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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

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| 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 |
| Trailhead Pack 3385 | \$18,230 |
| Trails West Pack 3245 | \$17,627 |
| Twin Rivers Pack 3101 | \$14,544 |

EXTREME SELLING TEAM!

\$1,000 SELLERS

BIG MUDDY DISTRICT

Dylan Allen (Pack 4414)\$1,249.00
 Joshua Bates (Pack 4414)\$1,079.00

BLUE ELK DISTRICT

Matthew Johnson (Troop 312)\$3,602.00
 Eric Dennison (Troop 221)\$2,444.00
 Christopher Morrow (Troop 138) ...\$2,384.00
 Brandon Enke (Troop 312)\$2,304.00
 Taylor Combstock (Troop 221)\$2,227.00
 Alex Eichstadt (Troop 138)\$2,025.00
 Jason King (Troop 221)\$1,503.00
 Josh Twenter (Troop 178)\$1,278.00
 Christopher Thibault (Pack 362) ...\$1,243.00
 Georgen Alex (Troop 865)\$1,186.00
 Aaron Babusa Lucas (Troop 865) ...\$1,177.42
 Travis Kampe (Troop 266)\$1,102.00
 Ian Whitehill (Troop 1282)\$1,097.00
 Paul Golden (Troop 221)\$1,042.00
 James Ingram (Troop 206)\$1,033.00
 Derrick Estle (Pack 492)\$1,016.00
 Brent Henderson (Pack 4175)\$1,007.00
 Michael Sherrod (Pack 4604)\$1,002.00
 Eric J. Lewis (Troop 161)\$1,000.00

KAW

Zach Kincaid (Pack 3174)\$1,314.00
 William Owens (Pack 3167)\$1,021.00
 Nick Swerezowski (Pack 3211)\$1,004.00

LONE BEAR

Chad Nesbitt (Troop 1225)\$1,519.00
 Nathaniel Yannayon (Pack 4404) ...\$1,506.00
 Jacob Moore (Troop 1225)\$1,122.00
 Jonathan Duhamell (Pack 399) ...\$1,119.00
 Ricky Allan Roesch (Troop 1225) ...\$1,112.00
 Richie Mesar (Pack 399)\$1,005.00

NORTH STAR

Aaron Stasiak (Pack 376)\$2,525.00
 Matthew Brammeier (Troop 1360) ...\$2,236.00
 Brandon Christianson (Pack 4333) ...\$2,062.00
 Taylor Reinsch (Pack 4447)\$1,725.00
 Elliott Kiefer (Pack 4320)\$1,519.00
 Jacob Dooley (Pack 215)\$1,500.00
 Frasier McCart (Pack 4740)\$1,405.00
 Christian Camper (Troop 1365) ...\$1,376.00
 Wesley Blanton (Pack 4707)\$1,335.24
 Steven Oxley (Pack 4333)\$1,233.00

Andrew Herdman (Pack 441)\$1,222.50
 Eric Watkins (Troop 1412)\$1,214.00
 Michael Anderson (Pack 4365) ...\$1,178.00
 Steven Swaney (Troop 301)\$1,115.00
 Spencer Pearson (Troop 397)\$1,107.00
 Jimmy Schildman (Troop 1740) ...\$1,102.00
 Jason Baur (Troop 397)\$1,066.00
 Ryan Foltz (Pack 4333)\$1,044.00
 Taran Winnie (Troop 397)\$1,035.00
 Ben Matt (Pack 4314)\$1,030.00
 Parker Long (Troop 444)\$1,026.00
 Will Riley (Pack 376)\$1,022.00
 Cory Von Seggern (Pack 249)\$1,019.00
 Robert Minor (Pack 320)\$1,017.00
 Kenneth Lehman (Troop 397)\$1,014.00
 Dillon Harvey (Pack 4309)\$1,009.00
 Christopher Palmer (Pack 4348) ...\$1,002.00
 Ryan Martin (Pack 4309)\$1,002.00
 Andrew Stasiak (Pack 376)\$1,001.00
 Austin Salmon (Pack 376)\$1,001.00
 Sam Nagorney (Troop 1395)\$1,001.00
 Andrew Thomas (Pack 215)\$1,000.00

NORTHERN TIER

Kellen Mollohan (Pack 3050)\$2,138.00
 Brian Bensing (Pack 3351)\$2,031.00
 Adam C. Moon (Pack 3399)\$1,284.00
 Patrick Poe (Troop 184)\$1,265.00
 Ross Platt (Troop 351)\$1,231.00
 Mark Province (Troop 351)\$1,211.11
 Scott Bracken (Troop 93)\$1,193.00
 Jason Biesma (Pack 3651)\$1,166.00
 Josh Manning (Pack 3295)\$1,163.00
 Liam Carroll (Pack 3295)\$1,128.00
 Eli Maderak (Pack 3284)\$1,113.00
 Ted Hilk (Troop 351)\$1,109.16
 Johnston Davis (Pack 3294)\$1,082.00
 Hunter Chapman (Pack 3751)\$1,017.00

PELATHE

Ryan DeLaTorre (Pack 3072)\$2,039.00
 Dillon Schroeder (Pack 3059)\$1,585.00
 Stefan Kuczera (Troop 52)\$1,413.00
 August Murphy-Beach (Pack 3057) ...\$1,339.00
 Daniel Wrigley (Pack 3071)\$1,306.00
 Stephan Fulton (Pack 3370)\$1,192.00
 Ryan Schulties (Pack 3077)\$1,152.00
 Dakota Zinn (Pack 3462)\$1,125.00
 Jack Soto (Pack 3072)\$1,052.00
 Ryan Walker (Pack 3059)\$1,013.00
 Branden Baston (Pack 3071)\$1,008.00

PIONEER TRAILS

Joey Gamble (Pack 4016)\$5,638.00
 Carter Olander (Pack 4016)\$1,704.00
 Dion Daniel (Troop 1147)\$1,646.90
 James Rubert Starr (Pack 4016) ...\$1,346.00
 Samuel J. Baird (Pack 4030)\$1,111.00
 Clarence Cochran (Troop 1147) ...\$1,110.50
 Nick Price (Troop 1040)\$1,100.00
 Matthew Cherry (Troop 34)\$1,005.00

RED-TAILED HAWK

Max Putnam (Pack 3123)\$3,075.00
 Jamal Glasper (Troop 85)\$2,281.00
 Samuel Petty (Pack 3240)\$2,024.00
 Tanner Delaney (Pack 3204)\$1,545.00
 Corey Monley (Pack 3476)\$1,501.00
 Benjamin Mann (Troop 201)\$1,500.00
 David Vaupel (Pack 3210)\$1,406.00
 Camron McGovern (Pack 3240) ...\$1,326.00
 Ryan Albright (Troop 225)\$1,291.00
 Jackson Rohlfing (Pack 3210)\$1,262.00
 Shane Cahoj (Troop 182)\$1,218.09
 Griffin Rohlfing (Pack 3210)\$1,183.00
 Nathan Shipley (Troop 225)\$1,136.00
 Jason Messner (Troop 201)\$1,136.00
 Michael Fource (Troop 225)\$1,107.00
 Kyle Frank (Pack 3316)\$1,106.00
 Jae Cochran (Troop 122)\$1,035.00
 Michael Stauffer (Troop 182)\$1,010.15
 Hayden Burch (Pack 3250)\$1,007.00
 Jakob O'Kane (Pack 3138)\$1,001.00

THUNDERBIRD

Adam Barry-Ford (Pack 4323)\$3,727.00
 Preston Hereford (Pack 4323)\$3,449.00
 Brian Cook (Troop 1338)\$1,730.00
 Brandon R. Lane (Pack 4220)\$1,730.00
 Nick Christy (Pack 364)\$1,503.00
 Edmond Gonzales (Troop 1076) ...\$1,406.00
 Garrett Vaughn (Pack 4124)\$1,167.00
 Bryce Dorr (Troop 1240)\$1,143.00
 Bradley Gruetze (Troop 1111)\$1,135.00
 Ian Sisson (Pack 4219)\$1,123.00
 Tyler Becvar (Troop 33)\$1,122.00
 Thomas Rexroad (Pack 4245)\$1,119.00
 Timmy O'Donnell (Pack 4054)\$1,119.00
 Nikolas Saylor (Troop 1032)\$1,109.00
 Ian Lanyon (Pack 4280)\$1,107.00
 Kyle Allen (Pack 4054)\$1,104.00
 Spencer Davis (Pack 4210)\$1,101.00

