Heart of America Council Leads Nation in Cub Scout Recruitment

School Night a Huge Success!

The Heart of America Council’s School Night program was a fantastic success in which we have led the entire nation - 306 Boy Scout councils - in a variety of categories of Cub Scout recruitment. As of this writing, we have recruited 5,254 new Cub Scouts and achieved year-end Cub Scout growth. That is 1,410 more than this time last year, an increase that leads the entire nation, as does the number of new Tiger Cubs recruited over last year – nearly 350 more! Most promising for the future, the council has already achieved an 8.4% Tiger Cub gain over year-end 2005.

Districts Reach New Heights!

There were plenty of records achieved throughout all of the 13 districts in the Heart of America Council. Here are some of them…as of this writing (November 13, 2006)…

- Blue Elk District – Already achieved year-end growth of 84 Cub Scouts!
- Lone Bear – First district to reach year-end growth in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Units!
- North Star – Recruited most Cub Scouts in the council – 780 - and is well-over year-end growth.
- Northern Tier – First district to reach School Night Goal and has year-end gain of 50 Cub Scouts!
- Pelathe – For August through October, had a 27% increase in Cub Scouts recruited over that time last year!
- Pioneer Trails – Finished both September and October with a gain in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Units!
- Red-Tailed Hawk – Has recruited more Cub Scouts over last year and has gain in units for the year!
- Thunderbird – Recruited 558 Cub Scouts so far – fourth most in council!
- Trailhead – Already achieved year-end growth in Cub Scouting and Venturing!
- Trails West – Recruited 300 new Cub Scouts and has achieved year-end gains in Boy Scouting and Venturing!
- Twin Rivers – Currently at 17% growth in Cub Scouting for year-end with 75 more than all last Fall!
- Big Muddy – Already Achieved 5.3% year-end Cub Scout growth!
- Kaw – Reached year-end Cub Scout growth in September and is now at 8.2% year-end growth!

Hearty congratulations and thanks go out to thousands of volunteers and staff for recruiting 5,254 new Cub Scouts so far this Fall! It was great to honor those involved at the Council’s Annual Recognition Dinner on November 15th. This success reverses a three year trend and places the council in a positive position for future successes. Our Cub Scout membership feeds our Boy Scouting programs that attend H. Roe Bartle and Naish. It's important to maintain these programs as they build the Scouting traditions in many families that are shared with the younger generation. Scouting has served Kansas and Missouri for over 96 years. Many more lives will be impacted with the life skills that Scouting leadership training programs have to offer.
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Presenting…The Centennial Quality Awards Program

The Centennial Quality Awards program is designed to recognize units, districts, and councils in achieving excellence in providing a quality program to a growing youth population in America at all levels of the Boy Scouts of America. As a revision of the former “National Quality Award,” the new program requires units to meet with their unit commissioners (prior to February 15) and establish programming, membership and other goals for the calendar year. For more information and to see how to qualify, please click on a link below.

**Council Implementation**

Learn more about the new Centennial Quality Awards program that replaces the current Quality Awards program in 2007 through 2010; why it was changed; how your council, district and unit should incorporate the new requirements into your program; copies of the forms and interpretations of the requirements; and the implementation schedule.

**Unit Implementation**

Learn about how your unit can qualify for the new award for 2007. See the unit commitment form and be able to download it for your use.

**Unit Commitment Form**

Download the form for completion and sharing with the other members of your unit. The interpretation of the requirements is also available to know how you can qualify.

**District Commitment Form**

Download the form for completion and sharing with the other members of your district. The interpretation of the requirements is also available to know what you need to do to qualify.

**Council Commitment Form**

Download the form for completion and sharing with the other members of your council. The interpretation of the requirements is also available to know what you need to do to qualify.

**Implementation Folder**

The award implementation packet with: the design of the new awards that will be available after October 31, 2007 and comments from a representative group of volunteers and professionals who helped to provide direction and feedback with the new requirements.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Consult this page to view answers to common questions about the Centennial Quality Awards program.

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**Trends Affecting the BSA: Change in Education Trends**

High school dropout rates are decreasing and are expected to continue doing so for the foreseeable future.

Institutions of higher education will see increased enrollment as millennials (born since 1990) place greater value on education. The demand for higher education will drive up the costs. Competition for acceptance and scholarships will become fierce.

Private school enrollment and homeschooling have increased in part because of the influx of students into the public schools. Homeschooling is projected to grow at a rate of 15 to 20 percent annually through at least 2010.

Outside interests want to ensure that no private organizations operate from or within public schools.

**Implications for the BSA**

Councils should continue to build and enhance relationships with school administrators while seeking new venues for recruiting youth.

Councils should continue developing and enhancing recruiting efforts both for youth in private schools and for homeschooled youth.

Councils should meet the needs of youth by providing programs rich with education and career development tools and promoting the benefits of Exploring.
Silver Beavers Recognized

On November 15th, 24 of the Heart of America Councils finest volunteers were honored with the Silver Beaver award, the greatest recognition a local council can grant to a volunteer. Over 420 Scouts and Scouters attended the dinner to honor these new Silver Beavers. Congratulations!!

Kenneth R. Albers  Russell E. Bentch  J. Jack Clark  Dennis G. Cleveland  Cynthia G. Cone  M. Jill Cook

Stephen V. Crain  Patrick H. Donahue  Marc E. Elkins  David W. Frantze  Peter H. Freeman  Daniel D. Hammond, Sr.

Edward Hedges  Glenn Illig  Thomas D. Johnson  Leonard R. Jones  Dr. Norman B. Kahn, Jr.  Douglas A. Lenhart

Chris McIntyre  Cynthia J. Miller  Larry A. Overfield  Melvin L. Walker  Terry J. Wall, JD, MD  James D. Winningham

Other highlights of the evening included recognition of the council and district's membership chairs and the efforts their teams have made over the last three months in recruiting Cub Scouts. This success lead to a balloon drop accompanied by the song "Celebration".

Others recognized included Tyler Griffin, Past Venturing Officers Association Advisor and Mark Kempf, Venture Crew advisor for Crew 2813 with the Venture Leadership Award. This award is given to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath.

