2005 Silver Beavers

Marie Benz  
Betty Brown  
Jerry Clark  
Bill Etty  
Victor Geiger  
Randy Hayes  
John Helma  
Julia Irene Kansfman  
Bill Kirke  
Wendell Maddox  
Roger Mantony  
John McBurney  
Dan Meyer  
Joe Ogilvie  
Michael Pearce  
Richard Ruiz  
John Schatzel  
Jerry Usry  
Jody Van Wey  
William Vandenberg  
George Weaver  
Richard Weiland  
Eugene Young  
Michael Merriman not pictured

The Annual Business Dinner will be held on November 16, 2005 at 6:30pm
Kansas City Marriott Muehlebach • 1213 Wyandotte • Kansas City, MO 64105
In Memory of:

**William L. Frost**
Glenda Logan
Selma and Glen Milum
Donald and Jawana Ozburn
Lavone Crosen
Troop 256, Freeman, MO
Gary and Lynda Hunsucker
Myrna Frost
Merlin Frobish
Bill Lewis Family
Jack and Sharron Hawkins
Becky Hawkins
Jennifer Hawkins
Mr. And Mrs. L. D. Frost
Kevin and Deborah Owen

**Kenneth Robert Barton**
Dorothy Conard
Annabelle Botz
Kathleen Martin
Gear For Sports

**Robert D. Varner**
Otoliya and Frances Lebioda
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas
City 25 Year Club

**James M. Hamrick**
Robert Morgan
Anthony and Elizabeth Romano
Ron and Mary Joan Hoffman
Ronald Bell

**Francis “Frank” Andrews**
Thomas and Kathryn McKee
Dale and Kay Parks

**Clyde “Gene” Cless**
Marilyn Crews and Family
R. Shannon

**Gerald Golden**

**Graham Chamblin**
L. Graham Chamblin

**William “Hobie” Coyne**
Troop 0201

**John A. Krugh**
J. Adam Krugh IV

**Earl Carder**
Lawrence and Adrienne Olson

**Robert Fountain**
Barton A. Robertson
J. L. Kindig

**Earl E. Clark**
Gerald Golden

In Honor of:

**Harvey S. Bodker**

**Kerry and Debbie Lindebaum**

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**Scout Overnights!**

Explore the world of aviation and space exploration and earn a Merit Badge or two! We offer the General Aviation program for Cub Scouts too!

Bay Scouts... you will experience our brand new Flight Simulators, talk to licensed pilots, learn the four forces of flight, do a pre-flight check on an actual aircraft, build and launch rockets, learn about space exploration and much much more! You can choose between Aviation and Space Exploration Merit Badge... you will have so much fun that you just may have to do both! As an added bonus, the first troop to register for any date listed will have the exclusive opportunity to sleep in an airplane.

These programs are filling up fast, so plan ahead and reserve your spot today!

Please contact Aimee Johns at (402) 827-3100 extension 209.

Be the first to sign up for an Overnight and your Troop/Pack will sleep in the C-119 Cargo Plane!
Does the opportunity to speak with professional mortgage planners, financial planners, and attorneys for free sound appealing to you? How about the opportunity to benefit from interest rates discounted by ½ point of current market rates? If you want a full-service financial experience where you have the opportunity to speak with a qualified advisor that provides detailed research reports, expert recommendations, and professionals who will develop in-depth strategies; you need to come by the 1st annual Ultimate Open House at the Heart of America Council on November 11 starting at 4PM.

This special seminar is being hosted by SD3 GLOBAL. A group that is dedicated to bringing the community together to offer a wide variety of services and information for a two-day event in our conference center. You will have access to real estate agents, financial planners, mortgage planners, attorneys, certified public accountants, bi-lingual translators, underwriters, a title company, telecommunications specialists, insurance agents and homebuilders. We’ve got your complete financial picture covered no matter what stage of life you are in. It’s all available in a one-stop shopping environment. The best part of all is that these companies are offering their time for free and their service for a greatly discounted price to support the Boy Scouts of America.

If you’ve been thinking about buying property in the KC metro area, now might be the time. We have some exceptional listings and sellers are more motivated than ever. In fact, all the properties have been reduced from their asking prices for this event, which makes for excellent buys in what is a rising real estate market. Or maybe you’re just looking to refinance and consolidate your debt. I urge you to take advantage of this event where together we develop a mortgage plan that will accomplish all your goals. We can show you how. Wouldn’t it be nice to get immediate approval on that loan?

So if you’re in the market for a new home, or if you’re just looking to refinance, you owe it to yourself to find out how much you can save at the Ultimate Open House taking place Friday, November 11th 4pm - 8pm and Saturday, November 12th, 12pm to 5pm at the Boy Scouts of America headquarters Conference Center at 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131. For more details please visit our website at www.AhomeAllYourOwn.com.

We Hope to See You There!!

Sponsored Article
2005 Distribution Locations

BIG MUDDY
Sprint Warehouse
1102 S. 24th Street, Lexington, MO
Contact: Vic Geiger (660) 259-4708
Distribution Date: Friday, November 11th, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
By Appointment
I-70 to 13 Hwy North. Take 13 Hwy North to 24 Hwy East. Take 24 Hwy East to 24th St. Go North on 24th St. 2 blocks.

BLUE ELK - NORTH STAR - PIONEER TRAILS
Newell Rubbermaid (Wagner Industries)
5414 Front Street, Kansas City, MO 64120
Contact: Blue Elk: Ross Pfannenstiel (816) 569-4964 or
5414 Front Street, Kansas City, MO 64120
Distribution Date: Saturday, November 12th, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
By Appointment
From I-35 South or North to Front Street Exit. West on Front Street for 1 mile to Southern. North on Southern-Docks will be immediately on right. From I-29/35 south to Front Street Exit. East on Front Street for 2.7 miles to Southern. North on Southern, docks will be immediately on right.

KAW - NORTHERN TIER
Harte Hanks Distribution Warehouse
10815 W 78th Street., Shawnee, KS
Contact: Tim Blei, Kaw District at (913) 622-3458
Doug Leinhart, Northern Tier District at (913) 383-2724
Distribution Date: Friday, November 11th, Noon to 4:30 p.m. & Saturday, November 12th, 8:00 a.m. to Noon.
By Appointment
I-35 to 75th Street Exit. Go West on 75th to Nieman Road. Go South on Nieman Road to 78th Street. Through the intersection of 78th and 100th. Turn right onto Greenway Hills Business Park. Turn North on East Hills Drive. At Stop Sign, turn right onto Greenway Drive. Sauer-Danfoss is at the bottom of the hill on the left. Use the Southeast Loading dock. Look for Signs.

PELATHE - Sander-Danfoss
3840 Greenway Dr., Lawrence, KS 66046
Contact: Audrey Taylor (785) 749-5722
Distribution Date: Saturday, December 17th, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
By Appointment
23rd Street/K-10 East out of Lawrence to the East Hills Business Park. Turn North on East Hills Drive. At Stop Sign, turn right onto Greenway Drive. Sauer-Danfoss is at the bottom of the hill on the left. Use the Southeast Loading dock. Look for Signs.

RED-TAILED HAWK - TRAILHEAD - TRAILS WEST
Seaton Van Lines
15765 S. Keeler, Olathe, KS
Contact: Pam Clark, Trailhead District (913) 341-8737
Paul Alters, Red-Tailed Hawk District (913) 764-1852
Distribution Date: Friday, November 11th, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, November 12th, 8:00 a.m. to Noon.
By Appointment
I-35 South to the US-169 S/KS-7 S/KS-7 N Exit, Number 215. Take Exit 215 toward Paola. Turn Left onto East 151st Street. Turn Right onto South Mahaffie Street. Turn Right onto 152nd Street. Turn Left onto 152nd Street. Turn Left onto South Keeler Street. Seaton Van Lines is at the Far End of Keeler Street.

THUNDERBIRD
Quick & Tasty
822 Quick Trip Way, Belton, MO
Contact: Barbara Shaffer (816) 763-3226
Distribution Date: Saturday, November 12th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
By Appointment
US-71 South to the MO Y exit Toward Belton. Turn Right onto MO Y. Turn Right onto Quick Trip Way.

