**TOP DISTRICT SELLERS**

- **Big Muddy**
  - Dylan Allen (Pack 4414) ........... $1,249.00
  - Blue Elk
  - Matthew Johnson (Troop 312) .... $3,602.00
  - Kaw
  - Zack Kincaid (Pack 3174) ......... $1,314.00
  - Lone Bear
  - Chad Nesbitt (Troop 1225) ....... $1,519.00
  - North Star
  - Aaron Stasiak (Pack 4376) ....... $2,525.00
  - Northern Tier
  - Kellen Mollohan (Pack 3050) .... $2,138.00
  - Pelathe
  - Ryan DeLaTorre (Pack 3072) ..... $2,039.00
  - Pioneer Trails
  - Joey Gamble (Pack 4016) ......... $5,638.00
  - Red-Tailed Hawk
  - Max Putnam (Pack 3123) ......... $3,075.00
  - Thunderbird
  - Adam Barry-Ford (Pack 4323) .... $3,727.00
  - Trailhead
  - Jesse Denton (Troop 37) ........... $1,349.00
  - Trails West
  - Robert Boschma (Pack 3087) ...... $2,626.00
  - Twin Rivers
  - Michael Moore (Troop 105) ....... $2,111.00

**TOP TEN SELLING UNITS**

- **Pack 4016** ................. $29,073
  - Pioneer Trails
- **Pack 4376** ................. $21,429
  - North Star
- **Pack 3385** ................. $18,230
  - Trailhead
- **Troop 1221** ............... $17,644
  - Blue Elk
- **Pack 3245** ................. $17,627
  - Trails West
- **Pack 4320** ................. $17,142
  - North Star
- **Pack 4323** ................. $16,819
  - Thunderbird
- **Pack 3010** ................. $15,884
  - Trailhead
- **Pack 3210** ................. $15,641
  - Red-Tailed Hawk
- **Pack 3240** ................. $15,571
  - Red-Tailed Hawk

**TOP DISTRICT UNITS**

- **Big Muddy**
  - Pack 4324 .................. $6,406
  - Blue Elk
  - **Troop 1221** .............. $17,644
  - Kaw
  - **Pack 3001** ............... $12,935
  - Lone Bear
  - **Pack 4399** ............... $6,772
  - North Star
  - **Pack 4376** ............... $21,429
  - Northern Tier
  - **Troop 351** ............... $15,321
  - Pelathe
  - **Pack 3072** ............... $15,093
  - Pioneer Trails
  - **Pack 4016** ............... $29,073
  - Red-Tailed Hawk
  - **Pack 3210** ............... $15,641
  - Thunderbird
  - **Pack 4323** ............... $16,819
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  - **Pack 3385** ............... $18,230
  - Trails West
  - **Pack 3245** ............... $17,627
  - Twin Rivers
  - **Pack 3101** ............... $14,544

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The top ten sellers are:

- **Joey Gamble** with $5,638
- **Adam Barry-Ford** with $3,727
- **Matthew Johnson** with $3,602
- **Preston Hereford** with $3,449
- **Max Putnam** with $3,075
- **Robert Boschma** with $2,626
- **Aaron Stasiak** with $2,525
- **Eric Dennison** with $2,444
- **Christopher Morrow** with $2,384
- **Brandon Enke** with $2,304
**Council Calendar**

**January/February 2005**

**January**
- 1 New Years Day, Scout Shop Closed
- 11 Exec Board Mtg, 12:00 p.m., KC Marriott Downtown - Harvest Room, 200 W 12th Street
- 12 Pow Wow Staff, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 14 Vtnrg Winter Odyssey, 8:00 p.m., Village Presbyterian Church
- 15 TN Work Day, 8:00 a.m., Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, 1100 Martinek Lane
- 17 MLK Day, Service Center Closed, Scout Shop Closed
- 18 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 p.m., HOAC Powell Training Center, 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 19 Naish Mant Dinner, 7:00 p.m., HOAC - Powell Training Room, 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 22 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 a.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- 22 Trainer Dev Conf, 8:30 a.m., Shawnee United Methodist Church 10700 Johnson Drive
- 22 Webelos Camp Draw, 9:00 a.m., Heart of America Council Office
- 22 Wbs Camp Draw, 9:00 a.m., Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd.

**February**
- 2 CS Day Camp Sft Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 3 New Years, Scout Shop Closed, Service Center Closed
- 5 Popcorn Pymt Due, 9:00 a.m., HOAC Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 8 8:30 a.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- 8 Exec Cmt Mtg, 12:00 p.m., Carriage Club
- 10 Pow Wow Staff, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 12 TN Work Day, 8:00 a.m., Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, 1100 Martinek Lane
- 16 Cncl Tmp Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 18 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 a.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- 21 Presidents Day-Service Ctr Closed
- 22 Rotary Cmp Sft Mtg, 6:30 p.m., HOAC Service Center 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 26 TN Work Day, 8:00 a.m., Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, 1100 Martinek Lane

**March**
- 2 CS Day Camp Sft Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 5 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 a.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- 8 Exec Cmt Mtg, 12:00 p.m., Carriage Club
- 9 Pow Wow Staff, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 13 Comm Coll, 5:00 p.m.
- 12 COPE/Climbing Weekend, 8:30 a.m., Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
- 19 TN Work Day, 8:00 a.m., Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, 1100 Martinek Lane
- 19 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 a.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- 21 COPE/Climbing Weekend, 8:30 a.m., Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
- 22 HRB Leader Orientation, 6:00 p.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, 5525 NE Scout Camp Rd.
- 22 Rotary Cmp Sft Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 23 BSCmpLdrMtBartle, 7:00 p.m., TBA
- 23 BSCmpLdrMtBartle, 7:00 p.m., TBA
- 23 BSCmpLdrMtBartle, 7:00 p.m., TBA
- 24 BSCmpLdrMtBartle, 7:00 p.m., TBA
- 25 Advance Cmt Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 26 COPE/Climbing Weekend, 8:30 a.m., Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
- 26 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 a.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- 31 Comm Coll, 5:00 p.m.
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Catherine Lippert
Larry Simon
The Employees of Info-Data Services
Norton, Norton & Noland
Rose Marie McGinness
Robert Triff
Smooth Propeller Corporation
Irene Delich
Cheryl Brozinic
Ron AND Anita Simon

Highlights of Summer 2004

For the Protestant Committee

The summer was mild, the weather was great and we have launched into new events at Bartle Scout Reservation. The Protestant Committee on Scouting began a “Leathers” program this past summer which was a huge success. This is a program which has been modified from a program from YMCA. The YMCA began their program to encourage and include all youth in a growth experience while at camp. They saw the need of a young man and met it with great success. The same could be said for our “Leathers” program. During the summer of 2003, Chaplain Cindy Cone, was asked by a leader why there were no Bible studies at camp or faith growth experiences besides chapel? Her answer, “No one asked”. And that began a journey to explore and develop a program for adults and youth.

Throughout the winter of 2003-2004, writing, editing, planning and training began. The “Blue Leather” was developed and in the summer of 2004, 200 adults and youth received their Blue Leather. The books, fish carabiner, and blue leather rounfer have found their way from coast to coast and requests continue to be received. The program works like this. There is a beginning gathering time with the camp chaplain. Leaders come together and are given fish carabiners, to be given to all participants, and the Blue Leather books for all participants and instructions in how to work through the materials. Leaders and youth work together through the materials, which focus on God, Loyalty to Country and Duty to Others. The intent is to put together the Scout Oath and Law into the reality of life and our faith. The leader is satisfied with completion, a blue leather rounfer is given to the youth and/or adult and a stamp or symbol is placed on that leather. The leather is then worn by the scout/scout as an outward symbol of an inward growth.

Each summer another leather will be added to the carabiner. Summer 2005, a Grey Leather will be added. Youth and adults will be able to work on both Blue and/or Grey during their sessions at camp. We look forward to seeing more of you in the coming summers involved in this program.

Summer of 2005 will also see expansion of this program to Camp Naish. Blue Leather material will be available for all Boy Scouts camping at Naish and we are beginning to work on a Leathers program for Webelos.

As a piece of the puzzle, an expectation of the program would be to begin to work on the Religious Award of your church. Currently God and Country classes are being held in North Star and are being coordinated by Jeff Cook. Beginning in fall of 2005, God and Country classes will be taught throughout the area, in order to help youth meet that expectation. God and Country classes are classes taught by instructors to all youth who are involved in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire, 4-H, or church youth groups. They are awards given by the church, recognized by the youth serving organizations.

We will be looking for additional instructors and counselor in training during the next year. If you are interested please contact Rev. Cindy Cone, 816-318-8060 or 816-694-5151 or Jeff Cook, 816-468-9232 or 816-616-6882.

