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

The Council’s annual business meeting and recognition program to be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Muehlebach Downtown, Kansas City, Missouri. The cost will be $40 per person and reservations are required. For additional information, please contact Marla Kueb at (816) 942-9333 ext. 125 or (800) 776-1110.

The guest speaker for the evening is Raymond L. Blackwell, Regional Director for the Central Region. As the regional director, Mr. Blackwell gives leadership to a regional staff that supports the successful operation of 83 BSA local councils in 13 mid-western states. He is also responsible for maintaining standards, rules and regulations, and bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America.

Plan now to attend and help recognize these outstanding volunteers for their service to the Scouting program.
A Few Words of Explanation
The big change to using our web site for getting out information and for taking in registrations has caused many questions and has upset a few tribemen who may not see why we must change. With the new processes, there have been challenges to overcome, and that has further frustrated some who were comfortable with the old ways. As the chief-tain in charge of the 75th Anniversary Celebration, I feel I should explain why we have decided to implement these changes.

The first big reason is cost. To accept reservations from over 4000 tribemen and to get information out to all 60,000+ tribemen, the mailing costs would be staggering. The internet and electronic mail are essentially free. We are saving money by this change and, therefore, keeping the cost of the anniversary celebration down, which means more tribesmen can afford to attend.

The second big reason is responsiveness. When we realize we have not answered some important question or have not told tribemen about an important part of the celebration, we can almost instantly add information or improve the wording of what we have on the website. We are not limited by long lead times for printing and distribution. We can categorize information and make it available to you quickly, when you want to get it, in an almost unlimited space. The tribemen we don't know how to reach can find us via the internet and, hopefully, re-connect with an important part of their life.

Finally, there are the reasons of efficiency and effectiveness. Having an event for several thousand people requires a lot of information and logistics. To be effective, we must get process from you and get specific information and materials back to you so that you can enjoy and get the most out of attending this event. As volunteers, we have to be efficient with our time so that impact on our family and professional lives is not too great. The advantages to using new technologies are great and we feel they outweigh the inconveniences of each of us learning to communicate in a different way. The goodwill of all our tribemen is important to us, and I hope you will bear with us as we give the constructive feedback we need to improve during the preparation for this great event! Check our website at least monthly to read the news and find answers to frequently asked questions.

Rick Boeschair, Chief-tain Thundering Black Rain

Registration
The early bird discount time period has been extended to November 30. Over 1100 tribemen signed up last summer via the pre-registration system, and more than 600 have completed the full registration procedure. If you are one of the many who filled out the pre-registration, but have not yet completed the final registration, be SURE to get back onto our web site and fill out the form and make your payment. If you wait until after Nov. 30, you will miss the price discount. After Nov. 30, the regular price will be in effect for everyone -- $50 for adults and $25 for youth (under 18 on June 12, 2004), plus an extra $10 if you want to ride one of our comfortable, air-conditioned buses. Get on the internet and go to our web site at www.Mic-O-Say.org, then follow the instructions to get to the registration form.

Celebration will Honor Generations Past
How much do you know about how Mic-O-Say got started? So much of our history has been kept in people's memory that we felt it was necessary to put our history into print and to put the many pictures, slides, and old movies into a modern DVD or VHS tape format so that many more tribemen can enjoy them. The Generations Past committee led by George Leberman and Cotton Smith will present a new Mic-O-Say history book, written by Cotton Smith, and a DVD/VHS documentary, produced by Scott Smith, featuring many clips from old movies and tapes. Both will be available for sale at very reasonable prices via the web site.

The World's Largest Gathering of . . .
Special emphasis is being put on having new events that will interest younger tribesmen. The camp staff will host the World's Largest Gathering of Firebuilders at a special reunion event that will feature fun contests as well as the selection of the firebuilders who will light the celebration's ceremonial fire Saturday night. At the same time, the World's Largest Gathering of Tom Ton Bearers will come together to learn drum beats for later use that summer. The World's Largest Gathering of Keepers of the Sacred Bundle will inaugurate the new Spirit Trail and compete from their knowledge of customs and traditions. Are you getting the picture here? If you want to work your paint next summer, plan to be part of these gatherings! No matter what your rank or paint responsibility, young tribesmen can look forward to record setting reunions, fun and new learning!

Take the Bus!!
One of the great new opportunities for next summer's celebration, will be the ability for, your relatives, friends, and whole reunion groups to take a comfortable bus down and back to Jackson County, a yet-to-be-determined point north of the river, and a point in Jackson County) and three convenient times to depart (6am, 8am, and 10am). There will be so many fun activities at the celebration, you won't want to leave early, and the buses will take you comfort-ably home right after the ceremony Saturday night. Buses won't be let go from the parking area until after most of the buses have left anyway.

The buses are air-conditioned and will have restroom facilities. The buses each will have a tour guide knowledgeable about all the activities at the celebration and able to help you plan your own individual or group participation. Your guide will show you a special video. The buses leave you free of driving to start your fellowship early and continue it well into the night during the trip home. The buses cost you far less than the gasoline and the wear and tear on your car. The buses will give you priority in getting in and out of the congestion at camp. Do yourself a favor and take the bus!

The American Legion Life Insurance Committee provides for a National Scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected “The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.”

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a $10,000 scholarship. Three second-place awards will be given in the amount of $2,500 each.

The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from a state accredited high school (pub- lic, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four (4) years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student providing it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case he can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made jointly to the student and the school at the beginning of each semester or quarter. However, only one request will be honored per semester or quarter.

For more information:
Contact Lori Gooding at (816) 942-9333 ext: 154 or lgooding@bsamail.org

DEPARTMENT
• Nominations must be received by Department Headquarters no later than March 1, 2004.
• The application judged best in the Department and a list of the members of the Department Selection Committee should be forwarded to the Assistant Director, Americanism and Children & Youth Division, Attention: Eagle Scout of the Year, The American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.
• For additional information, applicants should contact their State Headquarters.

