognized our 2002 Eagle Scouts.

Klondike Derby 2003
Thanks to Dan Hammond and the excellent he assembled, the 2003 Klondike Derby was a huge success this year!
Scouting helps Tribesman Reach for the Stars

When Akil Bacchus, Eagle Scout from Troop 608 chose his tribal name of “Shining Star of Cloudy Night” he intended to reach for the stars some day. Akil is currently a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, attending The Basic School in Quantico, VA. Upon graduation for TBS, Akil will be attending the Naval Flight School with hopes of being an astronaut.

Akil is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Scouting has helped Akil develop the drive, dedication and commitment that are needed to pursue his dream of becoming an astronaut. During Office Candidate School in Quantico, VA, Akil received a Temporary billet where he was responsible for commanding a Company of 200 officer candidates.

Akil’s father, Ken Bacchus, said, “I am glad that Akil has been able to participate in Scouting. As a person who wasn’t able to participate in Scouting growing up due to a lack of programs in my neighborhood, I have always admired the Scouting program. My involvement as an Executive Board member in the Heart of America Council is to make certain that Scouting is available to all young men so that they can’t say Scouting was not available.”

For more information on the Urban Scouting program of the Heart of America Council, please contact Charles Flowers at (816) 942-9333 or cflowers@bsdamail.org.

TO OUR VALUED VOLUNTEER:

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Thurs.: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m./Sat.: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.