“RECRUITING ALL BOY SCOUTS”
(ALL OTHER SCOUTS ARE ALSO INCLUDED)

Saturday, April 12th, 7:00pm
Kansas City Wizards vs. Houston Dynamo
Location: CommunityAmerica Ballpark at the Legends in Kansas City, KS

SPECIAL OFFER
ALL NEW BOY SCOUTS recruited in 2008 will receive (1) complimentary ticket
ANY BOY SCOUT THAT RECRUITED A NEW MEMBER IN 2008 will receive (1) complimentary ticket

Additional Tickets:  
Bleacher Seat: $15
Grass Berm Seat: $10

Deadline to purchase: April 4th @ 5:30pm

Troop/Scout Leader: Scout’s Name: Recruit’s Name:

Please Call-in Credit Card Orders Make Checks Payable to: Kansas City Wizards

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Zach DuBois didn’t plan on saving his brother’s life, but when he saw his brother Austin fall into the water at their grandparents’ pond two years ago, it was instinctive to jump in and save him.

It was Zach’s courage in saving his brother that was highlighted on Nov. 20 at a Louisburg Boy Scout gathering at Louisburg Middle School. He was presented with the Boy Scouts of America Heroism Award, a national award given to a Scout who has demonstrated heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life.

“This is not very common,” Gordon Corcoran, Twin Rivers district executive, told a crowd of about 100 Scouts and their families. “It’s the first time I’ve ever seen it given.”

Corcoran presented a certificate while Zach’s father pinned the medal on him. The rest of the family, Austin and their mother, Jenny, stood proud on stage, while Zach read his account of what happened.

On Mother’s Day weekend in 2006, Zach, Austin and their father, Mike, went fishing at a family pond in Archie, Mo.

“He did three casts and (Austin) got tired, so he said, ‘I’m going to look at the fish,’” Zach said.

“The next thing I knew Austin was screaming and crying,” Zach said. “I jumped in … and he grabbed my hand, and I pulled him up as far as I could, but it wasn’t enough.”

“I was worried and scared because my dad couldn’t hear me,” Zach, who was 8 at the time, said. Moments later, the boys’ dad, Mike, saw them, and helped them out of the pond.

For Jenny DuBois, who was out of town at a friend’s birthday that weekend, the “Happy Mother’s Day” phone call she expected to get was a little different that year.

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April is Youth Protection Month

In response to the staggering increase in child abuse each year and as a part of a continued effort to educate youth and adults to recognize and report child abuse, the Boy Scouts of America is recognizing April as Youth Protection Month.

The policies and programs of the BSA are designed to eliminate any opportunity for child abuse within the Scouting program. Policies related to leadership selection and the imposition of barriers protects youth members and help to ensure that their Scouting experience is a positive one.

High quality leadership strengthens our program in addition to addressing the safety of our youth members. Positive adult role models are important in the life of a child. As youth, we learn appropriate behavior based, in part, by the actions of those around us. The examples set by adult leaders help young people understand constructive behavior.

Policies such as two deep leadership, no one-on-one contact and the “rule of four” provide mentoring opportunities in addition to protecting everyone involved. Requiring participants to be properly prepared for high-adventure activities ensures that participants have the knowledge, equipment, and physical ability to enjoy exciting programs in potentially challenging environments.

Parents should be involved with their son’s Scouting activities. All Scouting programs are open to all parents and leaders. This not only strengthens relationships and understanding of the Scouting, but also serves a barrier of protection for youth members.

All parents receive important information about the Scouting program as a part of their son’s application process. This information helps them to identify if there are deviations from BSA policies and procedures.

The BSA continues to develop material designed to address the youth protection issue. These help youth better understand the dangers that exist and how they can protect themselves. Materials designed for adults help them better relate to children and detect or address potential problems. Parents receive information as a part of the registration process and are encouraged to have discussions with their children. All handbooks have an insert designed to help with this process.

Materials are designed to educate youth members as well. The Power Pack Pals series is appropriate for Cub Scouts, boys ages 6 to 10, and address a variety of youth protection issues. A series of age-appropriate videos on child abuse prevention help young people of all ages recognize dangerous situations and avoid becoming victims. “It Happened to Me” is for Cub Scouts to view with a parent or guardian. “A Time to Tell” is for Boy Scouts, boys ages 11 to 14. A third video, “Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness,” is for any young person in the 14 to 20 age range. All these materials are available through the Council Service Center at (816) 942-9333 or 1-800-776-1110. The Boy Scouts of America helps young people develop positive attributes related to character, citizenship and personal fitness. Vigilantly addressing issues related to youth protection makes us a stronger organization and most importantly, ensures that youth member participate in positive activities that prepare them to realize their full potential in later life as adults.
Council News

Mark Elkins, Troop 10
Philmont Staff Scholarship

Donors from Troop 10 and other interested individuals established a scholarship to support Heart of America Council Eagle Scouts and female Venturers who work on the staff of Philmont Scout Ranch. This scholarship supplements the staff member’s salary and is used to support post high school educational endeavors such as college. The scholarship is paid directly to the recipient’s school and can be used for their tuition, books, supplies and/or room and board. The scholarships awarded are currently between $1,500 and $2,000 and is not taxed.

Requirements
All applicants must:
• Earn the rank of Eagle Scout through the Heart of America Council BSA, or a female Venturer earning one of the Venturing Awards or the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts.
• Be accepted to serve on staff at the Philmont Scout Ranch for the current season and complete the term of their employment contract.
• Be a high school graduate and accepted to attend college or another approved educational program in the fall after working at Philmont.
• Have maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA while in high school and if applicable, a minimum 3.0 cumulative college GPA.
• Have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting.
• Write a 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 page of the application. This is the only endorsement required. Endorsements from teachers, counselors, etc., should not be included.

Procedures
Applicants applying for a scholarship must:
• Complete and submit the scholarship application. Copies are available at www.hoac-bsa.org or by calling (816) 569-4979.
• Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, August 30.
• Use only the pages provided, any attached materials will not be considered.

Submit all five pages of the completed application at one time. This will ensure that all items are available for review at the same time.

You must send or deliver original copies of complete applications to Heart of America Council, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO, 64131 (FAXES not accepted).

Applications become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant.

The selection committee will, in writing, inform all applicants of its decision by October 15. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the recipient’s School by November 15.

For additional information on the scholarship please contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services, at (816) 569-4979.

Policy on Participation in Political Events

Since this is a presidential election year, it is a good time to restate the BSA's long-standing policy regarding the participation of Scouts in political rallies and other political events.

Uniformed unit members and leaders may participate in flag ceremonies at political events and may lead the Pledge of Allegiance; however, they should retire after the ceremony and not remain on the speakers’ platform or in a conspicuous location where television viewers could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support. In addition, photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind.

Volunteers and professionals must be alert to situations that would imply that the BSA favors one candidate over another. Strict observance of our long-standing policy against the active participation of uniformed Scouts and leaders in political events is mandatory.
What Parents Look for in a Youth Program

As a part of the National Council strategic plan, studies were conducted to explore the needs and expectations of the fastest growing demographic groups in the United States. This is a condensed summary of what focus groups found important.

Safety. All parents want a safe environment for their children. To reassure parents consider:
• Providing bios of all leaders so the parents can get to know more about who is working with their child.
• Inform parents that adult leaders go through background checks and those with a criminal background are not allowed to participate.
• Invite parents to participate in activities and encourage them to become registered members.
• Encourage parents to read and discuss the Youth Protection materials included in every handbook with their children.

Confidence. All parents want their children to build confidence and self-esteem through their activities. To explain how Scouting helps:
• Highlight the achievements that youth can earn in Scouting. Keep this specific to the program in which the child is enrolled.
• Inform parents about leadership opportunities that can build confidence.

Success. All parents want their children to be successful in life. How parents define success was slightly different by ethnicity:
• African American parents generally define success as becoming an upstanding member of the community. Highlight how Scouting builds good citizens, involves youth in community service and teaches respect, responsibility, and reinforces values.
• Hispanic/Latino parents generally define success as retaining close ties to the family. Highlight how Scouting encourages family involvement, teaches respect, responsibility, and reinforces values.
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New Boy Scout Advancement Requirements

Several Boy Scout rank requirements have been updated for 2008. The new editions of the Boy Scout Handbook and 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book will be available in Scout shops very soon. On pages 6 and 7 you will find the updated requirements.

