Terry and Peggy Dunn to Host Report to the Nation

Terry and Peggy Dunn of the Heart of America Council in Kansas City will serve as the host couple for the eight-member delegation of youth from around the country representing the BSA as it presents its annual Report to the Nation in Washington, D.C. March 4-8.

The report highlights the achievements of the BSA over the past year through programs such as Good Turn for America, a national service initiative that addresses critical areas of need in society. Each year, the BSA selects a group of young men and women embodying the Scout Oath and Law to present the report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Terry and Peggy Dunn, community activists are a tremendous asset to the quality of life in Kansas City.

Terry Dunn, President and CEO of J.E. Dunn Construction Group, Inc. has made an impact in Kansas City, not only through the company’s well-known construction projects, but also through his philanthropic and community endeavors.

Having served as Council President for the Heart of America Council, he has continued his involvement on a regional level as the Central Region President and is currently a National Executive Committee Member.

Terry has been honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition a council can give to a volunteer and the Silver Buffalo Award, the highest recognition a volunteer can receive on a national level.

He has been a strong advocate of building the council’s Urban Scouting Program to make it available to all youth, regardless of their socio-economic status. “It’s my belief that the Scouting organization and the volunteers and the staff involved with Scouting will ultimately be graded and judged in how hard we worked to bring the Scouting program to these young people who otherwise would not have had the opportunity”.

Peggy Dunn is also active in the community and strives to improve her community. She currently serves as Mayor of Leawood, Kansas and is a Board Member of the Truman Medical Center Charitable Foundation, The Salvation Army, The Starlight Theatre, Metropolitan Performing Arts Center, Benedictine College Trustees, and Catholic Charities. She is the Board Vice-Chairman of St. Luke’s South Hospital and the Central Governing Board Member of Children’s Mercy Hospital.

“For 96 years, young people associated with the Boy Scouts of America have learned life skills and leadership while providing valuable service to their individual communities,” said Roy Williams, Chief Scout Executive. “Terry and Peggy Dunn are an excellent example of how Scouting equips young people with the values and knowledge needed to become tomorrow’s leaders.”

The 2006 Report to the Nation delegation also includes Samuel Semones, 6, Lewisville, N.C.; John Semones, 8, Lewisville, N.C.; Charles Suber, 9, St. Louis, Mo.; John Cruz, 12, Toms River, N.J.; Michael Wedekamm, 12, Parkesburg, W. Va.; Phillip Barquero, 12, Roseville, Calif.; Amara DiFrancesco, 17, Sun Valley, ID; and Sean Murray, 19, Norwich, N.Y.

In addition to presenting the official report at the U.S. Capitol, the delegation will tour area sites, including the White House, the U.S. Supreme Court, Arlington National Cemetery, Goddard Space Flight Center, the Pentagon and the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Serving nearly 4.5 million young people between 7 and 20 years of age with more than 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories, the Boy Scouts of America is the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. For more information on the Heart of America Council, please visit www.hoac-bsa.org.
In Memory of:

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Richard Hinderliter
John Ratzlaff

John Robert Osborn
Donna Osborn

Three Generations of Eagle Scouts
Freddie Nichols

A Good Turn Daily!

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. To address these issues, we are collaborating with some of the most respected service organizations working in each of these areas.

Food

It is estimated that 8.5 million people, including 2.9 million children, live in homes that experience hunger; where meals are frequently skipped or individuals go without food for a whole day. [U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Household Food Security in the United States, 2002]

Millions of poor children suffer from chronic under-nutrition, the under-consumption of essential nutrients and food energy. Nutrient deficiencies can lead to serious health problems, including impaired cognitive development, growth failure, physical weakness, anemia, and stunting. [Tufts University School of Nutrition]

Shelter

About 14 million people pay more than 30 percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities, and more than 6.7 percent pay more than 50 percent of their income for rent. One poor family in seven lives in housing that is severely physically inadequate.

According to a 1999 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development report, 4.9 million households and 10.9 million individuals face “worst-case housing needs.” These families live in housing with severe deficiencies such as having no hot water, no electricity, no toilet, or neither a bathtub nor shower. [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, A Report on Worst Case Housing Needs in 1999]

Of the 30 million households with housing problems, 14.5 million qualify for government aid, yet only 4.1 million are actually receiving any. [Habitat for Humanity]

Healthy Living

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services puts the cost of overweight and obese Americans at $117 billion in 2000 and says that being overweight results in 300,000 deaths a year.

According to a poll commissioned in May 2003 by the Harvard School of Public Health, obesity surpassed smoking as a public health concern, with 79 percent of those polled saying it was a major issue.

The recommended amount of physical activity for high school students is at least 30 minutes of moderate activity (does not cause sweating or heavy breathing) five or more days per week, or at least 20 minutes of vigorous activity three or more days per week.

Regular physical activity lessens the risk of heart disease, diabetes, colon cancer, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, arthritis, and obesity.

How You Can Help

For more information on how your unit, troop, pack or patrol can be a part of this program and make a difference please visit www.goodturnforamerica.org. For your unit ID and number to login to the website call Maria Kelly at (816) 569-4928 and for assistance on using the website contact Jonathan Bonness at (816) 569-4955.

Some examples of projects reported are: Pack 3087 from Cedar Creek Elementary in Olathe helped an elderly man clean up his large vegetable garden. The man recently had major back surgery and could not do it himself. Crew 2075 of Henre Farms in Tonganoxie, KS collected and distributed personal care items to an Indian reservation in South Dakota. Troop 1225 of Scouting Unlimited/Sunrise of Clinton, MO served food at a local shelter on Thanksgiving, insuring those in need would have a Thanksgiving meal.
### Features

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**Notes:**

- Lists of names are typically included in Scouting magazines to acknowledge members' achievements and contributions.
- The format includes initials and last names, followed by their respective locations or units.
- The document highlights members' names in a structured manner, likely to honor their service or accomplishments.
- The page layout is typical for scouting publications, focusing on recognizing individual contributions.

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**Questions:**

1. What is the primary purpose of the document?
   - The primary purpose is to recognize and honor members of the scouting community for their achievements.

2. Who are some of the notable members mentioned?
   - Some notable members include Sean L Pemberton, Taylor J Starks, Kyle D Wilgers, Tyler M Byrd, and Fuatai Poli, Jr., among others.

3. How are the names organized?
   - The names are organized alphabetically by last name, with additional details such as unit numbers or grades provided.

4. What is the significance of the document?
   - The document is significant as it serves as a recognition of the contributions made by the members, fostering a sense of community and accomplishment among Scout members.
Congratulations

Jacob Allen has accepted the position of Pelathe District Executive. Jacob has been serving the Thunderbird District since December 15, 2004.

Steve Roberts has accepted a promotion, effective February 1, 2006, to the position of Controller for the Heart of America Council. Steve is no stranger to the Council, as he currently serves as the District Director for the Blue Elk District. Previously, he served as the District Director for the North Star District and Program Director with responsibilities for the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. He originally joined the Heart of America Council staff as a Senior District Executive in May of 1986, where he served the Blue Elk District. Prior to coming to Kansas City, Steve served as a Finance Director in Omaha, NE. He began his professional career as a District Executive in Rochester, MN in 1978. Steve is an Eagle Scout, a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, Keeper of the Wampum in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and a committed Scouter. Steve has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Kansas State University.

Chris Wolfe has accepted the position of Assistant Director - Council Administration Service of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. Chris has faithfully served as the Controller for the Heart of America Council since April 1, 1997. He began employment with the Boy Scouts of America in the Mason-Dixon Council in Hagerstown, MD where he had participated in Scouting as a youth member. Subsequently he served the Morris-Sussex Council in Denville, NJ where he was the Exploring Executive, and later the Senior Exploring Executive with supervisor responsibilities for summer camp operations and the Scouting for People with Disabilities Division. His next move was to the position of Assistant Scout Executive of the Ocean County Council in Toms River, NJ. Just before coming to Kansas City, Chris served as a Finance Director and then the Chief Financial Officer for the Chicago Area Council. Chris and his wife Bobbi will relocate to Texas, as he begins his new position February 16th at the National Office in Irving. With deep roots in the Scouting program, having been eager to join Cub Scouting as a 6 year old, Chris is an Eagle Scout; Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, and serves as Lodge Chief; a Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and has made significant contributions to the Heart of America Council in many parts of our operation.