The council would also like to thank James W. Hayes for chairing the Silver Beaver Selection Committee and Del Wilkinson for acting as MC for the evening's festivities along with all the other volunteers that assisted in making the evening a night to remember. It's a night to recognize our finest volunteers. After all, Scouting's strength lies in the quality of our dedicated volunteers.
The 2006 popcorn sale was a great success. The gross sales for the campaign grew nearly 4% topping $2,050,000. This success was made possible by the work of 400 units that sold in this year’s sale. To put the sale in raw numbers of popcorn, we sold over 140,714 containers of product. The most popular product in the sale is the 11 oz Carmel Corn with over 33,616 containers sold. The second runner up is 15 pack Unbelievable butter with 21,948 boxes sold.

It is not just the numbers that matter. 70% of the sale is returned to our units and the council. The popcorn sale is a great fund-raiser to support a unit's yearly program plan. By following the plan and conducting a Show-N-Deliver and Take Order sale many of our units fund all of their activities during the year. It's a great way to ensure that you don't need to do more than one fund-raiser during the year. The council uses is portion to ensure maintenance at our facilities continues uninterrupted and program fees can help at a reasonable level for our camping and activity participants. The sale is a win win for all involved.

Below is a listing of the sale by district with the percentage increase / decrease over 2005. Congratulations to those district that had an increase. Over to the right is a list by district of the top selling units. Great job to those leaders and boys that made their units successful.

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**Prize Drawings and Scholarships**

The council will conduct the prize drawings on December 15th and will call those youth selected for prize pick up. Prizes will be drawn from the completed order forms. This should be a fun drawing with the number of prizes available for give away this year.

If you have young people that have qualified for the Scholarship program by selling $2,500 in popcorn please remember to submit the required form to register them for this program. Additional sales each year can be credited so that their scholarship builds each year. What a great way to earn money for Scouting while ensuring that education is part of your Scout's future. Remember to attach copies of the sales forms to document the amount sold for qualification purposes.
New Employees Join Staff

We are pleased to welcome the following staff members to the Heart of America Council. As you see them in the field, please give them a great Kansas City welcome.

Jay Ritter began November 16 to fill the position of District Executive for the Pioneer Trails District.

Jay is a 2006 graduate of Missouri Valley College where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and a Criminal Justice Minor. In college, Jay was active as an English tutor and as Secretary of Sigma Tau Delta, an honorary fraternity. He was also Coeditor of the student newspaper, a Visiting Resource with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and was on the Dean’s List for eight semesters. Most recently, Jay has been employed as a Child Care Counselor with Butterfield Youth Services in Marshall, Missouri, where he served as a leader and role model for boys and young men ages 7-17. Personally, Jay is active in a variety of sports and in weight lifting.

Professionally, Jay is eager to contribute to the lives of others and make a positive difference through a career with the Boy Scouts of America. We look forward to Jay starting his new job on Thursday, joining Brian Tobler and Jeff Terrell in the Pioneer Trails District. Please welcome Jay Ritter!

Tiffany Bumgardner joined the staff on November 6 to serve as a District Executive for the Blue Elk District.

Tiffany is a 2006 graduate of Indiana University, where she received a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Affairs Management, with an emphasis in Non-profit Management. While there, Tiffany was also awarded certificates from American Humanics and IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs non-profit management.

Tiffany has four years of working experience with non-profits, including serving as Assistant Site Director of the Hamilton County YMCA in Fishers, Indiana; Program Specialist for Girls Incorporated of Indianapolis, Indiana; and on the staff of the American Humanics National Office in Kansas City. She has also served as an Intern with Children’s Miracle Network, where she managed fund-raising databases and assisted with its annual special event fund-raiser. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Lutheran Child and Family Services, Alzheimer’s Association, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society have also benefited from Tiffany’s volunteer time and talents.

Tiffany is a resident of Independence, Missouri and is looking forward to officially joining the Heart of America Council! Please extend a warm welcome to Tiffany!

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Friends of Scouting

Almost $1.8 million has been raised in 2006 though our Friends of Scouting efforts. We would like to thank each of you that invested in the programs of the Heart of America Council through this program. These dollars support 25% of our operations and go a long way to ensure quality programs for young people.

We begin our 2007 with a volunteer training for our campaign chairman on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Overland Park Sheraton. This will be a great night to train our volunteers and ensure that all are ready for the work ahead.

On January 31, 2007 the council will kick off our efforts at the Liberty Memorial. It will be a great evening with food and fellowship along with a private tour of the new Liberty Memorial WWI Museum. All are welcome to attend that are involved with raising dollars for the Boy Scouts of America. Please RSVP to Stephanie Neal at 816-569-4925 Once again thanks for volunteering your time to assist in the important endeavor.
OA Winter Banquet

The Order of the Arrow winter banquet will be held January 6, 2007 at Bartle Hall in Kansas City, MO. The evening begins with fellowship and chapter exhibits at 5:00, with dinner starting at 6:00. Dinner will be catered by Jack Stack BBQ. The cost of the event is $25.

Four Arrowman will be recognized as founders awards recipients, and the 2006 Vigil members will be presented.

Plan now on attending this event. Registration forms were distributed at roundtable and you can register online at www.hoac-bsa.org. If you have more questions please call Jonathan Bonness at (816) 569-4955.

Camp Staff Applications

Interested in working at camp this summer? The Heart of America Council has openings for the 2007 camping season. If you are fifteen years of age or older, you are encouraged to apply. Positions range from instructors teaching merit badges to business managers and health officers. Applications can be downloaded from the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources and forms. Applications submitted must be the current 2007 Application.

COPE/Climbing

There are a few openings for your troop to participate in a COPE or Climbing experience at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. If you or your unit are interested contact Steve Campbell at Camp Naish (913)422-1035 for a reservation.

Bear Resident Camp

Bear Resident Camp Online Sign-Up begins on Monday, January 8, 2007, at 8:30 am through February 4, 2007. There will be a link on the home page of the Council website, www.hoac-bsa.org. Reservations will be on a first come first serve method. Eligible participants will include Adults and Bear Cubs (Scouts who will enter the 3rd grade in fall 2007). The fee to attend Bear Resident Camp is $60.00 per Scout and leader. If your fee is paid to the Heart of America Council utilizing the online registration method on or by February 4, 2007 this discounted fee is $45.00. Listed below are the session dates for Bear Camp. Please contact your Den Leader, Cubmaster or Committee Chair on how to sign up to attend.