NATIONAL
• Nominations must be received by National Headquarters no later than April 1, 2004.
• The National Americanism Commission's Youth Activities Subcommittee will review all Department nominations, and, in their judgment, select The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALIST
The selection will be announced in the National Americanism Commission Report to the National Executive Committee during the 2004 Spring Meetings of The American Legion, held in Indianapolis, Indiana.
**Endowment**

In Memory of:

- **Kaw**
  - 304 Simon Chris Wagner

- **North Star**
  - 1260 Brian Stephen Gagbyll
  - 1313 Jeremy Dean Cander

- **North**
  - 1331 Nevin Michael Stock
  - 1353 Matthew Emery Kuhle
  - 1374 Dominick Anthony Guastino

- **North Star**
  - 1429 Kyle Dalton Ponce
  - 1433 William Daniel Quimmeier

- **North Star**
  - 1460 Daniel Easton Wiemer
  - 1473 Matthew Tyler Selecman

- **North Star**
  - 1721 Stephen Andrew Kimbrough
  - 1731 John Edmund Casey IV

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**In Honor of:**

- C. Jack Phillips

- James Hogan

- Bob Hartfiel

- James Hogan

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**Council Calendar**

- **November**
  - 1 Naish Volunteers Work Day
  - 5 Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting
  - 9 Annual Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow
  - 12 Council Pow Wow Staff Meeting
  - 13 Council-wide Membership Meeting
  - 14 Council Pow Wow Staff Meeting
  - 19 Council Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Dinner
  - 21 Final Popcorn Distribution (excluding Pelathe District)
  - 22-23 Council-wide Executive Committee Meeting
  - 26 Camp Staff Reunion Dinner
  - 28 Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

- **December**
  - 1 Pelate District Popcorn Orders Due to Council
  - 3 Family Friends of Scouting Presenter’s Orientation
  - 5 Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting
  - 5 Order of the Arrow Lodge
  - 6 Leadership Development Conference
  - 6 Pelate District Popcorn Distribution
  - 6 Woodcarving Workshop

- **January**
  - 3 Order of the Arrow Winter Awards Banquet
  - 5 All Popcorn Payments (excluding Pelathe District)
  - 7 Camp Staff Meeting
  - 9 Pelate District Popcorn Payments Due to Council
  - 9 Venturing Recognition Banquet
  - 10 Council Executive Board Meeting
  - 14 Council Pow Wow Staff Meeting
  - 15 Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

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**Tribute Funds**

- John and Jane Hochstetler
- Harry and Diane Moore
- Joseph and Linda Kaufman
- Robert and Vera Hrabak
- Janice Sifford
- Virginia Reining
- Alan Godwin
- Rick and Jamie Kimbrough
- Mike Zwicky
- Vaught and Patricia Kimbrough
- Doris Brownson
- Elizabeth Cook

- **Mary “June” Daugherty**
  - Glenda Husser
  - Morningview Residents Club
  - Kathy and Richard Terrell
  - Pat Kelly
  - Janet Hoff
  - Belton School District #124
  - Jack and Glenda Lewis
  - Barbara Shaffer

- **Charles C. “Chuck” Gillis**
  - Eimer and Yorkshire Johnson
  - Midwest Executive, Inc.
  - Larry Toff
  - Mr. And Mrs. Bruce Davis
  - Charles and Susan Linn

- **Thomas Johnson**
  - Margie Manziger
  - Rand Swanson
  - Danny Woods
  - Stacy Armstrong

- **Ronald Zimmerman**
  - Jamison Pitaida
  - Raymond and Winifred Adams

- **Dr. L. Vincent Edmondson**
  - Joseph Powers
  - Bob and Sue Shirk

- **Karl Ruttenhoff**
  - Jim and Susan Saffles

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**District Calendar**

- **Northeast Tier**
  - 194 Scott Michael Harber
  - 194 Thomas Daniel Hutchins
  - 247 Patrick Joseph Caskie
  - 302 Joshua Clayton Schwartz
  - 351 Joseph Luke Papp
  - 439 Scott Thomas Morris
  - 538 Brian Grant Terrey
  - 539 Justin Joseph Martin
  - 561 Nevin Michael Stock

- **Pelate Tier**
  - 58 Brian Grant Terrey
  - 1059 Justin Joseph Martin
  - 1061 Nevin Michael Stock

- **Red-Tailed Hawk Tier**
  - 201 David Jonathan Knox
  - 222 Scott Christopher Wightman
  - 324 Michael Rudolf Bese
  - 324 Lance K. Dado
  - 412 James Edward Grossman
  - 425 Neil Eric Sucknick

- **Thunderbird Tier**
  - 1042 Benjamin Christian Apshul
  - 1042 Michael Gregory Karsonis
  - 1042 Christopher Vaughan Leslie
  - 1042 Brandon Keith Martin
  - 1042 Dean Matthew Martin
  - 1166 Chad Eirn Gannon

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**Tribute Funds**

- Joanne Byars
- Joan Kelly
- Dennis and Mary Ann Hill
- Donald and Miriam Cade
- Donna Byars
- James Hogan
- C. Jack Phillips
- Pearl Stonebraker
- Wayne Wolf

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**In Honor of:**

- John and Jane Hochstetler
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**In Memory of:**

- Harris Franklin James “Jaimie” Callahan
- Joyce Laughlin
- Callahan Transportation
- Keith and Bonnie Connell
- Patrick and Pat Shepman
- James and Linda Raynor
- Dennis and Mary Ann Hill
- Adrian Carl
- Thomas and Sheila Effertz
- Jerry and Judy Hill
- Mr. And Mrs. Nevin Amquist
- Steven and Anita Woolf
- Alan and Zonette Hayley-Winston
- Patrick and Rita Keating
- Jay and Carolyn Schlegel
- Meinke and Jeanne Anderson
- Danette Wilson
- Joan Kelly
- Sam’s Personal Lawn Care, Inc.
- Donna Byars
- Linda Mitchell
- Joseph and Mary Beth Fleming
- James and Wanda Skelson
- Mary Montgomery
- Anthony and Elizabeth Romano
- Thomas and Sharon McHugh
- Sean and Jennifer Colligan
- Craig and Tina Washburn
- Ronald and Marie Thomas
- James Cox
- Benchmark Insurance Companies
- David Krull
- Aaron, Jennifer, Nathan & Alexandra Mckee
- George and Amy Jones
- Michael and Cathy Holmes
- Humana, Inc.

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**Council Calendar**

- 9 Council Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 Sharing Native American Ways
- 12 Council Pow Wow Staff Meeting
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**“HOME IS WHERE THE DEDUCTION IS”**

It is increasingly common for donors to leave their residence, vacation home, or other land to the local council after their lifetime. This is often done through a bequest in the donor’s will, but there’s a way to do the same thing, and get a current tax benefit for doing it.

A life estate gift gives you an immediate income tax benefit for a gift you may have planned to put in your will anyway. Contact us for more information about this interesting and helpful way to benefit your local council, as well as you and your family.

Many great things have been made possible for Scouting through the use of life estate gifts. Find out for yourself how your house can be more than a home.
Are You Part of A Quality District Team?

The year-end push is on and a large number of our districts have a great chance to become Quality Districts for 2003. If you are an experienced commissioner, you have no doubt seen the Quality District worksheet listing the eight objectives for the Quality District Award. A district must achieve six of the eight objectives to receive the award, however five of the requirements are mandatory (stared objectives), after which a district must complete one of the remaining three to achieve the award. In other words, a district MUST:

1. Achieve on-time unit registration goals, 
2. Achieve a 2% growth in traditional units and an overall growth (i.e. +1) in total units, 
3. Achieve a balanced growth in Scout membership (two ways to achieve this), 
4. Achieve its finance goals (FOS and special event fundraising), and 
5. Achieve a 3 to 1 ratio of units to unit commissioners or increase the ratio over the previous year.