Josh Morales has accepted the position of District Executive in the Thunderbird District. A Kansas City native, Josh will serve Hickman Mills, Grandview, South Kansas City, Belton and all of Cass County. Josh graduated from Rockhurst College in 2003 with a B.A. in Theology and Philosophy and a minor in American Humanities. He is a product of the Scouting program, joining as a Cub Scout and receiving his Eagle in Troop 283 chartered by Our Lady of Lourdes Church. He has worked in a variety of positions at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation including: Mic-O-Say Counselor, Briley Creek Shooting Sports Director and Piercing Arrow Program Director. He was a member of the camp staff for 10 years. He currently lives with his wife Sarah and his two daughters, Elizabeth and Emily in the Raytown area.

Douglas W. Stone has accepted the position of Director of Field Service. Doug has assumed the position as of January 16, 2006 and comes to the Heart of America Council with great Scouting experience. He began his professional Scouting career as a District Executive in Hartford, CT in 1991, and advanced through the positions of Senior District Executive, Finance Director, and then Director of Finance Services for the Connecticut Rivers Council. In October of 2000, Doug was promoted to the position of Director of Finance Services for the National Capital Area Council in Bethesda, MD. He successfully served in this position until March of 2003, when he accepted a promotion to the position of Field Director, overseeing the operation of 9 districts serving 24,000 youth members. His Scouting career began early on in life, as he is an Eagle Scout, a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, is Woodbadge trained, and a long term camp staff member. He and his wife Betsy have 2 children, Peter age 4 and Cora age 5. The Stones look forward to relocating to the Kansas City area and becoming members of the Heart of America Council family.

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! You fly, 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!!

- Scout Overnights!
- Strategic Air & Space Museum
- Space Exploration Merit Badge
  - October 21
  - November 18
  - January 27
  - March 3
  - April 21
- Aviation Merit Badge
  - October 14
  - November 4
  - January 13
  - February 17
  - March 24
  - April 28
- General Aviation
  - September 30
  - October 28
  - November 11
  - December 2
  - January 20
  - February 3
  - February 24
  - March 17
  - April 7
  - May 5
Lunch  

Tom Sheely, Rotary Camp Director

Today I went with several co-workers to a specialty fast food franchise restaurant for lunch. You know the kind of place, nice, decent food, self service and popping up all over our sprawling suburbia.

Sitting at one of the tables was a young adult with two ladies, his mother and her friend. I thought that I recognized him and said hello as I passed their table and he smiled. Later, when I went back for salsa the young man and I shook hands, as I indeed recognized him as a camper from the Rotary Scout Camp. He said simply “Scouts ? Scouts !” I responded in the affirmative and returned to our table. Later, as they were leaving, I glanced up and saw that he was looking at me and I stuck out my hand and he literally flew over and took my hand and as we exchanged a hug and he said “Camp”. You see this young man has Downs’ syndrome and that hug and huge grin was his unique expression of pleasure.

What he does not know is the wonderful moment that he gave to me. He also furthered for me that commitment to help in any way possible the mission of our Heart of America Council’s Rotary Camp for Scout’s With Disabilities.

Troop 282 - Food Drive  
Scott Howell
Scoutmaster,Troop 282

Boy Scout Troop 282 held their 2nd Annual Food Drive for the Fairmont Pantry from Oct. 23 to Dec. 12, 2005 as a community service project. The Scouts and leaders of the troop collected over 23,650 food items this year. The Scouts of the troop held several food drives, they went door to door and asked for donations. We also had two scouts (Travis Arnold and Ian Whitehill) make a presentation to Lafarge Corp. and received a donation of $500. Three Scouts collected over 1,500 items each. They were Derek Kraus, Ian Whitehill and Adam Howell.

These food items will be used to supply food to families in the Fairmont Area of Independence Missouri. The Troop plans to keep this event as an annual event for many years to come.

Several of the Scouts went and help the Fairmont Pantry prepare the food boxes to be passed out for Christmas Dinner.

Friends of Scouting

Our Kick-Off was held on January 25th. The council’s goal for this year is $1,991,600 and we have reached 27.5% or $548,292 at the report meeting exceeding our target of 25%. Special recognition goes to the following districts for exceeding the 25% goal. Trailhead 35.4%, Red Tailed Hawk 33.8%, Thunderbird 31.9%, Blue Elk 31%, Pioneer Trails 28.7%, Twin Rivers 27.5% and Big Muddy 26.2%. Our next report meeting is March 8th at the Overland Park Sheraton Hotel at 6:00 p.m. Our target is 50% of the campaign to be secured in pledges and contributions. A big thanks goes to all of the volunteers who are committing their time to help raise the dollars that keep the Heart of America Council a premier council in programs provided to young people.

Send us your special Scouts. The Rotary Camp program will provide a true Scouting experience that is tailored to their individual needs and abilities with a one-to-one Counselor to Scout ratio. Merit badges, swimming, special events, C.O.P.E. challenges, O.A. and Mic-O-Say honor camping, great food and wonderful fellowship will fill your Scout’s week. Camp will be held from August 4, 2006 through closing ceremony the evening of August 11, 2006. Applications with detailed information are on line at the Council web site or call Brian Tobler at 816-569-4985 or btobler@bsamail.org.
What is the Role of a Parent in Scouting?

In today's busy world, parents who consider involving their son in Scouting are quick to ask, "What kind of time commitment is involved for my son?" and "how much will be asked of me?" The truth is there is no short answer to either question.

Scouting is a flexible program that allows kids to experience other activities as well. Scouting can compete with sports, music lessons, church and other activities, if parents and leaders communicate plans and expectations with each other.

Parents can help their son gain a maximum benefit from Scouting by following a couple of simple pointers. First, parents must show an interest in their son's Scouting activities, accomplishments and achievements. Scouting is not just about dropping the boy off to a meeting and picking him up when it's over. For younger Scouts (especially cubs) parents should attend meetings to share in the experiences with their son, helping with the requirements for his achievements in Scouting.

Second, parents can get involved with the pack, troop or crew. Not all parents have the time to be a den leader, Cub or Scout master or Venture crew leader. But every Scouting unit has a laundry list of jobs- short and long term- with which parents can help. Helping to drive to an outing or activity, making phone calls in advance of a campout, helping with awards, planning a fundraiser, the list is quite large. Parental involvement is another way to express interest in your son's activities.

Religious Life Article

Chaplain/Chaplain Aide Training was held on Saturday, January 7 at the Scout Office. 25 youth and adults were in attendance, with great participation and learning activities. The day included the differences between faith groups, including Jewish, Catholic and Christian, how to prepare worship services, how to develop a message and then practicing all the components. We had some interactive pieces which included a panel discussion and time to share ideas about the presentations. There was a diversity video shown in how to think outside ourselves and outside the confines of our own traditions.

We had a presentation from the RED Team and talked about the God and Country Programs and other Religious programs for other faith groups. A CD was given to all participants which included information on worship planning and web sites to access for further information.

Leadership in the event included Homer Radford, Steve Walton, Bill Tabolsky, George Flanagan, Jon Voss, Dr. Norman Kahn, Ken Albers and Cindy Cone.

We will be planning to hold several more of these events in the next year. Stay tuned for more dates and events. We encourage all Chaplains and Chaplain Aides to attend this event and continue to learn about how to fill the 12th point of the Scout Law to its best.