TWIN RIVERS
Tl. Enterprises, Inc.
901 S. Oak, Garnett, KS
Contact: Twyla Reinhold (931) 294-8471
Distribution Date: Friday, November 11th, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
By Appointment
I-35 South to Hwy 59 South. Hwy 59 South into Garnett. Follow through town to 6th Ave. and Turn Left. At Oak Street, Turn Right and Follow Oak to 901 S. Oak. Use Hwy 169 Hwy 169 South to Hwy 31. Hwy 31 West into intersection of Hwy 31 & Hwy 59 (stoplight at this intersection). Turn Left onto Hwy 59. Follow through town to 6th Ave. and Turn Left. At Oak Street, turn Right and Follow Oak to 901 S. Oak.

Finalizing Your Popcorn Sale

The 2005 Trail’s End Popcorn Sale ends on Sunday, October 30th for all districts except Pelathe. The Pelathe district sale will end on Wednesday, December 1st. Finalizing your unit’s popcorn sale can be a bit overwhelming at times. Here are some points to remember while finalizing your 2005 Trail’s End Popcorn Sale.

Required Paperwork: Unit Order & Settlement Form; Prize Order Form; Unit Master Record; Trail’s End $1,500 Seller Form (if applicable); and Trail’s End Scholarship Form (if applicable). All forms can be downloaded from www.hoac-bsa.org by clicking on Finance, then popcorn.

Paperwork Turn-In: There are three ways you can turn in your paperwork.

- Fax It – keep in mind there will be numerous orders being faxed in, so it may take more than one attempt before your fax goes through. The fax number is (816) 942-8086. Place to the attention of Bob Hamlin.
- Walk It In – there will be baskets to drop your paperwork in at both reception desks.
- Email It – You can email your paperwork to Bob Hamlin at rhamlin@bsamsail.org

NOTE: If you are ordering your popcorn online and you are going to be returning Show N Sell/Show N Deliver popcorn, you must still fill out the Unit Order & Settlement Form.

- Order Your Popcorn by Container
- Attach Photo Copies of all the Scout’s Popcorn Orders to the Trail’s End Scholarship Form

How Does a Scout Choose His Prizes? A Scout can choose one prize from the level he qualifies for or he may choose a combination of prizes from the lower levels as long as they do not exceed the dollar level he qualified for.

All Trail’s End $1,500 Seller Forms & Scholarship Forms Must have approval from the Council.

Important Dates to Remember

All Districts Except Pelathe

- Popcorn Sale Ends – Sunday, November 7th, 2005
- Final Orders Due to Council – Monday, November 8th, 2005
- Orders must include: a copy of your Unit Master Record, Unit Order and Settlement Form, Prize Order Form, $1,000 Prize Program Form, and Scholarship Program Form. If you order popcorn and prizes on line, please fax your Unit Roster, $1,000 Prize Form, and Scholarship Form to the council service center. The fax number is (816) 942-8086.
- Popcorn Payment Due – Wednesday, January 4th, 2006

Pelathe District

- Popcorn Sale Starts – Tuesday, November 1st, 2005
- Popcorn Sale Ends – Wednesday, December 4th, 2005
- Final Orders Due – Wednesday, December 7th, 2005
- Popcorn Distribution – Saturday, December 14th, 2005
- Popcorn Payment Due – Wednesday, January 18th, 2006

Popcorn Returns

All popcorn returns from the Show N Sell/Show N Deliver sale must be returned to your final distribution site on November 11th or 12th for all districts except Pelathe, and December 17th for the Pelathe District. Your District Executive or District Popcorn Kernel will be contacting you to schedule an appointment for your returns/pickup. There are no exceptions to this policy. If you know you will not be available to return the popcorn yourself, please make arrangements for another leader or parent to return the popcorn. The reason we must handle returns this way is to allow us to apply your popcorn returns on Finance, then popcorn.

Don’t Forget

Don’t forget that you can use your leftover product to fill all or part of your take orders. Be sure to subtract any inventory you will be using from your final order.

“Take Order” sale distribution will be held on Friday, November 11th and/ or Saturday, November 12th, depending on your district’s schedule.
The Council Pays Me Money?

It comes as quite a surprise to many donors that, after all these years of making gifts to the BSA, there is now a way for donors to get back money from the BSA. A common type of a gift called a gift annuity makes this possible for you and other donors.

The gift annuity is simply a contract between you and the Boy Scouts of America. You make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, or any number of other items of property. In return, the BSA agrees to pay you a guaranteed annual annuity for the rest of your life. If you are married, the annuity can also be paid to your spouse for life, as well. The annuity amount depends on your age -- the older you are, the larger the annuity you will receive each year.

In addition to the annual income (part of which is often tax free), you also receive an income tax charitable deduction the year you make the gift annuity. Your gift to the council can be large or small and the gift annuity is very simple to create.

One of the great things about Scouting is the way its programs merge traditional methods with innovative approaches. Our endowment program is no exception. Many donors are using deferred gift annuities to make their gifts to our council, while at the same time benefiting themselves and their families.

The deferred gift annuity is very much like the standard annuity: it offers guaranteed lifetime income payable by the Boy Scouts of America to the donor, the income is partially tax free, and the donor receives an income tax charitable deduction as soon as the gift is made. The only difference: the income is deferred to a future date of your choosing. It is perfect for donors who want additional income at retirement, or at a time when income from other sources decline.

Deferring your income from the gift annuity increases your annuity amount and gives you a larger tax deduction than the regular gift annuity. It also provides a sizeable gift to your local council to benefit Scouting in your area. The deferred gift annuity is easy to create and it can be created with cash or almost any kind of property.

Please contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979 for more information on this and other income-producing plans that benefit you, your family, and Scouting. We have plans that can pay you now and plans that can pay you later!

Don’t Save It For the Eulogy

A eulogy is defined as “a commendation for someone deceased.”

The truth is that too often the commendations our heart wishes to bestow on those who have influenced our lives go unspoken…until the eulogy.

Why do we save our best for the eulogy? How much would it change the dynamics of relationships…how much would it inspire and nurture those who have made the significant contributions to our lives if we were able to find a way to articulate appropriate commendations while they are with us?

Think for a moment about the power of a “living eulogy.”

Certainly, there is enormous value in the words spoken in memory of a beloved family member or friend; but how much more value might be in taking actions today that recognize the living.

Whatever the specific action taken, think about the effect of a eulogy for the living.

Most of us have thought of someone to whom we owe much…without whose influence we would not be who we are today; a spouse, a parent, a trusted friend. And we have felt the regret that accompanies the sense that adequate communication of our gratitude and love is impossible. Most of us have resolved more than once that our appreciation must not go unnoticed.

In many cases, our friends choose to honor an individual or family through a gift that results in touching many others – today and in the future. Since the way you choose to honor someone is intensely personal, the staff in our Office of Planned Giving are prepared to help you design a living tribute perfectly suited to the one you wish to honor.

So, if there is someone you would like to honor now with a “living eulogy,” you can do it while there is still time. To the living, your actions and words will bear great meaning and bring incredible joy to the recipient. At the same time, you’ll be broadening the scope of their influence to all those touched by our on-going work. You may wish to honor them with a living gift or through your will or trust later.

Resolve today that you will not wait for the eulogy. For complete assistance in designing an appropriate living acknowledgement, we invite you to contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979 or jkuehn@bsamail.org. All communication is treated in complete confidence and our goal is to assist in any way possible to help you achieve your objectives.

2006 Friends of Scouting

As we approach 2006, it is time to think about our Friends of Scouting campaign and how our participation in this effort affects the lives of over 55,000 young people that participate in one of the various Scouting programs. In 2005, over $1,780,000 was donated by families, individuals, and community businesses to support programs that instill values and teach leadership skills to today’s young people. The Heart of America Council is grateful to those that provide these resources that better the lives of young people.

Our 2006 campaign is headed by Terry Miller, CEO of HNTB Architecture. Terry is assembling his team to chair the 2006 effort and looks forward to working with each of our past volunteers. William Cheek and Mark Jorgenson will be serving as our District Division Co-Chairs and Keith Sickendick will serve as the Council Family Chair. Our Family Campaign Kick-off with training for the District Family Chairs took place on October 27. This ensures that early presentation for 2006 conducted in November and December are of quality and convey the Scouting story and need for support to all of our packs, troops and crews.

Our official Kick-off is January 25 at the Overland Park Sheraton at 7:00 pm. This promises to be a great event to kick-off our efforts as we work towards a May 10 completion date. Our charge is important as we focus on changes benefitting the lives and futures of the youth in our communities.
### COUNCIL CAMPING AWARDS

Each year the Heart of America Council offers the opportunity to earn the Council Camping Award. This award recognizes those troops who fulfill seven requirements in order to make the summer camp experience a quality experience for all members of the troop. The requirements for this recognition are:

1) Conduct a parents’ orientation event to ensure everyone is fully informed about the troop’s plans for summer camp and to encourage all Scouts to attend.

