Your Troop is Invited to Participate in the Memorial Day Observance at Liberty Memorial

The Permanent Memorial Day Committee and the Liberty Memorial Association has invited each Boy Scout Troop in the Heart of America Council to participate in the 2003 Memorial Day Program at Liberty Memorial by sending a Color Guard of four (4) from your Troop to the May 26, 2003 parade and ceremony.

The parade will begin at 9:30am and the ceremony will begin at 10:00am and end around 11:00am.

Your entire troop may march in the parade, but each troop participating in the ceremony must limit their Color Guard to four (4) Scouts who are in FULL CLASS A UNIFORM, and must provide and display their own Troop Flag and American Flag.

If your troop is interested in participating in the Memorial Day Ceremony, please e-mail the following information to Mark J. Brayer at mbrayer@bsamail.org or send it to him at the Heart of America Council, BSA, and 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, Mo. 64131.

Information Needed:
- Troop Number
- District
- Adult Contact Name
- Adult Contact Phone Number
- Adult Contact e-mail address
- Name of the four Scouts in the color guard
- Will your whole troop be marching in the parade?
- If yes, how many will you have?

Deadline to sign up: Monday, May 12, 2003

Thank you to the 19,478 volunteers who give their time and efforts to provide a Quality Scouting program to 57,106 youth within its 19-county service area.

Through your dedication, the Heart of America Council achieved the following in 2002:
- Achievement of Quality Council was met for the eighth consecutive year.
- The council collaborated with more than 650 different community organizations that chartered 1,133 Scouting groups and served 57,106 youth.
- Membership increased in each of the age group programs creating “balanced growth” and total growth of 584 youth and 16 units.
- The number of adult leaders increased by 5.5% to 19,478.
- There were 801 Scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This is the largest number since 1975.
- 11,783 Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts earned 36,776 merit badges.
- $55,200 in college scholarships was awarded to 45 young men and women who served as camp staff members.
- The most successful Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner was staged, and raised more than $330,000 for the benefit of the Urban Scouting Program.
- The Friends of Scouting Campaign grew to more than $1,470,000 and the Popcorn sales grew to more than $1,800,000.

Thank you for your efforts to deliver a quality Scouting program to young people in our community.

In The Scouting Spirit,
James J. Terry
Scout Executive
Income and Gifts With Real Estate

Five questions:
1. Do you have a vacation property or another parcel of land that you are not using?
2. Would you like your property to provide income for you?
3. Would you like to avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of the property?
4. Would you like someone else to handle the sale of your property (saving you the usual sales headaches)?
5. Would you like to support the mission of the Council with a significant gift?

If you answered yes to any of the questions, you may want to consider the following scenario:

Several years ago, Al and Helen Smith purchased a piece of land for $50,000. Today the property is paid for and commands a fair market value of $200,000. Al and Helen paid property taxes for years on the land and now would like some income.

They would like to sell the property and invest the proceeds, but the hefty tax on the gains holds them back. They are strong supporters of the Council and call the endowment director to request a visit.

A few days later, during a conversation in their living room, the endowment director explains how they might use the real estate to fund a charitable trust that will avoid any tax on the sale of the property. What's more, once the property is donated to the trust, the trustee arranges for the sale and handles investments according to the written directives of the trust document.

Al and Helen arrange for the trust to pay them a set percentage each year through quarterly payments. They keep the payout percent at a reasonable level. This may permit the trust to grow in the future, thus providing a growing income as well.

Since the property is donated to a charitable trust, Al and Helen receive an income tax charitable deduction that may reduce their income taxes this year (and perhaps subsequent years).

After speaking with the endowment director, the Smiths meet with their attorney and CPA. Receiving their blessing, they go forward with the gift.

Today they are very happy. Not only do they receive added income, they also enjoy knowing that after they’re gone, the Council will receive a generous gift from the principal.

Like Al and Helen, you may own real estate that is paying little or no income. Perhaps you are interested in talking about the possibilities of using real estate to make a charitable gift that produces income. If you would like to learn about how this plan can benefit you, please contact Jason M. Baxendale, Endowment Director, at (816) 942-9333 ext. 129 or jbaxendal@bsamail.org. You may also visit the Council web site at www.boy-scouts.org.
We would like to make you aware of a program we have in place to benefit Outdoor Program Development for the Coleman Company, Inc. Ken Fanska and myself are the Customer Relations Associates for Youth Wichita, KS 67219
3600 N. Hydraulic
The Coleman Company at (316) 832-6189, fax (316) 832-6189, or youthprg@coleman.com
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Information on the site also includes product specifications, camping tips and links to other sites that may be of interest.

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JDI Photography
Mobile Digital Studio
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JDI will offer a bonus program for every 50 groups photographed with a one certificate per household limit.

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If you are in need of a family portrait only, JDI will come to your home or location. There is a sitting fee of $30, however, this fee will be waived if there are 5 or more groups being photographed.

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INTERNET SAFETY
When you are online, you are in a public place, among thousands of people who are online at the same time. Have fun on the Internet and be safe by following these personal protection rules.

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• Do not give anyone online your real last name, phone numbers at home or school, your parents’ workplaces, the name or location of your school or your home address unless you have your parents’ permission first.
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Proper Prior Planning Prevents...

You know the rest of the Seven P’s – those last three words described! More than anyone else, however, the youth of our council, who are anticipating a terrific summer program, don’t want to see poor performance either! May is the month for you to work with your unit leaders to ensure the great performance our young people want to see at camp. I know this is an area where your commissioner advice and counsel can give welcome support.

Summer Camp, Day Camp, Bear Camp, and High Adventure Trips all are “mountain top” experiences for our youth. They are the culmination of a year of program and they leave the most lasting impressions in the minds of our Scouts. Many of you commissioners have been unit leaders. Even more of you have been summer camp or day camp leaders. Many have also led high adventure trips. You know that for the boys to get the most out of the experience, the leader must plan a great program, be well organized, and be prepared for many possible circumstances. May is the month to do that planning.

