Adventures in Scouting

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“A Scout is Trustworthy”

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Update
“Celebrating the Adventure - Continuing the Journey”

Adopt a Service Project to Preserve America’s Waterways
By Keith Christopher, BSA Outdoor Adventure Group

In honor of Scouting’s 100th year, a national initiative called Preserve America’s Waterways is now underway. Our goal for Scouting is to give back 1 million community service hours to America to preserve and protect our waters. Lakes, streams, rivers, and ocean shorelines need our help. Each year these valuable resources continue to suffer from neglect and accumulated debris.

Scout units nationwide are called on to participate. With the help of many partners, a new website has been created to manage these service projects across the country. Organizations such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Forest Service have offered service projects for our Scouts. It is easy to get involved. Just visit www.pawaterways.org. You may choose to adopt a project in the system, or enter one of your own.

Recognition and Awards
All participating Scouts will receive a national recognition certificate from Preserve America’s Waterways. This project can also help you qualify for the service patch from the 100th Anniversary Year of Celebration program. Go to the 100th Anniversary website (www.scouting.org/100years) for more information.

The projects on the Preserve America’s Waterways website may also provide direction and resources to Eagle Scout candidates in search for meaningful projects. Scouts can use these ideas to work with organizations in developing their Eagle service projects.

Additionally, the community service projects and hours logged doing these projects qualify as conservation Good Turns which may help earn the William T. Hornaday Award.

Celebrate Scouting in America. Demonstrate that we are about duty, service and good stewardship of the natural resources of our great country. Preserve America’s Waterways is a way to demonstrate the values of Scouting. “Do a Good Turn Daily,” by visiting the website, www.pawaterways.org and selecting a project to help keep our waterways clean.

Scouting Alumni: Online Scrapbook and Re-designed Website Makes Reconnecting Fun

The BSA is investing in the past to enhance our future. Through the BSA Alumni Connection program and the newly formed Office of Alumni Relationships, we are reaching out to reconnect with the more than 50 million living Scouting alumni.

While it is true that our alumni website may not reach all of our past members, a large majority of them spend at least part of their day in front of a computer. The redesigned site makes use of many digital social networking tools and recognizes the far-reaching power of online trends such as Facebook, email, instant messaging, and Twitter, to name just a few.

Among the most exciting features of the new alumni website is the 100th Anniversary Online Scrapbook. This slick, flash-based application is not only relevant but it looks cool and is easy to use. You can upload photos and share experiences from your Scouting past with other alumni and scroll through the decades to read what others had to say. Best of all, those stories and photos will be saved in a database to preserve our Scouting heritage of the past 100 years.

The website will continue to be updated in the coming months. Features are about to put into use which will feature an alumni directory and discussion forums. These will be available through the new BSA social networking site (http://Community.Scouting.org).

One of Scouting’s greatest strengths and an untapped resource that will help propel us into the next 100 years is our connection to the past, our alumni. Be sure to visit the BSA Alumni Connection site (www.BSAalumni.org).

Thanks to the new tools that are now available, and those soon to be up and running, you can explore the BSA’s history through the eyes of your fellow alumni, add your experience to the story and possibly connect with someone you’ve lost track of over the years. Take a few minutes to visit the site and encourage your fellow alumni to do the same.
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William T. Hornaday Award
The oldest conservation award given in America.

The William T. Hornaday unit certificate is presented for a conservation project completed by a pack, troop, team, crew, or ship. This program encourages and recognizes units, Scouts, Venturers and Scouters who design, lead and carry out conservation projects that are based on sound scientific principles and practices. The projects should contribute to sound conservation and environmental improvement in the community, region or nation.

The applicant is expected to research potential projects and choose, with guidance from a Hornaday advisor, a worthy project from a recognized conservation category: energy, conservation, soil and water conservation, fish and wildlife management, forestry and range management, air and water pollution control, recycling, hazardous material disposal and management, or invasive species control.

This conservation awards program was initiated in 1914 by Dr. William T. Hornaday, then director of the New York Zoological Park, in an effort to inspire members of the Boy Scouts of America to work constructively for conservation. For 20 years, the program was funded through Hornaday’s Permanent Wildlife Protection Fund. Upon his death, the program was sponsored for 35 years by the New York Zoological Society and named in Hornaday’s honor. The award is the oldest conservation award given in America.

The William T. Hornaday Award may be given in one of seven forms: Unit certificates are awarded to a pack, troop, team, or crew for a unique, substantial conservation project. At least 60 percent of registered unit members must participate. Individual Scouts and Venturers may be awarded the Badge, Bronze medal, Silver medal for distinguished service in natural resource conservation or environmental improvement. These applications are judged by a national committee. The Gold badge is awarded by the local council to an adult Scouter or Venturing leader who has demonstrated leadership and a commitment to the education of youth on a council or district level for significant conservation efforts for a period of at least three years. A national committee awards the Gold medal to an adult Scouter or Venturing leader for outstanding service in natural resource conservation and youth education at the regional, national, or international level. The Gold certificate is awarded to a corporation or organization for outstanding service to youth conservation and education. Nominations are reviewed by a national committee.

If you would like additional information and applications (No. 21-107) you can visit the BSA website, www.scouting.org or contact David Allen at the Heart of America Council Service Center.

Conduct a Conservation Good Turn

Since 1910, conservation and “Doing a Good Turn Daily” have been integral parts of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Combining these two concepts into conservation Good Turns provide an opportunity for Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams, Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships to partner with conservation and environmental organizations (federal, state, local or private) in their home communities. Scouting is an important force in the community. We help our members learn how they can be better stewards of the environment while providing an important service through the work conducted in service projects and Good Turns.

Consider working in partnership with a local conservation or environmental organization.

- Contact a local conservation agency and offer to carry out a Good Turn project.
- Agencies are great resources. They can help identify worthwhile projects that can provide significant help to your community.
- Working together, the unit and agency can plan the details, identify resources as well as establish the project date, time and locations.
- Conservation Agencies may have access to educational resources that can be used for unit program activities.
- In the current economic climate, conservation and environmental agencies are likely to welcome the additional help that a Scouting Good Turn represents. Scouting can provide assistance in helping those organizations working to complete important projects in spite of budgetary constraints.

Focusing on conservation Good Turns is an excellent way to combine environmental education with community service. Conservation-related Good Turn projects have been a part of the Scouting program since our start. These projects provide a tremendous benefit for everyone involved. Scouts and leaders develop a greater understanding of the environment, while providing the service which helps to make our communities better.
Training builds Skills and Confidence

When you work to recruit a new volunteer to provide leadership to a newly formed den or to serve as an advisor to that new patrol, it is important to encourage them to attend training for their position as soon as they possible can. Attending training within the first two months of volunteering has a significant impact on a leader’s enjoyment and success as a Scouting volunteer.

Fast Start training, New Leader Essentials or the new “This is Scouting” course, leader-specific training and roundtable attendance all play a role in helping new leaders get off to a great start. Research has shown that providing timely and effective training results in engaged and qualified leaders. A 2006 survey of about 500 new and experienced den leaders confirms that leaders want and need training promptly after being assigned a den. More than eight out of ten leaders who took Cub Scout Leader Fast Start, New Leader Essentials or leader-specific training within the first two months in their position indicated they were trained at the appropriate time. Satisfaction levels decreased by about two-thirds, however for those who indicated that they were trained more than two months after being assigned to a den. Training early will ensure that leaders feel prepared to take on their new position.