2) The troop committee should assist the Scoutmaster in preparing for summer camp by handling the administrative duties so the Scoutmaster can work with the Patrol Leaders Council in program development.

3) At least one-half of the registered youth had the full camp fee paid at the Scout Center by the final payment date.

4) At least two registered adult leaders must be with the troop in camp at all times.

5) At least 60% of the troop’s registered membership attended camp, or there was an increase in attendance over last year.

6) The patrol campsites were found to be clean and orderly each day and there was evidence that the patrol method was being used.

7) The troop did an approved Good Turn while in camp.

We would like to recognize the following troops who earned the Council Camping Award in 2005. Make your plans now to ensure your troop earns the Council Camping Award in 2006.

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### NATIONAL CAMPING AWARD

The National Camping Award recognizes those troops that present a well-balanced program to their Scouts. This award is presented annually to those troops that display outstanding outdoor program. To earn the National Camping Award, a troop must meet, as a minimum, the following criteria:

1) Patrol Activities – each patrol of the troop must have participated in at least three of the following in the past 12 months:
   a) Attended Camporee
   b) Held a day hike
   c) Did a conservation Project
   d) Attended a school retreat
   e) Conducted a Scout Anniversary Month outdoor project
   f) Conducted a father and son campout
   g) Attended a Klondike Derby

2) Short-Term Camp – All patrols in the troop were represented in four or more Short-term campouts during the past 12 months

3) Long-Term Camp – All patrols in the troop were represented in a long-term (6 or more consecutive days and nights) camp and at least 50% of the total boy membership in the troop attended.

The requirements for the national Camping Award may be met during a calendar year, a charter year, or any other 12 consecutive month period as determined by the patrol leader’s council.
**P.R.A.Y. Updates**

P.R.A.Y. (Programs of Religious Activities with Youth) have recently released the above patch. This patch came about after learning that less than 3% of Scouts earn their religious emblem in any given year. We want to put the focus back on Duty to God and encourage Scouts to earn the religious emblem for their faith.

The requirements are simple: attend or make a presentation on religious emblems, and make a commitment to Duty to God.

We encourage you to make a presentation on the religious emblems to your unit and present your Scouts with this new patch. You can find a video, sample scripts, and slide presentations on our web site. We also offer these resources on DVD. For a limited time, anybody who purchases 10 patches will receive a FREE DVD. Patches may be pre-ordered so that you can distribute them at the conclusion of your presentation. Please note that P.R.A.Y. offers price breaks on larger quantities.

If your young people have recently earned their religious emblems, they would automatically qualify for the first year segment. The patch is a four-segment puzzle patch to encourage leaders to make presentations every year.

Please visit our website for additional information. You may view the video, print scripts and handouts, read Frequently Asked Questions, or order patches at www.praypub.org. You may direct any questions to joanw@praypub.org.

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**New District Executives**

**Jenise Dixon**, originally of Topeka, Kansas, is planning on making Kansas City her new home. Jenise earned a B.A. in Public Relations at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas in 2002.

She recently relocated to Kansas from Washington, D.C. where she worked as a Junior Program Management Specialist specializing in document control with PMC, Inc. a contracting company; for the Department of Homeland Security; working for the agency from Oct. 2004 to June 2005. Jenise has joined the Learning for Life team as a district executive. Please join us in welcoming Jenise to the Heart of America Council.

**Daniel Cady**, a Kansas City native earned a B.A. in Wildlife Biology at Kansas State University in 2003.

He has been involved in the Kansas City Scouting program for many years and obtained his Eagle as a member of Troop 185. While attending KSU, Dan worked for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, the USGS and the University. Since college, he joined the Army Reserves as an Army Engineer Officer and is currently serving with the 326th Area Support Group in Kansas City, Kansas. Dan has joined the North Star District as a district executive. Please join us in welcoming Dan to the Heart of America Council.

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**Order Of The Arrow – Winter Banquet**

The Order Of The Arrow Winter Banquet will be held January 7, 2006 at Adams Pointe Convention Center in Blue Springs, Missouri. Dinner will start at 6:00. Look for registration forms at your November roundtable and on the council website. The Winter Banquet is also an ideal time to pay your yearly dues.

Spring Induction Weekends will be May 5-7 and May 19-21, 2006. This provides an excellent opportunity to seal your membership in the Order by completing your Brotherhood requirement. Registration will be published prior to Winter Banquet.

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**The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award Dinner**

On Sunday November 20, 2005, the Heart of America Council will honor Esther and Don Griffin with the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award for their outstanding service to youth. They are proud to announce Tyrone Flowers, founder of Higher M-Pack, as their special guest. This event will also honor Dr. Raymond Daniels.

The dinner will take place Sunday, November 20, 2005 at the Downtown KC Marriott Hotel, 200 West 12th, K.C., MO. Table Sponsorships are available for $1,500 (a table seats 10 people). An individual plate is $150. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Brian Tobler at (816) 569-4985.
Scout Scouting

Scouts and leaders from Cub Scout Pack 309 and Boy Scout Troop 309, in conjunction with First United Methodist Church of Excelsior Springs, collected items for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. The group, which came close to filling a five-ton truck with personal care items, clothes, toys and furniture, is associated with the Heart of America Council of Kansas City, Mo., North Star District. Volunteers will deliver the truck to a location in the Kansas City area, which has been set up to provide temporary housing for those displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The “Excelsior Springs community really helped out,” said a Scout spokesperson. “We asked for donations through the Excelsior Springs Standard and Town & Country Leader and that’s how we were able to get the supplies needed by the evacuees.”

Excelsior Springs area Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, their leaders and their parents can take pride in knowing that they have helped countless people who lost their homes and everything they owned to Hurricane Katrina.

Dick Breit:

We arrived Sunday afternoon, late, about 7PM and the Camp Ranger, John Wooten, put us up in the director’s cabin, which had electricity and air conditioning (to our great surprise and enjoyment). He thanked us for coming down to help. The next morning we got a tour and status report, Camp Tiak - or Tall Pines, and met with Rob Hoffman, Council Executive and a couple members of his staff. Rob was concerned about our safety and gave us some cautions. He said they had a crew coming in from Washington, this weekend and a large crew around the end of the month.

One of the mornings we woke up early and helped lift a tree off the trading post. It had broken off about 20- feet off the ground and fallen on the building. Roger and I cut off as many limbs as we could so others could pull it off with their trucks. John and I cleared as many trees from the Welcome Lodge entrance as we could. Roger went down to the lake front and got the canoes that were scattered all over, not blown away because they were chained. We then put them back on their racks upside down to get the water out.

John told us how he had weathered the storm in his cabin and got up the next morning to clear enough trees to get out if he needed to check on friends affected by the storm. He is a high-energy person, the kind you know you are better because of having met. As we left and started home some State Conservation people drove in and John introduced us. They were very friendly and we enjoyed talking to them.

In general it appeared all the organizations could use more help. The efforts and needs will not be going away in a couple of days. Water and electricity will not be restored in some areas for a while and even with the Herculean effort of the power companies and other volunteers, there is much left to do.

Roger Mantony:

I have written several folks describing the scene on the highway, as MP’s, construction workers, power and light folks, aid workers, drivers with supplies, and the local folks all crowd the highway heading south. There is an air of anticipation by many, and a dogged determination by those that live there.

Once folks get there, there are enormous challenges facing everyone. Soon fatigue begins on the new arrivals, and exhaustion is on the faces of the local folks that now count the days, ie day 13 or day 14, losing track of what day of the week it is.

There is a buzz of activity at the different shelters and at the few restaurants that are open in the towns. Locals and out-of-towners alike are all curious about what everyone else is doing, and the local folks sometimes show their appreciation for the aid of the out-of-towners by cutting their own prices. Some of the aid workers are sleeping on the floor in churches; others are in tents, a few lucky ones in RV’s or the homes that can house them.

Each day, more power, more assistance and more cleanup. As we leave, some of the other folks are also pulling out, with a few National guard troops going home, or to hurricane Ophelia, other empty trailers are heading back for refills with tired drivers and weary helpers. Even those going home, can see more hope for a brighter future, as a new convoy of double wide mobile homes come dashing down the road on the opposite side.