Then a district must complete one of the following three objectives:
1. Achieve on-time unit registration goals, 
2. Recruit sufficient volunteers to fill each position in the district, and 
3. Hold at least one conference annually with each head of a chartered institution.

So why do I say that a large number of our districts have a great chance to become Quality Districts? First is because so many of our districts (8 of 13) achieved their finance goals last May (or are so close that with a little effort can achieve their goals by December). Second is because eight of our thirteen districts have already achieved the 3 to 1 commissioner ratio. Third is because seven of thirteen districts have 60% or more of their units re-registered with the Quality Unit Award.

Now, truthfully, it is not always the same seven or eight districts that have accomplished those three objectives, but many have, and others are very close. So the focus of our commissioner team for the next two months must be to achieve the membership and unit growth goals. I know the professional staff will be out recruiting in those areas. I know the district committees, particularly the membership committees, will be our recruiting in those areas, also.

The commissioner team can and does have a large impact on recruiting because of the relationship they have built with unit leaders. I strongly encourage all of you to do your part and push your district “over the top.”

WHY IS QUALITY DISTRICT IMPORTANT?

Many of you know the answer to this question, but the answer bears repeating. The Quality Unit, Quality District, and Quality Council awards were created to have a fair and objective measure of the good health of a unit, a district, and a council. Good program is what drives in the youth, and it is what inspires the youth to grow and learn under the great role models we have as unit leaders.

The respect Scouts hold for their unit leaders causes them to accept as their own the values of Scouting that will make them successful, contributing citizens of our communities and nation. And while that program success is sometimes difficult to measure objectively, that success fosters membership growth and parent support (financial support as well as participation).

That success causes other chartered partners to develop their own units, and those objective measures of membership growth, unit growth, financial support, Quality Unit status, and commissioner recruitment can be, and are, measured to determine the health of a District. Success begets success and your reputation as a Quality District will help you attract even more Scouts and parent involvement.

So the focus of our commissioner team for the next two months must be to achieve the membership and unit growth goals. I know the district committees, particularly the membership committees, will be out recruiting in those areas. I know the district office staff, especially marketing, will be out recruiting in those areas, also.

Therefore, if you are an experienced commissioner, you have no doubt seen the Quality District worksheet listing the eight objectives for the Quality District Award.

Boy Scout Night with the Kangaroos

February 7, 2004 — 7:00 p.m.

$5.00 for Boy Scouts, Leaders, and their guests

Municipal Auditorium, Downtown Kansas City

Come and enjoy NCAA Division I men’s basketball and cheer on the Kangaroos to victory against the Oakland Grizzlies. A pack will be selected to represent the Scouts and participate in the color guard duties during the national anthem.

Tickets: Please fill out the order form below and mail it to UMCK Athletics Marketing and Promotions Office, 201 Swinney Recreation Center, 5100 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO 64110. If you have any questions, please call 816-235-5952.

ORDER DEADLINE: January 29, 2004

Unit: ____________________________

City/State/Zip: ________________

Phone: ________________________

(Day) ________________________ (Night) ________________________

Number of Tickets: @ $5.00 each — Total: ________________

Check Enclosed (Payable to UMCK Athletics): ❑ YES ❑ NO

Credit Card (Circle one): Visa/ MasterCard/ Discover

Name on Card: ____________________________

Card Number: ________________

Exp. Date: ________________________

Signature: ____________________________

Would you like to receive Adventures in Scouting online?

The Heart of America Council is offering volunteers the opportunity to receive Adventures in Scouting (the Council newsletter) online beginning in January of 2004. This will save on postage and printing costs and cut down on items you receive in your mailbox!

An added benefit is that any registered adult leader can be added to the email distribution list! (For instance Unit Committee members don’t receive the printed copy of AIS)

Please fill out and return the attached information or email this information to Christina Cran dall at cran dall@bsa.org and note that you would like to receive AIS electronically.

Adventures in Scouting Online

Name: ____________________________

Unit (Pack/Troop/Crew/Post/Team) __________

City/State/Zip: ________________

Email Address: ____________________________

Phone: ________________________

Email Address: ____________________________

Returns to: Christina Cran dall
toa@email.com

For registration information, visit our web site of www.kansascouncil.org or call the Education Hotline at (816) 513-5722.
Exploring Extravaganza

On Saturday, September 27 more than 200 high school aged young men and women participated in the first ever “Exploring Extravaganza” held at Union Station. The Exploring program helps young men and women make informed career choices by offering them the opportunity to participate in hands-on programs with companies such as Cerner, JE Dunn, Saint Luke’s Hospitals, Black and Veatch, Hallmark, and police and fire departments.

Bryan Bolding, District Director for the Exploring program said “this is the first year for the Exploring Extravaganza. The location at Union Stations provided tremendous visibility and the attendance was fantastic. Hundreds of young men and women learned about possible career opportunities through interactions with local companies.”

For more information on Exploring, please contact Bryan Bolding at bbolding@bsamail.org.

“Bug a Buddy” to Join Cub Scouts

(This program is for all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts)

Every Cub Scout who recruits a new boy to join Cub Scouts between October 15 & December 31, 2003 will receive a free “Bug Sucker” kit. The new Scout will also receive a kit. The “Bug Sucker” is a fun and exciting way to discover and learn about bugs.

To qualify, simply “Bug a Buddy” to join Cub Scouts and turn in this form with the new Scout’s application. The Heart of America Council will give you and your buddy a “Bug Sucker” kit in recognition of your recruiting efforts.

Address & Phone #
Name of New Scout
Cub Scout Pack #
District Name

“Bug Sucker” kits will be available at the council service center or at your district’s roundtable meeting. Return this form along with the new Scout’s application and fees no later than December 31, 2003. For more information contact your district executive at 816-942-9333 or 800-776-1110.

Hey Cub Scout Leaders!

You can earn the Tiger Cub Recognition Kit for every Tiger Cub in your pack. Here’s how:

By November 30, 2003 increase the number of Tiger Cubs registered in your pack by at least 8 boys or more than you had registered in your pack on December 31, 2002 (as shown in ScoutNet).

When you have done this, your pack will receive a Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Kit for every registered Tiger Cub in your pack. (as of October 31, 2003)

Please fill out the form below and return it to your District Executive.

Example:
Number of Tigers on 12/31/02 = 6
Number of Tigers needed by 11/30/03 = 14

For more information call your District Executive at 816-942-9333 or 1-800-776-1110.