If you are interested in becoming a Chaplain at Scout Camp this summer, please contact Cindy Cone at 816-318-8060 or revindycone@electromethanol.com.
Council Calendar

March
1 Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
3 COPE Instructor Training, 6:30 p.m.
4 Bear Camp Draw, 9:00 a.m.
11 COPE/Climbing Weekend 8:30 a.m.
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28 HRB Camp Commissioners Retreat, 7:00 p.m.
29 Naish Camp Staff Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Taking Care of Family

Becky just celebrated her fortieth birthday with some degree of reluctance. It was a time in her life when she needed to face her mortality. When she saw a seminar offered by our organization entitled “Plan and Provide for Those You Love,” she eagerly attended. It was time to think about such things.

There was lots of helpful information offered including information about why people seem reluctant to have a will prepared and the answers to overcome their reluctance. Then there was useful information about what should be in a will and who ought to be the executor and who should be the trustees and for what purpose a trust might be established. Also, discussed were topics such as where to keep your will and when to change your will plus the impact of taxes on the distribution of the estate. It was almost more than she could assimilate in one evening.

One daunting question kept her afterward to further quiz the speaker. It was about her father. He was the sole proprietor of a small struggling business in their community. Becky was an unmarried professional who had accumulated a substantial portfolio of assets. She often helped her father during his lean times. She had no other family. Her mother had long since left the family and Becky maintained no further contact with her.

Becky was well acquainted with our charity and had supported us for many years. So, Becky thought the best thing for her to do was to leave her entire estate to our charity. But what about her father? The speaker had just the answer. He suggested that she discuss with her attorney how to establish an intervening trust to provide for her father in the unlikely event Becky would predecease him. Then at the death of the survivor, the charity would appropriately benefit. She was glad she had attended the seminar. It provided the answer she needed and she felt a great deal of peace in her own heart about how she might resolve her concerns for her father’s care.

For more information about remembering family members in appropriate cost-effective ways, please contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979 or jkuehn@bsamail.org

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Good Turn for America

The Good Turn for America website has been tracking your unit or Eagle Scout service project for a year now. Based on your suggestions, several changes have been made to make it more user-friendly. One of these changes you will see in your mailbox soon, is a new Good Turn For America brochure that will include your unit ID and your unit number. This was mailed to all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Group Leaders and Post Advisors.

During 2005, over 30,000 hours of community service were recorded for the Heart of America Council. Remember to visit www.goodturnforamerica.org to record your unit service projects.

OA Dues

Tamegonit Lodge dues are now past due. While it is recommended that you pay your dues with your unit, you may pay your dues online at www.hoac-bsa.org through the Trading Post or by calling the Council Office as an alternative. Be sure to include your current membership level when registering, and better yet, encourage a friend to register with you.

Boy Scout Summer Camp Leader Orientation

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Boy Scout Summer Camp Leader Orientation Meetings that are almost upon us.

We suggest no more than two representatives from each troop attend the meeting. These two representatives can share information from this meeting with the other members of the troop. Representatives only need to attend one of the meetings as the same information will be shared at each meeting. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Bartle meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 will be held at the Avondale United Methodist Church, 3101 NE Winn Road, North of the Missouri River in Kansas City, Missouri. The second Bartle meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2006. The location at press time has yet to be determined.

The Naish Scout Reservation meeting will be held on Wednesday March 29, 2006 at the Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Spring Inductions

2006 Spring Inductions are May 5-7 and May 19-21. Registration is available online, at roundtables, in the Spring Torchbearer and in the resource area at the Council Service Center. If you completed your Ordeal last spring, now is the time to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood.

Exciting Opportunity for Arrowmen

Tamegonit Lodge recently received a national grant to modify a part of the Rim Rock Trail, the hiking trail that surrounds the Naish Scout Reservation. Arrowmen are needed to help form a committee that will work to complete this project and to commemorate the Trail’s 25th Anniversary. Call Jonathan Bonness at the Council Office at 816-569-4955 to join up in this historic project.

OA High Adventure Opportunities

Do your youth Arrowmen want to go hiking at Philmont, canoeing at Northern Tier, or scuba diving at Sea Base? Through the Order of the Arrow, youth Arrowmen between the ages of 16 and 21 can go to these places for longer than a normal trip, pay much less than a normal trip and do more than on a normal trip. For an application visit the recently released OA High Adventure website at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. All of these programs are great ways for Arrowmen to meet Scouts from all across the nation. Get your youth interested now!

Brownsea NYLT Training

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

This year’s Brownsea will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation from June 11, 2006 to June 16, 2006. The purpose of Brownsea Training is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course, to have fun! Registration forms and online registration are available on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org.
2006 Rotary Camp
The Heart of America Council is proud to offer Boy Scout Rotary Camp in 2006, a camp designed for special needs Scouts. Rotary Camp will take place from Monday, August 7 to Friday, August 11 in 2006 at the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit, MO. Since Rotary Camp has a 1-to-1 ratio of campers to staffers, we are in need of Scouts and leaders ages 15 and over to serve on staff.

Rotary Camp staff will check in on Friday, August 4 and be dismissed on Saturday, August 12. The primary position needed for Rotary Camp is unit staff, where you work 1-on-1 with a camper for the entire week, and see them through all aspects of camp. It is a very rewarding experience to serve on Rotary Camp staff, and exemplifies the ideals of a model Scout. Camp staff applications are available on the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org or at the council office. If you have a special needs Scout in your troop that would benefit from a long term camping experience, Boy Scout Rotary Camp may be the right camp for them. For more information regarding Rotary Camp, please contact Brian Tobler at (816) 569-4985 or email at btobler@bsamail.org.

Wood Badge Training
Wood Badge Training is an Experience Like No Other!

You will take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors with your patrol. You will learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to its maximum potential. This training experience is open to all Scouters registered in the Boy Scouts of America. The course will be held on two weekends (September 15 through the 17 and September 29 through October 1). The first course will be held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. The second course will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS. Registration forms and online registration are available on the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org. 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 a non-refundable deposit of $50.00) and includes all meals and training materials.

Camp Naish Conservation Award
The Theodore Naish Scout Reservation was recently presented the Bob Daly Urban Award at the Wyandotte County Conservation District Annual meeting. The camp was recognized for their outstanding implementation and education of natural resources conservation.

2007 HOAC High Adventure Opportunities
Florida Sea Base (Never offered by HOAC before!)

Scouting has been all about exploring and appreciating the wilderness. The Florida Sea Base offers a year round opportunity to explore a completely different type of wilderness – the underwater wilderness. Florida Sea Base provides many vehicles to gain access to this underwater wilderness – large sailing vessels, power boats, kayaks and SCUBA equipment.

Dates of trek: July 31, 2007 to August 6, 2007 (limited to 4 Scouts and 2 Leaders)

The Florida Sea Base Draw will be held May 17, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Council Service Center. Applications are available on the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org. For more information please call Britt Davis at (816) 569-4924 or email him at jdavis@bsamail.org.

Philmont Draw
The Philmont Draw for the HOAC Council Contingent will be held May 17, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Council Service Center. Applications are available on the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org. Units who wish to go to Philmont cannot have attended the previous year. During the draw at least one representative from your unit must be in attendance. For more information please call Britt Davis at (816) 569-4924 or email him at jdavis@bsamail.org.

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BOY SCOUT ROTARY CAMP

VENTURE CAMP

| August 7-11, 2006 | August 9-14, 2006 |
District Awards Dinner

Everybody get ready to celebrate! The District Awards Dinner is coming up on March 4. We have a lot to celebrate from 2005. This is going to be a great chance to recognize those volunteers who helped make Twin Rivers a success last year. We are pleased to recognize two very deserving winners of the District Award of Merit. We will also be announcing five Distinguished Service Award winners as well as several winners of the Special Service Award. As many may have heard, 2005 was another record-breaking year for young men attaining the Eagle Scout rank in HOAC. Twin Rivers is proud to recognize our fourteen new Eagle Scouts from 2005! Please be sure to attend this event so we can properly celebrate Twin Rivers Boy Scouts.

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting campaign is off to a successful start for 2006. At our Annual Kickoff event, Twin Rivers was ahead of the pack with more than 25% of our year-end goal raised. In order to make our goal we must have our presentations completed. If your unit has yet to schedule your presentation, please call District Executive, Landon Behrens at (816) 569-4941.