Your involvement in both of these programs is encouraged as we continue to give opportunities to fulfill and live the Scout is Revere piece of our lives. All programs are open to all youth and adults, of all faiths. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Cindy Cone.
2005 Friends of Scouting Kick-Off

Friends of Scouting, the annual giving campaign of the Heart of America Council, will kick-off on January 26, 2005 at 7 pm at the Overland Park Sheraton Hotel. Even though this is the formal kick-off of the campaign for the Council, the district level campaigns began two months ago. Family presentations have been made and are still being made to Scouting families at the Pack, Troop, and Crew level.

The Family Campaign is expecting to raise more than $586,000 this year to support the Scouting programs of the Council. These programs provide young people with the values and character needed to grow into healthy adults. We hope that all families will consider a financial gift to support the Council.

To assist the Districts in their efforts to meet their Family Friends of Scouting goal, following the Family Campaign, the following Scouters have agreed to chair their districts’ respective family campaigns

**District** | **Name** | **Home Phone**
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Big Muddy | Brett Cooper | (816) 776-5637
Blue Elk | Bob Stikeleather | (816) 796-8902
Kaw | Rick Lockwood | (913) 684-2980
Lone Bear | Erica Collins | (660) 747-2847
North Star | Robert Morrison | (816) 741-5348
Northern Tier | Steve Brady | (913) 362-8441
Patelie | Chris Armstrong | (785) 842-4000
Pioneer Trails | Thomas Holley | (816) 942-1297
Red-Tailed Hawk | Tom Johnson | (913) 402-1212
Thunderbird | Leo Berroteran | (816) 353-5311
Trailhead | Larry Potts | (913) 383-3303
Trails West | Marlene Bean | (913) 782-3279
Twin Rivers | Tom Randall | (913) 294-9809

If you would like more information on the Family Friends of Scouting campaign in your district, please contact your District Family Chairman or call your District Executive at (816) 942-9333.

**Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award**

Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boy will receive the pocket flap award, which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap. Leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year.

**Requirements**

**All Ranks**
Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp.

**Rank Specific**

**Tiger Cubs.** Complete one requirement in Achievement 5, “Let’s Go Outdoors” (Tiger Cub Handbook) and complete three of the outdoor activities listed below.

**Wolf Cub Scouts.** Asemble the “Six Essentials for Going Outdoors” (Wolf Handbook, Elective 23b) and discuss their purpose, and complete four of the outdoor activities listed below.

**Bear Cub Scouts.** Earn the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Award (Bear Handbook, Elective 25h) and compete five of the outdoor activities listed below.

**Webelos Scouts.** Earn the Outdoorsman Activity Badge (Webelos Handbook); and complete six of the outdoor activities listed below.

**Outdoor Activities**

With your den, pack, or family:

1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.
2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.
3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.
4. Attend a pack overnighter. Be responsible by being prepared for the event.
5. Complete an outdoor service project in your community.
6. Complete a nature conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.
7. Earn the Summertime Pack Award.
8. Participate in a nature observation activity. Describe or illustrate and display your observations at a den or pack meeting.
9. Participate in an outdoor aquatic activity. This can be an organized swim meet or just a den or pack swim.
10. Participate in an outdoor camp fire program. Perform in a skit, sing a song, or take part in a ceremony.
11. Participate in an outdoor sporting event.
12. Participate in an outdoor Scout ‘s Own or other worship service.
13. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules.
Internet Rechartering Update

We are very excited about this new method to recharter our Scouting units. As with all new programs, there are issues that need to be worked through.

The following are things for you to keep in mind when you process your unit’s recharter electronically:

- **Computer processing requirements:** Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.5 or higher and no other browser will provide full functionality. The system will work with a minimum 56-KB dialup.
- **Do not use any punctuation in fields when entering names, addresses, etc.** This will cause problems in processing your recharter in ScoutNet. For example: addresses will not certify and mail may not be delivered to your members.
- **Webelos transferring at recharter:** If the pack and troop have the same recharter month, the troop will have to pay the $10 registration fee. You cannot transfer the Webelos for $1.
- **Do not change names to reflect nicknames in member files.** Please leave the names as they are in ScoutNet unless a name is misspelled.
- **If your unit needs to reset its information, it has to be done before you submit your recharter. Keep in mind that once it has been reset, you must go in as a first time user again.** After it has been submitted it cannot be reset. Any changes after that point will need to be made on their printout.
- **Leaders who are re-registering may change positions at recharter time only without new applications.** The Executive Office signs off on the recharter approving changes.
- **Keep passwords simple (something you will remember) and all letters either lowercase or uppercase.**
- **If using Packmaster or Troopmaster go to their website at www.troopmaster.com and download any patches out there that you have not downloaded. Do this prior to trying to upload their recharter.**
- **If your unit is changing their IH and CR positions to any adults you process. Failure to do so will cause “bad” background check report for that adult. If your unit has a new IH and you don’t have their SS#, please leave that field blank. Do not make up a SS#. The message it gives is only a warning and not an error.**
- **You cannot multiple leaders in the same unit in more than one position. The only exception is the IH and CR positions.** If you multiple a in leader two positions we will delete the multiple position.

For more information contact:
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The Heart of America Council
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(816) 569-4955
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Nikki Kendrick
(816) 569-4925
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75th Anniversary Awards

Cub Scouts
For Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts

Complete requirement 1 and five other activities.
1. Participate in a pack, district, or council celebration commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. (This could be a blue and gold banquet.)
2. With an adult family member, talk to someone who was living in 1930 when Cub Scouting was founded. Find out what life was like for that person as a child — games played, subjects studied in school, family pastimes, and such. Draw a picture illustrating one of these activities.
3. With your den or family members, take part in a skit, song, or ceremony or tell a story about the history of Cub Scouting or the values it represents.
4. Make a puppet showing one of the characters from Rudyard Kipling’s The Jungle Book. You can learn about these characters in the Cub Scout handbooks. Use your puppet in a puppet show.
5. Draw an illustration of the United States flag as it looked in 1930. Explain what changes have been made in the flag since then and why. Tell how you can show respect for the flag.
6. Participate in a pack, district, or council derby. Decorate your entry to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.
7. Choose a sport from the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program. Learn about someone who has played this sport during the past 75 years. Play the sport with your den, pack, friends, or family.
8. Learn how some methods of transportation have changed in the past 75 years. Create a model or sculpture of one means of transportation that was used in 1930.
9. List five methods of communication commonly used today. Tell how many of these existed in 1930. Use one method of communication to invite a non-Scouting friend to a 75th Anniversary event and invite him to join.
10. Design a greeting card for the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. Send the card to a friend or relative, with a note telling them about your favorite Cub Scout activities and why Cub Scouting is important to you.

Cub Scout Packs
For each youth and adult member of qualifying packs

Complete requirement 1 and five other activities.
1. Hold a blue and gold banquet celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.
2. Conduct an open house or recruiting event (an indoor event or held outdoors at a local park or other facility) to introduce new families to Cub Scouting and emphasize how Scouting’s values have remained constant throughout Cub Scouting’s 75-year history.
3. Take part in a parade or other community event through which your pack can promote the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.
4. Conduct a pack derby in which boys are encouraged to decorate entries with a 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting theme.
5. Using the history of Cub Scouting as the theme, conduct an outdoor campfire program.
6. Conduct a pack service project, such as Good Turn for America, that promotes and reinforces the concept of 75 years of Cub Scouts helping others. As a pack, contribute at least 75 hours of service.
7. Work with your chartered organization to recognize Cub Scouting’s 75th Anniversary in the organization’s correspondence, newsletters, or other media.
8. Prepare a photo display for your chartered organization or other community location, highlighting activities of your pack today and in years past. This may also include photos from other family members who were in Scouting.
9. At your charter event, hold a banquet or other event to recognize the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. The historian may add to an existing scrapbook or history or may begin a scrapbook or other record that the pack can build on in the future.
10. At your chartered organization, local park, or other community site, plant a tree to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.

Cub Scout Families
For all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and family members

Complete requirement 1 and five other activities.
1. Participate in a pack, district, or council celebration commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. (This could be a blue and gold banquet.)
2. Invite another family to attend a 75th Anniversary event or activity to learn more about Cub Scouting and how to join.
3. Visit a business, landmark, or other site or structure in your community that is at least 75 years old. Talk to a representative about how the location has changed in the past 75 years.
4. As a family, make a list of household items that would not have existed 75 years ago. Discuss what might have been used instead and how life was different without these items.
5. Bake a cake, pie, cookies, or other dessert using ingredients that would have been available 75 years ago. Decorate the dessert with a Cub Scout theme.
6. Start a family scrapbook, or add to an existing one. Include photographs or memorabilia from at least six different Scouting activities.
7. As a family, read an article together from Boys’ Life magazine (accessible via the Internet at www.boyslife.org). Talk about how this article would have been different had it been written 75 years ago.
8. Draw a family time line going back at least 75 years. Include significant dates such as birthdays, weddings, and when family members joined Scouting. Mark 1930 as the year Cub Scouting began.
9. As a family, read an article together from Boys’ Life magazine. Discuss how the uniform has changed. Have each family member draw a picture of what they think the Cub Scout uniform might look like 75 years in the future.