Landon Brack (Pack 364)\$1,101.00
 Ervell Boyd II (Troop 469)\$1,095.00
 Kaleb Mathes (Troop 1003)\$1,016.00

TRAILHEAD

Jesse Denton (Troop 37)\$2,052.00
 Christopher Cusick (Pack 3010) ...\$2,022.00
 Preston Moore (Troop 37)\$1,349.00
 Michael Rohleder (Pack 3385)\$1,253.00
 Cameron Long (Pack 3384)\$1,190.00
 Garrett Parkins (Pack 3385)\$1,179.00
 Brian London (Pack 3010)\$1,147.00
 Jonathan Contag (Pack 3002)\$1,111.00
 Kevin Graebner (Pack 3097)\$1,103.00
 Hunter Pfaff (Pack 3384)\$1,101.00
 Ian Scharitz (Troop 449)\$1,034.55
 Tristan Locke (Pack 3384)\$1,030.00
 Joe Nicol (Pack 3383)\$1,020.00
 Justin Gross (Pack 3251)\$1,019.00
 Matt Becker (Troop 37)\$1,011.00
 Michael Thompson (Pack 3097) ...\$1,004.00
 Drew Keyser (Troop 37)\$1,000.00

TRAILS WEST

Robert Boschma (Pack 3087)\$2,626.00
 Samuel Pint (Pack 3777)\$1,554.00
 Tyler Heck (Pack 3777)\$1,508.00
 Peter Radiel (Troop 83)\$1,505.00
 Adam Hoff (Pack 3777)\$1,346.00
 Brooks J. Walker (Pack 3288)\$1,261.51
 Mark LaFollette (Pack 3188)\$1,255.00
 Cody Nipko (Pack 3777)\$1,203.00
 Ryan Lolacomo (Pack 3245)\$1,138.00
 Matthew Ryan (Troop 181)\$1,133.00
 Dylan Crow (Pack 3245)\$1,125.00
 Evan Stutesman (Pack 3188)\$1,106.00
 Dalton Stene (Pack 3181)\$1,105.00
 Dylan Elsey (Troop 865)\$1,100.00
 Keaton Reece (Pack 3777)\$1,063.00
 Tyler Shuck (Pack 3245)\$1,031.00
 Austin McMullen (Pack 3777)\$1,029.00
 Cooper Arner (Pack 3428)\$1,001.00

TWIN RIVERS

Michael Moore (Troop 105)\$2,111.00
 Ted Michael Shields (Pack 3063) ...\$2,045.00
 Thad Husted (Troop 100)\$2,024.00
 Jesse Sjolund (Troop 126)\$1,377.00
 Aaron Prothe (Pack 3105)\$1,305.00
 Drake Carolan (Pack 3063)\$1,028.00
 Dakota Uht (Pack 3079)\$1,004.00

TOP TEN SELLERS

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



Eagles

| DISTRICT | UNIT | NAME |
|------------|------|--------------------------|
| Blue Elk | 1246 | Jared Mitchell Barzee |
| Blue Elk | 1257 | Scott L. Bultemeier |
| Blue Elk | 175 | Tyler Nicholas Codilla |
| Blue Elk | 1138 | Kyle Thomas Crandall |
| Blue Elk | 1204 | Seth Andrew Davis |
| Blue Elk | 1278 | Jacob Jeremiah De Long |
| Blue Elk | 1138 | Kyle Aaron Feaster |
| Blue Elk | 1492 | Lacy Lee Ferguson |
| Blue Elk | 1228 | Jason Alan Grubb |
| Blue Elk | 1228 | David Lee Hawkins |
| Blue Elk | 1312 | Jonathan Gregory Homan |
| Blue Elk | 1138 | Bradley Stephen Knipp |
| Blue Elk | 1209 | Joshua David Malsick |
| Blue Elk | 1310 | Darren John Milosevich |
| Blue Elk | 1347 | Michael Don Olsen |
| Blue Elk | 1492 | Benjamin Ray Reifel |
| Blue Elk | 1082 | Justin Micheal Reynolds |
| Blue Elk | 1082 | Eric Dale Shupe |
| Blue Elk | 1206 | Brian Matthew Stahl |
| Blue Elk | 1282 | Matthew Cole Swope |
| Blue Elk | 1266 | Jason Nathaniel Wright |
| Big Muddy | 1318 | Louis Harrison Lefholz |
| Big Muddy | 1318 | Samuel Alexander Sollars |
| Kaw | 211 | Mason Alexander Denk |
| Kaw | 211 | Michael Alphonse Denk |
| Kaw | 211 | Patrick Joseph LeVota |
| Lone Bear | 1437 | Robert Allen Chester |
| Lone Bear | 1673 | David John Denfeld II |
| Lone Bear | 1437 | John Norbert Eising III |
| Lone Bear | 1398 | Kyle Robert Hookey |
| Lone Bear | 1430 | Robert Dean Osman |
| Lone Bear | 1437 | William Dean Wheelton |
| Lone Bear | 1430 | Kevin Michael Williams |
| North Star | 1418 | Joseph Eugene Blanch |
| North Star | 1270 | Trevor Bolliger |
| North Star | 9 | Dwight Jackson Bowlin |
| North Star | 1180 | Spencer Wayne Cope |

| DISTRICT | UNIT | NAME |
|-----------------|------|----------------------------|
| North Star | 1354 | Tyler James Corkill |
| North Star | 1249 | Joshua Lee Fisher |
| North Star | 1354 | Ryan Patrick Harris |
| North Star | 1214 | Samuel Deane Hormel |
| North Star | 1376 | Jonathan Michael Klamm |
| North Star | 1397 | Alexander Coble Kreeger |
| North Star | 1397 | Benjamin Drew Kreeger |
| North Star | 1180 | Geoffrey Francis Kudlacz |
| North Star | 9 | Tyler Wilson Park |
| North Star | 1357 | Robert Jason Schowengerdt |
| North Star | 1388 | Ryan Colby Sublett |
| North Star | 1418 | Luke Martin Tait |
| Northern Tier | 299 | Daniel Michael Belz |
| Northern Tier | 302 | Joseph Owen Caldwell II |
| Northern Tier | 54 | Braulio Tanner Delapena |
| Northern Tier | 91 | James Linne Groening |
| Northern Tier | 358 | Stuart J. Heckman |
| Northern Tier | 279 | Nathan Robert Holder |
| Northern Tier | 185 | Pedro Abreu Miller |
| Northern Tier | 584 | Robert Craig Naylor |
| Northern Tier | 98 | Ryan Christopher Sellers |
| Northern Tier | 98 | Jared Cameron Sullivan |
| Northern Tier | 189 | Brent R. Ware |
| Pelathe | 59 | Samuel Glenn Gleeson |
| Pelathe | 59 | Colin Olson Kappelman |
| Pelathe | 59 | Andrew Chen Huan Kong |
| Pioneer Trails | 1059 | Andrew Robert Bien |
| Pioneer Trails | 61 | Justin Parris Cohen |
| Pioneer Trails | 1059 | Brian William Dess |
| Pioneer Trails | 1118 | Lee Christian Gibbs |
| Pioneer Trails | 1017 | Eric Elroy Johnson |
| Pioneer Trails | 1118 | John Christopher Sutherlin |
| Pioneer Trails | 1059 | Byron Dunn Wheeler |
| Pioneer Trails | 1024 | Morgan Teale Wienstroer |
| Red-Tailed Hawk | 265 | Brent Justin Blazek |
| Red-Tailed Hawk | 222 | Michael David Cobb |
| Red-Tailed Hawk | 222 | Tavis Gene Highfill |
| Thunderbird | 1046 | Andrew Stephen Bean |
| Thunderbird | 1601 | Taylor Douglas Briggs |
| Thunderbird | 1364 | Matthew Christopher Brucks |
| Thunderbird | 1601 | Evan Kendall Daugherty |