The radio stations are warning of scam artists and others trying to take your money for construction or whatever. Because homes have been destroyed people are warned about protecting their identity as personal papers are everywhere. And now the insurance and loan offices are trying to help where they can. All of this is part of the experience, and other recollections.
2006 Summer Camp Fee Schedule

Boy Scout Camp

Payment Schedule:
- $40.00 deposit is due with each reservation for Summer Camp
- Final Payment due on Wednesday, June 10, 2006

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Guide to Safe Scouting

A Unit Leader's Guide For Current Policies and Procedures To Safe Activities

"The purpose of the Guide to Safe Scouting is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through eighty-plus years of experience. Limitations on certain activities should not be viewed as stumbling blocks; rather, policies and guidelines are best described as stepping-stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures. Unit leaders should be aware of state or local government regulations that supersede Boy Scouts of America policies and guidelines. When considering activities not specifically addressed in Scouting literature, activity planners should evaluate the benefit to the Scouting program versus the risk of injury. The benefit side includes the question: "Does this activity further the aims and methods of Scouting?"

Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership

Because the majority of Scout injuries and accidents occur during unit events, Health and Safety has developed a video and training course intended to heighten troop, pack, and crew leaders’ awareness of safety and risk management issues. Contact your local council service center, your district or council training chairman to get the date, time, and place of the next Scouting Safety Begins With Leadership course. Donald Smith, a risk management committee member in the Patriot’s Path Council, created a PowerPoint slide presentation, SafeScout, that can be used with the video or as a shorter stand-alone presentation for roundtable discussions. Get a copy of the slide show by calling or e-mailing Risk Management at (972) 580-2228; vsavoy@netbsa.org. Let the council know if you prefer disk or e-mail as the mode of delivery. BSA Rules and Policies

Bold type throughout the Guide to Safety Scouting denotes BSA rules and policies. Viewing the online Guide to Safe Scouting is available here in two formats:

- One for reading on-line – this version is divided into chapters and includes a search engine.
- Another for reading off-line – the entire publication is presented in a single interface to facilitate print-out.

A bound hard-copy version (BSA Supply # 34416D) is also available. To obtain a copy, contact your DE. Refer to the Who’s Who of HOAC listing for a direct line number for your District.
Sweet 16 of Scouting

All Scouting activities should take into account 16 safety points, which embody good judgment and common sense. These are known as the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety.

1. Qualified Supervision. Every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the youth in his or her care. The supervisor should be sufficiently trained, experienced, and skilled in the activity to be confident of his or her ability to lead and teach the necessary skills and respond effectively in the event of an emergency.

2. Physical Fitness. For each youth participant in any potentially strenuous activity, the supervisor receives a complete health history from a healthcare professional, parent, or guardian. The supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate potential risks associated with individual health conditions.

3. Buddy System. The long history of the “buddy system” in Scouting has shown that it is always best to have at least one other person with you and aware at all times of your circumstances.

4. Safe Area or Course. A key part of the supervisor’s responsibility is to know the area or course for the activity and to determine that it is well-suited and free of hazards.

5. Equipment Selection and Maintenance. The equipment used in any activity should be selected to suit the participants and the activity and to include appropriate safety and program features. The supervisor should check equipment to determine that it is in good condition for the activity and to make sure it is properly maintained while in use.

6. Personal Safety Equipment. A supervisor must assure that every participant has and uses the appropriate personal safety equipment.

7. Safety Procedures and Policies. Common sense procedures and standards can greatly reduce any risk. These should be known and appreciated by all participants, and the supervisor must assure compliance.

8. Skill Level Limits. Every activity has a minimum skill level, and the supervisor must identify and recognize this level and be sure participants are not put at risk by attempting any activity beyond their abilities.

9. Weather Check. The risks of many outdoor activities vary substantially with weather conditions. Potential weather hazards and appropriate responses should be understood and anticipated.

10. Planning. Safe activities follow a plan that has been conscientiously developed by the experienced supervisor or other competent source.

11. Communications. The supervisor needs to be able to communicate effectively with participants as needed during the activity.

12. Permits and Notices. BSA tour permits, council office registration, government or landowner authorization and similar formalities are the supervisor’s responsibility when such are required.

13. First Aid Resources. The supervisor should determine what first aid supplies to include among the activity equipment. The level of first aid training and skill appropriate for the activity should also be considered.

14. Applicable Laws. BSA safety policies generally parallel or go beyond legal mandates, but the supervisor should confirm and assure compliance with all applicable regulations or statutes.

15. CPR Resource. BSA strongly recommends that a person (preferably an adult) trained in CPR be part of the leadership for any BSA program.

16. Discipline. No supervisor is effective if he or she cannot control the activity and individual participants. Youth must respect their leaders and follow their directions.

For more detailed information on the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety, consult your copy of the Guide to Safe Scouting.
School Night Success

Our recruitment efforts have gone very well this fall! All our packs have been very successful in bringing more boys into the Scouting program. A thank you goes to each and every leader who has helped promote recruitment and who has spent the time to put together such an awesome program. Without your help or would like to do a follow-up School Night, please do not hesitate to contact Cheri Cardwell, School Night Chair, at (913)837-4324 or Landon Behrens at (800)776-1110.

Popcorn!

Right now, boys from 18 packs and troops are out there knocking on doors selling popcorn. Maybe they have even given their parents order forms to bring to work to sell popcorn to their co-workers! However you do it, we know popcorn is being sold by the case! Keep up the hard work! If you have any questions about popcorn, please contact Landon Behrens at (800)776-1110 or lbehrens@bsamail.org.

Internet Rechartering

If you have not already received your unit’s recharter packet, BEWARE! It’s Coming! You will have the ability to complete your recharter online again this year!

Information about this smooth, easy process will be available an hour before the November roundtable! Please do not miss this meeting. We are also planning a time for you to do the online rechartering process with several other unit leaders in the Ottawa area in December or early January. More details will follow. Remember, this is one of the most important processes your unit will engage in each year and understanding this new system is very important. All information in the rechartering process will be due back into the Council Office no later than January 12, 2006! If you have any questions about this vital unit responsibility, please do not hesitate to contact your unit commissioner or Landon Behrens, District Executive.

Friends of Scouting

As we gear up for Blue & Golds and Court of Honors, please keep in mind that we will be looking to build on the success of our 2005 Friends of Scouting campaign. We will begin scheduling Friends of Scouting presentations in our units as early as this month. Please take the time to discuss this with your unit committee and schedule a time as soon as possible. Thanks for your support and please contact at (800)776-1110 or lbehrens@bsamail.org to express your interest in helping this year.
5th Annual Red-Tailed Hawk Merit Badge Forums

The 2006 Merit Badge Forums will be on Saturdays January 14, 28 and February 11, 2006 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. They will again be held at California Trail Jr. High School in Olathe. We look forward to seeing all Red-Tailed Hawk District Boy Scouts at that time.

- New class offerings: Stamp Collecting, Coin Collecting, Textile, Space Exploration, Railroading and Veterinary Medicine.
- Discontinued Classes: Collections, Fire Safety, Model Design and Building.

As before, a Scout may only take two Eagle required merit badge classes. This year, we guarantee that each Scout will be able to take the Eagle required classes he selects (maximum of two), based on eligibility. Please check the restrictions for each class before selecting.

Award and Recognition Program

October kicks off our annual award and recognition program. This is used to recognize our 2005 Eagle Scouts and deserving adult volunteers who have consistently contributed to the success of the Scouting program. 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 program at the district level. The Outstanding Leader Awards are given in recognition of hard working unit leaders at various positions. 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 change that. The recognition program culminates with a banquet on March 4, 2006 for all recipients.

Friends of Scouting

It is time to begin scheduling a date for your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation. A great time for these is at Courts of Honor and Blue and Gold Banquets. Presentations are brief and should not delay your agenda by more than 8 minutes. By presenting at well-attended events, we give the most unit families a chance to contribute. Thank you in advance for your support of this very important campaign, which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to over 55,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council!

This year’s Family FOS Campaign will be lead by Tom Johnson as Chairman. To schedule a unit presentation contact, Jason Ballew at (816) 569-4982.

Stay in the Loop of Communication

Are you receiving all of the latest and greatest information from 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.

Constant Contact Email: All registered leaders will receive email updates

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.