All participants at Bear Camp receive a mug, t-shirt and Bear Camp patch along with two days of program which include, building a wood project, outdoor cooking and the Pirate Ship water park. See you at camp!

- Session 1 July 5 - 7, 2007
- Session 2 July 8 - 10, 2007
- Session 3 July 12 - 14, 2007
- Session 4 July 15 - 17, 2007
- Session 5 July 19 - 21, 2007
- Session 6 July 22 - 24, 2007
- Session 7 July 26 - 28, 2007
- Session 8 July 29 – July 31, 2007
- Session 9 August 2 - 4, 2007
- Session 10 August 5 - 7, 2007
- Session 11 August 9 - 11, 2007

Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos Draw for the 2007 Camping Season will be held January 20, 2007 at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, 1100 Martinek Lane, Kansas City, KS. Specific times and locations have been mailed to Cubmasters and Committee Chairman.

Listed below are the 2007 Webelos Camp Sessions. Any registered Webelos Scout (including third grade graduates) may attend Webelos Camp. Webelos Camp is held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, and is a three-day, two-night experience. The program contains separate activities for first and second year Webelos.

The cost to attend Webelos Camp this year is $100.00 per Webelos Scout and $100.00 per full-time leader ($30.00 per reservation is due at draw; this amount is non-refundable.). This fee covers the cost of all patches for Scouts, program supplies, participation awards, meals, lodging, and insurance. Please note camp T-shirts are NOT included in the Webelos camp fee. Like Day Camp and Bear Camp, you must register to attend camp as a Pack, not individually. Additionally, adults attending Webelos Camp (full or part time) must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Boy Scout Camp

The 2007 Boy Scout Camp Draws for the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation have been held but it is not too late to still make your troops reservation.

To make your reservation, call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4930.

Do you want to go to camp?

Do you have a Scout in your troop that cannot attend camp with your troop, yet wants to go to camp? The Order of the Arrow is hosting a provisional Scouting unit at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation June 24 – June 30, 2007. Contact Christina Crandall at (816) 569-4930 for information on how to sign-up.

Camp Payments

The first 2007 Boy Scout Camp payment is due February 21, 2007. This payment should be ½ of your units balance. If you have any questions regarding your units Confirmation and Billing statement please call the Council Service Center at (816) 569-4930. Remember it is the Scout motto to “Be Prepared”, so don’t wait until the last minute.
MOS Tribal Council Recommendations Due

Service as a member of Mic-O-Say’s Tribal Council is an important camp leadership responsibility. While this responsibility is not given as recognition for past service, it is nonetheless reasonable, that an individual’s talents, abilities, dedication to, understanding of the Scouting principles and loyalty to the values and educational experiences of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, be examined to help determine the likelihood of success in this service role.

All Tribal Council Recommendations are due to the Council Service Center by March 1, 2007. Recommendations should only be the official form that can be found on the HOAC website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources or forms or at the Council Service Center. These forms have also been distributed at the December roundtables. If you have further questions please call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4930.

Training Development Conference

Are you a youth trainer, district trainer, council trainer, commissioner or any Scout leader who wants to learn to communicate ideas better? On Saturday, January 20, 2007 from 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. a Trainer Development Conference will be held at Yellow Roadways, 10990 Roe Ave, Shawnee Mission, KS. The cost for this conference is $10.00.

During this conference you will be taught:

- Basic principles of learning.
- Importance of good communication.
- Characteristics of a good trainer.
- The required steps of planning.
- The importance of training arrangements.
- Training methods.
- Training technology.
- Putting “Pizzazz” in training.
- And much more….

The deadline for registration is Friday, January 12, 2007. Please register online at www.hoac-bsa.org or you can register by visiting the Council Service Center. If you have any further questions please contact J. Britt Davis, HOAC Training Director at (816) 569-4924, jdavis@bsamail.org.

Volunteers wishing to join your District Training Team should visit with the District Training Chair at your monthly Roundtable.
TWIN RIVERS CAMPOREE

On October 20-21, 2006 the Twin Rivers District held its annual Fall Camporee at Shawnee Mission Park. The event was Co-chaired by Brock Guernsey and Duane Anderson who did an outstanding job putting together an AWESOME event.

On Friday night, an almost perfect night for camping, everyone enjoyed fellowship and cracker barrel around the warm glow of a campfire. Story-telling was the highlight of the evening when Buddy Burris started off with an open ended story that everyone got to add to as it went around the campfire. The imagination of some of our Scouts is really quite something!

On Saturday after breakfast, everyone met for a brief instruction lesson from Cory Dace and Stephanie Hahn from Total GPS Solutions and Garmin on the use of Global Positioning System (GPS). After dividing into three groups it was off to the woods for geocaching. In this activity, caches or locations are found by using the GPS units. The course had about 6 locations that covered about three miles.

Following an invigorating hike through the woods and some spirited geocaching we all met at Shelter #7 for lunch and to talk to other Scouts around the country on a Ham Radio. Special thanks to Scott Slocum for the use of his impressive radio set up.

After the Jamboree on the Air we all piled into cars for the short trip to the Radio Controlled airfield at Shawnee Mission Park. Craig Brown from the Shawnee Mission Radio Controlled Club and his buddies gave us a demonstration on radio controlled airplanes. Man, are those things realistic!

Thank you to everyone who helped plan and execute such an outstanding event. Everyone who braved the elements and came out and participated also deserves an “Atta-boy!” It is unlikely that anyone who participated will ever forget their experience.

CUB SCOUT OVERNIGHT

Can 100 people camping out at the same time and at the same place have fun? You bet they can! At the Twin Rivers District Cub Family Overnight at Lake Miola in Paola, Kansas on September 29-30, 2006 there was a good time had by all.

The event began on Friday night after everyone set up camp with Jim Burns conducting a great campfire program that involved everyone singing, telling stories and having some old fashioned good clean fun.

On Saturday, after a hearty breakfast the Cubs and their siblings enjoyed a morning of fun and games such as three legged soccer, kick ball, Frisbee golf, and for the less athletic- coloring.

Thank you to everyone who came and camped and especially to everyone who helped plan and put on the event.

