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

Heart of America Council Achieves Centennial Quality Council for 2008

Congratulations to our Centennial Quality Districts for 2008
Blue Elk, Lone Bear, North Star, Pelathe, Pioneer Trails, Red-Tailed Hawk, Thunderbird, Trails West, Twin Rivers

Thanks to your hard work and dedication, nine of our districts, along with the Heart of America Council achieved Centennial Quality District and Council status. Achieving the Centennial Quality Award is recognition of excellence in specific areas related to council and district operations. The bottom line is that our youth members are the ones who truly benefit. This past year, we achieved by reaching benchmarks in the areas of advancement, program, community service, training, membership and volunteer leadership growth, unit service, as well as finance.

Achieving this distinction places our council and qualifying districts among the best in the nation for 2008. This achievement is no small task, only a relatively small percentage of districts and councils are recognized in any given year. For the majority of our districts and the council, this is the third year in a row in achieving this status. Centennial Quality status is only attained through the cooperative work of dedicated volunteers and professionals.

To be recognized as Centennial Quality, districts must achieve growth in the number of units qualifying for the Centennial Quality Unit Award. In 2008, more than 75%, an increase of 5% over 2007, of our units qualified as Centennial Quality units. This is a 15% increase in two years. Units must qualify each year by meeting requirements in the areas of training, leadership, program, service, advancement and membership growth. Achieving Centennial Quality District status is directly tied to the quality of program offered to our youth members.

Achieving Centennial Quality Council places the Heart of America Council among the top councils in the nation. A job well done, but to achieve this distinction in 2009 will require that we maintain and build on what we have accomplished in 2008.

Along with marking the achievement for 2008, the Centennial Quality Award application asks for a commitment to achieving that status again for the upcoming year. It is important to commit ourselves to offering the highest quality program possible. The young people of our communities demand and deserve it.

Book to Highlight 100 Years of Scout Camping

Camping and the enjoyment of the great outdoors have always been at the center of the Scouting program. Scouts since 1910 in Kansas and Missouri have camped at several council camps in our area including: Camp Dan Sayre, Camp Bohoca, Camp Osceola, the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, Camp Ernst, Camp White, Rotary Camp and the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. These council organized camps have all contributed to the development of many youth and adults in the Kansas City area.

Council Executive Board member, Andy Dubill is authoring a book that will highlight each of the camps in our council that have helped to form the youth of Kansas City since 1910. Andy is asking for anyone’s assistance in sharing memories, old photographs, camp memorabilia and other related items that will be helpful in the development of the history of our council camps.

The book will be divided up into a history of each camp, remembrances and pictures of Scouts who camped there and memorabilia (patches, insignia, etc.) that relate to each camp. Please contact the author at (913) 748 – 3504 or email him at adubill@aol.com if you have information that would be helpful in developing this history.
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Heart of America Council Achievements in 2008

Scouting in the Heart of America Council is about providing quality programs for youth and families. This past year, 2008, was yet another outstanding year for Scouting in the Kansas City area. How do we know? Take a look for yourself.

2008 Highlights

• The council achieved “Centennial Quality Council” status for the third year in a row.
• Membership grew in each program allowing the council to achieve balanced growth.
• There was an increase in the number of Scouting units, meaning more opportunities for young people to join our program.
• 11 districts achieved membership growth and 9 districts were recognized as “Centennial Quality Districts.”
• The Council was recognized as a “Fiscally Sustainable Council” again in 2008.

Program and Membership Facts

• Over 77.06% of our Top Leaders were trained ensuring high quality program.
• Our percentage of Top Trained Leaders increased by 11% in past two years.
• Direct Contact Leaders Trained increased by 8.9% to a record 56.1%.
• 75% of units qualified for the “Centennial Quality Unit Award,” an increase of 5% over 2007.
• 33,976 youth were members of our traditional programs, an increase of 2.1%.
• Exploring membership grew by 16.1% placing it among the national pacesetters.
• More than 4,277 Cub Scouts and family members attended Cub Family Campouts.
• Over 13,337 Cub Scouts advanced a rank in 2008.
• Boy Scout rank advancement totaled 6,476 and Scouts earned 34,263 merit badges.
• 944 Scouts earned their Eagle Scout Award, growth of 12.8% over 2007.
• 56.5% of our Cub Scouts enjoyed a summer outdoor adventure.
• 77.5% of our Boy Scouts explored summer camp.
• 5,984 Boy Scouts enjoyed H. Roe Bartle.
• 4,060 Cub Scouts attended 14 different day camps.
• 2,733 Scouts attended Webelos camp.
• 1,302 Cubs attended Bear camp.
• 770 Boy Scouts camped at Naish.

Financial Facts

• The council had a balanced operating budget of $8,638,019 on December 31, 2008.
• We had a record-setting Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign of $1,898,331.
• A 22.5% increase in our popcorn sale meant that $1,024,000 went directly to local units.
• In 2008, college scholarships of $68,150 were awarded to camp staff members.
• Our endowment grew by $1,176,176 qualifying for the National Gold Record Recognition.
• The council’s first Patron Luncheon raised $365,000 and was attended by 445 guests.

Top Five Merit Badges Earned in 2008

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Total Merit Badges Earned 34,263
Unit Charter Presentations - An Opportunity

A unit’s charter is more than a colorful certificate printed for a chartered organization that agrees to provide Scouting in its community. The charter is a passport of authenticity, issued by the United States Congress to the Boy Scouts of America that gives the chartered organization permission—through the local council—to use Scouting’s programs.

A charter allows a local chartered organization to use the Scouting program to unlock a portal of new discoveries, opportunities, educational life skills, and lifelong learning for their Scout unit’s registered youth and volunteers. Without the charter, there can be no Scouting.

There are various ways to present unit charters. Some councils choose to mail the charters to their chartered organizations. Others encourage unit commissioners or district committee members to make unit charter presentations. And unfortunately, the days of scanning certificates and emailing attachments has definitely arrived.

However, a charter presentation is an opportunity to build a lasting relationship with your chartered organization. As you know, relationships are built through personal interaction. Think about how you would feel if your college degree was scanned and arrived via email? Isn’t it much more gratifying to shake the hand of the dean of your college and hear the words, “Congratulations on your achievement,” and to hear the acknowledgement of your peers in person?

For a New Unit

The new-unit organizer and the unit commissioner should present the first charter. The presentation should occur at the first full gathering of the chartered organization after the unit is registered. For instance, in a church, the charter should be presented before the full congregation; a service club should have it presented at a meeting of its members. Taking the time to present it in this way ensures that everyone knows that Scouting is part of the organization’s youth program and they can share in the pride of ownership.

Youth members and unit leaders should participate in the ceremony as the charter is presented to the leader of the charter organization. Unit leaders and the unit committee may also be installed during this ceremony. The charter certificate should be framed and appropriately displayed after the ceremony.