Yes, we have qualified for the Tiger Cub Recognition Kits!

District: ___________________ Cub Scout Pack # ___________________
# of Tigers on 12/31/02 ___________________ # of Tigers on 11/30/03 ___________________
Leader Name (print) ___________________
Phone # (include area code) ___________________
Return this form to your District Executive or the Scout Office.
2004 Summer Camp Fee Schedule

**BOY SCOUT CAMP**

½ of Balance due by February 25, 2004 with names of campers
Final Payment due by April 28, 2004

**PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION IN # & # LEADERS FOR BARTLE CAMPERS**

**H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation** ——— IN COUNCIL———

- **Boy Scouts**
  - $220.00 each
  - $12.50 each
- **First Two Leaders**
  - $220.00 each
  - $35.00 per day
- **Additional Full Time Leaders**
  - $37.00 per day
- **Part-Time Leaders**
  - $37.00 per day

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

- **Boy Scouts**
  - $220.00 each
  - $12.50 each
- **First Two Leaders**
  - $220.00 each
  - $35.00 per day
- **Additional Full Time Leaders**
  - $37.00 per day
- **Part-Time Leaders**
  - $37.00 per day

**H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation** ——— OUT OF COUNCIL———

- **Boy Scouts**
  - $155.00 each
- **First Two Leaders**
  - $155.00 each
- **Additional Full Time Leaders**
  - $37.00 per day
- **Part-Time Leaders**
  - $37.00 per day

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

- **Boy Scouts**
  - $155.00 each
- **First Two Leaders**
  - $155.00 each
- **Additional Full Time Leaders**
  - $37.00 per day
- **Part-Time Leaders**
  - $37.00 per day

**2004 CAMP SESSIONS**

**H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Boy Scout Camp**

- **Staff Week**
  - June 5 – 11, 2004
- **Session 1**
  - June 12 – 18, 2004
- **Session 2**
  - June 19 – 25, 2004
- **Session 3**
  - June 26 – July 2, 2004
- **Session 4**
  - July 3 – 9, 2004
- **Session 5**
  - July 10 – 16, 2004
- **Session 6**
  - July 17 – 23, 2004
- **Theodore Naish Scout Reservation Boy Scout Camp**
  - **Staff Week**
    - June 5 – 11, 2004
  - **Session 1**
    - June 12 – 18, 2004
  - **Session 2**
    - June 19 – 25, 2004
  - **Session 3**
    - June 26 – July 2, 2004

**2004 CAMP SESSIONS**

**H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Webelos Camp**

- **Session 1**
  - July 4 – 6, 2004
- **Session 2**
  - July 7 – 9, 2004
- **Session 3**
  - July 10 – 12, 2004
- **Session 4**
  - July 13 – 15, 2004
- **Session 5**
  - July 16 – 18, 2004
- **Session 6**
  - July 19 – 21, 2004
- **Session 7**
  - July 22 – 24, 2004
- **Session 8**
  - July 25 – 27, 2004
- **Session 9**
  - July 28 – 30, 2004
- **Session 10**
  - August 1 – 3, 2004
- **Session 11**
  - August 4 – 6, 2004
- **Session 12**
  - August 7 – 9, 2004

**Rotary Scout Camp**

- **Reservation**
  - June 26, 2004
- **Payment Schedule**
  - Non Refundable Deposit ($25.00) Due With Approval Received
  - Balance Due by Friday, June 26, 2004

**Venturer Camp**

- **Reservation**
  - June 26, 2004
- **Payment Schedule**
  - Non Refundable Deposit ($15.00) Due With Approval Received
  - Balance Due by July 21, 2004

**Webelos Resident Camp**

- **Reservation**
  - June 26, 2004
- **Payment Schedule**
  - Non Refundable Deposit ($10.00) Due With Approval Received
  - Balance Due by July 21, 2004

**Bear Resident Camp**

- **Reservation**
  - June 26, 2004
- **Payment Schedule**
  - Non Refundable Deposit ($10.00) Due With Approval Received
  - Balance Due by July 21, 2004

**Cub Scout Day Camp**

- **Session 1**
  - June 5 – 6, 2004
- **Session 2**
  - June 12 – 13, 2004
- **Session 3**
  - June 19 – 20, 2004
- **Session 4**
  - June 26 – 27, 2004
- **Session 5**
  - July 3 – 4, 2004
- **Session 6**
  - July 10 – 11, 2004
- **Session 7**
  - July 17 – 18, 2004
- **Session 8**
  - July 24 – 25, 2004
- **Session 9**
  - July 31 – August 1, 2004
- **Session 10**
  - August 7 – 8, 2004
- **Session 11**
  - August 14 – 15, 2004

**Cub Scout Day Camp**

- **Session 1**
  - June 5 – 6, 2004
- **Session 2**
  - June 12 – 13, 2004
- **Session 3**
  - June 19 – 20, 2004
- **Session 4**
  - June 26 – 27, 2004
- **Session 5**
  - July 3 – 4, 2004
- **Session 6**
  - July 10 – 11, 2004
- **Session 7**
  - July 17 – 18, 2004
- **Session 8**
  - July 24 – 25, 2004
- **Session 9**
  - July 31 – August 1, 2004
- **Session 10**
  - August 7 – 8, 2004
- **Session 11**
  - August 14 – 15, 2004

**Webelos Resident Camp**

- **Reservation**
  - June 26, 2004
- **Payment Schedule**
  - Non Refundable Deposit ($10.00) Due at Enrollment
  - Balance Due by July 21, 2004
  - Total of Balance due by May 21, 2004

**Bear Resident Camp**

- **Reservation**
  - June 26, 2004
- **Payment Schedule**
  - Non Refundable Deposit ($10.00) Due at Enrollment
**School Night Success**

Thanks to everyone for their hard work in bringing more boys in to the Scouting program. There are more boys who can enjoy the adventure of Scouting thanks to your dedication. Remember that we want to continue to follow up with each of those boys who expressed interest in what Scouting is all about. If they came to your School Night or your Open House, there was no reason to have them tell you they wanted to join Scouting.

Also, thanks to the Boy Scout Troops who see the need to recruit young men who have missed Cub Scouting or are looking for something challenging. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we are confident you will do a great job in building more young men into good citizens and Scouts.

Finally, keep up the efforts in the last months of the year to get in touch with each and every last boy who may want to join but hasn’t had the chance yet. Remember, it is never too late to join Scouting so don’t think that this is the only time to recruit. If you need any help or have any questions about recruiting, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Richardson, Membership Chair at 913.294.6660 or Cortland Bolles at 800.776.1110 x118 with any questions.