Training serves a number of functions in addition to simply providing the materials and information needed to run a Scout meeting. Leaders want someone that they can turn to with their questions. Most leaders indicate that having a mentor is helpful in learning what a Scouting volunteer does, regardless of the position. Mentors can help leaders learn what they need to do to be prepared for Scouting activities. They can help leaders find additional resources to enrich their programs. Leaders can turn to their mentors when they have questions about advancement and the nuts and bolts of running the Scout meeting. New leaders have been found to prefer on-line training methods when they are looking for knowledge-based information. They do, however, prefer training to be conducted in-person and hands-on when learning how to run a meeting or how to overcome challenges.

As the saying goes, “Every Scout deserves a trained leader,” and every new leader deserves the opportunity to learn firsthand about the resources, benefits, programs and outstanding dedicated people who are willing and able to help them provide the best possible program to

Volunteers to Assist with Pet Adoptions

The Kansas City Kansas Animal Control is partnering with the Shawnee Mission Parkway Petsmart to conduct pet adoption weekends. They are looking for volunteers to help. This may be a service project opportunity for Boy Scouts. Volunteers must enjoy animals, be 14 years of age or older and available on either a Saturday or Sunday for 3 to 4 hours. Volunteers will be helping to take care of the potential adoptees (dogs) by taking them on short walks, watering them and talking with people who are interested in adopting. They will also help set up crates and keep the area clean.

Anyone interested in more information or to volunteer can contact JoAnne Piper, a Kansas City KS Adoption Control volunteer at (913) 721-3433.

Naish Trading Post is Now A Scout Shop

Here is the perfect opportunity to combine a trip to the Scout Shop with a chance to spend some time at camp. The Naish Scout Shop now offers a full line of uniforming, Rank Advancement, Handbooks, etc. and is open on Saturdays. Now is a great time to stop by to take advantage of the GRAND OPENING offers. And, while you are there, be sure to take some time to tour the camp or bring out a picnic lunch to take advantage of the wonderful spring weather.

Naish Scout Shop (located at the camp trading post)
1100 Martinek Lane,
Kansas City, Kansas
Open every Saturday except for holidays
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Weboles Transition into Boy Scouting

Cub Scouting is only the first step in a young man’s Scouting experience. The transition to Boy Scouting is important. It is crucial that packs and troops work together to ensure that every Webelos Scout has the opportunity to become a Boy Scout.

As Webelos Scouts complete their second year, pack and troop leadership, aided by their unit commissioners, must combine their efforts to ensure that a Webelos Scout and his family understand the importance of continuing along the Scouting trail to Boy Scouting. The primary focus of the Cub Scouting program is to prepare young men for Boy Scouting. Over ninety percent of all Boy Scouts were Cub Scouts.

It is important to start now. Webelos Scouts need time during the spring to adjust to becoming a new Boy Scout. New Scouts need time to develop camping skills and build relationships before attending summer camp.

Now is the time to graduate Webelos into the Boy Scouting program, if you have not done so already. If you would like assistance with a graduation ceremony, or if you need help finding a troop in your area, please contact a member of your district executive staff or call the Heart of America Council Service Center at (816) 942-9333 or (800) 776-1110. We want to be sure that every Webelos Scout has an opportunity to become a Boy Scout.
The Pan-Am Jamboree

The Pan-Am Jamboree, to be held in Mexico, outside of Mexico City, next December-January, 2010, is an excellent opportunity for Scouts wishing to have an international Scouting experience that is not too far away from home.

“Scouts and Guides, from all over South and Central America, Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and the USA will come together for a week of international activities and Scouting fun with 8-15,000 others in the warmth of Mexico. We are offering 20-30 Boy Scouts and Venturer ages from 14-21, the opportunity of a lifetime,” states Tom D. Johnson, the Heart of America Council’s International Representative and Committee Chair. “We will have solid adult leadership with deep international Scouting experience leading our contingent.” The Jamboree site is perfect for an international camping event, and offers seclusion, in a rainforest location.

Costs are estimated at $1200-$1500, and will include all major costs. The event starts on December 26, 2009, and runs through January 3, 2010. The timing of the event offers a welcome change to a warm climate in the middle of winter holiday break.

“We are gaining rapid interest from Scouts in the council” states Mr. Johnson, and anyone interested is referred to the international Scout page on the Heart of America Council’s website. You can also contact Roger Mantony at rogerlman@aol.com for more details.

An “Investment in Character”

Our annual giving campaign, an “Investment in Character,” is a crucial way that we ensure that Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, Learning for Life and Exploring programs are available for more than 45,000 youth members in the Heart of America Council.

An investment made through a gift to our annual campaign enables the council to provide services such as Scoutreach, a program meeting the needs of more than 16,600 young people in inner-city neighborhoods and rural communities. Learning for Life offers an in-school program that provides classroom teachers with ethical decision making and career-related curriculum. Learning for Life is available primarily to inner city schools, where resources are scarce and the need is the greatest.

In the Heart of America Council, 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 as program services for Scouts, volunteers, as well as existing and potential organizations that work with the council to provide Scouting to their youth.

Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venture crews are asked to schedule a Family Investment in Character presentation at meetings or gatherings where families can hear the Scouting story.

The Heart of America Council 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.

Celebrating 60 Years of Exploring

Exploring, formally started in 1949, is celebrating it’s 60th anniversary. The National Executive Board revised Senior Scouting to recognize young men in posts, Sea Scout ships, Air Scout squadrons and Boy Scouts over age 14 in troops as Explorers.

Originally, Exploring was started as the senior program in early Boy Scout troops. These older Scouts carried out high-adventure activities and service projects, and provided leadership to younger Scouts.

In 1935, Senior Scouts were formally called Explorers for the first time, and many were organized in separate Explorer crews in troops, using a Senior Scout program.

In 1954, the BSA National Executive Board and the University of Michigan made a national study that revealed the needs, desires and concerns of boys 14 to 16 years of age. As a result, a completely new Explorer program was put into effect on January 1, 1959. This new program included activities, methods, and recognition that were similar to, but separate from, the Boy Scout program.

Today’s Exploring

After almost 10 years of limited progress, a study of the special-interest posts being organized by California businessman William Spurgeon, III, was conducted as a part of a BSA research project by Daniel Yankelovich. The study indicated that 83% of youth surveyed wanted more information on careers than they were getting at home or in school, and 94% wanted adult association. Also important in attracting young adults to Exploring were coed participation, sports and adult-life recognition. This study was implemented by a national committee that developed many of the elements of today’s Exploring, including career-interest surveys and career-interest posts.

Young women became eligible for full membership in Exploring in 1971, and the upper age limit was increased to 21. National activities were added, including the Explorer Olympics, the national Explorer Congress, the safe-driving road rally, and the organization of the Explorer Presidents’ Association.

By 1981, the rapid growth of Exploring led to the development of national specialty programs that are now call the 12 Exploring clusters. In 1994, a biennial National Explorer Leadership Conference was implemented. Exploring now presents young people with worksite-based, hands-on, experiences in a wide variety of careers.

In 2007, Exploring served 145,124 young men and women through 6,733 posts. The largest Exploring cluster is Law Enforcement which serves 35,028 youth. This last summer, approximately 5,000 youth and adults attended the National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado. After 60 years, Exploring continues to adapt to meet the needs of young men and women by providing programs not available through any other youth-serving organization.
Leo Long

In 2008, the Heart of America Council lost a great friend and supporter of the Scouting program. Executive Board member, Leo Long, passed away in August of 2008. Leo Long was a life-long Scouter. His Scouting career started in Cub Scouting and his Boy Scout years were spent at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. He became a brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 1956 and a Warrior in 1957. To fellow tribesmen he was known as Little Red Corn. Leo also earned the Eagle Scout Award. His passion for Scouting continued into his adult life. He was a financial supporter of Boy Scout Troop 106 in Kansas City’s Hispanic community and joined the Heart of America Council’s Executive Board.