First Class

First Class requirement 12 is new. It reads: Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to the use of the Internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.

Computers allow access to a vast amount of knowledge. By logging onto the Internet, you can contact sources of information around the world and download material about any subject. You might already be using the Internet for schoolwork, hobbies, or simply for enjoyment. You can also develop online friendships with Scouts anywhere on the globe.

For all of its benefits, though, the Internet can also present hazards you should know about and avoid. Most people using the Internet are friendly and honest. However, there are some who use the Internet to take advantage of others. There are also Web sites with content that is unsuitable for young people. Use the following guidelines to protect your privacy and gain the most good from your time online.

Whenever you go online: (1) Don’t respond to inappropriate messages or Web sites. If you stumble across information or images that you don’t understand, it’s OK to talk about it with your parent or guardian; (2) Don’t share information such as your address, telephone number, school name, or your parents’ work address or telephone number, and never send any photos via the Internet unless you have permission; (3) Never agree to meet anyone who has contacted you online unless your parent or guardian goes with you.

Another hazard of the Internet is called the cyberbully. A cyberbully uses electronic communications such as the Internet to harass, threaten, and harm others. Some tactics that cyberbullies use include dissing (spreading damaging gossip about a person), harassment (repeatedly sending hateful messages), and impersonation (pretending to be someone else and posting damaging information to harm another’s reputation).

If you feel you are the victim of a cyberbully, do not retaliate. Ask the cyberbully to stop. Do not make your message aggressive or emotional. Let the bull know that you will take other steps if the abuse does not stop. If that does not help, tell your parent or guardian right away. Cyberbullies can’t be seen when they are online; this gives them a false sense of security. That they don’t know is that they can be found out, caught, and even punished.

The best way to protect yourself is to be a good online citizen. Don’t post information that could be used against you or other people. Stay away from sites that tolerate and encourage bullying. Be kind online.

InkjetCollect Recycling Program Update

The inkjet and toner empty cartridge industry changed drastically during late 2007. In spite of declining prices the InkjetCollect recycling program continued because of the importance of recycling and the commitment to preserving the environment.

As a result of the overall reduction of prices, InkjetCollect can no longer pay for the cartridges that they receive. They do however hope that you continue to send them your empty cartridges since the program is based on protecting the environment.

In 2007 InkjetCollect recycled over 200,000 cartridges and will continue to do so as long as you continue to send them empty inkjet cartridges. They will provide prepaid mailing labels in order to make your recycling program as easy as possible. To have mailing labels sent to you for recycling call (800) 494-9100 or email them at empties@inkjetcollect.com.

Program Aides Needed

Part-time positions are available for any person 21 years and over with good people skills and a desire to mentor young people. A positive attitude, self-confidence, and an energetic personality are essential for the successful applicant. Experience with the Boy Scout program is helpful, but not necessary because we offer training. The position will require some days, evenings, and weekends. Job duties include delivering the Scouting program to boys in the urban core of Kansas City, KS, or Kansas City, MO, and managing a weekly meeting with Scouts. The hourly wage is $9.00 per hour.

Send all inquiries to Charles Vonderheid, c/o Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131 or call (816) 569-4949, cvonderh@bsamail.org.
Second Class

Second Class requirement 8b is new. It reads: Explain the three R’s of personal safety and protection.

Be aware of the three R’s to help ensure your personal safety and to help protect yourself.
- **Recognize** that anyone could be a child molester. Child molesters can be very skilled at influencing children, so be aware of situations that could lead to abuse.
- **Resist** advances made by child molesters to avoid being abused. Just say no, and don’t be embarrassed to run away, scream, or cause a commotion.
- **Report** any molestation or attempted molestation to parents or other trusted adults. Anytime someone does something to you that your instincts tell you is wrong, or that makes you feel threatened or uncomfortable, tell someone you trust. It’s OK to ask for help.

Most relationships with others can be warm and open. That is because they are built on trust. A pat on the back, a hug of encouragement, or a firm handshake are ways we can show people we care about them. However, it is a sad fact that some adults and teenagers use their size and their power over others to abuse them. You need to know about abuse so that you will understand what to do if you are ever threatened.

Those who abuse young people know they are doing something wrong. They usually try to keep their actions a secret from other adults. They might frighten their victims to prevent them from telling anyone what is happening. They might try to make the abused person feel that he or she is to blame.

No one should live in fear of abuse. You do not have to let people touch you in ways you find uncomfortable. If you are ever asked to do something you know is wrong, you have the right to refuse.

**Protecting Yourself From Sexual Abuse**

Most sexual abuse can be prevented if you know what to do. Remember these three R’s:
- **Recognize**. Recognizing a situation that could become sexual abuse can help you get away before you are in serious danger.
- **Resist**. People who sexually abuse young people are called molesters. Most often, the molester is known by his or her victim. The molester might be anyone—a family member, schoolteacher, religious leader, or youth group leader.

An adult attempting sexual abuse might be touching you in ways that are confusing. He or she might try to touch your groin area and pretend it was an accident. You might be asked to pose for photographs in your underwear or swimming suit, and then in no clothing at all.

Some adults or older youths might try to use your natural curiosity about sex as an opportunity to attempt sexual abuse. Sex is a normal bodily function you need to understand. Be on guard around anyone who makes it seem dirty or secretive.

- **Resist** if anyone ever attempts to do something to your body that makes you feel bad or that you know is wrong, you have the right to stop them. Run, shout, or make a scene in public to protect yourself. Faced with resistance, most molesters will back off.

- **Report**. Anytime you believe that someone has tried to abuse you or someone else, report it. Talk to a trusted adult or call an abuse hot line— you can get the number from the phone book or by dialing an operator. Abuse is an adult-sized problem. By talking about it with adults, you can let them solve it.

For more information on dealing with abuse, you and your parents or guardian can read together the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide, found inside the cover of your Boy Scout Handbook.

Tenderfoot

Tenderfoot requirement 9b has changed. It now reads: Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.

The buddy system is a way for Scouts to look after one another, especially during outdoor adventures. When your troop goes swimming, for example, each Scout will be assigned a buddy. You need to know what your buddy is up to, and he knows at all times where you are and how you are doing. Now and then a Scout leader might call for a buddy check. That means you must immediately hold up the hand of your buddy. If anyone is missing, everyone will know it right away. The buddy system should always be used when a troop or patrol is hiking, camping, and participating in any aquatics activities. It’s a way of sharing the good times and preventing the bad. You can use the buddy system when you go places in your community, as well, to help keep yourself and your buddies safe.

A bully is someone who wants to hurt another person. Bullying can be physical, verbal, emotional, social, behavioral, or any combination. Bullying can also take place just about anywhere: on the bus, at school, at soccer practice, even online, via the Internet. However, bullying can be stopped. Help put an end to the bullying by taking action first yourself.

- If ignoring the bully doesn’t work, stand up for yourself with words. Rehearse what you want to say so that you will feel in control of your emotions when you confront the bully.
- Tell the bully how hurtful it feels to be bullied, and ask why you are the target. Ask the bully to stop.
- Sometimes, agreeing with the bully and having a ready response will work (“So what if I have a face full of zits. What’s it to you?”)
- Hang out with a couple of friends; try not to be alone.
- Tell an adult you trust, such as a parent, teacher, or coach.