For an Existing Unit

The charter should be presented by someone representing the district or council. This could be the district executive or a key district or council volunteer. This key individual could be a member of the district committee or commissioner staff. The presentation should be planned and properly scripted. The ceremony does not have to be lengthy, but a council representative and the unit chartered organization representative should be there to demonstrate a strong Scouting relationship.

Building chartered organization relationships takes time. Maintaining them may take even longer, but losing this connection altogether can be disastrous. It is important to strengthen your unit’s relationship with your chartered organization. Conducting a unit charter presentation is a great way to help strengthen that relationship.

Indian Heritage Overnight Programs

Boy Scouts can study, discover and explore the American Indian experience in Kansas while doing activities that may help you meet requirements for the Indian Lore and American Heritage merit badges. There is room on February 20-21 and March 27-28 for Boy Scouts to take part in this overnight program at the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka. Also, if you have a group of 25 or more, you can contact Michelle Stottlemire to make arrangements for your own date for the activity.

Scouts will sleep overnight in the museum gallery and have a private, after-hours tour of the American Indian exhibit. Weather permitting; you will also have a flashlight tour of the nature trail followed by a campfire. The fee for the overnight is $35 per scout and $15 per adult and includes snacks, breakfast, and all materials.

To register or get more information, call (785) 272-8681 ext. 414. You can also send Michelle Stottlemire an email at mstottlemire@kshs.org.

Tree Planting Service Project

Trees are a beautiful and vital part of the metro’s infrastructure. They provide many benefits, including storm water reduction, improved air quality, higher real estate values, carbon storage, and energy savings.

Heartland Tree Alliance is partnering with Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation to coordinate volunteers in teams to identify potential tree planting sites using maps of the city. The City of Kansas City, Missouri is undertaking a multi-year plan with one of the goals being to add 120,000 additional trees to the city’s landscape over the next ten years. Volunteers are needed and will be thoroughly trained in the criteria used to identify appropriate sites.

To sign up to volunteer, contact Angela Schreffler, 816-561-1061, ext. 110 or e-mail angela.schreffler@bridgingthegap.org. For more information on Kansas City’s Climate Protection Plan, contact Forest Decker at (816) 513-9575 or email forest_decker@kcmo.org.
February Adventures in Scouting

Congratulations on an outstanding job! Your work pays off in great Scouting programs for the youth members of our council!

This year, our sale increased 22.5%, reaching a record $2,807,666. More than $1,024,000 remained with local units to help provide the best program possible for their youth members.

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Here is the list of “Roo-it-Up” Program Prize Winners from our 2008 campaign.

**Roo-it-Up Prize Winners**

| BE Troop 1221 | Kyle D | Camping Package | NT Pack 3184 | Logan S | $22 Walmart |
| BE Troop 1257 | Brendan M | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3247 | Cameron C | $22 Walmart |
| BE Troop 1332 | Ryan M | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3294 | Jarret H | $22 Walmart |
| BE Troop 1603 | Mont T | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3294 | Kyle M | $30 Walmart |
| BE Troop 1738 | John K | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3297 | Josh H | $22 Walmart |
| BE Troop 1865 | Austin D | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3352 | William H | $22 Walmart |
| BE Pack 4138 | Kyle E | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3352 | Keegan T | $22 Walmart |
| BE Pack 4138 | Sam G | LED Headlamp | NT Pack 3352 | Will V | $30 Walmart |
| BE Pack 4175 | Curtis B | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3390 | Luke H | $30 Walmart |
| BE Pack 4175 | Alex B | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3451 | Wyatt L | Motorola 2-way Radios |
| BE Pack 4175 | Billy W | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3493 | Dalton M | $22 Walmart |
| BE Pack 4604 | Dakota C | $30 Walmart | NT Pack 3651 | Ben T | $22 Walmart |
| BE Pack 4604 | Dustin M | $22 Walmart | NT Pack 3751 | Brandon H | $22 Walmart |
| BE Pack 4604 | Landon W | LED Headlamp | PT Pack 4016 | Connor M | $30 Walmart |
| BE Pack 4738 | Trace W | $22 Walmart | PT Pack 4016 | Max P | $30 Walmart |
| KW Pack 3109 | Austin J | Ipod Shuffle | RTH Pack 3086 | Harrison C | Garmin GPS |
| KW Pack 3304 | Brayden J | DVD Player | RTH Pack 3102 | Ian M | $22 Walmart |
| LB Troop 1225 | Randall M | $22 Walmart | RTH Pack 3132 | Malachi T | LED Headlamp |
| LB Troop 1225 | Bradley R | $22 Walmart | RTH Pack 3204 | Jeremiah T | $22 Walmart |
| LB Pack 4399 | Jonas F | DVD Player | RTH Pack 3210 | Kyler K | $30 Walmart |
| LB Pack 4509 | Brayton Z | $22 Walmart | RTH Pack 3210 | Austin P | $22 Walmart |
| NS Troop 1495 | Jonathan S | LED Headlamp | RTH Pack 3210 | Matthew R | Digital Camera |
| NS Pack 4248 | Duncan D | $22 Walmart | RTH Pack 3218 | Will F | LED Headlamp |
| NS Pack 4248 | William H | Garmin GPS | RTH Pack 3218 | Matthew N | $22 Walmart |
| NS Pack 4248 | Robbie N | Motorola 2-way Radios | RTH Pack 3250 | JIN M | Wi |
| NS Pack 4248 | Cameron O | $22 Walmart | RTH Pack 3281 | Colin K | LED Headlamp |
| NS Pack 4348 | Ben K | $22 Walmart | TB Pack 4124 | Isaac D | $22 Walmart |
| NS Pack 4376 | Kellan G | $22 Walmart | TB Pack 4124 | Dontaeh | Nintindo DS |
| NS Pack 4376 | Max M | Motorola 2-way Radios | TB Pack 4124 | James R | $30 Walmart |
| NS Pack 4376 | Nathan M | Motorola 2-way Radios | TB Pack 4124 | Jordan S | $22 Walmart |
| NS Pack 4394 | Zach T | $30 Walmart | TB Pack 4255 | Tyler C | $22 Walmart |
| NS Pack 4397 | Nicholas K | Digital Camera | TB Pack 4256 | Anton M | Motorola 2-way Radios |
| NS Pack 4411 | Caleb F | $22 Walmart | TB Pack 4300 | Corey K | Garmin GPS |
| NS Pack 4441 | Cameron M | $22 Walmart | TB Pack 4323 | Nathan G | $30 Walmart |
| NS Pack 4444 | Jeylan R | Nintindo DS | TB Pack 4323 | Jared S | $30 Walmart |
| NS Pack 4444 | Jacob S | $22 Walmart | TB Pack 4364 | Sam H | $22 Walmart |
| NS Pack 4900 | Jeremy B | $22 Walmart | TB Pack 4364 | Shawn N | $30 Walmart |
| NT Troop 0394 | Zach S | Electric Scooter | TB Pack 4550 | Kyle T | $22 Walmart |
| NT Troop 0457 | Joel K | LED Headlamp | TH Pack 3096 | Jake C | Motorola 2-way Radios |
| NT Pack 3127 | R'mon C | Garmin GPS | TH Pack 3097 | Aaron T | $22 Walmart |
| NT Pack 3127 | Talbot E | $22 Walmart | TH Pack 3375 | Mason K | $30 Walmart |
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.

