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The Boy Scouts of America Alumni Connection launched

DALLAS, October 16, 2008—President Bush recently signed into law the Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 5872) authorizing the minting of 350,000 silver dollar coins in recognition of BSA’s 100th Anniversary in 2010. Minting of the coins will occur between February 8, 2010 and January 1, 2011. For each coin sold, there is a $10 surcharge – representing a $3,500,000 donation – will be made available to local councils for the extension of Scouting in hard to serve areas.

The act received strong bipartisan support from both the House and the Senate and was introduced earlier this year by Congressman and Eagle Scout Pete Sessions (R-TX) in the House, and in the Senate by his son Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) also an Eagle Scout. “Boy Scouts are a significant part of American culture, shaping the values, citizenship, and skills of millions of young men,” Congressman Pete Sessions stated. “From conservation to character building, the Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary celebrates the highest Scouting ideals of helping others and making communities stronger.”

BSA Alumni Connection

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The Heart of America Council plans to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America in style. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to highlight Scouting’s achievements, bring together Scouts and former Scouts, as well as to set our course for the next 100 years.

The 100th Anniversary committee has been formed and has started meeting under the leadership of Lester Ham. The committee is in the early stages of developing plans for three major celebrations that will take place for the Scouts, Scouters, and Scouting alumni.

The first event will be a celebration of Eagle Scouts. The 100th Anniversary is an opportunity to gather all Eagle Scouts in the Heart of America Council, regardless of whether or not they have earned their Eagle award in our council. Eagles will have an opportunity to renew old friendships, meet new, like-minded people while reliving what made Scouting special to them. It is a chance to reconnect and celebrate with the organization that meant so much to them as they prepared for their futures.

Scouting has been known from its inception for community service and “Good Turns.” What better way to celebrate than to conduct a council-wide “Good Turn.” Ideas are just now being formulated on what project, or projects to undertake. This will be an opportunity to give back to the communities that have been so supportive of Scouting in the past.

Since Scouts are known for camping, the final Anniversary activity will be a major council-wide camping event with a public display of Scouting skills. Since Scouting skills covers a wide-range including everything from the outdoors to careers, this will be an exciting, eye-opening finale for what will prove to be an exciting Scouting year.

Plans are in the very early stages. Watch for details as they develop throughout 2009.
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Council News

Silver Beaver Recipients for 2008

The Heart of America Council is pleased to recognize the individuals below who have been selected as this year’s Silver Beavers. The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a council can bestow on a volunteer. The award honors the individual not only for their involvement in Scouting, but also their involvement outside of Scouting to make the community a better place for young people.

The awards were presented at the Annual Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Kansas City Downtown Marriott.

Silver Beaver Recipients for 2008

Bruce D. Allen  J. Nick Badgerow  Robert E. Churchill  Jimmy D. Clark

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Robert A. Long - 2008 Distinguished Citizen

Robert A. Long, was selected as the Heart of America Council’s Distinguished Citizen of the Year for 2008. Bob joins a select group of civic and business leaders recognized for their dedication to improve lives in the Kansas City area. Bob was honored at the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner held on October 23, 2008.

As Chairman of JE Dunn Construction Group, Inc. since 1999, Bob has seen downtown Kansas City change for the better. Prior to his position at JE Dunn, he spent nearly 30 years with Arthur Andersen & Co. Bob, a CPA, holds a degree in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of Kansas as well as an honorary PhD from Rockhurst College.

Bob, a long time advocate for the Boy Scouts of America, served as Council President of the Heart of America Council from 1979-1980 and as Chairman of the Board in 1981 & 1982...although he admits that he had no prior Scouting background when he was asked to serve. His tenure as president brought stability to our young council when it was first formed through the merger of the Kaw and Kansas City councils. Highlights of his service as council president include a $4 million dollar capital campaign, tour of 29 Rockwell Scouting paintings hosted at Hall’s Crown Center and the change to a 10-day camp session at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Bob was honored to serve as Presiding Chieftain for the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 1987. He continues to serve on the Executive Board and as a regional board member for the BSA. His volunteer service has been recognized with the Silver Beaver Award and the Silver Antelope Award the highest recognitions that the Heart of America Council and the Central Region can bestow.

Besides his Scouting involvement, Bob is active on numerous boards in Kansas City some of those being Children’s Mercy Hospital, McGee Foundation, Midwest Research Institute, Rockhurst University, University of Kansas Endowment Association, and the University of Kansas Advisory Board to name just a few.

This humble man was named Mr. Kansas City in 1981, has received the Distinguished Service Citation and the Elsworth Medallion from the University of Kansas, the Citation Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the “others” Award from the Salvation Army. He believes that volunteer service in our community makes a difference, not only for the organization or the individuals involved but also for our greater community. By getting involved one can create change and improve our city’s future for the next generation.

Bob has enjoyed his life with his wife Mazie who he met at the University of Kansas. Bob is the proud father of an Eagle Scout and a grandfather of a grandson who just became a Boy Scout. We applaud Bob for his dedication to Kansas City and the organizations that have benefited from his passion and service.

Scholarships Awarded

As a part of the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner, the Julia Irene Kauffman, Ewing Marion Kauffman and Robert A. Long scholarships, were awarded. The three young men receiving these scholarships are all Eagle Scouts with educational and career plans for the future and are Boy Scouts from troops in our Urban Scouting program.

Courtney L. Moss

Julia Irene Kauffman Scholarship

Courtney, an Eagle Scout from Troop 1034 chartered to Swope Parkway Church of Christ in Kansas City, Missouri, has served as a Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and a Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. His Scouting highlight was attending the 2005 National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill. He is currently a youth member with Venturing Crew 2034 and an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 1034.

As a high school student at Imagine Renaissance Academy, he had the opportunity to specialize in Discus and Shot Put in Track and Field. He participated in the choir and debate team and served on the Student Council and as his Senior Class President. Currently a student at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, Courtney is working towards a Business / Entrepreneurial degree. He plans to start a limousine company after graduating.

Peter J. Henggeler

Robert A. Long Scholarship

Peter, an Eagle Scout from Troop 1080 chartered to Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kansas City, Missouri, has 26 merit badges adding a Bronze Palm to his awards. Leadership positions included Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and he is proud to be a Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. His favorite Scouting memories involved troop campouts and float trips. He is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 1080.

High school activities include choir, drama, foreign language, National Honor Society, tutoring, Students Against Destructive Decisions and Regis Club. He tutored at the Latin Program Student Success Center where he worked with freshmen.

He is currently attending Gonzaga University. He is considering teaching history or a foreign language after completing college.

Edwin N. Locke Jr.

Ewing Marion Kauffman Scholarship

Edwin an Eagle Scout from Troop 1025 chartered to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Kansas City, Missouri, earned 31 merit badges and is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He has served as a Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

A graduate of Bishop Miege High School, his extra curricular participation included football, track, wrestling and choir as well as Foreign Language, Science and Robotics Clubs. Edwin was selected to participate on the Senior Principle Leaderships panel and the Mid American Games for the disabled.