Cub Scout Leaders
For any registered leader who works with Cub Scouts

Complete requirement 1 and five other activities.
1. Participate in a pack, district, or council celebration commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. (This could be a blue and gold banquet.)
2. Create posters, fliers, or other media to promote 75th Anniversary celebration events and/or awards at three den, pack, district, or council events.
3. Serve on a committee in your pack, district, or council to plan an event to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting (different from activity 1).
4. Learn about a game that boys played in 1930. Teach the game to Cub Scouts at a den meeting, pack meeting, camp, or district activity, or to a group of leaders at a training event or roundtable.
5. Using materials that would have been available in 1930, teach a craft to Cub Scouts at a den meeting, pack meeting, camp, or district activity, or to a group of leaders at a training event or roundtable.
6. Learn a song that was popular in 1930. Teach the song to Cub Scouts at a den meeting, pack meeting, camp, or district activity, or to a group of leaders at a training event or roundtable.
7. Take photographs or write an article about how your den, pack, district, or council is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. Submit to a local newspaper for publication.
8. Create a costume and wear it to tell a story about the history of Cub Scouting to Cub Scouts at a den meeting, pack meeting, camp, or district activity, or to a group of leaders at a training event or roundtable. (Resources include youth handbooks and Cub Scout Leader Book.)
9. Invite a career professional (firefighter, police officer, banker, retail professional, etc) to speak at a Cub Scout activity or training event, highlighting how his/her profession has changed in the past 75 years.
10. Read Rudyard Kipling’s The Jungle Book to familiarize yourself with the characters Baden-Powell incorporated into Cub Scouting.
Brownsea NYLT National Youth Leadership Training

Brownsea NYLT National Youth Leadership Training is an intensive six-day outdoor training experience for young men in support of the Scoutmaster’s responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders. The training is conducted by the Heart of America Council Training Committee, which uses the NYLT outline, approved by the Boy Scouts Division of the BSA.

This year’s course will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation from June 12th to June 17th. The purpose of this Training 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 its best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course to have fun!! Registration forms will be available soon on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org or visit the Council’s Resource Center.

Wood Badge Training

Wood Badge Training is an experience like no other!

You will take part in classroom training followed by training and fun in the outdoors with your patrol. You will learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to its 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 this fall. The course will be held at the Rotary Camp facility in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Registration forms and additional information are available at your district roundtable, the Council Service Center and on the council’s website. You are not required to have camping or Scout Craft skills in order to enjoy this ultimate training experience, however you need to be training in your current registered position. The objective of the course is to help you learn to be a more effective leader. You will experience professional environment with knowledgeable and skilled trainers using the most modern and effective training techniques and material. The fee for the course is $25.00 and includes all meals and training material.

Rotary Scout Camp

Rotary Scout Camp is the HOAC long-term resident camp for special needs Scout. This camp is held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility, located in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Volunteer staff members are currently being recruited. Unit staff members work one-on-one with campers during the week of camp. Staff members must be at least 14 years old, registered Scout or Scouter. If you have questions regarding Rotary Camp or want to schedule an interview to be on staff contact Brian Tobler at the Council Service Center or btobler@bsamail.org.

2005 Rotary Camp

We are excited to announce some changes for Rotary Camp in 2005. First, the new dates of Rotary Camp for 2005 will be Monday, June 27th to Friday, July 1st. As many of you may already know, the dining hall at Rotary Camp has been torn down in order make room for a bigger and better dining hall. This will allow us to camp more Scouts in 2005, as we plan on increasing our number of campers from 50 to 65! Since we have a 1 to 1 ratio at Rotary Camp, more campers will require more staff. If you are interested in serving on Rotary Camp Staff in 2005, you can download the Staff Application from the council website. Rotary Camp Staff will be required to be at camp from Friday, June 24th to Saturday, July 2nd. Should you have any questions regarding Rotary Camp, please contact Brian Tobler at (816) 569-4985.

Order of The Arrow - High Adventure Opportunities

Can’t get into Philmont? Your troop is not going to Florida Sea Base, but you are still looking for a high adventure opportunity. The Order Of The Arrow may have an opportunity for you. There are opening at the Philmont Scout Ranch for trail crew, the Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier, and the new Ocean Adventure program at Florida Sea Base. All of these programs are held during the summer of 2005, and are filling up fast. You need to be at least 16 years old by the day you start your program, but not yet 21. For an application contact Heart Of America Council camping services 816-942-9333

VFW and Naish Flag Mall

The Bonner Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6401 has agreed to help fund the renovation of the Naish Scout Reservation Central Camp Flag Mall. Plans include new flagpoles in the center with a rock wall and plaque honoring Veterans surrounded by a split rail fence.

For more information on how you can help, contact Jim Jenkins at (913) 441-1234.
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MOS Tribal Council Recommendations

Recommendations for Mic-O-Say Tribal Council are due by March 1, 2005. All recommendations received on or before March 1st will be considered for the 2005 camping season. By action of the Council of Chiefs, recommendations received after the deadline will be returned and must be submitted for the following camping season. Please do not attach extra information to the recommendation, as it will be returned to the sender. Additionally, recommendations must be on the most recent version. Recommendation forms are available on the council website or at the Council Service Center.

2005 Long Term Camp Leaders

David Allen  HRB Reservation Director
John Christiansen  HRB Reservation Ranger
Michael Finn  HRB Food Service & Sawmill MOS Advisor
Merlyn Grubb  MOS Recording Medicine Man & Lone Star MOS Advisor
Barry Morris  HRB Reservation Commissioner & Admin Director
Bruce Reed  Piercing Arrow MOS Advisor
Michael Rodak  Lone Star Camp Director
Fred Hack  Piercing Arrow Camp Director
Rich Weiland  Sawmill Camp Director
Wayne Weimer  Assistant Reservation Director - Facilities
Dave Woodman  Directing Medicine Man
Ron Johnson  Reservation Program Director
Jonathan Bonness  TN Reservation Director
Seth Bundy  TN Program Director
J D Jones  OA Lodge Chief
Richard Ledgerwood  TN Reservation Ranger
To Be Determined  TN Camp Director
John Jones  TN Reservation Commissioner
Brian Tobler  Rotary Staff Advisor
Tom Sheeley  Rotary Camp Director
David Allen  Venture Camp Advisor
Sue Grote  Venture Camp Director.

Attention All Arrowmen!

One of the ways for your troop to help these ScoutReach troops would be to become a Host Troop. A host troop would invite the ScoutReach Troop on their monthly camp out, or upcoming event. Additionally, the host Troop may visit the ScoutReach troop and put on the program for the night.

If you think your troop would like to be involved in this program, please contact Jonathan Bonness at the council office (816-942-9333) for a Scout Reach Troop near you.

The Heart of America Council's ScoutReach committee has partnered with the Order of the Arrow to provide summer camp to all Scouts in the Urban Core of Kansas City. The primary goal is to have 100 Scouts in the Urban Scouting program attend summer camp at Camp Naish the third session, June 26th through July 2nd, 2005. 150 Urban Scouts will be invited to attend the induction weekend on May 2nd in the hopes of motivating the Scouts to return for the third session.

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LOCATIONS FOR DAY CAMPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER or you can contact your District Executive for more information.

BOY SCOUT ROTARY CAMP

J une 27 - J une 1, 2005 at Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit

VENTURE CAMP

May 31 - J une 3, 2005 at H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
Congratulations! Congratulations to Gary Bloomer for being named Scouter of the Month in November.

Congratulations also to Verlee Gilkerson who was awarded the Venturing Leadership Award at the Heart of America Council Annual Business Meeting & Recognition Dinner on November 17 as well as Thomas F. Lano and Dr. Norman A. Smith, Jr., who were the latest North Star recipients of the Silver Beaver Award.

Thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your units, your North Star District, and your Council!!

Upcoming Training

Monthly training opportunities at each month’s Roundtable include Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials and Merit Badge Counselor Training. Don’t forget the Youth Protection and Fast Start training that can be done online.

Cub Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:

- Jan. 22, Complete Training - Youth Protection, Fast Start, New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific, 8:00 a.m., Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd.
- March 29, Cub Leader Training - Youth Protection, Fast Start & New Leader Essentials, TBA
- April 5, Cub Leader Training - Leader Specific, TBA
- April 29, BALOO Training. 8:00 a.m., Gloriaville Lutheran Church, 5409 NW 72nd St.
- Contact Fred Hack at 452-3036 for Cub Scout Leader Training info and Steve Vaughn at 741-3847 for BALOO Training info.

Boy Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:

- March 29, Boy Scout Leader - Troop Operations 1, TBA
- April 5, Boy Scout Leader - Troop Operations 2, TBA
- April 12, Boy Scout Leader - Committee Operations, TBA
- April 23-24, Boy Scout Leader Campout, TBA
- Contact John Cookinham at 587-1695 for information.