**Tenderfoot requirement 12a has changed. It now reads: Demonstrate how to care for someone who is choking.**

During a meal, a man lurches from his chair and clutches his throat. His face turns red and he seems unable to breathe. Ask, “Are you choking?” If the victim nods yes and he cannot speak, cough, or breathe, perform back blows and abdominal thrusts. Do not interfere with a person who is conscious and can speak, cough, or breathe. He is still getting air into his lungs. Encourage him to cough up the object, and be ready to administer first aid if it is needed. Have someone call for help. Food caught in the throat is like a cork stuck in the neck of a plastic bottle. Nothing can get in, but squeeze the bottle the right way and the cork will pop out. That’s the principle behind using back blows and abdominal thrusts. Here’s how to do it:

1. **If the child or adult is conscious, give a series of five back blows.** From behind, place one arm across the person’s chest and lean forward. Firmly strike the person’s back with the palm of your hand. Follow the five back blows with abdominal thrusts as described in steps 2 and 3.
2. **Stand behind the victim.** Put your arms around the waist and clasp your hands together. The knuckle of one thumb should be just above the victim’s navel but below the rib cage.
3. **Thrust your clasped hands inward and upward with enough force to pop loose the obstruction.**
4. **Repeat steps 1 through 3 until the obstruction clears or medical help arrives.**

   If a choking person is very large or has lost consciousness, use this method:

   1. Lay him on the floor and sit straddling his thighs.
   2. Place the heel of one hand on the victim’s upper abdomen, slightly above his navel but below the rib cage.
   3. Place your other hand on top of the first and press upward with quick thrusts.
   4. With your index finger, probe the mouth of an unconscious victim to remove any obstructions. Be ready to start rescue breathing.
   5. Repeat this procedure until the obstruction pops loose or medical help arrives.

If you ever choke on food and cannot breathe, clutch your throat with your hand. That’s the universal sign for choking, and it might bring someone to your aid. If there is no one nearby, perform the abdominal thrusts on yourself by pulling your fist into your upper abdomen, or you can bend over the back of a chair and force it against your belly. Thrusts to the abdomen can cause rib fractures and other injuries. Use only mannequins or other training devices to practice or demonstrate abdominal thrusts.
Do you want to go to camp?

Do you have a Scout who 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 22 – 28, 2008. Contact Christina Crandall at (816) 569-4930 for information on how to sign-up.

Bear Resident 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 Christi Leewright, (816) 569-4928, for the latest openings and to sign-up. The cost to attend Bear Camp is $60.00 per person. Plan now to attend with your son!

Spring Inductions

There are six opportunities to be inducted into Tamegonit Lodge this year. The spring dates are May 2-4 and May 16-18 at Camp Naish. Registration forms were distributed at Roundtable and are also available online.

2008 HOAC High Adventure Opportunities

The Philmont Draw for the HOAC Council Contingent will be held May 21, 2008, 7:00 pm 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 you unit must be in attendance. For more information please call Britt Davis at (816) 569-4924 or email him at jDavis@bsamail.org.

Webelos Resident Camp

There is space available in Session 2 (July 6-8), Session 8 (July 27-29), Session 10 (August 3-5), and Session 11 (August 7-9) for your pack to attend camp this summer. The deposit of $30.00 is due at registration. The balance of the camp fee is due by May 7, 2008. Leader orientation meetings are scheduled for April 24 and 25, both start at 7:00 pm.

For location details visit www.hoac-bsa.org. Plan to attend one of these meetings to receive the latest camp updates.

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting invites all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders to this outstanding supplemental training event. Be a “student” again with several hundred of your closest friends and join in the fun and fellowship of this outstanding training opportunity.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 8, 2008. This is an event you will NOT want to miss! See you all there.

2008 Cub Scout Day Camp - "Spy Cubs"

Day camp dates and locations are listed on page 9. Visit your district’s webpage, or Adventures in Scouting page for more details regarding your district’s camp.

Day Camp will cost $45.00 per Scout through April 9, 2008. On April 10, 2008 the fee is $60.00. For any new Cub Scout joining after that day or new Tiger Cubs who finished their kindergarten year in 2008 the cost will be $45.00. Scouts that are added at camp will be charged $65.00.

EVERY SEASON STARTS AT DICK’S.

Stop by any Dick’s location to receive your Scout Packet with special discounts on everything you need for the Great Outdoors.
Brownsea

Brownsea is an intensive, seven-day outdoor training experience for youth 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 15, 2008 to June 20, 2008. Brownsea Training gives participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program. This training introduces the eleven skills of leadership and helps to relate these skills to troop responsibilities. Scouts will experience Scouting at its best. Registration forms and online registration are available on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Final Camp Fee Payment Dates

Day Camp – April 9, 2008
Boy Scout Camp – April 23, 2008
Webelos Resident Camp – May 7, 2008
Rotary Scout Camp – July 31, 2008
Venturing Camp – April 30, 2008

All payments should be made payable to and mailed to: Heart of America Council, BSA PO Box 414177 Kansas City, MO 64141-4177

Include your unit number and which camp you are attending, example: “Webelos Camp Pack 1234” in the memo line.

Wood Badge for the 21st Century

You are invited to attend the 2008 Wood Badge Course for the 21st Century Scouter. This training experience is open to all adult Scouters who are not Wood Badge trained. The 2008 course will be held on two weekends. The first weekend will be at Rotary Youth Camp, September 12, 2008, 7:30 am – September 14, 2008, 5:00 pm. The second weekend will be at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, October 3, 2008, 7:30 am – October 5, 2008 5:00 pm.

Wood Badge training is an experience like no other!!! You will take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors. This training is a once in a lifetime experience with other Scouters from the area. You are not required to have camping or other Scout-craft skills in order to enjoy the ultimate training experience. You must be trained in your current registered position. The objective of the course is to help you learn to be a more effective leader. You will enjoy a professional environment with experienced trainers using effective training techniques and materials. You will learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to its maximum potential, while having FUN!

For more information or to get a Wood Badge application please visit www.hoac-bsa.org.

2008 Rotary Camp

Rotary Youth Camp is designed for Scouts 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, and accessible Trails & First Aid Lodge.

Each Scout will have the opportunity to work on advancements and merit badges around the theme of “Red Carpet Rotary”. 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 form the Council web-site at www.hoac-bsa.org, or contact Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956 or gdealy@bsamail.org.
## Council Calendar of Events

### April
- **2** Cub Scout Day Camp Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **9** Council Camping Committee Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **9** University of Scouting Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **11-13** Bartle Venture Weekend
- **12** Bartle and Naish Work Days, 8:00 am
- **12** Wizards Recruitment Game
- **16** Council Training Committee, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **16** Powderhorn Staff Meeting
- **17** OA LEC Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **17-21** Leave No Trace Masters Course
- **21** Council Executive Board Meeting
- **22** Rotary Camp Meeting
- **22** Scouts with Disability Committee Meeting
- **22-23** Webelos Camp Commissioner Retreat
- **24** Council Activities Committee Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **25-26** Bartle Camp Commissioner Retreat
- **28** Assistant District Commissioner Training

### May
- **3** Bartle and Naish Work Days, 8:00 am
- **2-3** Council DOE/Baloo Training
- **2-4** OA Induction Weekend #1
- **7** Council Day Camp Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **10** Cope/Climbing Weekend
- **10** New Unit Commissioner’s Training
- **14** University of Scouting Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **15** OA LEC Meeting
- **16-17** Powderhorn Staff Meeting
- **16-18** OA Induction Weekend #2
- **17** Bartle Lake Clean-up Day
- **17** Bartle and Naish Work Days, 8:00 am
- **17** Powderhorn Staff Meeting
- **19** Executive Committee Meeting
- **20** Council Golf Tournament
- **20** Roundtable and District Commissioner Meeting
- **26** Bartle Camp Commissioner Retreat
- **28** Assistant District Commissioner Training
- **29** Roundtable and District Commissioner Meeting

### June
- **1 - 7** Venture Blast - Naish
- **2** Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **9** Council Camping Committee Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **11** University of Scouting Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
- **12** School Night Kickoff Meeting
- **14** Council Sporting Clays
- **16** Executive Board Meeting
- **15-21** Brownsea II
- **24** Scouting with Disabilities Committee

## ENTER BSA “VENTURING 10TH ANNIVERSARY” PHOTO CONTEST

What images do you think best reflect the essence of Venturing? Capture them with your camera and then enter your favorite photographs in the “Venturing 10th Anniversary” photo contest.

The contest is open to all registered youth members of the Venturing program. Photos will be judged in four categories:

1. Wildlife
2. People
3. The Spirit of Venturing
4. Spirit of Patriotism

Our judges will be looking for the photographs that best exhibit creativity, originality, and visual beauty. A winning photograph will be selected for each of the four categories. From the four winners, one photograph will be selected as the Grand Prize Winner.

