New Fieldbook In Scout Shops Now!

Copies of the new fourth edition of the Boy Scouts of America Fieldbook will be available for $19.95 are available now in the Kansas City Scout Shop. The publication is designed to be a more comprehensive reference for older Boy Scouts, Venturers, unit leaders, trainers, and other outdoor enthusiasts with intermediate and advanced outdoor skills.

Filled with inspiring and insightful quotes from well-known outdoorsmen, the book includes sections on:
- Leadership and trek preparation
- Leave No Trace
- Trek adventures
- Appreciating our environment

The Fieldbook’s 34 chapters cover a range of outdoor skills, including critical issues like backcountry hygiene and waste disposal, navigation, and monitoring weather. The book also covers high adventure possibilities like cave, sailing, and ski touring. Safety in the outdoors is another focus of the new edition, with chapters on search and rescue, extreme-weather traveling and camping, and water- related topics. Readers are also reminded that exploring the outdoors comes with the responsibility to be a good steward of its resources.

The Fieldbook features more than 500 full-color photographs of the great outdoors and more than 200 informative graphics. Plus, the BSA has developed a companion Web site (www.bsafieldbook.org) offering additional references and Internet resources. Special editions of the Fieldbook, including a hardcover edition, a coil-bound edition, and two limited editions (genuine cowhide and faux-leather bindings), are also available now in the Kansas City Scout Shop.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

May 1, 2004

Great things continue to occur in the KEEPING OUR PROMISE Capital campaign of the Heart of America Council. Construction has been staged and the plan has been to never begin anything that cannot be completed before the beginning of camp each summer. Here is an update on what you will find at each of our camps this summer.

At the Naish Scout Reservation, the Central Camp Campfire Arena seating complete, and crews are now working on the walkways, benches, and lighting. The walls are up on the courtyard Trades’ Tent and classrooms with logic and art will be such a large and nice addition to the Flag Mall. Negotiations with Bonner Springs on the new water system for the camp are progressing quickly, and could be completed prior to camp opening. Also, negotiations have begun with neighbors to the north on land acquisition.

In the Cub World portion of Naish, the campfire area has been completed. The Lost Mine trail will be completed in the next 6 weeks and construction has begun on two staff cabins for Cub World and administration building.

Planning in detail has begun for the following construction projects which will begin after the last day of camp this summer: 844-seat dining hall, larger swimming pool with a much improved bath house, new expanded camp office, a new relocated chapel, all in Central Camp, and the pirate ship and water park in Cub World.

At the Bartle Scout Reservations, three new and larger Mic-O-Say Lodges will be completed prior to June 12 along with four new houses constructed in Family Circle. Additionally, the cabins in both Sawmill and Piercing Arrow Staff Villages are in the completion stages and furnishings are being delivered. New Entrance monuments are awaiting lettering and totem poles, and Scout Camp Road has been paved from Iconium to Briley Creek, and soon, all interior roads will be top-dressed and treated with a dust retardant.

As far as the fundraising portion of the campaign, more than 400 people, corporations and foundations have contributed to Keeping Our Promise. The two “Dollar A Day” campaigns focused in Tamagotchi Lodge of the Order of the Arrow and in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say have had more than 300 individuals contribute at or above the minimum level of $1,096. The total raised to date is $13,826,449. To qualify for the $1,000,000 cash gift from Mabee Foundation, the campaign must generate an additional $3,000,000 before July 1.

If you have not contributed to the campaign yet and would like to, please contact the Scout Executive. There are naming opportunities still available.

A JOURNEY FOURTH

In 1804, the Lewis & Clark Expedition sailed up the Missouri River and camped on the banks that would become part of Kansas City. Venturers are invited to participate in this commemoration event. Earn this patch and become a part of living history.

Make a piece of regalia, weapon, or instrument worn or used by either the Western Indian tribes or the military of the early 1800’s.

HIKE OR BIKE

Either hike or bike at least five miles of the Lewis and Clark Historic Trail.

PRESENTATION

Prepare a presentation or skit on the Corps of Discovery (Lewis and Clark Expedition) to another group.

COMMEMORATION on July 3rd & 4th 2004

Either take part in a Lewis and Clark commemoration sponsored by the Journey 4th organization (www.journey4th.org) or take part in either planning or working on one of the events sponsored by the Journey 4th organization.

Name ________________________________________ Unit No. __________
Phone No. ______________________________________
Address _______________________________________

Please fill out the lines above with what you did to satisfy the requirements to earn the Journey 4th Patch and have your advisor fax it to 816-942-9086 to the attention of Britt Davis or turn it in at the HOAC Journey 4th booth on July 3rd or 4th, 2004 to receive your patch. All four requirements must be met to earn the patch. Deadline is July 30, 2004.

CONTACT: Britt Davis – 816-942-9333 x 124
Email: bdavis@ksmail.org
Boy Scouts of America
Heart of America Council
2004 Trail’s End Popcorn Sale

Pre-view of What’s to Come!

New Product
New Prize Program
New Timeline
New Mystery House Program
New HOAC $1,000 Seller Incentive Program

Important Dates to Remember

All Districts Except Pelathe

- Show N Sell Orders Due – Tuesday, September 7th, 2004
- Show N Sell Distribution – Friday, September 17th, 2004, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, September 18th, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Popcorn Sale Starts Saturday, September 18th, 2004
- Popcorn Sale Ends – Sunday, November 7th, 2004
- Final Orders Due to Council – Monday, November 8th, 2004 – Orders must include: a copy of your Unit Roster, Unit Order and Settlement Form, Prize Order Form, $1,000 Prize Program Form, and Scholarship Program Form. If you order popcorn and prizes on-line, please fax your Unit Roster, $1,000 Prize Form, and Scholarship Form to the council service center. The fax number is (816) 942-8086.
- Final Popcorn Payment Due – Monday, December 6th, 2004
- Final Popcorn Distribution – Saturday, December 18th, 2004
- Popcorn Payment Due – Friday, January 7th, 2005

DEADLINE for unsold POPCORN RETURNS – Friday, December 10th, 2004 (All Districts Except Pelathe)

DEADLINE for unsold POPCORN RETURNS – Friday, December 31st, 2004 (Pelathe)

DEADLINE for ALL PRIZE ORDERS – Friday – December 31st, 2004 (Pelathe)

Pelathe

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- Show N Sell Distribution – Friday, September 17th, 2004, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 18th, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Popcorn Sale Starts – Monday, November 1st, 2004
- Popcorn Sale Ends – Wednesday, December 1st, 2004
- Final Orders Due to Council – Monday, December 6th, 2004
- Final Popcorn Distribution – Saturday, December 18th, 2004
- Popcorn Payment Due – Friday, January 7th, 2005

Watch the June/July issue for your full KERNEL’S JOURNAL Insert!
Get a Leather Bead!

Bring your Cubs and Webelos in to learn about leather, its uses, where it comes from and how to 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.