Venturing Leader Training is scheduled as follows:

- March 29, Venturing Leader, TBA
- Contact Matt Specht at 569-4966 for more information.

Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby for the Internationally Famous North Star District is scheduled for January 22 and will be held at Kelsey Shore Youth Camp on Smithville Lake. Find out more at the January Roundtable or check the district website. For more information contact Howard Scott at (816) 436-9370 or Jon Geiger at 569-4932.

District Recognition Dinner

The District Recognition Dinner will be held January 29, 2005, 6 p.m. at the KC Marriott. More information is available at the January Roundtable or on the district website regarding signing up for the Dinner. Highlights of the Dinner include recognition of new Eagle Scouts and all units are encouraged to bring their new Eagles. Also, the H. Virgil Bower Unit Leader Award and the District Award of Merit will be presented, as well as the Awards for the Outstanding Pack, Troop and Crew of the Year. For more information contact Jason Scott at (816) 569-4969.

Annual Mall Show

The 2005 North Star District Mall show will be in a new location – the Metro North Mall at Barry Road & 169 Highway. The theme is “It’s a Scouting Celebration” based on the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. February 5th is the date, so plan now to come and show off your unit – Pack, Troop or Crew – and why not try to recruit new scouts? It’s a great opportunity to celebrate and show what a fun and meaningful experience Scouting can be.

As in past years, the District Pinewood Derby will be held on Friday, Feb. 4 and all day Saturday, under the direction of Jeff Cook.

Unit registration forms and District Pinewood Derby information will be available at the January Roundtable and will soon be online on your District Activities webpage. For questions, contact Jill Cook, evening phone 468-9232 or jcook@kcerr.com.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Plans are being made now for the “Diamonds in the Rough” Cub Scout Day Camp in June. New Tigers (going into 1st Grade), Wolves (2nd), Bears (3rd) and Webelos (4th & 5th) are welcome to participate in field sports (BB gun shooting, archery and more), scouting skills (such as cooking, compass work and more), crafts and games. This will include a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting and will give the Cubs an opportunity to earn advancement and some special awards while they are having FUN!

Your Day Camp Director is Jeff Tyler (816-505-2015; jtyler@kcerr.com); Program Director is Jill Cook (816-468-9232; jillc@kcerr.com) and your Staff Advisor is District Executive Jon Geiger (816-569-4932; jgeiger@bsamail.org). Please contact any of them if you have questions or if you would like to serve on staff.

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2005 Friends of Scouting Presentations

This is a fast past exciting fundraising campaign and we want you to be a part of it. We have already raised 13% of our 2005 Family Friends of Scouting Goal. Now is the time to contact Rick Lockwood 913-6842980 or Dusty Boatright 816-569-4967 to reserve your FOS presentation. Don’t miss out on a great presentation and an opportunity to give back to scouting.

Follow the link below to info on Webelos to Scout Transition http://www.scouting.org/boy scouts/resources/18-086/.

New District Staff

Please welcome Khary Floyd he will be joining our District Staff on January 1, 2005. Khary is a graduate of Hampton University, Virginia with a Major in English and Minor in Spanish. He also has a Masters from Avila University in International Business.

Commissioner: The First Call for Help

You may have wondered, whom do I turn to for help and info? A Unit Commissioner. They are the first call for help. You are also probably asking yourself who is my unit commissioner? That question is a little harder to answer. We have lots of them but not enough to go around. We need experienced Scouters to be a resource for units in need. If you know of someone or your self would like more information please contact Susan Rodgers 913-682-1000 or Dusty Boatright 816-569-4967 for your free no obligation consolation.

Fall Camporee

Thanks to all the Scouts and Scouters who made the Fall Camporee a success. A special thanks to Dan Hammond and Tony Lewis and their crew for all their hard work.

Webelos Woods

Thanks to Bob Sixta and his team for a great event, everyone is looking forward to next year.

The Kaw District Annual Election

We have a few changes and additions to the Kaw District Committee. New this term is Mike Henre, Advancement Chair. New position this term, Dan Hammond Activities, Bob Sixta Kaw Sprit Team. Please join me in thanking all our District Committee Members and Members at Large for all their hard work over the past year.

Kaw District Pinewood Derby

General Motors Derby - Fairfax District Saturday, March 12, 2005

On Saturday, March 12, 2005, the Kaw District conducted its 6th annual Pinewood Derby Race at the General Motors Fairfax Plant. This joint venture allowed Cub Scouts from Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties to race their gravity-propelled pinewood cars that they designed and carved with the assistance of their parents against one another. All Cub Scouts received a patch, ribbon, a bag full of giveaways, and were guaranteed three races. The owners of the three fastest Cub Scout cars all received trophies.

As an added attraction, several companies from the Fairfax Industrial area sponsored a car in the fourth annual Corporate Pinewood Derby Race. This corporate race were conducted following the Cub Scout races, and featured specially crafted pine wood derby cars in which adults of the various departments from General Motors and other area businesses competed against one another.

As a result of the corporate sponsorships and participation this event raised over $25,000 to ensure a quality summer camping experience for young men who otherwise could not afford this opportunity. Registration forms information will be distributed soon.

Annual Recognition Dinner

The Kaw District would like to invite you and your family to celebrate another Successful Quality program year. We will be having Dinner at the Great Wolf Lodge and a great Awards Program on Saturday, January 22nd, 2005 The Cost is $20.00 per person. (Cost covers meal and drinks.) Reservations are required. For more information please contact Sharon Thebo 913-287-2278.

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Rehm's Park Southern Baptist: 913-422-5052
Pratt Ave & Garfield St
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

This is our new home for directions or questions contact Charles Vonderheid 816-569-4949

Kaw Events

January

6 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m. Rehm's Park Southern Baptist: Pratt Ave & Garfield St Bonner Springs, KS 66012
8 District Planning Conference
13 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS
15 Klondike Derby Flyer and info at Round Table
22 Annual Recognition Dinner

February

3 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m. Rehm's Park Southern Baptist: Pratt Ave & Garfield St Bonner Springs, KS 66012
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A Message From
the District Chairman

To my entire fellow Scouters in the Big Muddy District, I would like to introduce myself. To those who may not know me, I am a long-time Scouter in the Big Muddy District, I live in Wellington, MO, where I own and operate Thomas L. Hodson Insurance. My daytime phone number is 816-934-8344. I look forward to working with the people of the Big Muddy District.

Thomas L. Hodson
District Chairman

Camporee 2004

Another great Camporee took place in Big Muddy this year thanks to the hard work and dedication of Bob Brooks, Donita Cochran, and many other leaders of troop 611 of Lexington. The Camporee was held at Odessa Hills Campground in Odessa and hosted participants from nearly every troop in the district. Activities included: black powder gun shooting, archery, and an old-fashioned wagon race. The Camporee was wrapped up with a great campfire on Saturday night and a first rate church service on Sunday by Ken Jobe who portrayed and “Circuit Judge” from the 1850’s complete with pistol, spurs and a mule! Thanks to all that made this event a success!

Commissioner’s Minute

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Hello Big Muddy:

As some of you know, there is a shortage of Unit Commissioners in our District. For those of you who do not have one please feel free to contact myself (Larry Maxwell 816-470-5660 and use the answering machine if necessary) or Grant Dealy at 816-569-4956 for assistance. One of the biggest ways to help is to give us a name. A retired Scoutmaster or Cubmaster has a head start through experience working in a unit. An active troop or pack leader who is ready to step down and let the younger leaders go is another candidate. We would arrange a one-day training session for any new Unit Commissioner Volunteers. There is additional excellent training given at the Commissioner College held at Ft. Leavenworth in March each year. Diplomacy and friendship are must have requirements.

By this time you may have been exposed to our annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fund drive. We encourage you to help, as this is where we get help for those of us that cannot afford to pay for camp. I spend a great deal of my time in the local community asking our business people to donate. It’s not my favorite job, but it is a very important one. We regular Scouters can help through the unit FOS drives by giving on a personal level. The worst nightmare for me is a boy that does not get to camp because his family does not have the money to send him. Please announce that scholarships are available, for I would hate to go to all of this work and a boy stay home because nobody helped his family find a scholarship form.

Larry Maxwell
District Commissioner

Big Muddy District Klondike Derby

This Year’s Big Muddy District Klondike Derby will be held at Ray County Fair Grounds in Richmond on January 22. Troop 324 of Richmond will be hosting the event and plan on having a great day of scouting. Camping on Saturday night the 22 is optional but the program will only offered during Saturday concluding that evening.

Attend January Roundtable for more information.

Scoutmaster Job Specific training will be offered at Klondike for any of those who would be interested. Training starts at 9:00 am and is available to anyone who is interested. For questions on Boy Scout training contact Bob Brooks at 660-259-6278.