Besides being a faithful volunteer, he also believed in the importance of financially supporting Scouting. Mr. Long provided funding for the development of the Fort Long campsite in Piercing Arrow at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. This campsite was designed to provide a prototype for all future campsites at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. In 2004, Leo also made a long-term decision to ensure that the council camping facilities are maintained into the future. He became a Platinum member of the council’s Heritage Society with a $1,000,000 gift commitment in his estate to benefit the council endowment. Interest from his gift will be used to support the maintenance of camp properties. His gift letter stated, “Scouting has always been an important part of my life, and helped keep me headed in the right direction.”

Mr. Long was a Kansas City business leader who had a passion for the automobile. He founded Long Motor Corporation which has become the world’s largest truck & SUV parts supplier. His company offers a full line of parts and accessories catalogs that are detailed in a schematic format to be sure that the customer can get the job done right. Because of his business success, Leo served on numerous boards including the Brotherhood Bank and Trust, Citizens Bank & Trust, Derrick Thomas’ Third and Long Foundation, El Centro Community Center, Inc., Guadalupe Community Center, Inc. and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Scouting will miss Leo. His legacy will live on through the people he has touched and those whom he will continue to touch for years to come through his love and support of Scouting and the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

Gifts Providing for the Future

The early founders of the Boy Scouts of America through vision and commitment established Scouting as the premier youth organization in the world. Today, in that spirit, we honor modern-day visionaries whose generosity and commitment ensures that their early vision will continue.

Three distinct national awards recognize support of the endowment program of the Heart of America Council. These awards are presented by local councils, like the Heart of America Council, for support of their local endowment.

The James E. West Fellowship

James E. West was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. He served in that position for more than three decades. The West Fellowship award is available for gifts of $1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to the donor’s annual gift to the Friends of Scouting/Investment in Character campaign. Many individuals and companies make these gifts on behalf of someone else. Often they are made to honor a significant achievement or milestone. They may be made to honor an Eagle Scout, or Silver Beaver recipient as well as recognizing a retirement or anniversary. James E. West provided a significant contribution to Scouting in a significant way. It is fitting that this Fellowship be named in honor of him.

The 1910 Society

Membership in the “1910 Society”, named in honor of the year that the Boy Scouts of America was founded, is awarded to donors making significant gifts to a council’s endowment. Recognition levels in the Society honors four special individuals who shaped modern-day Scouting. They are Ernest Thompson Seton, author of the first official Scout handbook, Daniel Carter Beard, first Scout commissioner, Theodore Roosevelt, first vice president of the BSA, and Waite Phillips who donated the property that is now the Philmont Scout Ranch.

The Founders Circle

“The Founders Circle” is intended to recognize those individuals that, through their foresight and generosity, provide for a local council’s future through a planned gift to its endowment. “The Founders Circle” is named in honor of those individuals whose efforts, as a group, laid the ground work for our modern movement. Their early work made the programs that we have today possible. The generosity of those modern-day individuals whose vision leads them to “The Founder’s Circle” ensures that the crucial values represented in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America continue.

The Boy Scouts of America is concerned with providing for the future through the young people of our country. Gifts to the Heart of America Council’s ongoing endowment campaign help to ensure that Scouting’s work endures.

For more information about the Heart of America Council’s Endowment program contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979.
American Flags in Need of Proper Retirement

We need your help. A number of American Flags have been delivered to the Heart of America Council Service Center because they are in need of proper retirement. This is an opportunity for Scouts to learn how to conduct the appropriate ceremonies for retiring the American Flag.

If you are interested in helping to see that these well-worn flags are retired, please contact Doug McDuff at (816)569-4920 to make arrangements to pick up one or more flags. This could be an opportunity for a service project.

April is Youth Protection Month

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 helps to ensure that their Scouting experience is a positive one.

Rules such as those pertaining to two deep leadership, one-on-one contact and the “rule of four” allow for mentoring opportunities while protecting everyone involved. Requiring proper preparation for high-adventure activities ensures that participants have the knowledge, equipment, and physical ability required to enjoy exciting programs in challenging environments. 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.

Parents should be involved with their son’s Scouting activities. This not only strengthens relationships and understanding of Scouting, but also serves a barrier of protection for youth members. All parents receive important information about Scouting’s policies and procedures as a part of their sons’ application process designed to help them to identify any deviations from BSA’s program.

The BSA continues to develop material designed to address youth protection issues. 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 as a value-based youth development organization helps young people learn 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.

Program Planning Fairs

The Program Planning Fairs, held at May or June district roundtables, is an opportunity to learn about upcoming activities, training sessions, the council popcorn sale, and camping plans. The information you pick up during these program planning sessions will help your committee as you begin the task of planning your 2009-2010 unit calendar. As you well know, a successful Scouting program involves proper planning. Whether this is your first or fifteenth year, program planning, tools are available to help you successfully navigate this process. A little time spent at your district’s Program Planning Fair ensures a fun and successful Scouting program for next year! Every unit leader is invited to attend.

Program Planning Fairs are held in each district and are designed to give unit leaders an overview of the district and council activities for the next program year. All units that attend their district’s Program Fair receive the council’s 2009-2010 Program Packet. This packet contains valuable information on program, training, finance, camping, and facilities. It also contains planning resources for Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing leaders.

The Program Fair is an opportunity for all leaders to learn new ideas and network with other Scouters. This is one meeting unit leaders shouldn’t miss. It is important that all leaders start the planning process with the same information, make sure your unit is well represented. Visit your district’s websites for times, dates, and locations. Also, be sure to check your district’s website throughout the year for up-to-date information about council and district programs.
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.

Bear Resident Camp

There are very few openings for Bear Camp this summer, some sessions have a waiting list, so don’t wait too long! 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.

Each participant receives a Bear Camp shirt and patch along with two days of fun at Camp Naish. Cost per participant is $60. 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!

### 2009 Cub Scout Day Camp

“Cub Fun in the Next Generation”

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2010 HOAC High Adventure Opportunities

Wood Badge for the 21st Century Scouter

You are invited to attend the 2009 Wood Badge Course for the 21st Century Scouter. This training experience is open to all adult Scouters registered in the Boy Scouts of America who are not Wood Badge trained. The 2009 course will be held on two weekends. Both weekends will take place at the Theodore Naish Reservation. September 11, 7:30 am – September 13, 2009, 5:00 pm will be the classroom session. October 2, 2009, 7:30 am – October 4, 2009, 5:00 pm for the outdoor session.

Wood Badge training is an experience like no other!!! You will take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors with your patrol. 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 are required to be trained in your current registered position. The objective of the course is to help you learn to be a more effective leader. You will experience a professional environment with experienced trainers using the most modern and 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.

Final Camp Fee Payment Dates

Day Camp ($45.00/Scout) – April 8, 2009
Boy Scout Camp – April 22, 2009
Webelos Resident Camp – May 6, 2009
Rotary Scout Camp – July 2, 2009
Venturing Camp – May 1, 2009

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

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

OA Spring Inductions

There are three induction weekends scheduled for 2009 for Tamegonit Lodge this year. The spring dates are May 1-3 and May 15-17 at Naish Scout Reservation. Registration forms were distributed at Roundtable, if you missed them, please call your Chapter Adviser or Unit Commissioner, and they are also available online.