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Camp Commissioners
Key Members of the Team

Ah, May! This month competes with September, I think, to be the busiest month of the year – especially if you have school children and Scouts in your family. As commissioners we need to be aware that unit leaders are particularly stressed this month. We are near the end of both the rechartering season and the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign. If your units have a spring recharter date, I hope you can see that they all were submitted on time and with Quality Unit status achieved. If you read last month’s article you know that these are our highest priority goals this year – NO LOST UNITS, on time rechartering, and more units achieving Quality Unit status.

May is also the month that both unit leaders and the commissioner team begin the final preparations for summer camp. Training sessions will take place and then commissioners will begin contacting unit leaders who will be bringing young Scouts to camp. Last year I suggested that campsite commissioners also contact the unit commissioner – with more information they are better able to serve the unit at camp. Likewise I asked the campsite commissioners to complete the summer camp evaluation sheets for each unit to help the unit commissioner know how his/her unit did at camp. I am asking for these to happen again this year. This information flow between commissioners is key to both the group’s ability to provide excellent unit service.

The campsite commissioner is in a unique position to observe the unit in a 24 hour / 7 day environment – Scouting in action. A unit’s performance in this environment helps a commissioner (district or campsite) to know what information and resources would be helpful to strengthen the unit even further. Feedback from this environment also helps the district know what leaders deserve recognition and what training programs should be organized to strengthen the district overall. I hope you can see how great unit service starts with good communication between these unit service teams.

Last year we learned that campsite commissioners needed a better information source from which to locate a name and phone number of the unit commissioner for the appropriate unit. District Commissioners have compiled this list for each district and we will get those lists into the hands of the reservation commissioners. In turn, the reservation and lead commissioners will be encouraging campsite commissioners to observe their units and share the evaluation back with the districts.

Campsite commissioners are asked to do many functions while at camp, including helping with the dining hall, parking and traffic control, honor camping program duties, etc. I support and participate myself in some of these duties when I am at camp. But a campsite commissioner’s primary job in camp is to help their units succeed at camp – and doing that job well involves frequent contact, building good relations with the unit leaders, understanding the resources available to the unit, and evaluating that unit’s performance and needs. Your job is key to having stronger units. I encourage you to use the resources of the group and make contact with unit commissioners prior to camp and carefully fill out the evaluations so that the district team can carry on the rest of the year.

Scout Night with the T-Bones Vs. St. Paul Saints
7:05 pm Game Time, Saturday, June 5, 2004
Community America Ballpark, 110th and State Avenue

Export I-435 in either direction. Exit West to State Avenue to 110th.

On this special night, you and your Scouts will receive reduced admission to the game. The T-Bones are also sponsoring an exclusive overnight experience for your Scouts. Their “Outfield Campout” package includes the following:

- Admission to the game
- Two movies on the Big Screen!
- Late night concession stand
- Breakfast on Sunday
- Event Patch
- Meet “Sizzle the Bull,” T-Bones Mascot

Tickets for the event will be mailed directly to your contact person. Please note that the grass/berm area is equivalent to General Admission or Standing Room Only. As well, lawn chairs and coolers will not be permitted into the ballpark for the game or campout.

New Summer Time Recycling Extravaganza!
Scouting for Cartridges is offering a summer bonus, Summer Time Rewards!

When we recycle, everyone wins. All Units collecting and turning in over 150 acceptable cartridges, between June 1 and August 31, 2004 will win an Ice Cream Party for their whole Unit! But that’s not all! The Unit collecting and returning the greatest number of accept-
able cartridges during the summer months will receive the Grand Prize of a Pizza and Pop Party for their whole Unit!

Please contact Tim at 913-307-2147 or visit www.scoutingforcartridges.com for details or to join Scouting for Cartridges.
Mic-O-Say 75th Anniversary Celebration May News

The grass is green, the leaves are out, the staff is (mostly) hired, and Scouting units all over the council are making preparations for a great summer camping season – the 75th Camping Season at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. The final preparations are underway for the 75th Anniversary of Mic-O-Say on June 12th. During the first week of June each person registered will receive a Mic-O-Say registration package in the mail. Inside this package will be their credentials to gain access to the reservation, their confirmation of their bus departure time and place (if they signed up for bus transportation), a special edition of Inner Circle magazine which will serve as our program pamphlet for the week, and a special insert to that inner circle which features other companies and individuals who, through their generous underwriting contributions, labor, or in-kind gifts, made possible the lower fees we all paid to attend this event.

Registration Validation

We heard that some of you did not know whether your online registration “took.” And since the fees go up on this month and up again on June 3rd (to encourage everyone to register early enough to permit us to prepare for the right size crowd), clearly it is important to know one way or the other if you are properly registered. To validate your registration, we took our entire registration list as of last week and posted their names on the website. Go to the 75th Anniversary section of the council’s web site and click on the link within the registration section to see if your name is there and make sure you are registered. Call the Scout office if you are not registered and don’t find your name. The list will be updated at least every other week as changes come in. This month our volunteer registration workers will begin preparing the registration packages for mailing, so you should check the list soon to make sure you are registered.

Registration Update

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the unit leaders who organized their youth registrations last month. Those young trekkers will thank you as well for making it possible for them to attend this very special event.

2,000 scouts have been registered to be on June 12.

Souvenir Apparel Deliveries

Reservation of 75th Anniversary souvenir apparel orders was delivered last month, and a third shipment can be expected in May. If you placed your order online before April 17, or left an order at the Tribal Roundup, we will make every effort to deliver your merchandise before the June 12 event. We will keep the souvenir items for sale all through the summer and will make deliveries whenever the order quantities are sufficient to produce the items.

Souvenir History Videos / DVDs Will Only Be Produced ONCE

If you have not ordered a video or DVD of Mic-O-Say’s history, with its sound clips, and captured film footage of the people, places, and events that made Mic-O-Say what it is today, then you need to get online immedi-

dately and order your copy. Orders will be taken online and down at camp only through the end of the Anniver-
sary Celebration on June 12th. After we have the video footage of the event that weekend to make our final chaps-
ters, the video will be produced and mailed to everyone who ordered one. To keep the purchase price low, we expect to produce and mail this ONLY ONCE. Don’t wait to decide. The $15 price is a very good bargain, and the value of this souvenir will only increase as you realize what a treasure of memories you have captured. Those who place their order can expect to receive their video or DVD before August 1.

Rededication Trek is Your Path to Diamond Anniversary Coup

t The Generations Past committee has put together a very special “trek” for you to follow when you get to camp on June 12. Beginning at Parry Lodge or that special place you spent your nights out, the trek continues to Blue Elk Camp, the new and old tribal lodges, the spiritual Blackwater Trail, She-She-Be Council Ring, the Point, the Paint Trail, Lone Bear Council Ring, and Heart-In-Hand Tipi. Bringing back memories of your long and hazardous trail to the inner circle, the trek will be self-led from a guide published in our program magazine. The committee, however, will provide guides at many of the stops to help point out key elements of our history that you may never have noticed very closely. Sure to be a meaningful experience, the Generations Past committee expects nearly every attendee to want to retrace his or her steps along the trail, to rededicate themselves to the commitments we have all made, and to receive your special Diamond Anniversary coveted cuffs from a chieftain near the end of the trek.