United Way Support Declining

Despite growing membership and an increase in the number of Scout units offering program to young people, United Way support of the Heart of America Council has been steadily declining. In 2001, Kansas City area United Ways provided $1,163,203 in support. This included both allocated and donor designated funds.

Through 2008, the United Way of Greater Kansas City’s funding for the Scouting programs has declined to $805,956. The trend of reduced funding is continuing into 2009. The United Way has cut Scouting’s allocation by 11% for the upcoming year. In the past, United Way funds made up approximately 11% of the Heart of America Council’s budget.

Increased efforts in annual fundraising will help to avoid any possible funding shortfalls that may occur due to the United Way cuts. Growth in the council’s annual popcorn sale also will help ensure that the necessary funding continues to be available to meet the needs of the young people of Kansas City and the surrounding 19 counties.

Thanks to the support of our loyal donors, the Heart of America Council will continue to extend the Scouting program to more young people; provide service and training for our existing chartering partners and adult volunteers; and maintain and improve our outstanding camping facilities, the Naish and Bartle Scout Reservations.
Council News

Looking for That Perfect Summer Job?

The Northern Tier National High Adventure Base will be hiring approximately 130 Canoe Trip Leaders and 60 Base Staff members for all three bases.

Base Staff positions include Trading Post, Maintenance, Outfitting (food and gear), Living History, and Dining Hall.

Our season begins with staff training on May 28 and runs through August 20.

We’ll provide:
- Salary plus additional benefits
- Paid staff training
- Canoe trip equipment including paddle, PFD, pack, and tent

You can contact us at info@ntier.org or (218) 365-4811 for more information, or check out our website at www.ntier.org.

We encourage you to check it out and then come spend a summer up in the Northwoods!

CPR Classes offered in Raytown

On April 8, 2009, the Raytown Fire Protection District will be hosting an American Heart Association Friends & Family Adult CPR class. This class is open to the public and is offered at no charge. All materials and books will be provided by the District. The class will be held at the Raytown Fire Protection District Fire Station #1 located at 6020 Raytown Trafficway, Raytown. The class will start at 6:00 pm and will conclude by 8:00 pm.

The Fire District’s new training facilities have capacity of 75 students for this class. Preregistration is recommended. Anyone interested in attending this class is asked to call the Bonnie Yeokum at (816) 737-6034 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm) to sign up.

Recognition of the emergency and bystander CPR are critical for the survival of the victims of cardiac arrest. If you do not know CPR, please learn. The Fire District would like to invite you to a free class on April 8. Groups of students are welcome.

What Is Venturing?

Venturing was officially created by the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America in February 1998. The initial idea dates back to 1995, when the Outdoor Exploring Committee met to address how to best support the amazing growth in outdoor Exploring. Between 1990 and 1995 outdoor Exploring had grown by 94% to nearly 100,000 members. They based the plan for Venturing on the program outlined in a 1950 edition of the Exploring Handbook.

Venturing’s roots can be traced back even further to the need for a senior Boy Scout program first identified just days following Scouting’s founding in 1910. The founders found that they needed an age-specific program with challenges appropriate for them. In 1935, the BSA created Senior Scouting and published a handbook specific to the program, Guide to Senior Scouting. Senior Scouting offered several options including Explorers, Sea Scouts and Air Scouts. In 1949, all options, with the exception of Sea Scouts, were consolidated into Explorer Scouts. A boy could be an Explorer in a troop or as a member of a stand-alone unit called an Explorer post. At that time the advancement program included the Bronze, Gold and Silver Awards, similar to today’s Venturing advancement program.

Today, Venturing is a youth development program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. The program provides positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique, dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens. Venturing provides an opportunity for Eagle Scouts to continue to grow and learn. It also offers young women a place in Scouting for them to participate, along with their moms, dads, and brothers.
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.

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<td>Alfred Cramer, (785) 856-1122 <a href="mailto:celticwillowhawk@gmail.com">celticwillowhawk@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Lisa Kessler, (816) 941-0940 <a href="mailto:kesslerlisa@sbcglobal.net">kesslerlisa@sbcglobal.net</a></td>
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<td>Cameron Horton, (913) 766-1855 <a href="mailto:cameron.horton@pack3375.org">cameron.horton@pack3375.org</a></td>
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**Bear Resident Camp**

There are some openings available for Bear Resident Camp during the 2009 camping season. If you would like to attend as a pack or just one on one with your son you still can. Contact Christi Leewright (816) 569-4928 for the latest availability dates.

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!

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**Woodcarving Workshop**

The annual Woodcarving Workshop was again a success. The workshop is held annually in December. Thank you to Paul Cast and the team of volunteers for organizing this event. Plan on attending the next Woodcarving Workshop, this coming December!
Red, Black, Yellow, Blue, and Green

What do those colors mean to you? Are they colors of a flag? Is one of them your favorite color? Or could they be your school colors? For Wood Badgers, they are the colors of the MacLaren tartan that can be found on the back of a Wood Badge neckerchief. W. F. De Bois MacLaren purchased Gilwell Park and presented it to the British Boy Scout Association to provide a training ground for the leaders of the Scouting movement. Robert Baden-Powell said, “Every boy deserves a trained leader.” It is fitting then, that these colors also represent the five themes of Wood Badge. Just as the threads are woven together to form the pattern of the MacLaren tartan, the five themes of the course come together to represent the full measure of Wood Badge.

**Black: Living the Values.** All scouters share values that guide them as they work to deliver the promise to the youth they work with. In this module, scouters will learn how to develop a vision for their future success in scouting and goals to help them achieve their vision.

**Red: Models For Success.** This module helps scouters learn how a team develops and the various leadership styles that are associated with situational leadership. They will also learn how to help develop the skills of their scouts.

**Yellow: Bringing the Vision to Life.** Once a scouter has developed his or her vision, it is important to know how to bring that vision to life. In this module, scouters learn the importance of communication, listening, inclusiveness, how to leverage the diversity of the group, and about being a coach and a mentor.

**Blue: Tools of the Trade.** All of us need the right tools to get the job done. This module helps provide scouters with information about planning, problem solving, leading change, managing conflict, and how to do a self assessment.

**Green: Leading to Make a Difference.** If we are going to put in all the time and effort to be a scout leader, it is very important to know how to be the best leader we can be. This module defines the qualities of a good leader.