ATTENTION NEW ADULT LEADERS

The Twin Rivers District would like to welcome all new adult leaders to the Scouting family. You are very fortunate to be a part of something special and one of the best districts in the council. One of our greatest assets is our people. If you have any questions don’t hesitate to ask any of the experienced Scouters you run into at Roundtable for answers. Remember, even an expert was a beginner once.

Speaking of Roundtable, plan to attend every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Paola United Methodist Church. You will find it to be time well spent. The Roundtables in the Twin Rivers District provide some of the funniest and best training available.

Also, check the schedule for training opportunities specific to your new position. Every boy deserves a trained leader. Plan to attend as soon as possible. Don’t forget that some training sessions such as Youth Protection and Fast Start are available online at the council’s web site. Much of the training offered by the B.S.A. has practical applications outside of Scouting as well.

Thank you for caring enough to make a difference in the lives of boys and young men. And again, welcome to the Great Twin Rivers District!

DISTRICT DINNER

Make plans to attend the Twin Rivers District Dinner sometime after the first of the year. Watch your e-mail, mailbox and the Twin Rivers page on the council web site for details.

Come out and meet the new district officers, fellowship with other Scouters, congratulate award recipients and at the very least, enjoy a good meal.
Friends of Scouting

As you all know, Friends of Scouting is an essential part of funding the operations of the Thunderbird District as well as the council. As beneficiaries of the services that FOS provides, your support is imperative to the continuation of the scouting movement. Please work with our Friends of Scouting volunteers who devote hours of their time, above and beyond their contributions to their units, to ensure that our annual campaign is a success.

If you have not signed up for an FOS presentation, please do so ASAP. Scheduling presentations during Blue and Golds and Courts of Honor is key to meeting your unit’s goal and ultimately the success of our campaign. With your support we can make our goal early. Thank you for your continued support.

For questions or to pledge a gift please contact: Steve York: 868-3346 slyldy@comcast.net or Josh Morales: 569-4961 jmorales@bsamail.org

Winter Patriot Games (Winter Camporee)

Mark your calendars for January 19-20th. Our winter camping event will have a “winter sports” theme this year. Jim Scalf and team have worked very hard to ensure the success of this event. Please register by the December Roundtable to help our planning.

Contact Jim Scalf for questions: 769-7495 jskcmo@comcast.net or Josh Morales: 569-4961 jmorales@bsamail.org

District Dinner

Please join us on Thursday, January 25th for our annual District Dinner. Social will begin at 6:00, followed by dinner at 6:30. As most of you know, district dinner is our formal, annual opportunity to recognize our volunteers who work very hard to make scouting a success throughout the year.

Call Jason Bledsoe for questions: 569-4984 jbledsoe@bsamail.org

Merit Badge Academy

Merit Badge Academy will be March 31st this year and will be held, once again, at Hickman Mills High School. Sign up early! This event fills up every year.

Call Ken Fuenfhausen for questions: (816) 529-2971 PointedGreenRock@aol.com or Jason Bledsoe: 569-4984 jbledsoe@bsamail.org

District Pinewood Derby

Cub Scouts (and parents), get ready to have some FUN at the Pinewood Derby this year!!! All cubs are encouraged to come (not just the winners of the pack races). So this will be a great second opportunity to modify, show off and race your cars again. There will also be lots of other games, contests and activities as well.

Registration for this event will begin at the December roundtable. Contact Mary Sheeley for questions: 223-9648 marysheeley@sbcglobal.net or Josh Morales: 569-4961 jmorales@bsamail.org

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7 District Commissioner Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Scout Service Center
14 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Scout Service Center

January
2 Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Hickman Mills H.S.
9 Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Scout Service Center
11 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Scout Service Center
19-20 Winter Patriot Games (Winter Camporee)
25 District Dinner
2007 Friends of Scouting Campaign

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Merit Badge Forum

The district Merit Badge Forum will take place on Saturday, January 20 and Saturday, February 17 at the Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe). Check in at 8:00 a.m. and first class begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration deadline is January 4 (no exceptions). Cost is $3.00 per scout. You can download registration forms and merit badge prerequisite information on the district web page at http://hoac-bsa.org/TH_Merit_Badge_Forum.cfm

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2006 DISTRICT AWARDS RECOGNITION DINNER

Get ready to attend the 2006 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2007. Make sure you have marked your calendars. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs. Gathering begins at 6:00 p.m. with buffet dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is $22 per person. To register for the dinner, sign up online at the district activities website at http://hoac-bsa.org/Thactivities.cfm

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It is time to begin scheduling a date for your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation. A great opportunity is at Courts of Honors and Blue and Gold Banquets. Presentations are brief and should not extend you agenda by more than 8 minutes. By presenting at well-attended events, we give the most families a chance to contribute. Thanks in advance for your support of this very important campaign which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to over 35,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council.

To schedule a unit presentation please contact, Dewey Barr at 816 569-4983 or debarr@bsamail.org. Now is the time to place this important program on your units schedule. Don't delay in sharing this with your unit committee.

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There is a 10-week Youth Police Academy that included visits to the Homicide Unit, Communications Unit, the Police Academy, and M.A.S.T.

After the Academy, I began attending the twice a month meetings. These meetings are ran by Police Officers that teach us how to write reports, how to conduct car stops, how to do building searches, and radio procedures. Going through these scenarios helps to teach us how to better handle situations with the insight of what Officers have dealt with in real life.

In addition to the monthly meetings I have helped with Police Department Promotions, Youth Academy Graduations, the Annual Night Out Against Crime and the Community Police Academy Graduation. I have had many great experiences by being involved with the Explorers Program. I have also had the opportunity to complete an Internship where I was able to go on ride-alongs with Patrol Officer and the K-9 Unit, follow Homicide Detectives and Domestic Violence Detectives for a day, and even fly in the Police Helicopter and see the Pilot Officer contacted me about getting involved in the program.

I recommend the Explorer Program for anyone who thinks that they might be interested in going into Law Enforcement. The Police Explorer Programs has taught me important decision making skills and the steps that are necessary to become a Police Officer.