He attends Doane College in Crete, Nebraska and plans to major in Business & Marketing and minor in Music. He plans to return to Kansas City, start a business and get involved with the community, church and Scouting.
The 2008 popcorn sale was a great success. The gross sales for the campaign grew over 20% topping $2.8 million. Our success was possible thanks to the hard work of our district and unit Popcorn Kernels. They helped to generate the enthusiasm and excitement needed to achieve this record breaking sale.

In the popcorn sale, the numbers really matter. This year 441 units participated in the sale and the top selling item was the 9.5 oz Caramel Corn w/ Peanuts with 33,507 containers sold.

Growth in our sale means more funds are available to provide an even better program for our Scouts. Over 70% of the funds generated by this sale remain here to help our units and our council.

This fundraiser allows Scouts to play a part in supporting their unit’s yearly program plan and helps to teach about being thrifty, the 9th point of the Scout Law. By following the plan and conducting a Kick off for their Show-N-Deliver and Take Order sales, many of our units earn enough to provide for all of their activities during the year. It’s a great way to ensure that you don’t need to do more than one fundraiser during the year.

The council uses its portion of the sale to ensure maintenance at our facilities continues uninterrupted and program fees will remain as low as possible for camping and activity participants. This sale is a winning situation for all involved.

Take a look at your sale results! Congratulations on an outstanding job! Your work will pay off in great Scouting programs for the youth member of our council!
Council News

Holiday Lights

Place an Ornament on the Tree at the National Scouting Museum.

Looking for a fun holiday den activity? Join the fun and show your pack pride by creating an ornament for the National Scouting Museum. Ornaments from across the country will fill the official museum tree.

Ornaments should be no larger than 4 inches square and should include your pack number and council. Please submit only one ornament per pack. All ornaments will become the property of the National Scouting Museum.

Deliver yourself or mail it to:
National Scouting Museum
Attn: Holiday Lights
1329 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

An “Investment in Character”

Our annual giving campaign, an “Investment in Character,” provides 26% of the funds needed to offer the Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, Learning for Life and Exploring programs to more than 45,000 youth members of the Heart of America Council.

In addition to supporting traditional Scouting programs, an investment enables the council to provide services such as Scoutreach, a program providing for the needs of more than 16,600 youth in inner-city neighborhoods and rural communities. Learning for Life is a fully funded in-school program that partners with classroom teachers to provide ethical decision making and career-related curriculum in inner city schools. It also ensures that Scouting is available to those with special mental or physical disabilities.

Your investment of $140 or more provides a year’s worth of council-level programs and services for one Scout. More than 83% of your investment is returned to the community as program services for Scouts, volunteers, as well as existing and potential organizations that partner with the Heart of America Council to provide Scouting.

Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venture crews are asked to schedule a Family Investment in Character presentation during Blue and Gold banquets, Courts of Honor or other gatherings where families and members can hear the Scouting story.

The Investment in Character campaign also relies on the support of individuals and businesses in addition to the support provided by families of current Scouts. This is your opportunity to help us change tomorrow today.

Your Investment Makes a Difference

Yes, your investment does make a difference. Without it the Heart of America Council would not be able to make a difference in so many young people’s lives. Scouting works because camps are open, new leaders are trained, new charter organizations reach more families, and Scouts’ achievements are recognized. Scouting happens because the resources are available to fulfill Scouting’s vision.

Your investment enables the council to provide professional staff members who work through volunteer committees to:

• **Support and coordinate existing programs and services**, directly affecting the quality of the Scouting program experienced by our youth members.
• **Extend Scouting to new organizations** so that additional young people will benefit.
• **Provide ongoing mentoring and training experiences** for volunteer leaders so that they are motivated and equipped to make Scouting a meaningful part of our youth members’ lives.

In addition, the Heart of America Council provides many other services that enhance the quality of the Scouting experienced by our youth members.

• **Council camps**, which are used year-round and are among the busiest in the camps in the nation, must be maintained to provide a safe, high-quality environment for outdoor fun and education.
• **Accident and liability insurance** protects all youth members and adult volunteers.
• **The Scout Service Center** is a resource that supports volunteers. It maintains advancement and membership records, provides literature, advancement badges and other items vital to the program. The Service Center provides meeting space for volunteer training and planning sessions.
• **Our website** provides program information and links to other community and national resource. The website receives more than 40,000 visits each month.
• **“Adventures in Scouting” and “Scouting E-News”, digital publications provide up-to-date Scouting information. Scouting E-News is delivered by email to over 14,000 people each month. “Adventures in Scouting” is published online bimonthly. Each issue is downloaded by more than 8,000 people.**

For nearly 100 years, Scouting has been a cost-effective program for instilling values and developing leadership only because people have invested in their vision of improving tomorrow, today.
Commitment as a ScoutParent

All parents should be involved with their Scout in the unit. Parental support is always encouraged. In fact, involving parents is critical. The quality of the program offered to our youth members depends directly on adult participation. Parental involvement can take many forms and can be tailored to fit into the busiest of schedules. Parents can:

- **Do an occasional task to help with the unit program.**
  This can be as involved as running an event or as simple as picking up advancement or awards because the Scout office is on your way to work.

- **Participate directly with your Scout.**
  If you are looking for a way to spend more quality time with your child, this is a great way to do it. It is a way to “lead by example.” You are showing them that you believe that their involvement in Scouting is important since you are investing your time to experience it with them.

- **Attend and observe Scout meetings.**
  You will have a first-hand understanding of what is going on and believe me your child as well as the adult volunteers will appreciate it.

- **Assist with outings.**
  In the best run units with strong parental involvement, it is often difficult to tell who is having the most fun on activities such as troop camping trips.

- **Support the program financially.**
  Scouting relies on donations to extend the program to others, provide training and materials, as well as to maintain the outdoor facilities enjoyed by all.

- **Coach your Scout’s advancement.**
  Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is a daunting task for a young man that requires a combination of motivation on the part of the Scout coupled with the guidance and support of his family.

- **Influence your Scout’s continued participation.**
  Studies have shown that the longer a Scout stays involved with the program is directly related to the leadership skills and values learned. Your involvement influences your child’s level of participation in ways that you may not anticipate.

Parents who are willing to commit to their Scout’s unit are invited to become ScoutParents. The unit’s ScoutParents coordinator will match parents to the various tasks required to help the unit function. Tasks cover a wide range and vary greatly in the time and skills required. Examples of potential tasks are available at www.scoutparents.org, or in the leader manuals. Encourage all parents to visit the ScoutParents website at www.scoutparents.org. Parents will find a wealth of information that will help them understand the Scouting program and why it is important for their child to be involved.

Parental involvement is the life-blood of the Scouting program. In a volunteer organization such as Scouting, parental involvement directly impacts the quality of the program offered to your child. Becoming a ScoutParent makes a difference.
Here is the complete schedule for Day Camps offered by the Heart of America Council for the 2009 Camping Season. Unit Leaders may contact these volunteers or your district executive for more information regarding your district’s camp, or to volunteer to serve on staff.