Friends of Scouting 04/05 Campaign

It’s that time to sign your unit up for Friends of Scouting. Remember, free rank advancement to all units upon reaching their Friends of Scouting Unit goal and Participation Goal to December 31st, 2005. For more information or questions, please contact Grant Dealy at 816-569-4956 or email gdealy@bsamail.org. We, as the Big Muddy 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 needed help for camp, uniforms, or registration fees for those that may need a little help. Let’s gear up for another phenomenal year in our support of scouting through Friends of Scouting.

Big Muddy Events

January

4 District Roundtable 7:30 pm, Lexington United Methodist Church
6 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Dibbins Hall, Lexington
12 District Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 pm, The Martens Home, Richmond
22 District Klondike Derby, Ray County Fair Grounds, Richmond

February

1 District Roundtable 7:30 pm, Lexington United Methodist Church
3 District Committee Meeting, Dibbins Hall, Lexington
4 District Dinner 6:30 pm, Odessa Civic Center, Odessa
9 District Commissioner’s Meeting 7:30 pm, Martens Home, Richmond

March

1 District Roundtable 7:30 pm, Lexington United Methodist Church, Lexington
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Rechartering

Once again re-chartering time is here! It is very important to be sure to complete this process on time to ensure the registration status of your unit. The Heart of America Council is happy to announce that re-chartering is now simplified with the help of the Internet! This new method of rechartering will make the whole process much easier and will also ensure that your charter will be correct because you will be completing the charter renewal information. For more information on this re-chartering process, check out the rechartering tutorial at www.hoac-bsa.org. Any questions can be directed to Phillip Brockland at 800-776-1110.

2005 Friends of Scouting

It is time to sign up your unit for a Friends of Scouting Presentation. We ask that you sign up for a presentation during your Blue and Gold Banquets and Troop Courts of Honor which will be right around the corner.

Remember, free rank advancement to all units that reach their unit FOS goals. The Friends of Scouting Campaign is a vital part of our program. The money raised goes towards the training of our leaders, the camps that we enjoy and provides assistance to those Scouts that may need help with registration and camp fees. If you would like to help with the 2005 campaign please contact Phillip Brockland @ 1-800-776-1110.

District Dinner

The 2005 Annual District Dinner will be held on January 6th at the Rotary building in Clinton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very important salute to the Lone Bear districts outstanding volunteers and programs. Please encourage eagle Scouts from your units to attend, as they will also receive recognition for their considerable achievement.

Training

When was the last time you attended training?

Trained leaders are the key to any good Scouting program. As we continue with the fall round up it is time to think about getting all of our new leaders to training. The training courses are designed to give our units leadership a good understanding of the Scouting program and how to deliver the best program to the youth of their Pack or Troop. Steve Higgins and his training team have been hard at work providing training opportunities for the Lone Bear leadership. There are still more opportunities to be a part this years training and to become a Trained Leader. For more information come to the November Roundtable. And remember, every boy deserves a trained leader!

Thank You

The Lone Bear District would like to extend a big thanks to the 2004 District Committee and Commissioner Staff for a job well done. Their efforts allowed for a great year of Scouting and paved the way for future endeavors in 2005.

Boy Scouts Night at UMKC

Who: Boy Scouts and their families
When: February 28, 2005
7:00 pm vs. Valparaiso Crusaders
Where: Municipal auditorium
Cost: $5.00 for Boy Scouts, Leaders, and their guests

A Pack will be selected to perform the color guard duties during the national anthem. Come enjoy exciting NCAA Division I basketball in historic Municipal Auditorium.

Please mail order forms to: UMKC Athletics Marketing and Promotions Office, 201 Swinney Recreation Center, 5100 Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, MO 64110
ORDER DEADLINE: February 21, 2005 QUESTIONS: CALL 816-235-5952

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2005 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Please help continue to make scouting affordable and available to everyone. It is time to make sure that your unit is signed up for a Friends of Scouting presentation. If you have not already signed up your unit for this year, now is the time. Friends of Scouting presentations only take 5 minutes and should be scheduled for either your Troop Court of Honor or Pack Blue and Gold. You can either sign up at Roundtable or contact Rob Gilkerson at 816-569-4976, rgilkerson@bsamail.org.

2004 District Awards Recognition Dinner

Get ready to attend the 2004 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 29, 2005 at Christ Episcopal Church (91st & Nall). 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. Registration forms can be found on the Trailhead District Website at www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead.cfm.

Congratulations to the Units Selling Popcorn!

This year, we sold over $145,000 in popcorn to help support both the Scouting program, and our individual units. That means the 24 units that participated benefited over $50,000 from the sale. Thank you for your support. A big thank you to the hard working District Kernel, Pam Clark, who coordinated this year’s sale. We appreciate all your hard work.

Recharger

The new online recharger training and charter packet pickup is taking place at the January Roundtable; January 6th, 7pm at Church of the Resurrection. Hopefully every unit will be present. If you are not able to attend please contact Rob Gilkerson to make a personal appointment to take care of this process. Remember you may not actually access the online system until February 1st. Although, there are plenty of preparations you need to complete before doing the online recharger.

Pinewood Derby

The Trailhead District Pinewood Derby is right around the corner. On April 2nd, three champions from every Pack will test their car to see how it stands against the other packs. The rules that are sold with the pinewood car are the ones that the district will follow. Remember a Pack can send only 3 boys to the District Pinewood Derby.

Cub Day Camp

Each Pack should already have designating a Day Camp Coordinator. It is the responsibility of this person to be at the Pack Coordinator Meeting on March 3 at Church of the Resurrection (Roundtable). There will also be a breakout at the February Roundtable on how to promote Day Camp within your Pack. Look for the Trailhead Day Camp Flyer or website for more details on Day Camp. We are in great need of Staff. If you have any questions call Suzanne Schartz 913-851-1804.

Cub Scout Roundtable

At the January Roundtable we will be discussing the new 75th Anniversary Badges that are available. We will also be sharing Blue and Gold Banquet ideas. As always, we will breakout into small groups for discussion and to share new ideas to make our jobs easier and successful.

Boy Scout Roundtable

In January after the Rechartering Training, please come to the Boy Scout Roundtable to discuss “Troop Communications”. Please plan on attending the Roundtable on February 3, 2005. The Program Feature will be “Lashing” and the Training Feature will be “Committee Function”. Join Gene, Larry, Bart and Dan to test their lashing skills! While you are there say “hi” to our Quartermasters Jeff and Sue.

Trailhead Events

January

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6 Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
6 Online Recharter Training; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
8 OA Winter Banquet
13 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 @ Valley View United Methodist
13 Commissioner Meeting; 7:30 p.m. @ Valley View United Methodist
17 Service Center Closed
20 Eagle Board of Review; 7:00 p.m. @ Latter-Day Saints Church (13025 Wornall)
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Council Website
Trailhead Website

www.HOAC-BSA.org
www.HOAC-BSA.org/Trailhead.cfm
Hot Popcorn Sales!

Congratulations to all 16 units in Twin Rivers that sold popcorn this winter! You did a great job! We were very successful in getting our products out to more people than ever this year and a big congratulations to all the boys who sold popcorn, especially all our $1000+ and $2000+ sellers! Keep up the good work!

New District Director

Landon Behrens has joined us as the new district executive on Dec. 1st. He will be working alongside Cortland until the New Year. Landon graduated from K-State in May and is very excited to begin working with everyone in Twin Rivers. Landon has lived in the Kansas City area since 1990 and before that hailed from Lincoln, NE. He is looking forward to taking Twin Rivers into 2005.

Recharter Soon

You should be moving along in processing your recharter over the Internet. Remember, the information will be updated on the Internet before printing hard copies for signatures and payment into the Council Office. All this should be done no later than January 15, 2005! You can contact John Berton, District Commissioner, at 785.242.8294 or Landon Behrens, District Executive, if you have any questions.

Friends of Scouting Unit Presentations

If your unit has not yet scheduled your unit presentation, now is the time to do so. Your unit can earn Free Rank Advance now for the whole year by meeting its pledge and participation goals. To schedule you presentation now, contact Tom Randall, Family FOS Chairman, at 913.294.9809, or Landon Behrens, District Executive.

Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby is fast approaching and should be fun for everyone participating. It will be the weekend of January 14-16, 2005 at Pomona Lake. Steve Shirks and Troops 63 & 77 have done a lot of work in preparing an exciting weekend. Be sure to pre-register to let us know that you are coming. As a reminder, since Pomona Lake is outside district and council boundaries, each unit needs to submit a “Local Tour Permit” before departing for Klondike Derby. We are looking forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, talk to Steve Shirks at Roundtables or call him at 785.883.4604.

Merit Badge College

This year’s Merit Badge College will be held on February 19, 2005 at the KCP&L La Cygne Generating Station. We are planning merit badges around energy, electricity and conservation themes. Plan now to attend this unique College. For more information, contact Curtis Gibson at 913.755.2732.