Unfortunately May is also a very busy month for parents with school children – which accounts for most of our unit leaders. In addition to wonderful events like graduations and baccalaureates, there are lots of end-of-year school functions that parents want to be a part of. The weather turns nice and there are many other tasks that want to be outdoors. The house and the yard need work and there are many other tasks that everyone wants to be outdoors. The house and the yard need work and there are many other tasks that distract us from the task of preparing for summer camp. If not, you can offer to assist the person who will be. Ask who has been assigned at their summer camp commissioner. By now, most of those contacts have been made. Take the opportunity to contact that summer camp commissioner yourself and bring him or her up to speed on the strengths of your unit.

Help that summer camp commissioner know what concerns your unit leader may have. Over the past three years, our commissioner teams in the district have benefited greatly by the summer camp commissioners who were diligent enough to fill out feedback forms and send them back to us. Now we have a chance to help them back. The more they know about your unit, the better they can serve that unit at camp. If you cannot find out who the camp commissioner is, ask who has been assigned as their unit leader, contact the lead commissioner who will work for either the Naish Camp Commissioner, Bill Coyne, or the Bartle Camp Commissioner, Wayne Weimer. Make the extra effort to contact your unit’s summer camp commissioner so that great unit service is maintained and the summer camp commissioner team has the information they need to provide great unit service!

Make May your month for PROPER PRIOR PLANNING so the June, July and August is much easier and done with PHENOMENALLY PEAK PROGRAM.

Did You Know?
Congressman Ike Skelton has a Website with a link just for kids.

This link provides kids the opportunity to:
• Learn about the History & Heritage of the United States Capitol.
• Visit various NASA sites.
• Participate in games and activities from the ESDA Forest Service & National Association of State Foresters.
• Learn about the United States Department of Agriculture.
• Participate in Crime Prevention activities and games, and receive tips from the National Crime Prevention Council.
• Play spy games & crack a secret code.
• Become a junior special agent for the FBI.
• Test their knowledge of flags from around the world.

This website is definitely worth the time and effort.

www.house.gov/skelton/kids.html
Scouting is an investment in today’s youth… and our future – its returns are growing every day. On Saturday, May 17th, 2003, marksmen from around the Kansas City area will gather to enjoy fellowship and competition while supporting the Scouting program. The event starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, with a dinner and auction taking place on Friday night the 16th. A sporting clays team consists of 4 shooters, plus a celebrity that will be added to your team. A team sponsorship is $1,000 and the event includes:

- **Friday Dinner and Auction**
- **Full Round of Sporting Clays**
- **Keepsake Items**
- **Saturday Breakfast and Lunch**
- **Ammunition**
- **Chance at Awards and Prizes**

**Sporting Clays for Scouting Team Sponsorship**

Complete this form and return, as soon as possible. Slots are filling up fast! More details will be sent to you upon receiving your entry. Please mail to:

Heart of America Council, BSA
Attn: Shooting Clays for Scouting
P.O. Box 414177
Kansas City, MO 64141-4177

Billing will be handled upon receipt of this form. All questions can be directed to Lori Gooding, (816) 942-9333 x: 154

**Company Name:** _____________________________________________

**Company Contact Person:** ____________________________________

**Phone:** (___________) _________________________________________

**E-mail:** _____________________________________________________

**Address:** ____________________________________________________

**City, State, Zip Code:** ________________________________

**Sporting Clays for Scouting Team Sponsorship**

The deadline for ordering prizes is December 31, 2003. There will be no exceptions. The deadline for returning all unsold popcorn is November 28th, 2003. There will be no exceptions.

**NOTE:** Utilize the Unit Master Record to total your order and then send the Unit Order and Settlement Form, Unit Master Record, Prize Order Form, and Top Salesman Form to the Council Service Center by November 10th, 2003. If you order on line, please fax, mail, or drop off your Unit Master Record and Top Salesman Form to the Council Service Center by 5:00 p.m. on November 10th, 2003. You keep a straight 30%. If you attend training, your unit profit is 32%. Arrange to pick up your popcorn on November 21st & 22nd, 2003, (locations to be announced), and distribute to boys for delivery. (Pelathe District, pick-up is Saturday, December 6th, 2003).

Collect payments from Scouts and remit 70% or 68% (depending on if you attend training) of the funds to the Council Service Center by January 5th, 2004, and for Pelathe District, January 9th, 2004.

**NOTE:** The deadline for all ticket orders is Friday, May 2nd. There will be no exceptions.

Scout Night at the Royals, event code 697

**Pack #:** _______________________

**Troop #:** ______________________

**District Name:** ______________________

**Contact Person:** ______________________

**Phone #:** ______________________

**Address:** ______________________

**City:** ______________________

**State:** ______________________

**Zip:** ______________________

**Number of Field Plaza Tickets**

- @ $12 ea.  =  $________
- @ $12 ea.  =  $________

**Number of View Level Infield**

- @ $8 ea.  =  $________

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**Questions?** Please contact Lori Gooding at (816) 942-9333 ext. 154 or lgooding@bsanet.org

**What if it rains?**
Every attempt will be made to proceed with pre-game ceremonies; it is best to assume all games will be played.

**First Pitch and Color Guard**
Participants are to report 45 minutes prior to game time. Enter the stadium at turnstiles located at Gates A or B and proceed to plaza level, section 101 (behind home plate). A Royals representative will meet the participants, outside the double glass doors, and escort them to the field.

**Color Guard**
Units must provide their own flags and be in uniform prior to arrival at Kaufman Stadium. The Royals cannot provide any changing accommodations! Flags and uniforms may be returned to your vehicle after the ceremony. Please exit and re-enter the stadium through the pass gate. DO NOT ENTER INTO THE LOBBY.

**Parade**
Participants will meet Royals parade coordinators behind the Royals Scoreboard by Parking Lot K to line up at 5:05 p.m. After the parade, participants will exit the field and enter stadium seating through Gate B. Parade Ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

**A ROYAL SALUTE TO SCOUTING NIGHT!**

**Kansas City Royals Vs. Baltimore Orioles**

Saturday, May 10, 2003, 6:05 p.m.

**Come In Uniform & Participate in Pre-Game Parade Around the Field**

**Special Discount Seating – Regular Prices are $16 & $10.**

**IMPORTANT:** If your tickets are purchased by Friday, April 25th, they will be mailed directly to your contact person listed below. All orders received after April 25th must be picked up at the council service center. **NOTE:** The deadline for all ticket orders is Friday, May 2nd. There will be no exceptions.