One winner from each of the four categories will receive a $200 BSA Supply gift card. The Grand Prize Winner will receive a $400 BSA Supply gift certificate, and a three-day, all expenses paid trip with his/her parents to New York City to attend the annual Explorers Club meeting as the guest of Richard Wiese, the youngest ever president of The Explorers Club. Members of The Explorers Club include: Neil Armstrong (space), Robert Ballard (ocean exploration), Scott Carpenter (space), Jim Fowler (zoology), William Koch (sailing), Steven Squyres (space, Mars), Charles “Chuck” Yeager (test pilot). For more information on The Explorers Club, go to www.explorers.org.

The winners and their photographs will also be shown on the Venturing web site.

### Rules for Entering

- Open to all registered youth members of the Venturing program.
- Entries must be received between March 1, 2008, and August 1, 2008.
- Contest entrants may go to the link provided by www.scouting.org/venturing to upload their digital images for this contest.
- No more than three entries per person.
- All entries should be submitted digitally. Digital photographs should be taken using the camera’s highest quality setting.
- Pictures cannot be altered in any way, including using software such as Photoshop, etc.
- All photographs must be submitted with:
  1. name
  2. address
  3. daytime and evening phone numbers
  4. unit number and position (if applicable)
  5. council name
  6. e-mail address

For the purpose of the contest, all entries become the property of the Boy Scouts of America. Winners must certify that photographs are their own original work.

The decisions of the judges are final.
Recruiting

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 start climbing the trail to Eagle. If you are a Webelos leader, please be sure that all your Scouts have the opportunity to continue in the Scouting program. New adventures await them in the Boy Scouting. Boy Scout leaders, be sure that Boy Scout applications are completed and turned in for new Scouts.

Cub leaders, plan to hold recruiting events in order to recruit additional boys who would enjoy all Scouting’s summer activities. Some Cub Scout leaders have already held successful recruiting events this spring. The council office provides all of the materials and support your unit needs to have successful spring recruitment. For more information, call Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956.

Pinewood Derby

This year’s District Pinewood Derby will be hosted by Pack 324 of Richmond. The Derby will be held on April 26th at the Richmond Middle School. Weigh-ins will be at 10:00 am and the races will begin at 11:00 am. All racers are free as well as all children 6 and under; there will be a $2.00 fee for all other spectators to help offset the cost of track rental. Contact Grant Dealy at gdealy@bsamail.org with any questions.

Roundtable

The Big Muddy District roundtables are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church at 7:30 pm. Roundtable meetings are a gathering of Scouters from the Big Muddy 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 Big Muddy District. Each month there is a new program for both Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders. We always have a great time and it would benefit your unit to have at least one adult leader present. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information. For more information contact Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956.

Klondike Derby

A big thank you needs to go out to Troop 243 of Waverly for hosting a great Klondike Derby last January. Eight troops were represented and participated in activities such as: outdoor winter survival, fire starting, cooking, knots, and first aid. There was a great campfire/awards ceremony on Saturday night and on Sunday; everyone enjoyed a sausage and pancake breakfast. This year’s sled race winner was Troop 286 of the Odessa Optimist Club.

2008 Cub Scout Day Camp

It’s hard to believe it, but June is just around the corner! Walking leader training will be held at the May 1 roundtable at 7:30 pm, with the health forms due that day as well. We will be giving out the early bird gifts for health forms that evening for those so make sure to bring them!!! We also need your help! We’re looking for a few staff members still, especially someone to do the cooking activity at camp. If you think you’d be interested in serving on staff, contact Tammy at (660) 542 1170 or Susan (816) 470- 5919 don’t forget, early registration is April 11, the fee is $45, after that it goes up to $60. Come to camp and let’s have some fun!
Cub Survivor

As many of you know Bass Pro has just opened a store in our district. This provides some amazing opportunities. The first of which is for our spring event: Cub Survivor at the Outdoor Island, to be held May 10. We will have a casting challenge, rock wall climbing, archery, canoeing and much more! Breakfast will be provided and there is no cost for the event.

Update at Press Time: Registration is closed for this event. No walk-up registration will be accepted.

District Dinner

A big thank you goes out to Jim Beachner and his dinner committee. They put together a great dinner program. We are already in the planning stages for next year and hope to make it even bigger and better.

Family Friends of Scouting

We are approaching the end of our 2008 Friends of Scouting campaign. Thank you to everyone who has already held their presentation, we appreciate your support towards the Scouting program. If your unit has not yet had a presentation or needs to reschedule, contact Brian Bentrop at 569-4918.

Program Planning Fair

Our May roundtable will be our annual program planning fair. Be sure to send a representative from your pack, troop, crew or team to pick up the informational packet. This fair will provide you with the materials you need to plan out your entire year. We will have information about upcoming trainings, events, popcorn, etc. We will be at Bingham Middle School off of Speck Road in Independence. The fair will start at 7:00 pm.

Membership/Summertime Program

Inviting new boys to join your unit is a year round effort. Please do all that you can to get as many boys and young men involved in the Scouting program. It’s not too early to think about going after those kindergarteners. What better way to show a young boy the fun and exciting opportunity than getting them signed up for day camp? We encourage you all to speak with your unit-serving executive and set up a date and time to do a recruitment push. Along with inviting boys to join your unit in the spring it is important that you have a summer program for the new Scouts. The last thing you want to do is recruit a boy in the spring and ask them to wait until next fall to start in the program.

Dodge Ball Tournament

Troop 161 from East Alton hosted their third annual dodge ball tournament on March 1st at the Truman Memorial Building on the Independence Square. The money raised from participation fees, concessions and t-shirt sales (from Troop 347) was sent to the Pine Burr Council in New Orleans. People are still struggling to recover from Hurricane Katrina. Two of our troops realize that need and want to help in the ongoing relief efforts for Katrina victims. Way to go 161 and 347. We can’t wait until next year’s tournament!
District Pinewood Derby

The General Motors Fairfax Plant provides an outstanding atmosphere for our 9th Annual District Pinewood Derby to be held on April 12th. We look forward to seeing our returning racers from Kaw, Red-Tailed Hawk and Blue Elk districts. It’s not all about the race, be sure to visit the car show and plan to have a hot dog or a cheeseburger. This is all taking place inside the GM Fairfax plant. The Kaw District offers a sincere “Thank You” to General Motors and their gracious corporate sponsors. Their sponsorship raises funds to ensure a quality summer camping experience for young men in our district who otherwise could not afford it. So we look forward to seeing you all out at the 9th Annual District Pinewood Derby on April 12.

Friends of Scouting

Our Friends of Scouting campaign is a fast and successful fundraising drive and you definitely want to be a part of it! So far, you have helped us raise more than 55% of our 2008 Family Friends of Scouting goal. If you haven’t already done so, contact Bill Brown (913) 724-3612, bbrown@jccc.edu or Dusty Boatright, dboatrig@bsamail.org and reserve your FOS presentation date. Do not miss out on a great presentation and an opportunity to give back to Scouting.

Cub Scout Day Camp

As the cold weather continues, it’s nice to be able to think about summer activities; time for Cub Scouts to shoot bows and arrows, sling shots, BB guns, and play on the pirate ship. This year, day camp will take place from June 9 through June 13 in Cub World at Camp Naish. John Burris is returning as camp director. Our next day camp staff training will be held on April 12. We will be feeding the boys breakfast and lunch again this year. As a reminder, meals are only provided for the Cubs. Adults / Walking Leaders will need to bring a sack lunch. If you have Cubs with special dietary needs, you can get a copy of the daily menus by contacting Jeff Terrell at (816) 569-4947. Registration forms are available on the HOAC Website. Visit Resources & Forms, Camping Resources for all camping forms. Or click on www.hoac-bsa.org/RES_Camping_Info.cfm.

Spring Event and OA Call–Out Ceremony

This year’s Spring Event and OA Call–Out will be held at Fort Leavenworth on April 4–6. Registration begins at 4:30 pm on Friday, April 4. A Call–Out ceremony publicly recognizes each Scout elected as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Pre-registration is requested to help us provide materials to all participants. For questions or more information, contact Tim Saint at (913) 449-5337 or Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967.