As you have read this, you may be thinking, “I already know all about those things. I’ve had this training at work.” Wood Badge offers each participant the opportunity to “Learn by Doing” instead of just sitting and listening. The impact is so much greater. Come join us for the most intensive and exciting training you have ever experienced. You will be glad you did.

Go to the Heart of America Council website to download your application. You will find all the information you need about course dates, location, and fees.

See you at Wood Badge!

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**OA Unit Elections**

Scouts that are members of the National Honor Camping Program, Order of the Arrow, were elected by their fellow Scouts. Are there eligible Scouts in your troop? Have you contacted your chapter chief to schedule an election? What are you waiting for? Call your chapter chief or district executive and find out the what, when, where and how to schedule an election. You can also attend the monthly chapter meetings (normally held the same day as your district roundtable) and find out more information. Check the website, the Resource Center and at your district roundtable for information on the upcoming Spring Inductions.

**OA Dues**

Tamegonit Lodge dues are now past due. You may pay your dues online at www.hoac-bsa.org, or you can print off an application 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 OA Inductions are May 1-3 and May 15-17. Registration will be available the end of February online, at Roundtables, and in the Spring Torchbearer. If you completed your Ordeal last spring, now is the time to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood.
Boy Scout Camp
The 2009 Boy Scout Camp Draws for the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation have been held but it is not to late to still make your troops reservation.

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

Do You Want to Go to Camp?
Do you have a Scout in your troop that cannot attend camp with your troop, yet wants to go to camp? The Order of the Arrow is hosting a provisional Scouting unit at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation June 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, the Scout motto is “Be Prepared”, so don’t wait until the last minute.

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.

Webelos Resident Camp
There are some openings available for Webelos Resident Camp during the 2009 camping season. If you would like to attend contact Christi Leewright (816) 569-4928 for the latest available dates.

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 after May 6, 2009 the cost increases to $125.00 per reservation. 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 also participate in the camp and be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

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2009 Rotary Camp
The Heart of America Council is proud to offer Boy Scout Rotary Camp in 2009, a camp designed for special needs Scouts. Rotary Camp will take place from Monday, August 3rd to Friday, August 7th at the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee’s Summit, MO. Since Rotary Camp has a 1 to 1 ratio of campers to staffers, we are in need of Scouts and leaders ages 15 and over to serve on staff.

The primary position needed for Rotary Camp is unit staff, where you work 1 on 1 with a camper for the entire week, and see them through all aspects of the camp. It is a very rewarding experience to serve on Rotary Camp staff, and exemplifies the ideals of a model Scout. Camp staff applications are available the council website, www.hoac-bsa.org, or at the Council Service Center. If you have a special needs Scout in your troop that would benefit from a long term camping experience, Boy Scout Rotary Camp may be the right camp for them.

For more information regarding Rotary Camp, please contact Josh Morales at (816) 569-4961 or jmorales@bsamail.org.

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

All Tribal Council recommendations are due to the Council Service Center by March 1, 2009. Recommendations should only be the official form that can be found on the HOAC website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources or forms or at the Council Service Center. These forms have also been distributed at the February roundtables. If you have further questions please call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4930.
2009 Northern Tier Dates Still Available

Opportunity for a wilderness canoeing trek is still available for the 2009 summer season at the Northern Tier. Although summer is still months away, time to plan your summer activities is now! You too can have an adventure this year.

Northern Tier offers 6 to 10 day canoe trips with a full outfitting package that includes canoes, paddles, pfd, tents, food, emergency radio/satellite phone and other camping gear. A trained staff member also accompanies the crew for the entire trek to advise crew members on canoe skills, use of the gear, wilderness safety, and Leave No Trace principals.

In 2008, our crews reported a great summer of fishing. The lakes are teeming with walleye, pike, small mouth bass, and lake trout. Many of our crews schedule a day to explore a remote lake and devote it to catching the trophy fish of the summer. You may also encounter moose, bear, deer, beaver, fox, otter, and bald eagles in this pristine wilderness. Register today for this summer’s adventure by calling: (218) 365-4811

For more information about Northern Tier visit our website at www.ntier.org.

We will see you this summer in the north woods.

Scouts Learn about State Government

Submitted by Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk District Public Relations Chair

Amtrak’s Silver Rails carried Scouts from Pack 864 and Troop 865, of St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Independence, to Jefferson City this last December to learn about Missouri state government. The troop received a special tour of the Supreme Court and visited the Capital.

Cory Atkins, the Clerk to Supreme Court Justice Zel M. Fischer, gave a personal tour to his former troop. Mr. Atkins, a former Truman High graduate, received his Eagle Award before he attended UMKC law school and worked as a state prosecutor.

Mark Hodges, a guide with the Department of Natural resources, featured the Missouri State Museum, Senate, and House during the tour of the Capital. Mike Wagner, a Scout in the troop, said “My favorite part of the tour was the art.”

St. Peter’s Catholic Church, in Jefferson City, hosted the group. The historic parish is across the street from the Capital. “They were great,” said Assistant Scoutmaster Jerry Lehane, “they couldn’t have been more hospitable.”
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 a successful 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.

District Dinner

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 your 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 Jonathan Geiger at (816) 569-4932 or jgeiger@bsamail.org.

New Executive To Serve Big Muddy District

As of January 1, 2009 Jon Geiger is the new Senior District Executive in the Big Muddy District. Jon is taking the place of Grant Dealy who has accepted a well-deserved promotion to the position of District Director in the Blue Elk District.

Jon is no stranger to Scouting. He grew up in the program and has successfully served as a member of the Heart of America Council’s executive staff for over 6 years. Jon began his Scouting career as a District Executive in the Blue Elk District.

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His energy and enthusiasm was a perfect fit as he took on the role of the Council Venturing Membership Staff Advisor in 2008. Jon is looking forward to serving the Big Muddy District and returning home to help Scouting grow in many of the communities in which he grew up.

Klondike Derby

Thanks to Rob Hemme and all the folks in Concordia who put a lot of effort into planning this year’s Klondike Derby. Both troops in Concordia were involved with putting together this year’s event. The campout took place on January 23, 24, and 25 at the city lake located two miles south of Concordia on Route 23.
District Dinner

Our District Dinner will be held at the Adams’s Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs on February 7, 2009. Cost for the event is $23.00 per person. Doors will open at 5:30 pm. The district dinner committee has been working hard to plan a night of friendship for all who attend. For more information, please contact Jim Beachner at (816) 847-5617 or Brian Bentrop at (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. The Blue Elk District has a strong history of supporting the Scouting program. Your unit should already be signed up to have a presentation, if you are not signed up, call Tiffany Bumgardner at 569-4969 to get a presentation date scheduled.

New District Director for the Blue Elk District

Blue Elk has a new district director! Ross received a promotion and is now working with Thunderbird, Big Muddy and Lone Bear. He can be reached at 569-4964 or rpfannen@bsamail.org if you wish to send on congratulations.

