Distinguished Citizen Terry Dunn will be honored as

On Thursday, June 16, Terry Dunn will be honored as the 2005 Distinguished Citizen by the Heart of America Council. Terry, a past Council President and past Regional President for the BSA, is very deserving of this award.

The Distinguished Citizen Award was first given in 1991 and recognizes an outstanding community leader who has made a positive impact in Kansas City. Past recipients include Congressman Ike Skelton, Neal Patterson and Cliff Illig, Phil Kirk, and Henry Bloch.

This year’s event will be Co-Chaired by David Lockton, CEO of Lockton Companies and Tom McDonnell President and CEO of DST Systems. Tom was recognized as the 1996 Distinguished Citizen and Chair of the 2000 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner committee honoring Jack Lockton.

The event will be held at the Kansas City Marriott Muehlebach with a reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. (Continued on page 4)
Heart of America Council Hires New Marketing Specialist

Meg Morris joined the Heart of America Council as the Marketing Specialist in the Finance and Marketing Department on March 1, 2005. She is a graduate of Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Advertising.

She has a strong background in marketing having served as an intern at River City Studio and the American Royal Association. Most recently she was employed as an Advertising Sales Representative for Missouri Life Magazine.

She is a native of Independence, Missouri and a graduate of William Chrisman High School.

In her role as Marketing Specialist Meg will promote District and Council events and activities through press releases and securing media coverage when possible and promotion of Council wide programs such as School Night to Join Scouting, the popcorn sale and Good Turn for America. Additionally Meg will be responsible for the Council newsletter (AIS) and will support the creation of the Council’s Annual Report, Profiles of Scouting and other publications.

Please extend a warm welcome to Meg as she assumes her new responsibilities. Contact Meg Morris at mamorris@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4954.

Opportunities for Engineering Explorers

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) co-sponsors each year a Construction Camp at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO and the US Navy Seabees at Ventura County in Port Hueneme, CA. Both events are open to high school students and especially to Engineering Explorers. Application deadline for each is May 1, 2005. Each camp studies design, engineering and construction experiences as well as provides opportunities to meet and talk to professionals in the field. The Air Force Academy accepts 60 students and the Seabees 40.

The application process begins with contacting your local SAME Chapter for application materials. Cost for this year is $450 of which the Chapter pays 50%.

In 2004, Engineering Exploring was represented by Erica Bowles to the Air Force Academy and by Gina Denjen to the Navy Seabees. Both were sponsored by the Marshall University Academy. Opportunities exist once again for Explorers to attend this outstanding event. For details visit www.same.org online. One space is being held at each site for an Explorer, and other opportunities to be selected locally exist. Contact Cliff Takawana at the national office for more details (972) 580-2437.

Good Turn for America

Good Turn for America is a nationwide effort to highlight the positive impact Scouting has on the community through 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 w.

Note that your unit will need a unit Good Turn for America ID# (available at the Council Service Center).

Examples of projects include:
- Park clean-up
- Canned food collection
- Help at your church, school, or chartered organization
- Eagle Scout projects
- Stream clean-up

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

Please remember to update your unit’s service hours frequently!!

Good Turn for America

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOGGING YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

1. Visit www.goodturnforamerica.org
2. Click TELL US ABOUT YOUR SERVICE PROJECT
3. Click CREATE USER NAME AND PASSWORD
4. A greed to Confidentiality Statement
5. Type Unit ID # provided by Council ______________
6. Type Local Unit # ____________________
7. Complete the remainder of the form
8. Please CHOOSE your unit password
9. Click Register

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR UNIT'S SERVICE HOURS FREQUENTLY!!

Pow Wow 2005

Character Under Construction

Pull out those calendars and put Pow Wow on November 5, 2005. It is one fantastic training that you wouldn’t want to miss. Details will be available as they are constructed.

Exploring

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James and Virginia Bennett

Tributes

2005 Friends of Scouting Campaign Update

Friends of Scouting, the annual giving campaign of the Heart of America Council is off to a great start. More than 450 volunteers are asking families, businesses, and foundations, to support the programs of the Heart of America Council that positively impact more than 55,000 young men and women.

At the Council’s second report meeting on March 30th, the volunteer leadership of the 2005 Friends of Scouting campaign reported that $1,055,555 or 66% of the goal has been raised so far. The Council’s goal is to raise $1,595,250 by May 11th.

The three districts leading the way in percentage of overall dollars raised are Blue Elk; 74.2%, Thunderbird; 74%, and Red Tailed Hawk; 72.1%. Congratulations to those three districts and their volunteer teams.

All Friends of Scouting volunteers are invited to share in the fun and excitement of the Friends of Scouting Victory Celebration on May 11, 2005 at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel.

Distinguished Citizen

(Continued on page 7) and a highlight of the evening will include an Eagle Scout from the Urban Core who will receive a College Scholarship in honor of Terry. This year’s event will be emceed by Phil Witt, anchor for Fox 4 News at 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Terry is President and Chief Executive Officer of JE Dunn Construction Company. He began his career at JE Dunn in 1974 and was made Vice President and Treasurer in 1978. He was promoted to President in 1986 and Chief Executive Officer in 1988. Despite a vigorous work schedule, Terry is very active in not only Scouting but many other community organizations. He was Chieftain Fast Wig-wam Builder of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, a recipient of the Council’s Silver Beaver Award and the National Silver Buffalo, the highest recognition a volunteer can receive. Terry and his wife, Peggy, are Co-Chairs of the “Keeping Our Promise” Capital Campaign to expand the facilities at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation and the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

Terry is a Board member and Past Chairman of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Board member and Past Chairman of the Heart of America United Way and a member of numerous boards including UMB Financial Corporation, UMCK Block School, Midwest Research Institute and the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City.

Congratulations to Terry on his well deserved recognition! For more information on the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner please contact Mike Johnson, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979 or mijohnso@bsamail.org.

Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience

The Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts will be participating in the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, 701 N. 94th Street, Kansas City, Kansas in June 2005. The wall will arrive and start construction on June 21st. The opening ceremony will be held on June 24th and the closing ceremony/final day will be June 26th.

The Scouts will be assisting with the construction of the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall, landscaping, passing out programs, aiding guests in finding names on the wall, the hospitality tent, flag ceremonies, collecting and cataloging mementos left at the wall that will be placed in a vault for burial at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Each Scout will earn hours for the Good Turn for America Program and complete requirement #2D for Citizenship in the Nation Merit badge. The Dignity Memorial Providers of Kansas City are honored to have the participation of the Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts for their Vietnam Experience.

For more information please call (816) 778-0025 ext. 101.

Would you Settle for Zero - Tax Result?

Someone who once successfully navigated through the Depression years of 1929-1941 said, “Take care of your real estate and your real estate will take care of you.”

Many have prospered with their real estate investments. One such entrepreneur who repeatedly succeeded with his real estate projects lived in her beautiful oceanfront estate on what is referred to as the “Gold Coast.”

The fascinating thing about Sophie was that she was brought up in hard times. She was raised are Blue Elk; 74.2%, Thunderbird; 74%, and Red Tailed Hawk; 72.1%. First Sophie was encouraged to think about the people and organizations she wanted to benefit, followed by an analysis of the property she owned.

The combined value of her appreciated properties astounded her. Not uncommon to people like Sophie, she had no debt, but her estate had accumulated value to such a degree that at her death there would be very significant federal estate tax issues. Her gift planner outlined a series of steps that Sophie could consider with her attorney that might lessen or even eliminate the federal estate tax consequences.

The plan focused on a series of provisions through the use of a living trust and charitable lead trusts established in her will for some 5 years, another for 10 and another 15. She made provisions for her favorite charities, worthy family members and friends who would receive benefits at a later time. The end result to Sophie’s surprise was an estate settlement process that would greatly minimize or even eliminate her federal estate tax.

If you feel your estate values might suffer from adverse taxes, feel free to contact our gift planning specialist. For more information please contact, Mike Johnson, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979 or mijohnso@bsamail.org.
Scouting for Cartridges and Cell Phones

Scouting for Cartridges has recently begun recycling retired cell phones in addition to used inkjet cartridges. This project was initiated due to the high number of cell phones that are being thrown away as garbage. Cell phones and their batteries contain many hazardous materials that can harm the environment if not properly disposed of, such as:

- Arsenic
- Mercury
- Lead
- Copper
- Zinc
- Brominated flame retardants

The materials are released into the air and groundwater supply if disposed of in landfills. As you can see, proper disposal of cell phones is a very serious matter.