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Camp Training

Community Service Day

Last month, approximately 7,500 Scouts and 2,700 adult leaders, in 277 Packs, Troops and Crews, ventured out into their neighborhoods to perform over 20,000 hours of community service. While most of the units elected to perform service by collecting non-perishable food items for local pantries, 38 units performed a variety of other types of service that included working at local animal shelters, installing and changing batteries in smoke detectors, distributing fire prevention information, cleaning up trails, parks, streams, historic cemeteries, and churches. Scouting and Community Service work hand-in-hand and service projects should be incorporated into the year round program for each Scout Unit.

This year’s patch was designed by Jesse of a Northern Tier Pack. Several other Scouts submitted designs for consideration for this year’s patch. Thank you to all the Scouts that submitted designs. Patches for Scouts that participated in this year’s Community Service Day can be picked up at district roundtables from your Community Service Day District Chairman. If you have questions, see your District Executive.

Sharing Native American Ways

The Heart of America Council and the Indian Council of Many Nations welcomed over 650 participants to the 19th Sharing Native American Ways Seminar. Scouts and their leaders had an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of Native American culture through classes that provided instruction in crafts and games. There were also many workshops on culture, dress, clothing, crafts, dancing, singing, and drumming held throughout the day.

Philmont Council Contingent Draw for 2004

The mission of the Council’s Philmont Contingent is to give individuals the opportunity to attend Philmont in a trained crew with qualified and trained leadership. In order to preserve this mission there will be a council-wide registration and draw for the 2004 contingent on Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 7:00 PM. The draw will be held in the George Powell Training Center at the Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri. The rules for the draw are as follows:

A maximum of six (6) spaces will be available per unit. A combination of more leaders than Scouts is not permitted. (Example: 3 Scouts/3 leaders, 4 Scouts/2 leaders, 6 Scouts/0 leaders).

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. 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!! For registration information visit the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org, the Council’s Resource Center or contact the Program and Camping Service Department (jdavis@bsamail.org).

BLS Climbing Instructor Training

The Heart of America and Jayhawk Area Councils’ joint training session for those interested in becoming a BSA Climbing Instructor is May 9th through May 11th at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Topics will include, but are not limited to: Tower Operation, Natural Site Selection and Use, Emergency Procedures, Equipment, National Standards, and Safety. Housing, meals and hot showers are included in the $40.00 course fee. Applications are available at your district roundtable, the Council Resource Center or by contacting the Program and Camping Service Department at the Council Service Center (jbonness@bsamail.org).

Final Camp Fee Payment Dates

Boy Scout Camp – Friday, May 2, 2003
Bear Resident Camp – Friday, May 2, 2003
Cub Scout Day Camp – Friday, May 9, 2003
Webelos Resident Camp – Friday, May 30, 2003
Rotary Scout Camp – Thursday, July 17, 2003

For your convenience, you can mail camp payments to:
HOAC, BSA
P O BOX 414177
Kansas City, MO 64141-4177
Camping/Training

Wood Badge Training
Wood Badge training is an experience like no other! Participants take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors with their patrol. Participants learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to its maximum potential. This training experience is open to all registered Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing adult Scouters. The course will be held on two weekends (September 12th thru 14th at the Rotary Youth Camp and October 3rd thru 5th at Hollis Center). Registration forms and additional information are available at your district roundtable and the Council Service Center. Don’t miss out - the course is nearly half full. 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 $25.00) and includes all meals and training material. For more information contact jdavis@bsamail.org.

Order of the Arrow

All Order of the Arrow members that have renewed their membership should have by now received their 2003 OA Membership Card. If you do not have your card yet, see your Order of the Arrow Troop Representative (OATR) or your Scoutmaster. The 2003 Lodge Executive Committee has been working hard to bring new and exciting elements to the induction weekends. Remember, there is no campsite cooking on OA weekends at camp.

Rotary Scout Camp
Rotary Scout Camp is the HOAC long term resident camp for Scouts with special needs.

This camp is held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility which is located in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. rotary scout camp starts on August 4, 2003 and continues through August 8, 2003. 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.

Applications for participation are available at the Council Service Center, district roundtables and on the website under Camping. If you have questions regarding Rotary Camp contact Dusty Boatright (dbboatrig@bsamail.org) or J Britt Davis (jbrittdavis@bsamail.org).

Bear Resident Camp
The staff is almost ready to welcome you to this year’s camp. Don’t forget to take your camera to camp with you. Take some pictures and e-mail them to canbrown@bsamail.org. WE MIGHT be able to use some of your pictures in future issues of Adventures in Scouting. The final fee payment for Bear Camp is May 2, 2003.

Webelos Resident Camp
Soon Webelos and their leaders will descend upon Camp Naish to embark upon an adventure designed just for them. The staff is excited about helping the Webelos and leaders discover THE TREASURE OF SCOUTING. The final fee payment and names of all persons attending Webelos Resident Camp are due by May 30, 2003. Call the Camping and Program Service Department at the Council Service Center (816-942-9333 or 800-776-1110) or e-mail jbonness@bsamail.org for more information.

Cub Scout Day Camp
Cubman is waiting to lead your Cub Scout on an adventure this summer.

Each year volunteers in the 13 council districts coordinate and plan activities just for your Scout. Call your Cubmaster or District Executive to get your Scout signed up for camp.

2005 National Scout Jamboree
Fort A.P. Hill, which is located in Caroline County, Virginia, is a 76,000-acre U.S. Army facility that has served as the permanent site for the national Scout Jamboree since 1981. The Boy Scouts of America uses approximately 3,000 acres of land to support a city of more than 40,000 Scouts and leaders.

The program reflects the skills of Scouting, our national heritage, physical fitness, environmental conservation, and the true spirit of Scouting. Daily activities include archery, biathlon, buckskin games, confidence course, conservation programs, scuba, kayak fun, racing shell run, and raft encounters. Regional action centers with rappelling towers are truly popular, as are trap shooting, an American Indian village, and the opening and closing arena shows, not to mention daily stage shows and many other activities. It’s Scouting and American history at their very best!