Red Tailed Hawk District Events

November
3 Roundtable: 7:00 p.m., College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
10 Commissioners Meeting: 7:30 p.m., MNU Library
12 Commissioners Meeting: 7:30 p.m., MNU Library
15 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Advent Lutheran Church
17 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 p.m., at St Thomas Apostolic Church
17 Cub Scout Job Specific Training #2, 6:30 a.m., at Olathe Christian Church

December
1 Roundtable: 7:00 p.m., College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
8 Commissioners Meeting: 7:30 p.m., MNU Library
13 District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Advent Lutheran Church
15 Eagle Boards of Review: 6:30 p.m., St Thomas Apostolic Church

January
5 Roundtable: 7:00 p.m., College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
12 Commissioners Meeting: 7:30 p.m., MNU Library
14 Merit Badge Forum, Session 1: 1:00 p.m., California Trail Jr. High
17 District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Advent Lutheran Church
19 Eagle Boards of Review: 6:30 p.m., St Thomas Apostolic Church
28 Merit Badge Forum, Session 2: 1:00 p.m., California Trail Jr. High
**Contact Information**

Your post or group is important to us! While we visit with 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 Life Director, at (816)569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org or Jenise Dixon Exploring & Learning for Life District Executive, at (816)569-4970 or jedixon@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.

**Tell us your story**

We would like to hear about what you are doing. So send us articles and pictures. In the newsletter we offer an abundance of information. 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 to get it in to the newsletter.

**Very Important Dates! Mark Your Calendars**

**Explorer Post Renewal Paperwork Turn In Night**
- **When:** November 15, 2005
- **Where:** Heart of America Council
- **Time:** 5:30 pm–8:30 pm

We will be assisting all those who would like help in completing the renewal paperwork. Bring your packet in and we will walk through the process. Also, if you just need to turn in your completed paperwork, bring it in and drop it off.

**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](http://www.learningforlife.org), click on “Exploring,” navigate to “New Resources” and click on “Resources for Exploring Leaders,” then navigate to “How to Earn Money. Although, why not consider a popcorn sale?”

**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 and also in your program guide curriculum.

We want to be there to assist you in every way possible to ensure your Learning for Life Program is a success. With so many resources just a click away, it’s a great way to enhance your education curriculum.

**WE SALUTE THE BLACK & VEATCH POST 2455**

This month we want to recognize and salute a great post that has been around for many years and enjoyed great success. Check it out!

The Black & Veatch Explorer Post, a group sponsored by Learning for Life and Black & Veatch, provides Kansas City metropolitan area high school students, with an interest in math and science, exposure to different engineering careers.

On June 9-12 the Black & Veatch Explorer Post took its annual Superactivity trip. This year, the destination was New York City and was the final activity for the 2004/2005 school year. Five Black & Veatch professionals and 16 Kansas City metropolitan area high school students visited engineering and scientific destinations in New York City. Some of the activities and places visited included a special tour of the Seven World Trade Center and Ground Zero construction site, the American Museum of Natural History, the USS Intrepid Air/Space Museum, the Empire State Building Observation Deck, a twilight harbor cruise, Times Square, Grand Central Terminal and the Skyscraper Museum.

At the Seven World Trade Center construction site, Explorer Post students were taken on a personalized tour graciously provided by the owners of the site. This tour included a look at many levels of the building currently under construction and gave the students a peek into the complexity of high-rise building construction. This tour was reinforced with a visit to the Skyscraper Museum, which included an extensive history of skyscrapers and the actual models used to wind tunnel test the original World Trade Center buildings.

“This trip was very successful in achieving the Explorer Post’s primary objective of motivating students to study and enjoy engineering,” said Katie Miller, Black & Veatch Explorer Post co-Lead Advisor.

Advisors who planned and took part in the trip include BV professionals Larry Taber, Katie Miller, Jeff Hankel, Anja Frauenberger and Kevin Petrones.

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**Exploring Division Program Chairman** - Janet Brown, Metropolitan Ambulance Services Trust "MAST" Post 2973 Post Advisor

**Exploring Division Training**
- **Chairman**—John Morris, Roeland Park Police Department Post 2300 Post Advisor

**Fire and Emergency Services Exploring Cluster Chairman** - Jim Selsor – Independence Police Department Post 2840 Committee Chairman & Independence Fire Department Post 2081 Associate Advisor

**Fire and Emergency Services Exploring Cluster Chairman** - Darren Ivey – Kansas City Missouri Police Department, Metro Patrol Post 2963 Executive Officer

**Health and Medicine Exploring Cluster Chairman** - Joy Hobick – Truman Medical Center Lakewood Post 2950 Post Advisor

**Science and Technology Cluster Chairman** - Sara Barrientos – Black & Veatch Post 2455 Committee Member
Training

It’s not too late to become a Trained Volunteer!!! With the recruitment of new leaders this month and in the months to come, getting trained is vital to the success of your pack or troop. Be sure to stop by the training table at roundtable or check out the council website for upcoming training events. The website is www.hoac-bsa.org, click on the districts tab, on the Thunderbird tab, and then on training tab. If you have training questions contact your district executive for help. Also, if you cannot make any of the Thunderbird training dates, be sure to check the other district’s dates and attend their trainings.

Fall Camporee

This year’s fall camporee was a blast!!! The theme was “An Amazing Race.” All Scouts had smiles on their faces as they road their bikes and hiked the long trail. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this year’s camporee a success!!!

Internet Rechartering

Rechartering is approaching and every unit should be on the internet following the proper procedures. Please begin this process. This way if there are questions that need to be answered you will have time to ask them. If you have any questions, please contact your district executive.

Fall Recruitment

Just because it is November does not mean that there aren’t boys out there waiting to join Scouting. It is never too late or too early to recruit Scouts for your unit. The Thunderbird District is striving for Quality District recognition in 2005 and will need help from the units in the district. If we all pull together and recruit as many Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Ventures as possible and identify targets for new units to start, the better the chance of us making Quality District becomes. Please do not hold onto applications until rechartering time. This leaves boys as well as adult leaders unregistered and can make things difficult. Get those applications in as soon as possible. Your district executives will be calling to see if there are any applications that need to be turned in. They will gladly meet you somewhere to assist in getting applications into the scout service center.

Thunderbird Winter Activity

This year the Thunderbird District will be going to Snow Creek in Weston, Missouri for the Winter Activity. So put your skis on and “Be Prepared” to glide down the hill or the bunny slopes. Look for more details at the winter activity table during roundtable or on the website at www.hoac-bsa.org. Make sure to get your unit signed up early so we will know how many units to expect.

Friends of Scouting

It is time to start setting your dates for your Friends of Scouting presentations. There are several units who have had their presentations and are well on their way to achieving free rank advancement. Steve York will be the Family Chairman this year, so let’s do all we can to make sure it’s successful one! Make sure to visit with him at roundtable or contact your district executive if you have any questions.

Thunderbird Annual District Recognition Dinner

The Thunderbird District Dinner will be held on February 11th, 2005. Make sure to nominate someone you feel is deserving of being recognized within the district. Nomination forms will be available at roundtable as well as on the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org under the Thunderbird Activities page. All nominations should be sent to the council office by the December roundtable at: Heart of America Council.

Thunderbird District Awards Committee 10210 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, MO 64131. Come enjoy the fellowship as we recognize our outstanding volunteers. Contact David Riker at (816) 569.4962 for more information.

2005 Thunderbird Committee Chairs

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Friends of Scouting

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1 Youth Protection: 7:00 p.m., Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City MO
8 District Commissioner Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Council Service Center
10 District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Council Service Center

December

6 District Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO.
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TBA Winter Activity: Snow Creek – Weston, MO
Race to Cub Scouting

The Big Muddy District is proud to report that they have achieved a growth of 13% in Cub Scouting so far this year! Congratulations to all the units who have successful recruitments this fall. You are working hard to make good things happen in your communities and it will pay off as we reach additional young people with our great programs. Keep up the good work. Remember, you will need to follow up with each boy who has shown interest in your pack. Flyers and other support materials are available year-round for those units who wish to host a recruitment; not just in the fall. We want to give every boy who is interested in Scouting a chance to be a part of what we do! If you need any help or would like to do a follow up school night, please contact Grant Dealy at (800) 776-1110.