In addition to the environmental concerns, people don't realize retired phones have a value. The Scouting for Cartridges program focuses on reusing and refining the retired phones to benefit people in need. For example, cell phones can be reformatted with an automatic 911 feature and used in emergency situations at battered home shelters.

Our cell phone recycling program is just as easy as our inkjet program. All you have to do is place retired cell phones inside your inkjet collection box (with the inkjets). When the box is full, seal it closed and put it in the mail as usual. Scouting for Cartridges will pay your collection box (with the inkjets). When the box is full, seal it closed.

Don't forget the new Scouting for Cartridges newsletter comes out May 2 with a new trivia question. Here is your chance to win AMC movie tickets. The newsletter is free; just call Scouting for Cartridges on May 2 to request that one be sent to your unit.

Be Risk Ready with Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat

It's true that the number of serious injuries and fatalities in water-related activities is small, relative to the number of Scouting activities every year, but Scouting loses lives and dollars from aquatics injuries and fatalities—second only to those lost in vehicle accidents. To reduce aquatics accidents, we must know and follow Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat.

Chapter 2 of the Guide to Safe Scouting is dedicated to aquatics safety. Give yourself a refresher course before going on your next water activity. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training are now available on the Council website. The link for this training can be found at www.hoac-bsa.org/TRN_Health_Safety.cfm. The life you save or the injury you prevent may be your Scout's. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat save lives!
Why be a Scout Leader or Trained Volunteer?  

Jeff Cochran

Scouting has been a vehicle to bring our children, families and communities together for the common purpose of advancing timeless values and a lifetime of learning for us all. Scouting values do last a lifetime and its foundation is based on building Character, Physical Fitness, Duty to God and Country, and Helping Other People at All Times.

As a parent, you want your children to grow in the values that will help them to become happy, healthy adults. Scouting provides young people the values and character they need to find their way in the world. From Tiger Cubs to Boy Scouts... there is something for everyone to participate in and enjoy.

I know an Adult Scouter who has been involved in scouts as a youth and served for the past ten years as an adult leader. His work schedule is hectic but he always found time for Scouting. He began by making the commitment to become a Scout Leader for a group of Tiger Cubs.

At first he wasn’t sure he could handle it but with the quality training provided by Scouting he decided to become more involved. He served at every level in Cub Scouting more than once and is now involved with a Troop and his involvement and enthusiasm with Scouting is what kept his boys interested in the program.

When his oldest son received his Eagle Scout award he said he finally realized how much it meant to be involved in Scouting with his boys when his son thanked him for what he had done along the Eagle Trail with him. He hopes all parents will one day enjoy that feeling as his son received the highest honor in Scouting. A s he walked away, he turned and smiled, “and just think, I get to experience this two more times.”

This leader said he is still learning but said the things that helped him be successful were attending the training provided and actively participating with his Scouts. With time, his experience and tenure began to show, for the glow in his eyes shined as he continued to tell me of the great times he has experienced. He said it is about having fun with the Scouts and adults while helping to deliver a quality program with energy and enthusiasm.

When asked if there is a good time to begin training he said that the best time is the first year you and/or your son enters Scouting. Anyone can sign up and attend training at anytime, more than once if they want, regardless of how long they have been involved. He said that Scouting would always welcome volunteers and leaders and encourages all to become “well Trained” for the benefit of the youth AND themselves.
Race to Cub Scouting — The Invitation to Join Scouting!

“Race to Cub Scouting – It’s Fun at Every Turn!” is the Cub Scout Round-Up theme for the nationally supported 2005 Cub Scout Round-Up campaign. This will be a nationally supported effort focused on recruiting new Cub Scouts and their families to Scouting.

District & Council Support

Volunteers from across the Heart of America Council are working together on the 2005 School Night to Join Scouting program, “Race to Cub Scouting.”

Units throughout the council will welcome thousands of new youth and adult members this fall. School Night will be held on different nights in each district throughout the council. This will allow district volunteers to assist units that need extra help.

Each school district should have all elementary schools—public and private—open on selected nights. Every elementary school in the council should be open and staffed by pack and troop leaders to welcome new boys and adults into Scouting.

School Night will be promoted throughout our council. Posters and fliers will be delivered to schools. “Race to Cub Scouting – It’s Fun at Every Turn!” t-shirts will be provided for each new Scout at their first Pack Meeting.

Successful School Nights depend on thorough planning by unit leaders. Time spent making a few phone calls and putting together a short program can pay great dividends.

Parent to Parent

Parents are looking for effective ways to include their sons in social settings that will help them learn and grow. When our adult members and parents of our youth members attend functions such as school open house, School Nights, parent-teacher meetings, and youth sporting events they can invite other families to become part of Scouting through an informal invitation.

Another effective way to recruit is organizing phone-a-thons a few nights before your School Night. Secure phone lists or buzz books from your school. A personal phone call inviting the family to School Night provides a warm welcome. A dull-to-adult invitations may also include personal letters. The basis of these conversations should be the benefits of Cub Scouting in achieving the parents’ goals.

Older Youth to Cub Scout-Age Boys

Boys are less likely to be interested in long-term benefits and are more interested in hearing what specific activities will be available to them. Social status is also a major concern.

Younger boys will often try to emulate the actions of older peers. When older youth describe the fun and exciting activities they participated in as a Cub Scout, the younger boys want to be a like them. This contact can occur within the pack meeting through a den chief or by involving troops with Cub Scouting recruitment.

Cub Scout to Cub Scout-Age Boys

Social status also plays a vital role between boys of similar ages. Cub Scout-age boys want to be included in the activities of their friends. Current Cub Scouts can invite their friends to attend meetings with them either by written invitation or verbally.

Each of these methods also insures promotion in case the School Night flyer didn’t make it into the hands of the parents or guardian.

Open Houses

Every unit should plan to participate in its elementary school open house. Try to secure a table, staffed by pack volunteers, in an area of high visibility. You can even have applications available at the table. If possible, secure a few minutes on the agenda. Packs should distribute a pack calendar and a list of leaders with their phone numbers. Why not show off some of your pack’s events? Bring along photos of activities and projects on display or bulletin boards, or better yet, check about utilizing the display cases of your school.

Each unit should have a uniformed adult leader join the district executive in making classroom visits or rallies at your school. This will take place anywhere from one to three days before your School Night. This is a great time to tell boys about pack activities and programs.

Bring a pinewood derby car, patches, projects, or other small program-related articles into the classroom to show how enjoyable Scouting is.

These visits are critical for generating the necessary excitement to insure a good School Night turnout. Another feature of School Night rallies is the touch-on. During each school visit, the uniformed adult leader and district executive will give each boy a touch-on, which is a small Cub Scout-oriented sticker. The sticker will remind the boy and his parents or guardian to attend School Night.

School Night

As mentioned earlier, each unit should distribute a calendar of the year’s events and activities to prospective members and adult leaders as they enter the meeting on School Night. A well-organized and active program calendar makes a strong first impression. Prospective Scouts and leaders will be more receptive if they observe quality leadership and dedication from the outset.

Each unit should have a master of ceremonies on School Night. This person should be in full uniform and be a good public speaker. The master of ceremonies should use the agenda and script provided to all units at their district’s “Race to Cub Scouting” training meeting. Each unit should have a registrar team. The registrar team is responsible for collecting fees and applications in an orderly and efficient manner. Each Cub Scout pack should have someone coordinating every program level, especially Tiger Cubs. They should be prepared to conduct a short orientation, answer questions about the program, and if necessary aid in the recruitment of leaders.

Additional leaders should be available to answer questions and help with applications. After boys and their parents join a Scouting unit, they want to experience the Scouting program. Leaders and School Night organizers are the key people in guaranteeing that dens or patrols are formed and exciting and fun-filled meetings occur soon.

Unit leaders must be willing to accept new boys and to make sure that each boy receives the program he has been promised. Unit leaders must realize that School Night is the ideal time to recruit additional help and have parents accept specific responsibilities.

The Race is on

Scouting is an exciting program. Our leaders teach values and develop leadership skills in young people while everyone involved has fun. Scouting is important—important enough that every parent should consider it and every boy encouraged to try Scouting.

If you have any questions or problems regarding School Night, contact your unit commissioner or district executive. He or she will assist your unit and help with preparations.

For more information contact: Jason Noland, jnoland@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4948.
**Philmont Council Contingent Draw for 2006**

The mission of the Council’s Philmont Contingent is to give individuals the opportunity to attend Philmont in a trained crew with qualified and trained leadership. In order to preserve this mission there will be a council-wide registration and draw for the 2006 contingent on May 18, 2005 at the Council Service Center at 7:00 PM.