**Kansas City Police Youth Academy Graduation & The KCPD EXPLORER POSTS 2963 and 2964**

The Learning for Life Program would like to congratulate the nineteen members of the Kansas City Youth Police Academy. Graduation took place on September 25th where 19 Kansas City youth completed the ten-week summer session of the KC Youth Police Academy. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize all the outstanding officers that have been involved in the Youth Police Academy and the Explorer Post. We recognize Chief James Corwin, Deputy Chief Kevin Masters, Captain Cheryl Rose, Officers Markus Smith, Jennifer Chronister, Mark Hockemeier, Jason White, Maximus Taylor, Bruce Stickler, and Julie Grote.

THE 2006 Graduates:

Marklo Baker, Cahuia Brown, Sherry Farrah, Keilen Garnett, Timasha Haliburton, Tyler Haney, Anthony Holmes, Satasha Holmes, Terrance Jones, Timillia Jones, Douglas Keech, David King, Keith Mitchell, Vincente Ojeda, Jordan Pope, Michael Scott, Reginald Simmons, Joshua Warren, and Storm Young
Happy Holidays

It is the holiday season and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a great New Year. It has been a great year of scouting in 2006. I hope everyone can take the time to spend some quality time with their family away from scouting and enjoy one another. Please be safe in your travels and recharge your batteries for 2007.

Quality District 2006

Congratulations to all! The Lone Bear District has achieved the status of Quality District. It has been about 6 years since this feat had last been accomplished. This takes a lot of work from everyone. Thank you for all you have done to make this possible and let's see if we make it happen again in 2007.

District Recognition Dinner Nominations

Nominations for the Award of Merit and the Silver Bear are due by the December Roundtable. This is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding leaders of the Lone Bear District. These awards will be presented at the Lone Bear District Recognition Dinner on Thursday, January 4th, 2007. For nomination forms and more information, please contact David Riker at 816-569-4974 or 800-776-1110 or e-mail driker@bsamail.org.

The Lone Bear Website

The Lone Bear web page has been updated and is readily accessible for everyone. Please make sure to take the time and surf through the pages and see what all is available. Most of the registration forms and other needed forms should be online for you to print off. If you see a mistake or would like to see something added such as an article or some pictures, please let me know. You can contact David Riker at 816-569-4974 or e-mail at driker@bsamail.org. The Lone Bear web page is www.hoac-bsa.org/Lone_Bear.cfm

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 Leaders and Cub Scout Leaders. We always have a good time and it would benefit your unit to have at least one adult leader present. All leaders are encouraged to join us to learn more about serving today’s youth. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information. For more information, contact David Riker 816-569-4974 or 800-776-1110 or e-mail driker@bsamail.org.

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 all are involved in exciting activities and are having lots of fun. Please send your monthly highlights and photos to David Riker at driker@bsamail.org. We will be sure to get your units story in this publication! We also encourage you to submit a story to your local newspaper. If published, please clip the article and mail a copy to Dave Riker for his file.

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Make a Difference!
Re-Charter

Re-charter Turn in will be on Thursday December 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be at Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church. If you have any questions or need help troubleshooting, please contact your unit commissioner or any of the Professional Staff at the Council office at 816-942-9333.

Klondike Derby

Cold weather camping is an exciting and vital part of the Scouting experience.

Klondike Derby in 2007 will once again be held at George Owens Nature Park in Independence. The event will begin on Friday, January 19th for those units wishing to camp on Friday night. The Derby is held on Saturday, January 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Troops wishing to camp on Saturday night will be allowed.

Don’t let the cold weather keep you from the Scouting experience!

Friends of Scouting

As we all know the Scouting program would not exist without the financial support of its members. The Blue Elk District has a strong history of making the program continue from a financial perspective and expectations are that it will continue in 2007. Please be sure your unit is signed up to have a Friends of Scouting Presentation. These presentations may take place at a Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or in a Committee Meeting. To sign up for a presentation for this year, please contact Bob Stikeleather at 816-796-8902 or Ross Pfannenstiel at 816-569-4964.

Volunteers needed with our Scoutreach Units

We are looking for a few volunteers to help facilitate our Scoutreach unit meetings. We have a few Packs that are in need of leadership. Anyone who is interested would need available time during the day, as many of these meetings take place between 3-4:30 pm. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact any of the Blue Elk District Professionals at 816-942-9333.

Scout Survey

We need your help! We want to know who makes up our District. Visit the District website at www.hoac-bsa.org/Blue_Elk.cfm and you will find links to our District survey. The survey will let us know who you are, what your interests are, your Scouting expertise, and other insight into you. Please take the time to download one of the survey’s, fill it out, and send it into the Council Service Center to the attention of the Blue Elk District.

Memorials

Though the fall is over and the main recruitment efforts are complete for most units, keep in mind that recruitment is a year round opportunity. A new boy can sign up at any time throughout the year, so keep your unit’s posters or recruitment materials visible in the community all year long. You never know when a future Eagle will come calling.

District Dinner

The 30th Annual Blue Elk District Dinner will be on February 3, 2007. District Dinner will be held at the Adam’s Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Paul Thompson will be our guest emcee. This is the time to recognize Eagle Scouts and adult Scouters for their tremendous efforts in the past year. Do not forget to nominate leaders for the Silent Service, Scouter Spirit, District Award of Merit, and Paul Arend Awards. Nomination forms are available online under Blue Elk District Activities. For more information please contact Scott Howell at 816-796-3747 or Kathryn Rajala at 816-569-4913.

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Personnel News

Kaw District would like to extend a sincere thank you to Doug Spangler and Susan Rodgers for their dedicated service as District Chairman and District Commissioner, respectively. Under their leadership, our district has seen a substantial growth in membership, camp registration, and total dollars raised to help fund these programs. Because of their passion for Scouting, thousands of youth can enjoy everything that the Scouting Program has to offer them. Doug and Susan exemplify service above self and will continue to serve our district in other capacities. Please join me in thanking them for their countless hours of service and for a job well done. We wish them the best!

As a result of the Annual Business Meeting, Kaw District would like to welcome Tom Cooley as the new District Chairman, Bob Euler as the new District Commissioner, and Mark Mitchell as a Member at Large. These men are no strangers to the Scouting Program in Leavenworth and Wyandotte Counties and are eager to pick up right where Doug and Susan left off. If you have any questions about the Nominating Committee or annual election process, please contact Charles Vonderheid, Dusty Boatright, or Khary Floyd.