The new director of Blue Elk is Grant Dealy. Grant grew up in Blue Elk and is an Eagle Scout from the Buckner area. His Scouting career first started in 2001 as a district executive in the Twin Rivers District. For the last seven years, Grant has served the Big Muddy District as a district executive and since July 2004, as a senior district executive. Other Scouting assignments include business manager at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, director of the Rotary Camp in 2008 and current staff advisor for the “Scout with Disabilities” committee.

Grant is eager to meet everyone so be sure to introduce yourself at our next district function. Grant can be reached at 569-4956 or gdealy@bsamail.org.

Klondike Derby

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped put on the Klondike Derby this year. Craig Hastings, Klondike Chairman and his committee did an outstanding job.

Pinewood Derby

We are teaming up with the Thunderbird District for our Pinewood Derby. This will be held March 14 at Bass Pro. The cost is $5 per boy and pre-registration is required. Sign up soon; there are only 200 spaces available for Blue Elk Cub Scouts. Contact Brian Bentrop at 569-4918 for more information or to sign up.

Training

In an effort to update training records at the council office, please ask your district executive for a list of trainings the leaders in your unit have taken. Please compare with your unit records and let the district executive know if there are any differences.
District Dinner

Thanks to all who made the Kaw District Dinner an outstanding success. The Native American food and desert were absolutely delicious. The menu was a little different, but contributed to a wonderful, fun-filled evening of fellowship and great company. We also recognized the Kaw District Award of Merit recipients and end of the year award winners. So, congratulations to those people that received the awards. The district is successful because of all the special work that you, and those like you, do. A special thanks to Sharlet, Nancy, and their crew who made the night special and the South Camp Dinning Hall look great.

Like Cub Scouts, Then You’ll Love This

February is Blue and Gold month and also the time for Webelos to cross over. If you would like help in preparing your Webelos for graduation into Boy Scouting, we would love to help. Several troops in the Kaw District are hosting Webelos dens for meetings or campouts. They are showing them what to expect when they become Boy Scouts. If you need more information about the Webelos to Scout transition, contact Jeff Terrell (816) 569-4947, or Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967.

Graduating Webelos Scouts represents 80% of our new Boy Scouts membership. It is important that troops work closely with their feeder packs. Extend an invitation to go camping or attend one of your troop meetings. This invitation gives the new boys a chance to meet the Scouts already in the troop. This helps the Webelos develop the desire to join your troop.

If you need help working with your pack, contact Jeff or Dusty. We will gladly help with your recruitment and provide accurate contact information. This is one of the most important steps in keeping these young people involved and benefitting from Scouting.

An Investment in Character

Our annual fundraising campaign is a fast and successful drive. You definitely want to be a part of it! So far, you have helped us raise more than 35% of our 2009 Family Investment in Character goal. If you haven’t already done so, contact Jo Grasela (913) 682-6402, jojenjm@kc.rr.com or Dusty Boatright, dboatrig@bsamail.org and to set up a presentation date. Do not miss this opportunity to give back to Scouting.

Klondike Derby

Thank you to all the Scouts and Scouters who made our Klondike Derby a success. A special thanks to Larry Sisk and his crew for their hard work. It was a great day for the Klondike at a new location. For those of you that weren’t able to make it this year, we were at the Lakeside Speedway. The location offered some new challenges to the boys that use to camping at the Fort.

So, once again, thanks to all who came out to show their support for the Kaw District Klondike Derby.

Day Camp, It’s Almost Time Once Again

As the cold weather continues, it’s nice to think about warmer weather and summertime ...especially day camp time!! This year, day camp will be held from June 8 – 12 in Cub World at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs.

This year lunch will NOT be provided during day camp for the boys or the adults. So, kids and adults both need to bring their own lunches for the whole week. We have a family night on Thursday June 11th. Your Cubs can look forward to sling shots, BB guns, arts & crafts, kickball, skits, archery, and much more! The fee for camp is $46.00, however campership applications are available (contact Jeff Terrell for information). Day Camp 2009 is going to be a blast, get ready to have a great time.
District Recognition Dinner

What an evening! It is great to be able to recognize some of the outstanding volunteers that we have here in the Lone Bear District. If you were unable to attend the dinner, here are the recipients of the Award of Merit and the Silver Bear.

Award of Merit
Tim Mills- Scoutmaster, Troop 513, Warrensburg, MO; Beverly Bindoo- Advancement Chairman, Troop 400, Warrensburg, MO, and unit commissioner.

Silver Bear
Ronda Weinman –Scoutmaster, Troop 404, Warrensburg, MO; Shelly Huntington –Committee Member LDS units 514, Warrensburg, MO and current Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner; Jane Minihan- Weebos Denleader, Pack 430, Clinton, MO; Jon Cerda- Chaplain for Troop 513, Warrensburg, MO and District Activities Chairman; Christina Nixon- Cubmaster, Pack 19, Centerview, MO.

Torch of Gold
Ricky Roeseh- Troop 225, Clinton, MO; Cami Lewis- unit commissioner and committee member of Troop 2, Clinton, MO;

If you see these recipients around, make sure to congratulate them once again. Who will be the recipients next year?

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!

Day Camp

“Cub Fun in the Next Generation” is the theme for day camp this year. The dates for day camp will be June 15-19. Fun and adventure will be had by all this year. Activities, field sports, archery, bb guns, and swimming are just a few of the fun things the boys will be able to do this year. We will have a family night with a hot dog roast and campfire. For more information you can contact Camp director, Jim Houk (660)747-3407 or at jhouk_1@charter.net or program director, Jennifer Faaborg at (660) 890-2247 at faaborgs@msn.com.

The cost this year is $46 if registered by April 8, after that date it becomes $61. If you register at camp, the fee is $66. Any boy that signs up to join Cub Scouts after April 8 will only need to pay the $46 fee. We will see you there!
Investment in Character

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

If your unit has yet to 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 jmckowan@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4970.

Pinewood Derby

Calling all race fans, the 16th Annual North Star District Pinewood Derby Championships will be held on February 6 and 7, 2009 at the Metro North Mall – Lower Level. The competition is for Tigers, Wolves, Bears, 1st & 2nd Webelos who are the champions of their individual pack’s Pinewood Derbies. If you need more information please contact Jeff Cook at (h) 816 468-9232 or scouter@kc.rr.com.

New Executive to Serve in North Star

Congratulations to Jon Geiger. He has left us for a well-deserved promotion to serve the Big Muddy District as its Senior District Executive. First starting in July of 2002, Jon has enjoyed a successful Scouting career with the North Star District. Good Luck Jon, you will be missed.

Filling Jon's shoes will be Mike Farrell. Mike joined the council on March 10, 2008 as a Learning For Life executive. During his short, but successful tenure, he has started two new Explorer posts and set himself apart by working to ensure that the council enjoyed a 16% increase in Exploring membership for 2008. Please take time to give Mike a warm North Star welcome as he continues his Scouting career with us.