District Awards

Now is the time to submit nominations of individuals for the district level awards we present at the District Dinner. The following award nominations are available at Roundtable, the Council Office and the Council Website: Special Service Award, Distinguished Service Award and the District Award of Merit. Please make sure to get these filled out and submitted by the January Roundtable.

District Dinner

Speaking of awards and the District Dinner, on March 2, 2005, we will hold our Annual District Recognition Dinner at St John’s Hall in Greeley. This is a chance to recognize all the wonderful volunteers who dedicate countless time and resources to make the Scouting program so successful. We will also recognize the accomplishments of our Eagle Scout Class of 2004 during this event. Please be sure to put this date on your calendar now to attend! It is one of the most special evenings in Scouting that you can be a part of.

Day Camp — Diamonds in the Rough

Now is the time to start planning for Day Camp! We have already started to recruit staff, plan program and fill information into “The Book!” We are excited to be able to incorporate the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting into our Day Camp this year and know the boys will enjoy that! Day Camp will be held from June 6-9 this summer. Everyone looks forward to seeing you!

Spring Recruiting

It is never too early to start thinking about recruiting some new Scouts into your unit before heading off for the summer. The earlier in the spring you do this, the better you can prepare new Scouts for the advancement trail and summer camp experience. Contact Landon Behrens, District Executive to get any recruiting materials you need now!
Training

Training dates and locations for the spring are currently being set up. Be sure to look for registration forms at roundtable as well as on the council website for the upcoming trainings at www.hoac-bsa.org.

If you have questions, contact David Riker at the council service center at 816-569-4974.

Internet Rechartering

You may now enter your unit’s access code and start working on your Internet rechartering. Make sure to follow the instructions and complete your rechartering in a timely manner. Just because it can be done quicker and easier this year does not mean to put it off until the last day. You will still need to collect the cubmaster/scoutmaster/crew advisor’s signature on the last page as well as institutional Head’s signature on the very front page. The recharters are still due by the 15th so that we can process them. They will be considered late if turned in after February 28th. Also make sure to fill out your quality unit award form and turn it in as well.

Thunderbird Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby’s Brooks Range will once again be held at Longview Lake Group Organized campground. Jim Salisbury is the chairman again and will make sure that there is fun and adventure for everyone. Everybody should come out to the Klondike Derby before snow so that the sleds will slide around easier. Look for registration packets at roundtable as well as on the website. Contact Jacob Allen for more information at (816) 569-4962 or jaallen@bsamail.org.

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting Goal for Thunderbird is $193,000. The Family goal is $87,000 and the Community goal is $106,000. The basic level will be going up from $65 to $70 and the family level will be going up from $130 to $140. As we all know, the price of scouting raises every so often and now is one of those times. Leo Berroteran is working hard at making sure his presenters are making quality presentations. They will also be making follow up phone calls to those units who have already had a presentation so that we can make sure to give everyone the chance to help their unit achieve their goals. Make sure to visit with Leo at roundtable or contact your district executive if you have questions. Let’s send Leo out with a bang this year as he completes his last year as Family FOS Chairman.

Thunderbird Annual District Recognition Dinner

The Thunderbird District Dinner will be held on January 22, 2005 at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Lee’s Summit, MO. Nominations were due by the December roundtable. Our awards committee has been looking over the nominations and is choosing the recipients for this year. Make sure to register to attend the recognition dinner by the 12th of January. You may do so by getting a copy of the registration form at roundtable or by visiting the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org under the Thunderbird Activities page. All registrations being mailed in should be sent to the council office by January 12th at:

Heart of America Council
Thunderbird District Dinner
P.O. Box 414177
Kansas City, MO 64114

Make sure to come and enjoy the fellowship as we recognize our outstanding volunteers in the Thunderbird District. Contact David Riker at 816-569-4974 for more information.

2005 Thunderbird District Committee Chairs

Chairman: David Frantz  816-691-3181
Commissioner: Ray Seidelman  816-350-7438
Vice-Chairman Program: Joe Mackey  816-309-7474
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Advancement: Mark Grant  816-358-0612
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Relationships: Cindy Cone  816-318-0325
District Director: Roger Hoyt  rbhoyt@bsamail.org
District Executive: Jacob Allen  jaallen@bsamail.org  816-569-4962
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Red-Tailed Hawk District

2004 Pioneering Camporee
The annual district camporee was held October 15-17th at the old Lake Olathe golf course. Over 1,050 folks enjoyed a sun shining blissed weekend of fun, fellowship, and the great outdoors. This year’s theme for the Boy Scout program was Pioneering which was put on by troop 324. Participants made rope, learned knots, used lashings, and more. Over 90% of the scouts who attended were able to earn Pioneering merit badge! Other programs included rockets, viewing remote controlled airplanes, golf, scout skills, high adventure race, and a fantastic campfire. Other programs were many more folks who worked hard to make this event possible, so thanks to each and every one of them.

2005 Friends of Scouting Campaign

We do not become who we are by chance. Outside influences and life experiences contribute to the values and beliefs we carry with us throughout our lives. In society today, there are so many opportunities for youth to make the wrong choices or follow a leader who will lead them astray. While Scouting can remove obstacles in life, it teaches young people to face challenges, manage risk and overcome barriers - to grow up strong, resilient and wise. Today’s youth need Scouting and Scouting needs you. Support what counts... Character.

SCHEDULE YOUR 2005 FOS UNIT PRESENTATION NOW! We'd like to present at your Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Banquet. Our presentations are brief and should not delay your agenda more than 7 or 8 minutes. By presenting at these typically well-attended events, we give most unit families a chance to contribute, including those who don’t typically get of their time and talents.

Why the FOS campaign is necessary? It keeps Scouting an affordable, effective youth development program. It funds the council’s infrastructure, or general operating portion of the budget, and provides a support system for the more than 15,000 volunteers and 725 community organizations that partner with the Heart of America Council.

How your financial support is used? Maintaining and refining current programs while continuing to expand Scouting’s reach to the one in four youth in the HOAC area who are not involved in Scouting. Outreach efforts to urban and special needs youth. Delivering camping to our Scouts while maintaining and improving Bartle and Naish. Adult leader training - “Every youth deserves a trained leader.” Accident and liability insurance is provided for all Scouts and leaders at no cost to protect them from liability and accidents incurred while on Scouting activities.

A gain this year is the opportunity for units to earn free rank advancement from the Scout Shop if they meet their goal. To schedule a unit FOS presentation please contact Jason Ballew at jballew@bsamail.org or 816 569-4982.

4th Annual Red-Tailed Hawk Merit Badge Forum

The Red-Tailed Hawk District will be conducting its 4th annual Merit Badge Forum January 8, January 22 and February 5 at California Trail Junior High School in Olathe. The forum will be held in three sessions over a four-week period, with a session held each of the dates listed above. Each session will be from approximately 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM each day. The week break between sessions allows for field trips and the completion of requirements that might not otherwise be able to be done in the classroom setting. All scouts who were registered on time will receive a patch again this year. Additional patches will be available for sale after that date. In an attempt to provide some variety to the merit badges offered, the following badges will be offered for the first time: Archery, Cinematography, Landscape Architecture, Pulp & Paper and Radio. Low interest in a merit badge offered may result in that badge not being offered. The Red-Tailed Hawk Merit Badge Forum is open to all districts in the Heart of America Council.

RTH Award and Recognition Program

Just around the corner the Red-Tailed Hawk Merit Badge Forum is open to all districts in the Heart of America Council. There are many ways to keep informed and acquire current Scouting information. Please share the below communication avenues with the leaders in your unit.

• RTH Email Group: To subscribe email Dave Weerts at ballew75@yahoo.com.
• RTH District Website: www.eagle-scout.org/RTH
• HOAC Website: www.hoac-bsa.org
• RTH Roundtable: Generally occurs the 1st Thursday of every month at College.

Stay in the Loop of Communication

Are you receiving all of the latest and greatest information regarding the Red-Tailed Hawk District and the Heart of America Council? There are many ways to keep informed and acquire current Scouting information. Please share the below communication avenues with the leaders in your unit.

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Red-Tailed Hawk Events

January

8 Roundtable, 7:00 PM at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
13 Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MNU Library
15 Merit Badge Forum, Session 1, 1:00 PM at California Trail J r. High
18 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church
20 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 PM at St Thomas Apostolic Church
22 Merit Badge Forum, Session 2, 1:00 PM at California Trail J r. High

February

3 Roundtable, 7:00 PM at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
10 Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MNU Library
15 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church
17 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 PM at St Thomas Apostolic Church
18-20 Traders’ Rendezvous Winter Camping Event
26 District Dinner, 6:00 PM at Stanley Presbyterian Church

March

3 Roundtable, 7:00 PM at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
5 District Pinewood Derby
10 Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MNU Library
15 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church
17 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 PM at St Thomas Apostolic Church

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District Recognition Dinner 2005

On Saturday January 15th starting at 6pm the Trails West will be holding its annual volunteer recognition dinner. The event will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church at 101 Metcalf in Overland Park. The event will highlight many of the dedicated volunteers that help keep the scouting program strong. The evening will end with the presentation of the District Award of Merit, which is the highest award a district can award to a volunteer. Now is the time to start thinking about who in your unit should be nominated for the district awards. Look for more information at the district roundtables.