The Day Camp fee is $46.00 per Scout through April 8, 2009. On April 9, 2009, the fee is $61. For any new Cub Scout recruited after that day or new Tiger Cubs who finished their kindergarten year in 2009 and join Scouting in June, the cost will be $46.00. Scouts that are added at camp will be charged $66.00.

### 2009 Cub Scout Day Camp

**“Cub Fun in the Next Generation”**

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### Bear Resident Camp

The Heart of America Council Bear Camp sign-up will be conducted online starting Monday, January 5, 2009, at 9:00 am through February 6, 2009. There will be a link on the home page of the council website, www.hoac-bsa.org.

The on-line registration will be available until Bear Resident Camp has met its predetermined capacity. Each session holds a maximum of 230 participants. The fee for the 2009 Bear Camp will be $60.00 per person (youth or adult). If reservations are made by February 6, 2009, the discounted fee is $45.00. To make a reservation or after February 6, you must e-mail Christi Leewright at cleewrig@bsamail.org. For a full definition of fees, refunds, and non-refundable deposits, as well as further information, please visit the website.

If you recruit a new Scout into Cub Scouting after February 6, 2009 to attend camp, the fee will be $45.00. A copy of the youth application will be necessary to receive the reduced rate.

Bear Resident Camp is a program designed so that every youth attends camp with an adult partner. There are no part-time Scouts or leaders at Bear Camp. Come join the fun at Cub World at Camp Naish!  

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Scouting and the American Legion

The American Legion annually honors The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year at its National Convention. The winner of the competition receives an $10,000 scholarship and the three runners-up each are awarded $2,500 scholarships. If you live in Missouri contact Ray Rolley at (636) 629-4061 Further information including a downloadable nomination form is available at: http://www.legion.org/programs/youthprograms/scouting.

Information is also available at that website about earning the American Legion Scouting Square Knot Award. This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. Its purpose is to recognize dedication and work by the member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.

OA High Adventure Opportunities

High Adventure opportunities exist for those Arrowmen that would like an opportunity to attend Philmont to serve on the OA Trail Crew. Experience a wilderness voyage at Northern Tier or experience an ocean adventure at the Florida Seabase. For an application visit the OA High Adventure website at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. Both of the programs are held during the summer of 2009. You must be 16 years old by the time you start the program but not yet 21.

NOAC

The 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held August 1-6, 2009 at the University of Indiana, Bloomington. This event promises to be one of the most fun and exciting times for the Order of the Arrow. The new Strategic plan will be unveiled and the Order will have a new direction for the next few years. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org for more information and registration forms.

OA Dues

Tamegonit Lodge dues are now due. You may pay your dues online at www.hoac-bsa.org or you can print off a renewal form on the Council website to be mailed in. Make sure to include your current membership level when you renew your membership.

OA Spring Inductions

2009 Spring Inductions are May 1-3, 2009 and May 15-17, 2009. Registration is available online, at Roundtables, and in the Spring Torchbearer. If you were inducted as an Ordeal member last spring, now is the time to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood.

National Jamboree 2010

“100 Years of Scouting”

The National Scout Jamboree will be held in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia from July 26, 2010-August 4, 2010. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days. They will share adventure, international friendship, personal growth, and development. Please visit the Heart of America Council web-site at www.hoac-bsa.org for more information and to sign up to participate. Contingent Leader Applications will not be accepted after December 1, 2008.

An Investment for the Future

“What did the Stock Market do today?” “Will I have enough money to retire?” “Will I loose my job?” “What will the future bring?” All these questions are being asked by many people every day.

When we are worried about how we will take care of things today, it is often very hard to think about tomorrow. When times are tough, that is the best time to think about the future and to have a plan for what we will do.

As Scouters, we plan for the future at every meeting we have with our youth. Based on our values and commitment to the program, we help develop these young people to be men and women of character as a result of their participation in the program from Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venturing.

Wood Badge for the 21st Century helps prepare adult leaders to provide the leadership the youth they work with will need to meet the challenges they will face when they are adults. It is an intensive high caliber training course where the participants live the leadership skills they are learning. Youth learn best by doing and so do adults.

Come join us for C-46-09, next fall at Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, September 11-13 and October 2-4, 2009. It is not too early to register. Download your application from the HOAC website under Supplemental Training and Wood Badge.

The time you spend at Wood Badge and working your ticket will be an investment for the future that will pay big dividends. No risk, high reward!!
Webelos Resident Camp

The Webelos Draw for the 2009 camping season will be held January 24, 2009. Specific times and locations have been mailed to Cubmasters and Committee Chairs.

Listed below are the 2009 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 $110.00 per Webelos Scout and $110.00 per full-time leader. 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.

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Boy Scout Camp

The 2009 Boy Scout Camp Draws for the H. Roe Bartle and the Theodore Naish Scout Reservations have been held but it is not too late to still make your troop’s 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 21 – 27, 2009. Contact Christina Crandall at (816) 569-4930 for information on how to sign-up.

Camp Payments

The first 2009 Boy Scout Camp payment is due February 18, 2009. This payment should be ½ of your unit’s 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.

Philmont Council Contingent Opportunities

The Heart of America Council, BSA will be taking a contingent to Philmont departing July 10, 2009 and returning July 23, 2009. There is a fee of $925.00 per participant which includes round trip transportation, meals to and from Philmont, fees at Philmont Scout Ranch, High Adventure T-shirt and two mandatory shake-down trainings prior to arrival at Philmont. The fee does not include personal gear or spending money. There are a limited amount of Camperships available to be part of the Philmont Council contingent.

For more information please contact Leslie Staack at (816) 569-4963 or lstaack@bsamail.org. The application for the Philmont Council Contingent and Campership Application can be found on the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org located under Resources and Forms.

Trainer 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 24, 2009 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm 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 16, 2009. 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, jdvais@bsamail.org.

Volunteers wishing to join your District Training Team should visit with the District Training Chair at your monthly Roundtable.
Doug Stone Promoted to Scout Executive

Scout Executive Tim Bugg has announced the promotion of Douglas W. Stone, Director of Field Service for the Heart of America Council, to position of Scout Executive for the Indian Waters Council, headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, effective December 1, 2008.

In his new role, Mr. Stone will serve as the top executive officer for a Boy Scout council serving more than 8,000 youth in seven districts in the Midlands region of South Carolina. The council’s website can be found at www.indianwaters.org. The opportunity comes after three very successful years in Kansas City and eighteen with the Boy Scouts of America.

Since January 2006, Mr. Stone has managed the field staff in supporting more than 19,000 volunteers and 45,000 youth members. Under his leadership, the council has gained national attention in achieving exceptional growth in membership and fundraising, and the field staff has increased to 28 full-time executives. Prior to Kansas City, he served as Director of Finance and Marketing as well as Field Director for the National Capital Area Council, BSA in Washington, D.C., and he started his career in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1991 with the Connecticut Rivers Council, BSA.

New Reservation Director for Naish

Warren Wenner has been selected to be the new Reservation Director of the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation and Program Director for the Heart of America Council. Warren and his family are returning home to Kansas City to become a part of the Heart of America Council family.