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.

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.
2009 Investment in Scouting

This year’s theme for our Friends of Scouting campaign is an Investment in Character. We are currently working hard to get every unit in Northern Tier District scheduled for a Family Investment in Character presentation. We only have a few left to schedule! You can help us make our goal this year by scheduling your presentation now! Many units have already had their presentation and are very close to making their goal for free rank advancement. Congratulations to Troop 394 who has already earned theirs! To help out with this campaign and schedule your unit presentation now, contact Bruce Harken, Family FOS Chairman, at bruceharken@yahoo.com or Kathryn Rajala at krajala@bsamail.org.

Webelos on Wheels

February 7 marks the date for Webelos on Wheels. Your Webelos will have the opportunity to participate in some exciting science activities while completing some of the requirements needed. Webelos on Wheels will once again be held at UMKC’s Department of Physics-Flarsheim Hall, 5110 Rockhill Road. Contact Bruce Harken, Family FOS Chairman, at bruceharken@yahoo.com or Kathryn Rajala at krajala@bsamail.org.

Merit Badge Forum

On January 31, we held the first of two days of the Northern Tier District Merit Badge Forum and Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Training. We are at Mill Valley High School, which is the same location as last year. The second day will be conducted on February 28. Talk to your Scouts now. Talk to your new leaders now. Make sure everyone takes advantage of these great offerings by Northern Tier District. Merit Badge Forum is located at Lexington Trails Middle School in DeSoto. Registration forms and more information is available on the district webpage under advancement.

Popcorn

Congratulations to all of our units who participated in the Popcorn Sale in 2008! Your efforts sold several thousand dollars worth of popcorn, with more than 70% of that staying here in Northern Tier, in our units and thus also help with necessary Council operations! Thanks go to Doug Lenhart, Popcorn Chair, for a job well done! Thanks for your commitment to this vital program!

Pinewood Derby

On March 28, pack winners are invited to join us to see whose car is the fastest in all of Northern Tier District. This will be a lot fun and we look forward to seeing you there. It will be held at Lakeview Village, 9100 Park Street in Lenexa. Visit the district webpage under activities to download the registration form.

Day Camp

Cubs in the Next Generation! Day camp is here and the theme is Cubs in the Next Generation. Now is the time to start planning for day camp. We will hold day camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 15-19. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, Day Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824, Lorri Kerns, Program Director at (913) 583-1011 or Kathryn Rajala at (816) 569-4913.

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! Registration forms will be available on the district webpage under activities.
Rechartering

Thank you to everyone that turned in their charters on time!!! Our January 8 turn in date at roundtable was extremely successful!! 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, Retention, Retention!!!!!!! Retention is the way the Pelathe District will continue to grow. Please follow up with every Webelos II Scout that does not transition over to a troop. Please find out why, so we can make sure next time every boy bridges over into Boy Scouts. Thank you for everyone’s efforts in providing the best possible program for the boys so they remain interested in Scouts and continue to have a blast and become young healthy individuals.

An Investment in Character

We are half way through our Investment in Character campaign, the theme for this year’s Friend of Scouting Family campaign. We still have a long way to go to reach our goal, so please continue giving your generous gifts. The Pelathe District will be conducting call nights, contacting contributors that gave in the past, who may have missed this year’s presentation. Please help Scott Gates, our Family Chair, reach 100% of our Investment in Character goal. Thank you again for everyone’s donations!!!

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 the Scouts. Let’s make this year’s day camp the best experience we can for Pelathe District’s Cub Scouts. Alfred Cramer is putting together yet another fantastic program that will take place the first week of June. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Alfred Cramer at awhawk@witerayvn.org.

Pelathe

District Events

February

5 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Recharter Training, 7:00 pm
      First Baptist Church
      1330 Kasold, Lawrence
   19 District Committee Meeting
      Troop 55 Scout Cabin, 7:00 pm

March

5 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Recharter Turn-In
      First Baptist Church
      1330 Kasold, Lawrence, 7:00 pm
   19 District Committee Meeting
      Troop 55 Scout Cabin, 7:00 pm

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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 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.
District Awards

Congratulations to those individuals selected to receive the Award of Merit in the Pioneer Trails District for 2009: Sam Clippinger, Joseph Conklin, Kathy Disney, Francisco “Pancho” Luna, Josephine McGowan, Kevin Nelson, Larry Tyril, and Martin Weber. Thank you for your dedication and continued support of the Scouting program. Your hard work has and will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of many boys throughout Kansas City. These individuals and many others will be honored at the upcoming District Dinner on February 7.

Merit Badge Academy

Thanks to everyone who made the 2009 Pioneer Trails Merit Badge Academy a great success. Pat Parks, our advancement chairman, and his staff did an outstanding job putting together a great day of merit badge classes for the Scouts in our district. Thanks again for all that you do for Scouting!

Investment in Character

The 2009 Investment in Character campaign is well underway. An Investment in Character is the theme for this year’s annual fundraising campaign. Thank you to all of the units and volunteers who have already participated in this year’s fundraising efforts. With that being said, if your unit has not yet scheduled a presentation date, now is the time. Investment in Character provides many underprivileged boys the opportunity to participate in the Boy Scout program through financial assistance. Help us keep Scouting in the urban community strong. Contact Larry Tyrl at (816) 943-5081 to make a pledge or to schedule a presentation for your unit.

Cub Scout Day Camp

It’s time to once again start planning for this year’s summer Cub Scout day camp. We are pleased to announce the return of Cub Scout day camp to the Pioneer Trails District! This year’s theme will be Cub Fun in the Next Generation. It will be held on Monday, June 8 – Thursday, June 11 at 40 Acres and a Mule (7620 E 79th St). Some of the activities we will have include swimming, BB guns, archery, and much more! With this being the first year in many that we are taking on day camp alone in Pioneer Trails, we need a lot of help! Contact Lisa Kessler at (816) 536-6486 or lisak@mokantitle.com if you are interested in helping out with this year’s day camp. Visit the day camp website for more information: http://hoac-bsa.org/PT_Day_Camp.cfm.
Day Camp
Red-Tailed Hawk is already dreaming about warmer weather as 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. Check out the RTH district website for more details.

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

Presentation dates must be submitted by February 5 in order to have a presenter scheduled for the presentation. Please email Bridgete at bmckenna@bsamail.org if you have questions.

District Dinner
Please join Red-Tailed Hawk for the 2009 District Dinner on March 7, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The district dinner will be located at the Presbyterian Church of Stanley-14895 Antioch Road, Overland Park, KS 66221. The cost is $20.00 per person (2008 Eagles are free). Check the HOAC-RTH District website for the registration form located under the activities page. Reservations are due February 20, 2009.

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 sdtobias@rth-mbf.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 hals2270@aol.com.

The last session will be February 7, 2009.