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Camping and Program

Den Leader Outdoor Experience

The purpose of Den Leader Outdoor Experience (DOE) is to help leaders of Cub Scouts become more aware of outdoor activities and to help them use Cub Scout outdoor skills. Participants can choose the BALOO part of the course (sleep in a cabin with a bunk) or the Webelos Outdoor Leader part of the course (sleep in a tent). This weekend training takes place April 24-25, 2009 at Rotary Youth Camp, 22310 NE Colbern Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64086. For more information or to register online, visit our website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting invites all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders for 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 7, 2009. This is an event you will NOT want to miss! See you all there.

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.

2009 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 "Road Trip 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 Josh Morales at (816) 569-4961 or jmorales@bsamail.org.

Weberlos Resident Camp

Listed below are the 2009 Weberlos Camp Sessions. Any registered Weberlos Scout (including third grade graduates) may attend Weberlos Camp. Weberlos Camp is held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, and is a three-day, two-night experience.

There are spaces available in Session 2 (July 1-3), Session 3 (July 5-7), and Session 9 (July 26-28) for your pack to attend camp this summer.

The cost to attend Weberlos Camp is $110.00 per Weberlos Scout and $110.00 per full-time leader. After May 6, 2009, the cost increases to $125.00 per reservation. The deposit of $30.00 is due at registration. The balance of the camp fee is due by May 6, 2009.

Leader orientation meetings are scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd, both start at 7:00 pm. For location details visit www.hoac-bsa.org. Please plan to attend one of these meetings to receive the latest camp updates.

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Brownsea NYLT Training

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

This year NYLT will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation from Sunday, June 14 to Friday, June 19, 2009. The purpose of NYLT Training is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at it’s best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course, to have fun!! Registration forms and online registration are available on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

There are a limited amount of camperships available. The form is available at the Council Service Center or on the Council website.
## Council Calendar of Events

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### Unit Public Relations Kit Available

A good public relations program can help your unit in many ways and involves working with several groups. Good public relations have a positive impact on membership and helps to identify resources that will help you provide a great program.

A major part of public relations is placing stories in local newspapers. Take the time to get to know the reporters and editor working with community stories. If you learn what they are looking for and the best way to deliver the information, you will find that local papers are anxious to help you tell your story. You will probably discover that newspapers now do incredible things online which you may find useful in connecting with the community.

An eight-page brochure is now available to help you develop your unit’s public relations plan. It is available for you to download on the Heart of America Council’s website.

You can connect to the Resources and Forms page by going to this address: http://hoac-bsa.org/resources.cfm.

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### Districts Combine Efforts to Run Pinewood Derby

*Submitted by Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk District Public Relations Chair*

The Cub Scouts of Blue Elk and Thunderbird Districts had an opportunity to enter their cars in the first annual Cub Scout Speedway Pinewood Derby race. Brian Bentrop, Blue Elk District Executive reported, “We had over 250 boys registered for the event” and expected to expand the field next year. The event was held at the Independence Bass Pro Shop.

The Scouts competed on two tracks with computer controlled finish lines. They raced in groups based on rank, and the first place winners of these groups ran in the finals. Sam Katon, of Pack 107 sponsored by Parents of Home Schoolers, won the finals and exclaimed “This is the winning car!”

Julie Lyons, the event coordinator for Blue Elk district, was pleased with the participation of the boys and volunteers and noted, “The kids are having a blast, that’s what counts”.

![Over 200 Pinewood Derby cars streaked down the track at the first Cub Scout Speedway at Bass Pro.](image)
Investment in Character

As you know, Investment in Character, this year’s theme for our Friends of Scouting campaign is an essential part of funding the operations of the Big Muddy District as well as the council. As beneficiaries of the services that an Investment in Character provides, your support is imperative to the continuation of the Scouting movement. Please work with our family and community campaign 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 the 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 Jonathan Geiger at (816) 569-4932 or jgeiger@bsamail.org.

District Pinewood Derby

Coming in April is the Big Muddy District Pinewood Derby. The derby will be put on by Michelle Woods and her staff. It will be held at the Farris Theater in Richmond on April 25, 2009. Weigh-in is at 12:00 noon and racing begins at 1:00 pm. For more information about the 2009 District Pinewood Derby, please call Michelle Woods at (816) 509-4404.

District Dinner

This year’s district dinner was a great success and I think, enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Thanks to all those that made it possible; also looking to the future we are seeking input for next year’s dinner. For dinner ideas and suggestions please call contact Jonathan Geiger at (816) 569-5932.
Day Camp

Your day camp staff has been hard at work putting together a great program for 2009. The program is finished; the staff is in place, now all we need are the Scouts! Early bird registration lasts through April 8, as of April 9 the price goes from $46 to $61 and you will pay $66 if you wait to register at day camp. The Blue Elk Day Camp is July 13-17 and will be held at the American Legion Farm. Check our website for an updated scrounge list to see if you have items you can lend or donate. Also contact Jeff Dutzel, Camp Director, 805-7964 or jduetzelsbcglobal.net, Barbie Todd, Program Director, 690-5958 or peanutodd96@yahoo.com or Brian Bentrop, 569-4918 or bbentrop@bsamail.org if you have questions. Scouts in need of service hours are invited to help with set up camp and tear down.

District Dinner

Thank you to Jim Beachner and the district dinner committee for putting on such a great program.

2008 Blue Elk Committee Chairs

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Mike Rodak (816) 774-2483
Vice Chair – Program
Jim Todd (816) 228-4081
Vice Chair – Operations
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Grant Dealy (816) 569-4964
gdealy@bsamail.org
District Executives
Brian Bentrop (816) 569-4918
Tiffany Bumgardner (816) 569-4969

New Training Plan

As you know, our District Chairman, Don Lograsso, has taken up the challenge of increasing our number of trained leaders. Our training and quick action teams have done a fantastic job of keeping us ahead of the training curve but there are challenges in the future.

The following change will be considered by the Board of Directors. By the end of 2009, all top leaders must be trained, by the end of 2010 all direct contact leaders must be trained, and at the end of 2011, every registered adult must be trained for their position. Units not making these training benchmarks will not be able to recharter. Training will be offered in the districts and at camp to help accommodate the number of people needing to attend. Be sure to check the council and district websites for updated training dates.

We understand there are some discrepancies with the council training reports. We need your help in updating and maintaining these records. Your district executive can provide a list of the trainings courses your leaders have completed. Use this list to review your unit’s training status and let us know about correction the need to be made.

Family Friends of Scouting - An Investment in Character

There are several units that are close to reaching their free rank advancement goal. Consider a new approach for raising those last few dollar needed to put your unit over the top. Try a cake bake or an auction. Both these ideas have been very successful for other units. To find out how close your unit is to its goal, or for ideas on how to reach your goal, call any of the Blue Elk professionals at 942-9333.

Venturing Event

To promote Venturing in our district, some of our leaders are planning a shooting sports activity for June 6. Use this as a recruitment tool or just a fun activity for your kids. If you have ideas on how we can increase involvement in Venturing, please stop by the breakout session at roundtable and share your thoughts.

Cub Survivor

We are working with Bass Pro to put on Cub Survivor on May 2 and September 19. Space is limited to 100 Cub Scouts. Contact Tiffany Bumgardner at 569-4969 or tbumgard@bsamail.org to sign up.

Program Planning Fair

Our May roundtable is our annual Program Planning Fair. This is where you can find information on training dates, events, camping and so forth. Be sure to send a unit representative to gather this information. We will be at Bingham Middle School off of Speck Road in Independence. The fair will start at 7:00 pm.