April Roundtable

Plan to join us at the April roundtable on April 3 at Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse Rd. Bonner Spring, KS. Look for information about registering for Cub Scout Day Camp. We look forward to seeing you on April 3.
Spring Recruiting and Transition

Spring is a great time of the year for new boys to join your troop or pack. All second year Webelos should have made the transition into the troop of their choice by now. If you are a Webelos leader, make sure that your second year Webelos have the opportunity to continue in the Scouting program. Boy Scout leaders should make sure that new or transitioning boys’ applications are completed and turned into the council office as soon as possible. Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders can hold spring recruiting events to grow their program. Cub Scout leaders should remember that kindergartners are a primary target as they may officially join the pack on June 1. The council can provide flyers and many other tools to help you be successful in your recruiting efforts. For information, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or driker@bsamail.org.

Klondike Derby

The Lone Bear District had a terrific Klondike Derby on the weekend of February 8-10. Jon Cerda put a lot of thought and effort into this event and it showed. The weather turned out great, but there was no snow to push the sleds in. However, that did not slow anyone down. Activities such as compass work, flint and steel fire building, and radioactive material removal were just a few of the stations to visit. There were about 170 people in attendance. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the activities. Great job Jon Cerda and your team for putting on such a great activity. We can’t wait to see the next activity.

Day Camp

Day Camp, Spy Cubs, will be held at the Clinton Artesian Park June 16-20. Fees will be $45 until April 9, after that the fee becomes $60. If you register at day camp, the fee is $65. A week of fun and adventure is planned for all who attend. John Hart will be the camp director and Jennifer Faaborg will be the Program Directors. Both directors are excited and ready to put on a fun filled week for the boys in your pack. If you have questions about day camp or would like to be on staff, please contact John Hart at (660) 747-3047.

Friends of Scouting

Each year the Friends of Scouting campaign raises money to help with the costs of camps, training, camperships, mailings, and many other items. The district has a goal of $40,600. Richard Miller has done a great job of getting presentations scheduled. Hurley Mahan is leading the community campaign and also could use some help in getting contacts into some of the local businesses to help keep the Scouting program going. If you think that the company that you work for would be willing to make a donation, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974. If you have questions about Friends of Scouting or want to know how close your unit may be to attaining the Free Rank Advancement, please contact David Riker at 816-569-4974 or email driker@bsamail.org.

Roundtable

The Lone Bear District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Clinton Scout Center. Roundtables are a gathering of Scouters from the Lone Bear District held once a month. These meetings are an important way for leaders to learn from each other. This is an opportunity for you to get information on a variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. 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 email driker@bsamail.org.
Thanks to the units that ran the competition stations. Your help is appreciated. A special thanks to Howard Scott and the dozens of volunteers for hosting a great experience. Also, weekend. A new station on Leave No Trace Camping was part of the competition. The competition was great!! A total of 667 registered Scouts and Scout leaders tested their Scouting skills all that is offered at http://hoac-bsa.org/nstraining.cfm.

If any of your leaders changed positions during the recharter process, they need to get trained for their new position. You can find out the VERY LATEST on the training that is offered at http://hoac-bsa.org/nstraining.cfm.

Roundtable is at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods, MO. Life Scouts who need to have their Eagle Scout Service Project approved must present themselves in Class-A uniform, with their project book completely filled out and signed.

Cub Scout leaders are invited to attend roundtable to find out the latest-and-greatest in Cub Scouting. New handouts are available to help you deliver a quality program. You can network and share ideas. Come for the fun.

Boy Scout and Venture leaders share a program full of fun and excitement. Find out the latest cooking strategies, learn what's new in the Merit Badge Corner, and about new camping opportunities. That's just the tip of the iceberg!!!

Youth Protection and New Leader Essential Training is offered as well. If you know of a volunteer or a leader in your unit that needs this training, invite them along.

Recruiting

Spring is upon us. Now is the time to plan for new members in your unit, this summer and next fall. How many of your Scouts have friends or family members that are kindergarten? Plan to recruit them by the end of the school year, and get them involved in day camp!!

Be prepared for fall recruiting. Do you have your den leaders assigned? Do you have a fall recruiting chair? Plan to finalize your unit calendar to hand out to all new parents. Take care of the details early so you can focus on providing your new recruits all of the Scouting fun.

If you have any questions, please contact…
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Pinewood Derby

Thanks to all who showed up and participated in the Pinewood Derby. We had a fantastic turn-out. The competition was FAST and HOT!!! And, everybody had fun.

A special thanks to race-master Jeff Cook and his pit crew for putting on a great show. Fun was had by all!!!

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Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby was a great success. Not only did we have SNOW on the ground all weekend, the competition was great!! A total of 667 registered Scouts and Scout leaders tested their Scouting skills all weekend. A new station on Leave No Trace Camping was part of the competition.

A special thanks to Howard Scott and the dozens of volunteers for hosting a great experience. Also, thanks to the units that ran the competition stations. Your help is appreciated.

Training

The North Star District Training teams are gearing up for another round of quality training sessions for all levels of Scouting. If any of your leaders changed positions during the recharter process, they need to get trained for their new position. You can find out the VERY LATEST on the training that is offered at http://hoac-bsa.org/nstraining.cfm.

Friend of Scouting 2008

We are in the final stretch to complete our FOS presentations. For those of you who have conducted presentations, THANK YOU!! Our turn-in rate is great, but there is room to improve. A reminder…If you work for a company that has a matching gift program, please let them know. In many cases this will double your giving effort.

There are just a few units that have presentations left to schedule. Please contact Jeremy McGowan at (816) 569-4970 or jmcmowan@bsamail.org, if you have not scheduled a presentation. Our goal is to have 100% of the units participate. Your help is greatly appreciated.

North Star District Events

April

1 Cub Scout Specific Training
Meadowbrook United Methodist
2800 NE 64th Street, 6:00 pm

3 Roundtable
New Leader Essentials
Youth Protection Training
Merit Badge Counselor Training
OA Chapter Meeting
PWUMC, 7310 NW Prairie, 7:30 pm

8 District Committee/Planning Mtg
North Cross UMC, 1321 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

10 Commissioner Staff Meeting
St. Lukes Presbyterian
4301 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

12 Cub Scout Specific Training
Location TBA, 8:30 am

12 Boy Scout Junior Leader Training
Congress Middle School
8150 N. Congress, 8:30 am

19 Basic Adult Leader Orientation
TBA

May

1 Roundtable
New Leader Essentials
Youth Protection Training
Merit Badge Counselor Training
OA Chapter Meeting
PWUMC, 7310 NW Prairie, 7:30 pm

1 Charter Organization Rep Training
Held at Roundtable

2-3 Webelos Woods
Kelsey Short Campground
Smithville Lake, 5:00 pm

2-3 Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience
Held at Webelos Woods

3 Venture Leader Specific Training
TBA

8 Commission Staff Meeting
St. Luke Presbyterian
4301 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

11 District Committee/Planning Mtg
North Cross UMC, 1321 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

North Star
Spring Recruitment

Is your pack, troop, or crew planning a spring recruitment drive? If so, please contact Kathryn Rajala, at the council service center, to print flyers to promote your meeting. Spring recruitment is a great way to bring in new members and start their Scouting experience off with a bang-between camp and summer fun!

School Night to Join Scouting

School Night to Join Scouting is right around the corner. Packs will select their own School Night from the following dates: August 26, 27, 28 or September 3, 4, 9, 10, 11. A School Night Kickoff and Orientation will be held the last week of July. Watch for the date on the Northern Tier webpage.

Cuboree

It is not too late to make your plans for the Northern Tier District Cuboree. This is a great opportunity for you and your boys to pull their camping gear out of storage and hone up on your camping skills before the Cub Scout Summer Camp experiences hit! Cuboree will be held at Camp World at Camp Naish from May 9-10 and costs only $14 ($12 if you register before April 18)!

Day Camp 2008

Spy Cubs! Day Camp is here and the theme is Spy Cubs! By now, you should have sent in your pack’s registration or be finalizing it to get in by April 9 at the $45/Scout fee. After that, it rises to $60/Scout. We will hold Day Camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 9-13. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, camp director, at (913) 381-7824 or Greg Ogan, program director, at (913) 385-7105.

Training

The Northern Tier training teams have been working hard to plan fun and informative training for all leaders. If you have not taken any training, please plan on attending one this spring or fall. To learn dates, locations, and times please visit the Northern Tier training webpage.