Mr. Wenner attended and graduated from Missouri Valley College. He started in his Scouting career in our area. Warren’s first position in professional Scouting was in St. Joe, Missouri where he served as a district executive. His career then brought him to the Heart of America Council where he served as a district executive and then a program director from 1983 thru 1988.

Following his service to the Heart of America Council, his professional career included a variety of positions in Minneapolis, MN; Belleville, IL; Naperville, IL and Tampa, FL.

Mr. Wenner will be assuming his duties with the Heart of America Council on December 15, 2008. Please welcome Warren, Linda and Jason back home to Kansas City as he starts his new position.
Recharter

Don’t forget your unit’s recharter paperwork is due to the council service center by December 15th! If you have any questions please contact your commissioner. If you don’t know who that is, contact Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956. Help is always available so there is no reason to turn it in late!!

Roundtable

The Big Muddy District roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at the Lexington United Methodist Church located on South Highway 13 in Lexington at 7:30 pm. Roundtables are an important way for leaders to gather and 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 Big Muddy District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders.

John Dickson

For those of you who haven’t heard, the Big Muddy District suffered a great loss on November 15, 2008. John Dickson, District Advancement Chair passed away suddenly. John was the father of an Eagle Scout and a Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. John had over 30 years of service to Scouting including Scoutmaster of Troop 324 in Richmond and over 15 years of service to the Big Muddy district committee including positions as district chairman and most recently district advancement chairman. John will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Investment in Character

This year our Friend of Scouting campaign’s theme is an Investment in Character. As you know, an Investment in Character is an essential part of funding the operations of the Big Muddy District as well as the council. As beneficiaries of the services that our fundraising provides, your support is imperative to the continuation of the Scouting movement. Please work with our 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 a family 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 support. For questions, please contact Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956 or gdealy@bsamail.org.

Klondike Derby

This 2009 Klondike Derby will be hosted by both troops in Concordia. The campout will take place January 23, 24, and 25 at the city lake located two miles south of Concordia on Route 23. The folks in Concordia have put a lot of effort into planning this event so make sure you are there. For more information contact Rob Hemme at (660) 463-7808.

Annual Business Meeting

The Big Muddy District’s annual business meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2008 at Dibbins Hall in Lexington at 7:30 pm. At this meeting, we will be electing district members at large to members of the 2009 Big Muddy District Committee. All voting members of the district, including chartered organization representatives, district members at large, and any council members at large residing in the district are encouraged to attend.

Please send nominations to: Big Muddy District Nominating Committee; Attn: Grant Dealy 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. All nominations must be made in writing at least two weeks prior to the district election.

District Recognition Dinner

Mark your calendars for February 28, 2009! This year’s district dinner will be a little later than normal so be sure to make note of the change! A location has not been set at this time but more information will be posted on the council website as well.

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District Dinner

The 32nd Annual Blue Elk District is coming up on February 7, 2009 at Adams Pointe Conference Center, 1400 NE Coronado Drive, Blue Springs, MO. The cost is $23 per person. The district dinner committee has been working hard to plan a night of friendship for all who attend. Nomination forms for District Award of Merit, Silent Service Award, Scouters Spirit Award and the Paul Arend Award should have already been turned in. If you have questions concerning nomination forms please contact Brian Bentrop. For more information on Blue Elk District Dinner contact Jim Beachner at beachner@gmail.com, 847-5617 or Brian Bentrop at bbentrop@bsamail.org, (816) 569-4918.

Investment in Character

Our Friends of Scouting theme for this year is an Investment in Character. It is time for you to invest in the program you love, the boys you mentor, and those who may need financial assistance to participate in the Scouting program. Your Investment in Character dollars help boys attend camp and provides uniforms for those who couldn’t otherwise afford it. They support our Urban Scouting program and our Learning for Life, in-school units. Thousands of youth are directly affected by your investment. Every donation, no matter how small or big makes a difference. If you have not scheduled your unit presentation, please contact Tiffany Bumgardner at (816) 569-4969 or tbumgard@bsamail.org or Scott Smith at ssmith@furrysmithlaw.com or 461-3377 with a presentation date and time.

Recharter Turn-In

Recharter turn-in will be on Thursday, December 4 beginning at 7:00 pm at Plaza Heights Baptist Church. We will be set up to receive all your rechartering materials. If you have any questions or problems, contact your unit commissioner or your professional staff at the council office, (816) 942-9333.

Cub Christmas Craft

Cub Christmas Craft will be held on December 6 from 9:00-11:30 AM and Messiah Lutheran Church, 613 S. Main Street Independence, MO. The cost is $1 and the boys can make up to ten crafts. Pre registration is required. Contact Marie Benz at 373-4392 or Annette Clark at 547-4428 for more information.

Training

Don’t forget about our quick action response team. If you can pull the members of your unit together, our quick action team will bring the training to you. For more information on this contact Jim Burgess at 228-6911 or valentine64@sbcglobal.com or Chad Lograsso at 220-3458 or chadlograsso@hotmail.com.

District Annual Meeting

Our annual business meeting will be held on December 17 in the Blue Ridge Bank board room at 7:00 pm. All members at large and charter organization representatives are invited to attend.

Camporee

We had a great camporee this year; A big thanks to Kerry DeHaan and all of his staff for putting together such a great program. We are already planning for next year and hope to have good weather once again.

Klondike Derby

We will be back at George Owens Nature Park for a traditional Klondike on January 23-24. Contact Craig Hastings, Klondike Chairman, at chastings@indep.k12.mo.us, 522-4370 or Tiffany Bumgardner at tbumgard@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4969 for more information.
Annual District Recognition Dinner

Our annual District Recognition Dinner will be Saturday, January 31 at the South Camp Dining Hall in Camp Theodore Naish. Our social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Registration is $20 per person. Registration fliers will be distributed at the December roundtable and will be available on the hoac-bsa.org website on the Kaw District webpage.

Also consider a donation to sponsor dinners for attending Eagle Scouts. Nominations for the District Award of Merit are due by December 6. Other nominations may include exceptional Cubmasters, Denleaders, Webelos Leaders, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, committee members, district committee members, or commissioners. Please prepare a letter of recommendation with supporting information for any award you think is relevant and turn in by the December roundtable. We have a December 6th deadline.

Lastly, we would like to recognize your unit. What have you done this year? Has anyone in your unit received recognition for community, religious, or military service? Who has served on the summer camp staff or dance team? There are many stars in Kaw District and we would like to recognize each and every one of you.

Rechartering Your Unit for 2009

The time to renew your unit charter is here. We have prepared a charter renewal packet for you. Starting December 1 you can log on to the Internet and begin the recharter process. We have established two recharter turn-in dates for your convenience; January 13 and January 15 at Leavenworth Library and at Wyandotte West Library. We also be in the office all day on January 16 to help anyone needing help with the recharter process. Please contact Jeff Terrell (816) 569-4947 to arrange to deliver or pick-up your charter renewal paperwork. Reserve your spot, please contact Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967.