Second Annual Summer Blast for Venture Crew Members, August 13-16, 2004

As a follow-up to last year’s highly successful Ventura Bartle Blast, the Heart of America Council will offer a second, even greater Ventur-
ing Blast August 13 – 16. The program is jam-packed with so many activities for Venturers to select that the biggest challenge might be just what to chose, if anything, to do with all this. It is a very laid back time, with no pressures, no advance-

ment requirements, and no “score keepers”. The primary goal is for everyone to enjoy themselves and go home ready to tackle whatever it is they need to tackle. (Who said school?)

Smoke signals will indicate your registration is needed. The fee for both the Blast and the scavenger hunt is $50 for venturers and $30 for leaders.

Shooting Gun Merit Badge Clinic

Tony Adams & Friends

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Sporting Clays for Scouting

J une 18th & 19th, 2004

Thank you for your interest in the Shotgun Merit Badge program being offered at Deer Creek Shooting Club in Lenexa, Kansas. To ensure that quality instruction is provided, registration is limited to the first 60 Scouts that sign up, ages 14 and up.

Once registered, participants will receive a packet containing requirements and detailed instructions.

Registration is $25 per Scout, which includes one hour of safety instruction, a精度 preparation from HOC, certified instruction from a Forest Service certified BSA Merit Badge Counselor, ammunition, gun rental, and Saturday lunch.

Tours that would like to stay overnight on Friday may do so for an extra charge, for a total of $45 per Scout and Parent. All instructions will be conducted by 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, with registration proceeding by 9:30 a.m. Each participant must check in, follow their identification card, in order to participate in the merit badge program.

This event coincides with a charity duck shooting competition, which financially supports the Heart of America Council.

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BOY SCOUT

GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, May 17, 2004

Deer Creek Country Club

Play your favorite game... and benefit the

many fine young people in our community who learn and grow through the programs offered by the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America.

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

Skill Prizes – Putting Contest – Draw Prizes

Awards will be presented immediately following tournament.

Registration/Check-In: 7:00 a.m.

Shout Start: 7:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served after your round.

No Denim, Collard Shirts only, Soft Spikes only!

Registration Form

SPONSORSHIP AND TOURNAMENT FEE INFORMATION:

❑ TITLE SPONSOR – $12,000

 Tournament named for you or your company; entitles you to receive (1) complimentary tournament registrations.

❑ HOLE SPONSOR – $1,000

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❑ TEAM SPONSOR – $800

 Underwrite your own team of four golfers.

❑ INDIVIDUAL PLAYER – $200

 Register to play and we will place you in a foursome.

My check made payable to the Heart of America Council is in the amount of

$. 

Enclosed. (A portion of your fee-contribution is tax-deductible.)

NAME:

Company:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

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Email:

As a sponsor, we will contact you for the names of your complimentary registrants.

Send this form along with your check to:

Heart of America Council,

Boy Scouts of America

P.O. Box 414777

Kansas City, MO 64141-4177

Questions? Call Bob Hamlin at 816-942-9233 ext 121, email: rhamlin@hsbamail.org

“Tee it up for Traditional Values”
Community Service Day

Last month, approximately 8,000 Scouts and 4,000 adult leaders, in 320 Packs, Troops and Crews, ventured out into their neighborhoods to perform over 16,000 hours of community service. This year the SCOUTING FOR FOOD campaign collected items for distribution at food pantries throughout the 19-County area served by the Heart of America Council. Units are encouraged to visit the national community service website at www.goodturnforamerica.org to record their community service. This site is designed to track community service over the next six years. Information was distributed to units recently regarding site and how to use it. If you need additional information call your District Executive at the Council Service Center.

Sharing Native American Ways

The Heart of America Council and the Indian Council of Many Nations welcomed over 500 participants to the 20th 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 2005

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 2005 contingent on May 19, 2004 at the Council Service Center at 7:00 PM.

Each participant entered in the draw must be represented by a completed application and be ready to present a non-refundable deposit of $75.00 the night of the draw.

Applications for the Philmont Council Contingent are available in the Resource Center and on the council website (www.hoac-bsa.org).

Brownsea 22 Training

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

Brownsea starts on June 14, 2004 and ends on June 19, 2004 and will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. It’s purpose is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at it’s best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course, to have fun!!

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

BSA 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 7th through May 9th 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 – Was Wednesday, April 28, 2004 (Late fees now apply)

Cub Scout Day Camp – Wednesday, May 5, 2004
Bear Resident Camp – Wednesday, May 12, 2004
Webelos Resident Camp – Wednesday, May 19, 2004
Rotary Scout Camp – Wednesday, June 23, 2004
Venturing Camp – Wednesday, July 21, 2004

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

Powderhorn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout Leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High Adventure program in several ways:

- Help Venturing Leaders and Scouts to safely conduct outdoor activities of a fun and challenging nature.
- Provides an introduction to the resources necessary to successfully lead Venturers and older Boy Scouts through a program of high adventure.
- Familiarize the advisor with the Ranger Program so that he or she can help the Venturer meet requirements of the Ranger Award.

Advancement

In our continuing effort to provide information as effectively as possible, the EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT WORKBOOK is now available for downloading from the HOAC website (www.hoac-bsa.org).

The National Boy Scouts of America office has notified us that effective immediately all Eagle Scout Rank Applications must include the Scout’s full LEGAL NAME in the appropriate space on the application. Only the Scout’s legal name will be printed on all Eagle Scout Rank credentials.

Order of the Arrow

All Order of the Arrow members that have renewed their membership should have by now received their 2004 OA Membership Card. If you do not have your card yet, see your Order of the Arrow Troop Representative (OATR) or your Scoutmaster. The 2004 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. Don’t forget that due to construction at Naish through the Keeping Our Promise Capital Campaign, there will NOT be a Fall Induction. Arrowmen that became Ordeal members at Fall Induction 2003 are eligible to complete the requirements to become Brotherhood members during the 2nd and 3rd sessions of Boy Scout Camp. Contact your OATR for more information.

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 canbrow@bsmail.org. We MIGHT be able to use some of your pictures in future issues of Adventure in Scouting. The final fee payment for Bear Camp is May 12th.