| DISTRICT | UNIT | NAME |
|-------------|------|------------------------------|
| Thunderbird | 1098 | Daniel Jacob Ernstmann |
| Thunderbird | 1255 | Robert David Etem |
| Thunderbird | 1550 | Philip Hart Ewan |
| Thunderbird | 1426 | Melvin Earl Eystone |
| Thunderbird | 1042 | John Edward Ferguson |
| Thunderbird | 1042 | William Patrick Foss |
| Thunderbird | 1244 | William Jesus Friend |
| Thunderbird | 1283 | Travis Ryan Geary |
| Thunderbird | 1042 | Geoffrey Stewart Hayes |
| Thunderbird | 1256 | Daniel Lawrence O'Reilly |
| Thunderbird | 1550 | Cory Scott Reames |
| Thunderbird | 1550 | Dustin Lyle Robinson |
| Thunderbird | 1150 | Dustin Reed Schroer |
| Thunderbird | 1255 | David William Trenchard |
| Thunderbird | 1601 | Bryan Andre Van Buskirk |
| Thunderbird | 601 | Edward James Van Buskirk |
| Thunderbird | 1285 | Timothy Daniel Warren |
| Thunderbird | 1220 | Drue Charles Williams |
| Trailhead | 284 | James Terill Badgerow |
| Trailhead | 92 | William Jeffrey Bodanske |
| Trailhead | 201 | Samuel Drew Brown |
| Trailhead | 10 | Thomas Randolph Holt |
| Trailhead | 10 | Collin James Isham |
| Trailhead | 10 | Timothy Porter King |
| Trailhead | 10 | Alexander Joseph Krantz |
| Trailhead | 10 | Colby Andrew Krantz |
| Trailhead | 395 | Michael James McInerney |
| Trailhead | 257 | Brent Caleb McPherson |
| Trailhead | 387 | Andrew Rau Meyer |
| Trailhead | 395 | Thanh-Long Minh Nguyen |
| Trailhead | 92 | Thomas Winfield Reddick |
| Trailhead | 10 | Mitchell Charles Schutte |
| Trailhead | 1098 | Kyle Matthew Seever |
| Trailhead | 10 | James Brantley Thrasher |
| Trailhead | 1551 | Garth Daniel Shumway Wilkins |
| Trails West | 181 | Matthew B Fitzmaurice |
| Trails West | 181 | Kevin Timothy Hadel |
| Trails West | 401 | Antony Lee Hygh |
| Trails West | 86 | Brain Joseph Keiter |
| Trails West | 1340 | Kyle Lee Pollman |
| Trails West | 181 | Christopher John Swift |

Council Calendar

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 Vntrng 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 Maint 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, 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 22 Wbls Camp Draw, 9:00 a.m., Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd.

- 25 Rotary Cmp Staff Mtg, 6:30 p.m., HOAC Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 26 CLMbrshpComMtg, 7:00 p.m., Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd
- 26 Advance Cmt Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd

February

- 2 CS Day Camp Stf Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service, 10210 Holmes
- 3 New Year's, Scout Shop Closed, Service Center Closed
- 3 PopcornPymtDue, 9:00 a.m., HOAC Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 5 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 a.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- 5 CS Day Camp Stf Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 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 Camp Cmt Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road

- 16 Cncl Trng Mtg, 7:00 p.m. Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 19 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 a.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- 21 Presidents Day-Service Ctr Closed
- 22 Rotary Cmp Stf Mtg, 6:30 p.m., HOAC Service Center 10210 Holmes Rd.
- 23 Camp Fee Pmt, 8:30 a.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd
- 26 TN Work Day, 8:00 a.m. Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, 1100 Martinek Lane
- 26 Commissioner Trg, 8:00 a.m., HOAC Powell Training Center, 10210 Holmes Rd

March

- 2 CS Day Camp Stf Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 2 COPE/Climbng Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Office, Powell Training Center
- 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

- 11 Commission 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
- 19 COPE/Climbing Weekend, 8:30 a.m., Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
- 22 HRBLeaderOrientation, 6:00 p.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, 5525 NE Scout Camp Road
- 22 Rotary Cmp Stf Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Heart of America Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd
- 22 BSCmpLdrMtgBartle, 7:00 p.m., TBA
- 23 BSCmpLdrMtgBartle, 7:00 p.m., TBA
- 23 BSCmpLdrMtgNaish, 7:00 p.m., TBA
- 23 Advance Cmt Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road
- 23 Naish Leader Orientation, 7:00 p.m. Heart of America Council, 10210 Holmes Road
- 25 Good Friday - Bartle Closed, Srv Ctr Closed, CouncilOfc Closed, Naish Closed
- 30 CLMbrshpComMtg, 7:00 p.m., Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road

Tributes

IN MEMORY OF:

E. Addis Munyan, Jr.

W. W. or Joanne Kennedy
Bradley and Cynthia Strecker
George James
Jami Kay
Ervin and Jean Johnston
Farmers Insurance Group
Staff of Aerospace Medicine
Group
Jess and Patty Yarger
Robert and Louise Line
Joan Fayman
Thomas Nidiffer
Disciplators Small Group of
Christ Episcopal Church
Barbara and Ernie Fleisher and
Family
Robert and Ann Poindexter
Nancy Hawley
James and Lydia Youngblood
Charles Sweeney
John and Pauline Jenkins
Beverly Smith
Marilyn Jurden
Peter and Ruth Fennel
Kay Vaughn
Bill Mohr
Dean Stonner
Bob Hunter
Mr and Mrs. Danny Rudder
Charles and Beverly Yocum
Gary and Amy Hodgden
Dr. and Mrs. George Cary, Jr.
Ed and Arleta Davey
Mr. And Mrs. Murray Davis
Bonnie Anderson
Walter and Nancy Pinnell
Billie Houghton
Donald Seifert
May Lockwood
Ed and Joan Hutchison
Alfred and Lucille Sondern
Mary Longenecker
Mrs. R. J. Quirk
Edmund and Vera Hughes
Dr. Arturo Quiason
George and Susan Pavlakis
Mrs. Marilyn Rusovich
Celinda Haynie
Mrs. Harold Miller
David and Marsha Butler
Ruth O'Crowley
Lynn and Robert Mackle
Mrs. William E. White

G. Earl Burum

Wolfgang and Christa Thiergart
George and Lillian Gee
Mary Tollefson
John and Marilyn Meek
Frankie Austin
Andrew Hoffman
Warren and Joann Kennedy
John and Margaret Brindley
Richard Ray
Mr. And Mrs. Dan Wheatcroft
Harvey and Beverly Bodker
Anchor Industries, Inc.
Mr. And Mrs. W. J. Vandenberg, Jr.
William Singleton
Mr. And Mrs. J. Nick Badgerow

Boy Scout Troop 284
Marian Neal
Dalana Neely
Wilbur T. Hill
Mr. And Mrs. Robert Raymond
Lowell and Lorna Lang
Mary Beth Coffey
Stephen and Devra Klein
Larry and Beverly Mallin
Don and Genny Holtgraves
Ruth Harbour
C. Jack Phillips
Bruce and Elizabeth Macy
John Armstrong
Solarcom Holdings, Inc.

Jack Biggins

Jim and Judith Wart
Denis Dietz
Marybelle Anderson
Dorothy Jean Crook
Santa Fe Breakfast Group
Randy and Linda Seiner
Richard and Lynne Grindstaff
Paul Middleton
Milouise Bond
James Biggins

Daniel Hughes

Elizabeth Hall
The Miller Brewing Company
Walmart Corporate Offices
Elley Spangler
Jean Matthews
Mary Beirne
Frances and Sammie Ireland
E&J Gallo Winery
Brown-Forman Corporation
Jacqueline Barney
Mary E. Beirne
Ben E. Keith Company
Haldex Commercial Vehicle
Systems
Republic Beverages

Rev. John R. Hamilton

Tom and Sharon McCullough
Richard and Emily Boeshaar
First Guard Health Plan
The Mark Brayer Family
John and Betty Novak

Christopher Johnson

LBS Homes
Ray and Sandra Seidelman
Jacobs Construction
Ginger Stetler
Betty Witt
W. Brent Fuson
Paul and Cindy Neidig
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Mr. And Mrs. Bruce Davis

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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, 2000 adults and youth received their Blue Leather. The books, fish carabiner, and blue leather rounder 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. After the leader is satisfied with completion, a blue leather rounder 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/scouter as a 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 Reverent 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, the following Scouters have agreed to chair their districts' respective family campaigns

| District | Name | Home Phone |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
| Pelathe | 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.

