Adventures in Scouting
February 2010 - March 2010

“A Scout is Kind”

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

National Hall of Leadership Deadline Extended

The nomination deadline for the National Hall of Leadership has been extended to April 2, 2010. The BSA’s goal is to get the broadest representation possible from all councils across the country, and to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to submit a nomination.

Based on this new schedule, the final group of inductees — one from each local council and one from the national council — will be announced July 31st as part of the 100th Anniversary events at the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

Don’t miss this one-time opportunity to recognize outstanding leadership by a Scout, registered Scout leader, or Scouting volunteer who made a significant difference in the life of another by the extraordinary service they have given … and the Scouting virtues they have modeled.

Heart of America Council
100th Anniversary Activities

Kauffman Eagle Award Presentation
February 8, 2010

Scout Sunday/Scout Sabbath
February 7 & 13, 2010

Community Good Turn Days
April 10 & 17, 2010

2010 BSA Major Gifts Art Tour
May 10-12, 2010

Special Events at Naish, Bartle and Day Camp
Summer of 2010

Royal Gathering of Eagles
August 30, 2010

Council Good Turn – Scouting for Food
September 11 & 18, 2010

Council Camping Extravaganza
September 24-26, 2010

Adventure Base 100
October 2 & 3, 2010

National Hall of Leadership Nominations can be made at:
http://scouting.org/100years/100years/nationalhallofleadership.aspx

“Boy Scouts of America: Today” National Photo Contest

Coffee table book will be a visual representation of modern-day Scouting

As we launch into the celebration for the Boy Scout of America’s 100th anniversary, the National Council wants to see what Scouting looks like in the communities across America. Anyone with a passion for photography is invited to submit photo entries for a new book, to be published in October 2010. Boy Scouts of America: Today will show Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers engaged in activities that represent the 12 points of the Scout Law.

Enter the contest by submitting photographs in any or all of the 12 categories to visually depict the 12 points of the Scout Law—trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Affiliation with the BSA or any of its programs is not necessary to submit a photo for consideration. Winning entries will printed in the book Boy Scouts of America: Today, and winners will receive a copy of the book and a $50 gift card for official Scouting merchandise purchased through Scoutstuff.org or at any participating Scout shop.

“The image should not just create a visual reaction, but must evoke a feeling about the point of the Scout Law for which it represents,” explains Roger Morgan, official BSA photographer. “We’re looking for photographs that create an emotional response.”

The Boy Scouts of America: Today photo contest begins January 12, 2010, and entries must be received by March 31, 2010. Photos must be representative of Scouting activities but are not limited to any specific event. Photographs submitted for consideration must have been taken within one year of entry. Visit http://scoutstuff.upickem.net/engine/Welcome.aspx?contestid=12834 for more information including how to submit photos for consideration.
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BSA Motorsports

The Boy Scouts of America and Dale Coyne Racing announced that the two legendary organizations are teaming up to promote family fun and education through a new BSA IndyCar venture.

The No. 19 car will help commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA, the nation’s largest youth-serving organization. The BSA and DCR plan to utilize the high-tech nature of IndyCar-style cars as a platform to promote science, technology, and math to those involved in Scouting.

“Racing is a modern-day way to connect with youths and to further Scouting’s dedication to expanding tomorrow’s leaders through education, math, science, and engineering,” stated Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca. “We are grateful to Dale and Gail Coyne and their entire racing team for making this incredible opportunity possible.”

“This is a program with true heart,” commented race team owner Dale Coyne, “from watching a young boy’s first pinewood derby to helping him learn and apply the disciplines of science and technology using the excitement of IndyCar. The message we will convey is the significance of education and the value of preparing for a rapidly advancing hi-tech world.”

BSA Motorsports coming to Kansas Speedway

May 1, 2010 - IZOD IndyCar Series

The BSA Motorsports IndyCar is coming to Kansas Speedway as a part of the IZOD IndyCar Series on May 1, 2010. For more information visit the Kansas Speedway website: http://www.kansasspeedway.com

Historical Merit Badges for 2010

In honor of the BSA’s 100th Anniversary, today’s generation of Scouts have the unique opportunity to experience some of the activities that Scouts of yesterday enjoyed. The BSA’s new Historical Merit Badge Program is a set of four discontinued merit badges that today’s Scouts can earn.

Scouts can earn any or all of these merit badges:
- **Signaling** - First offered in 1910 and discontinued in 1992.
- **Tracking** - First offered in 1911 (as Stalker merit badge) and discontinued in 1952.
- **Pathfinding** - First offered in 1911 and discontinued in 1952.
- **Carpentry** - First offered in 1911 and discontinued in 1952.

There is one catch: Scouts must start and finish all requirements within the year 2010. So don’t delay—after Dec. 31, 2010, these merit badges will go back on the “retired” list.