Day Camp – Cubs in Hollywood

Day Camp is rapidly approaching! Now is the time to start planning. We have already started to recruit staff, plan program and fill information into “The Book!” We are excited to be able to incorporate the Hollywood theme into our Day Camp this year and know the boys will enjoy that! Day Camp will be held from June 5-8 this summer. Everyone looks forward to seeing you! If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact our Day Camp Director, Curtis Weaver at (913) 783-4753.

Spring Recruiting

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

Training

Training is once again going to be near the top of the list of important issues for all of 2006. Twin Rivers has made great strides in 2005 to get all of our leaders trained. Let’s make a committed effort to continue that trend this year! Remember, proper training will give you the knowledge and ability to run your meetings more efficiently and will make them more enjoyable for your scouts. We owe it to our scouts to give them the best experience possible. If you are a scout leader and haven’t been trained or have ideas on how to make training better, please call one of our Training Co-Chairs or our District Executive.

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 lull 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 villagers, 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!
Spring Recruiting

All packs and troops should be preparing for their Spring recruitment. Please contact your District Executives with your recruitment date. The professional staff will then arrange a boy talk, recruitment fliers and conduct a School Night for Scouting recruitment event. Spring is a great time to get boys involved in the character building program of Scouting.

Training

Training dates are set and most of the locations have been secured. Training is an essential part of a leader’s success. A trained leader is more confident and provides a higher quality program. This leads to boys having a better time and staying in the program. Be sure to look for registration forms or the upcoming trainings at roundtable as well as on the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org. Access the trainings closest to you by going to Thunderbird/Training to find the courses you need.

If you have questions, contact David Riker at the Council Service Center at (816) 569-4974.

Internet Rechartering

All internet recharters should be completed. Everything turned in after the month of February will be considered late. This process was much quicker with fewer mistakes being made. Thank you to everyone who has completed the internet rechartering on time. Keep up the good work!

Thunderbird Pinewood Derby

The 2006 Thunderbird District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, March 18. The check-in for the first heat begins at 9 a.m. The Hickman Mills High School gym will play host to this exciting event. The cost is $2.00 per racer and all Flight winners will receive a trophy. Please go online to pick up your registration form at www.hoac-bsa.org then go to districts/thunderbird/activities. Contact Mark Walters at work at (816) 556-2034 or at home at (816) 347-0773 for more information.

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting Campaign is under way and presentations are being made. If your unit has not invited a presenter to your packs Feb/March Blue and Gold, please contact Josh Morales at (816) 569-4961 today. Family Friends of Scouting is a large amount of support for the Council’s annual budget and goes to support many aspects of the Scouting program including; professional staff support for your unit, camperships, uniforms and supplies for needy Scouts. Your units support is vital to the Council’s successful completion of this goal. We will keep the presentation short and effective.

Thunderbird Merit Badge Academy

The Thunderbird District Merit Badge Academy will be March 18 at Hickman Mills High School. The academy is filled to capacity with over 550 Scouts participating. The Scouts will be learning a variety of new skills and subjects and also having FUN! If you are free this day and would be interested in being a Counselor or on staff for the event, please contact Ken Fuenhausen at (816) 537-8877.

Day Camp

Day camp is coming around the corner soon. The dates are July 10-14. We plan to be at James A. Reed Wildlife Area again this year. We have adjusted this date from last year so more units would not have issues with summer school and more cubs can attend. Please put these dates on your calendar and we’ll plan on seeing you there!

Thunderbird Annual District Recognition Dinner

The Thunderbird District Dinner was held on February 11, 2006 at the Our Lady of Presentation Church in Lee’s Summit, MO. We had a full house. Many people showed up to honor and show their support for their fellow volunteers. Thunderbird has so many outstanding volunteers. I wish that we could recognize them all. Congratulations again to the following recipients:

Silver Oakleaf:
Lois Nolan, Jan Borgelt, Sara Martin, Janice Crane, Amanda Davis, Gayla Strack, Linda Lancaster, Patty Clark and Norman Kressman.

Silver Acorns:
Dan Isem, Terry Phillips, Jason Oehring, Steve Lancaster, Elizabeth “Liz” Whelan, David Esry, Dion Reih, Rose Calder, Dennis Young, Don Kessinger, Reginald Kelch and David Holt.

Reverend Merle McConnell Cmmbaster of the Year:
Lisa Osgood

Ernie Modlin Scoutmaster of the Year:
Chester Galloway

Award of Merit:
Cathy Sanderson, Kris Krahenbuhl, Dave Frantze, Linda Christensen, Curtis Martin, Ron DesCombes and Cindy Cone.

Thunderbird District Events

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Congratulations!

Troop 37 has hit their 2006 Friends of Scouting goal.

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**2006 Unit Rechartering**

Reminder that the majority of the units in the district recharter in March thus it is important to have them completed by the 15 of the month. Be sure to have the Institution Head and Unit Leader sign the charter, as well. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your unit commissioner or Jason Ballew at (816) 569-4982 jballew@bsamail.org or the Council Registration Dept. at (816) 569-4934.

**“Cubs Go to Hollywood”, 2006 Cub Day Camp**

Day Camp will be the week of June 19 – 23 at the old Lake Olathe Golf Course. Rodger McReynolds (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 Rodger McReynolds at (913) 897-6979, rodger_mcreynolds@hotmail.com for further information.

**Friends of Scouting**

It is that time of year to schedule a date for your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation. A great opportunity is at Courts of Honor sand Blue and Gold Banquets. Our presentations are brief and should not delay your agenda by more than 10 minutes. By presenting at these typically well-attended events, we give most families a chance to contribute, including those who don’t typically give of their time and talents. Thanks in advance for your support of this very important campaign, which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to over 43,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council!

This year’s Family FOS Campaign is lead by Tom Johnson as Chairman. To schedule a unit presentation, please contact Jason Ballew at jballew@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4982.

**Stay in the Loop of Communication**

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

**Constant Contact Email**

All registered leaders will receive email updates

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### Red-Tailed Hawk District Events

#### March

1. Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
2. Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., Prince of Peace Catholic Church
3. District Dinner; 6:00 p.m., Prince of Peace Catholic Church
4. Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., at MNU Library
5. Super Saturday Training
6. District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Advent Lutheran Church
7. Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., St Thomas Apostolic Church
8. **2006 Merit Badge Forum**
   Over the course of three Saturdays in January and February the district held it’s 5th annual Merit Badge Forum at California Trail Jr. High in Olathe. This year saw the largest turn out ever at 479 Boy Scouts who worked on up to 3 badges chosen from the 31 offered. Some of the merit badges Scouts worked on were Citizenship in the World, Photography, Law, Family Life, Auto Mechanics, and more.

   A big thanks to the key folks who planned this outstanding event, Scott Tobias, Ernie Lunsford, Hal Schmidt, and Randy Warner. Lastly thanks to the over 50 adults who brought their skills and talents to serve as merit badge counselors.

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### Red-Tailed Hawk District Chairs

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**Big Muddy District**

**Pine Wood Derby**

Pack 713 of Wellington will sponsor the 2006 Big Muddy District Pine Wood Derby this year. At the time of writing this article, a definite time and location has not been set. Please attend the March and April roundtables for more information on the event.

**Friends of Scouting**

The Big Muddy District Friends of Scouting campaign for 2006 is well under way! At this point the family campaign is well over 50% and by the second week of May it should be over goal. If you have not yet had a presentation conducted in your unit, it’s not too late! Please Contact Don Rafferty, Family FOS Chair; at (816) 230-5215. Be sure not to miss out on the chance for your unit to receive free rank advancement for the next year!

**Spring Recruitment**

With Boy Scout Camp, Day Camp, Webelos Camp, and Bear Camp just around the corner, it will soon be an exciting time to be in Scouting. Though this is the high-light of any Scouts year, it can also be a great tool for enticing new kids into the Scouting program. What better way for a kid to get excited about Scouting than to go to a camp right after joining? As leaders, it’s our responsibility to give every child the opportunity to join Scouting that wants too. There are many support materials available at your request for recruiting new kids, for more information please call Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956.

**Cub Scout Day Camp**

“Cubs In Hollywood” kicks off on June 5, 2006. This years Directors, Tammy Cockrum and Becky Miller have an exciting program planned for this year! Make sure not to miss out on the fun, sign up as soon as possible, it’s not too late! Day camp will be held at Walnut Hills Park (near the armory) in Carrollton from June 5–8. If you have any questions or are interested in serving on staff, please contact Tammy Cockrum at (660) 542-0155 or Becky Miller at (660) 493-2302.

**Fall Camporee**

Go ahead and mark your calendars, There will be a District Fall Camporee the second weekend of October 2006. Details will be forthcoming in the months to come.

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**2006 Big Muddy Committee Chairs**

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**Get a Leather Bead!**

Bring your Cub and Webelos in to learn about its uses, where it comes from and work on a leather project. The only cost to you is the cost of the project. Most projects cost less than $6.00 per boy. We have Knife Cases, Cuff Fobs, Knecklace/Side思, and many other Leathercraft projects. It’s a blast for the kids and your den too! The LeatherSmith Supply Co. 9335 W. 87th, O.P., KS 66220-9101...
District Dinner

Congratulations to Jack Huff, Melinda Elmer, Judy Molt and Michael Morales for receiving the prestigious Silver Bear award at the District Dinner. The Lone Bear District also awarded two District Awards of Merit, the highest award for volunteer service a district can give, to Melvin Brown and Kathy Cooper. The Lone Bear District would like to thank you again for all the time and hard work you put into running the best Scouting program for our Scouts.

Friends of Scouting

The Lone Bear District's Friends of Scouting Campaign is in full swing and is moving right along! Each year the FOS campaign raises money to help the Scouting movement in our District. The money helps with the cost of camps, training, camperships, mailings and all other activities. If your unit has not yet signed up for a unit presentation please call Phillip Brockland at (800) 776-1110. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Klondike Derby

The 2006 Klondike Derby was a huge success. A good time was had by all as Boy Scouts and Webelos honed their Scouting skills as they raced their sleds from one event to another. The Bartle Scout reservation proved to be the ideal location for such an event. Special thanks goes to Larry Moore and Troop 400 for hosting the event.

Spring Recruiting and Transition

Spring is a great time of the year to have new boys join your troop or pack. All second year Webelos should now be moved into troops and making their way up the trail to Eagle. If you are a Webelos leader, please make sure that all your boys have the opportunity to continue in the Scouting program. Cub leaders can hold recruiting events in order to find boys in our communities that would enjoy Scouting. The Council office can provide all of the materials and support your unit needs to have a successful recruitment. For more information contact Phillip Brockland (800) 776-1110.

Roundtable

The Lone Bear District roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Clinton Scout Center. 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 a 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 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 contact Phillip Brockland (800) 776-1110.

What Have Your Scouts Done?

The District Committee and all of the Lone Bear District want to know what your unit has been up to. We know you're 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's story in this publication!

Basic Leader Training

The Lone Bear District strives to run the best Scouting program possible for our boys. A very important aspect of running a good program is having trained leaders. This spring there will be many opportunities for all of our leaders to get the necessary training. This will be particularly important for those leaders who have just begun their exciting Scouting adventure. For more information contact Mike Wiltfong (660) 885-6914.
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 either 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.

Tell Us Your Story

We would like to hear about what you are doing with articles and pictures. In the newsletter we offer an 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 to get it in to the newsletter.

Very Important Date!

Mark Your Calendars Explorer Post Leaders!

Explorer Post Renewal Paperwork Past Due!

Attention All Explorer Posts

If your post is a December renewal, and you have not turned in your renewal paperwork yet, it is critical that you turn it in as soon as possible. We want to insure that every leader and youth is registered with the Heart of America Council. Schedule your appointment now to complete the renewal process. We are here to assist you with the paperwork and insure that your unit is registered.

For questions or more information, 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.

KC @ Night 2006!

Hey everyone, remember how much fun we had in 2005 at KC @ Night? Well, we are going to have just as much and even more in 2006. Your calendars should be marked, April 28 is the date. In February, you should have received your registration packet and more information on our 2006 KC @ Night. Don’t forget the registration deadline is April 17 to secure your spot at this phenomenal event. It’s going to be great. See you there.

2006 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

Northern Arizona University • Flagstaff, AZ

July 10-15, 2006

DATES: July 10 - July 15, 2006

WHERE: Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona

Fees: The post security deposit is $100. The conference fee is $350 per person.

Objectives:

The objectives of the 2006 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference are to

1. Provide an opportunity to substantially enrich the program of each Law Enforcement post.

2. Help create new Law Enforcement posts.

3. Enhance the level of officer and Advisor performance within existing Law Enforcement posts.

4. Promote an exchange of successful post program ideas.

5. Encourage posts to incorporate the five areas of program emphasis (career opportunities, citizenship, leadership experience, life skills, and character education) into their post program planning.

6. Create a positive climate for federal law enforcement agencies and national law enforcement associations to become familiar with Law Enforcement Exploring.

7. Provide Law Enforcement Explorers with a format for career and educational exploration.

8. Give Explorers an opportunity for recreational and social activities and for having fun.

The information and application can be found on the Learning for Life website at www.learningforlife.org. Go to Exploring then Law Enforcement Exploring and click on Academies. You can view administration and support services, competitions and seminars offered at the conference, program activities, leadership development, and all forms that will be required to attend the conference. You can also download the conference guidebook from the website.
**District Roundtable**

Roundtable will remain at Rehm’s Park Southern Baptist Church on Pratt Ave. & Garfield Street. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Cub Scout Day Camp**

As the cold weather continues to stay with us, it’s nice to be able to think about warmer weather and summer time….especially Day Camp Time!! That’s right, now is the time to talk up Day Camp 2006 with your Cub Scouts. This year, Cub Scout Day Camp will be from June 12 – June 16 in Cub World at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs, Kansas. This year will also be double the fun because we will be holding Day Camp jointly with the Pioneer Trails District. Lunch will also be provided every day during Day Camp for the boys to enjoy! Your cubs can look forward to Sling Shots, BB Guns, Arts & Crafts, Kickball, Skits, Archery, and much more! The fee for Cub Scout Day Camp is $45.00, however Camper-ship Applications are available (contact Khary Floyd for information). Cub Scout Day Camp is going to be a blast this year, so start getting ready to have a great time in Scouting. If you have any questions, you may contact this year’s Cub Scout Day Camp Director John Burris at www.gravesburris@yahoo.com, or contact Khary Floyd at (816) 569-4965 or kfloyd@bsamail.org.

**2006 Friends of Scouting Presentations**

This is a fast and successful campaign and we definitely want you to be a part of it! So far, we have raised 35% of our 2006 Family Friends of Scouting goal. If you haven’t already done so, contact Rick Lockwood at (913) 684-2980 or Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967 and reserve your FOS presentation. Do not miss out on a great presentation and an opportunity to give back to Scouting.

**Are your Webelos ready to cross over??**

Not only is February Blue and Gold month, but it is also cross over time. If your Webelos aren’t ready to cross over, then we would love to take the time and help. There are several Troops in Kaw District that have already started hosting Webelos for either meetings or campouts to show them what to expect when they become Boy Scouts. If you need more information about the Webelos to Scout transition, you may contact Charles Vonderheid (816) 569-4949, Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967, or Khary Floyd (816) 569-4965.

If you have no Webelos crossing over in your Troop, remember that 80% of our Boy Scouts were once Webelos. Have you asked your feeder pack about the status of their Webelos? Have you extended an invitation to those Webelos to go camping or to come to one of your Troop meetings? If the answer to those questions is “no” for whatever reason, contact Charles, Dusty, or Khary and we will gladly help you with your recruitment efforts and in getting accurate contact information.

**Kaw District Pinewood Derby**

GM Plant-Fairfax District Saturday, March 18, 2006

On Saturday, March 18, 2006, the Kaw District conducted its 7th Annual Pinewood Derby Race at the General Motors Fairfax Plant. This joint venture allows 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 receive a patch, a ribbon, a bag full of giveaways, and were guaranteed three races. The owners of the three fastest Pinewood Derby cars will receive trophies. As an added attraction, several companies from the Fairfax Industrial area sponsored a car in the 4 Annual Corporate Pinewood Derby Race. This race was conducted following the Cub Scout races and featured specially crafted Pinewood Derby cars from the various departments of General Motors as well as adults from other area businesses.

As a result of the corporate sponsorships and participation, this event raised over $30,000 to ensure a quality summer camping experience for young men who otherwise could not afford this opportunity.

**District Dinner**

Thank you to Sharon Thebo and her team for a great event and an all around good time in Scouting. We look forward to the same experience next year.

**Klondike Derby**

Thank you to all the Scouts and Scouters who made the Klondike Derby a success. A special thanks to Larry Sisk and his crew for all their hard work.

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**Kaw District Events**

**March**

1. Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Rehm’s Park Southern Baptist Church Pratt Ave. & Garfield St. Bonner Springs, KS 66012
2. Supplemental Training (Super Saturday) Time & Location TBA
3. District Committee/Commissioner Meeting 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources 300 N. 65 Street. Kansas City, KS
4. General Motors Pinewood Derby – GM Plant/Fairfax District Saturday, March 18, 2006

**April**

1. Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Rehm’s Park Southern Baptist Church Pratt Ave. & Garfield St. Bonner Springs, KS 66012
2. District Committee/Commissioner Meeting; 7:00 p.m., BPU Human Resources 300 N. 65 Street Kansas City, KS
3. Spring Camporee & OA Call out, Pearson Park, Kansas City, KS
Family Friends of Scouting

We are currently in the middle of our Family Friends of Scouting campaign. This is a very important part of the Scouting year, and without your help many of the programs that are offered throughout the year, would not be possible. If your unit has not yet scheduled a presentation, please do so by contacting Dewey Barr at (816) 569-4983, or e-mail him at debarr@bsamail.org.

Day Camp

The theme this year is “Cub’s in Hollywood”. The Day Camp staff has been working tirelessly to put together a terrific program for every little STAR in the Blue Elk District. Come walk the red carpet every morning to start the day of fun and adventure.

Camp will be held the week of July 10-14, 2006. Another important date is May 6, 2006, which will be the Walking Leader Training from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will also be conducting staff training from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about Day Camp please contact Dan Jackson (816) 690-5906 or Dewey Barr at (816) 569-4983 or debarr@bsamail.org.

Cub Olympics

The Blue Elk District would like to invite all Cub Scouts out for a day of fun and excitement, to compete against their peers in a variety of athletic events. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each event and for each age group. This event is scheduled for May 6, 2006, and information will be available at roundtable.

Training

As we all know, every boy deserves to have a trained leader. There are many opportunities in the coming months to get every adult in your unit the necessary training to provide a quality program. March 25, 2006 we will be holding Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training at St. Mark’s Catholic Church. March 28 is the Troop Committee Training at St. Mark’s. April 1, 2006 is the date for BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation). There is a $15.00 cost involved with this training, and the location is TBA. Outdoor Leader Skills Training is scheduled for April 7-8 and the location is TBA. April 25 we will be conducting our second Cub Scout Specific Training at St. Mark’s. We have Webelos Leader

Klondike - January 21, 2006

Blue Elk District Events

March

2 Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Middle School, 1716 South Speck Rd, Independence, MO
Eagle Board of Review- at Roundtable
Merit Badge Counselor Training- at Roundtable
Youth Protection Training- at Roundtable
Order of the Arrow Chapter 6 Meeting- Roundtable
New Leader Essentials Training- at Roundtable
9 Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd, Independence, MO
25 District Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m., St Mark’s Catholic, 3736 Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO
28 Troop Committee Training; 6:30 p.m., St Mark’s Catholic, 3736 Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO

April

6 Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Middle School, 1716 South Speck Rd, Independence, MO
7-8 Eagle Board of Review- at Roundtable
17 Eagle Board of Review- at Roundtable
20 Troop Committee Training; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Middle School, 1716 South Speck Rd, Independence, MO
25 Cub Leader Specific Training
26 Troop Committee Meeting
This Month in the Eagle Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagles from October through December 2005: Mark Anton, Troop 358; Phillip Melkel, Troop 98; Jack Brown, Troop 91; Kevin Province, Troop 35; Kyle Wilkinson, Troop 185. Congratulations to each of you from your Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

2006 Rechartering

Rechartering is in full swing! Remember, your recharter is due into the office by March 15, 2006, including signed paperwork, Quality Unit Application, and payment for a 10 month recharter. Keep in mind that we are shifting our recharter period to January starting in 2007, so this will require our units to pay a short term charter to get on the proper cycle! Payments for a 10-month charter are $8.50 for registration and $10.00 for Boy’s Life. If you have any questions about this process, please contact your Unit Commissioner; Cathi Maynard, Membership Chair; Judy Tuckness, District Commissioner; or Cortland Bolles, District Executive.

Day Camp

Cubs in Hollywood! Day Camp is here and the theme is “Cubs in Hollywood”. Now is the time to start planning for Day Camp. We will hold Day Camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 12-16. There is a lot of excitement and we are batting around many new ideas including a twilight car camp and different program areas. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, Day Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824 or Shane St. Clair at (913) 248-1125.

Spring Recruitment

This spring, Northern Tier District is going to make a big push to recruit boys of all ages into our program. We have the best youth-serving program out there, and we want to make sure that we offer it to every boy out there who can benefit from the great opportunities we offer. Please plan now to do some type of recruitment activity.

2006 Friends of Scouting

Thanks go to all the volunteers for their continued effort in moving us toward our district goal of $79,500.

Northern Tier District Events

March

2 District Roundtable, OA Chapter Meeting, MB Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m., Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd
7 New Leader Essentials & Youth Protection Trainings; 7:00 p.m.; Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Dr
9 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., District Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
16 District Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd
21 Troop Committee Challenge; 6:45 p.m., Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Drive
25 Merit Badge Forum (Day 1) & Super Saturday & Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Training; 8:30 a.m., SMNWHS, 12701 W 67th St

April

1 Pinewood Derby; 9:00 a.m., Lakeview Village, 9100 Park St. Check-in Friday night 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
6 District Roundtable, OA Chapter Meeting, MB Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m., Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd
8 OLS for Webelo Leaders; 8:00 a.m., Location TBA
9-9 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Boy Scout leaders); 7:30 a.m., Camp Klassen, near Paola, KS
13 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., District Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
15 Merit Badge Forum (Day 2) & Super Saturday & Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Training; 8:30 a.m., SMNWHS, 12701 W 67th St
20 District Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd
28-29 NT Scouting Challenge; 6:30 p.m., Location TBA

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2006 District Dinner

The 2006 District Dinner was a great success. (We even had Cheesy Corn!) Congratulations to all our award recipients:

District Award of Merit:
James Hilleary Dick Kaufman
Phil Park Robert Kalkofen
Outstanding Leader Awards:
Cubmaster: Greg Ogan, Roger Roemer
Scoutmaster: Jim Handley, Brant Tidwell

2006 Northern Tier Committee Events

March

2 District Roundtable, OA Chapter Meeting, MB Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m., Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd
7 New Leader Essentials & Youth Protection Trainings; 7:00 p.m.; Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Dr
9 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., District Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
16 District Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd
21 Troop Committee Challenge; 6:45 p.m., Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Drive
25 Merit Badge Forum (Day 1) & Super Saturday & Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Training; 8:30 a.m., SMNWHS, 12701 W 67th St

April

1 Pinewood Derby; 9:00 a.m., Lakeview Village, 9100 Park St. Check-in Friday night 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
6 District Roundtable, OA Chapter Meeting, MB Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m., Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd
8 OLS for Webelo Leaders; 8:00 a.m., Location TBA
9-9 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Boy Scout leaders); 7:30 a.m., Camp Klassen, near Paola, KS
13 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., District Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
15 Merit Badge Forum (Day 2) & Super Saturday & Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Training; 8:30 a.m., SMNWHS, 12701 W 67th St
20 District Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd
28-29 NT Scouting Challenge; 6:30 p.m., Location TBA
Spring Camporee 2006

The spring camporee will be held on April 1 and 2 at the Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, Kansas. The program for the camporee will center on search and rescue. Troops are encouraged to start brushing up on their orienteering and first aid skills to make this a fun event for all.

District Recognition Dinner 2006

On Saturday January 14 the Trails West District held its annual district dinner and recognized two outstanding volunteers with the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is the highest award a district can bestow on a volunteer. The awards were given to Kevin Kennedy and Marlene Bean. Congratulations to Kevin and Marlene and the great award and thank you for all the time and work you have put into the Trails West District and to Scouting.

Training

Setting the Record Straight

Help has arrived! The long and seemingly futile search for accurate and reliable training data is nearly over. The Heart of America Council has provided every district with the new Administration of District Data program. This program really sits up and performs. After trying the demo it appears that the program does everything short of holding Round Table Flag ceremonies. The program should be available for district use by the time this note is published.

Now the challenge is to get accurate information into the database. Each unit has been asked to appoint a unit trainer. That trainer will track and report the training progress of unit adult leaders and gather and report new leader accomplishments of online training such as Youth Protection and Leader Fast Start (among lots of other duties.) Training records for Trails West District’s first three years are reasonably accurate and up to date. Training records for leaders who took training prior to July 2000 are rather sketchy. Every leader’s support and participation is needed to get the records straightened out once and for all.

Each unit trainer has been provided a hard copy as well as a digital copy of a leader training record to report individual leader training so that we can update the district training records and establish Trails West as having more than 48% trained Direct Contact Leaders.

Please give your unit trainer or training coordinator every cooperation and assistance in gathering the requested information for inclusion in the district database. Information needed includes local District and Council training and out of council training, as well as, regional and national courses. It also includes any training keys or awards, district, regional, or national council awards and recognitions, and Order of the Arrow or Mic-O-Say advancements or recognition. Information on previous Scouting positions and the periods held is also requested.

There is a great deal of data to get together and enter into the database, please give your unit trainer all the assistance you possibly can. It will take some time to get the database fully populated but it will get done. Please be patient.

Help is always accepted.

Joe Ogilvie

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.hoacbsa.org. 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 info your unit might need about Council events and forms that you might need.

2006 Trails West Committee Chairs

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Trails West District Events

March
2 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87 Lenexa
7 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87 Lenexa, KS
14 District Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87 Lenexa, KS

April
1 & 2 Spring Camporee; Naish Scout Reservation
6 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87 Lenexa, KS
11 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87 Lenexa, KS
18 District Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87 Lenexa, KS
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Timothy Brammier and Joyce Grady for being named Scout of the Month at the December and January roundtables.

Congratulations to Joan Long, who was presented with the Founders’ Award at the Order of the Arrow Banquet, held on January 7. It was also announced at the Order of the Arrow Banquet that our own Bo Qui Chapter earned the Quality Chapter status for 2005. Congratulations and good job!!

Thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your Units, District, Chapter, Council and Lodge!!

District Recognition Dinner

The District Recognition Dinner was held January 28 at the KCI Marriott. A new record was made of 146 Eagles who were recognized for having earned the award in 2005; 40 Troops having boys attaining the award. The Troops with Eagles were Troops 314 and 395 (11), 495 (9), 374 (8), 180 and 247 (7), 214, 261 and 376 (6), 249, 271, 351 and 370 (5), 397 and 433 (4), 155, 260, 288, 309, 333, 337, 354, 388 and 460 (3), 8, 313, 408, 412 and 419 (2) and 9, 301, 315, 323, 357, 418, 447, 633, 707, 740 and 992 (1). It was also announced that there were at least 212 Webelos Awards and 124 Arrow of Light Awards in the Internationally Famous North Star District in 2005. Other highlights of the Dinner included Jeff Adams of Pack 4348 being awarded the H. Virgil Bower Unit Leader Award. The following Scouters were recipients of the District Award of Merit: Gary Bloomer, Kelly Dunkel, Randy Hayes, Steve Mathews, Wayne McNabb, and Robert (Bob) Morrison. The Outstanding Pack of the Year was awarded to Pack 4444 of Park Hill Christian Church; the Outstanding Troop of the Year was awarded to Troop 1495 of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. There was no Outstanding Crew of the Year, because none were nominated. Congratulations to all the Eagles, their troops and all recipients and thank you for all you do.

Upcoming Training

Monthly training opportunities at monthly 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:
- March 21, Cub Scout Leader Training
- April 22, Cub Scout Leader BALOO Training

Check the North Star Training webpage for details or contact Karen Hatcher at 891-9429 for information.

Boy Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:
- March 28, Boy Scout Leader Training
- April 4, Boy Scout Leader Training

Your North Star Cub Scout Day Camp “Cubs in Hollywood” will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds, June 5-8. Please get your Cubs signed up now for a GREAT time. For more info, come to Roundtable or contact your Day Camp Director Jim Bunnell at (816) 651-5046, jbunnell@hrblock.com, Program Director Willy Mead at (816) 453-5835, rockn ratt@scbglobal.net, or Dan Cadby, District Executive at (816) 569-4978, dacady@bsamail.org. You can find out more at the Day Camp website: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsd.cfm

Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby for the Internationally Famous North Star District was held at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake on January 21. A thank you is extended to Howard Scott and his fine staff for putting on a great event.

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting (FOS) program helps provide the best possible program for our Scouts. Please fund your pledges and if you have not made a pledge, please do so. Contact Jim Olsheski, Family FOS Chair at (816) 452-4450 or Dan Cadby, District Executive at (816) 569-4978 or email dacady@bsamail.org.

District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby Championships, “The North Star District Pinewood Derby Extravaganza”, were held February 3 and 4, at the Metro North Mall and a great time was had by all. A new feature was to have more tracks for ALL SCOUTS to race for friendly Scouting competition.

Thanks to Jeff Cook and his great Pinewood Derby staff for a great time!

Day Camp

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North Star District Events

March
2 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Platte Woods United Methodist, 7310 NW Prairie View. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection, Merit Badge Counselor Training plus the OA Chapter Meeting
9 Commissioner Staff Meeting and Re-Charter Turn-In, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion
14 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
21 Cub Scout Leader Training
22-23 Boy Scout Camp Leader Meeting for Bartle
25 Truman Merit Badge Program
28 Venture Leader Training
28 Boy Scout Leader Training
29 Boy Scout Camp Leader Meeting for Naish

April
4 Boy Scout Leader Training
6 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., 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
18 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
18 Boy Scout Leader Training
20 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion
22 Cub Scout Leader BALOO Training
22 Boy Scout Leader Training Campout
22 Bo Qui OA Chapter Call Out
District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby is set up for everyone to have a blast on March 4 at the Burgess Scout Cabin. The boys should have been working hard making sure their car meets the district requirements. All the hard work hopefully will pay off as they race against one another. Good luck to everyone participating!

Friends of Scouting

If you have not scheduled a Family Friends of Scouting presentation with Tripp Anderson, it’s not too late. Contact him as soon as possible to schedule a date.

So let’s keep the donations coming in to help make our Scouting program the best it’s ever been!!!!!

Please contact Tripp Anderson, Family FOS Chair at (785) 842-3777 or anderson@1040nh.com to schedule a presentation.

Spring Recruitment

It’s that time again! It is imperative that all Units have a great recruitment. Every unit should be planning to have some sort of recruitment activity. I challenge every unit to bring in at least 1 more boy than they did the previous year. Let’s bring in record numbers this year and make sure we give every boy the opportunity to join Scouting!!

2006 Day Camp

The Cub Scout Day Camp will be held June 5-9, 2006 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The theme for this year is “Cubs in Hollywood.” Each den of boys needs to have two walking leaders with them all five days. The fee is still $45 and is due to the HOAC along with T-shirt orders by May 10. The fee increases to $60 if not received by May 11. If you would like to help with Day Camp this year, please contact Nicolette Bennett, (785) 331-2475, mom@thebennetthome.com.

Winter Banquet

Pelathe District represented Douglas County quite well at the Annual Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet held January 7. The Order of the Arrow is an honorary camping society indorsed nationally by the Boy Scouts of America. Chapter Two – Linchen, took several honors this year including: Golden/Quality Chapter of the Year, Chapter with the Most Growth, and Chapter with the Highest Ordeal to Brotherhood Conversion. Jacob Hogsett-Baldwin was inducted as 2006 Chapter Chief. Other Chapter Two Officers are: Vice Chiefs-Logan Keener and Doug Rawlings, Treasurer-Michael Smith, and Secretary Sam Richards-Baldwin.

The dinner also awards all Vigil recipients their Vigil Vests and other recognition. The Vigil Award is presented to an Arrowman who has gone above and beyond in his role of service to his troop, district, and lodge and chosen by his peers. This year Pelathe District had two recipients, Peter Tuttle – “Dances with Animals In Mouth” or Gentgeen Dallunens Wdoon, of Troop 52, Lawrence and John Richards – “Refreshing West Wind” or Nolemelanden Linnchen, of Troop 65, Baldwin.

Pelathe District Recognition Banquet

The Pelathe District Volunteer Recognition Dinner was January 14 at the First United Methodist Church in Lawrence. Schuyler Bailey was emcee. Jim Hogan, Chairman of Membership for the Heart of America Council, spoke about the new programs to introduce Scouting to more Cub Scout level boys and increase membership today.

Mason McCurdy and Tim Barta, Troop 52, and Alexis Tommer and Clarissa Wagner, Crew 2052, presented the opening flag ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath and Law. The invocation was given by David Livingston, Associate Pastor of FUMC.

Mike McCurdy and Tammy Barta were presented the District Award of Merit. This award is the highest recognition a Scouting District can bestow upon an individual. This award is presented to a registered volunteer Scouter for noteworthy service to youth.

Clarissa Wagner, Venturing Crew 2052, was awarded the Venturing Leadership Award, which is presented to youth and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath. Ralena McCurdy was presented with the Venturing Advisor Award of Merit.

Other volunteers who received special recognition were: Rod Zinn, Nicolette Bennett, Audrey Taylor, Jerry Ohlmeier, Jeanne Williams, Clay Kappelman, Annelce Marsh, Tripp Anderson, John Scott, Bruce Wagner, Mark Shuck, Harry Smith, Jason Noland, Nancy Wilson, Casey Jones, Joe King, Martha Lathom, and Ralena McCurdy.

The following members of the District Committee also received special recognition: John Scarffe, Tom Sheely, Keith Wood, Glen Sharp, David Berkowitz, Frank Wright, Pat Donahue, and Frank McClelland, outgoing District Executive. The new Pelathe District Executive is Jacob Allen.

John Scarffe installed the District Officers: Glen Sharp, chairman; Tom Sheely, vice chairman; and John Scott, commissioner. The District Committee Chairs are Keith Wood, Pat Donahue, Trip Anderson, Harry Smith, Greg Yarnell, Allen Weichert, Frank Wright, and David Berkowitz. Roundtable Commissioners are Annelce Marsh and Bruce Wagner.

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Family Friends of Scouting

The time for the face off has come and now the puck has dropped and that means its time for FOS season. We are in full swing with our 2006 FOS season and have a great returning coach, Tom Holley, to lead us to victory this year. Tom is ready to help you and your unit receive free rank advancement in 2006. It all starts with a phone call to schedule a FOS presentation for your pack or troop. Those units who achieve their goals will receive free rank advancement for the entire 2006 year! FOS presentations will take no more than 5-8 minutes and we ask that you schedule them when a majority of your Scouting Families will be in attendance - (Blue and Gold Dinner, Court of Honor or other special occasions). The FOS season is a short one. We would like to finish all our presentations by April 30. Please take a few minutes and call Tom today with your presentation date. Pioneer Trails has been a leader in Family FOS throughout the years, and we do not want to let our coach down! You can reach Tom at (816) 942-1297. Thank you for your support of the FOS Campaign, and get ready to declare victory!

Training – The Key to Unit Success

Have you been to training in the past five years? Do you think the only opportunities to attend training are in the Spring or Fall? Did you know that the training team is committed to your success as a leader? Well, that’s enough questions. It’s time for you to get answers and the answers can be found with training. Over the past six years the Pioneer Trails Training Team, led by Dr. Norman Kahn, have put together a superb collection of trainers, materials and presentations all designed with one thing in mind – YOU! Your needs as a leader and your questions about the Scouting Programs are at the heart of the Pioneer Trails training curriculum. By meeting those needs we are able to strengthen the programs our youth receive. That’s what Scouting is all about – strong, fun programs for youth. Make plans now to attend the Spring Event March 11, 2006. The program is geared for Cub Scouts and everyone is guaranteed to have a great time! Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to explore, learn and achieve several different rank requirements during this terrific day program. If you missed the sign-up at Roundtable there IS still time. Additional information will be available at Roundtable or feel free to call Beverly Becker at (816) 880-0432 or Jeff Terrell at (816) 569-4947.

A Job Well Done!

The Pioneer Trails District held the District Dinner on February 4, 2006 at Colonial Presbyterian Church. The night spotlighted several outstanding volunteers for their tremendous work for the youth of the district. The district also awarded eight very special people with the District Award of Merit, the highest award a district can give! A very special THANK YOU to George and Debbie Weaver and Carol Jean DeFeo for all their tireless work on the dinner and program. We could not have done it without you! The 2006 Pioneer Trails Award of Merit recipients are:

- Deborah L. Topp
- Shannon L. Tucker
- Roberta L. Shoemaker
- Andrea L. Henderson
- James H. Bernard, Jr.
- Robert H. Coates
- Edward J. Mulik
- John J. Cullinan

Spring Event

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Cub World - Watch Out!

This summer Pioneer Trails will team up with the Kaw District to bring you a Day Camp like you’ve never experienced before. We will be out at Cub World, it’s a great facility located at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Day Camp is a wonderful place for all Cub Scouts, especially new Tiger Cubs and Wolves, to start the summer. Cub Scout crafts, games, sports, fellowship and fun are all rolled up into four exciting days just for them. If you haven’t been to Day Camp for a while it’s time to come back and see what you (and your boys!) have been missing. This event will be the first time Pioneer Trails will be at Cub World for day camp. That name Cub World just makes me want go and see what they have to offer. So, come out for a good time and we have a few “little” surprises for kids that have never been to Cub World. Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. Funding is limited, so requests should be made as soon as possible. Additional information will be available at Roundtable or feel free to call Beverly Becker at (816) 880-0432 or Jeff Terrell at (816) 569-4947.
Free Rank Advancements

Once again the council is pleased to provide a thank you to our units who participate in the Family Friends of Scouting effort by providing an exciting incentive that can add up to great savings in the unit budget. Yes, it is our Free Rank Advancement incentive.

To qualify your unit must participate in the 2006 Friends of Scouting Campaign by allowing a unit presentation to be conducted at a meeting. You must achieve your goal and participation goal, which will then qualify you for free purchases of rank advancements (excluding the Eagle Rank) in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing programs from the Scout Shop.

Participation must be from 40% of your unit’s families and your goal is figured by multiplying the number of families at recharter time by 30% then by $140 or the dollars contributed in 2005 by your unit. The higher dollar figure is the goal.

If you want your unit to achieve this beneficial incentive, contact your District Executive or your district Family Friends of Scouting Chairman. Contact information can be found on the district pages inside this newsletter.