Endowment

Melvin Had a Problem

Melvin was an industrious post-war entrepreneur. He had served his country faithfully and re-entered civilian life late in 1945. That's when he remembered something Will Rogers once said, "Buy land, they ain't making more of it."

That seemed like a perfectly logical rationale, so Melvin began to acquire a parcel here and a parcel there on the edge of a growing, expanding city. It wasn't long after the land acquisitions that Melvin acquired his contractor's license and the obvious thing to do was to start building something on the land he owned.

Melvin had a conservative nature about him and never did anything too hurriedly. Having come out of the Depression, he wasn't keen about incurring debt for fear there might be another reversal of the economic times that could take him under. So gradually Melvin began to build – an apartment dwelling here and another apartment there. He worked hard, married shortly after the war and before long had five children. By the time he turned 70 and began to slow down, he had 16 grandchildren.

Now it was time to move from success to significance. He needed to think about creative ways to con-

tribute to his community in a cost-effective manner that would also benefit his family in later years. Melvin's apartment units, 64 in all, were appreciating in value almost by the minute. The city and grown and engulfed his holdings; so he engaged a gift planner from one of his favorite local charities in a series of conversations about how to use these properties to benefit his family and extended family.

They decided on a somewhat unique idea – a charitable lead trust. You see, one of Melvin's other problems was too much income; so he funded the trust with 32 of his apartments and directed that income to be shared among his three favorite charities for the next 18 years. Then after that time the income would be passed on to his children and grandchildren. There were some very significant tax benefits to this trust for Melvin. The end result was more income for his community interests and then assets passed along to his family members at a later time with a significant reduction in federal estate and income tax.

For more information, please feel free to contact Mike Johnson, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979. I would be pleased to talk with you about your estate goals.

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. Assemble 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 complete 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.



Good Turn for America

Are you the one who will make a difference?

Good Turn for America is a nationwide effort to highlight the positive impact Scouting has on the community through the numerous service projects conducted each year.

This program provides a data collection site as part of the National BSA ScoutNet database where units can document their service projects, the number of hours provided and how they benefited others. You can learn more at www.goodturnforamerica.org.

Note that your unit will need a unit Good Turn for America ID# (available at the Council Service Center through Nikki Kendrick at 569-4925 or nroach@bsamail.org).

An exciting component of Good Turn for America is the number of partnerships with local service organizations including Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

It is important to note that this is a year round opportunity for service and recognition. Your Pack, Troop, or Crew can log on and report your service project(s) at anytime and print a certificate to recognize your efforts.

Examples of projects include:

- Park clean-up
- Canned food collection
- Help at your church, school, or chartered organization

- Eagle Scout projects
- Stream clean-up

As of early November, 490 Scouts, 65 non Scouts and 405 adults participated in service projects that were logged onto the Good Turn for America website. These 44 projects resulted in 1,665 of hours given by 36 units. They collected 5,547 food and clothing items to be distributed, participated in healthy living programs such as a fun run and helped with litter cleanup and community beautification.

Currently the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, which provides free housing for cancer patients receiving treatment in Kansas City, is in need of support and help. They are looking for everything from help during work days in February, March and April and have a 'wish list' including household items, guest amenities and kitchen items.

To find out more contact Nichole Duval the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge at (816) 842-6427.

Watch the Council website and the Council newsletter "Adventures in Scouting" for information on service projects available through our community partners (Red Cross, Habitat, Salvation Army) available in the Spring of 2005.

For more information contact:

Jonathan Bonness
The Heart of America Council
10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131
(816) 569-4955
jbonness@bsamail.org

For your unit ID# contact:

Nikki Kendrick
(816) 569-4925
nroach@bsamail.org

www.goodturnforamerica.org



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 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, the change will not be reflected on the front page of the printout. Cross off the old IH and write in the new one with address and date of birth.
- If a unit has a reregistering non-paying position (IH or AP) also registering in a paying position as a MC, CC, etc. they are not showing up on the page that prints new leaders. But, we still need new applications on them because they are a new leader.

- You must use the correct SS# for 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 have multiple leaders in the same unit in more than one position. The only exception is the IH and CR positions. If you have multiple in a leader two positions we will delete the multiple position.

Please contact the Council's Registration Department, 816-569-4934, if you have any questions or comments concerning the Internet Rechartering process. With your help we will continue to improve this new process.

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 activity 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 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 (fire fighter, 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.

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. Make a family time capsule with each family member including items that represent what is important to him or her. Decide on a future date on which to open the capsule together.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Find a picture or photograph of the Cub Scout uniform in 1930. 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 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 camp fire 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. Appoint a pack historian to document pack events during the 75th Anniversary celebration. 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.



Brownsea NYLT National Youth Leadership Training

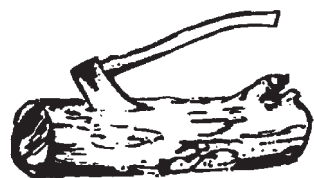


Brownsea NYLT National Youth Leadership Training is an intensive six-day outdoor training experience for young men in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders. The training is conducted by the Heart of America Council Training Committee, which uses the NYLT 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 \$200.00 (including non-refundable deposit of

\$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@bsaemail.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 to 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 openings 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.

Order of Arrow

Spring Inductions will be held April 29 – May 1, and May 20-22. Registration will be available online and mailed to scoutmasters in early spring. Plan now to schedule your unit elections, contact your Chapter Chief for more information.

Naish Scout Reservation

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation will be closed for camping during the spring of 2005, due to the construction of new buildings, including pool, dining hall, office and cub-world. This construction is a result of the Keeping Our Promise campaign and the support of our many volunteers.

Webelos and Bear Camp Draw

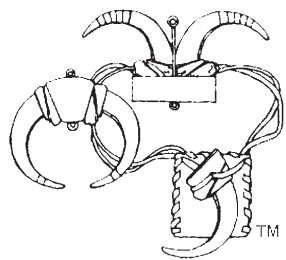
Webelos camp draw will be January 22, 2005 at the Council Service Center. Specific times and instructions were mailed to the Cubmaster and Committee chairman.

Bear camp draw will be April 20, 2005 at the Council Service Center. Dates of camp are as follows:

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| Session 1 | July 9 – 10, 2005 |
| Session 2 | July 11 – 12, 2005 |
| Session 3 | July 16 – 17, 2005 |
| Session 4 | July 18 – 19, 2005 |
| Session 5 | July 23 – 24, 2005 |
| Session 6 | July 25 – 26, 2005 |
| Session 7 | July 30 – 31, 2005 |
| Session 8 | August 1 – 2, 2005 |
| Session 9 | August 6 – 7, 2005 |
| Session 10 | August 8 – 9, 2005 |



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 Chieftains, 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 & Asst Director for Admn |
| 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 part-

nered 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.