Annual Business Meeting and Election

On November 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., the Big Muddy District will hold its annual election at Dibbins Hall in Lexington to elect the members at large for the 2005-06 District Committee. All voting members of the district, including chartered organization representatives, district members at large, and any council members at large residing within the district are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you wish to nominate somebody to the district committee, please send those nominations in writing to Big Muddy District Nominating Committee, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. All nominations MUST be received in writing at least two weeks prior to the district election for proper consideration.

Fall Camporee

A big thank you is extended to Chuck Scott of Troop 318 for hosting and planning the camporee held last month at the Sear’s farm in Lexington, Missouri. This exciting event had a theme of “Mission Impossible.” Anyone interested in hosting next year’s fall camporee please contact Kyle Kolkemeyer; District Activities Chair, or Grant Dealy; District Executive.

2006 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Before you know it, it will be that time of year again! Please look at to your unit’s calendar for the best time to conduct a Friends of Scouting presentation this winter. Remember, FOS is very important. It helps raise the funds needed to support the Scouting program in the Big Muddy District and the Heart of America Council.

Recharters for the 2006 season will be due by the December 15, 2005. As last year, the Heart of America Council will be using the online method again. Please do not hesitate to ask questions if you do not understand any part of the process. You may contact your District Commissioner, Larry Maxwell, at (816) 470-5660.
Rechartering

Once again it’s time to begin the rechartering process. Rechartering your unit in a timely fashion is very important to the Lone Bear District and the Heart of America Council. Start planning now by designating a unit leader to be in charge of this process. The Lone Bear Commissioner Staff has made a commitment to help all of the units with rechartering. If you have questions contact your Commissioner or Phillip Brockland.

School Night to Join Scouting

We have had a great recruiting effort so far this year. Fall is soon becoming winter and the end of the year is right around the corner. There is still a great number of boys out there that deserve a Scouting experience but have not signed up. Thank you to all who have helped to bring so many new Scouts to the program. For those units who have not had the desired results, it is time for phase II. Other, than School Nights, how can we recruit new boys? How about hosting a special event and inviting all of the youth in your community to attend? Have we contacted our local media and asked them to help? Have we contacted our churches and community centers? There are many ways to reach the youth of our communities. If you need any help or would like to share ideas, contact Phillip Brockland at (800) 775-1110.

2006 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 is given 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 who may need help with registration and camp fees. If you would like to help with the 2006 campaign, please contact Phillip Brockland (800) 775-1110.

Popcorn

The 2005 Popcorn sale is in full swing! There are a great number of troops and packs out selling popcorn to earn money for their unit’s activities. Final orders are due to the Council office on Monday, November 1st. The final distribution will be on Friday, November 11th. If you have any questions about the popcorn sale contact Phillip Brockland at (800) 775-1110. A special thanks to everyone who has made this year’s sale successful!

Fall Camporee

This year’s fall camporee was a hit! The camporee was held at Windsor’s City Park on October 7 and 8. Troop 632 did a marvelous job hosting and planning the camporee. They had plenty of activities and programs for everyone to enjoy. Remember to all of the units that participated in this year’s program. A special thanks to Troop 632 and Jerry Post for organizing the event.

District Awards

Nominations for the Award of Merit and the Silver Bear are being accepted. This is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding leaders of the Lone Bear District. These awards will be presented at the Lone Bear District Dinner at the Clinton Rotary Building. This is an event the leaders and Eagle Scouts of Lone Bear will not want to miss. Every leader in the District is invited and encouraged to attend. For nomination forms and more information contact Phillip Brockland at (800) 775-1110.

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 unit's leadership a good understanding of the Scouting program and how to deliver the best program to the youth of their pack or troop. Steve Higgins and his training team have been hard at work providing training opportunities for the Lone Bear leadership. There are still more opportunities to be a part this year's training and to become a trained leader. For more information come to the November roundtable.

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Cub Scout Overnighter

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This is also your reminder to submit all of the District Adult Outstanding Award Nominations and District Award of Merit Nominations by December 1. Do not assume that someone is already nominated; some of the best leaders never get nominated. Forms can be found on the Trailhead District Website at www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm

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This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagles from August and September: Daniel Hess, Troop 351; Eric Kerr, Troop 351; Ryan Woodruff, Troop 351; Eli Kaldahl, Troop 283; Andy Sevik, Troop 98; Luke Todd, Troop 123; Jarred Estrada, Troop 351; Chris Cigich, Troop 18; Chris Stohs, Troop 358; Steven Van Auken, Troop 91; Zane Jaafar, Troop 199. Congratulations to each of you from your Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

School Night for Scouting

Congratulations to all our packs, leaders, parents, and new Scouting families. You have done a great job in continuing the Scouting program for years to come. We have recruited several hundred new boys to the greatest youth program available. You can all be proud of your efforts as we continue to build the reach of our program through the end of the year and beyond! Stay on the recruiting trail as we fulfill our responsibility to give the Scouting program to every boy who wants it!

Fall Camp Wrap-up

Northern Tier Scouts have been busy this fall in the outdoors! First, we held our annual cuboree at Camp Naish on September 9-10. 166 Scouts and parents made it an exciting weekend to remember, climbing around the Lost Mine, scouring the forest for old artifacts and getting wet on a really hot weekend at the Pirate Ship Waterpark!

A few weeks later, we held the first ever Cub Scout Family Campout at Shawnee Riverfront Park on September 30 - October 1 to a great crowd of first time and experienced campers. We had a lot of fun, including an exciting Friday night campfire and Scottish style family games on Saturday. Our new Cub Scouts and their families had a great time!

Finally, the fall camporee was held on October 14-16 at Shawnee Riverfront Park. Hundreds of Boy Scouts learned some really neat things about the heritage of this area as people moved west. Activities like blacksmithing, fur trading and pioneering projects were just a few of the highlights of this exciting weekend!

District Dinner and Award of Merit

On January 28, 2006 at 6:00 PM, Northern Tier District will hold its Annual District Dinner and Recognition Event. Please mark your calendar NOW for this important weekend. We will recognize leaders throughout our district for the dedicated work they do to improve Scouting in their units, the district and the council. Registration information will be available at roundtable and on the website.

All district award nominations are being accepted. Forms are available at the Council Service Center, at roundtables and on the website. This is a great opportunity to recognize those “unnoticed” volunteers for their hard work and effort throughout the year! Please contact Steve Brady, Activities Chair, at (913) 461-7020 or Cortland Bolles, District Executive, with any questions.

2006 Friends of Scouting

Just a reminder that you should now be scheduling your unit’s 2006 Friends of Scouting presentation with Steve Brady, Family Chairman or Cortland Bolles, District Executive. This is a great opportunity to hear about the story of Scouting and pledge your continued support to keep the Scouting program in Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council among the best available anywhere. Your children deserve the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed and this program is vital in making sure that opportunity is there! To help out with this campaign and schedule your unit presentation, contact Steve Brady, Family FOS Chairman, at (913) 362-8441 or Cortland Bolles at (816) 569-4918.

Popcorn

A job well done by all our units who went out knocking on doors and calling family members to sell popcorn! Your hard work will pay off for the youth in your unit as well as for the success of the programs the Heart of America Council provides. Thanks for your commitment to this vital program!

Roundtable News

Many of you who came to the October roundtable and visit the website regularly have noticed a new addition to our roundtable program. The “Northern Lights” is a monthly newsletter we are now publishing to help leaders keep up to date with events, trainings, activities, and any changes that come up with district or council functions. These are available in hard copy at roundtable and will also be archived on the website for your reference.

2006 Rechartering

Rechartering already? Not yet, but soon. Rechartering will begin in January 2006. Recharter packets will be available at the January 5, 2006 roundtable and it will be EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that the person who processes the recharter paperwork in your unit be there to pick up the paperwork and be informed of any changes!

A Due Congratulations

On November 16, 2005, the Heart of America Council will hold its Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Dinner at the Kansas City Marriott. We are very excited that Gene Young, Troop 192, will be recognized! Congratulations!

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Northern Tier District Events
Membership

The year is coming to a close, but this does not mean we should stop recruiting! If there are still boys, young men and women who are interested in your program, make absolutely certain that you follow-up with them. Statistically it takes at least four interactions with parents, if it is a phone call or inviting them to your meetings, to get them to sign up their child. It is our mission to give every youth the opportunity to join Scouting. In order for us to complete this mission we must never cease in spreading the word of Scouting. Thank you for all of your recruitment efforts thus far, and continue to strive to grow your unit.