Training

Kaw District strives to offer the best Scouting program possible to our Scouts. An important aspect of running a good program is trained leaders. Training helps you understand what resources are available to help you run an outstanding program. Trained leaders are able to keep Scouts in the program longer. This fall there are many opportunities for all of our leaders to get the necessary training. This will be particularly important for those leaders just starting their exciting Scouting adventure. Contact Dan Hammond at (913) 651-4885.

Webelos to Scout Transition!!!!

You may not have known but 80% of all Boy Scouts were former Webelos. Before you know it second year Webelos Scouts will be graduating. Now is the time to invite Webelos Scouts and their families to take a look at your troop. Invite them to troop meeting or take them along for an afternoon at a troop camping trip. Be sure to take the time to get to know them and help them to understand the benefits of continuing on to Boy Scouting.

If you are a troop with no feeder pack OR a pack that has no feeder troop, we can help team you up and insure that those Webelos progress on into Boy Scouts. For more information on this process, contact Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967 or Jeff Terrell at (816) 569-4947.

Fall Camporee

Thanks to Tim Saint, Larry Sisk and all the adults who pitched in to make the fall camporee a great success. We had 10 troops with 106 Scouts who attended. The Scouts made some great pioneering projects. See you next spring for another great camporee.
Happy Holidays

It is the holiday season and I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and a great start to the New Year. It has been a great year of Scouting in 2008. I hope everyone can take the time to spend some quality time with your family away from Scouting. Please be safe in your travels and recharge your batteries for 2009.

Roundtable

The Lone Bear District roundtables 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 gather and learn from each other. This is also an opportunity for you to get information on various 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 email driker@bsamail.org.

Lone Bear District Fall Camporee

The Lone Bear District Fall Camporee was a huge success this year. There were over 170 Scouts that came out for the Lone Bear Rendezvous. The weather was perfect for the day’s event. Everyone should have had a chance to shoot several different black powder rifles and bows and arrows. There was also some tomahawk throwing taking place. Other events included a tug of war, fire making with flint and steel, a cooking demonstration, and also a cooking competition. Thank you to Jon Cerda and his Rendezvous staff for putting together such an outstanding event.

What Have Your Scouts Done?

The district committee and all of the Lone Bear District want to know what your unit has been up to. We know you 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!

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 Tuesday, January 13, 2008. Nomination forms can be found on the Lone Bear District webpage. The dinner costs $16 per person if paid by December 19. After December 19 the price is $18 per person. For more information, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or (800) 776-1110 or email driker@bsamail.org.

Recharter Information

As of December 1, each unit should be able to start the online process of rechartering. Please remember that each unit must recharter their unit via the Internet. You may change adult positions or add or delete adults or youth on your charter at this time. If you are adding new adults or youth, you must still turn in an application for them. If you delete a youth off of your charter, you must be able to give a reason why they are dropped from the roster. After you have made all of your changes and submitted the work through the Internet, make sure to print off your copy of the recharter so that you can get the proper signatures. Make sure to get the Scoutmaster’s/Cubmaster’s/Crew Advisor’s/ or Varsity Scout Coach’s signature and the Executive Officer’s signature on the recharter paperwork before you turn it in to the council office. As a way to help you get your paperwork turned in, at the January roundtable held on January 6, recharter paperwork will be accepted. Bring your copy of the recharter with the signatures on it and the payment. These will be collected and taken to the council office for you to save you a trip. At this time the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit award form will be filled out as well. If you have questions concerning this, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or driker@bsamail.org.
Investment in Character

It’s that time of year where we kickoff “Investment in Character”, the theme for the Friends of Scouting campaign, and raise money for the best youth serving program in the country…Scouting.

We are currently working to get every unit scheduled for a family presentation. If your unit has yet scheduled a presentation, please take a look at your unit calendar and decide on the best time to have a brief Investment in Character presentation. Troop Courts of Honor and pack Blue and Gold banquets are ideal opportunities. A volunteer presenter will take just a few minutes to tell the Scouting story and give families an opportunity to decide how they can best support the Scouting program. Thanks in advance for your crucial financial support of Scouting.

To schedule a presentation contact District Executive, Jeremy McGowan at jmcgowan@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4970.

Good Turn for America

All units are asked to post ALL of your service hours on the Good Turn for America website, found on the North Star Activities’ webpage: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm

All service hours should be included – Eagle Service projects, conservation projects, Scouting for Food, etc. For info, contact Senior District Executive Jonathan Geiger (816) 569-4932 or by email at jgeiger@bsamail.org.

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the North Star District will take place on January 13, 7:30 pm at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie Rd. All voting members who include, chartered organization representatives, district members-at-large, and any council members-at-large residing in the district are welcome and encouraged to attend. Suggestions for the district chairman, vice-chairman, district commissioner, and district members-at-large may be made in writing and must be received two weeks before this meeting by Jason Ballew at jballew@bsamail.org or 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Roundtable on the North Star District

Roundtable is the first Thursday of each month at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods. All 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. 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.

Klondike Derby

Wax up your sled, polish up on your winter camping skills, and pray for some snow.

The district Klondike Derby will be held on February 28th at Kelsey Short Youth Camp in Smithville. Howard Scott and his dedicated team of volunteers are working hard on an exciting program for the Boy Scouts. We look forward to seeing all the North Star troops at this exciting event.
Recharter Turn-In

Our Recharter Turn-in Day will be held on Saturday January 10 at:
Grace Christian Fellowship Church
7230 Quivira Road

Please have one leader from your unit bring in all the recharter paperwork. Be sure to have all the correct signatures on the recharters before turning it in.

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District Dinner 2009

The Northern Tier District Dinner will be held on Saturday January 31, 2009 at Old Shawnee Town Hall (11110 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS.). Gathering begins at 6:00 pm and the dinner begins at 6:30 pm. This event is to recognize the achievements of Northern Tier’s leaders in 2008. District Awards of Merit and Outstanding Leader Awards will be presented at this time.

The cost is $20 per person. To register for this event please visit: http://hoac-bsa.org/ntactivities.cfm.

Fall Camporee

Camporee was a great success this year! More than 400 Boy Scouts came out for a weekend of beautiful fall weather and Olympic Games. THANK YOU to Troop 192 for being our host troop for the weekend. They did an amazing job preparing and executing the event! They led the way for Northern Tier to be a Scout run camporee in the future.

Congratulations to Troop 123 for being the Super Troop this year!

Centennial Quality Unit

Units should be turning in their completed 2008 Centennial Quality Unit Award form. You can do so through December 31, 2008. Your 2009 commitment form can be turned in anytime in December or January. The commitment form is designed to be filled out between your unit leaders and your unit commissioners. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commissioner for more information. Not sure who your unit commissioner is? Contact Judy Tuckness, District Commissioner, at (913) 648-2459 to find out or visit the Commissioner Page on the NT District Webpage at: http://hoac-bsa.org/NT_Commissioners.cfm

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Northern Tier District will take place on January 6, 7:00 pm at Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd. All voting members who include, chartered organization representatives, district members-at-large, and any council members-at-large residing in the district are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Rechartering Turn-In and January Roundtable

This year, January 8 is the day! Everyone will need to drop off their charter at the First Baptist Church on January 8. Hopefully this is helpful in getting recharts completed and turned in. Please note, that this is also the date for the January roundtable. We moved the date. The first Thursday of January falls on New Year’s Day.