2005 Camp Sessions

| Session | Dates | Session | Dates |
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| THEODORE NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION BOY SCOUT CAMP | | H ROE BARTLE SCOUT RESERVATION BOY SCOUT CAMP | |
| Staff Week | June 5 – 10, 2005 | Staff Week | June 4 – 10, 2005 |
| 1 | June 12 – 18, 2005 | MOS Tribal Gathering | June 11, 2005 |
| 2 | June 19 – 25, 2005 | 1 | June 13 – 22, 2005 |
| 3 | June 26 – July 2, 2005 | 2 | June 23 – July 2, 2005 |
| THEODORE NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION WEBELOS CAMP | | 3 | July 3 – 12, 2005 |
| 1 | July 3 – 5, 2005 | 4 | July 13 – 22, 2005 |
| 2 | July 7 – 9, 2005 | 5 | July 23 – August 1, 2005 |
| 3 | July 10 – 12, 2005 | 6 | August 2 – 11, 2005 |
| 4 | July 14 – 16, 2005 | THEODORE NAISH CUB WORLD BEAR RESIDENT CAMP | |
| 5 | July 17 – 19, 2005 | 1 | July 9 – 10, 2005 |
| 6 | July 21 – 23, 2005 | 2 | July 11 – 12, 2005 |
| 7 | July 24 – 26, 2005 | 3 | July 16 – 17, 2005 |
| 8 | July 28 – 30, 2005 | 4 | July 18 – 19, 2005 |
| 9 | July 31 – August 2, 2005 | 5 | July 23 – 24, 2005 |
| 10 | August 4 – 6, 2005 | 6 | July 25 – 26, 2005 |
| 11 | August 7 – 9, 2005 | 7 | July 30 – 31, 2005 |
| 12 | August 11 – 13, 2005 | 8 | August 1 – 2, 2005 |
| CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP SESSIONS | | | |
| Big Muddy: June 6 – 9, 2005 | | | |
| Blue Elk: July 11 – 15, 2005 | | | |
| Kaw: June 27 – July 1, 2005 | | | |
| Lone Bear: June 27 – 30, 2005 | | | |
| North Star: June 6 – 9, 2005 | | | |
| Northern Tier: JUNE 13 – 17, 2005 | | | |
| Pelathe: June 6 – 10, 2005 | | | |
| Pioneer Trails: June 13 – 16, 2005 | | | |
| Red-Tailed Hawk: June 13 – 17, 2005 | | | |
| Thunderbird: June 20 – 24, 2005 | | | |
| Trailhead: June 20 – 23, 2005 | | | |
| Trails West: June 6 – 10, 2005 | | | |
| Twin Rivers: June 6 – 9, 2005 | | | |
| LOCATIONS FOR DAY CAMPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER or you can contact your District Executive for more information. | | | |
| BOY SCOUT ROTARY CAMP | | | |
| June 27 – July 1, 2005 at Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit | | | |
| VENTURE CAMP | | | |
| May 31 – June 3, 2005 at H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation | | | |



North Star District

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. Lanio 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 on-line.

Cub Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:

- Jan. 22, Complete Training - Youth Protection, Fast Start,

North Star Events

January

- 6 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion. Youth Protection / Merit Badge Counselor / New Leader, Essentials Training. OA Chapter Meeting
- 8 OA Winter Banquet
- 11 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion
- 13 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
- 15 OA Election Training
- 22 Klondike Derby
- 22 Cub Scout Leader Training, Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd
- 22 Webelos Camp Draw
- 29 District Recognition Dinner
- 29 OA Election training

February

- 3 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church 900 NE Vivion. Youth Protection / Merit Badge Counselor / New Leader, Essentials Training. OA Chapter Meeting
- 4-5 District Pinewood Derby, Metro North Mall
- 5 District Mall Show, Metro North Mall
- 8 District Committee and Annual Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
- 10 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion

March

- 3 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion. Youth Protection / Merit Badge Counselor / New Leader, Essentials Training. OA Chapter Meeting
- 8 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., North Cross United Methodist
- 10 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian
- 29 Cub Scout Leader Training
- 29 Boy Scout Leader Training
- 29 Venture Leader Training

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 23, BALOO Training, 8:00 a.m., Gloria Dei 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 it will be held at Kelsey Short 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 KCI 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 email jillc@kc.rr.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 all 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; jstyler@kc.rr.com); Program Director is **Jill Cook** (816-468-9232; jillc@kc.rr.com) and your Staff Advisor is District Executive **Jon Geiger** (816-569-4932; jgeiger@bsaemail.org). Please contact any of them if you have questions or if you would like to serve on staff.

2005 North Star District Committee

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| District Chairman | Tom Lenz | 816-426-2408 |
| District Commissioner | Terry Chapman | 816-453-0680 |
| Activities | John Burwell | 816-891-6499 |
| Advancement | John McBurney | 816-781-6923 |
| Camping | Hale Lentz | 816-628-6961 |
| FOS Chairman | Michael Short | 816-587-5170 |
| FOS Family Chairman | Dr. Robert Morrison | 816-741-5348 |
| Membership/Relationships | Russ Downing | 816-587-2025 |
| NESA | Bob Whitaker | 816-455-0021 |
| Public Relations | Jeff Tyler | 816-505-2015 |
| Special Needs | Colleen Chapman | 816-453-0680 |
| Training | Richard Martin | 816-781-9557 |
| Youth Protection | Joni Glenn | 816-781-7666 |
| District Director | Jason Scott | 816-569-4969 |
| | jscott@bsaemail.org | |
| Senior District Executive | Matt Specht | 816-569-4966 |
| | mspecht@bsaemail.org | |
| District Executive | Jonathan Geiger | 816-569-4932 |
| | jgeiger@bsaemail.org | |



Kaw District

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/boyscouts/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.

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
- 10 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS

March

- 3 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS

The Kaw District Roundtable is moving to a new location.

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

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 Camping 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 Plant - 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 \$26,000 to ensure a quality summer camping experience for young men who otherwise could not afford this opportunity. Registration forms information will be distributed soon.

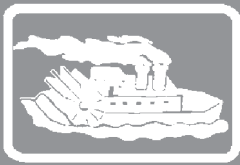
Annual Recognition Dinner



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.

Kaw 2005 District Committee

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| District Chairman | Doug Spangler | 913-441-3707 |
| District Commissioner | Susan Rodgers | 913-351-1470 |
| Cub Scout Round Table | Sharon Thebo | 913-287-2278 |
| Boy Scout Round Table | Shawn Mullen | 913 651-4550 |
| District Training Chair | Greg Carpenter | 816-769-7975 |
| Family FOS Chair | Rick Lockwood | 913-684-4256 |
| Youth Protection Training | Nancy Henre | 913-369-2726 |
| Membership Chair | OPEN | |
| Activities Chair | Dan Hammond | 913-651-4885 |
| Kaw Sprit Team | Bob Sixta | 913-895-5730 |
| Camping Chair | Mike Henre | 913-369-2726 |
| Advancement Chair | Sharlet Untereiner | 913-651-3436 |
| Relationships Chair | Ray Thebo | 913-287-2278 |
| District Director | Charles Vonderheid | 816-569-4949 |
| | cvonderh@bsaemail.org | |
| District Executive | Khary Floyd | 816-569-4965 |
| Sr. District Executive | Dusty Boatright | 816-569-4967 |
| | dboatrig@bsaemail.org | |



Big Muddy District

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

Commissioner's Minute

Commissioner's Minute
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.

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!



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
- 3 District Committee Meeting 7:30 pm, Dibbins Hall, Lexington
- 9 Commissioner's Meeting 7:30 pm, Martens Home, Richmond

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 ant 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 informa-

tion or questions, please contact **Grant Dealy** at 816-569-4956 or email gdealy@bsaemail.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 2005 District Committee

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| HOAC WEBSITE | hoac-bsa.org |
| District Chairman | Tom Hodson 816-240-8472 |
| District Commissioner | Larry Maxwell 816-470-5660 |
| Activities Chairman | Kyle Kolkemeyer 816-838-2466 |
| Advancement Chairman | John Dickson 816-470-2337 |
| Camping Chairman | Ed Gooseman 816-682-2008 |
| Membership Chairman | Mac Rogers 816-470-4152 |
| Cub Scout Training | Mary Martens 816-776-3082 |
| Boy Scout Training | Bob Brooks 660-259-6278 |
| Sr. District Executive | Grant Dealy 816-569-4956 |



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 rechartering 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 **Phil Brockland** @ 1-800-776-1110.

Day Camp

Plans are already underway for the 2005 Cub Scout Day Camp. We are looking forward to another fantastic week of activity for Lone Bears Cub Scouts. Once again we are looking for volunteers to offer a hand with the planning and production of this years camp. The Day Camp Staff will need help with field sports, shooting sports and arts and crafts. If you have a talent you would like to share with our districts Cub Scouts please contact **Phil Brockland** @ 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 oppor-

tunities 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.