For the most up to date information visit the Northern Tier District Webpage at: www.hoac-bsa.org/Northern_Tier.cfm

Spotlight on Troop 246, by Kim Tam

Our journey began several months ago when I saw an article in Boy’s Life about caving in the Black Hills. Scouters at Medicine Mountain Scout Reservation told us which caves we would want to explore. They also invited us to stay in their family camping area...extremely nice folks!!

I developed a list of ideas of things to do and a preliminary budget for the trip and turned these over to our Senior Patrol Leader. He reviewed the lists, made some changes and we adjusted our budget accordingly. We knew we would need to watch costs to help our families afford the trip. In true Scouting fashion, we involved the Scouts in fundraising and further planning. The boys cut the budget down to $250/person.

Mount Rushmore offers an opportunity for approximately 120 organizations to participate in the flag lowering ceremony each year. Like the Philmont process, phone and email reservations were accepted on one day. Thanks to a great effort we got the first date on our wish list!!! Since we were selected for Flag Day, we may have the additional honor of performing this ceremony with some veterans.

Eight out of 12 Scouts will be Eagle Scouts by the time we depart. The 3 younger Scouts are hot on their trail to Eagle. This trip has proven to motivate many of our Scouts to advance and helped to involve our boy leaders. Our SPL decided on the activities and is in charge of orchestrating the timeline. He will also participate in the parent meeting. The SPL will work with his assistant to select photos and write an article for our local newspaper and Adventures in Scouting. These 2 young men will be in charge of preparing the troop for the flag ceremony as well as budgeting and purchases related to food and activities.

This shows what is possible in the Scouting program. We look forward to a great trip. We also look forward to telling you how it went later in the summer.
Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby took place March 1 at Troop 55’s Scout Cabin. There were some very creative designs for the Pinewood Derby cars. Cars ranged from pencils to Nintendo Wii controllers to a Batman Mobile. They were all very creative and very fast. Hopefully next year there will be even more entries to race. Thank you to George Mc Cleary for holding the event.

Rechartering

Thank you to everyone that turned in their charters on time!!! Our district still has a couple of units that need to finish this process. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Jacob Allen at jallen@bsamail.org.

Roundtables

Join us at roundtable. Be sure your troop or pack has the materials and training needed to become successful.

Roundtables are a good way to get your questions answered. Roundtable occurs the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Lawrence off Kasold Road. Every unit has a file filled each month with useful information and ideas. Please take the time to attend roundtable each and every month of the year.

Friends of Scouting

We are half way through our Friend of Scouting Family campaign. We reached the 50% mark on February 27. We still have 50% to go, so please continue the generous gifts. The Pelathe District will be conducting call nights, calling individuals in the packs and troops that gave in the past, but may have not attended the meeting that the FOS presentation took place. Please help Mark Gleeson, our Family FOS Chair, reach 100% of our FOS goal. Thank you again for everyone’s donations!!!!

Day Camp in Pelathe District

The Pelathe District Cub Scout Day Camp is just weeks away. This camp is planned and conducted by the volunteers from our district. Day camp provides an exciting and memorable summer activity for our Cub Scouts. A great day camp pays builds excitement and helps to ensure that our Cub Scout return in the fall ready for another year of fun.

Our volunteers play a crucial role in providing the day camp experience. Each year we work to be sure that we have a full staff of volunteers so that we can provide the highest quality program possible. We are still currently looking for volunteers to help run activities at day camp.

The more people we have to help out, the better camp will be for the boys. Let’s make this year’s day camp the best experience we can for all of the Pelathe’s District Cub Scouts.

Recruiting

Retaining youth in our program is an important way the Pelathe District will continue to grow. Follow-up is key to holding Scouts in our programs. There are several things you can do to help keep Scouts that are registered in our programs active.

Follow-up with families of Scouts who have become inactive. Don’t wait until it is time to recharter to check on inactive Scouts. Contact Scouts who are not attending meetings early may help to resolve any issues soon after they arise. This will increase the chances that the Scout will return.

Next follow up with every second-year Webelos Scout that has not transitioned over to a troop. Again a follow-up invitation will help to answer questions or concerns for the family and help to understand how we might do better in the future.

Thank you for everyone’s efforts in providing the best possible program for the boys so they remain involved in Scouting. The longer a young man is involved in Scouting, the greater the impact we make on his future.

Winter Event “Glacial Glutes II”

Glacial Glutes II was a success! Although the weather did not necessarily cooperate, everyone still had a blast. The event had to be cut short due to a bad snow storm, which was about to make it’s way through camp. The boys were able to shoot black powder rifles, throw tomahawks and much more. Every troop chose one boy on Saturday to represent their troop in a competition for every event. The boys and adults had a blast. A special thanks goes out to Jim Peterson and all the other volunteers that made this winter event possible.
Changes in the Pioneer Trails Family

As we say goodbye to Senior District Executive Jeff Terrell in his move to Kaw District, we would like to introduce the newest member of the Pioneer Trails Family. Newly hired District Executive William Torres joined us on February 25 and is eager to begin his Scouting career. William grew up in Independence, MO, and attended Truman High School. He chose Missouri State University for his post-secondary education where he studied Mass Communications with an emphasis in Digital Media. He also studied Music as a secondary emphasis, and joined the fraternity Phi Mu Alpha, which he was active in for all four years. This past year, he served as the Chapter President, and currently serves as the representative of nine Missouri chapters to the National Fraternity. William says he is excited about serving the Pioneer Trail District, so be sure to chat for a few minutes when you see him. Welcome aboard Will.

Family Friends of Scouting

Our 2008 Friends of Scouting campaign is going very well. The month of March was focused on our family campaign. Under the leadership of Larry Tyrl, we are headed for a strong finish. Thanks to everyone who has made their commitment to successful scouting in our district and council. If it were not for you, we would not have this great program we call the Boy Scouts of America. If you have not yet contributed, there is still time to do so. Every dollar counts towards helping boys in our community grow stronger.

For more information you can contact Larry Tyrl, the Pioneer Trails Family Chair at (816) 942-5648 or by email at jtyrl@kc.rr.com.

Spy Cubs

The Pioneer Trails and Kaw District Day Camp is going to be a special one this year. We have a fun filled program full of exciting events that are sure to make the kids as well as the adults want to comeback. The Early Bird payment period for 2008 day camp is quickly coming to a close. If your unit’s payment is not received by April 9, the cost will go from $45 to $60 per camper. If you choose to wait until the start of camp, the walk-in register cost will be $65. All information is available at the Pioneer Trails District website, but for further information or if you are interested in helping with this year’s Day Camp, please contact Lisa Kessler at (816) 941-0940 or John Burris at (913) 809-9633.

Training

There will be many training dates offered in the spring of 2008. To keep up on dates and locations throughout the year, visit the Pioneer Trails district website, or contact Cecil Gaither at (816) 523-5380.

Remember, every boy deserves a trained leader, and a trained leader delivers a quality program.

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**Friends of Scouting**

Friends of Scouting will be coming to a close by the end of April, so hurry and get on the list! Units can earn free rank advancements by meeting your unit dollars raised goal, and the number of gifts goal for your unit. These goals are calculated based on the 2007 recharter figures, and the numbers of families in your unit. We encourage unit leaders to remind their families of when their unit FOS presentations will be taking place.

By now you should have your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation scheduled with Bridgete McKenna or Tom Johnson. Our presentations are brief and should not delay your agenda by more than 7-8 minutes. By conducting presentations at typically well-attended events, we give more families a chance to contribute, including those who don’t typically give of their time and talents.

Thanks in advance for your support of this very important campaign which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to more than 45,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council!

To inquire about your unit’s Friends of Scouting goal for 2008 please contact, Bridgete McKenna at (816) 569-4929 or bmckenna@bsamail.org.

**RTH Dinner and Pinewood Derby**

The RTH District extends a warm thank you to all of the parents and volunteers that made District Pinewood Derby and Recognition Dinner a great success. The room was filled with smiling and proud families, Scouts and volunteers at both events. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship and camaraderie ending in the honoring and recognition of 100 Eagle Scouts from 2007. Congratulations also to Doug Sweeney, Matt Bixler, Terri Matches, Paul Martveli, Rodger McReynolds, Joe Kusek, Joseph Cook, John Quattlebaum, and Andrew Rook, Dennis Doles, Steven Baranowski, Lee Posz, Tim O’Connor, John Connor, Marilee Harton ,Mike Slade and Chuck Magnuson.