Kaw District Popcorn 2007

Thank you to those units that made this year a huge success for Kaw District. We had a 30% increase in sales over last year (more than $110,000) and gave out over $36,000 in unit commissions! Remember, all money is due to the council no later than Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Kaw District would also like to thank the families in Troop 304 and Troop 574 for lending their Eagle Scouts to help with Popcorn Distribution at Harte Hanks on November 10th and 11th. If you have any questions concerning orders and order forms, please contact Khary Floyd at (816) 569 – 4965.

2007 Friends of Scouting

Maryann Neeland, Cubmaster of Pack 3109 in Leavenworth, will be our Family FOS Chair for 2007. Don’t forget to reserve some time at your Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor to watch the FOS presentation. Thank you to those Packs and Troops that have already contacted Dusty or Khary to get those scheduled. If you still need to reserve your spot, please contact Maryann Neeland at (913) 651-5575 or Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967.

District Recognition Dinner

Please reserve Saturday, January 27th for the Annual District Recognition Dinner to be held at the South Camp Dinining Hall in Camp Theodore Naish. The social gathering will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. and the dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $30 per person, but we are encouraged to make our reservations NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2007 to enjoy the event at $15 per person. A reservation flyer will be at the December 7th Roundtable and is also available on the hoacsbsa.org website under Kaw District. Donations (whether great or small) are being accepted to help sponsor dinners for all attending Eagle Scouts. Please give donations to Charles Vonderheid or Sharlet Untereiner.

Kaw District Events

December

7 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting/District Commissioners Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Rehm’s Park Southern Baptist Church Pratt Ave. & Garfield St. Bonner Springs, KS 66012
14 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St. Kansas City, KS.

January

4 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting/District Commissioner Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Rehm’s Park Southern Baptist Church Pratt Ave. & Garfield St. Bonner Springs, KS 66012
6 District Planning Conference; 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cabela’s, 1030 Cabela Drive Kansas City, KS 66111
11 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St. Kansas City, KS.
12-14 Klondike Derby; Fort Leavenworth Scout Area
27 Annual Recognition Dinner, 5:30p.m. South Camp Dining Hall, Naish
2006 has been another great year for Cub Scouting in the Big Muddy District! Again our district has seen a growth of over 10% in Cub Scouting for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all units that have had successful recruitments this fall. You are working hard to make a difference in your communities and it will pay off as we reach additional young people with our great programs. Remember, we need to follow up with each boy who has shown an interest in our program. Flyers and other support materials are available year round for those units who wish to host an open house or recruitment year round; not just in the fall. We want to give every boy who is interested in Scouting a chance to be a part of what we do! If you need any help or would like to do a follow up school night, please contact Grant Dealy at 1-800-776-1110 or at gdealy@bsamail.org.

Annual Business Meeting

On December 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., the Big Muddy District will hold its annual election at Dibbins Hall in Lexington to elect the members at large for the 2007 District Committee. All voting members of the district, including chartered organization representatives, district members at large, and any council members at large residing within the district are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you wish to nominate someone to the district committee, please send those nominations in writing to Big Muddy District Nominating Committee, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. All nominations must be received in writing at least two weeks prior to the district election for proper consideration.

District Dinner

This year’s district awards banquet will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at the Mushroom Patch Restaurant in Richmond at 6:30 p.m. Further information will be provided at the December and January Roundtables. If you would like to nominate anyone for one of the many awards presented that night including the Award of Merit, please contact Grant Dealy at gdealy@bsamail.org for the proper forms.

Fall Camporee

This year’s Fall camporee was hosted by the Big Muddy District Committee at Lions Club Lake in Lexington. Pioneering was the theme and every Troop that attended was responsible for creating some sort of pioneering project that would display their unit’s skills. It was a beautiful weekend; (except for Sunday!) and most of the troops were in attendance. Thanks again to all members of the district committee that were present and helped with the planning of this event, it was great!

Big Muddy District Events

December
5 Roundtable/District Christmas Party; 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, Lexington
7 District Annual Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Dibbins Hall, Lexington
13 District Commissioners Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Richmond Christian Church

January
2 Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, Lexington
4 District Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Dibbins Hall, Lexington
10 District Commissioners Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Richmond Christian Church
Cub Scout Overighter

The Cub Scout Overnight took place on September 29th at Camp Bromelsick. The kids had a blast camping, playing games, and hanging out with their families. The Cub Scout Overighter is designed to be a quick camping experience for all new boys that sign up in the fall. The Pelathe District opens their Overighter up to new and existing scouts. It’s a great event that all kids and parents enjoy!

Friends of Scouting

As the end of the year approaches please consider planning to support the Pelathe Districts Friends of Scouting campaign with a financial gift in 2007.

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

Sign Up for the Pelathe-L

The Pelathe District E-mail List Serve also known as The Pelathe-L, allows you to send an e-mail message to all who are signed up on the list, and lets you get information out quickly. It also lets you stay in touch and have up to date information.

Sign up by going to http://pelathe.lawrence.ks.us and clicking on the Subscribe/Unsubscribe link.

Cub Scout Family Campout

The second annual Cub Scout Family Campout was held at Camp Bromelsick on September 29-30th. This event was designed to give new Cub Scouts and their families a taste of what Scouting was all about. There was a campfire on Friday night with songs and skits. Some folks roasted marshmallows on the fire afterward. Saturday morning “Monster Eggs” was cooked for all the new scouts and their families. Many of the older scouts helped by setting up and hosting activities which included a BB gun range, and sling shots.

Thanks to all those who helped. Very Special thanks to Bruce Wagner, who coordinated the event.

Pelathe District Events

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Annual Business Meeting

The Trails West District will conduct its annual business meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 12th, 2006, Community Covenant Church, 15700 W. 87th Lenexa Kansas. Election of district officers will take place at that time. All voting members of the district, including Chartered Organizational Representatives, are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Send nominations to Trails West Nominating Committee, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. Nominations must be received no later than November 30th, 2006.

Cub Family Campout

Trails West held their Cub Scout Campout on September 29-30 at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm Historic Site in Olathe, KS. This year 14 cubs and their families attended our event and were treated to a campfire hosted by Troop 428. Saturday’s activities included live demonstrations by the Mahaffie volunteers and included a stagecoach for the scouts to explore, a working blacksmith shop and mountain men.