Lone Bear 2005 District Committee

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| District Chairman | Gary Cover | 660-885-6914 |
| District Commissioner | Steve Higgins | 660-429-6911 |
| District Executive | Phillip Brockland | 800-776-1110 |
| Membership Chair | Erica Collins | 660-864-6031 |
| Training Chairman | Mike Wiltfong | 660-429-6911 |
| Advancement Chairman | Mike Morales | 660-885-3702 |
| Camping Chairman | John Gaston | 816-297-2216 |
| Activities Chairman | Jerry Post | 660-747-0600 |
| OA Chapter Advisor | Mike Foster | 660-747-2581 |
| Scouts with Disabilities | Bob Straw | 660-885-6336r |

Lone Bear Events

January

- 4 Roundtable, Clinton Scout Center 7:00PM
- 7 District Recognition Dinner, Clinton Rotary Building
- 8 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
- 11 Commissioners Meeting, Clinton Scout Center
- 18 District Committee Meeting, Clinton Scout Center

February

- 1 Roundtable, Clinton Scout Center 7:00 PM
- 8 Commissioner Meeting 6:30 PM Location TBA
- 15 District Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Clinton Scout Center

March

- 1 Roundtable, Clinton Scout Center 7:00 PM
- 8 Commissioner Meeting 6:30 PM Location TBA
- 11-12 Commissioner College, Leavenworth KS
- 15 District Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Clinton Scout Center

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



• Highlights •

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

Pack: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ / (Night) _____

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$5.00 each = Total \$: _____

Check Enclosed (Payable to UMKC Athletics): YES NO

Credit Card (Check one): Visa MasterCard Discover

Name on Card: _____ Card No.: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____



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 816-569-4978, rgilkers@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 thanks to the hard working District Kernel, Pam Clark, who coordinated this year's sale. We appreciate all your hard work.

Recharter

The new online recharter 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 recharter.

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

- 3 Service Center Closed
- 6 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- 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)
- 29 Trailhead District Awards Dinner; 6:30 p.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church (91st & Nall)

February

- 3 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- 3 Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- 10 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 @ Valley View United Methodist
- 10 Commissioner Meeting; 7:30 p.m. @ Valley View United Methodist
- 17 Eagle Board of Review; 7:00 p.m. @ Latter-Day Saints Church (13025 Wornall)
- 21 Service Center Closed

March

- 3 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- 3 Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- 3 Day Camp Pack Coordinators Meeting; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- 10 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 @ Valley View United Methodist
- 10 Commissioner Meeting; 7:30 p.m. @ Valley View United Methodist
- 17 Eagle Board of Review; 7:00 p.m. @ Latter-Day Saints Church (13025 Wornall)
- 25 Service Center Closed

2005 Trailhead District Committee Chairs

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| District Chair | Gus Meyer | (913) 642-3209 |
| District Commissioner | Marc Elkins | (913) 897-2857 |
| Activities Chair | Dean Carlson | (913) 681-2852 |
| Membership Chair | Randy Monson | (913) 491-1390 |
| Advancement Chair | Rob Sisco | (913) 649-5519 |
| Camping Chair | Russ Lindsay | (913) 649-2956 |
| Training Chair | Pat Harvey | (913) 642-4671 |
| Eagle Chair | John Heather | (913) 558-2023 |
| Boy Scout Roundtable | Gene Bellner | (913) 894-2288 |
| Order of the Arrow Advisor | Paul Whatley | (913) 383-8368 |
| Cub Scout Roundtable | Lynn Haffner | (913) 649-3257 |
| Day Camp Director | Suzanne Schartz | (913) 851-1804 |
| Day Camp Program Director | Carol Morris | (913) 642-8038 |
| District Executive | Rob Gilkerson | (816) 569-4978 |
| | | rgilkers@bsamail.org |
| Council Website | www.HOAC-BSA.org | |
| Trailhead Website | www.HOAC-BSA.org/Trailhead.cfm | |



Twin Rivers District

2004 Quality District

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.

Recharterers are Due 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 Advancement now for the whole year by meeting its pledge and participation goals. To schedule your 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 Shirk

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 Shirk** 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 this 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 calendars now to attend! It is one of the most special evenings in Scouting that you can be 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!

Twin Rivers Events

January

- 6 District Commissioner's Meeting, Paola United Methodist Church; 6:30 PM
- 6 Roundtable, Paola United Methodist Church; 7:30 PM
- 6 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, Paola United Methodist Church; 7:30 PM
- 13 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven's, Paola; 6:30 PM
- 14-16 Klondike Derby, Pomona Lake

February

- 3 District Commissioner's Meeting, Paola United Methodist Church; 6:30 PM
- 3 Roundtable, Paola United Methodist Church; 7:30 PM
- 3 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, Paola United Methodist Church; 7:30 PM
- 10 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven's, Paola; 6:30 PM
- 19 Merit Badge College, KCP&L La Cygne Generating Station; 8:30 AM

March

- 3 District Commissioner's Meeting, Paola United Methodist Church; 6:30 PM
- 3 Roundtable, Paola United Methodist Church; 7:30 PM
- 3 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, Paola United Methodist Church; 7:30 PM
- 5 District Dinner, St John's Hall, Greeley; 6:00 PM
- 10 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven's, Paola; 6:30 PM
- 12 Cub Leader Basic Training, Location TBA; 8:30 AM

Twin Rivers 2005 District Committee Roster

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| District Chairman: | Mike Prothe | 913.294.2111 |
| District Commissioner: | John Berton | 785.242.8294 |
| Activities Chair: | Buddy Burris | 785.867.3005 |
| Advancement Chair: | Curtis Gibson | 913.898.4955 |
| Camping Chair: | Richard Grant | 913.755.3941 |
| Endowment Chair: | Ken Weide | 785.448.5560 |
| Finance/Friends of Scouting Chair: | Dana Crawford | 913.757.4451 |
| Membership Chair: | Wendy Richardson | 913.294.6660 |
| Roundtable Commissioner (Boy Scouts): | Dave Miller | 913.849.3574 |
| Roundtable Commissioners (Cub Scouts): | Kathy Kierl | 913.557.5869 |
| | Pam Thompson | 913.294.2344 |
| | Pam Thompson | 913.294.2344 |
| Special Needs Coordinator: | Lawrence Dickinson | 913.256.6809 |
| Training Co-Chairs: | Pam Thompson | 913.294.2344 |
| | Jim Burns | 785.255.4388 |
| Website Chair: | Landon Behrens | 800.776.1110x4941 |
| District Executive: | | lbehrens@bsaemail.org |

HOAC and Twin Rivers District Information: www.hoac-bsa.org



Thunderbird District

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 recharterers 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 that 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 hope for 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, 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 64141**

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.

Thunderbird Events

January

- 4 District Roundtable 7:30 pm Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO.
- 4 Youth Protection Training- 7pm, Merit Badge Counselor Orientation & O.A. Chpt. 5 Mtg. 7:30pm.
- 11 District Commissioner Meeting. Council Service Center - 7pm
- 13 District Committee Meeting. Council Service Center - 7pm
- 15 Klondike Derby- Longview Lake Group Organized Campground
- 22 Thunderbird District Dinner- 6pm Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lee's Summit, MO

February

- 1 District Roundtable 7:30 pm Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO.
- 1 Youth Protection Training- 7pm, Merit Badge Counselor Orientation & O.A. Chpt. 5 Mtg. 7:30pm.
- 8 District Commissioner Meeting. Council Service Center - 7pm
- 10 District Committee Meeting. Council Service Center - 7pm
- 19 Merit Badge Academy. Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO.
- 28 Internet Recharterers are due.