Silver Beaver Award

The Trails West District would like to congratulate Geoff Mildenhall for receiving the Silver Beaver Award from the Heart of America, Council Boy Scouts of America. In Geoff’s years of scouting he has served in many areas of the program including assistant Cub Master, Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster. Geoff has also served as a unit commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner and is now serving as the District Commissioner in the Trails West District. In Geoff’s years of scouting he has also been awarded the Silver Kangaroo and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Award of Merit and is not only Woodbadge trained but was also a Scoutmaster at Gilwell Park in England.

2005 Fall Training Schedule

Every Scout, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer, Varsity deserves a trained leader. Untrained leaders, often with the best and most honest of intentions, simply are unable to deliver the program as it is meant to be. As a result the young people those leaders hope to serve are in fact short-changed.

To prevent this occurrence, Trails West District offers a full scope of training for parents, new leaders, as well as leaders accepting new responsibilities in the program. Training is offered at locations convenient to locations throughout the district and is open to all parents and leaders.

Youth Protection and Leader “Fast Start” training are both available on the Heart of America web site and are encouraged as independent training opportunities. Leaders taking advantage of on-line training are asked to inform the district training chair, Joe Ogilvie, of such training at jogilvie@kcrr.com or 913-492-3880.

Rechartering 2005

All unit in the Trails West district need to make sure they have the member of the unit that is responsible for their recharter in attendance at the January 6th roundtable. At the roundtable there will be a recharter kick off that will walk people through the new online recharter process. It is very important that a member of the unit that will be responsible for the recharter is at the meeting to get the new information and the pass word that will allow the online recharter process to work. For more information call Alan J Sanders at 816-569-4958 or asanders@bsamail.org.

Popcorn 2004

The Trails West District and all the units in the district would like to thank David Colvin for all the hard work that went into the 2004 popcorn. David helped 22 units sale over $173,000 worth of popcorn. That relates to over $57,000 into unit accounts in the Trails West District.

Day Camp 2005

Planning for the Trails West 2005 day camp are now will under way and the program will be planned around the Jungle Book theme and highlight the 75th anniversary of the Cub Scout program. The dates for the camp will be June 6th-9th and it will be held for the third year in a row at the Timber Ridge Adventure Center. We are currently looking for program ideas and help staffing the camp. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of the fun call Shawn Hudson, Camp Director at 913-254-9548.

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Northern Tier District

This Month in the Eagle Scout Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagles of the Northern Tier; Daniel Belz of Troop 299, Jarred Sullivan and Ryan Selli-ers of Troop 98, Stuart Heckman of Troop 358, Tyler Keller of Troop 184, Lucas Kinser of Troop 185, Matthew Wilson of Troop 18, Brent Waple of Troop 189, Brady Myers, Stephen Powell and Jim Groening of Troop 91, Joey Caldwell of Troop 302, and Braulio Delapena of Troop 54. Congratulations to you all from your Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

Camporee 2004

It just doesn’t get any better. Thank you to Dan Sanderson, our Camporee Chairman for ordering up a beautiful weekend for Camporee. This year’s camporee came alive with a 6:30 wake up call by an 1800’s cannon. The weekend was filled with the Trapper’s Rendezvous theme. We had Black Powder Guns, Tomahawk Demonstrations, cooking contests, and the midway was quite the site with over 550 scouts representing their troops in many different displays. Homemade root beer, Dutch oven cooking, dinner in a pumpkin, and the infamous chicken in a bed were just a few of the cooking contest submittals. What a great weekend. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make the weekend a fabulous success. With Steve Brady and Doug Lenhart there as Co-Chairman, the team was unstoppable. See you next year!

Popcorn 2004, It Was A Poppin’ Great Time!

What a great year for popcorn in Northern Tier. We want to give a big salute to all the units that sold close to $200,000.00. Great Job! We also want to give a big Northern Tier salute to Doug Lenhart, our Popcorn Kernel for 2004. Doug was there every step of the way from signing up units, to training those units, to singling the popcorn at the distribution site. Thank you also to J. Jack Clark. It just wouldn’t be popcorn-slinging weekend without J. Jack their separating out all the orders and getting the right popcorn to the right unit. Thank you also to Bob Reathaford and Marv Korn, those awesome unit commissioners out on Saturday and helped with the distribution. We also need to give a big Northern Tier Salute to Mike and Doug, the Hart Hanks guys that were every step of the way at the distribution warehouse. Those guys were awesome. See you there next year!

Friends of Scouting 2004-05 Campaign

It’s that time to sign your unit up for Friends of Scouting. Remember, free rank advancement to all units upon reaching their Friends of Scouting Unit goal and Participa- tion Goal to December 31st, 2005. For more information or questions, please contact Cortland Bolles at 816-569-4918 or email lhayes@bsamail.org or call Steve Brady, our 2005 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman at (913) 362-8441. We, as the Northern Tier District have the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is such a vital part of our program in its help to support our leaders in their needed training, preserving both the Naisch and Bartle Reservations that we all enjoy year after year, and that needed help for camp, uniforms, or registration fees for those that may need a little help. Let’s gear up for another phenomenal year in our support of scouting through Friends of Scouting.

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Cuboree 2004

Beautiful sunshine and over 250 scouts and their parents enjoyed the excitement of this year’s Cuboree. Thank you to our fearless leader, Phil Park for creating our very own Cuboree packed with great activities such as hiking, crafts, cooking demonstrations, and our very own Paul Ginther came out with his Webelos on Wheels Construction City, “Bridge Making”. The boys had a blast. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help put on a great program and enjoy a fabulous weekend with your scout. See you next year!

Northern Tier Events

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6 District Roundtable 7:00 pm Village Presbyterian Church 67th & Mission
13 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd., & District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 pm
20 District Eagle Board of Reviews, 6:30 pm LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd
29 District Dinner Doors open at 6 pm Sylvester Powell Jr. Community Center 6200 Mortway Mission, KS For questions or more information please contact Steve Springer at 913-631-4215 or visit the hoac-bsa.org website and download the registration form

February

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GO TO THE HDAC WEBSITE hoac-bsa.org and visit the Northern Tier Page to download registration forms, event packets, and learn of important dates and information affecting your unit. It’s a great place to receive information fast.

Northern Tier 2005 District Committee

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HOAC WEBSITE hoac-bsa.org
Blue Elk District

Day Camp 2005
This is the 75th anniversary for Cub Scouts! We have a wonderful program planned for this summer. Our theme will be "Diamonds in the Rough". The dates for Day Camp are July 11-15th. We do not have a location currently but we are working on procuring a site for this year. If there is any questions please feel free to contact: Dan Jackson @ (816) 690-5906; Mary Morris @ (816) 796-6657; or Joe Myers @ (816) 569-4983 or email @ jmyers@bsamail.org.

Family Friends of Scouting

We are currently in the middle of Family Friends of Scouting campaign. Friends of Scouting is very important, without your help a lot of the programs we offer could not be possible. We are currently setting up presentations for units. The presentations take between 5 to 8 minutes and can be done at Blue and Gold Banquets, Pack meetings, Troop meetings or any time when parent attendance is at the greatest. To set up a presentation please contact Joe Myers @ (816) 569-4983 or email @ jmyers@bsamail.org.

Family Friends of Scouting

Popcorn Sale 2004

Turn in for all money from popcorn is January 3rd and needs to be turned in at the council office. Located at 10210 Holmes Road Kansas City, KS 64131. For any questions please contact Lori Gooding @ (816) 569-4954 or Ross Pfannenstiel @ (816) 569-4964.

February Training
Cub Specific Training, New Leader Essentials and Youth Protection training as well as Venture Leader training will be held on February 5th at Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church 19402 E. Holke Rd. Independence. Training will begin at 9:00 am and will go until 3:30 pm. For specifics on cub training, please call Karen Burgess (816) 228-6911 and for Venturing call Sue Grote at (816) 229-1120.

Klondike
The Klondike Derby will be held on January 22, 2005 at George Owens Park in Independence. Registration is due January 6th, and can be returned in at Roundtable or at the Council Office. Unit registration is $10 per unit and $7 per person. There is also $10 registration fee for units that will be camping overnight. Weboles Dens should contact their local troops for information about attending. Contact Hugh Simpson at (816) 650-4241 with any questions.