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

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

**Brownsea National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)**

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

Brownsea starts on June 12, 2005 and ends on June 17, 2005 and will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. It’s purpose is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at it’s best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course, to have fun!!

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

**Truman Merit Badge Program**

At the Truman Library Saturday, March 19, 2005, 97 boys were on hand from across the Heart of America Council to earn one of two merit badges, American Heritage or Citizenship in the Nation. Thirty-three (33) boys earned American Heritage and sixty-four (64) earned Citizenship in the Nation. In addition, 13 merit badge counselors (five for American Heritage and eight for Citizenship in the Nation) were on hand to assist the boys in earning these merit badges. Also the boys, and the parents accompanying them, viewed a movie depicting Truman’s Presidency and then were taken on a guided tour of the Library and Museum. The event this past Saturday begins the fifth year for this program with over 550 boys having taken part. The next activity is scheduled for September 24, 2005.

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation Re-Opening**

On June 4, 2005 please join us from 2:00 to 4:30 PM for a tour of the new facilities as we celebrate the completion of major capital projects. Come see the new water park, lost mine and dining shelter in Cub World, along with the new pool, office, health lodge and dining hall.

Please RSVP to Josi Sansom at (816) 564-4916 or jsansom@bsaemail.org

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**Final Camp Fee Payment Dates**

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For your convenience, you can mail camp payments to:

HOAC, BSA
P O BOX 414177
Kansas City, MO 64141-4177

**2005 National Scout Jamboree**

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

Questions regarding the 2005 HOAC Council Contingent can be directed to the Program and Camping Service Office at the Council Service Center (816-569-4963).

There are 12 positions available.

**Order of the Arrow**

All Order of the Arrow members that have renewed their membership should have by now received their 2005 OA Membership Card. If you do not have your card yet, see your Order of the Arrow Troop Representative (OATR) or your Scoutmaster. The 2005 Lodge Executive Committee has been working hard to bring new and exciting elements to the induction weekends. Remember, there is no campsite cooking on OA weekends at camp. Contact your OATR for more information.

**Wood Badge Training**

Participants take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors with their patrol. Participants learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to it’s maximum potential. This training experience is open to all adult Scouters registered in the Boy Scouts of America. The course will be held on two weekends (September 16 – 18, 2005 and October 7 – 9, 2005). Both weekend courses will be held at the Rotary Youth Camp in Lees Summit, Missouri. Registration forms and additional information are available at your district roundtable and the Council Service Center. The course is almost half full.

You are not required to have camping or Scout Craft skills in order to enjoy this ultimate training experience, however you need to be trained in your current registered position. The objective of the course is to help you learn to be a more effective leader. You will experience a professional environment with knowledgeable and skilled trainers using the most modern and effective training techniques and materials. The fee for the course is $200.00 (including non-refundable deposit of $50.00) and includes all meals and training material.
Bear Resident Camp

The staff is almost ready to welcome you to this year’s camp. Don’t forget to take your camera to camp with you. Take some pictures and e-mail them to canbrown@bsamail.org. We MIGHT be able to use some of your pictures in future issues of Adventures in Scouting. The final fee payment for Bear Camp was April 20, 2005. If you missed the online signup contact jbonness@bsamail.org to find out if space is still available.

Webelos Resident Camp

Soon Webelos and their leaders will descend upon Camp Naish to embark upon an adventure designed just for them. The theme this year is “Out of the Past, Into the Future”. Don’t miss what the staff have planned for you. The final fee payment and changes to the list of campers is due by May 4, 2005. Call the Camping and Program Service Department at the Council Service Center (816-569-4928 or 800-776-1110) or e-mail jbonness@bsamail.org for more information.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Each year volunteers in the 13 council districts coordinate and plan activities just for your Scout for Cub Scout Day Camp. As you probably already know, the theme is “Diamonds In The Rough”. Call your Cubmaster or District Executive to get your Scout signed up for camp.

Rotary Scout Camp

Rotary Scout Camp is the HOAC long term resident camp for Scouts with special needs. This camp is held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility which is located in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Rotary Scout Camp allows Scouts to enjoy the outdoor experience, earn merit badges and have as much fun as can be squeezed into five days and nights. Rotary Camp starts on June 27, 2005 and continues through July 1, 2005. It is not too late too late to sign up for camp, as we still have room for more campers! With a brand new dining hall, we are able to increase the number of Scouts attending camp. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending camp, please fill out an application to participate as soon as possible.

Applications for participation are available on the website www.hoac-bsa.org or at the Council Service Center, under Resources and Forms. If you have questions regarding the Rotary Camp contact Brian Tobler btobler@bsamail.org or J. Britt Davis jdavis@bsamail.org.

Bartle and Naish Calendars

Bartle Scout Reservation
April 29 to May 1, 2005 - OA Spring Induction #1
Saturday, May 7, 2005 - WORK DAY
Saturday, May 14, 2005 - Camp Staff Orientation
Saturday, May 21, 2005 - WORK DAY
Saturday, June 11, 2005 - Tribal Gathering

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

OA SPRING INDUCTION
May 20-22, 2005

All Scout Troops are invited to participate in the

2005 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

This Good Turn Project will be held on

Date: Monday, May 30, 2005
Place: Liberty Memorial (Across from Union Station) Pershing and Main St., Kansas City, Missouri
Time: 9:00 am - Gathering at main gate
9:30 am - Parade begins
10:00 am - Ceremony begins

All Boy Scout Troop Marching Units and Color Guards are invited to participate in the parade. Troop Color Guard units will be invited to participate in the Official Ceremony.

To sign your Troop and Color Guard up for the Memorial Day events, e-mail the following information to Julio Bambini at bambinij-s@juno.com.

- Troop Number -
- Will you have a Color Guard? -
- Number of youth and adults participating -
- Contact Name -
- Contact e-mail -

For additional information, contact Julio C. Bambini at 816-356 0296 or bambinij-s@juno.com

Make sure to log your Troop’s Service Hours for this project at goodturnforamerica.org
Please contact your District Executives if you need to order flyers for recruitment. The sooner these things are completed and organized, the better chance we will have of getting larger numbers of youth to the Recruitment nights.

**Thunderbird Pinewood Derby**

Thank you to everyone that participated in Thunderbird's District Pinewood Derby. Everyone seemed excited to see their cars approach the finish line. We want to send a special thanks to Mark Walters, Brent Worley, Myrna Frost and all other volunteers that took the time to help with this year's Pinewood Derby.

**Training**

Training dates are set and most of the locations have been secured. Training is an essential part of a unit's success. The more leaders that become trained in their current position the better the quality of the program can be.

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](http://www.hoac-bsa.org).

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

**Friends of Scouting**

The Friends of Scouting Campaign is coming to a close. The Thunderbird District has been working extremely hard to reach 100% of their goal by May 12th. The Thunderbird District would like to thank all of the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. We would like to send out a special thanks to Leo Berroteran, who has put in 5 great years of volunteer work as the Chairman of the Family Campaign. Thanks again to everyone that helped make this year's Friends of Scouting Campaign a success!

**Day Camp**

Day camp is right around the corner! The dates are June 20-24. We are planning hosting day camp out at James A. Reed Wildlife Aera again this year. The cost is $45 until May 15th, and then becomes $60. The theme for this year is “Diamonds in the Rough.” Fun and adventure will be had by everyone that attends. Don’t miss out! If you have questions regarding day camp you may contact **David Riker**, at the council service center, at 816-569-4974.

**Thunderbird Program Planning Fair**

We will use the same format as last year for the Thunderbird June Program Planning Fair. The district will host a picnic and donations will be accepted to cover the expenses of food and supplies. Please save June 7th on your calendar and stay tuned for more details at the May Roundtable.

**Heart of America Council District Map**

**Thunderbird Events**

**May**

3 District Roundtable: 7:30 pm Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO

7 Venturing Leader Training: 8:00am – 4:00pm, Location - TBA

10 District Commissioner Meeting: Council Service Center – 7pm

12 District Committee Meeting: Council Service Center – 7pm

13 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills: Session 1: Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 East 117th Street, Kansas City, MO

22 Walking Leader Training for Day Camp: 1pm

James A. Reed Wildlife Conservation Area – Archery Range

**June**

7 District Program Planning Fair: 5:30 – 6:15 Dinner, Wallace Park Pavilion 16400 N. Mullen Rd, Belton MO 64012

14 District Commissioner Meeting. Council Service Center – 7pm

20-24 Day Camp: James A. Reed Wildlife Conservation Area – Archery Range
Lone Bear

District

Cub Scout Day Camp

Diamonds in the Rough!