Webelos Resident Camp

Soon Webelos and their leaders will descend upon Camp Naish to embark upon an adventure designed just for them. The theme this year is “Naish Knights”. Don’t miss what the staff have planned for you. The final fee payment and changes to the list of campers is due by May 19, 2004. Call the Camping and Program Service Department at the Council Service Center (816-942-9333 or 800-776-1110) or e-mail jbboness@bsmail.org for more information.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Each year volunteers in the 13 council districts coordinate and plan activities just for your Scout for Cub Scout Day Camp. As you probably already know, the theme is “Cub Odysseus”. Call your Cubmaster or District Executive to get your Scout signed up for 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 2, 2004 and continues through August 6, 2004. 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 (dboatrig@bsmail.org) or J Britt Davis (jbritt@bsmail.org).

Wood Badge Training

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 it’s maximum potential. This training experience is open to all adult Scouters registered in the Boy Scouts of America. The course will be held on two weekends (September 10-12 at the Rotary Youth Camp and October 1-3 at Rotary Youth Camp). Registration forms and additional information are available at your district roundtable, the Council Service Center, and the HOAC website. The course is almost 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 $200.00 (including non-refundable deposit of $25.00) and includes all meals and training material.

Bartle and Naish Calendars

Bartle Scout Reservation
Saturday, May 1st – WORK DAY
Saturday, May 8th – Staff Orientation
Saturday, May 15th – WORK DAY
75th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, June 12th

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
SPRING INDUCTION #1
April 30th – May 1st

SPRING INDUCTION #2
May 14th – May 16th

2005 National Scout Jamboree

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.
District Officers taking Oath of Office

Guest Speaker, Dr. James AnBuchon

Friends of Scouting

... have put tireless hours of work into making our campaign so successful in 2004. Because of your support, we are still raising money so that your boys can continue to enjoy Scouting. And we were also able to be among the first districts in the state of Kansas... winning T win Rivers District was able to complete its campaign earlier than ever. We were also able to be among the first district to complete our campaign. And because of your support, we are still raising money so that your boys can continue to receive the very best character education program in this community and throughout our country. Thanks go to all the unit leaders and community workers who have put tireless hours of work into making our campaign so successful in 2004 and to our Family Chair, Shellee Crosson, and Overall Chair, Dana Crawford, for their diligence in keeping the campaign on track and focused in its success. Finally, we want to congratulate the following units for their achievement of Free Rank Advancement for the rest of 2004: Pack 3065, Pack 3099, Pack 3100, Troop 100, 103, Troop 105, and Troop 106.

Spring Recruiting

As the warm spring and summer months come upon us, we all look forward to getting outside to relax or getting out of school. Before every one gets the different ways on the summer, we want to make sure we give more young boys the opportunity to get involved in Scouting as part of their summer activities. We will once again be conducting spring recruiting in an effort to give boys the chance to do some camping and swimming and hiking as part of our great Scouting program. More information will be coming in the next few months so make sure you updated at Roundtables. You can also contact Cortland Bolles at 800.776.1110 or Mary Ann Hodgson at 785.759.3238, Charlie Fiehler at 913.915.7500, or Cortland Bolles at 800.776.1110.

Friends of Scouting

Congratulations to all of you for your support of the Friends of Scouting Campaign during this past year! The Friends of Scouting... and were able to share that with several special guests for the evening including Mark Anderson, Philmont Director of Program, and our guest speaker, Dr. James AnBuchon, Vice-President of University Advancement for Pittsburg State University, Scout and past District Chairman in the Pittsburg area.

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Calendar of Events

May

1 BALCOO Training, Eisenhowen Elementary, Ottawa; 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
6 District Commissioner’s Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 6:30 PM
6 Roundtable, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
6 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
13 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola, 6:30 PM

June

3 District Commissioner’s Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 6:30 PM
3 Program Planning Fair Roundtable, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
3 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
7-10 Cub Scout Day Camp, North Lake Park, Garnett; 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
10 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola, 6:30 PM

District Dinner Recap

On March 6, 2004, T win Rivers Dis-
**Northern Tier**

**May Salutes**

This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight

Micki Anderson
Troop 93
Bradley Graves
Troop 395

Congratulations to you all from the Northern Tier District Committee and the Heart of America Council. We salute you!

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**2004 Pinewood Derby Salute**

Lightning speeds and outrageous cars were all the talk at Mision M All Saturday, April 27, 2004. It’s amazing just how much fun the Pinewood Derby can be for all ages. Gentlemen, start your engines. The day was celebrated with Cub Scout cheering as true racing fans, 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 Park Planner for allowing us to use their track for our racing extravaganza.

Congratulations to all the scouts who participated in the 2004 Derby. You are all winners in Northern Tier.

1st Runner Up
Dominic Bourgoin
2nd Runner Up
Todd Lemon
3rd Runner Up
Jason Younger
4th Runner Up
Joseph Blair
5th Runner Up
Zachary St. Claire

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**2004 Merit Badge Forum Salute**

The 2004 Merit Badge Forum was a huge success. The MBF was held on two Saturday’s, March 6th and April 10th, at Shawnee Mission NorthWest High School. We registered close to 600 Scouts from 36 Troops or Crews. Our Forum even attracted registrants from other districts. We offered 26 Merit Badges and 43 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 Commissioner Judy Tuckness
- Counselors: Chuck Davis
- Registration: Myrl Wear
- Booth Sales: Janie Lantis

Many thanks go out to the merit badge counselors, staff, and leaders, who gave so much of their time and talent to make this forum successful. Their commitment to Scouting is the main reason this event succeeded.

Look for great pictures of fun and fellowship in the June /July edition of Adventures In Scouting.

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**Northern Tier Day Camp**

It’s Just Around the Corner

The theme for the 2004 Cub Scout Day Camp is “A CEU BS O EXPE- DIATION, IN HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION”. The Northern Tier District staff is currently planning program for the hundreds of Cub Scouts who will attend camp this year at Shawnee Riverfront Park, on the south side of the Kansas River, West of K-7. Cub Scouts this year will be able to shoot BB guns and bows and arrows, work on Cub Scout belt loops, cook out, sing songs, learn about nature, make crafts, play games, and more. If you have not made plans to attend, you should! Camp is a wonderful part of the Scouting experience, and helps your pack earn the Quality Unit and Summertime Pack Awards.

For more information you can contact our District Day Camp Director, Dave Sultz at 913-381-7624 or ds123@aol.com. And his team are visiting packs to promote camp and tell you all the fun things we are going to have. Schedule your visit soon to get your pack excited about Day Camp this year, June 7-11, 2004. Can’t wait to see you there.

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**Friends of Scouting 2004**

We, in the Northern Tier District have the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is a vital part of our program that supports our leaders through needed training, preserving both the Knash and Babcock Reservations that we all enjoy year after year, and that needed financial help for camp, uniforms, or registration fees for those that may need help. Congratulations to the following units that have achieved their FOS goal and are now receiving free rank advancement through December 31, 2004.