If you have any questions about your recharter, please contact Jacob Allen at jallen@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4962. Thank you for everyone’s cooperation!!!!

Webelos Woods Weekend

Webelos Weekend was a blast! Approximately 100 Webelos Scouts showed up to Camp Bromelsick for a great program. Dave Ozaki did a great job putting the event together. Thank you to everyone else who helped out in any way! This event is one way to help retain Webelos in the Scouting program!!! Great Job!

Recruiting

We are still searching for any applications that have not been turned in. Please contact Jacob Allen ASAP if your unit still has youth applications in their hands. Our district is trying to keep pace with our membership numbers from last year, and we are very close. We currently need 34 more youth in the Pelathe District to end the year at 1,175 youth.

Thank you for the hard work and for recruiting boys into the program!!!!

Popcorn

Special thanks go to Jean Pfeifer for organizing yet another great Trail End Popcorn sale this year. Our district is currently 8% ahead of what we sold last year at this time. This not only helps maintain our camps, provide the materials needed to recruit more Scouts and train more leaders but it also helps you provide the best program possible in your unit. Thank you for everyone that participated in this year’s popcorn sales. It certainly is a win-win activity!!!!!!!

Pelathe District's Fall Camporee

Emergency Preparedness and JOTA

John Harman did an excellent job putting on the 2008 Fall Camporee. This year’s theme was Emergency Preparedness.

Our Scouts were also able to speak to Scouts from all over the world as a part of the “Jamboree on the Air” We had approximately 100 Scouts attend this year’s camporee.

Thank you to everyone who worked to make this year’s event an outstanding experience for the Scouts who attended!
**Fall Recruitment Wrap-up**

Fall recruitment has come to a close in the Pioneer Trails District. We are very pleased to report that we are delivering Scouting to more young people Scouts than we did a year ago. We have once again met our year end membership goal! Not only did we meet our goal, but we did so before the end of October. This is the first time this has been achieved in several years so it is something to be proud of! Although the district has met its goals and fall recruitment is officially over, we are always looking for new Scouts to join our units. With Little League sports winding down, many kids who were too busy to join Scouts in the fall may have some extra time on their hands. Let’s keep those kids busy and involved in their community! Consider holding a holiday party or a “bring a friend night” and invite new boys to join your unit.

**District Dinner**

The Pioneer Trails District Dinner will be held on Saturday February 7 at Colonial Presbyterian Church, located at 95th and Wornall Rd. This event will begin at 7:00 pm, and the price is $20 a plate. We will reflect on 2008 and look towards the future in what looks to be a very promising 2009. Join us to recognize the many hard-working and dedicated volunteers we have in our district. Visit the district website for RSVP information: http://hoac-bsa.org/PT_Activities.cfm.

**Merit Badge Academy**

The 2009 Pioneer Trails Merit Badge Academy will take place on Saturday, January 17 at Hogan Preparatory Academy, located at 1221 E Meyer Blvd. Merit Badge Academy provides Scouts the opportunity to earn a wide variety of merit badges. Prerequisites may be required before taking certain merit badge classes, so planning is a must! The fee for Merit Badge Academy will be $5 per person. Schedules and registration forms can be found on the Pioneer Trails website: http://hoac-bsa.org/PT_Activities.cfm. For more information, contact Advancement Chairman Pat Parks at (816) 333-5904 or salutar1@att.net.

**Cub Family Campout/Camporee**

If you missed our district-wide camping events, you missed a great weekend! Over 400 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Scouters flooded the Longview Lake Camping Area on October 10 for a weekend full of Scouting activities. Many activities associated with the theme of “Transportation” were offered including a canoe portage, an auto mechanics class, and a ride-along in an actual Model T Ford! One of the highlights of the weekend was waking up to the roar of a hot air balloon inflating. If you missed out this year, make plans to attend in 2009 for what will surely be another fun-filled Scouting weekend!

**Investment in Character**

The theme for this year’s Friends of Scouting campaign is an Investment in Character. Please look at your unit’s calendar for the best time for a family presentation this winter. Please remember funds contributed help support Scouting throughout the Pioneer Trails District and the Heart of America Council. Please contact Larry Tyrl at (816) 942-5638 to schedule an Investment in Character presentation for your unit.
Training

Red Tailed Hawk values their volunteers and adult leaders. We would like to be able to offer you the opportunity to ensure your Scouting experience is safe and rewarding. Training is essential in reaching that goal. For the most current training dates, access the district website or contact Jeff Wandtke at (913) 764-8413 or Bridgete McKenna at (816) 569-4929. RTH website has a detailed list of training dates. Many training courses can be completed online at your convenience. Every Scout deserves a trained leader!

Day Camp

Red Tailed Hawk is already dreaming about warmer weather so we look forward to a fantastic 2009 Cub Scout Day Camp “Cub Fun in the Next Generation”. June 15-19, 2009 will be the week of fun, so mark your calendars. The cost is $46.00 before April 8, $61 after April 9 and $66 at camp. The fun is essential that all Cub Scout leaders complete Family Presentation the opportunity to ensure your recharter packet.

Commitment 2009

On January 15, 2009, with your help, the Red-Tailed Hawk district will set the pace as the first district to complete the rechartering process, schedule 100% family presentations, train 100% of our direct contact leaders and achieve 100% Centennial Award participation.

On January 15, 2009, Red-Tailed Hawk will be meeting at the location listed below where a unit representative can drop-off your recharter packet.

College Church of the Nazarene
Cunningham Family Life Center
2020 E. Sheridan St.
Olathe, KS 66062

Note: You can turn in your recharter packet prior to January 15, by bringing it to the council office.

Merit Badge Forum

Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, please be advised, online registration for the 2009 RTH Merit Badge Forum is now available. To register please go to www.rthmbf.org. If you are having problems with the process please feel free to contact Scott Tobias at sdtoebis@rthmbf.org.

Any volunteers available to help teach a session of the Merit Badge Forum please contact Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator for the Forum, Hal Schmidt at hals227@aol.com.

Investment in Character

Thanks to all who made 2008’s Friends of Scouting campaign a great success! The theme for the 2009 Friends of Scout campaign is an Investment in Character. Please submit your family presentation dates to Bridgete McKenna at bmckenna@bsamail.org.

Cub Scout Leader Training

In order to provide the best quality program for the Scouts in your pack, it is essential that all Cub Scout leaders complete Fast-Start, Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials and Cub Leader Specific Training. New Leader Essentials Training will be offered at the December roundtable. See date and location information below.

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-asa.org
- RTH roundtable, generally held the first Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center

Cub Family Campout

Red Tailed Hawk’s Cub Family Campout and fall camporee were tons of fun! Thanks again to all units, leaders and volunteers who made the events a great success!
Winter Camping – Wilderness Survival

Come learn and test your outdoor skills at our “Wilderness Survival” Winter Camping event. Think you can handle it? Join us on January 30-31st in Lone Jack, MO. See our Thunderbird, Activities website for more information or contact Jim Scalf at jskcmo@comcast.net or 878-4010.