The 2005 Day Camp will be held with the theme of Diamonds in the Rough. All Cub Scouts from new Tigers to 2nd Year Webelos are encouraged to attend. We will be having a blast with Archery, BB guns, swimming, field sports, crafts and special guests.

Cub Scout Day Camp will be held from June 27-30 at Artesian Park in Clinton MO. Registration for this event is now being accepted at the Council Service Center. May 11th is the deadline for the early bird registration fee of $45.00. Registration for camp after the deadline will cost $60.00. Packs should note that two walking leaders are required each day of camp. The walking leader training will take place at the June Roundtable at the Clinton Scout Center.

If you are interested in lending a hand with staffing this event please contact Phillip Brockland @ 800-776-1110. We can always use more help and new talents.

Take the Boys to Camp!

Summer is right around the corner and now is the time to make sure that all your boys have the opportunity to go to summer camp. The Heart of America Council runs a wide range of camp programs for the boys of the Lone Bear District. The District Day Camp will be a great experience for all of the districts Cub Scouts. Boys will also be able to attend Camp and the Bartle Scout Reservation and at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. For information about the camping opportunities available please contact Judy Molt @ 660-747-0841 or Phillip Brockland @ 800-776-1110.

Program Fair

During the June Roundtable (June 7, 7:00PM-8:30PM, Clinton Scout Center) we will have our annual program planning fair. This is a chance for you to get all of the information you need to help put together your units program for the coming year. You will receive a program planning packet and a calendar for your use to get ready for the coming year. Please don’t miss this meeting, as it is a great chance for you to get the resources you need to have a great 2205/2006 Scouting year.

Roundtable

Roundtable meetings are held at the Clinton Scout Center, on the first Tuesday of every month. Roundtable meetings are a gathering of Scouters from the Lone Bear District held once a month. These meetings are an important way for leaders to gather and learn from each other. This is also an opportunity for you to get information on variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout Leaders and Cub Scout Leaders. We always have a good time and it would benefit your unit to have at least one adult leader present. All leaders are encouraged to join us to learn more about serving today’s youth. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information. For more information please contact Phillip Brockland @ 800-776-1110.

What Have Your Scouts Done?

The District Committee and all of the Lone Bear District wants to know what your unit has been up to. We know you all are involved in exciting activities and are having lots of fun. Please send your monthly highlights and photos to Phillip Brockland at pbrockla@bsamail.org. We will be sure to get your unit story in this publication!

Spring Camporee!

The 2005 Spring Camporee was a huge success!!. The Lone Bear District worked very closely with the Whiteman Air Force Base to make sure this event was a highlight of this year’s district activities. Over 600 Young men and 400 adult volunteers were present. Troops from 4 states, and 8 districts attended. Planned programs included a live demonstration of Birds of Prey, realistic first aid exercises, a static display of the bases equipment and much more. This event required quite a lot of work and we have great volunteers to thank for all of their efforts. Special thanks go to Jerry Post, Randy White and the Whiteman Air Force Base.

2005 Friends of Scouting

Our overall goal this year is $34,500; the family goal is $5,500. At the last March FOS report meeting our district reported a strong 60% completion of our goal. We are going to be very busy this month working to achieve the Districts goals. This year, we are striving to reach our goals earlier than ever and we need your help. Many units have already had their presentations conducted with a great deal of success. If your unit has not signed up to have a FOS presentation for your Pack, Troop or Crew, please contact Phillip Brockland or Richard Miller. Once again, your unit will receive Free Rank Advancement for the 2005 calendar year when your unit’s goal has been met.

Please remember, the Friends of Scouting Campaign is a key element in the financing of the Heart of America Council and its programs. Let’s make sure that the Lone Bear District completes its campaign on time and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

If you are interested in participating with either the Family or Community FOS Campaign please contact Phillip Brockland @ 800-776-1110 or JC Smith @ 660-885-4684.

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Northern Tier District

This Month in the Eagle Scout Spotlight

Due to Spring Break, we were unable to conduct any Eagle Boards of Review in March. However, we'll be back with a flourish of new Eagle Scouts next month!

Recharger Period Past

Thanks to all of you who successfully wrapped up the recharger process on time! You will find it a lot easier to go into the summer and know all your boys are registered as you head off to summer camp. Thanks to all of you who made this process easier in 2005.

Friends of Scouting 2005 Campaign

We are wrapping up another successful Friends of Scouting Campaign for Northern Tier District in 2005! Your commitment to the Scouting program is a key to why we are such a successful district in such a successful council. Congratulations to those units that have earned Free Rank Advancement for 2005:
- Pack 3252 Troop 439
- Pack 3253 Troop 648
- Pack 3439 Team 6439
- Pack 3751 Team 6648
- Troop 189 Crew 2439
- Troop 299 Crew 2648

For more information or questions, please contact Steve Brady, 2005 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman, at (913) 362-8441 or Cortland Bolles, District Executive at 816.569.4918 or cbolles@bsamail.org.

Diamonds in the Rough

In honor of the 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUB SCOUTING, Day Camp’s theme this year is Diamonds in the Rough! We are in the home stretch now preparing for the best Day Camp experience your boys can have. Remember, the discounted registration fee of only $45 needs to be in before May 11, 2005! And the sooner the better so we can make sure every boy has the best camp experience he can have. For more information you can contact our District Day Camp Director, Dave Sultz at 913-381-7824 or dsk5123@aol.com. Dave and his team are visiting packs to promote camp this year and tell you all about the fun things we are going to have. Schedule your visit soon to get your pack excited about Day Camp this year, June 13-17, 2004. Can’t wait to see you there!

New “Challenge” for Cub Scouts

Many of you may have noticed a new event of the Northern Tier Calendar! We are proud to introduce the Northern Tier Scouting Challenge. This is an event designed for current Bears and first-year Webelos to participate with their parents in some of the exciting things you do as you move along in the Webelos program, preparing for Boy Scouts! You don’t want to miss this! We’ll see you there!

2005 Merit Badge Forum a Great Success

On February 5th and March 5th at Shawnee Mission Northwest HS, more than 500 Scouts took part in our annual Merit Badge Forum. More than 35 units from in and out of district, even from as far away as Columbia, MO, participated! A big thank you goes to J Jack Clark, Judy Tuckness, Myrl Wear, and Chuck Davis for organizing this huge event. Thank you also goes to all of our Merit Badge Counselors, staff and unit leaders for dedicating their time and talents to teaching so many youth some new skills!

A Blue & Gold to Remember

On Saturday, February 19, 2005, Pack 3493 celebrated the birthday of Scouting and Cub Scouting’s 75th Anniversary. After many hours of planning and preparation, the hall was decorated, the food was delivered, and families and guests arrived. Our guest speaker, 1st Lieutenant Steve Hayes, whom the Webelos had kept in touch with while he was in Iraq, was there to help the second-year Webelos graduate into Boy Scouting. Six boys moved onto Troop 393, a great end to a great evening!

Do you want to feature your unit in an upcoming issue of Adventures in Scouting? Send your article and a couple pictures in to Cortland Bolles, Senior District Executive, 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City MO 64131!

Northern Tier Events

May
- 5 District Roundtable - 7:00 PM; Village Presbyterian Church, 67th & Mission
- 6-7 Northern Tier Scouting Challenge - 6:00 PM Friday thru Saturday afternoon; Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbie Rd, Shawnee, KS. A new event for Bears and first-year Webelos and their parents to learn about continuing in the Scouting program.
- 7 BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) - 9:00 AM; Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbie Rd, Shawnee, KS
- 12 District Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM; District Commissioner Meeting - 7:30 PM; Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
- 14 Super Saturday - 8:00 AM; Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Dr
- 19 District Eagle Boards of Review - 6:30 PM; LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd

June
- 2 District Roundtable - 7:00 PM; Village Presbyterian Church, 67th & Mission
- 9 District Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM; District Commissioner Meeting - 7:30 PM; Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
- 13-17 Cub Scout Day Camp - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM each day; Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbie Rd, Shawnee, KS
- 16 District Eagle Boards of Review - 6:30 PM; LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd

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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### 2005 District Pinewood Derby

On March 5th, 78 boys representing 27 Packs participated in the 4th annual Pinewood Derby. Each Cub Pack in Red-Tailed Hawk could send the top three winners from their unit derby so this was truly “the best of the best.” It was an exciting fun day of racing and when the checkered flag flew the finalists were as follows.