Information on the Web

The Trails West District Website is now up and running. Next time you are online take a minute and look at the District page www.hoac-bsa.org.

We are going to try to keep putting more 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.

Who Trainers The Trainers?

It’s a cool Saturday morning, and you’ve just entered a room where, over the next several hours, you will sit, stand, sing, watch videos and learn the ways and means to be an effective Cub Scout or Boy Scout leader. At the front of the room, instructing and guiding you in this learning experience stands a district trainer with perhaps one or two assistants. Using training guides, manuals and videos they impart all the knowledge they have to help you become the best trained adult leader you can be.

But how did these trainers become trained? Who trains the trainers?

The answer is actually quite simple - other trainers train them. Trainers learn to become trainers by hands-on experience. They learn by doing. Part of the process to become a “Certified Trainer” is to assist in at least (3) training sessions. Other requirements include attending Pow Wow (now called University of Scouting), Woodbadge, or other supplemental training courses, and completed Youth Protection and Fast Start. Another important part of becoming “certified” is to attend the Trainer Development Conference (TDC) held at least once a year by the council. (Check the council website for current TDC schedule.)

The TDC is a day long training session in the various aspects of leading a session. Here you will learn the basic principles of learning, the importance of good communication, the characteristics of a good trainer, the required steps of planning, training methods and technology. But these topics only touch the surface of what you learn at the TDC. One of the most important aspects of any training session is interaction with other leaders…and fun.

The whole purpose of meetings, any meetings, whether it is Pack Meetings, Troop Meetings, Roundtable or Training sessions, is to have fun while you learn. An effective trainer tries to incorporate a little fun into every session because, let’s face it, sitting in a classroom for half a day can get pretty boring. Hopefully, your trainer will have some fun interspersed throughout the session, whether it is a joke, song, interactive game or story. You will be more apt to retain what you are learning if you had fun doing it.

And training can be a fun and rewarding experience! Helping to develop our adult leaders so they can be more effective at their positions is a great way to help scouting. There is a saying I’m sure you’ve heard many times: EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER! How very true. Even if you are not an active leader in your unit, don’t you want your son to have the best possible scouting experience? Don’t you want them to have fun while learning how to be a respected member of the community?

This is best accomplished through trained leaders. And the best way to become a trained leader is to take the classes required for your current scout position from a trained trainer. Better yet!! Become a trainer yourself!!! We’ll get you set up in no time, and before you know it, you will be one of those leaders wearing the special “Certified Trainer” council patches. I have one just waiting for you. If interested, please contact me. And while you’re at it, take a look at the various training sessions scheduled in the area. See you at a training session soon.

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District Events

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12 District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W. 87, Lenexa
18 District Commissioner Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W. 87, Lenexa

January

4 Roundtable, Community Covenant Church: 7:00 p.m., 15700 W. 87, Lenexa
9 District Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W. 87, Lenexa
16 District Commissioner Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 15700 W. 87, Lenexa
20 District Recognition Dinner: 6:00 p.m., Atonement Lutheran Church
Congratulations!

Congratulations to John Burwell and Jeff Adams for being named Scout of the Month at the September and October Roundtables. Thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your units, your District, and your Council!!

Dr. Norman A. Smith, Jr. became the Bo Qui Chapter’s newest Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow at the Vigil Banquet weekend. Congratulations and well done!!

The Heart of America Council presented the Silver Beaver award to North Star Scouters Jill Cook and Steve Crain at the Council Recognition Dinner. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor a council can bestow upon a volunteer. This award is given by the National Court of Honor for distinguished service to youth within a council’s service area. Congratulations and thank you for all you do for Scouting!! You can check out the entire list of Silver Beaver recipients by going to the link below. http://hoac-bsa.org/AnnRecogDinner.cfm

NEW Cub Scout Overnight

The Cub Scout Family Campout was held September 29 and 30 at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake. Over 250 New Cubs and family members participated in this great event.

Thanks go to John Burwell, Activities Chair, Russell Downing, Membership Chair, Willy Mead, Day Camp Program Director and Jon Geiger, Sr. District Executive and their staff for planning and executing this very successful event.

Thanks!!

A special thank you goes to Russell Downing, Membership Chair and all of the Membership Committee, along with all the coordinators, organizers and unit contacts that worked so hard on the Back to School Nights this fall that brought over 775 new Cubs thus far into the North Star District!

Upcoming Training

Monthly training opportunities at each month’s Roundtable include Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials and Merit Badge Counselor Training. Don’t forget Youth Protection and Fast Start training can be done on-line (link at end of section).

Cub Scout Leader training opportunities - check the North Star Training webpage for details or contact Karen Hatcher at 891-9429. Boy Scout Leader Training opportunities - check the North Star Training webpage for details or contact John Cookingham at 587-1695. Venturing Leader Training opportunities - check the North Star Training webpage for details or contact Mark Hatcher at 891-9429. Fast Start, Youth Protection, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training courses are available on-line. Check these out and all up-to-date information on available training courses at your North Star District Training page: http://hoac-bsa.org/nstraining.cfm

New Re-Chartering Date

The Heart of America Council has changed the re-chartering dates for many of the districts and the North Star District re-charters this year effective December 31, 2006.

Klondike Derby

It’s not too late to register for Klondike Derby, to be held at Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake on January 20. More information will be available at Roundtable and on-line at the North Star District Activities web page: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm

District Awards Dinner

The Internationally Famous North Star District Awards Dinner will take place Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the KCI Marriott. The highlights include the presentation of the District Awards of Merit, the Virgil Bower Unit Leader Award and the Outstanding Unit of the Year Awards. The nomination forms for those awards are due by December 1st and they, along with the listings of previous recipients are available on the North Star District Advance ment and Awards web page: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsadv.cfm

Cub Scout Day Camp

“Adventures in Time”

It will soon be time to sign up your Pack for the 2007 Cub Scout Day Camp to be held June 4-7 at the Platte County Fairgrounds in Tracy, MO. It promises to be another great time for all Cub Scouts! Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos. 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.

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, rocknrat@sbeglom.net, or Matt Armstrong, District Executive at 816-569-4978, marmstro@bsamail.org.