**Speaking of Awards, Congratulations are in Order!!**

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**DISTRICT AWARDS**

All district award nominations are being accepted. Forms are available at the Council Service Center, at Roundtables and on the website. This is a great opportunity to recognize those “untouched” volunteers for their hard work and effort throughout the year! Please contact Cortland Bolles at 800.776.1110 x118 with any questions.

**Get a Leather Bead!**

Bring your Cubs and Webelos in to learn about leather, its uses, where it comes from and work on a leather project. The only cost to you is the cost of the project. Most projects cost less than $6.00 per boy. We have Knife Cases, Coup Fobs, Kneckerchief Slides, Coasters and many other Leathercraft projects.

**It’s Recharter Time Again!**

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Are you Trained?
Learn how to make the program more exciting and safer for your boys. The district has set the goal of 100% trained leaders. Don’t be left out. If you have questions, contact the Lone Bear District Training Chair, Steve Higgins, at 660-429-6911. Your Scouts deserve “Trained” leaders. Watch for the many training opportunities offered before and after Roundtable.

New Units
A big welcome to all the new units coming on board in October, November and December. It’s not too late to help organize a new unit for Lone Bear District. Starting new units is important, but just as important is keeping existing units alive and well. An existing unit can be a big help with a new unit by offering leadership, staff and resources. Thank you to the Commissioner staff for stepping up to the plate and helping the Lone Bear District with its efforts to organize more pack, troops, and crews.

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2004 Friends of Scouting Campaign

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Recharter Time is Very Soon

Do not let recharter time sneak up on you. You will be receiving your recharter packets in January. In order to help this process, each Pack, Troop, and Crew needs to submit your current roster to Rob Gilkerson; email rgilkers@bsamail.org fax: 816-942-8086. This will allow us to clean up your roster before it is printed. You may also turn it in at the November Roundtable. Please make sure that your current roster is turned in no later than November 7, 2003. Packs, please separate your roster packets in January. In order to help this process, each Pack, Troop, and Crew needs to submit your current roster to Rob Gilkerson; email rgilkers@bsamail.org fax: 816-942-8086. This will allow us to clean up your roster before it is printed. You may also turn it in at the November Roundtable. Please make sure that your current roster is turned in no later than November 7, 2003. Packs, please separate your roster packets in January. In order to help this process, each Pack, Troop, and Crew needs to submit your current roster to Rob Gilkerson; email rgilkers@bsamail.org.

The Power of the Web

Have you visited the official Heart of America Council and Trailhead District Websites? If not now is the time. You can find updated calendars, event registration forms, and countless other resources. All this and more can be found at www.hoac-bsa.org or you could go straight to your Trailhead District Website page at http://hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm. All of registration forms for District events can be found on the District’s website. If you do not receive your recharter packet in January, please contact the Council Service Center at 816-942-9333 Ext. 178.

2003 District Awards Recognition Dinner

Get ready to attend the 2003 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 31, 2004. Make sure you have marked your calendars. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs. This spectacular event will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, as we remember the great highlights of 2003. Excitement will fill the room, as we await the proclamation of whomever the special recipient of such laudatory awards as: Outstanding Cub Master, Scoutmaster, Webelos Leader, Crew Advisor and many more. Also awarded at the District Dinner is the coveted District Award of Merit. Do NOT miss out on an evening for the record books.

Training

As the fall training has come to a close, the spring training is right around the corner. We had a great time at this past fall’s trainings. We all walked away learning something to take back to our den, pack, or troop. A trained leader makes the program fun for the boys and easier for you. Please pay attention to the training schedule and registration that is posted on the Trailhead District web page.

Merit Badge Forum

The Trailhead Merit Badge Forum is very close. This is a great opportunity for scouts to work on Merit Badges outside of summer camp. On January 31st and February 28th at Shawnee Mission South High School Merit Badge Counselors from all over the district will come together to give scouts this unique opportunity to earn merit badges. For more information contact Herb Strain at (816) 941-8614. The deadline for registration is December 4th, 2003.

Cub Day Camp

A big round of applause and hats off to everyone, who made Trailhead Day Camp 2003 a great success. Without a doubt Day Camp will be even better. It is never too early to start thinking about Day Camp. Each Pack should be designating a Day Camp Coordinator as soon as possible. After having a great year at a new location last year we are looking at even a better year in 2004. We again are going to a new location, Lewis-Young Park, in Louisburg. With the 100th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark expedition, our theme will be Cubs on Expedition.

We have two great people heading up day camp this year, Michelle Magee and Carol Morris. They are always on the lookout for help. If you are interested in helping, let them know. Thank you in advance to all the staff, who have much planning ahead of them.

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Popcorn Sale 2003

As the popcorn sale for this year winds down, please do not forget that the sale ends Novem-
ber 9th, with final distribution set for November 21st and 22nd. Please make an
appointment at the Blue Elk headquarters for you to pick up your popcorn. For questions,
please contact Melissa Whited at (816) 224-6007 or Frances Lyons at (816) 942-9333 or
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Fall Round-Up

The end of the year is coming to a close, but this does not mean we should not start
rechartering! If there are still boys and young men and women who were interested in your
program at one time, make absolutely certain that you follow-up with them. It is our mis-
tion to give every youth the opportunity to join scouting. In order for us to complete
this mission we must never cease in spreading the word of scouting. Thank you for all of
your recruiting efforts thus far, but always strive to grow your unit.

Friends of Scouting

It is time to start thinking about setting a
date for your Friends of Scouting presenta-
tion. Please let Ross Pfannenstiel at (816) 942-6381 know now of the appointed coordina-
tor for your unit. It is a
time to give to the program we love, the boys
we mentor, and those who need financial assistance.

Klondike Derby

It is only November, but it is already time to start
gearing up for the Blue Elk Klondike Derby. The theme for 2003 is "Winter Blue". Once
tagain, we will be at George Owens Park in
Kane, KS. The great event will start on
Friday, January 16th for those units wish-
ing to camp and the actual Derby is on Satur-
day, January 17th from 8:00am to 5:00pm.
Troops can camp Saturday night also if they
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December

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Turn-in – Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

January

5 New Leader Essentials, Cub Leader Specific Training, Venturing Leader
Specific Training, Location TBA

February

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table/Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review/ Merit
Badge Counseling Training / Eagle Guest Chair Orientation – Bingham 7th
Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

March

11 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm, Liberty Street Community of Christ
Church, 416 N. Liberty Street, Independence, MO

April

18 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Pioneer Ridge 6th Grade Center, 1656
S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

May

June

11 Commissioner’s Meeting & Recharter Turn-in, 7:30pm, Liberty Street Commu-

21-22 popcorn distribution, commercial distribution center, 16560 E. Truman
Road, Independence, MO, sign up at November Roundtable

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### Thunderbird

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#### District Dinner

This year’s District Dinner is going to be at the Kansas City Marriott. We will have Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. This year’s District Dinner promises to be great, so grab a date and don’t be late. For information contact Jason Scott at (816) 942-9333 ext.169.