Friends of Scouting

It is time to start thinking about setting a date for your Friends of Scouting presentation. Please let us know what date you prefer and the appointed coordinator for your unit. It is a time to give to the program we love, the boys we mentor, and those who need financial assistance. What better gift could you give to a child than the gift of Scouting? Please call Bob Stikeleather at (816) 796-8902 or Dewey Barr at (816) 569-4983 with your presentation date.

Recharter

Recharter turn in will be on Thursday, December 8 beginning at 7:00 pm at Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church located at 19402 E Holke Rd. in Independence. We will be set up to receive all your rechartering materials. If you have any questions or problems contact your unit commissioner or your professional staff at the council office, (816) 942-9333.

Popcorn

As the popcorn sale for this year winds down, do not forget that the sale ends October 30, with final distribution set for November 11. The Blue Elk team will have assigned times available for you to pick from at roundtable. For questions, please contact Melissa Whited at (816) 224-6657 or Ross Pfannenstiel at (816) 569-4964.

Klondike

It is only November, but it is already time to start gearing up for the Blue Elk Klondike derby. Once again, we will be at George Owens Park in Independence. This great event will start on Friday, January 20 for those units wishing to camp and the actual derby is on Saturday, January 21 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Troops can camp Saturday night also if they wish.

District Dinner

The 29th Annual Blue Elk District is coming up on February 25, 2006 at Adams Pointe Conference Center, 1400 NE Coronado Drive, Blue Springs, MO. This year’s master of ceremony is Lief Lisec from Metro Sports. The cost is $19.50 per person. The district dinner committee is hard at work planning a night of friendship for all who attend. Do not forget to nominate leaders for the Silent Service, Scouter Spirit, and Award of Merit awards. Forms can be found on the council website under the Blue Elk District page. For more information, call Scott Howell at (816) 796-3747 or Dewey Barr at (816) 569-4983.

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Blue Elk District Events

November

1 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ
3 Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., Bingham Middle School
5 Merit Badge Counselor Training: 7:30 p.m., at Roundtable
7 Youth Protection Training: 6:00-8:30 p.m., at Roundtable
8 Order of the Arrow Chapter 6 Meeting: 7:00 p.m., at Roundtable
10 New Leader Essentials Training: 6:00-8:30 pm at Roundtable
13 Commissioner’s Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ
15 District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., St Mark’s Catholic
16 District Dinner: 7:00 p.m., St Mark’s Catholic

December

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5 Eagle Board of Review: 7:30 p.m., at Roundtable
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10 Commissioner’s Meeting/ Recharter Turn-in: 7:00 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ
12 District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., St Mark’s Catholic

January

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21 Klondike Derby: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., George Owens Nature Park
2006 Friends of Scouting Presentations

Don’t forget to reserve some time at your Blue and Gold or Court of Honor to watch the FOS presentations. Call Rick Lockwood (913) 684-2980 or Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967 to reserve a speaker for your presentation.

District Dinner

Please reserve Saturday, January 21, for the Kaw District Dinner. This is the event where we recognize the accomplishments of our district’s adult leaders. We are planning some exciting things for this event and want you all to be a part of it!

Webelos Lock-In

Saturday, November 19th is our Webelos Lock-In. The cost is $20.00 and registration starts at 8:00 am at the Turner Recreation Center at 813 S. 55th St. Kansas City, KS. The Webelos will have the chance to take classes on Citizenship, Showman, Readyman, Scientist, Handyman, Communicator, Engineering, and Arrow of Light. Craftsman and Whittling will be offered for an additional fee. There will also be movies, games, and dinner. Pre-registration is required and NO WALK IN’s will be allowed, so sign up early to secure your spot! Webelos, be sure to wear your Class A uniforms, bring your Webelos Books, sleeping bags, a sack lunch, and get ready to have fun! For more information, please contact Ray Thebo (913) 287-2278 or Khary Floyd (816) 569-4965 kfloyd@bsamail.org, or access the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Personnel News

The Kaw District would like to extend a sincere thank you to Bob and Mary Sue Sixta. After many years of dedicated service to the youth in our district, they are stepping down to pursue family and personal activities. Please join the Kaw District and myself in thanking them for all they have done for our district and for Scouting. We wish them the best!

BOYS WILL BE BOYS, but who teaches them to be MEN?

When boys know they have men who support, encourage, and believe in them, they don’t have to wonder about their future.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Boy Scouts of America; supporting, encouraging, and working together to train the next generation of men.

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Kaw District Events

November

3 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rehms Park Southern Baptist: Pratt Ave. & Garfield St. Bonner Springs, KS. 66012 District Commissioners Meeting.
10 District Committee Meeting: 7:00p.m., BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS.
11-12 Popcorn Show N Sell order settlement and Take Order Distribution. Nov.11, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Nov.12, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Location Harte Hanks, 78th and Mission.
19 – 20 Webelos Lock-In: 8 a.m. Registration Turner Recreation Center.

December

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January

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12 District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS
13-15 Klondike Derby, Location TBA
21 Annual Recognition Dinner Location TBA.

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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, www.hoac-bsa.org. We are going to try to keep putting more information on the page to 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 info your unit might need about council events and forms that you might need.

District Recognition Dinner 2006

On Saturday, January 14 starting at 6:00 p.m., the Trails West district 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. For more information call Alan J. Sanders at (816) 569-4958 or asanders@bsamail.org.

Trails West Training

Every Scout 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 website and are encouraged as independent training opportunities. Leaders taking advantage of on-line training are asked to inform the district training chair, Joe Ogilvie, of such training at jogilvie@kc.rr.com.

Rechartering 2006

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

Popcorn 2005

Popcorn 2005 is all but over and it is time to start thinking about how your unit will pick up all that popcorn. The popcorn pickup will be Friday, November 11 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 12th from 8 am to noon. We need to get times set for when each unit will be at Seaton in Olathe. For an appointment call David Colvin at (913) 569-4958.

Camping

Mark your calendar now for the 2006 camping season. Each boy in the Trails West District should have the opportunity to participate in a long-term camping experience. The dates for the for the 2006 Trails West District Day Camp are June 5 to the 8, with set up on Sunday the 4th and clean up on Friday the 9. Plans are being made for camp to insure that the program is of the highest level. For more information about the Cub Scout camp call Alan J. Sanders at (816) 569-4958.

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Robert Morrison and Bill Hilton for being named Scout of the Month at the August and September roundtables. Thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your units, your district, and your Council!!

Welcome!

Join us in welcoming Daniel Cady as the new district executive in the internationally Famous North Star District. Daniel has taken Matt Specht’s place as he has taken another position in the Heart of America Council. Daniel’s phone number is (816) 569-4978 and his email is dacady@bsamail.org.

Upcoming Training

Monthly training opportunities at roundtables 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.

COR (Chartered Organization Representative) training will be held at the November roundtable. Please make sure your COR is trained.

Cub Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:
- January 21, New Leader Essentials (9:00 a.m.), Youth Protection (10:30 a.m.) and Cub Scout Leader Position Specific (1:00 p.m.), Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd Street.
- Check the North Star Training webpage for more training in the spring. Contact Karen Hatcher at (816) 891-9429 about Cub Scout Leader Training and Steve Vaughn at (816) 741-3847 about Webelos Leader Outdoor Training.

Protestant God & Country Program

Act quickly to sign up your Scouts for this fall’s Protestant God and Country Class offerings will start Sunday, October 23rd at North Cross United Methodist Church (1321 NE Vivion Road) for the North program and at Cherokee Christian Church (75th & Belinder, Prairie Village, KS) for the South program. This program is sponsored by P.R.A.Y. (Program for Religious Activities for Youth) and the Protestant Committee for Scouting, Heart of America Council. For the first time, this class will also be offered in the South Kansas City Area, with Rev. Cindy Cone as Lead Counselor.
- God & Me (Grades 1-3) and God & Family (Grades 4-5) – classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held 11/6, 11/20, 12/18, 1/15, 1/29, 2/26 and 3/12.
- Boy Scout Leader training - check the North Star Training webpage for more training in the spring. Contact John Cookingham at (816) 587-1695 for information.
- Venture Leader training - check the North Star Training webpage for more training in the spring. Contact Mark Hatcher at (816) 891-9429 for information.
- 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/nstraining.cfm

Internet Re-Chartering

It will soon be time again for re-chartering. The kick-off will be held at the Commissioner Staff Meeting at St. Luke Presbyterian Church (4301 NE Vivion) on December 8. Please make sure your unit is represented. You can find out more about unit re-chartering at the North Star District Membership webpage: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsmem.cfm.