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A huge thanks to Pack 3425 and 3123 for chairing the event this year. They provided the track, manpower, set-up, and ran the race. Also thank you to Bill Cheek and the Blue Valley Baptist Church for providing us with a place to have the derby. Lastly thank you to the adults who gave up another Saturday for “the annual highlight for most troops and an opportunity to spend an extended time embracing the Scouting program. “Magic” truly does take place at camp and scouts and scoucers alike are the benefactors.Merit badges are earned, time is spent outdoors, fellowship is forged, and here camping programs provide curiosity and then hopefully self-reflection and improvement. Boys spend a fairly significant time away from home learning to be more responsible, self-sufficient, positive about themselves, and likely to lead. As adult leaders you bare witness and aid in the personal development of the scouts and the “magic” that takes place. It may be that first year scout who has been homesick and deadest on leaving then learns that there is fun to be had and realizes maybe he is going to survive after all.

I encourage all of you to continue your promotion of a summer camp opportunity and be cognitive of possible barriers keeping scouts from attending. One example may be financial and there is assistance available through camperships.

### “Diamonds in the Rough,” 2005 Cub Day Camp

Day Camp will be the week of June 20th thru the 24th at the old Lake Olathe golf course. Jeff Turner (camp director) and Traci Symon (program director) are preparing diligently to ensure a quality summer program for the Cub Scouts. If you are interested in serving on staff where the “real fun” takes place please contact Jeff Turner at 913 851-0747 or jeff@kcc.com for further information.

There will be two opportunities for Walking Leader Training on May 19th, 6:30 PM and June 4th at 10:00 AM. Both will be at the old Lake Olathe golf course where camp will take place. At these times all walking leaders will receive all the final info and take a tour of the camp. We look forward to seeing your Cub Pack at camp and having much fun! Registrations due by May 11th.

### Summer Camp is Around the Corner

I was a brand new Boy Scout who was highly anticipating my first summer camp experience. My newly stained camp box adorned with my name and troop 494 had been packed for over a week and I could not wait to embark on my summer adventure.

Our troop arrived at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, Camp Frontier (now Piercing Arrow) in the summer of 1985. I can vividly remember working on merit badges like nature, leatherwork, mammal, and swimming. I recall playing in the 5 foot and under water polo tournament, singing in the dinning hall, taking pride in my KP duties, and watching in amazement a call night campfire. I was exposed to some new activities, learned skills and became a little more responsible.

Camp was great that summer and I went back the following eight years cherishing each one.

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**Stay in the Loop of Communication**

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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 Church of The Nazarene, Family Life Center.
**Blue Elk District**

**Day Camp 2005**

Diamonds in the Rough

Day Camp is almost here! Walking Leader Training is taking place on Saturday, June 4th at George Owens' Nature Park. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. Even if you have been through this training before, it is still important that the Day Camp pack coordinator and ALL other walking leaders attend. As you prepare for Day Camp, please remember that health forms and a complete roster of boys that are attending camp are due by May 5th.

**Family Friends of Scouting**

We are currently in the middle of the 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 and Court of Honors. All members who are registered in Scouts will receive an FOS brochure by mail, if you have not already given. I encourage everyone to give to the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Every cent stays in the council and is used to deliver a quality program to the youth in our area. If you would like to donate or set up a presentation please contact Dan Jackson at 690-5906, Mary Morris at 796-6657 or Joe Myers at 569-4983.

**May Training**

Webelos Outdoor Training will take place at 6:30 PM Friday, May 13th and will continue through 3:30 PM Saturday, May 14th. Registration begins at 6:00 PM Friday at All Saints Lutheran Church, located at 421 SW 19th Street in Blue Springs. This training will help Webelos Leaders understand the outdoor skills of the Webelos program. It focuses on how to take the boys camping. Campouts are a requirement for the Webelos badge. There is help on how to utilize the activity pins on campouts.

This training is a MUST for the Webelos Adult Leader Recognition. This includes an overnight stay. Please bring your own camping gear. The cost for this training is $15.00 dollars. If you would like any more information on trainings please contact Joe Myers @ (816) 569-4983 or email Joe at jmyers@bsamail.org.

*Remember: EVERY BOY DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!*

**Cub Olympics**

Cub Olympics is just around the corner! The event takes place on May 7th starting at 9:00 a.m. Sign up at the May Roundtable for this fun half-day event. Boys will be able to participate in the standing long jump, overhead softball throw, pushups, sit-ups, and the 50-yard dash. The cost after April 30th is $5.00 per boy. Registrations can be taken the day of, but preferable beforehand. Cub will compete against other cubs in the same age group. For those packs that have recruited new scouts, this is a great opportunity to get them active and involved in a fun activity right away. Don’t miss the fun! For more information please contact Joe Myers @ (816) 569-4983 or email Joe at jmyers@bsamail.org.

### Fall Recruitment

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

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### Blue Elk Events

**May**

5.

- Roundtable, 7:30 p.m. — Eagle Board of Review / Merit Badge Counselor Training / Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Youth Protection Training — Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Rd, Independence, MO

7.

- Cub Olympics, 9:00 a.m. — Bridger 8th Grade Center Athletic Field 18200 E. M-78 Highway, Independence, MO

12.

- Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence, MO

13-14.

- Webelos Outdoor Training, 6:30 PM Friday - 3:30 PM Saturday. Registration begins at 6:00 PM Friday, All Saints Lutheran Church, 421 SW 19th Street, Blue Springs, MO

19.

- District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark’s Catholic Church, 3736 Lee’s Summit Rd, Independence, MO

**June**

2.

- Program Fair, 7:30 p.m. — Eagle Board of Review / Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting — Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Rd., Independence, MO

4.

- Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 9:00 a.m., George Owens Park, 1601 S. Speck, Independence, MO

9.

- Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence, MO

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- District Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark’s Catholic Church, 3736 Lee’s Summit Rd, Independence, MO

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jeff Cook of Troop 992 for being named Scouter of the Month at the March Roundtable.

Thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your unit, 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, Youth Protection and Fast Start training can be done on-line.

Cub Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:

• May 6-7, Webelos Leader Outdoor Training.

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• Boy Scout Leader training and Venture Leader training will resume next fall.

• Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training courses are now available on-line. Check these out and all up-to-date information on available training courses at your North Star District Training page: http://hoac-bsa.org/nst raining.cfm.

Friends of Scouting

A integral part of making the Scouting program available to our youth is the Friends of Scouting campaign. Please continue to make your pledges and payments so we can “Keep our Promise” to deliver that quality program. If you have any questions, please contact your Family FOS Chairman, Dr. Robert Morrison at 587-5170 (email at rmorrison1@kcr.com) or your District Executive Jon Geiger, at 569-4932 (email at jgeiger@bsamail.org).

North Star Fishing Event

Congratulations to Chad Shiner for a job well on the inaugural North Star Fishing event. Thanks for all you do in the community and for Scouting.

Good Turn for America

Don’t forget our obligation to do a Good Turn Daily and please report our hours of service on the Good Turn for America website, a link to which can be found on the North Star District Activities website: http://hoac-bsa.org/nst activities.cfm.

All service hours should be reported, including Eagle projects, unit service projects for the community (such as Scouting for Food) or their Chartered Organizations. Each unit should report these hours and you can find out more on how to do so by checking the Activities table at Roundtable or by contacting John Burwell, District Activities Chair at 891-6499.

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North Star Events

May

5 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion Road. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection and Merit Badge Councilor Training are offered along with the OA Chapter Meeting.

6-7 Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience Training, Heartland Presbyterian Center, 16965 NW 45 Highway, Parkville

10 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion

12 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion

14 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, 8:30 a.m. check-in, 9:00 a.m. to Noon training. Gashland Presbyterian, 8029 North Oak Trafficway

20-22 OA Induction Weekend #2, Naish Scout Reservation

June

2 District Roundtable and Program Fair, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion. Regular training courses will resume in September.

6-9 District Cub Scout Day Camp - Platte County Fairgrounds, Tracy, MO

9 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion

10 District Webelos Summer Seminar, Platte County Fairgrounds

14 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion

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Your Day Camp Director is Jeff Tyler (816-505-2015; jtyler@kcr.com); Program Director is Jill Cook (816-468-9322; jilic@kcr.com) and your Staff Advisor is District Executive Jon Geiger (816-569-4932; jgeiger@bsamail.org). Please contact any of them if you have questions or if you would like to serve on staff.