Blue Elk District Events

April
2 Roundtable
Eagle Board of Review
OA Chapter Meeting
Youth Protection Training
New Leader Essentials
Plaza Heights Baptist Church
1501 Clark Road, Blue Springs, 7:00 pm
3-4 Outdoor Leader Skills
St. Marks United Methodist, 6:00 pm
9 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
District Committee Mtg, 7:30 pm
Beacon Heights Community Church of Christ
19402 Holke Rd., Independence
21 Cub Leader Specific Training
39th Street Community of Christ, 7:00 pm
28 Cub Leader Specific Training
39th Street Community of Christ, 7:00 pm

May
7 Program Planning Fair
Bingham Middle School, 7:00 pm
14 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
District Committee Mtg, 7:30 pm
Beacon Heights Community Church of Christ
19402 Holke Rd., Independence
25 Council Service Center Closed
District Pinewood Derby

The General Motors Fairfax Plant provides an outstanding atmosphere for our 10th Annual District Pinewood Derby to be held on April 18th. We look forward to seeing our returning racers from Kaw, Red-Tailed Hawk, Blue Elk and Pioneer Trails Districts.

It’s not all about the race, be sure to visit the car show where we will have antique cars and a fleet of Corvettes. While there, plan to have a hot dogs 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 10th Annual District Pinewood Derby on April 18.

An Investment in Character

Our annual fundraising campaign, Investment in Character, is a fast and successful fundraising drive. You definitely want to be a part of it! So far, you have helped us raise more than 70% of our 2009 Family Investment in Character goal. If you haven’t already done so, contact Joe Grasela at (913) 682-6402, jojenjm@kc.rr.com or Dusty Boatright, dboatrig@bsamail.org and reserve your presentation date.

Do not miss out on a great presentation and an opportunity to give back to Scouting.

April Roundtable

Plan to join us at the April roundtable on April 2 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 2.

Day Camp

As the cold weather finally gives way to spring, it’s nice to be able to think ahead to 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 8 through June 12 in Cub World at Camp Naish.

Chris Bowling is the new camp director for 2009. Many of you may remember Chris. He was our medic at last year’s camp. Our next day camp staff training will be held on April 4.

We will NOT be feeding the Scouts breakfast and lunch again this year. The Cub Scouts and adults both will be required to bring their own lunches.

Registration forms are available on the Heart of America Council website. Visit Resources & Forms, Camping Resources for all camping forms. Or click on www.hoac-bsa.org/RES_Camping_Info.cfm.

For any questions contact Jeff Terrell at (816) 569-4947 or at Jterrell@bsamail.org.
**District-wide Pinewood Derby**

This year the district Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Martin Warren Elementary School gymnasium located in Warrensburg, MO. Each pack will be able to send their top 3 finishers in each of the following categories: Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos. The cost is $5 per racing individual. Registration and weigh-in start at 9:00 am and racing should begin at 10:00 am. The pinewood derby will be sponsored by Pack 399 from Warrensburg, MO. There will also be a concession stand available for snacks and treats.

For more information, please contact Troy Faaborg at (660) 747-8830 or email faaborgs@msn.com. Please see the district web page for the Derby rules.

**The Lone Bear District Spring Camporee**

The spring camporee will be held on the weekend of April 17-19, in Clinton, MO at the conservation area. This camporee is themed “A Hunting and Fishing Extravaganza.” Scouts will tie their own fly fishing lure, shoot bows and arrows, and many other fun activities. Please make sure to let Jon Cerda know if your troop or Webelos den will be able to attend. You may contact Jon Cerda at (816) 726-6145 or email at gundog@starband.net.

**Day Camp**

Our day camp, Cub Fun in the Next Generation, will once again be held at the Clinton Artesian Park June 15-19. Fees will be $46 until April 8, after that the fee becomes $61. If you register at day camp, the fee is $65. A week of fun and adventure is planned for all who attend. Jim Houk will be the camp director and Jennifer Faaborg will be the program director. 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 Jim Houk at (660) 890-2247.

Please note that there will be no Tot Lot available. Children who are not registered Cub Scouts will not be able to attend day camp.

**Investment in Character**

Each year our campaign raises money through the families and businesses in the Lone Bear District. This money helps with the costs of camps, training, camperships, mailings, and many other items that keeps Scouting going and growing not only in our district but also throughout the council. The district has a goal of $40,600. The family campaign is very close to reaching its goal. Rick House has done a great job of scheduling and conducting presentations.

Hurley Mahan is leading the community campaign and could use help in developing contacts with some of the local businesses. We have raised half of our goal, so far. 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 our campaign or want to know how close your unit is to attaining the Free Rank Advancement, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or email driker@bsamail.org.

**Spring Recruiting and Webelos Transition**

Spring is a great time for new boys to join your troop or pack. All second year Webelos should have transitioned into the troop of their choice. If you are a Webelos leader, be sure that your Webelos have the opportunity to continue in the Scouting program. Boy Scout leaders should be sure that new or transitioning boys’ applications are completed and forwarded to the council office. Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders can hold spring recruiting events to grow their program. Cub Scout leaders, graduating kindergartners may officially join on June 1. Be sure to plan a summer program to get the new Tigers off to a good start. The council can provide flyers and 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.

**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 that 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!
Investment in Character

An “Investment in Character”, the theme for our Friends of Scouting campaign, is in its final weeks of raising money for the best youth-serving program in the country…Scouting.

If your unit has scheduled a presentation, and you did not have a chance to make your gift or pledge, it is not too late. If you would like to renew your gift or make a new one in this difficult year, your support is enthusiastically welcomed. If you decide to make a donation, thanks in advance for your crucial financial support of Scouting.

For more information about joining Scouting’s growing family of investors, contact District Executive, Jeremy McGowan at jmcgowan@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4970.

Day Camp - 2009

Cub Fun in the Next Generation

The snow has melted, and it is time to start preparing for day camp! Day camp will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds in Tracy, MO, on June 9 - 12, 2009. If you have not started talking to the youth and their parents in your units about day camp, NOW is the time to start.

Do you have questions? Well, you can find all of your answers at http://hoac-bsa.org/nsdc.cfm. At this site, here is just some of the information you will find: Cost Guide for Parents How to register Permission Forms, Health Forms, Den Chief Registration, Picture Release Forms, Walking Leader Registration, Special Needs Request, Pre-order forms,

Cost is $46 per Scout if paid by April 8, $61 after April 8 until camp, and $66 at camp. All new Scouts get the $46 rate if the register after April 8, 2009.

For more information, be sure to contact Jim Bunnell at 816-651-5046, jbunnell@hrblock.com, or Willy Mead at 816-453-5835, rocknratt@sbcglobal.net.

New District Chairman

Greetings North Star! I am excited to serve as your District Chairman for 2009. North Star is blessed with an abundance of highly motivated volunteers and professionals. We are the “Flag Ship” of the Heart of America Council, which puts a lot of pressure on our District to set the pace for others to follow. In these challenging times I would ask that each of you join with me and your District Committee in continuing to provide the quality program our kids deserve. I also believe that it is important that all of you as leaders should have a fun time as well. Enjoy spending your time with the kids and share your Scout Spirit with all you meet. Your input is important to me and I invite your thoughts.

Your Very Proud District Chairman,
Russ Downing, Jr.

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.
Cuboree

We will hold Cuboree on May 8-9 at Camp Naish. Make plans now to come out for a weekend of fun and games and learning! 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! It’s not too late to sign up. Registration forms will be available on the district webpage under activities.