**Day Camp**

Get ready for “Spy Cub” which is the theme for the 2008 Cub Scout Day Camp. If your payment is not received by April 9, the cost will go from $45 to $60. Scouts added at Camp will be $65. More information on the details and activities of “Spy Cub” Day Camp can be found on the RTH District website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

**Stay in the Communication Loop**

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

- Constant Contact E-mail, all registered leaders will receive email updates
- HOAC Website, www.hoac-bsa.org
- RTH roundtable, generally held the first Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center

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## Friends of Scouting

Thank you to those units who have allowed a volunteer to give a presentation on how Scouting is funded by way of an FOS presentation. Thanks especially to the hundreds of you who have responded with an investment in the Scouting program. The movement continues because of your support. For those of you who would like to find out how you can invest in Scouting, please call Leo Berroteran at (816) 353-5311 or email at lberr990@hotmail.com.

## Pinewood Derby

Thanks to all of those who came out to our annual District Pinewood Derby this year. A very special thank you to Mary Sheeley and her staff for organization of this first class event!

## Merit Badge Academy

Merit Badge Academy was tremendous success once again this year. Special thanks to Ken Fuenfhausen, Richard Dorr, Jason Davis and all of the Merit Badge Counselors, support staff, etc. for their time and dedication.

## Rocket Derby

Come on out to our 2nd annual Thunderbird District Rocket Derby. It will be April 19, 2008 at Unity Village in Lee’s Summit, MO. Come on out, make a rocket, and see how high it can fly! BRING A BUDDY! This is a great opportunity for spring recruitment. Bring your Scouts, friends, family and $6 each for the water-rocket kit, patch, supplies and have a BLAST! Check out our webpage for information or contact Kelly Clasen at webelokelly@aol.com or (816) 225-2935 for questions.

## Day Camp

Thunderbird Day Camp will be July 7-11, 2008 at the James A. Reed Archery Range in Lee’s Summit, MO. This year’s Theme is Spy Cubs! Registration now! Scouts paid in full or before April 9, 2008 - $45.00 per Scout. Scouts paid after April 9, 2008 - $60.00 per Scout. Scouts added at camp - $65.00 per Scout. New scouts (including new Tigers - new Kindergarten graduates) who register after April 9, will be offered the $45 rate. Check out our district webpage for information or contact Kay Duncan at tbirddaycamp@aol.com or (816) 524-7441 or Gretchen Hicks at missqee.tbird@yahoo.com or (816) 524-9358 for camp and staff information.
2008 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Please help continue to keep 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 5 minutes and should be scheduled for either your troop Court of Honor or pack Blue and Gold. You can either sign up at roundtable or contact Matt Specht at 816-569-4966, mspecht@bsamail.org.

Program Fair

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

Merit Badge Forum

Thank you to Dennis Gerrity, all of the merit badge counselors, and the staff you put together for the 2008 Merit Badge Forum. It was a great success! More than 400 merit badges were earned over this two-day activity.

Cub Scout Day Camp: Spy Cubs

Now is the time to sign up for Cub Scout Day Camp. If you haven’t already done so, be sure to mail in your pack’s day camp registration by April 9 to receive the reduced fee of $45 per boy. After that, it raises to $60 per scout. Camp will be held on June 17-20 at Shawnee Riverfront Park (K-7 and 43rd St.). At “Spy Cubs” mission training, Scouts will use their skills and abilities to solve puzzles, scale obstacles, and capture enemies all while learning about the latest Spy Cub gadgets and getting the latest sharpshooter training. Scouts will leave a full-fledged Spy Cub, ready for their first mission. Look for more information on Day Camp on the website at http://hoac-bsa.org/thdc.cfm. If you have, any questions call Cameron Horton, Day Camp Director at (913) 766-1855 or Bethany Almloff, Program Director at (913) 385-2482.

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 of those 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 Trailhead District Training details visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm. Cub Scout Training’s will be held on April 10 and May 5 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Skills Course will be held April 12-13 at Camp Naish.

For the most updated information on Trailhead District, visit our webpage at: http://hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm.

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Webeloore 2008

The Trails West District and the Red Tailed Hawk District will be joining forces on April 19 and 20 for the 2008 Webelo-Ree. The weekend is filled with fun activities, demonstrations, and plenty of activities all set to the theme of “Video Re-Run.”

The event is designed to start introducing Webelos to the Boy Scouting program. The campout will include fire building, orienteering, BB guns, archery and much, much more!!!

The event is open to all current Webelos and any Bear Cub Scouts who will be a Webelo in the fall. The cost of the event is $10 if paid by the April roundtable and $11 if paid at the gate. The fee includes dinner, breakfast, patch and program materials.

Every participant (boy and adult) will need to turn in a Class 1 (Day Camp) Health Form. Health forms and money are due at the April roundtable.

Check-in/Set-up on April 19 is from 9:00 am – 11:45 am. The opening ceremony will be at 12:00 pm and activities begin at 12:30 pm. The event will conclude Sunday morning at 10:00 am.

2008 Boy Scout Camporee and Cub Family Campout

Preparations are underway for the 2008 Trails West District Camporee and Cub Family Campout. Both events take place the weekend of October 10 – 12.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information coming soon.

Help Wanted and Welcomed

The Trails West district committee and commissioners staff works hard to help all the units in the district deliver the highest level of Scouting program possible. We can only achieve this with dedicated volunteers.

We are looking for new people with a Scouting background who would like to help deliver the Scouting program from the district level.

For more information call Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978.

Day Camp 2008

June 16 – 19 Lake Olathe Golf Course

Get ready for “Spy Cubs.” The Trails West Day Camp staff is currently planning a fun and exciting program for 2008.

All day camp attendees will get the chance to shoot BB guns and bows and arrows, work on Webelos activity badges and Cub Scout belt loops, learn cooking skills, sing songs, learn about nature, make crafts, play games, and much, much more!!!

Make plans to attend now!!! Going to camp is a wonderful part of the Scouting experience and helps your pack earn the Centennial Quality Unit and Summertime Pack Awards. Your pack must provide leadership and adult supervision for the Cub Scouts attending Day Camp, plus make arrangements for transportation to and from camp.

It is recommended that packs have at least one registered adult leader attend camp for every five boys sent by the pack. The minimum number of adults allowed at any time is two, and one of these two must have completed Youth Protection Training. Everyone must complete a health information form to attend camp.

Who Can Attend?

Any registered Cub Scout (including kindergarten graduates) may attend day camp.

What Time Do They Start?

Day camp will start around 9:00 am and end around 3:00 pm each day.

The Trails West Day Camp will run Monday, June 16 – Thursday, June 19.

A Walking Leader’s Guide and training session will be provided to all adults attending Day Camp. A schedule of training opportunities will be available soon.

For more information call Bill O’Conner at (913) 302-8549 or Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978.
2008 Twin Rivers Committee Chairs

District Chair
Jamie Wilson  (913) 755-3134
District Commissioner
Bud Burris  (785) 867-3005
Activities Chair
Sylvia Nano  (913) 557-9439
Advancement Chair
Curtis Gibson  (913) 259-2668
Relationship Chair
Lawrence Dickinson  (913) 731-8221
Boy Scouts Roundtable
John Berton  (785) 242-8294
Cub Scouts Roundtable
Aida Thomson  (913) 294-9014
Special Needs Coordinator
Pam Thompson  (913) 294-2344
District Executive
Gordon Corcoran  (916) 569-4941 gcocorora@bsamail.org

2008 Twin Rivers District Events

April
3 Commissioner Meeting
Paola United Methodist Church, 7:00 pm
3 Roundtable
Paola United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
8 District Committee Meeting
12 Cub Leader Specific Training

May
1 Commissioner Meeting
Paola United Methodist Church, 7:00 pm
1 Roundtable, OA Chapter Meeting
Paola United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
1 Day Camp Registration Due
6 District Committee Meeting

2008 District Dinner

The Team Twin Rivers Annual District Dinner was held March 8, 2008 at the Celebration Hall in Ottawa, KS. Along with all the fun and fellowship we enjoyed we also recognized Scouters from our team and other people from our community that have really performed this past season (year). The star performers that were recognized are;

Popcorn Sales
Top Sales Cub  Aaron Prothe
Top Sales Scout  Jacob Ball
Top Sales Pack  Pack 3105
Top Sales Scout Unit  Troop 118

Special Service Award
Paul Bechtel  Gib Bruna
Cheryl Brunk  Gary Hosack
DeAnna Hughes  Bill Hull
Kevin Leslie  Sarah Lovesee
BJ Nano  Jackie Olson
Steve Rauber  Rebecca Smith

District Award of Merit
Rhonda Lewis
Patricia Trull

Congratulations once again to all the award recipients and to the Activities Committee for another AWESOME event.