North Star District Events

December
7 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., PWUMC, 7310 NW Prairie View. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection, Merit Badge Counselor Tng., OA Chapter Mtg.
12 District Committee Meeting/Annual Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
14 Commissioner Staff Meeting , 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion

January
4 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., 7310 NW Prairie View. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection, Merit Badge Counselor Tng., OA Chapter Mtg.
9 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
11 Commissioner Staff Meeting; 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion
20 Cub Scout Leader Training; 8:30 a.m., Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd Street
20 Klondike Derby; Kelsey Short Youth Camp, Smithville Lake
27 District Committee Planning Meeting
27 District Awards Dinner

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2007 RECHARTERING

All recharter information was distributed at the November Roundtable. If you have not received your information, please contact Cortland Bolles, District Executive, immediately. Online rechartering will go active on December 1, 2006 for all units in Northern Tier District. It is vital that you go through the recharter process in a timely and accurate manner. Remember, there are several steps you have to complete once you have submitted the recharter online. If you have any questions, please contact your Unit Commissioner for help. ALL UNIT RECHARTERS ARE DUE IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE BY MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2007!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

We are currently working hard to get every Unit Family Friends of Scouting presentation scheduled by the end of December. Keep in mind, you can schedule your presentation through March 2007, but we need to know as soon as possible when your unit will conduct its presentation. We missed our Family Goal last year and we don’t want that to happen again this year. You can help us make our goal this year by scheduling your presentation now! To help out with this campaign and schedule your unit presentation now, contact Steve Brady, Family FOS Chairman, at (913) 362-8441 or Cortland Bolles at (816) 569-4918.

DISTRICT DINNER AND DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

On January 27, 2007 at 6:30 PM, Northern Tier District will hold its Annual District Dinner and Recognition Event. If you haven’t gotten any information yet, registration information is available at Roundtable and on the website. Please make your reservations NOW for this important evening. Award nominations for the District Award of Merit and Outstanding Leader Awards are available online and at Roundtable and the office. The highlight of the evening, we will recognize leaders throughout our district for the dedicated work they do to improve Scouting in their units, the district and the council. Plan now to be there to celebrate with all your Scouting friends.

WEBELOS ON WHEELS

February 10, 2007 marks the date for Webelos on Wheels. Your Webelos will have the opportunity to participate in some exciting science activities while completing some of the requirements needed to earn the Scientist Activity Pin. Make sure you are planning on coming out for a Saturday of fun and learning, and bring your Webelos too!

MERIT BADGE FORUM / SCOUTMASTER TRAINING

On February 24, we will hold the first of two days of the Northern Tier District Merit Badge Forum and Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Training. We will be at Mill Valley High School, a new location for many of you! The second day will be conducted on March 31. Talk to your Scouts and new leaders now. Make sure everyone takes advantage of this offering.

POPCORN

Congratulations to all of our units who participated in the Popcorn Sale in 2006! Your efforts sold several thousand dollars worth of popcorn, with more than 70% of that staying here in Northern Tier in our units and to help with necessary Council Operations! Thanks go to Doug Lenhart, Popcorn Chair, and his team for a job well done! Thanks for your commitment to this vital program!

DAY CAMP

Adventures in Time! Day Camp is here and the theme is Adventure in Time. Now is the time to start planning for Day Camp. We will hold Day Camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 11-15. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sulz, Day Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824 or Shane St. Clair at (913) 248-1125.

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Training: A Great Success…

I would like to congratulate the Pioneer Trails training team on a job well done. This year we had the challenge of holding trainings almost every week. Our training team stepped up and did a great job. We would also like to say thank you to the people who came out and received the best training in the council. Your boys will benefit greatly. If you missed any of these trainings but still have the need to be trained, contact Norm Kahn at (913) 341-4792. Remember, Youth Protection Training is available at every roundtable. Please call Brian Tobler at (816) 569-4985, if you or anyone in your unit needs to be Youth Protection trained.

Pioneer Trails District Dinner

Make plans now to attend this years District Dinner, where we recognize the volunteers who have made a difference in Pioneer Trails in 2006. George Weaver will spearhead this event, which will take place at Colonial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 3rd of 2007. Make reservations now to attend this esteemed event. All honored volunteers are from our district, so come out and show your support. You won’t want to miss our 2006 Awards of Merit presentation!

Membership: It’s Not Too Late…

Now is as great opportunity to offer the Scouting program to more boys in you neighborhood! Little league soccer and football seasons are quickly coming to a close, let’s keep those kids busy and get them in your pack. A holiday party inviting kids out to show them all the fun that goes on in Cub Scouts is a good recruitment idea. Our goal is to focus on the first through fifth graders. We still have flyers and posters to aid you in your recruiting efforts. Feel free to call on your district executives for assistance. Remember, the best time of the year to recruit youth is NOW! For those who have applications, please get those applications to the Pioneer Trails executive staff ASAP!

IRS Campus Opening

On Monday, October 16, 2006, Troop 27 of the Covenant Presbyterian Church served as the color guard for the ribbon cutting ceremony that combined the three separate IRS facilities located in Overland Park and Kansas City into the one mega campus near Union Station. It is estimated that the campus will hold 5,000 plus employees. The members of the color guard were SPL Life Scout Nicholas Jackson, who also gave instructions to the audience regarding the appropriate flag ceremony etiquette, Star Scouts Akem and Samir Clark, Auston LeBlanc, and 1st class Demarco Killingsworth.

Advancement: Merit Badge Academy…

Here is your chance to acquire several of those merit badges you’ve been waiting for. On January 20, 2007 your Scouts will be able to earn a variety of merit badges being offered at this year’s MBA. Many prerequisites are required before coming to the event so planning is a must! Additional information will be available at roundtable or contact Pat Parks at (816) 523-6382.
Searching...

We are searching for Eagle Scouts!

Your help is needed in finding lost Eagles. We want to locate as many as possible of the nearly 42,000 Eagle Scouts of the Heart of America Council dating clear back to the year 1920. We also want those Scouters whom have earned the Eagle Scout Rank outside of the Heart of America Council.

Please e-mail eaglescouts@bsamail.org a list of your Eagles’ names, address (street address, city, state and zip), phone number, email addresses, the year the Eagle was received, and the troop number and city where the Eagle was earned. Please also include any Scouters associated with your unit that earned the Eagle rank outside of the Heart of America Council.