May Program Fair

Mark your calendar for Thursday May 7. We will be holding our annual May Program Fair at 7:00 pm at the Overland Park LDS Church located at 7100 Hadley Road in Overland Park. Each unit will receive valuable information packet that will help your unit plan out your yearly program. There will be information about upcoming activities, advancement, camping (for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing), religious awards, training, new health form information, and a whole lot more! Be sure to send at least one representative from your unit to the Fair. There will also be the district operating chairman there to answer all your Scouting questions.

Day Camp

Cub Fun in the Next Generation! Day Camp is here and I hope you are ready to have fun. Now is the time to start planning for Day Camp. We will hold Day Camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 15-19. Be sure to send your Pack Coordinator to the training on April 29-there will be valuable information about day camp. Also, all walking leaders are required to attend the Walking Leader Training on May 27 at Shawnee Riverfront Park. Be sure to bring a chair with you to the training. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, Day Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824, Lorri Kearns, Program Director at (913) 583-1011. Check out the day camp website for up to the minute information.

Training

There are several opportunities for you to get more information about the Scouting program and how to make it come alive for your Scouts. Please take advantage of all the training opportunities that can help you and all the Scouts in our district. The council Executive Board will be considering that beginning in 2010, all Top Leaders (Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Crew Advisors, Varsity Coaches, and Committee Chairman) must be trained in their position in order to turn in the recharter packet. Be sure to check the district webpage under “Training” for all the upcoming dates.

Spring Recruitment

Is your pack, troop, or crew planning to do some spring recruitment? If so, please contact Kathryn Rajala, at the Council Service Center, to print flyers to advertise 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 for Scouting

It’s time to start planning School Night for Scouting! Each Cub Scout pack needs to select a date for their recruitment night from the following dates: August 26, August 27, August 28, September 2, September 8, September 9, and September 10. All packs must send Kathryn their selection by June 30. Otherwise a date will be selected for the pack. Please email your choice to Kathryn at krajala@bsamail.org. For more information about School Night for Scouting, contact our School Night for Scouting Chair, Todd Martin at (913) 677-3829.
Investment in Character
We are half way through our Investment in Character annual fundraising campaign. At the end of March, we have not reached the 50% level in our campaign. We still have 56% to go, your generous gifts are crucial to our success. The Pelathe District will be conducting call nights. We will be calling individuals in the packs and troops that gave in the past, but may have not attended the meeting when the family presentation took place. Please help Scott Gates, our Family Chair, reach 100% of our fundraising goal. Thanks again for everyone’s donation!

Winter Event – Klondike????
What a great time! We had 8 units, 77 Scouts, & 27 leaders brave the fridge temperatures at the Naish Scout reservation to show off their awesome Scout skills. Scouts started off working on the Pioneering merit badge and then continued on to what may be our most memorable Klondike Derby. Each unit used pioneering skills that were just learned to build some incredible sleds. Pulled by the coolest ropes ever made at Uncle Bruce’s rope shop, Troop 64 just edged out Troop 55 for the first place photo finish in the sled races. Troop 60 won the desert cook off. Crew 2052 will be looking for a rematch in the spring, Dave!

I would like to thank the Scouts and leaders of Troops 52, 55, 59, 60, 64, 65, 158, & Crew 2052 for making Klondike Derby 09’ one for the record books!

John T. Harman

Day Camp
We are still currently looking for volunteers to help run events at day camp. The more individuals we have to help out, the better camp will be for our Cub Scouts. Let’s make this year’s day camp the best experience that we can for all of the Pelathe’s District Cub Scouts.

Eagle Recognition Banquet
The Pelathe District Eagle Recognition Banquet was held on March 26. Miss Kansas honored the young men on their achievement of becoming new Eagle Scouts in the Pelathe District. The event took place at Lawrence Country Club where we had good food and great company. Congratulations to every Eagle Scout – You are the proof that Scouting is an outstanding program!!!!

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.

Recruiting
Retention is the way the Pelathe District will continue to grow. Please follow up with every second year Webelos Scout that does not transition over to a troop. Work to help these young men and their families find a troop or ask why they are not interested in continuing so we can make sure next time every boy continues on to the next level of our program. Thank you, your hard work helps young men to remain interested in Scouts. Thanks to you they continue to have a blast and become young healthy individuals.

Roundtables
It is strongly recommended that everyone attends roundtable. This is an informational event that takes place to make sure your troop or pack has all the materials and training that you need to become successful. Roundtables are a good way to get all of your questions answered. Roundtable occurs the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Lawrence off of Kasold Road. Every unit has a file that is filled up each month with useful information and ideas. Please take the time to attend roundtable each and every month of the year.
Pioneer Trails

Roundtable

Our roundtables offer high quality programs. Thank to the hard work of commissioners, Lisa Kessler for Cub Scouts and George Weaver with the Boy Scouts, the Pioneer Trails roundtable is a great way to stay up-to-date. As a member of the district it is essential to attend roundtables so we all stay up-to-date on upcoming events, and pick up little tips that will keep our units and district strong. Since trained leaders provide quality programs, we will host Cub Scout training on April 2, 2009 and then a Boy Scout training May 7, 2009 at Central United Methodist Church. The trainings will begin at 7:30 pm, so do not be late. You may contact any of your executives here in the district with questions at (816) 942-9333.

Science City – Spring Event

On Saturday, April 18 the Pioneer Trails activities committee has an awesome day mapped out for our Cub Scouts. With registration starting around 10:00 am, the fun will kick off at 10:30 am in Science City located in Union Station. Ed Mulik and his team have planned out everything you need in order to have an astonishing day, so be sure to leave your worries at home. Mark April 18 on your calendar, and prepare the boys to have an exciting time. For more information contact Ed Mulik at (816) 835-3065.

Becoming Part of the Team

The Pioneer Trails District has been a National Quality District for 14 consecutive years. This feat proves that the Kansas City district is represented by some of the best volunteers in the council. It is a true statement when said, “In order to get ahead of the rest, you need your best,” and it is demonstrated here. The passion and devotion shown by our leaders provides a program for our youth that is not matched by many. Your dedication could also be put to an even greater use. We are looking for people to sit on our district level committees or to possibly take on a larger role. Regardless of your time restraints, the district could use your skills and dedication. If you are interested in more information or if there is something that you would like to do, please contact one of your executives in the Pioneer Trails District for more information at (816) 942-9333.

Cub Scout Day Camp

As previously mentioned, for the first time in three years the 2009 day camp will be moved back into the Pioneer Trails District. We had a phenomenal time in Cub World out at Camp Naish, but we will have just as much fun closer to home. Please remember, camp will be held Monday – Thursday, June 8 through June 11, and we will need help from anyone who has the time. It would be an added bonus to get any volunteers from the ages of 14 and up. We would like to start the PT day camp with a bang; however it will not be possible without the help of all of you. We have many exciting stations for our boys to take part in with BB guns and swimming being just the beginning. For more information you can contact Lisa Kessler at (816) 536-6486 or lisak@mokantitle.com.
Red-Tailed Hawk

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Fun in the Next Generation is upon us. Red-Tailed Hawk is powering up for the Next Generation! Get ready for tons of fun the week of June 15-19, 2009 at Old Lake Olathe. Stay tuned for more information at RTH roundtable. Registration and more details are available on the RTH Website.

Scouts paid in full on or before April 8, 2009- $46.00 per Scout. Scouts paid after April 8, 2009-$61.00 per Scout. Scouts added at camp - $66.00 per Scout

New Scouts (including new Tigers - new Kindergarten graduates) who register after April 8, will be offered the $46 rate whenever they sign up for Day Camp.