March

- 1 District Roundtable 7:30 pm Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO.
- 1 Youth Protection Training- 7pm, Merit Badge Counselor Orientation & O.A. Chpt. 5 Mtg. 7:30pm.
- 8 District Commissioner Meeting. Council Service Center - 7pm
- 10 District Committee Meeting. Council Service Center - 7pm

2005 Thunderbird District Committee Chairs

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| Chairman | David Frantze | 816-691-3181 |
| Commissioner | Ray Seidelman | 816-350-7438 |
| Vice-Chairman Program | Joe Mackey | 816-309-7474 |
| Vice-Chairman Support | Lester Ham | 816-777-5006 |
| Activities | Barbara Lalk | 816-356-6963 |
| Advancement | Mark Grant | 816-358-0612 |
| Camping | Larry Overfield | 816-358-1022 |
| Membership | Cindy Cone | 816-318-0325 |
| Special Needs | Barbara Shaffer | 816-763-3226 |
| Training | Kelsie Clark | 816-430-5654 |
| Relationships | Cindy Cone | 816-318-0325 |
| District Director | Roger Hoyt | rbhoyt@bsamail.org 816-569-4946 |
| District Executive | Jacob Allen | jaallen@bsamail.org 816-569-4962 |
| Sr. District Executive | David Riker | driker@bsamail.org 816-569-4974 |

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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 sunshine blessed 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 (thanks troop 425 for the building a huge fire).

A huge thanks to Gene Lamb and Dave Weerts who work

nearly year round in planning and putting fourth this outstanding event. Also thanks to Donna Fye, Renee Jalowiec, Mark Lloyd, Paul Alters, Daryl Bolton, Jim Joyce, Ricki Dykes, Mark Enke, Mike Morris, Chris Foote, Eirene Oliphant, Jeff Turner, Susan Lux, John Sleezer, Ernie Lunsford, Alison Ticknor, Gary Hazeltine, troop 324, 85, and crew 2412. There 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't 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 give 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 for 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.

Again 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@bsaemail.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: Archeology, 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 Award and Recognition pro-

gram to recognize our Eagle Scouts from 2004, and to recognize deserving adult volunteers who have consistently contributed to the success of the Scouting program will take place. The adult awards include the District Award of Merit given to those who exemplify the spirit of Scouting and have consistently worked to better the Scouting program at the district level in addition to the recognition of a number of deserving volunteers at various positions within the units. All units are encouraged to nominate those individuals who made major contributions in time and effort to assist or improve their individual unit or the district as a whole. Many deserving adult volunteers are never recognized—this is your opportunity to nominate those worthy individuals. The recognition program culminates with a banquet on February 26, 2005 at Stanley Presbyterian Church for all recipients.

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.

- RTH Email Group: To subscribe email Dave Weerts at bsaeagle75@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

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 Jr. 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 Jr. 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

2005 Red-Tailed Hawk District Committee Chairs

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| District Chairman | Mike Smid | 913 685-8838 |
| District Commissioner | Ray Morrison | 913 764-4107 |
| District Vice-Chair | Keith Sickendick | 913 685-1870 |
| District Training Chair | Jeff Wandtke | 913 764-8413 |
| District Camping Chair | Mark Enke | 913 764-3264 |
| District Activities Chair | Gene Lamb | 913 780-3431 |
| District Advancement | Ernie Lunsford | 913 780-5162 |
| District Membership Chair | Nancy Chapman | 913 829-0366 |
| Boy Scout Roundtable | Dave Weerts | 913 829-1321 |
| Cub Scout Roundtable | Susan Lux | 913 764-8529 |
| Venturing Roundtable | Stan Lloyd | 913 541-9404 |
| Senior District Executive | Jason Ballew | 816 569-4982 |



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 jojilvie@kc.rr.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@bsaemail.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.

Trails West Events

January

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

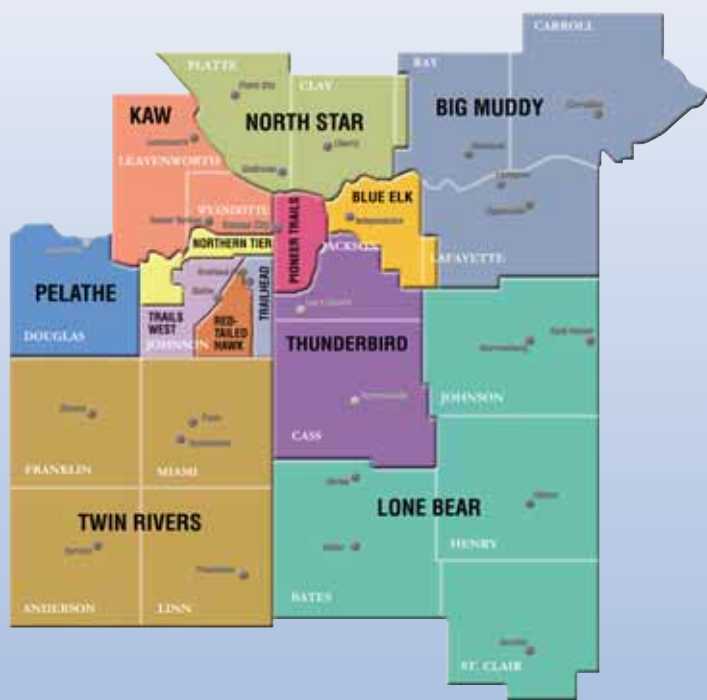
February

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

March

- 3 Roundtable, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
- 8 District Committee Meeting, Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM
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Heart of America Districts



Trails West 2005 District Leadership

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| District Chairman | Ed Hedges | 913-768-1420 |
| District Commissioner | Geoff Mildenhall | 913-859-0506 |
| District Membership Chair | Keith Neuman | 913 541-8362 |
| District Advancement Chair | Ellen McGurk | 913-780-1577 |
| District Eagle Chair | Charles Wunsch | 913-492-5878 |
| District Training Chair | Joe Ogilvie | 913-492-3880 |
| District Activities Chair | Dave Elsey | 913-829-4594 |
| District Camping Chair | Shawn Hudson | 913-254-9548 |
| District Family Friends of Scouting | Marlene Bean | 913-782-3279 |
| District Popcorn Chair | David Colvin | 913 307-0745 |
| Boy Scout Roundtable | Doug Strieby | 913-764-0547 |
| District Director | Alan J Sanders | 816-569-4958 |



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 Sellers of Troop 98, Stuart Heckman of Troop 358, Tyler Kellar of Troop 184, Lucas Kinser of Troop 185, Matthew Wilson of Troop 18, Brent Ware 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. Home-made 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!

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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 Kernal for 2004. Doug was there every step of the way from signing up units, to training those units, to slinging 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 came 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 Participation 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 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.

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

January

- 6 District Roundtable 7:00 pm Village Presbyterian Church 67th & Mission
- 13 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivera 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 Martway 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

- 3 District Roundtable 7:00 pm Village Presbyterian Church 67th & Mission
- 5 Merit Badge Forum/Super Saturday Training located at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School at 12701 W 67th Street. For questions and more information about Merit Badge Forum, contact Judy Tuckness at 913-268-9996. You can also visit the HOAC Website for more information regarding Super Saturday and Merit Badge Forum.
- 8 New Leaders Essentials Training 7:00 pm-8:40 pm followed by Youth Protection Training 8:40 pm-9:50 pm. Check in begins at 6:30 pm, Location To Be Announced
- 10 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivera Rd., & District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 pm
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GO TO THE HOAC 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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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 at 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.

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 turned 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. Webelos 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, MO
- 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
- 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
- 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

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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 Diner 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 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.

Again, 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@bsaemail.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 his 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://pelathe.lawrence.ks.us> and clicking on the Subscribe/Unsubscribe link.

Pelathe Events

January

- 6 Roundtable, First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, 7:00 PM.
- 15 District Dinner, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 PM
- 20 District Committee Meeting, Bishop Seabury Academy, 4120 Clinton Parkway, 7:00 PM. District Committee Chairpersons.

February

- 3 Roundtable, First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, 7:00 PM.
- 17 District Committee Meeting, Bishop Seabury Academy, 4120 Clinton Parkway, 7:00 PM. All District Committee Members.
- 17 District Commissioners Meeting, Bishop Seabury Academy, 4120 Clinton Parkway, 7:00 PM. All Commissioners.
- 18-20 Winter Camping Event, Camp Bromelsick

March

- 3 Roundtable, First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, 7:00 PM.
- 5 District Pine Wood Derby, more information at the January Roundtable.
- 17 District Committee Meeting, Bishop Seabury Academy, 4120 Clinton Parkway, 7:00 PM. District Committee Chairpersons.