- 185th
- 325th
- 283rd
- 3390th
- 684th
- 3751st
- 3684th

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**Calendar of Events**

**May**

- 1 Cub Scout Job Specific Training including New Leaders Essentials and Youth Protection Training located at Auburly United Methodist Church 79th and Nall.
- Training will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4:00 pm. Schedule for the day:
  - 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
  - 9:00 - 10:10 Youth Protection Training
  - 10:30 - 12:00 New Leader Essentials
  - 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch
  - 12:30 - 3:30 Cub Job Specific Training
- For questions or more information you can visit the HOAC Website hoac-bsa.org, and go to the Northern Tier under training. There will be able to download the registration form.
- 6 District Roundtable located at Village Presbyterian Church at 7:00PM
- 8 BALCO Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training located at Harmon Park Santa Fe Pavilion 78th and Delmar team – 5pm (Registration opens at 8:30 am). You can download this registration form from the HOAC Website under the Northern Tier Page and click on Training.
- 8 District Cubmobile Event Located at Heritage Park Shelter #14 16050 Pfummn Road. Check in begins at 8:30AM and the racing will run from 9:00AM-12 Noon. Cost is $2 per youth. For questions or more information you can contact Bob Pestheford, Cubmobile Chairman at (913) 901-8839 or email trnailman@wc.m.com. You can also visit the HOAC Website and go to the Northern Tier page to download the registration packet with the “how to” instructions to build your very own cubmobile.
- 13 District Committee Meeting, Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivera Rd., 6:30 PM
- 20 District Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 20 District Eagle Board of Reviews, Located at the LDS Church, 7845 Almim, 6:30 PM
- 22 Super Saturday training located at Shawnee United Methodist Church Visit the HOAC Website under the Northern Tier and visit the Training Page to download the complete schedule for Super Saturday.

**June**

- 3 District Roundtable/Program Planning Fair. Mark your calendars. At the June Roundtable/Planning Fair you will have the opportunity to visit display tables exhibiting every activity upcoming at your Roundtable, Pack and district, including the McKinley, pinewood derby, trailer, cubmobile, camping, tables for sign up including Popcorn, Friends of Scouting and your next opportunity for training, and so much more. This Roundtable is a must for everyone. It will be located at Village Presbyterian Church at 7:00PM.
- 7-11 District Day Camp located at Shawnee Riverfront Park. The site is an undeveloped city park (similar to Monticello from last year). It is located just west of K-7 on the south side of the Kansas River. Hours of Operation: Mon, through Fri., 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Wednesday is “Bring A Buddy Day”. Check with your Pack Coordinator for details. For Questions and more information you can contact Dave Sultz at 913-381-7850 or Chris Zoller at 913-322-4241 or email at e-mail: NTDayCamp@real.com . Also visit the Heart of America Council website for more information and important forms you can download.
- 10 District Committee Meeting, Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivera Rd., 6:30 PM
- 10 District Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 17 District Eagle Board of Reviews, Located at the LDS Church, 7845 Almim, 6:30 PM

**July**

- Note: In July we will not be holding Roundtable, District Committee Meeting, District Commissioner Meeting, and Eagle Board of Reviews. All district activities will resume in August. See you at our August Picnic/Roundtable August 6th. Location to be announced.
- 17 Annual Fishing Clinic at Reses Pond located at SAR KOD Par Trails Park located at park 87th St West & Lackman Road. Everyone is invited! Fun for the entire family! Fun for the entire pack! Remember to bring your fishing pole and all the goodies (fish ball) along with a sack lunch. (Start time 9:00am to 12:00 noon checkin at 8:30).
Cub Olympics

Cub Olympics is just around the corner. You signed up at the May Roundtable for this fun half-day event. Boys will be able to participate in the standing long jump, overhead softball throw, push-ups, sit-ups, and the 50-yard dash. The cost after April 30th is $5.00 per boy. Registrations can be taken the day of, but preferably beforehand. Cub Scouts will compete against other packs in the same age group. Cub Scout leaders are urged to participate, as events will be modified to fit individual needs or a median score will be awarded. Please identify any special needs or a median score will be awarded. For more details, contact your District Executive, at 816-942-9333x183.

Day Camp 2004 - Cubs on Expedition

Day Camp is almost here! Council staff is taking place on Saturday, May 1st at George Owens Nature Park. Even if you have been through this training before, it is still important that the Day Camp pack coordinator and all other walking leaders attend. Some slight changes have been made and we want everyone to have the most current information on how Day Camp will run this year. As you prepare for Day Camp, please remember that health forms and a complete roster of boys that are attending camp are due by the May 6th Roundtable to Marie Merz, Day Camp Registrar. Please contact Marie with registration questions at 373-4392. Den home setup day will be on Sunday, June 13th at George Owens from 1-4 pm. On the last day of camp, closing will take place at noon. Parents and family are allowed to join their scouts at 11:30 am for the closing ceremony and pack cookouts on Friday the 18th. One vehicle per pack will be permitted in the park for den home take down after 2:00 pm on Friday to volunteer to help or with general questions, please contact Dan Jackson, Director, at 690-5906, Mary Morris, Program Director, at 796-6657, or Frances Lyons, Staff Advisor, at 942-9333.

Calendar of Events

May

1. Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 8:30 am, George Owens Nature Park - Upper Shelter, 1601 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

6. 7:00 pm Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:30 pm Cub Scout & Venturing Roundtable / Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review / Youth Protection Training / Day Camp Walking Leader Training make-up—Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

8. Cub Olympics, 9:00 am, Bridger 8th Grade Center athletic field, 18020 E 78 Highway, Independence, MO

13. Day Camp Program Staff Training, 6:30 pm, George Owens Nature Park - Upper Shelter, 1601 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

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

20. District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm, Pioneers Ridge 6th Grade Center, 1656 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

31. Memorial Day - Service Center and Scout Shop closed

June

3. 7:30 pm Roundtable Program Fair / Order of the Arrow Chapter 6 Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review / Bingham 7th Grade Center - 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

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

13. Day Camp Den Home set-up day, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, George Owens Nature Park

14-18 Blue Elk Cub Scout Day Camp, George Owens Nature Park, 1601 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

Family Friends of Scouting

Thank you to all those who are giving, thank you to all those who have given, and thank you to all who will give. 2004 Friends of Scouting has reached 85% of its goal, but let’s not stop there. Because the job of a Scout is never done. Let’s give a special thank you to all the units who allowed our fabulous Friends of Scouting Presenters to come in and ask of you what we ask every year... for a helping hand. I am sure that our Scouts will benefit from everything that we have done so far and from everything that we will do real soon. If you are at all interested in giving any amount, please call Steve Livingston at 816-395-2774.

Cub Scout Day Camp

For all your young scouts who aren’t old enough for Boy Scout camp there is Cub Scout Day Camp. Cease the opportunity for your youth to enjoy 4 days of fun and adventure without leaving the comforts of Kansas City. This is the best program for Cub Scouts to have the excitement of camping and the convenance of home all in one. Cub Scout Day Camp will be held from June 14th thru June 17th, 2004 at Keen’s Elementary. Registration for Boy Scout Day Camp began on February 2nd at $45.00 per boy and was raised to $60.00 after April 21st, 2004. Information will be available at Roundtable or call Lisa Keister at 816-333-9393.