Amid the thousands of colorful tents that will house the participants and provide program and support services, there is an infrastructure that provides a safe and secure environment at Fort A. P. Hill. Everything from bus and telephone systems to a hospital and first-aid stations, police and fire departments, post offices, food warehouses, a daily newspaper, and retail stores (trading posts) provide all the support and program services needed for an outstanding event.

Applications to attend are available at the Council Service Center or download the forms at the National website (http://www.scouting.org/jamboree).

Questions regarding the 2005 HOAC Council Contingent can be directed to your District Executive or the Program and Camping Service Office at the Council Service Center.

Bartle and Naish Calendar


Theodore Naish Scout Reservation SPRING INDUCTION #1 May 2, 2003 to Sunday, May 4, 2003

SPRING INDUCTION #2 May 16, 2003 to May 18, 2003
2003 Merit Badge Forum Salute

The 2003 Merit Badge Forum was a huge success. The MBF was held on two Saturdays, February 1 and March 1, at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. We registered 588 Scouting Rangers, Scouts from 35 Troops or Crews. Our Forum even attracted registrations from other districts. We offered 26 Merit Badges and 41 classes.

Much appreciation is directed to the Staff of the Merit Badge Forum, who put in so many hours arranging this outstanding event. The Event Staff members were:

District Advancement Chairman: Judy Tuckness
Assistant: J. Jack Clark
Counselors: Chuck Davis
Registration: Myrl Wear
Assistant: Vicki Parsons
Book Sales: Janet Iams

2003 Pinewood Derby Salute

Lightning-speeds and outrageous cars were all the talk at Mission Mall Saturday, March 22, 2003. It's amazing just how much fun the Pinewood Derby can be for all ages. Gentle- men, start your engines. The day was celebrated with over 23 Cub Scout Packs and 59 racing fanatics lining up their cars with the black and white checkered flag in their sites. "A huge thank you to Dave Sultz, our infamous Pinewood Derby Chairman and his racing crew. It just wouldn't be Pinewood Derby without Dave. A huge Northern Tier salute to Pack 3253 for allowing us to use their track for our racing extravaganza.

Congratulations to all the scouts who participated in the OD Derby. You are all winners in the Northern Tier.

Salute to Troop 98 & 4 Proud New Eagle Scouts

Troop 98 would like to recognize their four newest Eagle Scouts in Troop 98 sponsored by St. Ann Church in Prairie Village. They are David Cruse, son of Norman and Jeanne Cruse, Nicholas Kelly, son of Greg and Liz Kelly, Joseph Reyes, son of Jose and Kathy Reyes, and Jimmy Sevcik, son of Jim and Alicia Sevcik.

The families of these new Eagle Scouts would like to recognize and give special acknowledgements to Scoutmasters Tom Kellerman and Jim Knap for their countless hours to help the four boys on their trail to the Eagle rank. All four young men worked countless hours on their service projects that were fantastic assets to the community organizations that they will benefit.

The Rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank that can be attained by Scout and we salute you.

We greatly appreciate the Units who registered their Scouts by the January deadline, and as a reward, each scout and leader, will receive one of the very first Northern Tier “Trail to Eagle” Merit Badge Forum 2003 PATCHES!

Keep this info close! Important phone numbers to answer your questions:

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District Vice-Chairman Bill Henderson... (913) 383-1950
District Commissioner Mark Warnick... (913) 268-6260
District Activities Chairman Steve Springer... (913) 631-4215
District Advancement Chairman Judy Tuckness... (913) 268-9996
District Camping Chairman Gene Adams... (913) 362-4509
Order of the Arrow Adult Supervisor Tony Adam... (913) 677-2219
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District Training Chairman Judy Yeager... (913) 362-2029
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Boy Scout Training Coordinator Danny Kampaus... (913) 236-9325
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District Cub Scout Co-Chairman Commissioner Dave Sultz... (913) 381-7824
District Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Ron Bonewits... (913) 631-2165
Venturing Roundtable Commissioner Gordon Kausmann... (913) 677-3080
District Executive Lisa Hayes... (816) 942-9533 ext 172
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Calendar of Events

May

1 Roundtable, Village Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.
3 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Begins at 9:00 a.m. Location TBA (For Den Leaders, Cubmasters and Outdoor Activities Chairman)
8 District Committee Meeting, Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd., 6:30 p.m.
9 District Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
13 Youth Protection Training Shawnee Mission United Methodist Church 10700 Johnson Dr. Registration opens 30 minutes prior to class time Begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.
14 District Eagle Board of Reviews, LDS Church, 7845 Alman, 6:30 p.m.
17 Cub Scout Cubmobile Located at Heritage Park 16050 Pflumm Shelter # 9 9:00am-12:00 For more questions and more information, please contact Matt Love, Cubmobile Chairman at 913-962-6181 Registration fee $2.00 per boy Deadline to register is May 14, 03.
18 Venturing Roundtable Commissioner Gordon Kausmann... (913) 677-3080
19 District Executive Lisa Hayes... (816) 942-9533 ext 172
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June

5 Roundtable, “PROGRAM PLANNING FAIR” Village Presbyterian Church, 7:00 pm.
8-12 Cub Scout Day Camp Located at Monticello Park 9:00a.m. -3:30p.m.
12 District Committee Meeting, Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd., 6:30 p.m.
13 District Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
19 District Eagle Board of Reviews, Located at the LDS Church, 7845 Alman, 6:30 p.m.
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Attention “All Jet Setters!”

Hurry up and make your little passenger reservations for “American Treasures”, June 9-13 at Knotts Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri. Also, if any additional passengers would like to come along to assist our tour guides, or if additional itinerary information is needed, contact Lisa Keeler – 816.333.9333.

Round Table Benefits

Abound Attention

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District Director: Matt Getrys (816) 942-9335, ext. 171

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District Executive: Brian Tobler (816) 942-9335, ext. 185

Big Muddy

This year’s Big Muddy District Day Camp will be held again at the Odessa Hills Campground in Odessa from June 2nd to the 3rd. The Odessa Hills Campground is located north of Odessa on route 131. If you are not yet signed up, it’s not too late yet; but please sign up as soon as possible. You and your Cub Scouts will not want to miss out on this great event! Attendance at Day Camp excites the boys and helps keep them active for another year. We have a great Day Camp staff this year with Carol Brooks returning as Director and many other returning staff. A lot of hours of hard work and planning goes into Cub Scout Day Camp, so let’s show our support for Carol and the rest of the staff by getting your boys registered to camp this summer! If you have any Questions, call Carol or Grant Dealy and they will be happy to help you!!