Webelos Summer Seminar

A great opportunity for First and Second Year Webelos is the Webelos Summer Seminar which will be held Friday, June 10th at the Platte County Fairgrounds. Bring your Webelos Patrol Thursday night for overnight camping or just for the day on Friday. There are separate programs for First and Second Year Webelos to get a leg up on earning Activity Pins and to simply have FUN!

This program is an opportunity in conjunction with Cub Scout Day Camp and Webelos Camp - not a replacement for either. More information is available at Roundtable and on the North Star activities and Day Camp websites. Mark your calendars now! For more information, please contact Steve Mathews, 455-3366; stevemathe ws@ssa.gov or Jeff Tyler, 505-2015; jtyler@kcr.com or your District Executive Jon Geiger at 569-4932 (jgeiger@bsamail.org).

2005 North Star District Committee
Trailhead District

2005 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Thank you to all who have supported scouting with your dollars in 2005. We would not be able to deliver a quality program with out you. Congratulations to the following units that reached their 2005 Friends of Scouting goal: 683, 780, 2786, 3117, 3261. Great job!

Webelos to Scout Transition

Remember that it is the responsibility of the Troop, Webelos Den leader and the parents to make sure that a Webelos has a fun and smooth transition into a troop. The right troop for a boy and his family can make the difference on if that boy attains eagle or leaves the program after a year. Many scouts did not cross over at the pack ceremony, however a Troop still needs to contact these families and make sure that they are not interested in transitioning.

Cub Day Camp

Each Pack should already have designating a Day Camp Coordinator and Staff member. The Staff meeting is May 19th at Church of Resurrection. It is extremely important that every pack have their staff person in attendance. You can also print many of the forms at the Trailhead District Website: www.HOAC-BSA.org/Trailhead.cfm. When collecting money to pay camp fees do not forget about the District buses. If you have, any questions call Suzanne Schartz 913-851-1804.

Program Fair

The June Roundtable is program fair. A complete packet will be available for every unit as well you will get to meet the volunteers that run the program. This is an opportunity to kick off your program for the next school year. All the leaders from a unit should attend. This can be the single most important night in planning your units program.

Pinewood Derby Winners

Let us put our hands together for this year’s Pinewood Derby! Metcalf South M all became the racing track for this year’s Trailhead Pinewood Derby. The entire day was filled with fun, excitement, and anticipation. We had 58 racers representing 24 Packs. A special thanks goes out to the 2005 Pinewood Derby Staff and congratulations to everyone who participated. You are all winners! 1st Place - Nathan Hanseu, 3010 2nd Place - Johathan Burger, 3587 3rd Place - Kevin Graebner, 3097

Cub Scout Roundtable

Spring is in the air! What a beautiful season to take a trip to a national or state park. Come to Cub Scout Roundtable on May 5th, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 135th and Roe to learn more about planning events using the theme: Destination: Parks. We will discuss fun ways to jazz up your den and pack meetings. Roundtable is a great place to share our successes and ideas with other leaders or parents. If you have never attended a Roundtable, you do not know what you are missing!

Boy Scout Roundtable

You say your lawn mower needs a tune-up. You say you need to change the oil or replace the brakes on your car. You say your son has a bike in need of repair. Then plan on attending May’s Boy Scout Roundtable on Thursday, May 5, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 137th and Nall, to discuss how to turn these tasks into a fun and learning experience for your Scouts. Our guest presenter, with a background in mechanics, is our own John Collins. So, bring your questions and comments to the meeting to see if we can put him in park. Remember all parents are invited to attend the roundtable meetings.

Training

Doesn’t every boy deserve a trained leader? As a part of every leader’s training Youth Protection is essential. It is that time for all of those new leaders or individuals who will be the future leaders to be trained. Training will give you the skills to provide a quality program for the youth and give you ideas to minimize your workload. For Trailhead District Training details visit www.hoac- bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm.

Trails End Popcorn

It is time to start thinking about will be your unit’s Popcorn Chair. This is a great fundraiser that has no out of pocket expense and no extra inventory after your done. For more information contact: Rob Gilkerson at 816-569-4978.

Good Turn for America

It is a well-known fact that all of our units are doing some form of community service. However, we would like to find out exactly how much your unit is contributing. If your unit has not logged in and started to record your service projects on the goodturnforamerica.org website please do so immediately. This is a wonderful way to recognize all the scouts that give back to the community.

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Council Website
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Trailhead Website
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Trailhead Events

May

5 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
11 Day Camp fees and registration due
12 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 @ Rolling Hills Presbyterian (92nd & Nall)
19 Eagle Board of Review; 7:00 p.m. @ Latter-Day Saints Church (13025 Wornall)
19 Day Camp Staff Training Meeting; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe) Room 217

June

1 Day Camp Bus Registration due
1 Roundtable, Program Planning Fair; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
1 Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
9 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 @ Rolling Hills Presbyterian (92nd & Nall)
16 Eagle Board of Review; 7:00 p.m. @ Latter-Day Saints Church (13025 Wornall)
20-23 Day Camp @ Timber Ridge Adventure Center
Webelos to Scout Transition

As Webelos prepare to graduate from their Pack, now is the time to make sure every Webelo is accounted for. Webelos leaders and Cubmasters should be working together to track each Webelo. Are they going to join a troop? Is so, which troop are they joining? Assist the Webelo and their family with completing the Boy Scout application and ensure that it makes it to their new troop. Is the Webelo undecided? Keep in contact with these Scouts and find out what level of interest there is in Scouting and help him to join a troop that will meet those interests. Do you have some Webelos who have decided not to bridge over to Boy Scouts? Find out why and pass those names on to the Scoutmaster of your brother troop so they may continue to invite and follow-up with that Scout over the next year.

Community Service Day

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

The Douglas County community depends on organizations like the Boy Scouts of America to support the needs of those who are hungry, and not able to provide for themselves. Please plan on making your unit a part of next year’s event.

Thank you goes out to John Scott for his effort organizing this year’s district wide Community Service Day. We are all thankful to the efforts of everyone who volunteered in this year’s event.

Day Camp 2005

In celebrating the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting, this year’s Day Camp will prove to be the best ever. Make your reservation now.

When: June 6th - June 10th, 2005
Monday through Friday – 8:15am to 2:15pm
Thursday Night – Family Night – 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds
Cost: The Day Camp cost is $45 if registered by May 11. After May 12, the cost rises to $60. All new Scouts who join this spring will be welcome to attend at the $45 cost.

What to Expect: Your child will experience arts, and crafts, shooting sports (BB Guns, Archery, Sling shot), games, skits, teamwork, water sports and good old-fashioned fun. Don’t miss out on the key summer event for Cub Scouts and Webelos.

The Thursday Night Fun Fest and Camping is open to all registered Day Camp 2nd Year Webelos who wish to party, dance, cook, play and have a good time. This year’s Fun Fest will be put on by Eagle Scouts and Day Camp Staff.

Family Night - Thursday, June 9, 2005: Bring the family to a night of extreme excitement, for we will be having “KC’s Most Wanted” doing Motor Cycle Stunts for the youth and giving a safety talk on motorcycles. Come and watch the show and also see what your child has been up to at camp, as well as, consider a picnic supper to enjoy with your child and den that evening as you share your evening with “Diamonds in the Rough”

Where: First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold

June Program Fair

Who: All Leaders are Welcome

When: June 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold

During the Roundtable time in June this year, we hold our annual Program Fair. This is the chance for you get all the information you need to help put together your unit’s program for the coming year. Your unit will receive a planning packet and a calendar for your use to help you in getting ready for the coming year. Don’t miss this meeting, as it is a great chance for you to get the latest and greatest resources for helping your boys enjoy Scouting!

Pelathe District

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Diamonds in the Rough

Cub Scout Day Camp is fast approaching! Are you ready for a fun week filled with adventure and exploration and crazy people and screaming? But enough about the leaders! Our Day Camp Staff and Pack Leaders have been hard at work so your boys can enjoy the best part of Cubbing, DAY CAMPP!! We want to make sure that every boy who wants to go has that chance. Don’t hesitate to get those registrations in as soon as possible, especially for those new boys you just recruited into your pack! And for any newly registered boys, they do not have to pay the late fee! We are looking forward to seeing all of you at North Lake Park in Garnett from June 6-9th. We have had a great time getting ready and focused in its success. Thanks to all of the unit presenters and community workers who have put tireless hours of work into making our campaign so successful in 2005 and to our Family Chair, Tom Randall, and Overall Chair, Dana Crawford, for their diligence in keeping the campaign on track and focused in its success.