#### District Award of Merit

We are now accepting District Award of Merit Applications, if you would like to apply please contact Craig Ljegren at (816) 455-7889 or Jason Scott at (816) 942-9333 ext.169. This is a great opportunity to recognize those people behind the scenes that don’t get the accolades they deserve. The District Award of Merit is the Highest Award one can receive on the District level. Nominations are due by December 10th.

#### Round-Up/Fall Membership

Thunderbird District is having another great year in membership due in large part to a great Fall Round-up. Our thanks go to the membership team led by Fred Bixler and Shelly Edwards. We are on our way to achieving Quality District Status.

#### Friends of Scouting

It’s that time of year to sign-up for your Friends of Scouting presentation. November/December is the time to schedule a presentation. Presentations are available starting in December. Please remember, “Friends of Scouting” is a key element in the financing of our Council and it’s programs. We would like to see some units have their presentations completed before the end of the year if possible. Let’s make sure that the Thunderbird District completes its goal on time and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

#### Appreciation Dinner

It’s time to nominate those Scouters in your unit for the District Award of Merit, Silver Acorn, and Silver Oak Leaf Awards as well, as the Outstanding Scouter Award. District Dinner will be scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2004. All nominations need to be turned in by December 1, 2003. Don’t let individuals go unrecognized.

#### Calendar of Events

**November**
- **Round-Up Roundtable** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Youth Protection Training** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **O.A. Chapter 7 Meeting** – 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Presentation Catholic Church, Lee’s Summit, MO
- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **District Commissioners Meeting** – 7:30 p.m., Council Service Center
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**December**
- **Round-Up Roundtable** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Youth Protection Training** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School

**2003 November/December District Calendar**

- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Youth Protection Training** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Commissioners Meeting** – 7:30 p.m., Council Service Center
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**2003 January/February District Calendar**

- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Youth Protection Training** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Commissioners Meeting** – 7:30 p.m., Council Service Center
- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Presentation Catholic Church, Lee’s Summit, MO

**2003 March/April District Calendar**

- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Youth Protection Training** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Commissioners Meeting** – 7:30 p.m., Council Service Center
- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Presentation Catholic Church, Lee’s Summit, MO

**April**
- **Round-Up Roundtable** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Youth Protection Training** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School

**2003 May/April District Calendar**

- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Youth Protection Training** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School
- **Commissioners Meeting** – 7:30 p.m., Council Service Center
- **District Dinner** – 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Presentation Catholic Church, Lee’s Summit, MO
It's Charter Renewal Time

All Pelathe Scouting organizations renew their charters in January. Please contact your Unit Commissioner in November to ensure that your charter renewal paperwork has been received and is processed. The charter renewal process should include help from your Unit Commissioner, Committee Chair, Chartered Organization Representative, and Unit Leader. Please make an effort to get everyone involved.

In order to be a Quality Unit for 2004, your unit needs to renew on time. Additionally, for the Pelathe District to be a Quality District, we need at least 60 % of our units to renew on time. Please make sure your group and our terrific district get the recognition it deserves.

The charters are due to the Council Service Center by January 15th, 2004. Please check with your Unit Commissioner for specifics on when your charter should be worked on and completed by.

Membership Inventories

Part of the charter renewal process is ensuring that all of your unit’s youth are registered members. Get ahead of the curve by requesting from your a copy of your unit’s current roster. Do a unit inventory in November to ensure that all of your boys are registered.

Membership inventories are a vital part of the process to becoming a Quality District. Please help us by getting involved in making sure all your boys are registered.

Award of Merit

As a reminder, the District Award of merit is the highest recognition that a District can bestow upon one of it’s volunteers. If you know someone who is deserving of this prestigious award, pick-up a nomination form at any District meeting, or get one on-line at www.husc-bsa.org. Look for Resources/Forms then Nomination to download a PDF.

September 11

On September 11th, the Scouts of our area were honored with a request from the Dole Institute to conduct a flag raising ceremony during a day of remembrance. This was a solemn event, but the message was clear, as our nation and communities continue to rebuild from the attacks, hope for the future remains bright. Thank you to those Scouts who participated, and thank you to all of our young men and their families for continuing to make good choices in life, and developing strong values. The Scouting program is needed more now than ever. It is making a difference.

Friends of Scouting

As the end of the year approaches, please consider planning to support the Pelathe District's Friends of Scouting campaign with a financial gift in 2004. Many families plan their giving for the coming year at this time, and we hope when a POS presentation is conducted for your unit's families, you will be able to support the Heart of America Council Scouting Program.

Be Prepared for 2003 Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting 2004 is getting ready to kickoff another exciting campaign. This year’s district leadership will be Steve Berko as the overall chair and Keith Sickendick as the Family chair. Thanks to the many folks who supported Scouting with a financial gift this past year.

Please plan on scheduling a Family unit presentation in your Pack or Troop. A great opportunity for a brief presentation is during Blue & Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor. Contact Keith Sickendick, Kneckdick@kcpa.tc, 685-1870 or Jason Ballew, ballew@bsaemail.org. 816 942-9333 x182 to schedule and thanks for the continued support of Friends of Scouting.

2003 Popcorn

Attention all unit Popcorn Kernels, pick-up of the product will be Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22. The distribution site will be the same as past years at Seaton Van Lines in Olafde (15765 S Keeler). This year's district kernel is Paul Alters and he along with Jason Ballew will call each unit to schedule a convenient pick-up time.

District Awards Recognition Dinner

Attention unit leaders nominations for the upcoming district recognition dinner will be due by February 5th. Do you know an outstanding quality Scouter who consistently goes "above and beyond the call of duty"? The nominations may be for a body of work over several years or it may be for one or two major events that had a tremendous impact on your unit, district, or Scouting. If so please take the time to nominate them for the appropriate recognition, i.e. District Award of Merit, Outstanding Scouter, Outstanding Cubmaster, and so on.

The District itself will be on the evening of February 28th at Stanley Presbyterian Church and will recognize outstanding adult leaders, young men who earned their Eagle Scouts in 2003, and more.