Pinewood Derby
Start your engines!! Red-Tailed Hawk’s 2009 Pinewood Derby will be held on March 7, 2009 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church-16000 W 143rd St, Olathe KS, 66062. Racing begins at 9:00 am. Pinewood Derby car weigh-in will take place at the March 5 roundtable. Packs: please send a representative in order to have the cars weighed.

Check the HOAC website for the registration form located under the activities page. Registration deadline is March 5, 2009. Fee is $9.00 per pack.

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

Red-Tailed Hawk
District Events
February
5 Roundtable
New Leader Essentials
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:00 pm

7 Venture Leader Training
Location and Time TBD

12 District Commissioner Meeting
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:30 pm

17 District Committee Meeting
Colonial Presbyterian Church
W 137th Street, 7:00 pm

March
5 Roundtable
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:00 pm

12 Commissioner’s Meeting
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:00 pm

20 District Committee Meeting
College Church of the Nazarene
2nd Floor, 7:00 pm

27 Troop Committee Challenge
Scoutmaster/ASM Training
Outdoor Leader Skills
Annual District Awards Banquet

The following individuals will be recognized at the annual district recognition banquet. Congratulations for this tremendous achievement! Join us on February 12 to help celebrate their achievement.

Silver Oak Leaf
Kathy Ruth
Carl Gustafson
Scott Braden
Alan Lentz
John Monson
David Wickham
Debbie Burre
Steven Smith
Maureen Russell
Scott Pulliman
Michelle Ahern
Michael Johnson
Jim Lee
Gary Bolden

Silver Acorn
Julie Dyer
Jennifer Abundis
Kim Hahn
Melody Gustafson
Tammy Day

Award of Merit
Liz Whelan
David Belzer
Mike Murray
Israel Abundis
Don Dyer
Lester Ham
John Burre

Save These Dates

- February 12 - District Awards Dinner
- March 14 - Pinewood Derby Event (at Bass Pro)
- March 28 - Merit Badge Academy

Cub Scout Speedway!

Join us on March 14 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 include archery, shooting arcade, casting challenge (fishing game), crafts, games, etc.

Price includes all activities plus concessions, patches and more. Registration is limited to 200 participants so register ASAP! Don’t miss it!!!!!! Contact Todd Sampson for more info: (816) 322-4242 or tsampson20@sbcglobal.net.

Merit Badge Academy

March 28 will be our annual Merit Badge Academy. Check the Thunderbird Activities site for class availability, prerequisites and registration information.
2008 District Award of Merit and Outstanding Leader Awards

Congratulations to Monty Creagar, Mary Kilkenney and Zack Shafran, on receiving the District Award of Merit at the Trailhead District Adult Recognition Event on January 24th. The District Award of Merit is the highest award a volunteer Scouter can receive from a district. The awards did not stop there, congratulations to all of the recipients of the Trailhead District Outstanding Awards. Thank you to Lawson Renner, chairman of the DARE event for putting together another wonderful evening.

Pinewood Derby

On your mark, get set... go! Race fans will be rearing to go on March 28 at the Trailhead District Pinewood Derby at the Bass Pro Shop in Olathe. This year’s event is open to ALL Cub Scouts! This is new to this year’s event, as in the past it was open to only the top three qualifiers from each pack. Don’t miss out on the chance to race against the fastest cars in the district. The district rules and registration forms can be found on the Trailhead Activities Web Page. Our event chairman is also seeking volunteers to assist. If you are interested, contact Matt Beyers at mbeyers@everestkc.net.

Cub Scout Day Camp: Cub Fun in the Next Generation

Now is the time to sign up for FIVE days of fun with the Cub Scout day camp on June 8-12 at Shawnee Riverfront Park (K-7 and 43rd St.). This year camp will run for five days instead of four! At “Cub Fun in the Next Generation” your son will explore the next 100 years of Scouting while preparing for the Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary in 2010! Cub Scouts get the chance to participate in archery and BB gun ranges, crafts, a zip cord and much more fun in the next generation.

Look for more information on day camp on the website at http://hoac-bsa.org/thdc.cfm. To qualify for the early bird payment rate, registration is due at the April roundtable.

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 by investing in the council’s programs. 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.

Training

One of the keys to a successful Scouting experience for young people is trained volunteer leadership. Whether you are a new leader or an experienced one, there are many opportunities for you to learn and grow in your position as a leader with the Boy Scouts. Training will give you the resources to provide a quality program for the youth and provide ideas to minimize your workload. Do not forget as a part of every leader’s training, Youth Protection Training is required. Upcoming training is on Feb. 21, March 14, and April 14 for Cub Scout leaders.

All spring training dates are posted on www.hoac-bsa.org/thtraining.cfm.

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

Now is the time to start thinking about spring and summer camping opportunities. Mark your calendars for April 24 and Webelos-Ree 2009. This is a great event that will help your Bears and Webelos prepare for their transition into Boy Scouts.

Also on the horizon is the 2009 Trails West Cub Scout Day Camp on June 8 through June 11 at the Lake Olathe Golf Course. Learn more about Day Camp 2009 by visiting http://hoac-bsa.org/TW_Day_Camp.cfm.

And don’t forget about Webelos, Bear and Boy Scout resident camp this summer. Check out http://hoac-bsa.org/camping.cfm for more information.

An Investment in Scouting

The 2009 Friends of Scouting campaign, an Investment in Scouting, is officially underway. Our goal is to have 100% of the units in the Trails West District participate.

If you have not scheduled your presentation contact Matt Armstrong, (816) 569-4978 or at marmstro@bsamail.org with the dates a presentation can be made to your unit.

Recruiting

The 2008 Fall Recruitment campaign was one of the best in the council with 315 new boys joining packs in the Trails West District. Thanks to everyone who made 2008 a huge success. Please remember that recruiting is a year-round process.

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

Roundtable

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. Come to stay current on all the latest district news, learn new Scouting skills, and catch up with fellow Scouters.

Merit Badge Counselor training is also offered along with the Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting.

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!!!
Welcome new District Committee Members

The Twin Rivers District annual business meeting was held on December 16, 2008. At the meeting our new District Chairman, Jeff Walmann was elected as well as the slate of Members-at-Large who are: Charles Atterbury, Bud Burris, John Berton, Curtis Gibson, Brock Guernsey, Nanci Hinkle, Bob King, Rhonda Lewis, Dennis Nowatzke, Aida Thompson, Jeff Walmann, Jamie Wilson. Welcome to all our new and returning members.

Also at the meeting our new District Commissioner was named. Curtis Gibson, who has served the past few years as our Advancement Chair is Twin Rivers new District Commissioner.

Thank you to everyone who have served so diligently in the past and to everyone who will help continue the tradition of excellence in Twin Rivers.

2009 District Dinner

The 2009 Twin Rivers District Dinner will be March 14, 2009 at St. Johns Hall in Greeley, Kansas. This year we will have a Hawaiian-themed Luau and everyone is invited. At the dinner, we will be recognizing everyone involved with the awesome year we had in 2008 and especially the 2008 Eagle Scouts, and some adults who have merited some extra recognition. There will be lots of games and chances to win some great prizes. Don’t miss it! Registration forms are available on the Twin Rivers District page of the council website.