Spring Recruitment

The best time of the year to recruit youth is NOW and FOREVER. Though, there is no better time than now. Start now on recruiting youth for the summer, which will keep your Troop or Pack healthy and strong. If you need some assistance, feel free to call on your District Executives, Brian, Matt, and LaVar, who are there to assist your recruitment needs. Remember to encourage our Scouts to participate in Troop and Pack activities, as well as emphasize to them the importance of developing their character, good habits, citizenship, and respect. To contact your District Executives call: 816-942-9333.

Mic-O-Say

Remember the 75th Anniversary of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Tribal Feast begins on Saturday, June 12th at Bartle Camp Reservation. Please refer to your Cedar Smoke Magazine for more information.
Training

The training team has done an outstanding job training those volunteers who signed up for training. Thank you to all those volunteers who took the time to become trained so that their pack or troop is better educated and informed. If by chance you didn’t have the chance to become trained, feel free to check with other districts that might have trained available in the fall. Please consider providing a better program for your Scouts and keep them excited about Scouting. For more information contact Greg Carpenter, Training Chairman at 913-769-7975.

Pinewood Derby

Thank you to Paul Marr and the GM Fairfax Plant crew for putting on a quality Pinewood Derby again this year. Because of their great planning, there were 130 Cub Scouts at the race where they also raise over $20,000 for the Kaw District Community Campaign. GREAT JOB!

National Camping Award & Summertime Pack Awards

Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting is a year round program with summer being the highlight. This is the time of year when FUN is the word and the outdoors is the learning laboratory. Unit Committees and leaders should look at their youth and decide what activities planned to keep their youth participating in Scouting throughout the summer months. Cub Scout Packs, who have 50% of their membership participate in three events during the summer, can earn the National Summerpack Award. Tiger Cub packs also have opportunities to participate in a falls and pack activities; Tiger Cub Day at the Zoo is a great discovery experience for the Tiger Cubs and their adult partners. Throughout the year there are numerous discounted events designed to enrich Scouting. These include events with the KC Royals, Wizards, Comets, fishing derbies, etc. Troops determine summer camp assignments (so get your requirements in early).

September

Units will try to reach out to new members. Scouting monthly themes are used in meetings to help Scouts advance in rank to have fun. Program materials are presented in monthly roundtables and at Scouting magazine. Kai District schedules one of its two yearly training sessions during this month; this is an ideal time for new leaders to be trained.

October

Fall Camporee is a major attraction! Most units’ camp for the weekend and packs participate in day activities. Many packs have their own camping opportunity and program at the fall camporee. Tiger Cub Day at the Zoo is a great discovery experience for the Tiger Cub and their adult partners. Throughout the year there are numerous discounted events designed to enrich Scouting. These include events with the KC Royals, Wizards, Comets, fishing derbies, etc. Troops determine summer camp assignments (so get your requirements in early).

November

Units participate in Veterans’ Day ceremonies and parades. Units prepare to recharter 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 Pow Wow is held to provide helps and tips for new leaders.

December

Units have a holiday activity. Units routinely have special meetings (Councils of Honor) to reward advancement and recognize rank advancements.

January

Units participate in the K Lodger Day. You need to have your days ready! Kaw District has its annual banquet to recognize last year’s Eagle Scouts and to recognize outstanding adult leaders.

March

April

May

June

Calendar of Events

May

6 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable – 7:00 p.m. Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
6 OA Chapter Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
11 Joint Committee Commissioner Meeting – 7:00 p.m., 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
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17 Joint Committee Commissioner Meeting – 7:00 p.m., BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
21-25 Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Nash

June

3 Program Planning Fair, Edgewiseville Community Center, 786 S. 3rd St., 7:00 p.m.
10 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable – 7:00 p.m. Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
10 OA Chapter Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs, Kansas
17 Joint Committee Commissioner Meeting – 7:00 p.m., BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, Kansas
21-25 Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Nash
Camping Chairman for a number of years.

Webelos Woods

The Webelos in your Pack have some great camping opportunities this summer, beginning with Webelos Woods on May 22-23 at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake. More information is available at the District Roundtable and on the District Website (http://hoac-bsa.org/NorthStar.com) or call Steve Vaughn at 741-3847. Hope to see you there!

‘Cubs on Expedition’ Day Camp & Webelos Summer Seminar

It is not too late yet to get your Cub Scout Pack registered for the 2004 Day Camp ‘Cubs on Expedition’ - a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Bring your new Tigers through their first camping weekend. There will be more information at the Roundtable and on the District Website.

District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Rd. Youth Protection / Merit Badge Committee and Day Camp location.

Boy Scout Leader Staff Training is found at www.scouting.org/leaders/custinfo/

Community Service Day

Pelathe Scouts will use Community Service Day as an opportunity to continue offering our services to the areas food kitchens and pantries by making their Service Project Scouting for Food.

The Douglas County community benefits from the efforts of those who are hungry, and not able to provide for themselves. Please plan on making your unit a part of next year’s event.

Attention Retired

Retirement Day is an opportunity to give back to the organization that helped you achieve so much. We are very grateful for the efforts of everyone who volunteered in this year’s Service Day. We thank all of those who contributed to the Community Service Day. We are also looking for individuals to be a Scout Leader.

Summer Seminar

Day Camp & Webelos Summer Seminar

Bring your experience camping gear and old uniforms for the Boy Scouts of America to make some bargains on things you need as well!!

Wow, what a deal!! Find out more from Ms. Katie Scambors.

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District Commissioner

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District Commissioner

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District Commissioner

Colleen Chapman (816-453-0680)

Relationship

District Commissioner

Michael Arbin (816-781-9557)

Special Needs Training

District Commissioner

Joni Gleen (816-942-9333 ext 169)

Youth Protection

District Commissioner

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In the Spotlight

2004 Pelathe District Operating Committee

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Jim Oliphant . . . 452-4450 / jil Oliphant (452-4450) or Jon Geiger (816-942-9333) or see your Zone Chairman. We are doing very well on this year’s campaign - but let’s keep up the good work! Don’t forget the free rank advancements if your unit achieves its goal.

We thank Jeff Cook who served as the District Commissioner for a number of years.

We are also looking for individuals to be a Scout Leader. Interested candidates will work with at-risk youth as a Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Crew Advisor. We are also looking for individuals to work as a Crew Advisor or Assistant Advisor for a Venture Crew at the Northwest Division of Youth Services on Barry Road. For more information on either position, please call Matt Specht at 816-942-9333 or mspecht@bsamail.org.

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2004 District Pinewood Derby

On March 6th 75 boys representing 26 packs participated in the 3rd annual Red-Tailed Hawk Pinewood Derby. It was an exciting fun day of racing and it when the checkered flag flew the finalists were as follows.