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Pioneer Trails District Committee

Chairman: David Disney (816) 753-0438
Vice Chairman: Fred DeFeo (816) 942-0675
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Spring Recruitment Round-Up

Sponsored by Bob Balderston of Extreme Ford

Keep units solid during the summer months. Recruitment is essential and can be productive. Arrange Spring Recruitment through your local school, church, or nearby community center. Request prospective Tigers, Cubs, Scouts, and their parents to take part in your spring and summer Pack or Troop activities. Encour- age the fun activities of summer camps, day trips to the zoo or museum, or other activities like fishing or sports. Emphasize the development of character, good habits, citizenship, respect and skill development to the parents. Promote the importance of participation in Pack or Troop activities throughout the summer months. If you need posters or handouts to help with advertising the Pack or Troop and its activi- ties, call Julie Hill, District Public Mem- bership Chair at 816.361.3853.

Calendar of Events

May

1 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church – 5144 Oak

12-13 District Commissioner’s Meet- ing – H. J.’s Youth Center – 64th & Wornall

20 District Committee Meeting – VFW National Headquarters – 3400 Broadway

June

5 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak

10 District Committee & Commissi- oner Picnic

9-13 Cub Scout Day Camp

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This year has been a great success in regards of FOS. At this time, the Family Campaign has already reached 100% of goal and the rest of the campaign is well on its way. Thanks to all of you who have already given. To all of you, who have not; please consider a gift of $127; the cost to support 1 scout for one year in the Scouting Program. Any amount is helpful and appreciated. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please contact Grant Dealy at 1-800- 776-1110 or gdealy@bsamail.org.

Spring Recruitment

Recruiting new scouts is a year round process. We concentrate on membership in the fall, but this does not mean that boys can’t join throughout the rest of the year. In order to help reach year end requirements for Quality District, a bench- mark, Chief Scout Executive’s Winner’s Circle requires us at a district to have a 2% increase in membership June, 02 over June, 03. Spring recruitment not only brings new boys into the program, but it also helps us bring on new boys who may have become inactive at the end of last year. It may only take an invitation to these boys for them to rejoin the program.

Calendar of Events

May

1 District Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Sprint Warehouse, Lexington

6 Roundtable 7:30 pm Lexington United Methodist Church, Lexing- ton

14 Commissioner’s meeting 7:30 pm The Martens home, Rich- mond

June

2-4 Cub Scout Day Camp, Odessa Hills Campground, Odessa

5 District Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Sprint Warehouse, Lexington

10 Program Planning Fair 7:30 pm Lexington United Methodist Church, Lexington

11 Commissioner’s Meeting 7:30 pm the Martens home, Rich- mond.
National Camping Award and Summertime Pack Awards
Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting is a year-round program with summer being the highlight. This is a great time of year when FUN is the word and the outdoors is the learning laboratory. Unit Committees and leaders should see that their youth have at least three activities planned to keep their youth participating in Scouting throughout the summer. Each Cub Scout Pack, who have 50% of its membership participate in three events during the summer, can earn the National Summer Pack Award. Some youth have gone as far as to make three more events (25% of youth participation). Unit Committees are encouraged to plan these activities, keep track of the FUN their youth have had, and submit their accumulated and completed forms. A Leader Pack Nomination Form will be at the June Roundtable. It is the first step in a process to earn the National Camping Award. 

Program Planning Fair during the June Roundtable
At this Roundtable we give you the tools necessary to plan an eventful year of Scouting for your Scouts. We provide a council calendar, program planning books, and information on upcoming events. Below is a type of program you may want to consider when planning your activities.

Super-Activity Requests
Emily Bernhardy
Bryan Bolding
Learning for Life
KC Royals, Wizards, Comets, fishing derbies, etc. Troops determine summer camp themes are used in meetings to help Scouts develop new skills. These include materials are presented in monthly roundtables and in Scouting magazine. MW District schedules outside activities to help Councils promote popcorn sales andweb site; it also helps Council provide resources essential to support local scouting! Every unit should have some type of an outdoor activity each month.

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November. Units participate in Veteran’s Day ceremonies and parades. Units prepare to recharger by reviewing their renewal packets and verifying registrations. Ensure your unit will qualify as a “Quality” unit (see the requirements on the form). A Leader Pack Nomination Form. The leader Pack Nomination Form will be at the June Roundtable. It is the first step in a process to earn the National Camping Award. 

School Night / Troop and Crew Open Houses Preparation
Although, you have just graduated your 2nd year Webelos into a Boy Scout Troop, it is a great time for the Advancement Chair and Webelos Leaders to meet with a neighboring Scoutmaster and Webelos Leaders to plan a joint activity during the fall. This will help foster a good relationship between the units. Make sure the Troop appoint a Den Chief to work with each of the Packs. The newly formed Den Leaders should take their kids and their parents to visit troop meetings. Cubmasters need to invite Troops to their Blue and Gold Banquet. Starting now will ensure a smooth transition for your Webelos into a Troop in a February.

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Cro condos Scouting

The Friends of Scouting is an ongoing campaign to support the needs of the Cub Scout Pack. They are always looking for ways to improve the Pack's program and provide more opportunities for the boys. This year, the Friends of Scouting is focusing on recruiting more boys to join Cub Scouting. They are using various methods of recruiting, such as posters, flyers, and word of mouth. The Pack is also holding special events, like a Cub Scout Day Camp, to attract new members. The Friends of Scouting encourages all Pack members to help recruit new boys and ensure that the Pack can continue to provide a great program for all boys. 