Investment in Character

By now you should have your unit’s family presentation scheduled with Bridgete McKenna. A great opportunity for these presentations is at Court of Honors and Blue and Gold Banquets. By doing the presentation at these typically well-attended events, you give the most families a chance to contribute. Thanks in advance for your support of this very important campaign which brings the wonderful Scouting program to over 45,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council!

Many units have already hosted presentations and some have earned free rank advancement for 2009. How did they do this? By reaching the unit’s dollar goal, and the number of gifts goal. These goals are calculated based on 2009 re-charter figures, and the number of families in your unit.

To inquire about your unit’s Investment in Character goal, please contact, Bridgete McKenna at (816) 569-4929 or bmckenna@bsamail.org.

Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader and 2009 is the year to make this happen for all Scouts. To keep up on training dates and locations throughout the year visit the district websites, www.hoac-bsa.org or contact Jeff Wandtke at (913) 764-8413 or Bridgete McKenna (816) 569-4929. Refer to the calendar above for April training dates and stayed tuned for more information at the RTH District roundtable and website. Remember that many of the training sessions can be taken online through MySouting.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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Red-Tailed Hawk District Events

April
2 Roundtable
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:00 pm
4 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
Location and Time TBA
9 District Commissioner Meeting
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:30 pm
14 District Committee Meeting
Colonial Presbyterian Church
W 137th Street, 7:00 pm
24-25 DOE/Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
Location: TBA

May
2-3 Webelos Woods - Old Lake Olathe
Time TBA
2 Cub Scout Specific Training
Time/Location TBA
7 Program Planning Fair - Roundtable
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:00 pm
14 Commissioner’s Meeting
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:00 pm
19 District Committee Meeting
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:00 pm
April

Cub Scout Specific Training
- Presentation Catholic Church
  130 NW Murray Rd., 8:00 am

Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm

District Roundtable, 7:30 pm

Youth Protection Training, 7:00 pm

Den/Tiger/Webelos Leader Specific Training, 7:00 pm

Hickman Mills High School, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd.

District Committee Meeting
- Council Service Center, 7:00 pm

Cub Scout Specific Training
- First Baptist Church of Grandview
  1416 Main Street, 8:00 am

May

Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm

Planning Fair, 7:30 pm

Hickman Mills High School, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd.

District Committee Meeting
- Council Service Center, 7:00 pm

Spring Recruitment

We’re ready to help your unit grow! Resources that are available in the fall are also available in the spring.

If you are planning a summer program, and would like more boys to enjoy it contact Nancy Mooney at 331-3075 or cubmom4124@yahoo.com

Cub Scout Speedway!

Thank you to everyone that helped make this multiple District Pinewood Derby possible. We had over 250 racers come out to compete. Scouts enjoyed the other activities too. (Archery, fishing challenge, and shooting arcade).

We offer special thanks to Todd Sampson, Jim Johnson, the Thunderbird derby staff, the Blue Elk staff, and Julie Lyons for helping with the event. Thank you to Pack 4124 and Pack 4245 for providing the tracks for the races. Thank you to Bass Pro for hosting the event. It was a fun filled day!

Investment in Character - Friends of Scouting

Thanks to those units who have allowed a volunteer to give a presentation on how Scouting is funded. Thanks especially to the hundreds of you who have responded with an investment in the Scouting program. Scouting is only available in the Heart of America Council because of your support.

If you would like to invest in Scouting, please call Leo Berroteran at 353-5311 or email him at lberr990@hotmail.com.

Save These Dates

- Thunderbird District Day Camp, July 6-10
- All Cub Position Specific Training, April 4
- Tiger/Den/Webelos/Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster/Committee Member
- All Cub Position Specific Training, April 18
- Tiger/Den/Webelos/Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster/Committee Member

Day Camp

Thunderbird Day Camp will be July 6-10, 2009 at the James A. Reed Archery Range in Lee’s Summit, MO. This year’s Theme is “Cub Fun in the Next Generation!” There will be fishing, archery, BB guns, games, crafts, and more! Registration now! Scouts paid in full before April 8, 2009 - $46.00 per Scout. Scouts paid after April 8, 2009 - $61.00 per Scout. Scouts added at camp - $66.00 per Scout. New Scouts (including new Tigers - new Kindergarten graduates) who register after April 8, will be offered the $46 rate.

Check out www.hoac-bsa.org/tbdc.cfm for information or contact Kay Duncan at tbirddaycamp@aol.com or (816) 524-7441 or Angie Duncan telakiniya@aol.com for camp and staff information.

Merit Badge Academy

Thank you to all the volunteers that put on the Merit Badge Academy. Special thanks to Ken Fuenfhausen, John Monson, and all the staff for helping organize and run the event. The Merit Badge Academy is one of the largest events of the year. Scouts have the opportunity to work on a wide variety of interesting merit badges, and have a good time in the process. It is one of the highlights of the year!
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 your units program.

Training
You have accepted the position as a leader for the Scouts in your unit. THANK YOU! Now, an important tool to help you deliver a high quality program is training. Why is training so important? It will help you plan effective, organized and FUN meetings, it will make your job easier as a leader, and most importantly, it will keep the youth in the program. For Trailhead District training details visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm

Cub Scout Day Camp: Cub Fun in the Next Generation
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 8 to receive the reduced fee of $46 per boy. After that, it increases to $61 per Scout. If you register to attend at day camp the fee will be $66.

Camp will be held on June 8-12 at Shawnee Riverfront Park (K-7 and 43rd St.). Please note that day camp will be five days of fun this year, instead of four. At “Cub Fun in the Next Generation”, Scouts will use their imagination and creativity to determine what the next 100 years of Scouting will be like to help prepare for the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in 2010! Cub Scouts get the chance to participate in archery and BB gun ranges, crafts, a zip cord and much more fun. Look for more day camp information 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 Bob Kakareka, Program Director at (913) 484-8324

Merit Badge Forum
Thank you to Dennis Gentry, all of the merit badge counselors, and the staff you put together for the 2009 Merit Badge Forum. It was a great success! More than 400 merit badges were earned over this two-day activity.

2009 Investment in Character Campaign
This year’s annual fundraising campaign, Investment in Character is more than half way to its goal. You can help to continue to keep Scouting affordable and available to everyone by investing in the council’s programs. If you have not already made your gift for this year, now is the time. The family campaign will continue to raise money until we are able to exceed our goal. You may want to check to see how close your unit is to reaching its goal and earning free advancement for 2009. You can check on how close your unit is to achieving its goal by contacting Jenna Murphy at (816) 569-4948, or by email at jmurphy@bsamail.org.

For the most updated information on Trailhead District, visit our webpage at: http://hoac-bsaorg/Trailhead.cfm.
Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp is fun with a purpose. Attending day camp helps boys stay interested in Cub Scouting over the summer. Our programs are designed to focus on fun and outdoor learning experiences!

What will the Scouts do? The program includes BBs, Archery, and Slingshot ranges (which can only be done by scouts on an approved BSA ranges), fishing, leatherworks, first aid and more.

Date: June 8-11 (Mon-Thurs) 8:30-3:30, set-up day is Sunday June 7.

Place: Lake Olathe Golf Course: West of Lone Elm Rd (K-7) on South side of 135th St.

Cost: $46 per Scout if paid by April 8.
   $61 per Scout if paid between April 9 - June 7.
   $66 per Scout if paid on June 8.

Who: Open to all registered Tiger, Cub, and Webelo Scouts, parents, uncles, aunts, siblings (above the age of 14) or good friends are encouraged to attend. New Tiger Cubs (those entering the 1st grade) are encouraged to attend. New Tigers will pay $46, regardless of when registering.