1st: Andrew Owings
2nd: Martin Grant
3rd: Blake Bruning
4th: Danny Ramsey
5th: Zachary Case
6th: Andrew Owings

A special thanks to Cub Scout Pack 3425 for sponsoring the event again this year. They provided the manpower, set-up and a truly outstanding 6-lane aluminum state of the art track. Also thanks to the Blue Valley Baptist Church for providing us a place to have the derby.

‘Cubs on Expedition,’ 2004 Day Camp

Day Camp will be the week of June 14th thru 18th at Lewis-Young Park in Louisburg. Fun is a priority (camp director) and Trad Symon (program director) are preparing diligently to ensure a quality summer program for the Cub Scouts. If you are interested in serving on staff where the “real fun” takes place please contact Jeff Turner at 913 851-0747 or df5999@icxrr.com for further information.

Walking Leader training will be held at Lewis-Young Park on the 5th of June. At that time all walking leaders will receive all the final info and take a tour of the camp.

2004 District Awards Dinner

The red carpet was rolled out on February 28th at the Stanley Presbyterian Church for the annual awards dinner. Over 150 folks were in attendance and enjoyed a wonderful dinner, fellowship, and the recognition of outstanding adult leaders and young men who obtained Eagle in 2003. A special thanks to the two key gentlemen who made this event possible and successful, Gene Lamb and Ernie Lunford.

Award of Merit: Anita Guernsey, Paul Allers, Keith Sickenfeld
Outstanding Spouse: Jane Jones
Outstanding Chartered Organization: Kathy Eiseberg
Outstanding Cub Committee Chairman: Allison Tosdor
Outstanding Cubmaster: Jeff Turner, Eirene O’Liphant, Jerry Robinson
Outstanding D En Leader: Tracey Balkenbusch, Sheri Mondaio
Outstanding Webelos Leader: Julie Kantz
Outstanding Cub Committee Member: Steve Baranowski
Outstanding Boy Scout Committee Chairman: Larry Brunewell, Scott Wofford, Shut Conrad, Mark Trower
Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster: Scott Tobias, David Richards, Allen Robertson
Outstanding Boy Scout Committee Member: Barry Chapman, John Steever, Tom Bundy, Jeanne Schandel
Outstanding Venture Crew Advisor: Natalie Van Zyl
Outstanding Commissioner: Dick Greenda
Distinguished Commissioner Award: Dave Weerts, Steve Ward, Stan Lloyd

2004 Friends of Scouting

Congratulations to all of the units who have currently achieved their goal and earned the free rank advancement incentive. 3123, 783, 3200, 784, 3783, 85, 3785.

Stay in the Loop of Communication

Are you receiving all of the latest and greatest information regarding the Red-Tailed Hawk district and Hert of America Council? There are numerous ways to acquire current Scouting info, such as the district email group, district website, council website, monthly Roundtables and this newsletter. Please share these communications avenues with the leaders in your unit.

RT H Email Group: To subscribe email Dave Weerts at bsaeagle75@yahoo.com
RT H District Website: www.eagle-scout.org/RT H
H OAC Website: www.hoc-boa.org

RT H Roundtable Generally occurs the 1st Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center.

Day Camp

This year’s Big Muddy District Day Camp will be held at the Richmond City Lake, located between the High School and the M Idle School in Richmond, MO. If you have not yet signed up, it is not too late, 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 exists the boys and helps keep them active for another year. We have a great Day Camp staff this year with Jesse Woods serving as Director and Alan Boydston as Program Director. A lot of hours go into planning a quality program for Day Camp, so let’s show our support for Jesse, Alan, and the rest of the staff by getting your boys registered to go to camp this summer! If you have any questions, call Grant Dealy at 1-800-776-1110 and we will be happy to help you!!

Family Friends of Scouting

This year has been even a bigger success than last year on the Family side of Friends of Scouting. The family campaign reached 100% before April 1st this year; the fastest it has ever been done. Thanks to all of you who have already given. To those of you who have not and would like to, please consider a gift of $190, the cost to support one scout for one year in the scouting program. Any amount is helpful and appreciated. If you have not had the opportunity to give, please contact Grant Dealy at 1-800-776-1110 or gdealy@bsaemail.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 during the rest of the year. In order to help each year and requirements for Quality District, a bench mark; Chief Scout Executives’ Winner’s Circle requires us as a district to have a 2% growth in units and to register one more boy in each program than we did a year ago. Spring recruitment not only brings new boys into the program, but it also helps us bring back 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.
2004 Friends of Scouting

The victory date is almost here. May 12th is the date. The district's overall goal of $195,000 is in our sights. With just a few follow up phone calls, The Thunderbird District plans completing our goal, and we thank you all who have supported the Friends of Scouting program. Remember, “Friends of Scouting” is a key element in the financing of our Council and its programs. Let’s make sure that The Thunderbird District completes its goal on time and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Contact David Riker at 816-942-9333, ext 174 to check on the status of your unit achieving free rank. It is not too early to start planning your dates for the 2004-2005 Friends of Scouting presentations.

Thunderbird Web Page

The Thunderbird web page is now up and running. Training dates and registration forms to district event information are all available at www.hqbcg.org. Click on the District tabs and then Thunderbird to view the pages.

Training

The Thunderbird District has had successful spring training. Watch for dates to come in the fall to get your newly recruited leaders trained at their position. Way to go Kelsie and the rest of your team for providing the district with the knowledge to keep scouting growing.

Day Camp

Thunderbird’s Day Camp will be held on June 21-25 at James R. Reed Conservation Area. We will be located at the archery range. This years theme is a “Cub Expedition.” May new and exciting programs will be available this year. The conservation department is going to be a big help this year and they are very excited to have Day Camp out there. Day Camp now costs $60 to attend. Any new Cub scout recruited after April 21st that goes to day camp will only pay the $45 fee. Make sure to have your Cub Scout invite their friends to join cub scouts so that they can also attend day camp and enjoy the fun. If you are interested in being on staff, please contact David Riker at the council service center at 816-942-9333 or at driker@gmail.org.

Spring Recruiting

Make sure that you are planning a fun filled summer so that you can recruit new cub, scouts and boy scouts this month. You are more likely to lose any newly recruited scout if there are no activities for them to do over the summer. Cub leaders make sure to recruit those Kindergartners. As of June 1st they are eligible to become a Tiger Cub. If you have questions about spring recruitment contact your district executive.

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Cub Scout Recruiting:

Calendar of Events

May

1-2 Website Leader Outdoor Training Troop 300 Scout Cabin, 9:30am Sat.-12noon Sun., Pleasant Hill.