Leave No Trace Award

Earned by Cub Pack

A Webelos Den in Pack 3191 was the first group to earn the Leave No Trace Award in the Red-Tailed Hawk District. The Den practiced and demonstrated the principles of Leave No Trace on 3 or more activities. This past summer at Webelos Camp they performed a much needed service project to aid the Theodore Nosh Scout Reservation. They cleaned and reconfigured a campfire ring for future groups to enjoy. After the Den return from camp they made a poster to explain the project and the principles of Leave No Trace to share with the rest of the Pack.
November/December Salutes This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our new Eagle Scouts: Luke Popp and Will Reeves of Troop 351, Scott Morris of Troop 439, James Craft, Scott Harber and Thomas Hutchins of Troop 194, Pat Caskey of Troop 189, Joshua Schwartz of Troop 302, and Daniel Rhodes of Troop 91. Congratulations to you all from your Northern Tier District Committee and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

Camporee 2003

Stay tuned for the January Edition of Adventures in Scouting for our 2003 Camporee and photos. It’s going to be a great story to tell.

Attention! Norther Tier Cub Scout Unit Leaders

As the school year is now upon us, membership applications are coming in. You have completed your School Night Recruitment and received your Kansas City Chiefs Scouting T-Shirts. But wait, there is more! We have now introduced the “Bug a Buddy” to Join Cub Scouts program.

This program is for all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts.

Every Cub Scout who recruits a new boy to join Cub Scouts between October 15th and December 31, 2003 will receive a free “Bug Sucker” kit. The new Scout will also receive a kit. The “Bug Sucker” is a fun way to learn about bugs.

To qualify, simply “bug a buddy” to join Cub Scouts and turn in the form with the new Scout’s application. The Heart of America Council will give you and your buddy a “Bug Sucker” kit in recognition of your recruiting efforts. The forms are available at the Heart of America Council Service Center, Northern Tier Roundtable, or via email.

For more information, please contact your district executive, Lisa Hayes, at (816) 942-9333 ext: 172 or lhayes@bsamail.org.

Friends of Scouting 2003

It’s that time to sign your unit up for your Friends of Scouting presentation. Remember, free rank advancement go to all units upon reaching their Friends of Scouting Unit goal and Participation Goal by December 31st, 2004. For more information or questions, please contact Lisa Hayes at (816) 942-9333 ext: 172 or call Steve Brady, our 2004 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman, at (913) 362-8441. The Northern Tier District has the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is such a vital part of our program. It helps to support our leaders in their needed training, the preservation of both the Naini and Battle Scout Reservations, the cost of camp staff, uniforms, and registration fees for our “At Risk youth”. Let’s gear up for another phenomenal year in our support of scouting through Friends of Scouting.

Popcorn

We are now beginning the process of scheduling your popcorn pick up. Our pick up site will be located at the Harte Hanks Distribution Warehouse at 7801 Nieman Road. Pick up will be by appointment only on Friday, November 21 from 2:00-5:00 pm and Saturday, November 22 from 8:00am-1:00pm. Please call to schedule your appointment as soon as possible. If you would like to help distribute popcorn, we would love to have you. For questions and more information please contact Lisa Hayes, District Executive at 816-942-9333 ext: 172 or Doug Lenhart, District Pop Corn Chairman at (913) 383-2724.

Cuboree 2003

WOW, can you believe this was our 3rd Annual Northern Tier Cuboree. It gets better and better every year. The weather was absolutely perfect for this, which had over 280 scouts in attendance. This was the name of the game and oh boy did we have lots of fun. Friday night everyone set up camp and then we all came together for the opening ceremony. Steve Brady and Troop 299 served up an awesome smorgasbord of apple and cherry cobbler, Dutch oven style. For breakfast, we were once again served in a big and full picnic lunch. Many thanks to Troop 299 for all they did. Saturday was filled with arts and crafts, hikes and adventures, and much more. Thank you to Phil Park, our fearless leader and Cuboree Chairman, for another great Cuboree. Thank you to Phil’s team of cooks, instructors, his helpers. Here are a few photos to show you just how much fun we had.
Learning for Life Division Contacts
Bryan Bolding – LFL Director, (816) 942-9333 ext. 175, bbolding@bsamail.org
Adam Berthot – Senior Exploring Executive, (816) 942-9333 ext. 170, aberthot@bsamail.org

K.C. at Night Alert
Attention please! K.C. at Night will now take place in their spring of 2004. More information will be sent out, as well as, included in the upcoming issues of “Adventures In Scouting”.

Charter Renewal Notice
The 2003 charter renewal process is upon us, and it is the time of the year that each chartered organization renews their membership with the Exploring Division at the Council Service Center. Adult and youth leadership is updated and all outstanding fees are paid.

The Exploring staff has put together the 2003 renewal packets for each post, and they were delivered in October. This will help all of us to get this paperwork out of the way and completed on time before your respected date of recharter. Almost all registered post’s renewal due date is at the end of December 31, 2002. We are asking that we continue to have the paperwork turned-in by the end of November. Additions and/or subtractions can then be made at any time after the paperwork is turned in.

We must have this information so that everyone is accounted for and will be insured for all post activities.

Recurring Takes Everyone’s Best Effort
Take a moment to reflect on your unit’s School Night. Were all of the leaders and boys in uniform? Were the youth and parents made to feel welcome when they entered the room? Was it informative in representing the quality training program? Recruiting takes everyone’s best effort! This is an excellent opportunity to encourage youth and their parents to join the Scouting program.

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

Charter Information Meeting
The first step to a successful Charter Renewal period is attending the Charter Information Meeting on November 6, 2003 at Clark Middle School. Every unit must have one member present, as this is an important feature of roundable. Charter Renewal is not just a time of re-registering the youth and adults in your unit. It is also a time of meeting and exchanging information with the District and Council.

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

Friends of Scouting
As the New Year approaches, we are gearing up for another Friends of Scouting Campaign. Each unit is asked to host a 10-minute presentation at its Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, Parent’s Night or Pack meeting during the months of December through March. We need the support of our entire district to achieve success and to ensure that the quality of Scouting that we have become accustomed to will continue uninterrupted and without compromise. If your unit will be having one of the meetings listed above, contact Dusty Boaright at 816-942-9333 or 1-800-776-1110, ext 167.

Award of Merit
As a reminder, the District Award of Merit is the highest recognition that a district can bestow upon one of its leaders. If you know of someone whom you feel is deserving of this prestigious award, please contact the Exploring Division at 816-942-9333. The District Award of Merit Committee will be accepting nominations through March. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Exploring Division at 816-942-9333.

Resources
Visit our national and local web sites for your entire program and recognition needs! Please take advantage of these great resource tools! Check them out today at www.learning-for-life.org and www.lfl-hoac.org.

Calendar of Events
November
6 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable – 7:00 p.m., Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
6 Charting Information Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
13 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
13 Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:00 p.m., BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
December
4 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable – 7:00 p.m., Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
11 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
11 Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:00 p.m., BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
January
8 District Committee Meeting
15 District Committee Meeting
17 Klondike Derby
18 OA Chapter Meeting
24 District Dinner
Fall Round-Up
This year’s Fall Round-Up is going great. There are still many more opportunities going on for fall training. If your pack can benefit from another Boy Talk, please feel free to set it up with the school or have your District Executive set it up. There may also be kids who visit your pack from time to time. Have them fill out an interest form. In just the past two months, please share your ideas with us how we can get more kids to join scouting. Great ideas and determination have gotten us this far, so let’s keep the tradition going.