***All attendees must complete a Class I health form and Picture Release Form***

What does a pack need to do: Appoint a Pack Day Camp Coordinator who is contact for the Camp Director. Each pack needs a full-time, “Walking Leader”. This person attends camp with the pack and will be fully informed of all day camp details. Each pack needs an additional adult, to satisfy the two deep leadership requirement, and an additional adult for every five Scouts. Each pack also needs supply two adult staffers (registered Scouters) per day to help in the program areas.

Who do I need to contact:
• Day Camp Director – Bill O’Connor at 913-302-8549, billoconnor7@yahoo.com
• Council Staff Advisor - Matt Armstrong at 816-569-4978 marmstro@bsamail.org

For more details on Day Camp in Trails West go to: http://hoac-bsa.org/TW_Day_Camp.cfm

“Webelo-Ree”

The Trails West District proudly presents Webelo-Ree 2009 April 24-25.

The event is designed to introduce your Cub Scouts to the Boy Scout program and will feature Fire Building, Orienteering, Pioneering, Archery and much more! The event is open to all current Webelos and Bear Scouts.

The cost of the event is $8 and includes camping, Saturday breakfast and lunch, patch and program materials.

Each participant (boy and adult) will need to turn in a Health Form. Health forms and money are due at the April roundtable.

Go to http://hoac-bsa.org/TW_Camping.cfm for more information and to download the registration form and Leader’s Guide

Recruiting

Fall isn’t the only time to sign up new Scouts…Recruitment is a year-round process.

For ways to help your unit succeed this spring contact Matt Armstrong 816-569-4978 or marmstro@bsamail.org

Training in the Trails West District

Every Scout deserves a trained leader and the Trails West District training team is gearing up for another busy year. If you are a new leader or have taken on a new Scouting role, there is a training session for you.

Visit http://hoac-bsa.org/TW_Training.cfm for the latest Trails West training schedule and let’s get all of our leaders TRAINED!!!
2009 Cub Day Camp

The 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 1-4, 2009. We will be having all the usual fun (BB Guns, tie-dye, etc.) but, we have added some new and exciting activities this year that the Cub Scouts in your pack will not want to miss!

Registration fees of $45.00 per person are due by April 2, 2009, after that the price goes up to $60.00. Don’t forget to order T-shirts for your campers and leaders. Now is the time to start gathering health forms and/or reminding parents to get physicals for their Cubs. This is particularly important for any boys new to Scouting since our last camp.

The fun this year will be insane! We don’t want a single Cub Scout to miss it. Contact Chris Lewis, Day Camp Director at (913) 557-2584 or (913) 709-4263 or Rhonda Lewis, Day Camp Program Director if you have any questions.

To help make this fun possible we are going to need help. Please start spreading the word in your units. Please come up with a name or two of people who will be willing to assist us put on this event. Day camp staff may sign up anytime. If there is a program area that you would like to work, sign up early before someone else gets it. Again, contact Chris or Rhonda for details.

Friends of Scouting, An Investment in Character

Thank you to everyone who has made an Investment in Character in the young men of Twin Rivers by making a gift to Friends of Scouting. Your gift will count towards your unit’s fair share goal. Remember, if your unit reaches its fair share goal, the unit will receive free rank advancement for the coming year saving the unit money to be used for other things.

New Unit Possibilities

At the present time we would like to start new Venturing crews that would serve young men and women ages 14 through 21 in Ottawa, Osawatomie and Paola. If you would like to be a part of these projects by providing leadership, helping to locate a chartering partner, or recruiting youth contact Gordon Corcoran, District Executive or Bud Burris, Membership Chair.

2009 District Dinner Held

The Team Twin Rivers Annual District Dinner was held March 14, 2009 at St. John’s Hall in Greeley, Kansas. Along with all the fun and fellowship we also recognized Scouters from our team and other people from our community that really performed this past season (year). The star performers that were recognized are:

Eagle Scouts
Michael Anderson, Troop 103; Samuel Blecha, Troop 118; Zachary Gaudet, Troop 74; Nicholas Hermreck, Troop 74; Riley Hinds, Troop 892; Thaddeus Husted, Troop 126; Marcus Kasitz, Troop 101; Cody King, Troop 100; Cole Schainost, Troop 126.

Special Service Award
Randy Ahring, Troop 126; Che Griswold, Pack 3063; Anita Pace, Troop 106; Paul Smith, Troop 103; Paul Staats, Troop 105; Ted & Kim Trageser, Pack 3023; Robert Yancey, Troop 130.

Distinguished Service Award
Ann Ahring, Pack 3126; Shelly Atterbury, Pack 3100; Cheryl Brunk, Pack 3063; Beverly Barker, District; Ronald Barker, District.

District Award of Merit
Robert King, Troop 100
Dennis Nowatzke, Pack 3079 & Troop 74

Congratulations once again to all the award recipients and to the Activities Committee for another AWESOME event.
Exploring News Flash - Looking for Something to do This Summer!

Five leadership academies to be held in 2009:

**The Federal Bureau of Investigation**
June 27-July 4; Location: Washington, DC

**The Drug Enforcement Administration**
July 4-11; Location: Washington, DC

**The U.S. Marshals Service**
July 11-18; Location: Washington, DC

**The U.S. Army Military Police**
July 11-18; Location: Fort Leonard Wood, MO

**NEW!! The U.S. Secret Service**
July 18-25; Location: Washington, DC

2010 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference
July 19-24, 2010; Location: Georgia Institute of Technology • Atlanta, Georgia

The summer of 2009 offers a unique experience to selected Law Enforcement Explorers. Each academy provides physical and mental training focusing on the dynamics of leadership, motivation, and effective law enforcement practices.

Explorers who have been through an academy often call or write to express their thanks for this great experience. With over 150 spots available, Explorers have a great chance of attending at a very minimal cost.

For more information, contact Exploring and LFL Director, Lisa Hayes at (816) 569-4972 or at lhayes@bsamail.org.

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**2009 Health/Science Career Conference**
July 22-25; Location: National Institutes of Health Bethesda, Maryland

The National Health Careers Exploring Committee and the National Science Careers Exploring Committee join forces to conduct a National Health/Science Conference at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland (a suburb of Washington, D.C.). All Exploring posts are invited to attend the event regardless of their career focus.

Conference attendees will participate in interactive, hands-on seminars, tour medical/science research labs, and talk with world-renowned scientists and doctors. In addition, participants can sign-up to tour Washington, D.C.

For more information, contact Peggy Chestnutt, Director, Workforce Development at (972) 580-2428 or pchestnu@lflmail.org.

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**2009 National Mock Trial Competition for Law Explorers**
July 22nd—26th; Location: American University, Washington, DC

All Explorer Posts and High School Mock Trial teams are invited to enter. Awards will be given for 4 team placements and for individual competition such as prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, and for all witnesses. The Mock Trial serves as a college experience and a chance to see the nation’s capital. It is challenging, fun and a great opportunity to make new friends with other Explorers from other parts of the country. Get hands-on insight into the world of Law and Government careers.

For additional details go to www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawandgovt/index.html or contact Cliff Takawana, ctakawan@lflmail.org or call 972-580-2437

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**Changes in Exploring Membership Fees**

Beginning January 1, 2009 Exploring membership fees will be increased to $10.00 from $7.00. New individual applications forms for youth and adults are available at the Heart of America Council Service Center.

You can also contact Lisa Hayes, Division Director at (816) 569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org and she will provide the new adult and youth applications for your post.

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