Blue Elk Events

January
6 7:00 p.m., Roundtable / Eagle Board of Review / Merit Badge Counselor Training / Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting — Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Rd, Independence, MO
13 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence, MO
21 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Catholic Church, 3736 Lee's Summit Rd, Independence, MO
22 Klondike Derby, George Owens Park, 1601 South Speck Road, Independence, MO
29 District Dinner 6:00 pm, Adam’s Pointe Conference Center, 1500 NE Coronado Drive, Blue Springs, MO

February
3 7:00 Roundtable / Eagle Board of Review / COR Training / Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Youth Protection Training — Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Rd, Independence
5 Cub Scout Specific Training & Venturing Leader Training, 9 am - 3:30 pm, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence
10 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence, MO
17 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Catholic Church, 3736 Lee's Summit Rd, Independence, MO
22 Eagle Guest Chair Orientation, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church Scout Room, 409 N. Liberty, Independence, MO

March
3 7:30 Roundtable / Eagle Board of Review / Merit Badge Counselor Training / Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Fast Start Training — Location to Be Announced
8 New Leader Essentials training, 7:00 - 9:15 pm, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence, MO
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17 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark’s Catholic Church, 3736 Lee’s Summit Rd, Independence, MO
19 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training / Varsity Leader Training — Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence, MO
29 6:30 - 10:00 pm, Troop Committee Training, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence, MO


**Pelathe District**

**Boy Scout Roundtable Update**

**January’s Theme** is Communications! Feature: Web Page for troops, Scout memorabilia.

**February’s Theme** is Pioneering! Feature: Rope types/knots, whipping Pioneering project, knot masters, tracking skills, and Youth Protection Training.

**March’s Theme** is Environment! Feature: Low impact camping, weather, compacting trash, Boy Scout outdoor code.

**Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner**

The 2004 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner was held on October 14th at the Lawrence Country Club. Here is a recap from Assistant District Advancement Chairman, Rich Bailey, thanks for the info Rich, and to Keith for all the hard work!

A special thank you is extended to Keith Wood, Pelathe District Advancement Chairman, for putting together last night’s Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner. A crowd of about 80 was on hand to honor the 38 Scouts who achieved the Eagle rank during the past year—a new District record, by the way! Troop 59 of Lawrence should be especially proud, as they were represented by 20 of the 38 Scouts who made Eagle this year.

Jim Terry, the Heart of America Council Executive, was the guest speaker and talked about Eagle Scouts and how they learn and display their own leadership styles. Jim said that Eagle Scouts are now “marked men” and simply that more is expected from them from now on.

Each new Eagle Scout was personally recognized and their Eagle project summarized. The new Eagles received an Eagle Scout paperweight as a token of their achievement.

A gain, a big “how how” goes out to Keith Wood and all the others who made last night’s dinner a great success!

**Pelathe District Recognition Banquet**

Make sure your night is free on Saturday, January 15th. That’s when First United Methodist Church will play host to our Annual Recognition Banquet. This year’s banquet will offer a chance food and fellowship and we’ll honor this year’s District Award of Merit recipients. For registration information please contact Curtis Harris at 816-569-4961 or charris@bsamail.org.

**Bromelsick Christmas Party**

The 53rd Annual Bromelsick Christmas Party was held on December 4, 2004.

The Party was very different this year than previous years. It was earlier in the month, but was later at night, from 7:30 – 10:00 PM. The place was also different. It had been held at the Leid Center for the past several years, but this year was at the Lawrence (Freestate High School) Aquatic Center and the Small Gym next to the swimming pool. Santa and his helpers were there to show the way.

**100% Boys Life**

Does every family in your unit have Boys’ Life? If not, the charter renewal period is an excellent time to promote the importance of Boys’ Life to the youth and parents within your unit. Boys’ Life is not only a program enhancement, but also a source of useful information for youth of all ages. We encourage every unit within the Pelathe District to strive for 100% Boys’ Life.

**Sign Up for the Pelathe-L**

The Pelathe District E-mail List Serve also known as The Pelathe-L, allows you to send an email message to all who are signed up on the list, and lets you get information out quickly. It also lets you stay in touch and have up to date information.

Sign up by going to http://pelathelawrenceks.us and clicking on the Subscribe/Unsubscribe link.

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**2005 National Jamboree**

The 2005 National Jamboree will again be held at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, from July 25 to August 3, 2005. If you are interested in participating in the 2005 National Jamboree, either as a Scout, Jamboree Staff, or if you would like more information on the National Jamboree, visit the National website at www.scouting.org/jamboree.

If you are a Heart of America Council Boy Scout and are interested in being selected as one of the 144 Scouts who will be representing our council at the Jamboree, fill out the youth application found on the National Website and send it along with a $125.00 non-refundable deposit to:

**HOAC Jamboree Committee**
Heart of America Council
Boy Scouts of America
10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, Mo. 64131

The Jamboree fee of $1,600.00 includes a two day tour of Washington D.C. and ten days at the National Jamboree site at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia.
Contact Information

Your post is important to us. While we visit with all advisors regularly, we are available to address your needs and concerns as they arise. Please contact either Lisa Hayes, Exploring Director, at 816.569.4972 or lhayes@llfmail.org; or Adam Berthot, Senior Exploring Executive, at 816.569.4970, or aberthot@llfmail.org.

Got E-mail?

Would you like updated Exploring information? Want to know about the latest resources available to your post’s leadership? Send us an e-mail and we will add you to our post’s leadership? Send us an e-mail and we will add you to your post’s leadership? Send us an e-mail and we will add you to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.

2005 National Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Conference

DATES: June 20-24, 2005
WHERE: Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

COST: $350 per person.
REGISTRATION: The Post Reservation/Security Deposit Form is available online and through your Exploring Executive. Posts should complete the form and obtain the local Learning for Life office signature for approval. Forward the form, along with a $100 post deposit, to the national office. You must be a registered participant of an Explorer post to attend.

PROGRAM: The program is several days of exciting competitions and events:
Team Competitions: CPR and Movement, Spinal Immobilization and Move, Arson Investigation, Bunker Gear and SCBA Relay, Room Search, Paramedic Biking Competition, Make & Break, Ladder Raise.

Individual events: One-Person CPR, Candidate Physical Ability (CPAT), Written Examination, Initial Size-Up and Incident Command, Wildfire Shelter Deployment, Bunker Gear and SCBA, Drill Competition.


View the conference guidebook online at www.learningforlife.org/exploring/fire

2005 National Health Careers Exposition

DATES: August 3-7, 2005
WHERE: The National Institutes of Health and the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Maryland.

COST: $400 per person (both youth and adults), which covers the cost of meals, housing accommodations, and extracurricular activities. The National Health Careers Exploring Committee will offer a limited number of scholarships to help defray expenses for posts to attend the exhibition.

REGISTRATION: A promotional brochure with registration form for the exhibition will be sent to all health post advisors this fall.

PROGRAM: This 3-1/2 day conference will have participants spending two full days on the campus of the Uniformed Services University and one full day at the National Institutes of Health. Participants will attend interactive workshops and seminars focusing on a variety of health-care career options such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary, allied health, pharmacy, osteopathic, chiropractic, nursing, and podiatry. Participants will also have time for extracurricular activities, including an opening banquet and dance with live entertainment, a tour of Washington, D.C., and much more.

View the conference brochure online at www.learningforlife.org/exploring/health

Post Fundraising Ideas

If your post needs fundraising ideas, to support post activities or program enhancements please visit the Learning for Life website at www.learningforlife.org. Click on “Exploring,” navigate to “New Resources” and click on “Resources for Exploring Leaders,” then navigate to “How to Earn Money.”

Parents: An Untapped Resource for Posts

Parents are probably not utilized as much as they could be to ensure the success of your post. Here are some tips for enhancing parental involvement in various programs.

At the post’s next meeting or first nighter this spring, invite the participants’ parents to attend. Distribute the adult resource survey form to identify the interests and abilities of the Explorers’ parents. Getting parents involved with a post as a leader or committee member can help you efficiently execute your role as advisor. With the participating organization’s approval, parents may serve as coordinators for fund-raising events, or activity chaperones and coordinators, among others. Moreover, parental involvement is a great youth retention tool.

The adult resource survey is available through the Learning for Life office.
The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award Dinner

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Recognition for a Job Well Done!

Congratulations to Thomas D. Sheely of the Relafhe District for receiving one of the ten NFL Community Quarterback Awards given for 2004. The NFL Community Quarterback Award recognizes outstanding volunteers in all 32 NFL markets and awards more than $1 million to the charitable organizations that they serve. This program honors individuals who exemplify leadership, dedication, and a commitment to improving the communities in which they live through volunteerism.

Tom became a finalist of the 2004 NFL Community Quarterback Award and was honored on December 21st for his dedication to the Heart of America Council’s Rotary Scout Camp. Rotary Scout Camp is one of five such camps in the country providing a long-term camping session for Scouts with Special Needs who otherwise would not enjoy a camping opportunity. Tom has served as Camp Director in 2002 and 2003. The camp helps Scouts with Special Needs participate in Scout camp, earn merit badges and achieve rank advancements just like any other Scout.