Friends of Scouting

Congratulations to all of you for your support of the Friends of Scouting Campaign this year. Thanks to your commitments, Twin Rivers District is closing in on its campaign goals. Because of your support, we are still raising money so that your boys can continue to receive the very best character education program in this community and throughout our country. Thanks go to all of the presenters and community workers who have put tireless hours of work into making our campaign so successful in 2005 and to our Family Chair, Tom Randall, and Overall Chair, Dana Crawford, for their diligence in keeping the campaign on track and focused in its success.

Spring Recruiting

As the warm spring and summer months come upon us, we all look forward to getting outside to relax or getting out of school. Before every one goes their different ways on the summer, we want to make sure we give more young boys the opportunity to get involved in Scouting as part of their summer activities. We will once again be conducting spring recruiting in an effort to give boys the chance to do some camping and swimming and hiking as part of our great Scouting program. More information will be coming in the next few months so make sure you updated at Roundtables. You can also contact Landon Behrens at 1-800-776-1110 x4941 with any questions. Remember that flyers are available to all ages of Scouting and if the schools that your pack covers allow visits and Boy Talks, those can be scheduled for most any time!

Program Fair

During the Roundtable time in June this year, we will have our annual Program Planning Fair. This is the chance for you to get all the information you need to help put together your unit’s program for the coming year. You will receive a planning packet and a calendar for your use to help you in getting ready for the coming year. Please don’t miss this meeting, as it is a great chance for you to get the latest and greatest resources for helping your boys enjoy Scouting!

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Twin Rivers Events

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5  Roundtable, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
5  OA Chapter 4 Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
7  BALOO Training, Location TBA
12  District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola, 6:00 PM

Twin Rivers District Committee Meeting Roster

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

Award of Merit Winners are Cheri Cardwell and Donald Lile

Distinguished Service Award Winners are Brock Guernsey, Jason Sjorlund, and Wayne Schwalm. Not pictured: Steve Shirk and Curtis Weaver.
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Pioneer Trails Day Camp

It’s almost that time year again. What time of the year is it? Summertime and that means its time for Cub Scout Day Camp. The Pioneer Trails District will be holding Day Camp June 13 thru June 16. That will be four full of fun and excitement. If you haven’t been to Day Camp in while maybe its time to come back and show your boys what the have been missing. Registration is $45.00 per boy and is due by May 11, 2005. Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. Funding is limited so register your boys as soon as possible. Additional information will be available at Roundtable or call Beverly Becker at 816-880-0432.

Year Round Training

With summer time and camp sessions fast approaching, adult leadership training is essential. Dr. Kahn and his staff have several ways to make sure that you receive the full benefits of the training curriculum. Youth protection training is offered every first Thursday of the month at our Pioneer Trail roundtable located at 51st and Oak at the Central Untied Methodist Church. If you or leader of your unit hasn’t been trained within the past five years please contact Dr. Kahn. We have added new scouting methods that training could introduce to your unit. Leaders Call Dr. Kahn at 913-341-4792 and see what training can do for you.

Pioneer Trails Events

May

- 5 District Commissioners Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist
- 5 Roundtable - 7:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist
- 11 FOS Victory Celebration - Overland Park Sheraton
- 16 District Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - VFW National Headquarters
- 31 District Committee/District Commissioner’s Picnic

June

- 2 Program Plan Fair - 7:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist
- 13-16 Pioneer Days Trail District - Knotts Elementary

Certified Trainers

The Pioneer Trails District is proud to announce that all of their excellent training team staff members are now “certified trainers”. This is the first training team in the Council to achieve such a wonderful accomplishment!
Information on the Web

The Trails West District Website is now up and running. Next time you are online take a minute and look at the District page, http://hoa.c-bsa.org/Districts/West. We are going to try to keep putting more info on the page that will help keep you up to date on what is going on in the district and in scouting. The site is also a great place to find any forms you might need and information about upcoming council events.

Spring Round-Up

It is not too late to get your unit involved in spring round-up. Now is a great time to get new boys involved in your unit if you are going to give the boy a summer-time experience. The boys that are about to end their Pack meeting, Blue & Gold Dinner, or any other Cub Scout gathering to provide a presentation on Day Camp. Please contact Shawn Hudson at (913) 254-9548 or email shudson@comcast.net. We would appreciate at least two weeks advance notice to allow us to schedule and assemble a promotional team for your event.

Day Camp Staff & Den Leader Position Available

If you are interested in serving on our 2004 Day Camp Staff, there are still positions open! If you are interested in applying or know someone who might be, please let Alan Sanders know.

Good Turn for America

Community Service and doing a Good Turn daily is one of the most basic components of Scouting.

Good Turn for America is a national call to service for Scouts, leaders, and the community. The goals of Good Turn for America are to:

- Inspire Scouts and leaders to higher levels of service and volunteerism.
- Provide experiences to help youth learn citizenship while gaining a sense of belonging and being needed in their community; and to tell the story of what scouting is doing in our community and the nation.

This initiative focuses on three basic needs - food, shelter, and healthy living. Scouting units in the Heart of America Council received user ID codes to record their service project. If you do not have a user code, please contact nkendrick@bsamail.org or your district activities chairman.

Units are encouraged as part of their quality unit requirements to complete a service project and record it at www.goodturnforamerica.org. This would include service projects in your den, or used for rank advancement i.e. Eagle rank. Units that record a service project will be recognized at your monthly roundtable meeting. You would also be able to purchase the Good Turn Patch, and year rocker from the Kansas City Scout Shop.

The Heart of America Council has conducted over 300 service hours this year towards a goal of 500,000 hours.

For more information visit www.goodturnforamerica.org or contact your district activities chairman.

Spring Round-up

It is not too early to start thinking about Day Camp! Cub Scout Day Camp is fun and an adventure with a purpose. Attending Day Camp helps boys stay involved in Cub Scouting over the summer when many packs do not hold regular meetings and activities. It also helps meet the need for summer programs that provide youth with engaging activities within a safe environment! Our programs are designed to focus on fun and outdoor learning experiences! Participation keeps the boys active in scouting and helps strengthen den and pack programs for better year-round operation. Our Day Camps are staffed with trained, qualified leaders who will ensure your Cub Scouts enjoy a wonderful summer-time experience. Day Camp Staff members are available to come to your

Trails West District

2004 Quality District

Adventures in Scouting

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Summer Programs At the Kansas City Zoo

Nocturnal Safari at the Kansas City Zoo

An overnight outdoor camping experience for groups and families!

Spend the evening under the stars while you enjoy the sounds of wildlife! You to sleep when you spend the night at the Kansas City Zoo! Our Nocturnal Safari program takes you on a night safari through the Zoo that includes up-close animal encounters, fun scavenger hunts, animal visitors, night hikes and much, much more! These campouts are perfect for family get-togethers, scout troops or a group of your friends!

Program includes dinner, S’mores around the campfire, and continental breakfast in the morning.

Cost: FOTZ Members: $35, Non-FOTZ: $40

For dates, times, and to Register, visit our website at www.kansascityzoo.org or call the Education Hotline at 816-513-5723.

Also, be sure to check out our various summer day camp programs!
Cub Scout Day Camp

It’s time for Day Camp. Day Camp is the Super Bowl of the Cub Scout year. Grey and Mary have put together a great team and are ready for a great summer! Sign-up forms are located at http://hoac-bsa.org/RES_Camping_Info.cfm.

We look forward to seeing you and your boys at Day Camp!

Cub Scout Day Camp Adult Training Camping

Day Camp Staff and Walking Leader Training will be held at the May Roundtable. The goal is to assist you and your pack in having the best day camp experience possible. Please plan on attending even if you’re not sure you or your Pack is going to camp.

2005 Friends of Scouting Presentations

Now is the time to contact Rick Lockwood 913-684-2980 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.

Thanks to General Motors Fairfax Plant!

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 and a bag full of giveaways. 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 6th annual Corporate Pinewood Derby Race. The corporate race was conducted after the Cub Scout races and featured specially crafted pinewood 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 year’s event raised over $27,500!!! This will help to ensure a quality summer camping experience for young men who otherwise could not afford this opportunity. Thank you to all of those who attended.

Youth Protection Month in April

April is Youth Protection Month and at the April Roundtable we had Youth protection training and great tips on how your unit could observe youth protection month.