Spring Recruiting

Our new Membership Chair, Bud Burris, invites all units to conduct some sort of spring recruiting. He has many resources available to assist units that want to conduct a spring recruiting drive. Contact Bud for assistance.

An Investment in Character

The 2009 Friends of Scouting campaign is under way. This year, our theme is an Investment in Character. It costs the Heart of America Council an average of $140.00 per boy to deliver Scouting each year. Every dollar raised stays in our council. Your generous support makes a difference in the lives of so many youth in our community.

The costs of Scouting, like an iceberg, are not readily visible. Every unit in the council shares in the benefits and the responsibility to help provide financial support.

The free advancement to units who make their goal is back again this year. Encourage every family in your unit to make a gift of whatever amount they are comfortable with. Ask grandparents and relatives, friends, co-workers and neighbors to make an Investment in Character gift to Friends of Scouting.

Thank you to everyone who supports the program by making an Investment in Character gift of financial assistance to Friends of Scouting.

Adult Recognition Forms Due

Every year we recognize adult volunteers who work so hard to make Scouting great in Twin Rivers. If you know of an adult leader or volunteer who is deserving of some extra special recognition for their efforts on behalf of Scouting let us know. There are several awards available and the forms are available on the Twin Rivers District page of the council website.

Take a moment today and recommend someone deserving for an award.

Change in the District Committee Meeting Time

Effective immediately, our Twin Rivers District Committee Meeting has been moved to the Tuesday after roundtable (which is usually the first Thursday of the month). The meeting will take place at the usual location, the Whistle Stop Café in Osawatomie, Kansas at 6:30 pm.
Exploring News Flash

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 — July 11; Location: Washington, DC

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

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

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

2010 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference
July 19 – 24, 2010
Georgia Institute of Technology • Atlanta, Georgia

Payment Schedule:
- Nonrefundable post registration: $100.00 due March 1, 2010
- Participant fee: $400.00 per person
- $50.00, nonrefundable, due April 17, 2010
- $350.00, balance due June 1, 2010

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.

New Applications for Exploring Adult Volunteers

Beginning January 1, 2009, adults registering with an Exploring post must complete the new Learning for Life adult application Form # 28-312. The new disclosure/authorization form is included which gives your consent for a criminal background check. However, local, state, or federal governmental agencies which require background checks as a condition of employment will meet the requirements by using Form #28-573. This form certifies that a background check has already been completed. Form #28-573 must be submitted with the adult application. The adult application and Form #28-573 are filed with the post’s registration information.

Got E-mail?

Would you like updated Exploring information? Want to know about the latest resources available to your post’s leadership? Send us an e-mail and we will add you to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.
| BE 1138 | Matthew Fellers |
| BE 1138 | Joshua Fellers |
| BE 1138 | Charles Puyear |
| BE 1161 | Conor Davis |
| BE 1175 | Tyler Johnson |
| BE 1175 | Joseph Simpson |
| BE 1201 | Jeffrey Frazier |
| BE 1204 | Isaac Hausheer |
| BE 1229 | Nathan Campfield |
| BE 1246 | Jonathan Erickson |
| BE 1248 | Jonathan Shiley |
| BE 1261 | Douglas Harlacher |
| BE 1266 | Anthony Landwehr |
| BE 1347 | Andrew Fox |
| BE 1362 | Eric Kisow |
| BE 1382 | Kevin Knauf |
| BE 1492 | William Branstetter |
| BE 1738 | Travis Williams |
| BE 1763 | Robert Horton |
| BM 1153 | Joshua Anderson |
| BM 1243 | Derik Russell |
| BM 1317 | Shawn Engel |
| BM 1317 | George Kronshage |
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| LB 1304 | Michael Hodson, Jr |
| LB 1304 | Brett Mason |
| LB 1400 | Jacob Conner |
| LB 1400 | Matthew Simmons |
| LB 1400 | Joshua Stockwell |
| LB 1400 | Shaffrin Wegener |
| LB 1404 | Sky Roberson |
| LB 1513 | Ryan Rickard |
| LB 1513 | Alex Rickard |
| LB 1673 | Sean Reed |
| LB 1673 | Jacob Shuster |
| NS 1180 | Eric Robinson |
| NS 1280 | Logan Wilfong |
| NS 1314 | Thomas Prinslow |
| NS 1351 | Johnathon Knopp |
| NS 1351 | Thomas Knopp |
| NS 1351 | Tyler Kuehn |
| NS 1351 | Joshua Shiner |
| NS 1351 | James Smith |
| NS 1370 | Brian Gordon |
| NS 1393 | Dillon Cassidy |
| NS 1395 | Joel Gordon |
| NS 1395 | Spencer Smith |
| NS 1395 | Benjamin Vleisides |
| NS 1395 | Christopher Woods |
| NS 1447 | Joseph Simmons |
| NS 1495 | Derek Stanway |
| NS 1495 | Christopher Vaughn |
| NT 91 | William Fisher |
| NT 91 | William Gonder |
| NT 91 | Jonathan Mosher |
| NT 93 | Kyle Neilan |
| NT 93 | Mark Wheeler |
| NT 123 | William Heisler |
| NT 123 | Peter Whitaker |
| NT 185 | Wade Wilken III |
| NT 192 | Nicholas Anderson |
| NT 194 | Spencer Carl |
| NT 194 | Robert King |
| NT 199 | Jacob Kaufman |
| NT 247 | Eric Zoeller |
| NT 351 | Ethan Hague |
| NT 351 | Robert Reagan |
| NT 6684 | Matthew Birkinsha |
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| PL 55 | David Lawrence |
| PL 59 | Christian Allen |
| PL 59 | Jonathan Corkins |
| PL 59 | Brock Norwood |
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| PT 1016 | Alexander Simmons |
| PT 1080 | Todd Fonville |
| PT 1080 | Jonathan McNeely |
| PT 1084 | Jackson Baker |
| PT 1106 | Antonio Raya |
| PT 1188 | Michael Cadwell |
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| RT 122 | Dakota King |
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| RT 201 | Ryan McGovern |
| RT 201 | Ryan McLean |
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| TH 395 | Brett Bergman |
| TH 395 | Benjamin Conaghan |
| TH 396 | Connor Lewandowski |
| TH 617 | Jacob Hirschi |
| TH 6786 | Austin Lanning |
| TH 6786 | Aaron Wootton |
| TR 74 | Nicholas Anderson |
| TR 8 | Kyle Sewalson |
| TR 83 | Andrew Radiel |
| TR 86 | Zachary Donald |
| TR 136 | Trevor Ricketts |
| TR 181 | Sean Thomas |
| TR 186 | Tanner Clow |
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