Fall Camporee

If you missed camporee this year, you missed something spectacular. We had underwater rescue, search and rescue K-9 units, ambulances, military personal, 2 helicopters, an incredible mock disaster and tremendous weather. Thank you to Kris Krahenbuhl, Pete Zibers and their 103 staff members for making this a truly memorable camporee.

Commitment ‘09

Thanks to all of our packs, troops and crews for joining us in November for our annual re-charter gathering. Your help and cooperation helped us set the pace for the council!

Spring Pinewood Derby (at Bass Pro)

Join us on March 14th for our Spring Cub Scout event at Bass Pro. Come on out and race your Pinewood Derby Car for the championship title against the Blue Elk District participants. Other activities are planned so don’t miss it!

Save These Dates

- January 30-31 - Boy Scout Winter Camping (Wilderness Survival)
- February 12 - District Awards Dinner
- March 14 - Spring Pinewood Derby event (at Bass Pro)
- March 28th - Merit Badge Academy

Merit Badge Academy

March 28th will be our annual Merit Badge Academy. Check the Thunderbird Activities site for class availability, prerequisites and registration information.

Annual Business Meeting & Election

Thunderbird District will be holding its annual business meeting and elections on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at the Council Service Center. The meeting and election will be in conjunction with the District Committee meeting and begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The elections are held for district chairman, district vice-chairman and members-at-large. Nominations MUST be received in writing at least two weeks prior to the district election. Please send the name of your nomination to: Thunderbird District Nominating Committee Chairman, 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131.
Annual Business Meeting

On January 15, 2009, 6:30 pm, Trailhead District will hold its annual business meeting at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church. Elections for district committee positions and member’s-at-large will take place. All voting members of the district, including chartered organization representatives, are encouraged to attend. If you wish to nominate somebody to the district committee, please send those recommendations in writing to: Trailhead District, Nominating Committee, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. All nominations must be received by December 15, 2008 for consideration.

Popcorn Sales
Congrats Trailhead District! This year our Scouts raised $174,669 in popcorn sales, a 23% increase from last year! We are sending out a big thank you to Popcorn Chairman, Byron Long for his hard work and effort in organizing this great fundraiser.

Merit Badge Forum

The district Merit Badge Forum will take place on Saturdays, January 10 and February 7 at the Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe). Check in at 8:00 am and the first class begins at 8:30 am. Registration deadline is January 2 (no exceptions). Cost is $2.00 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.

Recharter Turn-in Day

Your recharter paperwork is due at the Recharter Turn-in Day on January 17 at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf. You may begin the online process on December 1. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commissioner or district executives, Matt Specht or Jenna Murphy. In addition to turning in your unit’s recharter paperwork, your unit commissioner will help you complete the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Goals Form and get your unit’s family presentation commitment and 100% Trained Leadership.

2008 District Recognition Dinner

The 2008 Trailhead District Awards Dinner is Saturday, January 24, 2009. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs. Gathering begins at 6:00 pm. with a buffet dinner served at 6:30 pm. The price for 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.

2009 Investment in Character Campaign

The theme for this year’s annual fundraising campaign is an Investment in Character. You can help to continue to keep Scouting affordable and available to everyone through just such an investment. It is time to make sure that your unit is signed up for a family presentation. If you have not already signed up for this year, now is the time. Family presentations only take 5 minutes and should be scheduled for either your troop Court of Honor or pack Blue and Gold banquet. You can sign up at roundtable or by contacting Jenna Murphy at (816) 569-4948, jmurphy@bsamail.org.

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

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17 Recharter Turn-In Day Atonement Lutheran Church, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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24 District Recognition Dinner Christ Church 91st and Nall, 6:00 pm

District Chair Nick Badgerow nbadgerow@spencerfane.com
District Commissioner John Heather heatherja@kc.rr.com
Activities Chair Lauren James lji@aol.com
Friends of Scouting Chair Zack Shafran zshafran@aol.com
Family FOS Chair Wayne Floyd wayne.floyd@sprint.com
Membership Chair Rob Wheeler rzwmebeck@aol.com
School Night Chair William Easley weasley@kc.rr.com
Public Relations Chair Ron Freeman rontricia@kc.rr.com
Centennial Quality Chair Dean Carlson dcarlson2@kc.rr.com
Advancement Chair Rob Sisco rsisco@kc.rr.com
Camping Chair Gary Smith GaryAlans@yahoo.com
Training Chair Larry Potts lross@bottradionetwork.com
Eagle Chair Dennis Gentry dennis@nevandyndet.com
Boy Scout Roundtable Scott Bower scott.a.bower@spprint.com
Order of the Arrow Advisor Bob McGowan romgow@kckps.org
Venturing Roundtable Chuck Even ceven@everestkc.net
Cub Scout Roundtable Karen Winney kari@kwinneyteam.com
Day Camp Director Cameron Horton cameron.horton@pack 3375.com
Day Camp Program Director Bob Kakareka bobk@trailwoodscouts.com
District Director Matt Specht (816) 569-4966 mspecht@bsamail.org
District Executive Jenna Murphy (816) 569-4948 jmurphy@bsamail.org

Scouts in Pack 3097 celebrate Popcorn Success

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2009 Trails West District Recognition Dinner

Each year your district holds a recognition dinner in honor of those leaders and units who have demonstrated a commitment to the Scouting program. Anyone in the district may nominate their peers for the awards presented at the annual Trails West District Dinner.

All Trails West leaders and their significant others are invited to attend. This also includes charter organization representatives and heads of chartering institutions as well as unit leaders, committee members, district committee members and members of the commissioner staff.

All units are strongly encouraged to arrange at least one table of 10 attendees.

DATE:       Saturday January 17, 2009 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
WHERE:   Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66212
COST:      $15.00 per person (includes three course meal and drinks)
WHY:
To recognize pack and troop leaders for their Scouting contribution
To win fabulous prizes

To register for the dinner or to nominate a fellow Scouter for an award, go to the Trails West District activities page. http://hoac-bsa.org/TW_Activities.cfm.

Recharter 2009

On January 6, 8, and 15, the Trails West District will have 3 convenient locations for you to drop-off and complete your 2009 recharter. There will be people available to answer any questions and help you complete the process. Trained volunteers will be on site to help make this a simple process. Plan to complete your unit’s 2009 Centennial Award Worksheet at the drop-off site.

Recharter Drop-off Sites

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Contact Matt Armstrong with questions at (816) 569-4978 or marmstro@bsamail.org.

Roundtable

The January roundtable will be moved to January 8th Due to New Year’s

Roundtable is held the first Thursday of the month at Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87th St., Lenexa, KS. All Scout leaders are encouraged to attend. Roundtable is a great way to stay current, keep up on all the latest district news, learn new Scouting skills and catch up with fellow Scouters. We also offer Merit Badge Counselor Training and the Order of the Arrow holds its chapter meeting in conjunction with our roundtables.