2008 Cub Day Camp

The 2008 Cub Day Camp staff has been working for months to plan another fun day camp for Twin Rivers Cub Scouts. Once again, the camp will be held at North Lake Park in Garnett, the dates are June 2 through 5, 2008. The theme this year is “Spy Cubs.” We will be having all the usual fun (BB guns, tie-dye, etc.) that we always have but, we have added some new and exciting activities this year that the Cubs in your unit will not want to miss!

Registration fees of $45.00 per person are due by April 9, 2008, after that the price goes up to $60.00. Don’t forget to order T-shirts for your campers and leaders.

It would probably be a good idea to start gathering up health forms and/or reminding parents to get physicals for their Cubs if they need them, this would especially be the case for any boys new to Scouts since our last camp.

The fun this year will be insane! We don’t want a single boy to miss it. Contact Rhonda Lewis, Camp Director at (913) 557-2584 or Aida Thompson, Program Director at (913) 294-9014 if you have any questions.

To help make all this fun possible we are going to need adult volunteers to help staff the camp. Please start spreading the word and come up with a name or two of people who are willing to assist us put on this event. Day camp staff can sign up anytime so if there is a program area that you really want you should sign up for it early before someone else gets it. Again, contact Rhonda or Aida for details.
SALUTING GREAT POSTS DOING GREAT THINGS

We Salute;

Lincoln Pre High School Explorer Post 2879, Southeast High School/Manual Tech Center Explorer Post 2881 & Wesport High School Explorer Post 2882

We send out an Exploring salute to our newest Exploring Posts in the Heart of America Council. These new posts are unique and are laying the ground work for in-school Explorer Posts. The emphasis for these posts is to learn about careers in education and teaching. Also with the emphasis in today’s world on obesity in children. The School Based School Linked Services have gone into the high schools to not only educate high school students on the importance of healthy lifestyle, exercise, and eating right, but also these high school students are reaching students in the elementary and middle schools what they have learned.

The vision for this program was developed by Felicia Safir, Director of the School Based Services. Felicia and her team including Lee Allen, Roger Franks, and Nathaniel Francis Jr. are driving the train to have an Explorer Post in every Kansas City, Missouri High School. Their enthusiasm and determination to support the needs of youth of today have shown to be a great success. As of today we have Exploring in over 50% of the Kansas City School District High Schools. Teachers from each high school lead the charge in educating their students in the career field of teaching and give their students hands on experience. They are fantastic programs and are continuing to grow. WE salute all that you do.

Go Exploring!!!!!!!!!!

2008 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference
Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado
July 21-26, 2008

Information is available to help you plan on attending.

• Fact Sheet
• Conference Guidebook
• Participation Forms
• National Youth Representative Nominees
• Advisor of the Year Nominees
• Exploring Conference 2008 [mov - 10.1 MB]

The information and application can be found on the Learning for Life Web site: www.learningforlife.org. Go to Exploring then Fire Services. 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.

New Exploring Executive

Welcome to Michael J. Farrell as he joins the Heart of America Council’s professional family in the position of Exploring Executive-Trainee.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Missouri – Columbia, where he majored in Psychology. Michael also earned a teaching certificate from the School of International Training.

After earning his teaching certificate he spent a year teaching English as a second language to Korean students in Suncheon, South Korea.

Michael is from Sibley, Missouri, where he’s been active with his family’s business, Sibley Orchards, for much of his life. No stranger to Scouting, Michael and his two brothers achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He also spent six summers at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and holds the distinction of Fire Builder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Please welcome Michael as he begins his new responsibilities!
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| BE  1138 | Nick Stamos          | NS  1309 | Patrick Guthrie         |
| BE  1161 | Brett Fredenberg     | NS  1374 | Aaron Foy               |
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| BE  1206 | Gerrit Robinson      | NS  1376 | Eric Staves             |
| BE  1216 | Levi Wilson          | NS  1397 | Derick Bonner           |
| BE  1221 | Trevor Bennett       | NS  1419 | Timothy Andersen        |
| BE  1221 | Aaron Brockman       | NS  1447 | Trevor Gauert           |
| BE  1221 | Jacob Harvey         | NS  1495 | Steven Lynch            |
| BE  1221 | Paul Morgan          | NS  1900 | David King              |
| BE  1228 | Andrew Parks         | NS  2137 | Brigham Barzee          |
| BE  1228 | Kazz Marsey          | NS  2418 | John Biven              |
| BE  1306 | Trenton LeRette      | NS  2418 | Garrett Havens          |
| BE  1306 | Michael Kelly        | NT  18  | Thomas Beaver           |
| BE  1312 | Matthew Martin       | NT  18  | Colin O'Neill           |
| BE  1312 | Aaron Hartfiel       | NT  91  | Lee Culp                |
| BE  1382 | Dylan Moore          | NT  93  | Derek Boettcher         |
| BE  1492 | Zachary Lucas        | NT  93  | John Sims, Jr          |
| BE  1492 | Chester McDaniel II  | NT  185 | Alex Hoover             |
| BE  1692 | Ethan Clark          | NT  247 | William Hardacre        |
| BE  1692 | Michael Kelly        | NT  351 | Christopher Richardson  |
| BE  1738 | Joshua Blackburn     | NT  358 | Nolan Howlett           |
| BE  1738 | Codie Harris         | NT  391 | Aaron Hoffman           |
| BE  1763 | Ronald Cunningham    | NT  648 | Marcus Phipps           |
| BE  1813 | Jackson McArthur     | NT  2684 | Andrew Birkinsha       |
| BM  1713 | Devon Register       | PL      | Nathan Ideus            |
| BM  6123 | Brandon Hellyer      | PT  1024 | Spencer Conklin         |
| KW   3  | Jacob Thomas         | PT  1046 | Michael Bradford        |
| KW   66 | Justin Verde         | PT  1046 | Drew Davidson           |
| KW   173 | Edwin Fluevog        | PT  1046 | Matthew Gerry           |
| KW   173 | Mitchell Keloff      | RT  122 | Matthew Horned          |
| KW   2003 | Benjamin Costello    | RT  122 | Philip Pestinger        |
| LB   1225 | Carl McDonald        | RT  122 | Sean Walsh              |
| LB   1237 | Isaac Flint          | RT  218 | David Ilk               |
| LB   1238 | Micheal Archer       | RT  222 | Brett Mayekawa          |
| LB   1430 | Nathan Arfmann       | RT  222 | Christopher Richards    |
| LB   1430 | James Arfmann        | RT  225 | Ryan Magaster           |
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| LB   1430 | Dalton Loman         | RT  315 | Cody Tousey             |
| LB   1430 | Steven Tompkins, Jr  | RT  412 | Montgomery Streeter     |
| LB   1430 | Dakota Watson        | RT  2784 | Branden Long            |
| LB   1430 | Casey Wetzel         | TB   1111 | Thomas Hines IV         |
| NS  1008 | Elliott Watkins      | TB   1195 | Christian Exposito     |
| NS  1009 | Michael Liermann     | TB   1195 | Daniel Patterson        |
| NS  1134 | Rodney Ames          | TB   1220 | Joshua Piatt           |
| NS  1155 | Kyle Cooper          | TB   1240 | Tyler Johnson           |
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| NS  1214 | Cameron Kieffer      | TB   1255 | Kent Doan               |
| NS  1247 | Casey Fiddelke       | TB   1255 | Andrew Kallsnick        |
| NS  1249 | Kyle Elder           | TB   1255 | Jeffrey Rodgers         |
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| TB   1262 | Logan Million        | TB   1269 | Jordan DeMoss           |
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| TB   1285 | Trey Sprick          | TB   1300 | Colin King              |
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