Program Planning Fair

The Program Kick-off is where your unit will get vital programming information for the coming program year. Every Unit needs to have representative at this meeting.

Edwardsville Community Building, 696 S 3rd St, Edwardsville, KS, June 1st, 2005

We will discuss the highlights of the coming year and the great Council and District activities your unit will be able to participate in. We will see you at 6:30 p.m. Edwardsville Community Building, 696 S 3rd St, Edwardsville, KS

Good Turn for America

Good Turn for America is a national call to service by the Boy Scouts of America that will help provide adequate food and shelter and to develop good health habits in our nation.

Plan a community service activity for your unit, if you need some suggestions on a project contact us and we can give you a few ideas. Carry it out and then there is one more step. Now is the time to report information about the service project in which your unit participated, go to the Web site http://www.good-turn-for-america.org and enter your information. We will be having charts at the May Roundtable to track the districts progress.

Thank you for helping instill the life long habit of community service in your Scouts.

Fall Round-Ups

It’s hard to believe that the start of school is just 90 days away. Now is the time to plan for your PACK S Round-up. Please select a date between August 15th and September 15th. History has shown that boys will join a lot of activities during the first four weeks of school. If you are not one of the choices, that boy more than likely will not join later in the year. Please contact Dusty Boatright (816) 569.4967 or Khary Floyd (816) 569.4949 to set up your Boy Talks and Round-up night.
New Big Muddy Web Page

Next time you’re out surfing the net, make sure to take time and check out the Big Muddy District web page located on the council web site. The district page will be a handy tool for you when it comes to looking for upcoming events in the district such as day camp, roundtables, training, camporees, and any other activities you may have an interest in. Also included on the page will be links for every imaginable form you could ever need from health forms and camp registrations to merit badge counselor applications and Award of Merit applications. As always, feel free to contact your District Executive if you require any assistance with your scouting needs and make sure to take advantage of the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Spring Recruitment

It’s still not too late to host spring recruitment for your troop or pack. With Cub Scout Day Camp and Boy Scout Summer Camp just around the corner, now is the ideal time to bring in new scouts. With all of the unique opportunities available, summer camp programs are the highlight of every scouting career. What better way to introduce a new child into scouting than by starting them off with such an exciting activity? Posters and flyers are available along with any assistance you may need in your effort, please contact your District Executive, Grant Dealy at 569-4956 with any questions you may have.

Friends of Scouting

In just a few short weeks, the District Friends of Scouting campaign will come to a close. Thanks to all of you who have contributed this year and help make it a success. If you are interested in making a contribution this year or would like to learn more about Friends of Scouting, please contact the Big Muddy District FOS Chair, Jim Winningham at 660-259-4725 or District Executive Grant Dealy at 569-4956.

District Chairman’s Comments

I’m looking forward to visiting the many Cub Scouts and leaders that will be attending Day Camp in June. As always, I know this will be a great time for all attending. I’m also looking forward to seeing the many troops who will be going to summer camp. I hope to get to visit with all while they are at camp. With spring coming many campouts and outings for the Packs and Troops in the district. As leaders, remember, these are times the boys will keep with them in their memories for the rest of their lives. Let’s do our best to make them good memories. Thanks for everything you do in Scouting. Thomas L. Hodson, Big Muddy District Chairman

District Commissioner’s Thoughts

We are rapidly approaching all the fun activities of summer such as Cub Scout Day Camp, Bear Camp, Webelos Camp, Boy Scout Camp, and Venturing Camp. What a wonderful time to recruit a new Scout and get them started off with a fun and exciting event such as camp. No waiting around for something to happen while new leader figure out what to do, just go and participate. In the mean time the parents or guardians get to see things happening and probably can be talked into helping a lot easier than when you just tell them about what can happen. I suggest you start the new adults off with a specific task that would be easy for them to do. If you start off with easy or simple tasks, it will pave the way for more complicated leadership later. This is a good time to both get new Scouts, leaders, and helpers to carry out a better program. Larry Maxwell, Big Muddy District Commissioner

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Learning for Life & Exploring

Contact Information
Your post or group is important to us. While we visit with all advisors, lead teachers, and principals regularly, we are available to address your needs and concerns as they arise. Please contact Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Kids Director, at 816.569.4972 or lhayes@ffmail.org or Adam Berthot, Senior Exploring & Learning for Life Executive, at 816.569.4970, or abертот@ffmail.org.

Start Off 2005 with Learning for Life Resources
Here is a friendly checklist! Do you have these LFL resources in your office? Are you using them to help your program be successful?

Drug Abuse Prevention Education Lessons: Wonderful supplemental resources available to help K-6th grade classrooms discover the challenges of substance abuse.

Exploring Youth and Adult Leader Guidebooks: Both may be downloaded from the public website www.learningforlife.org. Here you can choose your age appropriate Leader guidebook to assist your program.

Super Safe and both editions of the Life Choices games: Now a version can be played on the public web site at www.learningforlife.org. Kids can play these games from home or the classroom. Get the word out to your parents and other teachers!

Process Evaluations: (one for each school-based program) these program-specific surveys are used as mid-year evaluation tool.

WHERE: Washington, D.C., and much more.

Tell Us Your Story
We would like to hear about what you are doing with articles and pictures. In the newsletter we offer a abundance of information, but it is a lot of fun to see what the other posts and groups are doing out there. If you have a great story to tell of an adventure, activity, or exciting event, send it in or email your story with pictures and we’ll try it in to the newsletter.

Post-Fundraising Ideas
If your post needs fundraising ideas, 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
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University, College Station, Texas.

$35 per person.

Cost: $45 per Explorer, $25 per Adult.

PROGRAM: This event will be fun-filled, and all night long. We will begin the night on Friday with a Royals game, and end the event Saturday morning at Cerner Corporation. Kansas City at Night is open to all registered Explorers and Venturers, ages 14-20. Every post is required to be represented by at least 2 adult volunteers. Remember to sign up as soon as possible, those buses fill up quickly. Look for the registration packet to be in online in March. It’s going to be awesome! For questions and more information contact Adam Berthot, Senior Exploring & Learning for Life Executive, at 816.569.4970, or abертот@ffmail.org or Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at 816.569.4972 or lhayes@ffmail.org.

2005 National Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Conference
DATES: June 20-24, 2005.
WHERE: Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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 prior to payment, 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 a several days of exciting competitions and events:

Team competitions. CPR and Movement, Spinal Immobilitation and Movement, Arson Investigation, Bunker Gear and SCBA Relay, Room Search, Paramedic Basic Competition, Make & Break, Ladder Raise. Individual events. One-Person CPR, Candidate Physical Ability (CPAT), Written Examination, Initial Scale-Up and Incident Command, Wildland Shelter Deployment, Bunker Gear and SCBA, Drill Competition.


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

2005 National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy
In Conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation
DATES: July 2 - July 9.
WHERE: Quantico, VA

The DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) 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.

Tell Us Your Story
We would like to hear about what you are doing with articles and pictures. In the newsletter we offer a abundance of information, but it is a lot of fun to see what the other posts and groups are doing out there. If you have a great story to tell of an adventure, activity, or exciting event, send it in or email your story with pictures and we’ll try it in to the newsletter.

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Explorers from the Heart of America Council will be featured on “Extreme Home Makeover” Scheduled to air in May. Explorers from Post 2884 Chartered to the Olathe Fire Department took part in the excitement as the home of a local firefighter was totally renovated.

The opportunity came about because Denise Massey, mother of Explorer Ashley Massey, met one of the crew of the Extreme Home Makeover team. She explained the program that her daughter was involved in and the obvious connection between Fire Explorers and the effort to help a firefighter.

Through this connection, Explorers had the opportunity to participate in three days of the event and be up close when the family arrived back in Kansas City to see their new home! A representative of the show said that they had never worked with Explorers before and were very impressed with the young men and women and their willingness to work. Ed, the carpenter for the show commented on how hard they all worked and that they represented the Olathe Fire Department very well.

At the end of a day’s work on the home a neighbor who had stopped by to see the progress fell and broke her ankle. Ashley stabilized the woman and provided care until the ambulance arrived. Ashley was commended for her actions and assistance.

The Explorers made a great impression on the cast and crew of Extreme Home Makeover and one Explorer was even offered a job with the fireplace crew they worked with!

This was a very exciting opportunity for everyone involved and the Heart of America Council is proud of all of the hard work put forth by this group. Thank you!

Watch for Our Very Own Extreme Explorers

TO OUR VALUED VOLUNTEER: