Help Webelos Scouts Become Boy Scouts!

One of Scouting’s greatest challenges is to make the next level of Scouting readily available for a young man once he meets the joining requirements.

Since about 90% of all of our Boy Scouts were Webelos Scouts, the Webelos-to-Scout transition is perhaps the most important focus of our membership this time of year.

The passage from Cub Scout pack to Boy Scout troop should be smooth, with no time lost in between! By the time Webelos Scouts are ready to cross over, they and their families should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities, and feel excited about beginning this new adventure.

Has your Cub Scout pack conducted its graduation ceremony with the help of a Boy Scout Troop? The Webelos Scout’s graduation ceremony should clearly signify his transition to a new level of Scouting, and could include the presentation of his Arrow of Light Award, a Boy Scout Handbook, and a troop neckerchief.

Has your Boy Scout troop followed up with every Webelos Den to assist with the transition? Just as our boys cross over in the Springtime, our Webelos leaders should also be strongly encouraged to move into the troop with the boys, either as assistant Scoutmasters or troop committee members. This will give the new Scouts a familiar face at troop meetings and a connecting link to Boy Scouting.

By working together, both Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops can help make the Webelos-to-Scout transition seamless and give all Webelos Scouts a chance to experience the fun and excitement of Boy Scouting.

Contact your district membership chair or your district executive if you are uncertain which packs your troop could partner with in order to ensure that all Webelos have an opportunity to cross over into Boy Scouts.

Council Commissioner’s Corner

Del Wilkinson

The commissioner service of the Heart of America Council is made up of dedicated men and women who serve as helpful friends to our Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venture Crews.

The Unit Commissioners are each typically assigned to one-to-three units in their community, and their passionate overriding mission in Scouting is to help each of their units succeed.

In doing so, a primary focus is to help each unit earn the National Quality Unit Award. As experienced veteran leaders of Scouting, our Commissioners are trained to help new and veteran unit leadership pay attention to a variety of aspects of quality programming that our youth and their families and communities have come to expect in Scouting.

The Commissioner can help all the leaders in the unit get trained, plan an active outdoor program, recruit new youth and parents and come up with other creative and helpful ways for your unit to thrive!

In addition to Unit Commissioners, the Roundtable Commissioner Staff is also an important resource for monthly program planning and idea sharing. If you haven’t been to a District Roundtable lately, we encourage you to not only visit this month, but to share ideas on how your Commissioners can better serve you and the other leaders in your unit, both at Roundtable or at your own unit activities.

As a volunteer leader in a pack, troop, or crew, you serve an invaluable role. Remember that you are not alone! Your Commissioner staff is eager to help ensure that the time you volunteer is both meaningful and enjoyable.
Tributes

In Memory of:

John Cadwell
Fred and Carol DeFeo
Clyde E. Cless
Robert and Arlene Paup
David Furman Eubank, M.D.
John and Christine Gauder
Donald and Lois Hartung
Dwight, Rosalyn, Laura, and Maggie Ladd
L.C. and Patricia Lester
Shirley D. Freidel
Richard Mauntz
Clinton W. Kanaga, Jr.
Joan Edwards
The Vanguard Club
Robert Woodbury
Stanley P. Kovachevich
Ann Cartner
Jeanne Kovachevich
Bruce and Victoria Troop
Martha L. Oelklaus
Boy Scout Troop 338
Phillip C. Owen
Leroy and JoAnn Felzien
Louis Paszynsky
Harvey Bodker
John and Barry Starr
John Wilcox
Dewey Redding
Bill Vandenberg, Sr.
Russell Rees
Nate and Sue Apple
Charles and Wanda Johnston
Charles ad Betsy Laitner
Tom, Carla, and Thomas Moreland
Keith Shostrom
Don and Audrey Stronger
Jesse D. Rodrigue
John Wilcox

Claude Sherwin
Richard Mauntz
Frank H. Woodbury III
Mr. And Mrs. R. E. Atha, Jr.
Marilyn Newton
Timothy Pickell
Maurice and Linda Stauffer
Walter L. Zinser
David and Diane Bancroft and Family
Emory and Loretta Corrigan
William and Trudie Olsen

In Honor of:

Max Boyd
Laura and George Wiedenmann
Allen and Jody Fails
Ruth Butler
J. Craig and Carol Carmichael
Britt and Becky Davis

Vacation and Wills

Would you consider going on a vacation trip without some advance planning? Selecting the destination and travel itinerary, making the needed reservations, choosing the appropriate clothing and notifying friends or neighbors of your plans are important elements of a pleasant vacation experience.

One item that many people overlook is the need to review your will prior to departing for vacation. Has your family situation, or other factors, changed such that it would warrant appropriate changes in your will?

Many people find it difficult to face their own mortality. As a result, they put off doing something that could greatly benefit the people and organizations they love and who rely upon them. Preparing for the future and protecting your loved ones is an important way to apply the Boy Scout Motto, “Be Prepared”. This small investment in time will ensure that your desires with respect to family, friends, and worthy organizations, like Scouting, will be carried out.

To find out more on why a will is important and why you should consider placing Scouting in your will, please call John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at 861-569-4979. Leaving a lasting legacy to ensure future generations of young men are impacted by traditional values is worth your time.

James E. West

An integral part of the Heart of America Council’s program to expand its endowment trust fund and ensure the future financial stability of the council is the James E. West Fellowship Award. Named after the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, it is a national recognition for those who contribute $1,000 or more in cash or securities to our local endowment fund.

As of December 2005, 337 individuals have participated and contributed over $413,000 to our local endowment qualifying for a James E. West Fellowship. It is important to note that a qualifying gift for recognition as a James E. West Fellow is in addition to, and does not diminish or replace, the donor’s annual gift to the council’s Friends of Scouting Campaign.

Organizations or individuals may contribute an award in honor of someone, an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver recipient, or significant Scout leader, or in memory of a departed loved one, business associate, or special Scouter.

Each donor is recognized with a personalized 8 x 10 certificate, distinctive lapel pin/charm and an embroidered square knot. Application forms are available from the council service center or members of our professional staff or can be found on line at www.hoac-bsa.org. For additional information please call John Kuehn at 816-569-5979.

Eagle Fellowship

Are you over 25?
Are you an Eagle Scout?
If so, mark your calendar for the inaugural Eagle Fellowship hosted by Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America.

October 12, 2006

Look for more information to be coming to Roundtables.
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**Procedures**

The Eagle Scout applying for a scholarship must:

- Complete the entire application available on www.hoac-bsa.org or by calling 816-569-4979 for a copy.
- Use only the pages provided, any attached materials will not be considered.
- Submit all five pages of the application together to ensure that all items are available for review at the same time.
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- Have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting.
- Write the statement of financial need. Sign the statement and have it countersigned by your parents.
- Have a volunteer leader who knows you personally complete and sign the recommendation statement. This is the last page of the application. This is the only endorsement required. Endorsements from teachers, counselors, etc., should not be included.

For additional information on the scholarship please contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services, at (816) 569-4979 or an application can be found at www.hoac-bsa.org.

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**Mark Elkins, Troop 10, Philmont Staff Scholarship**

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Applebee's Partners with Scouting

The Heart of America Council has partnered with Applebee's during the month of April for a Dining to Donate program. On April 24-25, 10% of guest checks that have the flyer located to the left of this article attached will benefit the Boy Scouts of America. It is a great way for our families and friends to enjoy a great meal and help out their favorite youth organization at the same time. This partnership provides a win-win for the Boy Scouts and for Applebee's and could lead to future endeavors between the two organizations.

As a Scouting friend and volunteer, we ask you to consider cutting out the flyer and visiting your nearest Applebee's in late April. I also want to suggest that you share a copy of the flyer with your friends, relatives and colleagues. You don't have to be a member of the Boy Scouts to participate but you do need a copy of the flyer to have credit given to the Boy Scouts. Additional flyers can be downloaded at www.hoac-bsa.org as a PDF allowing you to also email them out to a friend. What a great way to spend an evening out with the family while helping the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America at the same time.

Remember, for the program to work, you must bring this flyer or a copy of the flyer with you to your local Applebee's and hand it to your server when you pay for your meal. You can participate at any time during the day so stop in for lunch or dinner. It is an exciting opportunity for the Scouts and we hope that you will share this with others that you know.

Look for a report in our future newsletter on how many diners assisted the Boy Scouts and joined us for a meal at Applebee's. Thanks for your ongoing support of Scouting.

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!

Boy 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!!

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STRATEGIC AIR & SPACE MUSEUM
Friends of Scouting Update

The campaign continues to move toward our May 10th Victory celebrations with a target of $1,991,600 raised. As of our March 10th report meeting the campaign had reached 46.7%. We are running about $75,000 ahead of dollars raised in 2005 with a higher goal. The teams are excited about the progress and look forward to our next report meeting at the end of March. Press date determines the need for an early report. It is crucial that we achieve our goal in May so that needed funding is available for program development throughout the remainder of the year. Summer fun and recruitment need to be the focus for the majority of the year replacing fund-raising.

If you are helping with the campaign, I encourage you to finish those presentations that are still on your list or to work those last few cards that you might still have on your desk. It is important to wrap up our campaign so that quality programs continue to be delivered to the 43,000 plus young people in the Heart of America Council. It is through community partnership and relationships that the Scouting program expands its values and ability to teach skills that last a lifetime. Your help with Friends of Scouting makes Scouting possible for our youth.

Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

The Heart of America Council is pleased to honor Thomas A. McCullough, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of DST Systems Inc., on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at our Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. The event will take place at the Marriott Muehlebach in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

Tom has been a long time supporter of Scouting and currently serves as our Vice President of Endowment. In this role, Tom is focused on securing current and deferred gifts for the council’s endowment to ensure that the future of Scouting is financially secure for future generations.

Tom is not only active with the Boy Scouts but shares his time with others in the community. He is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Rockhurst University, and serves as a director of their Continuing Education Corporation. Other organizations that he sits as a Board Member include Avila University, Kansas City, Missouri; Catholic Diocese Financial Council and Carondelet Health.

Tom is a graduate of Rockhurst University with an A.B. in Mathematics and has a Master’s degree in Economics from the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

For additional information on this event, please contact John Kuehn at 816-569-4979 or jkuehn@bsamail.org.
Scout Weekend at Worlds of Fun
Join us at Worlds of Fun for a very special Boy Scout family weekend! Challenge the huge new PATRIOT roller coaster and fly on the Detonator while hanging out with thousands of your Boy Scout friends. Saturday night sleep under the stars for an unforgettable Worlds of Fun campout!
When: September 9-10, 2006
Cost: Worlds of Fun ticket & campout $30.00
Two-Day Worlds of Fun ticket & campout $44.00
Worlds of Fun ticket only $20.95
All ticket options include a complimentary patch.
Questions: contact April Terranella by phone at (816) 303-5127 or be email at aterranella@worldsoffun.com.

The Permanent Memorial Day Committee, Inc.
Scout Troops and Venture Crews to participate in the 2006 Memorial Day Observance May 29, 2006.
Place: Liberty Memorial (across from Union Station – Pershing & Main.
Time: 9:00 AM - Gathering at the Main Gate – East Side
9:30 AM - Parade begins
10:00 AM - Ceremony begins
All Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Crews, Marching Units and Color Guards are invited to participate in the parade and, after the parade, the color guard from each Troop and Post is invited to participate in the ceremony.
To sign up your Troop, Crew or both for the Memorial Day events, fill out the form below and mail it to: Julio Bambini, 5224 Sterling, Raytown, MO. 64133-2355 or e-mail Julio at bambinij-s@juno.com by May 7, 2006.

• Troop#: _______ Crew#: _______
• Will you have a Color Guard? Yes:____ No: ______
• Number of youth and adults participating: _________
• Contact Name: _______________________________
• Contact e-mail: _______________________________

Don’t Just Take Your Scouts Rafting, Let Them Learn How!
High Plains Outdoor offers unique programs for Scouts designed by Scouters in Rafting, Mountaineering, even Wilderness First Aid.

Scouts Night at the Wizards – Saturday, May 6

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Pre-Game Activities
• A large BBQ grill with charcoal will be provided for Scouts at parking lot D-16. Bring your own soft drinks, and food to cook
• 2-hrs of Soccer Street inflatable games & music
• Children ages 15 & under can sign up in advance to be a part of the Human Tunnel, player introductions on Arrowhead field

7:30 p.m. Kick-Off Kansas City Wizards vs. Chicago Fire Arrowhead Stadium

Tickets
- Outer Sideline Reserved ______ x $9 = $ ________
- All orders turned in after 4/28/06 will be put at stadium Will Call. Orders prior to that will have tickets mailed back to you.
- Make checks payable to: Kansas City Wizards
- Two Arrowhead Dr. Kansas City, MO 64129

METHOD OF PAYMENT:     CHECK #________  CREDIT CARD  __VISA    __AMERICAN EXPRESS    __MASTERCARD    __DISCOVER

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DAY PHONE: (            )   EVENING PHONE: (             )
ADDRESS:__________________________________________________________
CITY:________________________ STATE:________ ZIP:________
EMAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________
## Council Calendar

**April**

1. COPE/Climbing Weekend, 8:30 a.m.
5. Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
14. Good Friday; Council Service Center Closed
12. University of Scouting Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
12. Council Camping Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
18. Executive Board Meeting; 12:00 p.m.
19. Training Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
21. Heart of America-Breakfast for Scouting; 7:00 a.m.
21. BSA Climbing School, 8:00 a.m.
25. Webelos Camp Leader Orientation; 7:00 p.m.
26. Boy Scout Camp Final Fee
28. HRB Camp Commissioners Retreat; 7:00 p.m.
29. Naish Camp Staff Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

**May**

3. Webelos Camp Payments Due
3. Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
10. Day Camp Fees Due
10. University of Scouting Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
13. COPE/Climbing Weekend, 8:30 a.m.
16. Executive Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.
17. Philmont Draw
24. Council Advancement Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
29. **Memorial Day;** Council Service Center Closed

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### MISSOURI UNITS ELIGIBLE FOR SURPLUS ITEMS

The Federal Surplus Property Donation program enables certain nonfederal organizations to obtain property the Federal Government no longer needs. The Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property (MOSASP) obtains this surplus property from the Federal Government and donates it to eligible entities for a service charge. Missouri units are now eligible to obtain property on their own with the following restrictions:

1. Property can only be used by the eligible donee (the boy scout troop, pack, etc. obtaining the property)
2. Department of Defense property can be obtained
3. Payment must be made when picking up the property
4. We can only accept troop checks; no personal checks, cash or credit cards can be accepted
5. Property obtained must be put into use within one year of receipt and remain in use for at least one year.
6. Personal use, unauthorized sale, disposal, cannibalization or destruction of property during the restriction period is considered noncompliance
7. Property cannot be stored at a personal residence without the prior written approval of MOSASP

To find out more you can visit their website at [www.oa.mo.gov/purch/surplus.html](http://www.oa.mo.gov/purch/surplus.html).

If you have any questions, contact Lee Ann Braun at 888/295-7796 or leeann.braun@oa.mo.gov.

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**Are you one who will make a difference?**

[www.goodturnforamerica.org](http://www.goodturnforamerica.org)

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**Has your unit recorded its community service project?**
American Indian Camperships Available

In keeping with the strategic plan of the National Office, the Order of the Arrow – National is making a concerted effort to better serve and support local councils. If you are an American Indian Scout (needing financial assistance) during summer camp for 2006, please call the Program Department of the Heart of America Council at (816) 569-4930. Special funding is available so that you can enjoy the 2006 summer camping experience. The funding that is available is up to 50% of the cost of your camp term.

Webelos Resident Camp

There is space available in Session 6 (July 23-25, 2006), and Session 10 (August 6-8, 2006) for your pack to attend camp this summer. A deposit of $30.00 is due at registration. The balance of the camp fee is due by May 3, 2006. Leader orientation meetings are scheduled for April 25th and 26th at the Council Service Center. Plan to attend one of these meetings to receive the latest camp updates. Both meetings will start at 7:00 pm.

Brownsea NYLT Training

Brownsea is an intensive, 7-day outdoor training experience for young men in support of the Scoutmasters 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 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.

Bear Camp

There are a few openings for Bear Camp this summer. If you have a boy entering the 3rd grade, then he should attend camp. Contact Maria Kelly, (816) 569-4928, for the latest openings. Cost to attend camp is $60.00 per person. Plan now to attend with your son.

OA Inductions

There are six opportunities to be inducted into Tamegonit Lodge this year. The spring dates are May 5-7 and May 19-21 at Camp Naish. Registration forms were distributed at Roundtable and are also available online. Come to Spring Inductions to see the new flag mall and to help prepare camp for the summer.

University of Scouting

Pull out those calendars and put University of Scouting on November 4, 2006. It is a brand new training that you wouldn’t want to miss. Details will be coming soon.

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 jldavis@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 gone 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 jldavis@bsamail.org.
**Boy Scout Rotary Camp**

Rotary Youth Camp is designed for campers with special needs and is barrier-free. On-site medical attention is available 24 hours a day. Facilities include: Cabins, Dining Hall, Pool, Trading Post, Accessible Trails & First Aid Lodge.

Each Scout will have the opportunity to work on advancements and merit badges around the theme of “Mountain Man”. Other activities include swimming, nature trails, games, campfires, skits/songs, crafts, great camp fun and fellowship. All Scouts and Scouters are experienced and sincerely interested in sharing their talent and knowledge with campers. The buddy system applies. Each camper is paired with a staff person for the entire session, 24 hours a day.

If you have a Scout that would enjoy this camp, please download the Rotary Camp Application from the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org, or contact Brian Tobler at (816) 569-4985 or btobler@bsamail.org.

**NEW 1st Class Requirement**

Beginning January 1, 2006, an additional requirement will be added to the requirements for First Class rank in Boy Scouting. Scouts beginning their First Class requirement work after this date must complete the new requirement. Scouts working on First Class requirements prior to this date will have until June 30, 2006 to complete First Class Rank without completing the new requirement.

The new requirement tests the candidate’s persuasive communications skills and can help make Scouting available to more boys. It reads as follows:

“Tell someone who is eligible to join Boy Scouts, or an inactive Boy Scout, about your troop’s activities. Invite them to a troop outing, activity, service project, or meeting. Tell him how to join, or encourage the inactive Boy Scout to become active.”

The Boy Scout Handbook and 2006 Requirements book will be updated with this new detail. Please share this information with all of your troop leaders and consider placing it on your website and in your newsletter.

All Scoutmasters were sent a DVD containing tools that Scouts can use to assist them in completing this requirement, including a video that trains them how to speak to their friends about joining. Also, Scouts can find support for the completion of this requirement on the Boy Scout membership website, www.thescoutzone.org.

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**Final Camp Fee Payment Dates**

**Day Camp ($45.00/Scout)** – May 10, 2006

**Boy Scout Camp** – April 26, 2006

**Bear Resident Camp** – March 4, 2006

**Webelos Resident Camp** – March 4, 2006

**Rotary Scout Camp** – July 31, 2006

**Venturer Camp** – July 31, 2006

Make payments payable to HOAC and mail to:
HOAC, BSA
PO Box 414177
Kansas City, MO 64141-4177

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**Eagle Fellowship**

- Are you over 25?
- Are you an Eagle Scout?

If so, mark your calendar for the inaugural Eagle Fellowship hosted by Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America.

**October 12, 2006**

Look for more information at your next Roundtables.
**Merit Badge College a Success!**

On February 18, 60 boys from several troops throughout the Twin Rivers District and beyond went to the Osawatomie High School to learn about radio communication.

The men from the Wheatstate Wireless Radio Club gave an excellent course aimed at helping the Scouts achieve their Radio merit badge. The Scouts (as well as the leaders!) had a great time and learned much thanks to this unique opportunity. Anyone interested in learning more about the Wheatstate Wireless Radio Club should contact Twin Rivers District Executive LandonBehrens at 816-569-4941.

Other merit badges offered included electronics, computers, and citizenships. Thanks to all of our Counselors, the Wheatstate Wireless Radio Club, and all the adult leaders for giving their time to allow the boys to accomplish so much on their path to Eagle. Thanks to Curtis Gibson for securing the facilities to house this fun event. We all had a great time and look forward to more boys joining us next year.

**Friends of Scouting**

We have made great progress towards finishing our Friends of Scouting Campaign early this year! Thanks to all the families and businesses that have committed to support Scouting again this year. Your interest and dedication to keeping the Scouting program strong and available to all the youth in our community is incredible. Congratulations to the units that have earned Free Rank Advancement for the rest of 2006. Also, a huge thank you must go to our Unit Presenters and Community Workers who have been out there volunteering their time and energy to spread the word of Scouting, renewing and finding new support.

Thanks again to all of you for your help as we wrap this campaign up in the coming days. We are excited to meet and exceed our goal early again this year so we can focus on more of the program and camping activities we are looking forward to in the next few months. If you are interested in participating on this winning team as a community leader or unit presenter in the future, please contact Landon Behrens at 800-776-1110 x4941.

**Cubs in Hollywood**

Cub Scout Day Camp will be held the first FULL week of June the 5th through the 8th at North Lake Park in Garnett. This is the first chance many of your Cub Scouts that joined Scouting over the past few months will get to experience some outdoor Scouting activities! Make sure you do not wait to get your boys excited about the opportunities and signed up for this awesome time! Registrations for Day Camp are being accepted right now. Don’t forget, if you register prior to May 10th, the cost is only $45 per scout! We look forward to bringing each and every Cub Scout the highlight of their Cub Scouting year. If you would like to help out or just want more information, contact Curtis Weaver, Cub Day Camp Director at 913-783-4753. Make sure you attend Roundtables and keep checking out the Council Website for the latest on Day Camp.

**Spring Recruiting**

As the warm Spring and Summer months come upon us, we all look forward to getting outside to relax or getting out of school. Before everyone goes their different ways for the summer, we want to make sure to give more young boys the opportunity to get involved in Scouting as part of their Summer activities.

We will once again be conducting Spring Recruiting in an effort to give boys an exciting summer of camping, swimming and hiking as part of our great Scouting program. More information will be coming in the next few months, so make sure you are updated at Roundtables.

You can also contact Landon Behrens at 800-776-1110 with any questions. Remember that flyers are available for all ages of Scouting and, if the schools that your pack covers allows visits and Boy Talks, those can be scheduled for almost any time!
Training

Training dates are set and most of the locations have been secured. Training is an essential part of a unit’s success. The more leaders that are trained in their current position provides for better quality programs for the Scouts. Be sure to look for registration forms and upcoming trainings at Roundtable as well as on the council website www.hoac-bsa.org.

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

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting Campaign is under way and presentations are wrapping up. Phone calls will be made to all leaders in units that have not had a presentation. This way all parents will have the opportunity to contribute to the campaign. The Thunderbird District needs to raise $192,000 this year to meet our goal. Let’s all work together to make this happen!

Good Turn for America

Please read the information contained in this addition of AIS to learn more about the Good Turn for America Program, then drop by the Good Turn for America table at the May Roundtable to update your unit information and get your unit password. The Thunderbird District wants to lead the Council in the number of service hours completed and tracked on the Good Turn for America Website. Contact your district executive should you have any questions.

Day Camp

Day Camp is coming!!! We decided to move it from June to July this year to accommodate those who were unable to attend last year because of summer school. This year’s dates are July 10-14 and we are planning to be at James A Reed Wildlife Area once again. The cost is $45 until May 10th, and then it becomes $60. The theme for this year is “Cubs in Hollywood”. Come and experience the fun and adventure! If you have questions regarding Day Camp you may contact Josh Morales at the Council Service Center at 816-569-4961.

Merit Badge Academy

The 2006 Thunderbird Merit Badge Academy was held on March 18 at Hickman Mills High School. As usual this was a sold out event. There was a possible number of 1500 merit badges that could have been earned at this year’s event. Several adult leaders were able to get some training out of the way as well as the training team was there to help ensure that the units receive a quality program in the home units. Congratulations to Ken Fuenfhausen as chairman and his assistants for putting on such a great event.

Pinewood Derby

The 2006 Thunderbird Merit Badge Academy was held on March 18 at Hickman Mills High School. As usual, we saw some fast cars, great paint jobs and some others that were just plain unique. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Mark Walters as chairman, his assistants and all of the adult volunteers, the...
Friends of Scouting

Please help continue to make Scouting affordable and available to everyone. It is time to make sure that your unit is signed up for a Friends of Scouting presentation. If you have not already signed up your unit for this year, now is the time. Friends of Scouting presentations only take 7 minutes and should be scheduled for either your Troop Court of Honor or Pack Blue and Gold. To schedule a presentation for find out more about Friends of Scouting contact Matt Specht at 816-569-4966, mspecht@bsamail.org or Larry Potts, lpotts_47@yahoo.com

Congratulations

The following units have hit their 2006 Friends of Scouting goal:
- Troop 37
- Pinewood Derby

The Trailhead District Pinewood Derby is right around the corner. On April 1, three champions from every Pack will test their car to see how it stands against the other packs. The rules included with the pinewood car are the rules that the district will follow. Remember a Pack can send only 3 boys to the district Pinewood Derby. For more information visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Thactivities.cfm

Venturing Roundtable

On April 6, the Trailhead District will hold our second Venturing Roundtable at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe). This will be a separate meeting from the Boy Scout Roundtable. All Crew leaders and youth officers are encouraged to attend. The program will be led by Chuck Even. For more information, contact Chuck at ceven@everestkc.net

Cub Day Camp

Each Pack should already have designated a Day Camp Coordinator and Staff member. Look for the Trailhead Day Camp Flyer or on the website for more details on Day Camp. When collecting money to pay camp fees do not forget about the District buses. If you have any questions call Suzanne Schartz 913-851-1804. Don’t forget about the Walking Leader Meeting on April 6, 7:00 p.m. and the Day Camp Staff Training on May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Merit Badge Forum

Thank you to Dennis Gerrity, all of the merit badge counselors and staff for conducting the 2006 Merit Badge Forum. It was a great success! More than 400 merit badges were earned over this two-day activity.

Order of the Arrow

Thank you to all of the Troops who have scheduled and/or had your Order of the Arrow Elections; however, many troops have not done this yet. It is not too late to finish this before the May inductions, but do not hesitate. Please schedule this as soon as possible as it is an opportunity that could really make a difference in a boy's life.

Also, the OA Chapter 11 will be holding a chapter wide Tap Out ceremony on April 8 at Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter 8. Fellowship begins at 11:30 a.m. and the ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call Bob McGowan at 913-438-2368 or mcgowanscouting@yahoo.com

Training

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

Program Fair

The May Roundtable is a program fair. A complete packet will be available for every unit to help you plan your upcoming program year. All the leaders from your unit should attend. This can be the single most important night in planning your unit’s program.

Webelos to Scout Transition

Remember that it is the responsibility of the Troop, Webelos Den leader, and the parents to make sure that a Webelos has a fun and smooth transition to a troop. The right troop for a boy and his family can be the determining factor if a boy attains the rank of Eagle or leaves the program after a year.

Trailhead District Events

April
- District Pinewood Derby; 11:00 a.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- Venturing Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- Day Camp Pack Coordinator’s Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Rolling Hills Presbyterian (92nd & Nall)
- Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Rolling Hills Presbyterian (92nd & Nall)
- Eagle Board of Review; 7:00 p.m., Latter-Day Saints Church (13025 Wornall)

May
- Program Planning Fair; 7:00 p.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- Day Camp Staff Training; 7:00 p.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- New Leader Essentials; 7:00 p.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
- District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Rolling Hills Presbyterian (92nd & Nall)
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- Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
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- Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Rolling Hills Presbyterian (92nd & Nall)
- Eagle Board of Review; 7:00 p.m., Latter-Day Saints Church (13025 Wornall)
- 19-22 Day Camp; Shawnee Riverfront Park

2006 Trailhead Committee Chairs
A Scout is “Helpful”

Shortly after devastating hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, the city of Olathe, Kansas adopted Moss Point, Mississippi to help aid them in recovery. The Red-Tailed District, under the direction of John Sleezer, looked for a way to help also. What happened next was the identification of two scouting units; Pack and Troop 476 in Moss Point, who were in great need to replace lost/damaged uniforms and books from the flood.

Each unit in RTH asked its members to give $1 in support of this effort. The end result was $1,325.29 raised and sent to the Moss Point pack and troop.

From “Aid to Scoutmastership” by LORD BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL-

“In every country the purpose of the Scouts’ training is identical; namely, efficiency for Service towards others; and with such an object in common, we can, as an International Brotherhood in Service, go forward and do a far-reaching work.”

“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. Remember: the $45.00 registration fee is due by May 10th then the cost is $60.00.

Don’t forget about the fun of Family Night on Thursday, June 22nd, beginning at 5:00 p.m. All families are invited to camp to see what the boys have been doing all week, then enjoy dinner and a campfire.

Cub Spring Recruitment

Want to get a jump-start on recruiting for your unit? If your pack has a healthy summer program, spring recruiting may be for you. This is an excellent opportunity to extend an invitation to join the Cub Scouts to boys who may have been missed last fall.

Also, current kindergarteners can join as Tiger Cubs as of June 1st.

Flyers and posters are available to aid your pack if your are interested. As in the fall, your district executive can schedule visits to speak to the boys at school. For more information or to order flyers, please contact Jason Ballew at jablew@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4982.

Proper Planning Ensures a Quality Program

Mark your calendars for June 2nd, as the Program Planning Fair will be held at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center. This is an excellent opportunity to receive information your unit needs to plan an outstanding year of program. In addition to a planning packet and calendar, there will be displays with current information on advancement, camping, training, recruiting, activities, high adventure, Boy’s Life, and more. Lastly, we will celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Red-Tailed Hawk District with cake and door prizes, so please plan on attending.

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 following communication avenues with the leaders in your unit.

Constant Contact Email: All registered leaders will receive email updates

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.

Trader’s Rendezvous,

Very Cold but Fun

Over the weekend of February 17-19th the annual Trader’s Rendezvous was held a Camp Naish. Scouts and Scouters participated in numerous activities such as throwing tomahawks, slingshots, black powder rifle shooting, blacksmithing, fire by flint and steel, woodcarving and trading. The attendees experienced some very frigid nights with the low for weekend at 4 degrees!

A big thanks to this year’s co-chairs Nancy Chapman and Dennis Jones who labored hard to plan this outstanding Rendezvous.
Big Muddy District

Cubs in Hollywood

This year’s Day Camp scheduled for June 5th through the 8th at Walnut Hills in Carrollton looks like a good time in the making! Several events listed for this year like BB guns, archery, sling shots, and many, many more fun activities! This year’s directors, Tammy Cockrum and Becky Miller, along with their staff, have put a lot of hours of preparation to make sure this year’s Day Camp is one of the best ever held in the Big Muddy District! DON’T MISS OUT!!! If you have not signed up already, it’s not too late! All Cub Scouts are welcome. For more information, please contact Grant Dealy at 816-569-4956.

Friends of Scouting

The Family Campaign is well on the way to reach its goal. If your unit has not had a presentation, contact the Big Muddy District Family FOS chairman, Donald Rafferty, at 816-230-8215 or Sr. District Executive, Grant Dealy at 816-569-4956. Your Friends of Scouting dollars support your Scout’s experience in many different ways, such as training and support materials, the Council Service Center, the Council Newsletter, Adventures in Scouting, and more than $75,000 in campership assistance. So let’s keep the donations coming in to help make our Scouting program the best it’s ever been!

Webelos to Scout Transition

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

Fall Camporee

The Big Muddy District Committee will be hosting this year’s Fall Camporee in October of 2006. Mark you calendars now!!! The tentative date has been set for the weekend of October 13-15. More detailed information will be at the May Roundtable, make plans to attend!

2006 District Dinner

This year’s dinner was held at the Mushroom Patch Restaurant in Richmond on February 4, 2006. Over 120 people were in attendance for one of the largest District Dinners in Big Muddy on record! The program was kicked off with Guest Speaker, Reverend Don Smith of the Richmond United Methodist Church and was concluded with a few words from District Chair, Tom Hodson.

Congratulations to the 2006 Award of Merit recipients Jesse Woods and Ernie Jones!

2006 District Dinner

Pat Scott Presenting the Hershel L. Hay Award to Gary Rodenberg and Jeff Helm

Dorthey Levy Presenting the Robert M. Levy Award to Steve Graver

Tom Hodson presenting Award of Merit to Jesse Woods with his wife Michelle

Tom Hodson presenting Award of Merit to Ernie Jones with his wife Nancey

Big Muddy District Events

April

4 Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Lexington Methodist Church, Lexington
6 District Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Dibbins Hall, Lexington
12 Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Richmond Christian Church, Richmond

May

2 Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Lexington Methodist Church
4 District Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Dibbins Hall, Lexington
10 Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Richmond Christian Church, Richmond

2006 Big Muddy Committee Chairs

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Courorty of the Big Muddy District Committee
**Friends of Scouting**

The Lone Bear District is making great strides in its Friends of Scouting Campaign! 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 you are interested in helping with this year's campaign or 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.

**Pinewood Derby**

The 2006 Pinewood derby will be held on April 29 at the Clinton Scout Center. We will open the doors at 8:00 a.m. and start the race at 9:00 a.m. All Cub Scouts in the Lone Bear District are encouraged to attend. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelo divisions. A good time is guaranteed, so make sure to come out to the races! For more information contact Jerry Post (660) 747-0600

**Klondike Derby**

The 2006 Klondike Derby was a huge success. All had a good time 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.

**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 are all 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

**Spring Recruiting & 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. New and exciting adventures await these boys in the Boy Scout program. Boy Scout leaders should make sure that Boy Scout Applications are completed and turned in for new Scouts. Cub leaders can hold recruiting events in order to find boys in our communities that would enjoy Scouting. Some Cub Leaders have already held recruiting events this Spring with great success. The council office can provide all of the materials and support your unit needs to have a successful recruitment. For more information, call Phillip Brockland at (800) 776-1110

**Lone Bear District Events**

April

4 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., Clinton Scout Center
11 Commissioner’s Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clinton Rotary Building
18 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cover Law Office
29 Pinewood Derby; 8:00 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m. start; Clinton Scout Center

May

2 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., Clinton Scout Center
9 Commissioner’s Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clinton Rotary Building
16 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Cover Law Office
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 jdixon@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 other posts and groups are doing. If you have a great story to tell of an adventure, activity, or exciting event, send or email your story with pictures and we’ll try to get it into the newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

KC @ Night 2006!

Marked the date April 28th, our 2006 KC @ Night. Because April and May was one edition for AIS, look in the June AIS for great photos and an article telling the story of this year’s adventure.

2006 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

DATES: July 10-July 15, 2006
WHERE: Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona
FEES: Post security deposit is $100. Conference fee is $350 per person.
National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference objectives are:

- Provide an opportunity to substantially enrich the program of each Law Enforcement post.
- Help create new Law Enforcement posts.
- Enhance the level of officer and advisor performance within existing Law Enforcement posts.
- Promote an exchange of successful post program ideas.
- 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.
- Create a positive climate for Federal Law enforcement agencies and national law enforcement associations to become familiar with Law Enforcement Exploring.
- Provide Law Enforcement Explorers with a format for career and educational exploration.
- 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: www.learningforlife.org. Go to “Exploring” then “Law Enforcement Exploring” and click on “Academics”. 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.

2006 Exploring Committee Chairs

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Exploring Youth Salute

This month the Exploring Adventures in Scouting wants to salute Chris Brayer, a fantastic example of how Exploring can have such a great impact on life choices. Enjoy Mark’s story from the first moment he knew he wanted to be a police officer up to the present day where he is now a part of the Independence Police Academy and attending college. Written by Chris Brayer. We salute you Chris!

It was at Sycamore Hills Elementary where I started kindergarten that I first realized I wanted to be a police officer. I can’t remember a specific incident but I just knew that that’s what I was meant to be.

As I got older, with my dad being a professional scouter, he got me interested in Cub Scouts. I really enjoyed Cub Scouts especially with my mom being my Den Leader. Yes, I did all the Pinewood Derbies, the soap cutting with my first pocketknife, learning how to tie knots and all that kind of good stuff while I went through the ranks in Cub scouts and earned my Arrow of Light. During my junior year of high school, I received my greatest accomplishment in Scouting. On December 17th, 2002, I successfully passed my Eagle Scout Board of Review and became the 60th Eagle Scout in Troop 865, the first Eagle Scout in my immediate family.

During the winter of my fourth grade year, I started wrestling thinking that since I was a physical person this might be my sport of expertise. This turn out to be true and I really enjoyed the sport.

In the sixth grade, I went through D.A.R.E. with Officer Rapp. He was really cool and I respected him. He had a lot of influence over me during the class and little did I know that I would meet up with him again. I would have to say that going through D.A.R.E. was another reason why I wanted to be a police officer.

At Truman High School, my first activity as a freshman was participating in soccer with coach, Bill Morris. Throughout high school, I participated in soccer, football and track and field.

In 2004, I joined the Independence Police Department’s Explorer Post. This was what I had been looking for my whole life. A program that would allow me to enjoy real life experiences as a policeman and give me the the opportunity to walk in the shoes of a policeman. When I found out that Independence had an Explorer Post, I was so excited. Remember, I have wanted to be a police officer ever since I was a little kid and now I was really going to get more of an insight to what it took to be a police officer. While in the Explorer Post, I advanced to the rank of Sergeant and most recently the rank of Captain. I have participated in many fun activities and have made great friends throughout my three years in the post. I am proud to have made Captain and I knew that I had a lot to give to the post. I hope that I have. For example, we are going to go to the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference in July for the first time. We hope to send three or four teams. We have also had an increase in post membership and completed more community service hours then ever before. The Independence Explorer Post has given me the determination and drive to pursue my career as police officer.

I was in the graduating class of 2004 and ranked in the top half of my class. I began college in the fall of 2004 at Blue River Community College and started working on my required classes and some electives. I took some summer school classes in the summer of 2005 and also had classes in the fall. Now I have 51 credit hours and upon graduation from the police academy I will have an Associates Degree.

There is a group of officers that have helped me with my goals and definitely secured my decision to become a police officer. These positive role models for me include Explorer Advisors: Officer M. Sumstad; Officer L. Freeman; Officer K. Gibson; Officer D. Daughtery; Officer J. Taylor; and Sgt. B. Vaughn along with Officer J. Roach; and Officer M. Fowler.
Cub Scout Day Camp

It’s time for Day Camp. Day Camp is the Super Bowl of the Cub Scout year. John Burris has put together a great team and is ready for a great summer. Sign-up forms are here http://hoac-bsa.org/RES_Camping_Info.cfm

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

Cub Scout Day Camp Adult Training Camping

Day Camp Staff and Walking Leader Training will be held at Roundtable to assist you and your pack in having the best day camp experience possible. Please plan on attending even if you’re not sure you or your Pack is going. Roundtable will be held at the Cub World Dining Shelter at Camp Naish on June 1, 2006.

Youth Protection Month in April

April is Youth Protection Month and at Roundtable we will have Youth protection training and also have great tips on how your unit can observe Youth Protection month.

2006 Friends of Scouting Presentations

Now is the time to contact Rick Lockwood 913-684-2980 or Dusty Boatright 816-569-4967 to reserve your FOS presentation. Don’t miss out on a great presentation and an opportunity to give back to Scouting.

Program Planning Fair

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

May 4th, 2006

We will discuss the highlights of the coming year and the great Council and District activities your unit will be able to participate in. We will see you at 6:30 p.m.

Good Turn for America

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

Plan a community service activity for your unit. If you need some suggestions on a project, contact us and we can give you a few ideas. Carry it out and then there is one more step.

Now is the time to report information about the service project in which your unit participated, go to http://www.goodturnforamerica.org and enter your information. We will be having charts at Roundtable to track the district’s progress. Thanks for helping instill the life long habit of community service in your Scouts.

Thanks to General Motors Fairfax Plant!

On Saturday, March 18, 2006, the Kaw District conducted its 7th annual Pinewood Derby Race at the General Motors Fairfax Plant. This joint venture allowed Cub Scouts from Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties to race their gravity-propelled pinewood cars that they designed and carved with the assistance of their parents against one another. All Cub Scouts received a patch, ribbon and a bag full of giveaways. The owners of the three fastest Cub Scout cars all received trophies.

As an added attraction, several companies from the Fairfax Industrial area sponsored a car in the 6th annual Corporate Pinewood Derby Race. This corporate race was conducted following the Cub Scout races, and featured specially crafted pinewood derby cars in which adults of the various departments from General Motors and other area businesses competed against one another.

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

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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 put on 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.

Cub Olympics

The Blue Elk District would like to invite all Cub Scouts out for a day of fun and excitement. Cub Scouts will 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.

Day Camp

The theme this year is “Cubs 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 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 690-5906, or Dewey Barr at 569-4983, or debarr@bsamail.org.

Program Planning Fair

The May Roundtable is devoted strictly to program planning for the upcoming year. Each unit is encouraged to attend this meeting as we will be handing out the planning packets. These packets contain suggested program ideas for each month in the new program year of Scouting, which begins in August and goes through the following July.

As we all know, Roundtable is the most important meeting of the month and May is no exception. It is especially important and informative for newer leaders who have recently taken over their unit and are in need of some ideas on how to keep the unit heading in the right direction.

We are excited to deliver this information to each leader, be it Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Committee Chairpersons, Committee Members, or Den Leaders. Everyone is invited. We hope to see every leader in the Beautiful Blue Elk District at the May Roundtable.
EAGLE SALUTE

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagles from January and February 2006: Andrew Brown – Troop 299; Mark Oswald – Troop 299; Kalen Menke – Troop 299; Alex Proffier – Troop 91; Paul Pistorius – Troop 91; Sean Svdlenak – Troop 98; Christopher Martinkus – Troop 358; Sam Courtney – Troop 91; Isaac Hoehn – Troop 185; Zachary Hydenman – Troop 283; Dan Knapp – Troop 98; Jared Dye – Troop 299; Neal Doolin – Troop 351; Jake Roach – Troop 302; Derek Hannon – Troop 93; Sam LaRana – Troop 91; Reggie Brown – Troop 93 and Tom Handley – Troop 299. Congratulations to each of you from your Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

RECHARTERING

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their recharter paperwork promptly! If you have not finished the rechartering process yet, please do as soon as possible! This is an important and necessary part of your yearly unit operation. Finishing this process guarantees your unit the full use of the Institutional Head should be receiving the Charter Certificate soon and your membership card will be mailed shortly!

QUALITY UNITS!!!

Quality Unit status is important for each Pack, Troop, Team, and Crew to take seriously! Many of you submitted your Quality Unit forms with your recharter paperwork. Thank you for doing that! If you haven’t yet, or don’t qualify right now as a Quality Unit, remember that you can turn that in anytime of the year! It’s important in attracting youth to your unit as you work to expand the Scouting program and is helpful to the district attaining the status of Quality District. Quality Units show that we are delivering great programs at all levels! We know we do that; let’s just prove it on paper!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The 2006 Friends of Scouting Campaign is progressing extremely well! Our Community Campaign is raising new money and we are excited about the possibility of going over our $18,500 Community goal. Our Victory Celebration for the Community Campaign will take place this month. We are excited to see where we finish.

Our unit support in the Family Campaign has been tremendous this year! After a down year in 2005, we have seen our Family Campaign come roaring back. Many of our units are exceeding their 2005 giving levels and we are having success selling the program at unit meetings, saving time on follow-up that we can use to build our great program. We still have some work to do to meet our $61,000 Family goal, but we will get there.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work and support of this vital program. Your efforts have helped to ensure that our youth are receiving the very best program they can get. Special congratulations to Dave Fowler, Friends of Scouting Chair and Steve Brady, Family FOS Chair, for their leadership of this vital program! Finally, thanks to all the Friends of Scouting volunteers for their continued effort in moving us toward meeting our goal of $79,500.

DAY CAMP

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 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 want to ensure that we offer it to every boy who can benefit from the great opportunities we offer. Please plan now to do some type of recruitment activity, Boy Talks, Open Houses, Park Fairs, anything that may attract NEW youth to Scouting at all levels. Unfortunately, over the past four years, Northern Tier has lost membership while offering increasingly exciting programs for youth to be involved in. In 2006, we are going to be proactive in stopping this trend and it begins with your efforts in putting Scouting out front and center for youth to see. We are going to start NOW and rebuild our membership, starting a new trend of growth!

Northern Tier District Events

April
1  Pinewood Derby; 9:00 a.m., Lakeview Village, 9100 Park St. Check-in Friday night 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
4  Commissioner Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
6  Roundtable, OA Chapter Meeting, MB Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m., Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd
8  OLS for Webelos Leaders; 8:00 a.m., Hollis Center, 11454 Kansas Ave. KCKS
8-9  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., 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

May
2  District Commissioner Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
4  Program Planning Fair, OA Chapter Meeting, MB Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m., Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd
6  Youth Protection Training; 9:00 a.m.; New Leader Essentials; 10:30 a.m.; Cub Scout Leader Specific Training; 12:30 p.m., Harmon Park, 78th & Delmar, Prairie Village, KS
11  District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd
13  Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training; 9:00 a.m., Camp Naish South Camp
18  District Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd
Spring Camporee 2006

The Spring Camporee will be held April 1-2 at the Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, Kansas. The program for the camporee will center around 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.

Training

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

To prevent this occurrence, Trails West District offers a full scope of training for parents and new leaders, as well as leaders accepting new responsibilities in the program. Training is offered at locations convenient 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 jogilvie66215@everestkc.net. Class room training for April and May will be:

- April 1 Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster
- April 6 New Leader’s Essentials
- April 10 New Leader’s Essentials
- April 22 Youth Leadership Training
- April 28 and 29 Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience
- April 29 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
- May 4 Youth Protection
- May 5, 6, and 7 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills
- May 20 Health and Safety Saturday

This schedule, along with Registration Forms, will be available at all District Round Tables. Registration may be also be made with the District Training Chair, Joe Ogilvie at jogilvie66215@everestkc.net or (913) 492-3880.

Rechartering

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their rechartering paper work on time. If you have not finished the rechartering process yet, please do so as soon as possible! This is an important part of your yearly unit operation. Finishing this process guarantees your unit full use of the council program and resources, including insurance coverage, membership benefits and uninterrupted subscription to Boys’ Life and Scouting Magazine!

Please don’t delay this any longer, if you need to finish rechartering! If you have finished this process, your Institutional Head should be receiving the Charter Certificate soon and your membership card will be mailed shortly!

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 put more information 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 information your unit might need about council events and forms that you might need.
**North Star District**

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Phil Symmonds for being named Scouter of the Month at the February Roundtable. Thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your unit, your District, and your Council!!

**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 online.

Cub Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:
- April 4, Boy Scout Leader Training
- April 18, Boy Scout Leader Training
- April 22, Boy Scout Leader BALOO Training

Check the North Star Training web page for details or contact Karen Hatcher at (816) 891-9429 for information.

Boy Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:
- April 22, Cub Scout Leader BALOO Training

Check the North Star Training web page for details or contact Mark Hatcher at (816) 891-9429.

Fast Start, Youth Protection, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training courses are now available online.

**Day Camp**

It will soon be time to sign up for the 2006 Cub Scout Day Camp to be held June 5-8 at the Platte County Fairgrounds in Tracy, MO. It promises to be another great time for all Cub Scouts – Tigers (1st grade), Wolves (2nd grade), Bears (3rd grade) and Webelos (4th and 5th grades).

Cubs will learn while earning achievements, but most of all, they will have FUN! We will be offering BB guns, Fun, Archery, Fun, Crafts, Fun, Scouting Skills, Fun and Games.

You can stay updated on the 2006 Day Camp by checking out the district Day Camp web page at http://hoac-bsa.org/nsdc.cfm

For more information, or if you would like to serve on staff, please contact Day Camp Director Jim Bunnell at 816-651-5046, jbunnell@hrblock.com, Program Director Willy Mead at 816-453-5835, rockratt@sbcglobal.net, or Dan Cady, District Executive at 816-569-4978, dacady@bsamail.org.

**Webelos Summer Seminar**

A great opportunity for First and Second Year Webelos is the Webelos Summer Seminar, which will be held Friday, June 9th at the Platte County Fairgrounds. Bring your Webelos Patrol Thursday night for overnight camping or just for the day on Friday. There are separate programs for First and Second Year Webelos to get a leg up on earning Activity Pins and to simply have FUN!

This program is held in conjunction with Cub Scout Day Camp and Webelos Camp – not a replacement for either. More information is available at Roundtable and on the North Star Activities and Day Camp websites. Mark your calendars now! For more information, please contact Steve Mathews, (816) 455-3366; steve.mathews@ssa.gov or Jim Bunnell at (816) 651-5046, jbunnell@hrblock.com or Jon Geiger, Senior District Executive at (816) 569-4932 or jgeiger@bsamail.org.

**Upcoming Training**

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 Mtg, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
- 18  Boy Scout Leader Training
- 20  Commissioner Staff Mtg, 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
- 29  Spring Fishing Derby, 1:00 p.m., Platte Falls Conservation Area

May
- 4  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
- 5-6  Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend #1
- 5-6  Webelos Leader Outdoor Training
- 9  District Committee Mtg, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
- 11  Commissioner Staff Mtg, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion
- 19-21  Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend #2

June
- 1  District Roundtable – Program Fair, 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
- 5-8  District Day Camp, Platte County Fairgrounds, Tracy, MO
- 8  Commissioner Staff Mtg, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion
- 8-9  District Webelos Summer Seminar, Platte County Fairgrounds, Tracy, MO
- 13  District Committee Mtg, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
Friends of Scouting
The Family Campaign is well on its way to reach goal. If your Unit has not had a presentation, contact Tripp Anderson (785) 842-3777.

Here are some of the ways your Friends of Scouting gift supports your Scout’s experience:
• Over 5,000 new youth met one-on-one with their parent/guardian to discuss the issues of drug abuse and prevention and to discuss child abuse and youth protection,
• Accident and liability insurance is provided by the Heart of America Council,
• 14,467 at risk youths in the urban core of Kansas City are positively impacted by the Scouting Program,
• Training and support for unit leaders including monthly Roundtables, Youth Protection Training and “behind the scenes” support through the Council Service Center,
• Adventures in Scouting is printed and mailed to all council and key unit leaders. The newsletter provides information on all council and district activities.
• Over $75,000 in campership assistance was provided to help scouts attend Summer Camp, Day Camp, or a High Adventure activity.

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 aanderson@1040nh.com to schedule a presentation.

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

Community Service Day
On April 8th, Pelathe Scouts used Community Service Day as an opportunity to continue offering our services to the area food kitchens and pantries by making their service project Scouting for Food.

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

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

2006 Day Camp
This year’s Day Camp is going to be a blast. Your child will experience arts and crafts, shooting sports (BB Guns, Archery, Sing Shot), games, skits, teamwork, water sports and good old-fashioned fun. Don’t miss out on the key summer event for Cub Scouts and Webelos. The Camp will take place June 5th – 9th, 2006 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence, Kansas.

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

Family Night will take place Thursday, June 8, 2006. Bring the family to a night of extreme excitement. We have entertainment set up, and this is a time to come and actually see the staff that puts on the Camp and an evening show that will complement your picnic dinner. So come and watch the show and see what your youth has been doing at camp, as well as bringing your picnic supper to enjoy with your youth and den as we share your evening with “Cubs in Hollywood”.

If you have any questions, you can contact Nicolette Bennett @ 785.331.2475 or @ mom@thebennethome.com.

2006 Pelathe Committee Chairs

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Congratulations and thank you to Ed Mulik for another fun, exciting and all around good time at the spring event. I guaranteed everyone would have a great time at Missouri Town and guess what, they did! Ed and several Pioneer Trails volunteers made the day fun for our Cub Scouts. The boys had several opportunities to learn new skills and practice old skills with an emphasis on advancement requirements. A very special thank you to Missouri Town for letting us come out and enjoy such a beautiful facility. Ed did such a great job with another Spring event, can you imagine how great the Camporee is going to be?

It’s Camping Time

To all the units out there that are planning on going camping this Summer, make sure all your kids are signed up. This is a good time to do a membership inventory making sure all your kids are fully registered so when you get to camp, that will be one less thing to worry about. If you have any questions just call the Membership Chair, Julie Hill at (816) 331-3385 or Matt, Brian or Jeff at (816) 942-9333.

FOS

What a fantastic start to the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign! Coach Tom Holley did a masterful job the first half and, after a rousing halftime speech, the Pioneer Trails FOS team is ready for a strong finish. It’s not too late to schedule a presentation if your unit has not had one. Free rank advancement is still a possibility for your pack or troop, but time is running out. The Family Friends of Scouting Team is ready, willing and able to help you and your unit receive free rank advancement in 2006. It all starts with a phone call to schedule a FOS presentation. Those units who achieve their goals 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. Our season is winding down. We would like to finish all our presentations by April 30th. This is the time where champions shine, so lets have a strong finish. Thank you for your support of the FOS campaign and make plans to join us at our victory celebration on May 10, 2006. A very special THANK YOU goes out to the unit presenters that are helping us achieve our goal. Any questions please contact Tom Holley (816) 942-1297, Jeff Terrell (816) 569-4947.

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, which is 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 out to 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. Make sure your boys are fully registered and that they bring their HEALTH FORMS. Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. Funding is limited, so requests should be made as soon as possible. So, lets get ready for five exciting days full of activities on June 12-16. 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.

Training

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 be a trained leader. It will make a difference in you and your unit! Call Dr. Norman Kahn at (913) 341-4792 to sign up now.

Spring Recruiting

As the warm Spring and Summer months come upon us we all look forward to getting outside to relax or getting out of school. Before every one goes their different ways this summer, we want to make sure to give more young boys the opportunity to get involved in Scouting as part of their summer activities. We will once again be conducting Spring recruiting in an effort to give boys an exciting Summer of camping, swimming and hiking as part of our great Scouting program. More information will be coming in the next few months so make sure you are updated at Roundtables.

2004 Quality District

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April and May are great months to attract and retain Cub Scouts in the program prior to the summer camp season. Is your pack participating in any recruiting or program activities this Spring? Did your pack recruit all the Cub Scouts and new parents it needed last Fall?

Now is the time to encourage peer-to-peer recruiting among your Cub Scouts and to conduct a Spring School Night just for them. How about conducting special Spring activities based on the monthly Cub Scout themes to which you can invite potential new Cub Scouts?

The monthly theme for Cub Scouting in April is “Our Feathered Friends.” In May, the theme is “Digging in the Dirt,” and June’s theme is “Invent a Reason to Celebrate.” Incorporating these themes into your pack and den meetings allows you to utilize the ready-made resources from Cub Scout Program Helps and Roundtable ideas.

There are also plenty of activities going on at the district level throughout our Council. For example, The North Star District is running a Fishing Activity in April for all Cub Scouts and Cub Scout-aged friends. In May, the Blue Elk District is running Cub Olympics for all of their Cub Scouts and potential Cub Scouts. For more details on district activities, please refer to your district’s page in Adventures in Scouting.

These pack-level and district level activities are very important not only to keep the program alive all year-long, but are also great opportunities to provide an immediate program for new boys you recruit in the Spring.