May Calendar of Events

- May 18: Roundtable, 7:30 PM, First Christian Church, Lee's Summit, MO
- May 22: District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 PM, First Christian Church, Lee's Summit, MO

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District Commissioner: Jim Peterson 785-841-2044 / kupete@ku.edu

Operating Committee Chairmen

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- Camping: Pat Donahue 785-842-5589 / phdhome@aol.com
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Adventures in Scouting

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Training: Tom Newhard . . . . . . . . . . . . . H 816-254-6447
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Blue Elk District Day Camp News

The countdown to Day Camp has begun. This year’s theme, Adventures in Scouting, promises to be even more fun and exciting for all cubs in our district. Blue Elk Day Camp will be held June 16-20 at George Owens Nature Park. At Day Camp, scouts get the chance to work on Cub Scout belt loops and Webelos Scout activity badges. They sing songs, learn about nature, play games and more. Day Camp activities also help units earn the Quality Unit and Summertime Pack Awards. You must be registered with a pack as an active Cub Scout to attend. Adults can serve as Walking Leaders and join their boys in the fun.

Saturday, May 17th is Walking Leader Training day, a must for all walking leaders in your pack. You will be given a packet of information that tells you everything about Day Camp and how the week will run. Den Home set-up day is Sunday, June 15th. Day Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with gates opening at 8:00 a.m. daily. On Friday, June 20th starting at noon, family members are invited to participate in the camp picnic and camp closing ceremony. All visitors are required to present a completed and signed health form at the gate, so be prepared with the appropriate information. Mark it on your calendars to come out to George Owens Nature Park to experience the fun! For more information, please contact Alles Fahl, Camp Director, at (816) 350-2179, Zida Smith, Program Director, at (816) 833-1315, Frances Hunley, Staff Advisor, at 816-942-9333, ext.183, or email your questions to bluedeldaycamp@hotmail.com.

Troop 201

On January 31, 2003, Troop 201 celebrated its 85th year of service to scouting. Troop 201 is chartered by Maywood Baptist Church in Independence, Missouri. Currently, it is the home to 8 scouts and 19 adult leaders. Thank you to the leaders and the church for your many, many years of service to youth the Blue Elk community.

Fall Recruitment

Summer may be in full swing right now, but before we know it, fall recruitment time will be here. The district staff is already planning new and exciting ways to bring more youth into the Scouting program in Blue Elk. Get ready to start planning for your unit’s fall recruiting involvement. As school starts back up, presentations and school nights will be taking place in your communities. Watch for more details in future publications for specific dates.

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 Boards of Review

Eagle Boards of Review are conducted at monthly Roundtable meetings. Please call Leonard Jones at (B) 816-471-5584 or (H) 816-228-4690 at least two weeks before the Roundtable that you wish to have the Eagle Board of Review.

Troop 161

On February 24th, 2003, six scouts from Pack 161 participated in a crossover ceremony and Arrow of Light ceremony into Troop 161. The Arrow of Light ceremony consisted of the scouts being presented with personalized plaques and an arrow made by a native American Indian, Michael He Crow. Michael, who was raised on a reservation, is from South Dakota. Growing up, his father taught him how to make authentic arrows and bows. The shaft of the arrow is made from Hickory cherry that is cleaned and dried to straighten the shaft. The arrowhead is made by taking a piece of flint stone and shaping it with no tools other than antlers and stone. The process is called flint knapping. The arrowhead and feathers are then attached with sinew (deer tendon). The arrows are not only a work of art, but are also still used by some to hunt today.

During the ceremony, the story of the trail from Tiger to Arrow of Light to Eagle was told. Many boys and parents from the troop were at the ceremony dressed in tribal attire. Den Leader Rob Fredenberg, Scoutmaster Mark Hazelrigg, and Mic-O-Say Medicine Man, Tom Latta, were also involved in the ceremony. Congratulations to Mason Ferguson, Conner Fredenberg, Mitch Kilpatrick, Collin Labrop, Conner Fredenberg, Eric Lewis, and Matthew Dandorf on your accomplishments.

Calendar of Events

May

1 7:00pm Boy Scout Roundtable / 7:30pm Cub Scout & Venturing Roundtable / Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review / Youth Protection Training / Merit Badge Counselor Training
2 Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road Independence, MO
3 Cub Scout Olympics, Events begin at 9:00am, James Bridger Athletic Field 18200 East M78 Highway Independence, MO
8 Commissioner’s Meeting
8 7:30pm, Liberty Street Community of Christ Church 416 N. Liberty Street Independence, MO
15 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Pioneer Ridge 6th Grade Center, 1656 S. Speck Road Independence, MO
17 Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 8:00am – Noon, George Owens Nature Park – Upper Shelter, 1601 S. Speck Road

June

5 Roundtable – Program Planning Fair, 7:30pm Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review
Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road Independence, MO
12 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm, Liberty Street Community of Christ Church, 416 N. Liberty Street Independence, MO
16-20 Blue Elk Day Camp, George Owens Nature Park, 1601 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO
The Adventures of Cubman Day Camp 2003

Day Camp this year will run from June 9-13. It is not to late to sign up. This will be an exciting Trailhead Day Camp as we explore on of Johnson County's newest parks Timber Ridge Adventure Center. Register now, with all the great events and activities planned for the "The Adventures of Cubman", how could you not attend! If you are interested in helping out with staff, please contact Pat Harvey. Come join the fun. For more information you can reach Pat Harvey at 913-642-4671, or Rob Gilkerson at 816-942-9335.

Feature Unit of the Month

Troop 92 started only 10 years ago with a hand full of boys and 4 leaders. They are a success story for every small pack. They now have 95 Scouts and that is just the start of the impressive stats. Now they help set the standard for Troops in Trailhead.

Troop 92 in 10 years has dived in to High Adventure sending boys to Boundary Water Canoe Area and Hiking the Grand Canyon. They also have taken advantage of all the Philmont has to offer by doing the Hiking, Horsecamp, and Fishing trips. They do this with out losing the fundamental program. You can always count on them to have a fun monthly campout, a great group of boy leaders, and participation in all the Trailhead and Council activities. Troop 92 sent 50 boys to the Fall Camporee and brought back two packs with them, as they left a real imprint on the event.

Troop 92, here is hats off as you continue to be a leader in Trailhead and continue to hold the bar high. You can count on them to be at Bartle this summer with 90 boys all will have their socks pulled up high.