Merit Badge Forum

“Future Homeowners Seminar”

Saturday, January 31 & Saturday, February 28
Washington Elementary School

Check-in begins at 7:30 am

Classes from 8:30 – 9:45 am and 10:15 – 11:30 am

Planned Curriculum:

For more information or to register go to http://hoac-bsa.org/TW_Adv.cfm.
Annual District Business Meeting

The Twin Rivers District Annual Business Meeting will be held on December 16, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Whistle Stop Café, 901 South Sixth Street in Osawatomie, Kansas. All chartered organization representatives are encouraged to attend. At this meeting, the election of district officers and members-at-large for the coming year will be held. As always, no nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Re-charter Turn-in

Re-charter turn-in for those units who didn’t turn them in at the December roundtable will be December 11, 2008. There will be three locations with trained commissioners and computers to assist with the process. The public library in Paola from 5:30pm till closing, The Radio Shack in Osawatomie all day until closing, and a location yet to be determined in Ottawa.

Award Nominations Due

Nominations for the District Award of Merit and the other awards are being accepted through the January roundtable. Forms are available at roundtable and on the district page of the council website.

The volunteers in the Twin Rivers District are among the best. Let’s be sure to show our appreciation for their efforts by nominating them for recognition.

Merit Badge College

The Twin Rivers Merit Badge College will be held on January 10 and February 7 starting at 8:30 am at Osawatomie High School, 12th and Parker Ave., Osawatomie, Kansas. Classes offered include: Astronomy, Chemistry, Computers, Emergency Preparedness, and Nuclear Science. The completion of prerequisites will be required to successfully complete the merit badges. Class sizes are limited to 30 Scouts and there is a $3.00 registration fee. Two-deep adult leadership is required at this event. The registration deadline is January 8, 2009. Early registration is strongly encouraged.

Pick up registration forms at roundtable or download them from the district web page. For questions contact Curtis Gibson, at (913) 755-2732 or at elespeaks@classicnet.net.

Cub Family Campout and District Camporee

This year’s Cub Family Campout was held at Lake Miola in Paola on October 17 and 18. The weather was almost perfect and there was a great turnout of the families of Cub Scouts in the Twin Rivers District. The Cubs made banana canoes, shot bows and arrows and practiced Scouting skills.

At the same time, we held our annual Boy Scout camporee. Scouts from all over the district supported the event by setting up tipis, and assisting with stations for the Cub Scouts as well as participating in skill stations of their own.

Both events were topped off with a performance by the Tribe of Mic-O-Say Dancers at a campfire on Saturday night. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make both of these events such a huge success. There can be no doubt, Twin Rivers District has the greatest volunteers and the greatest events in the council.
Scouting’s “Non-Traditional” Subsidiary

Mention Scouting and what comes to mind? Boy Scouts on a weekend camping trip? Cub Scouts racing Pinewood Derby cars? Most people think about our “traditional” programs. Scouting has a separate subsidiary that reaches young people through in-school and business-based programs. This subsidiary is called Learning for Life and provides life skills and values to today’s young people in some rather unique ways.

Learning for Life consists of two separate programs: Learning for Life and Exploring. Learning for Life is school-based and provides an in-school, values-based curriculum for teachers to use in their classrooms. All students, boys and girls in grades K-12 can participate. Learning for Life blends character development, life and career skills, academic learning, and outdoor experiences into comprehensive programs geared to help students successfully handle the complexities of contemporary society, reinforce social skills, critical and creative thinking, ethical decision making, conflict resolution, and build their self-esteem.

The Exploring program is work-site based and contributes to the healthy development of today’s young adults by providing them with the environment, resources, and relationships they need to learn and grow. The program is designed to give young adults, male and female, a hands-on opportunity to learn about career interests while developing life skills, positive character trait, and leadership. Youth members plan and operate their own program under the guidance of adult volunteer leaders. The program offers young people an opportunity to develop a sustained caring relationship with adults, to receive guidance in facing serious challenges and to become a valued member of a constructive peer group at a crucial stage in their lives.

The Heart of America Council is committed to providing Learning for Life, the school-based component, to schools of Kansas City’s Urban Core. Focused in Wyandotte and Jackson Counties, schools are able to use the program at no charge. The books, training and other program support materials are provided by the Heart of America Council’s Learning for Life Division. Two professional staff members support the program offering guidance and information. At cost of nearly $250,000 annually, 10,967 young people are enrolled in the program.

Exploring in the Heart of America Council reaches over 1,200 young men and women and gives them the opportunities to learn about careers first hand from professionals in the field. Posts are available in arts and humanities, aviation, business, communications, engineering, fire/emergency services, health careers, law and government, law enforcement, science, skilled trades, and social services. Businesses that charter posts include: Black and Veatch Engineering, Cerner Corporation, American Society of Civil Engineers, HNTB, Hallmark, KCPD, Kansas City Zoo and the Kansas City Aviation Center to name just a few.

Don’t Forget about Your Charter Renewal !!!

Everyone should have their charter renewal paperwork nearly completed or already turned in. Remember, the target date for all Explorer posts to have their charter renewal paperwork turned in was November 15, 2008. If you have any questions, we are here to help. We are here to lend assistance in any capacity. We can go through your renewal process line by line. We will be at First Nighter recruitment nights to answer questions, help out with your program, and just lend two extra hands.

If you haven’t done so already, there is still time to conduct a recruitment night for your Explorer post. Without recruiting new members...there is no Exploring! First Nighters can be great fun. Take a look at some of the fun you can have during First Nighters.

Please contact Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org or Michael Farrell, Exploring Executive, at (816) 569-4950 or mfarrell@lflmail.org to schedule an appointment to complete your post charter renewal paperwork and to attend your post First Nighter Recruitment Night! We want to be there to help.
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Pelathe District Camporee Goes International

Pelathe District participated in the annual international Scouting short-wave radio Jamboree-on-the-Air as a part of the district fall camporee on the weekend of October 17-19. Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) is coordinated by ham radio operators from around the world. This is an opportunity for local Scouts to talk with Scouts in other states and countries.

In the Pelathe District, Scout leaders Chris Armstrong, Pat Donahue and Eagle Scout Reid Crow, all licensed ham radio operators coordinated the event. They set up a solar-powered base station in a grassy field at the Bromelsick Scout Camp, site of the camporee. Batteries and a generator were used to provide power during the night.

The camporee theme was Emergency Preparedness. Short-wave radios are one of the communications options available when a natural disaster affects normal communications. Interested Scouts talked with other Scouts from New York, New Jersey, Arizona, Texas, and Montana.

Scouts also made a number of international contacts in England, Spain, Germany, and several South American countries using a satellite repeater station. Satellite repeaters pick up signals and relay them back to earth, helping ham radio stations reach other stations normally out of range. The satellite passed over the central United States on Saturday evening, allowing Pelathe Scouts to make contact with about a dozen more JOTA participants.

Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet are sponsored by the International Division of the Boy Scouts of America.