Fall Camporee
This year’s Camporee went great. Everyone in sharing the Smithville Lake campgrounds, the Pioneer Trails District had an outstanding turnout. Thank you to all of the leaders and boys who participated and to those who made this year’s Mountain Man Fall Camporee a success. Thanks go out to Mike Grimaldi and his excellent staff who worked many months to make this event the one to remember for scouts and scouters alike.

District Dinner
The Pioneer Trails District Annual volunteer Awards and Recognition Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 7th, 2004. Please be sure to promptly submit your nominations on unit recognition, as well as the District Award of Merit Nominations, to the attention of your professional representative.

Award of Merit Nominations
Do you know of someone who deserves District Recognition for all the “Above and Beyond” things they have done for your unit or district? Fill out a nomination form on this individual. Nominations are due by December roundtable to Bill Talboty.

Merit Badge Marathon
The Pioneer Trails District will hold the Annual Merit Badge Marathon on Saturday, February 28th, 2004 at Hogan Preparatory Academy. This is an exceptional opportunity to allow your Scouts to earn a lot of winter advancement. Due to the expected success of this event, please sign up early. Registration will be limited to the first 250. For more information, contact Matt Gertty at (816) 942-9333, extension 171.

Popcorn, Popcorn, Popcorn
Sales are coming to an end on November 9th and we are anticipating a Mail turn memorandum to turn in all your forms before this date and make sure that everyone who purchases popcorn gets their product. As you all know, there are many insect and rodent problems and your pack and scouts can benefit a great deal by selling as much as possible.

whitney.m.young@dcs.org

District Commissioner Meeting
February 28th – Deadline for all Prize Sponsors in the amount of $1,500 or $150 per person. For more information please contact Matt Gertty at (816) 942-9333, extension 171.

PIONEER TRAILS DISTRICT COMMITTEE
District Chairman: David Dinney (H) 816-753-0438
District Vice-Chairman: Fred DePee (H) 816-942-0675
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District Commissioner: Bill Talboty (H) 913-791-8141
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Scout Leader Training is a Must for All Leaders
Every Scout leader, whether youth or adult, needs to be trained for the position in which they are serving. This applies from the youngest Assistant Patrol Leader to the most experienced District or Council Commissioner member. The reasons are very straightforward.

The Scouting program, at all levels is much more sophisticated and highly developed than outward appearances would have you believe; and, different positions often have very different aims and methods. In order to be able to deliver the Scouting program as it is intended to Pack, Troop, or Crew members, each leader should have a first-hand working knowledge of the ideals, aims, and methods of their particular program as well as the specific needs and responsibilities of the position in which they are currently serving. Without that knowledge, a leader is not really a “Scout Leader” but simply a skills instructor or activity coordinator.

There is so much more to the Scouting program that escapes the untrained leader. It’s not going too far to say that an untrained leader does not have the necessary personal tools to deliver the Scouting program as it should be delivered. Leadership is leadership no matter what. In fact, untrained leaders, wherever the position, by their very fact that they are untrained cannot even help deliver a complete scouting program.

Trails West District develops and delivers quality training events when ever possible. In order to meet our district goals of having all leaders fully trained for their current position within 6 months of registering in the district the following training has been scheduled for the remainder of 2003:

11-1 Bow Wow (Council Event) Truman High School – Independence, MO.
11-6 (Roundtable) – Youth Protection Center of Grace Church 7:00 PM
12-6 Super Saturday (Youth Protection, Health and Safety, Climbing on Safely, Safe Swim Defense, Safety All Star, Safe Caving, Safe Fishing, Safe Trekking)., St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 79th and Lackman, Lenexa, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
12-18 Scoutmaster training will again be offered in January and February of 2004. Units needing “emergency training” contact for in 913.492.3880 or go@pioneertalk.org

Commissioners Team
“The Commissioner team continues to grow with the addition of Bill Vail to the roster. Welcome Bill, Commissioner Service is growing “emergency training” contact for in 913.492.3880 or go@pioneertalk.org

Day Camp 2004
It’s never too early to start thinking about Day Camp! Cub Scout Day Camp is fun and adventure with a purpose. Attending Day Camp helps boys stay interested in Cub Scouting over the summer when many packs do not hold regular meetings and activities. It also helps meet the need for summer programs that provide youth with engaging activities within a safe environment! Our programs are designed to focus on fun and outdoor learning experiences! Participation keeps the boys active in scouting and helps develops the boy and program for year-round operation. Our Day Camps are staffed with trained, qualified leaders who will ensure your Cub Scouts enjoy a wonderful summer-time experience. Day Camp Staff members are available to come to your Pack meeting, please feel free to set it up with the school or have your District Executive set it up. There may also be kids who visit your pack from time to time and have them fill out an interest form. In just the past two months, please share your ideas with us how we can get more kids to join scouting. Great ideas and determination have gotten us this far, so let’s keep the tradition going.

District Leadership
District Chairman: Ed Hedges (H) 913-768-1420
District Commissioner: Janice DeSalvo (H) 913-395-0005
District Chair: Charles Wunsch (H) 913-492-5878
District Chair: Dave Elsey (H) 913-829-4594
District Chair: Shawn Hudson (H) 913-254-9548

Calendars of Events
November
2 Whitney Young Jr. Dinner
6 Roundtable – Central United Methodist
9 Popcorn Sale Ends
11 District Commissioner’s Meeting – H. J.’s Activity Bldg.
18 District Commissioner Meeting - VFW Head Quarters
December
3 FOS Family Presenter Training
4 Roundtable – Central United Methodist
5 District Commissioner’s Meeting – H. J.’s Activity Bldg.
10 District and Family FOS Chair Meeting – Overland Park Cntv. Center
16 District Commissioner Meeting - VFW Head Quarters
January
8 Roundtable – Central United Methodist
13 District Commissioner’s Meeting – H. J.’s Activity Bldg.
20 District Commissioner Meeting - VFW Head Quarters
24 Merit Badge Marathon – Hogan Preparatory Academy
28 FOS Campaign Kick-Off Dinner - Overland Park Sheraton Hotel.

PIONEER TRAILS DISTRICT COMMITTEE
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The Grand Lodge F & A.M. of Pennsylvania awards this honor through the Grand Lodge of your home state. If you are a Kansas resident, your Grand Lodge can be contacted by mail or phone: Grand Lodge of Kansas, PO Box 1217, Topeka, Kansas 66601 (785) 234-5518

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