Red-Tailed Hawk

2003 Friends of Scouting

The 2003 Campaign is nearing the completion and our district has proudly achieved our goal of $61,000! A big thanks to Steven Berko, the overall chairman and Keith Sickendick the Family chair who have provided outstanding leadership this year. Also to everyone who participated in giving to the campaign we thank you for supporting the Scouting program. Friends of Scouting helps deliver wonderful program to over 56,000 youth in the Heart of America Council.

Adventures of Cubman is Just Around the Corner

Cub Packs are you ready for 5 exciting days of outdoor fun? We plan on having fishing, BBS, archery, crafts, games, cooking, and many more surprises.

Day Camp will be the week of June 16th thru 20th at the Lewis-Young Park in Louisburg. Jeff Turner (camp director) and Tracy Simon (program director) are preparing diligently to ensure a quality summer program for the Cub Scouts.

Community Service Day, A Scout is Helpful

On Saturday April 12 numerous packs, troops, and crews devoted a day of service to their community.

KEEP THIS INFO CLOSE! IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

| District Chairman | Mike Smid | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 685-8838 |
| District Commissioner | Ray Morrison | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 764-1407 |
| District Vice-Chair | Keith Sickendick | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 685-1870 |
| District Camping Chairman | John Jones | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 897-5567 |
| District Activities Chairman | Gene Lamb | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 780-3431 |
| District Membership | Nancy Chapman | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 829-0366 |
| Boy Scout Roundtable | Dave Weerts | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 897-2857 |
| Cub Roundtable | Marc Elkins | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 897-2857 |
| District Executive | Gus Meyer | . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 642-3209 |

Calendar of Events

**May**

- 1. District Roundtable – Village Presbyterian Education Center – 7 p.m.
- 1. Eagle Scout Project Review – At Roundtable
- 1. Order of the Arrow Chapter Mtg. – At Roundtable
- 1. Merit Badge Counselor Training – At Roundtable
- 2-3. Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend - Naish
- 8. Commissioner’s Mtg. – 7:00 p.m. – Valley View Methodist, 95th & Antioch
- 15. Eagle Board of Review
- 16. Youth Protection Training – 7 p.m. – Latter-Day Saints Church, 13025 Wommall
- 21. District Committee Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – Rolling Hills Presbyterian

**June**

- 5. Eagle Scout Project Review
- 5. Merit Badge Counselor Training
- 5. Order of the Arrow Chapter 11 Meeting
- 5. Roundtable-Program Planning Fair
- 9-13. Cub Scout Day Camp
- 12. Commissioner’s Meeting
- 19. Youth Protection Training
- 19. Eagle Board of Review

Calendar of Events

**May**

- 1. Roundtable, Youth Protection training, Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting
- 7:00 PM at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
- 8. Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MWU Library
- 13. District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Town Presbyterian Church
- 15. Eagle Board of Review

**June**

- 5. Roundtable, Program Planning Fair, 7:00 PM at College Church of the Nazarene
- 12. Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MWU Library
- 16-20. Cub Day Camp at Lewis-Young Park
- 17. District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church
- 19. Eagle Board of Review
Friends of Scouting

We are closing in on our Family FOS Goal. We would like to thank all of the units that have participated in the North Star Family FOS Campaign. Also, a special thanks goes to Jim Olsherlick and Mark Tomes and all those who helped in the organization of the FOS campaign. This would not have been possible with out your help.

Scout Camp

It's that time again. Let's head to camp! Camp is fun, educational, and JUST AROUND THE CORNER!! If you have not signed up yet for a session, now is the time to do it. Call Camping Services at 816-942-9333.

Training! Training! Training!

Now is the time to get trained if you haven't already. This is your last chance to get your New Leaders trained. All of your New Leaders need to be trained. Don't your boys deserve a trained leader? New Leader Essentials Training will take place at Roundtable. For any questions on training, give Ron Sanders a call at 816-320-2292.

Day Camp

Day Camp is in high gear this time of year, so have no fear because this one will be the best year. Jeff Tyler and Jill Cook have been planning and ordering and scheming and strategizing for a fantastic week of fun with the Adventurers of Cubman. Be sure to thank them for their efforts and give Jeff Tyler a call for those last minute questions at (816) 505-2015.

Webelos Woods

This year’s North Star Webelos Woods will be at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake May 17-18. This is a great opportunity for your Webelos to get a jump on their Scouting skills. If you have not already received your Leader Guide Book pick one up at Roundtable or e-mail Emily Bernhardt for a copy.

2003 North Star District Committee

District Chairman: Tom Lanas at 816-454-5009
District Commissioner: Russ Downing at 816-587-2025
Activities: Byron Braimse at 816-919-2699
Advancement: Craig Lilligren at 816-453-7689
Camping: Jeff Cook at 816-468-9232
FOS: Bob DeGeorge at 816-842-4848
FOS Family: Mark Tomes at 816-453-8584
Membership: Brain Blake at 816-746-6797
NESA: Bob Whitaker at 816-455-0021
Public Relations: Relationship: Tom Barzee at 816-734-8386
Special Needs: Colleen Chaplain at 816-453-0680
Training: Ron Sanders at 816-320-2292
Youth Protection: Joni Glenn at 816-781-7666
District Director: Jason Scott at 816-942-9333 ext 169
District Executive: Emily Bernhardt at 816-942-9333 ext 177
District Executive: Jonathan Geiger at 816-942-9333 ext 132

2003 Trails West Day Camp – Adventures of Cub Man

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Cub Scout Round Up

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Golf Tournament

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 3, 2003 – the date for this year’s North Star Boy Scout Golf Classic. Paradise Point Golf Course at Smithville Lake will again be the location. The 4-man scramble will begin at 1:00 p.m. Last year’s tournament raised over $10,000. For more information about player fees and sponsorship opportunities, please contact a member of the North Star Team at 816-942-9333.

Spring into Scouting

Make sure that every boy has a chance to experience the traditions and fun of the Scouting Program and make if you are doing Spring Recruiting that you have an Active Summer Scouting Program. Please be sure to turn in applications for all boys you recruit this spring if you haven’t already. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Blake at 746-6797 or a member of the North Star Team at 816-942-9333.