Klondike Derby

It’s not too soon to start thinking about Klondike Derby, to be held at Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake on January 21. More information will be available at Roundtable and on-line at the North Star District Activities webpage: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm.

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is coming up soon and it is really important for every unit to participate. Please schedule your unit’s FOS presentation as soon as possible. You can find out more about FOS at next meeting.

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North Star District Events

November

1. District Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., NEW LOCATION - Platte Woods United Methodist, 7310 NW Prairie View. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Training are offered along with the OA Chapter Meeting.
2. Klondike Derby, to be held at Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake on January 21. More information will be available at Roundtable and on-line at the North Star District Activities webpage: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm.

December

1. District Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., NEW LOCATION - Platte Woods United Methodist, 7310 NW Prairie View. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Training are offered along with the OA Chapter Meeting.
2. OA Winter Banquet
3. District Committee Meeting: 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
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January

5. District Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., Plattewood United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Rd. Merit Badge Counselor / New Leader Essentials / Leave No Trace / Youth Protection Training.
6. OA Winter Banquet
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**100% Boys Life**

Does every family in your unit receive 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 tool, but also a source for useful information. We encourage every unit within the Pelathe District to strive for 100% Boys’ Life.

**Adventures In Scouting Needs Your Help**

Would you like to promote an upcoming event or publicly congratulate a great leader? This could be your forum. Let’s make Pelathe’s section of Adventures in Scouting the most informative and interesting part of the paper. Please help make this happen by contacting Frank McClelland, Pelathe District Executive at (816) 569-4961 to help get your article into Adventures in Scouting.

**Unit Rechartering**

The November roundtable will provide an opportunity for unit leaders and commissioners to receive a brief training on the new internet based rechartering process.

For a complete overview of how the process will work go to the HOAC website, www.hoac-bsa.org, and click on the Internet Rechartering Tutorial.

Each pack, troop, crew and team should designate someone from your unit who will be the contact person for this process. This person should be someone with internet access and Microsoft Internet Explorer as a browser. Your contact person will be issued a confidential ID and Password to access HOAC and the rechartering program.

Training and assistance in this process will be held at the November roundtable. Commissioners: Please take a moment to complete the tutorial and be sure to attend the training session so you can be of assistance to your units.

**Friends of Scouting**

As the end of the year approaches, please consider supporting the Pelathe District's Friends of Scouting campaign with a financial gift in 2006.

Many families plan their giving for the coming year at this time, and we hope that when a FOS presentation is conducted for your units’ families that you will be able to support our financial needs.

**Award of Merit**

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

**Featured Unit**

To help get information to the community, each week there will be a featured unit in the Lawrence Journal World “Scouting News” section. Each unit will have the opportunity to have its leadership, meeting place, date, time, and focus published. If you would like to be a part of this exciting process, please submit information to Frank McClelland, fmcclell@bsamail.org or Dave Berkowitz, bwlaw@sunflower.com.

**Cub Scout Campout**

The first annual Cub Scout Family Campout was held at Camp Bromelsick on Friday, September 30. This event was designed to give new Cub Scouts and their families a taste of what Scouting is all about. There was a campfire on Friday night with songs and skits. Saturday morning Troop 59 cooked “Monster Eggs” for the campers. Troop 52 helped host the event by helping in setting up and hosting activities. Activities included a BB gun range, obstacle course, rocker jousting, an egg smash, fire starting, and kick ball.

Thank you to all those who helped. A very special thank you is extended to Bruce Wagner, who coordinated the event and Venturing Crew 2052 which handled registration and the cracker barrel.

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**District Events**

**November**

1. Pelathe Popcorn Sale begins
2. Day Camp Meeting: 7:00 p.m., HOAC Service Center
3. District Commissioners meeting: 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
4. District Roundtable: 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church
5. Youth Protection Training: 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church
6. Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow
7. Popcorn Blitz Day
8. Project COPE climbing weekend
9. District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Bishop Seabury Academy

**December**

1. District Commissioners meeting: 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
2. District Roundtable: 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church
3. Popcorn sale ends
4. Popcorn take orders due
5. Day Camp Meeting: 7:00 p.m., HOAC
6. District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Bishop Seabury Academy
7. Popcorn pick up

**January**

1. Day Camp Meeting: 7:00 p.m., HOAC
2. District Commissioners meeting: 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
3. District Roundtable: 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church
4. District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Bishop Seabury Academy
Camporee 2005: Then and Back Again…

If this is the first time you saw this title then you missed a wonderful time at camporee. Congratulations to the planning committee that once again put together an action packed camporee. A special thank you is extended to all the staff that helped run the events so efficiently. The kids, the weather, and the activities were all memorable. Most of all, it was a blast to watch the Scouts’ culinary skills take life at the chili cook-off. If you missed this year’s camporee don’t miss next year’s. To everybody: Remember the fun of camporee then, come back again.

2006 FOS: It’s Back…

This year the great and infamous Morgan Olander is stepping down as the overall FOS Chairman. Morgan supplied Pioneer Trails with great time and energy to help us reach our FOS goals. Thank you Morgan, for the all of your hard work. With that said, I would like to introduce the new overall FOS Chairman, Michael Grimaldi. Mike is a past FOS Family Chairman and family presenter. He is a Senior Communications Consultant for Corporate Communications Group. We are excited about having Mike as our new chairman and we are sure he will do a wonderful job. Pioneer Trails is also happy to announce that Tom Holley has decided to serve for another year as the FOS Family Chairman. Tom did an excellent job last year with the family campaign and now with a year of experience, watch out for Tom. To be well prepared for 2006, we need to educate everyone on the importance of Friends of Scouting, so 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.

We would also like to say thank you to the people who came out and received the best training in the council. Your boys will benefit greatly. If you missed any of these trainings but still have the need to be trained, contact Norm Kahn at (913) 341-4792. Remember, Youth Protection Training is available at every roundtable. Please call Matt Gettys at (816) 569-4971, if you or anyone in your unit needs to be Youth Protection trained.

Membership: It’s Not Too Late…

Schedule a fall round-up now and offer the Scouting program to more boys in you neighborhood! Little league soccer and football seasons are quickly coming to a close, let’s keep those kids busy and get them in your pack. A holiday party inviting kids out to show them all the fun that goes on in Cub Scouts is a good recruitment idea.

Training: A Great Success…

I would like to congratulate the Pioneer Trails training team on a job well done. This year we had the challenge of holding trainings almost every week. Our training team stepped up and did a great job.

2006 your Scouts will be able to earn a variety of merit badges being offered at this years MBA. Many prerequisites are required before coming to the event so planning is a must! Additional information will be available at roundtable or contact Pat Parks at (816) 523-6382.

Advancement: Merit Badge Academy…

Here is your chance to acquire several of those merit badges you’ve been waiting for. On January 21, 2006 your Scouts will be able to earn a variety of merit badges being offered at this years MBA. Many prerequisites are required before coming to the event so planning is a must! Additional information will be available at roundtable or contact Pat Parks at (816) 523-6382.

Our goal is to focus on the first through fifth graders. We still have flyers and posters to aid you in your recruiting efforts. Don’t forget to follow the plan and not only will you have a full unit, you will get new leaders too! Feel free to call on your district executives for assistance. Remember, the best time of the year to recruit youth is NOW! For those who conduct their own fall recruitment, please get those applications to the Pioneer Trails executive staff ASAP!
Nearly a year ago the Council adopted a resolution to implement an online rechartering system as the approved method for rechartering units. The success and convenience of Internet Rechartering for units, has created an opportunity to streamline the process further.

Currently, districts recharter between December and June. Cub Scout Packs that have rechartered in spring often do not enroll their Webelos Scouts. Packs anticipate that the Troop which Webelos are graduating into will add them to their charter. As a result many youth are “lost through the cracks”.

Beginning with the 2006-2007 recharter period, all units will recharter in December or January. In order to facilitate this change, affected units will pay a pro-rated fee for membership and Boy’s Life subscriptions for the upcoming recharter period. These pro-rated fees will be disclosed as part of your recharter packet.

The new recharter cycle is listed below.

December:
- Big Muddy District
- Blue Elk District
- Exploring District
- North Star District
- Thunderbird District

January:
- Kaw District
- Lone Bear District
- Northern Tier District
- Pelathe District
- Pioneer Trails District
- Red-Tailed Hawk District
- Trailhead District
- Trails West District
- Twin Rivers District