4 District Roundtable – 7:30 pm, Hickman Mills High School, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd (SW of 87th and Blue Ridge), Kansas City, MO

4 Youth Protection Training – 7:00 pm / Merit Badge Counseling Training / OA Chapter 5 meeting

8 Venture Leader Training, Troop 300 Scout Cabin, Pleasant Hill, MO 8am – 4pm

11 Commissioners Meeting – 7:30 pm, Council Service Center

17 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm, Our Lady of Presentation, Lee’s Summit, MO

June

1 District Roundtable – 7:30 pm, Wallace Park Pavilion, Belton, MO, June Program Fair

8 Commissioners Meeting – 7:30 pm, Council Service Center

21-25 Thunderbird Day Camp, James R. Reed Archery Range, Lee’s Summit, MO

June 21-25, 2004 Thunderbird Day Camp – Lewis-Young Park, near Louisburg, KS. Register now, with all the great events and activities planned for the “Cubs on Expedition”, how could you not attend? If you are interested in helping out with staff, please contact M. Ark Grant at 816-942-9333.

Let’s Put Our Hands Together For This Year’s Pinewood Derby Winners

Metcalf South MO became the racing track for this year’s Trailhead Pinewood Derby. The entire day was filled with fun, excitement, and anticipation. We had 64 racers representing 22 Packs. A special thanks goes out to the Pinewood Derby Staff and congratulations to everyone who participated. You are all winners! 1st Place Winner – Nathan Hansen, 3010 2nd Place Winner – Evan Aras, 3383 3rd Place Winner – Jake Caldwell, 3197 Summer then Fall

Now is the time to make sure that you are working on your plan for this fall. Do you have all of your leaders in place? Do you know what activities you are planning? You can always count on Trailhead fall training to get those new leaders going on the right path.

Trails End Popcorn

It is time to start thinking about will be your units Popcorn Chair. This is a great fundraiser that has no out of pocket expense and no eating out after you are done. For more information contact Rob Gilkerson at 816-942-9333.

Fall School Night

Please reserve July 27th at 7pm this will be the 2004 fall recruitment training. You will learn how to recruit all your boys and just as important all of the great leaders needed to run your program for the next year. It is extremely important that each Pack send the fall recruitment chair to this meeting.

Calendar of Events

May

1 New Leader Essentials Training, Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Job Specific

6 Roundtable, Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chap- ter, Merit Badge Counseling Training – 7pm – Christ Church, 91st & Nail

13 Commissioners’ Mtg. – 7:30 p.m. – Valley View Methodist, 95th & Antioch

13 District Committee Mtg – 6:30pm. – Valley View Methodist, 95th & Antioch

20 Eagle Board of Review – LDS Church (130th and Wornall) – 7:30 p.m.

June

3 Roundtable (Program Fair)

3 Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counseling Training

7-10 Cub Scout Day Camp – Lewis Young Park, Louisburg, KS

10 Commissioners Meeting

13 Mic-O-Say 75th Anniversary

17 Eagle Board of Review
2004 Trails West Cub Scout Day Camp

“Cub Expedition”

The west young man! Go west! Old Hondo must have heard about the 2004 Trails West District Day Camp. This year’s theme is “Cub Expedition,” so dust off those coonskin hats, hitch up the wagons, and blaze a trail to the Timber Ridge Adventure Center, in western Olathe, KS, June 14th through the 17th 2004. Remember, 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! Day Camp is open to all Cubs, Tigers through Webelos. Day Camp Staff members are available to come to your Pack meeting. Blue & Gold Dinner, or any other Cub Scout gathering to provide a presentation on Day Camp. Please contact Shawn Hudson (913) 254-9548 or email sgad@comcast.net.

If you are interested in serving on our 2004 Day Camp Staff, there are still positions open!

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Day Camp

positions open!

2004-day Camp Staff, there are still
Offered to our adult leaders, the Days may be a success but especially to Shawn Hud-
son for acting as the event chair and set-
ting up the camporee.

Friends of Scouting 2004

All units need to be signed up for their Friends of Scouting presentation by now. Remember,帮扶 rank advancement to all units upon reaching their Friends of Scouting Unit goal and Participation Goal to December 31st, 2004. For more information or questions, please contact Alan J Sanders at the Council service center or call M arlene Bean, our 2004 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman at (913) 782-3279. We, as the Trails West District have the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is such a vital part of our program in its help to support our leaders in their needed training, preserving both the Naish and Bartle Reservations that we all enjoy year after year, and that helped for camp, uniforms, or registration fees for those that may need a little help.

Trials West District Spring Round-Up

Does your pack need more boys? Do you want to get into your school and talk to the Kindergartners about the chance to join Cub Scouts this spring? If you have answered yes to any of these questions now is the time to call Alan J Sanders at (913) 431-8362. This spring is a great time to bring new boys and leaders into your unit for all the fun of scouting. It is also possible for the new boys to attend camp and help your unit earn the summer time pack award.

Calendar of Events

May

6 Roundtable, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
11 District Commissioner Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
20 Eagle Board of Review, Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Almane, Lenexa, 6:30PM (Please arrive 15 min. early)

June

3 Roundtable/Program Planning Fair, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
8 District Commissioner Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
17 Eagle Board of Review, Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Almane, Lenexa, 6:30PM (Please arrive 15 min. early)

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Community Service Day
Units all over the Lone Bear District participated in the Council Good Turn Project this year. Many projects were completed and with great success! Giving back to our communities is one of the most important aspects in Scouting. Special thanks to all those who participated and a Jerry Post for organizing the event.

Friends of Scouting

We are currently wrapping up the 2004 Friends of Scouting Campaign. Thank's to all who offered their support this year. Special thanks to Erica Collins and Gary Cover who had work and efforts have gotten us closer and closer to our goal with each passing day. Still have a ways to go but please contact Phillip Brockland at 1-800-776-1110.

Membership

Our spring recruiting drive is coming to an end. If your unit has not yet held a recruiting event now is the time to do so. Arrange a spring recruitment event through your school, Church or Community Center. Make sure to invite all prospective new members to partake in your units spring and summer time activities. Thanks to all of those who have helped with the event. Please make sure that all new boys have been registered with the council before they head off to camp!

Roundtable Meetings

If you have not made it to the Lone Bear District Roundtable, you are missing out. Come the first Tuesday of every month and participate in the planned activities and share ideas with fellow Scouts from the Lone Bear District. Kathy Cooper always has exciting programs planned for the Boy Scout Leaders. Tammy Kjos and Pamela Olive are bringing fresh ideas to the Cub Scout leaders. Come, Participate and see what you can do to improve your program!
2004-2005 District Program Planning Fairs

In June your district will conduct its annual Program Planning Fair. The planning fair is the place for your unit to receive information concerning the upcoming events, programs, trainings, and activities for the 2004-2005 program year.

The Heart of America Council will provide every unit a “program packet” containing vital information you’ll need to help plan your unit’s program for the upcoming year.

This is a meeting you will not want to miss. Whether you’re part of a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, or Venture Crew, we’ll provide you with the information you need to provide the youth in your unit a fun and exciting year.

For more information please contact your district executive regarding your district’s Program Planning Fair. Dates, times, and locations for all districts can be found by turning to your district’s page.