Calendar of Events

May
1. District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivian
2. OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable / Youth Protection Training @ Roundtable / Merit Badge Counselor Training @ Roundtable / New Leader Essentials Training @ Roundtable
3. Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivian
4. District Committee – 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Church, 1321 NE Vivian
5. District Roundtable/Program Planning Fair – 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivian
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2. District Commissioner Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
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Program Planning Fair

On June 5th the District will be holding its second annual Program Planning Fair. The Program Planning Fair will be heaved at the Center of Grace in Western Olathe on Harrison. During the Fair we will be handing out the planning packet that your unit will need to set the program for the next year to come. We are also hoping to have a few door prizes to keep things fun.

Calendar of Events

May
1. Roundtable, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
2. District Committee Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
3. Eagle Board of Review, Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Allman, Lenexa, 6:30PM. (Please arrive 15 min. early)
4. 20. District Commissioner Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
5. 23. 27. Cub Scout Day Camp, Timber Ridge Adventure Center

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**2003 Twin Rivers Dinner a Great Success**

On March 1, Twin Rivers District held its Annual Recognition Dinner to honor the great work of our volunteer leaders over the past year and look ahead to continued success in the coming year. Our guest speaker, Dr. Andy Tompkins, Commissioner of Education for the State of Kansas, did a wonderful job addressing the leaders there that evening by speaking about the importance of quality role models and strong character development that adults play in today's youth. We were also excited to present the following awards to a few of our leaders there by speaking:

- Mary Ann Prothe, Jeff Walmann, and Jerry Wiesner received the Twin Rivers District Special Service Award. It was a truly exciting evening as we looked back on the success of so many and were reinvigorated to take on the work we have to sustain that success.

**It's a Bird, It's a Plane, NO It's CUBMAN!!!**

June 2-6 is Twin Rivers District Cub Scout Day Camp! You should already be signed up to be there since we are going to have a great start to the summer at Day Camp. Mary Ann Hodgson and Teresa Gorby have been working like crazy to learn everything they can to put on this awesome Day Camp for you this summer! There are going to be more activities and events than you can possibly do to keep your boys busy all week. Believe me, they will be tired and they will sleep!! Day Camp this year will be at North Lake Park in Garnett, KS. Don't forget that we need your expert help to make it happen so contact Mary Ann Hodgson, Day Camp Director, at 785.759.3288 or Teresa Gorby at 785.242.5893 or Cortland Bolles at 800.776.1110 or cbolles@bsamail.org to volunteer now!

**Friends of Scouting**

The 2003 Friends of Scouting Campaign was a great success this year in Twin Rivers District. Thanks to all of you for your continued dedication to supporting our young people throughout Twin Rivers District. We also want to thank many of our local business (H) 660-747-2847 for making Scouting a priority for yours this year and the future. Congratulations to the following units for achieving Free Rank Advancement for the year 2003: Pack 3070, Pack 3100, Pack 3103, Troop 100, Troop 105, Troop 106, and Troop 120!

**Boys of Summer**

Are you ready to go camping? Is every boy in your unit signed up for camp? The council and district provide summer camp opportunities for boys of all ages. Camp is a good way to gain rank advancement, to build better friendships, and have fun. The Lone Bear District Day Camp for Cub Scouts is held July 7th-11th at Artesian Park, Clinton, Missouri. H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and Theodore Nash Reservation also have a wide variety of dates available. Call John Gaston or Nick Geiniosky for camp details.

**Community Service Day**

The Community Service Day project was held on Saturday, April 12th in every community of Lone Bear District. Most of the units did the traditional food drive, while other units did park clean up, and... The total number of hours worked was and over a pounds of food was collected. All communities benefited from the work of our Scouts. Job well done!

**Program Fair and Day Camp Orientation**

June 3rd is the date of this year's Program Fair and Day Camp Old Timer's Event at the Clinton Scout Center during Round Table. You won't want to miss out on the many program ideas and activities that will be distributed. All packs attending Lone Bear Day Camp will need to attend for camp details and youth protection training. Call John Hare at 660-747-3047 for camp information.

**Spring Camporee - Thank You White Man Air Force Base**

The Lone Bear District would like to thank the commanders, crew chiefs, and all military personnel for hosting the 2003 Camporee. Over 500 Scouts and Scouters participated on the weekend of April 25th through April 27th at the base. They took part in events, which included jet simulators, climbing wall, security demonstration, and campfire. Check out the June addition of Adventures in Scouting for pictures and details of this great event.

**District Pinewood Derby**

The District Pinewood Derby will be held May 3rd at the Clinton Scout Center. The weigh in will start at 8:00 A.M. with the race beginning at 9:00 A.M. The top three finishers at each rank level in each pack are eligible to participate. Remember each car needs to make weight, on the scale, at the race. Call Jerry Post for details. Good Luck!
TO OUR VALUED VOLUNTEER:

A record number of eleven new Eagle Scouts were honored at a ceremony held on April 6th, 2003 at the Country Club Christian Church. Featured speaker at the Eagle Court of Honor was Jack Cashill, Executive Editor Ingram’s Magazine and himself an Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scouts are members of Boy Scout Troop 84. They are Kasper Andersen, Kevin Flanagan, Eric Meyers, Brennan Metzler, Stuart McCausland, John Winget, Kevin Cutcliff, Nikolaus Schuetz, Edward Baker, Johnny Janes, Sean Owens.

These eleven new Eagles bring the total number of young men earning Eagle Scout in Troop 84 to 448. The Troop is currently celebrating 80 years under the sponsorship of Country Club Christian Church.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouting. Nationally less than 2 percent of scouts earn the Eagle rank. It is achieved only after years of service and leadership activities, including at least one big project to benefit the community. Each young man must earn at least 21 merit badges in areas ranging from astronomy to first aid to engineering.

The eleven young men honored April 6 have performed a variety of service projects across the metro area. They have built footbridges across creeks and ravines, made raccoon nesting boxes, installed flagpoles, cleaned debris and brush, provided landscaping and brick walkways, constructed shelves, repaired stone benches and painted house numbers on curbs. They assisted organizations such as the Don Bosco Center, Ronald McDonald House, Lakeside Nature Center and Rotary Camp as well as schools, neighborhoods and parks.