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.

2005 Pelathe District Committee Chairs

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| District Executive | Vacant | |

Exploring

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@lflmail.org; or **Adam Berthot**, Senior Exploring Executive, at 816.569.4970, or aberthot@lflmail.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 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.

Seminars. CAREER TRACT: Exploring career option in the fire service, EMS: New technologies review and operations of "Charlie," TEXAS FOREST

SERVICE: Space shuttle recovery, INDUSTRIAL FIREFIGHTING: What are the differences: industrial vs. municipal, DANIELLE SMALLEY FOUNDATION: Pipeline safety and awareness, USAR K-9 RESCUE: Review of use of canine search and rescue, TERRORISM AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION: Fire service role in Homeland Defense; LPG EMERGENCIES: LPG awareness and operations, FIRE PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATIONS: Overview of fire prevention and arson investigation, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: Types and use of personal protective equipment, FIREFIGHTING TOOLS: Course review and application of new tools used in the fire service, TEXAS TASK FORCE ONE: NYC response and USAR training.

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 accommoda-

tions, 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 exposition.

REGISTRATION: A promotional brochure with registration form for the exposition 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 firstnighter 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.





Pioneer Trails District

2004 Quality District

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award Dinner

On Sunday November 14, 2004, the Heart of America Council honored two individuals with the Whitney M. Young Jr. Award: David A. Smith of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City and Leo Long, the President of Long Motor Corporation.

The speaker of the evening, Chris McIntyre, began the evening by delivered a captivating invocation. When David A. Smith and Leo Long individually took the stage, one could immediately see why each individual was honored with the Whitney M. Young Service Award. They spoke so eloquently about their life's struggles and how important it is to enhance our youth's experience by providing them with the opportunity to be a scout.

The evening ended with a moving power point presentation intertwined with the poetic words of "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," an inspirational song and poem about the selfless efforts of one man to another. This was one of the best Whitney M. Young dinners in Pioneer Trails history. Please be a part of the celebration next year, it is a humbling experience!

2055 Friends of Scouting

Have you made that pledge? Have you signed up your unit for a family presentation? Have you volunteered to be a presenter? Year after year we ask for you help and you all are there with open arms and support. Well, we ask for you help once again in making vital contributions to Scouting in the Pioneer Trails District. This is more than just financial support; it is an opportunity to

ensure that an investment has been made towards our greatest asset...our youth. Please do your part and support a program that promotes citizenship, creates more opportunity for youths to join scouting, and enhances the lives of over 7,000 youth in the Pioneer Trails District.

Schedule your Troop or Pack for their Friends of Scouting presentation today. Sign up at any upcoming roundtable or call **Tom Holley** at 816-942-1297

Popcorn Sales

Did you sell this year? Have you seen the great incentives? Have you turned in all your forms? Popcorn sales ended on November 9th, which means that all troops and packs that sold this year, should have turned in their forms already. Makes sure that everyone who purchased popcorn receives his or her product. Sale ended November 7th final pick up time was November 19th and 20th, and popcorn payments are due by January 3rd.

Please make the effort to follow through with your popcorn sales, whether it is to deliver your remaining popcorn or turning in your final payments. If you have any further popcorn questions, please call: **Lori Gooding** at 816-569-4954.

Merit Badge Academy

Here is your chance to acquire those Merit Badges you've been waiting for. On January 22nd, 2005 your scouts will be able to select through the various Merit Badges that are being offered this winter. Sign your scouts up for the Merit Badge Academy today by contacting **Pat Parks** at 816-333-5904 or **Bill Tabolsky** at 816-941-3593. Sign-ups will also be available at roundtable.

Training

When was the last time you attended training? Well, if it has been a while, then this is your queue. We invite you to join the Pioneer Trails District training team's Spring Training Extravaganza April 16 and 27th! The training is for leaders in every position in Scouting, so it can and will benefit everyone. Plan now to be there and don't miss the fun again. For more information call: **Dr. Norman Kahn** (913) 341-4792.

Pioneer Trails District

Make plans now to attend this years District Dinner, where we recognize the volunteers who have made a difference in Pioneer Trails in 2004. George Weaver will spearhead this event, which will take place at Colonial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 5th of 2005. Make reservations now to attend this esteemed event. All honored volunteers are from our district, so come out and show your support. You won't want to miss our 2004 Awards of Merit presentation!

Pioneer Trails Events

January

- 6 District Commissioners Meeting 6:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist.
- 6 Roundtable 7:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist.
- 14 January Charter Due Date
- 18 District Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. - VFW Headquarters, 3400 Broadway.
- 22 Merit Badge Marathon - Hogan Preparatory Academy, 1221 East Meyer Blvd.
- 26 FOS Campaign Kick-Off Dinner (Overland Park Convention Center)

February

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting 6:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist.
- 3 Roundtable 7:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist.
- 15 District Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. - VFW Headquarters, 3400 Broadway.
- 24 District Dinner - Colonial Presbyterian, 95th and Wornall

March

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting 6:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist.
- 3 Roundtable 7:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist.
- 15 District Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. - VFW Headquarters, 3400 Broadway.

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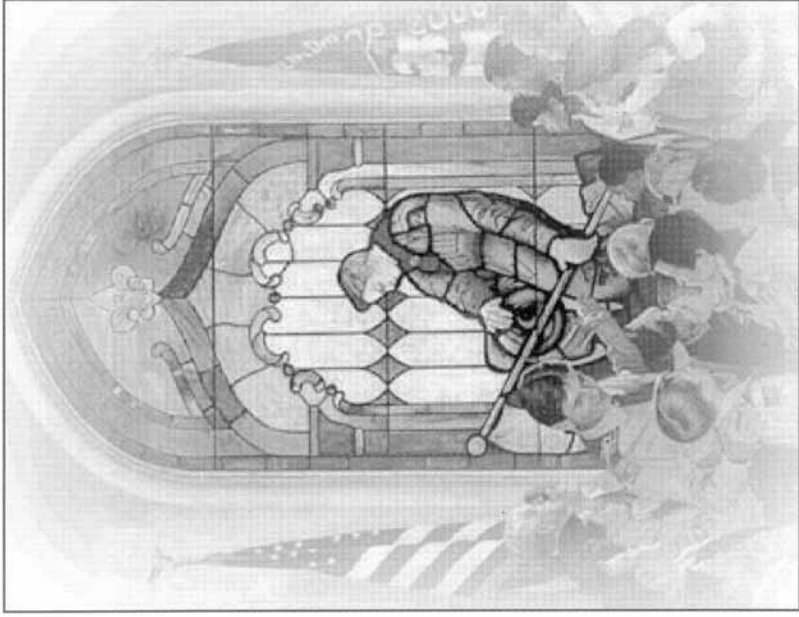
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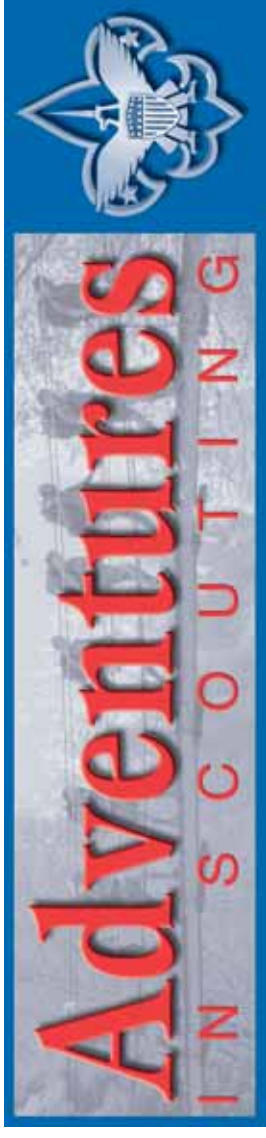
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Recognition for a Job Well Done!

Congratulations to Thomas D. Sheely of the Pelathe 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.

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.



Tom became a finalist of the 2004 NFL Community Scout.

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