Remember, these merit badges will be available during 2010 only. Requirements will only be available online. No merit badge pamphlets will be printed. When revised, the requirements will be available at the following websites:

www.scouting.org/100years and http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards.aspx
Council News

Earn the “Year of Celebration” Community Service Award

Scouting’s contribution to society is most visible in the movement’s commitment to community service. Service is interwoven into many of Scouting’s honors and is mandatory for earning the higher rank advancements. Through service, Scouts demonstrate that they provide an essential function to their communities.

The Year of Celebration Community Service Award rewards recipients for providing time and resources at no charge for the good of their local community. More than just engage in service, the award recipient must also share their thoughts about why service is crucial to our society and how Scouts today fulfill a 100-year-old legacy of serving communities.

Two council-wide programs that will provide opportunities to earn the Community Service Award are each district’s Community Good Turn Days on April 10 and 17 as well as the Council-wide Good Turn – Scouting for Food which is scheduled for September 11 and 18.

There are five requirements for each age group. All you have to do is accomplish at least three of the five requirements to earn the award. You may want to do all five requirements, but three is all that you’ll need to qualify for the award.

If you are looking for service project ideas or more information about the Year of Celebration program, visit http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/AYearOfCelebration.aspx for links to organizations that are partnering with the BSA specifically on the Year of Celebration program.

More than 1,700 have Gone Digital!

The Heart of America Council kicked off its 100th Anniversary Facebook page just over a month ago and the response has been incredible. Come check it out and join in the discussion!

Facebook

Within Facebook, just search for “Boy Scouts Heart of America”

Twitter
www.twitter.com/bsa100hoac

YouTube
www.youtube.com/bsa100hoac

Heart of America Council Anniversary Links

Heart of America Council 100th Anniversary Webpage
http://www.hoac-bsa.org/100thAnniversary.aspx

Heart of America Council Latest 100th Anniversary News Webpage

2010 BSA Major Gifts Art Tour - May 10-12, 2010

The Heart of America Council is pleased that the Liberty Memorial has agreed to host the Major Gifts Art Tour’s visit to Kansas City. This venue will enable us to open the exhibit to the public, in addition to conducting special events for major contributors to our council’s annual campaign and endowment. Scouts and Scouters from surrounding councils are invited to join us for this unique opportunity to view 20 Scout-related art works by Norman Rockwell and Joseph Csatari.

From 1918 through 1976, Norman Rockwell was the official artist for the Boy Scouts of America. Starting in 1964 through today, Joseph Csatari, the protégé of Rockwell, has been the artist for the Boy Scouts of America. These artists have recorded the history of Scouting in America - from campouts, hikes, and Pinewood Derby races to public service projects. Their artwork celebrates the boyhood joys of Scouting while illustrating a code of honor and ideals that has shaped generations of young men.

When the Major Gifts Art Tour is open to the public, the Liberty Memorial Museum will also be open. Visitors will also have an opportunity to visit the Memorial’s Observation Tower. Specific dates and times related will be available soon.
Council News

Community Good Turn Days Planned in Districts

Scouting has a time-honored tradition of giving back. Our legacy of providing service to others is one reason that Scouting crossed the Atlantic in 1910. An unknown Scout helped businessman William Boyce find his way in the London fog and then refused payment. In doing so, that young Scout’s service made an impact that led to the establishment of the Boy Scouts of America.

Each district in our council is busy planning projects that will involve all Scouts and leaders that will make our communities a better place. Here are a few examples of plans that are being developed. In the North Star District project plans include work to give back to Kelsey Short Youth Camp, a location often used for district events. In the Pelathe District, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers will be work with the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department to plant trees and landscape their new Burroughs Creek Rail Trail. In the Kaw district, Scouts will be working to clear the site that overlooks an historic park where Lewis and Clark crossed the Missouri River. Scouts in the Blue Elk District will be doing trail work and erosion control work in George Owens Nature Park.

Look for details about the April Community Good Turn Days projects at the February and March roundtables.

100th Anniversary Community Good Turn Project Committee

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One Hundred Years of Service!

For 100 years the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service and community for millions of American youth. Not only has Scouting serviced young people, but in doing so we have also served our community and country as well. A century of providing service to America is certainly a century worth celebrating.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated and by 1912, Scouts were enrolled in every state. A few years later, Boy Scouts across the country ministered to people who were afflicted by a flu epidemic.

During the 1930’s, in the wake of the Great Depression, Scouts responded to President Roosevelt’s call to action by collecting nearly 2 million pieces of clothing, furniture, food, and supplies to give to the needy.

In the 1940’s, with the declaration of war, Scouts distributed defense bonds and stamp posters; collected aluminum and wastepaper; and worked with the Red Cross.

Following World War II in the 1950’s, Scouts collected 2 million pounds of clothing for overseas relief. Scouts also conducted a National Conservation Good Turn which distributed nearly 4 million copies of a conservation poster and planted more than 6 million trees in parks, rural areas, and wilderness areas.

In the 1960’s, the Boy Scouts of America launched Project SOAR, Save Our American Resources, a program designed to educate as well as to provide service and it continues to this day.

In the 1970’s, the Boy Scouts of America created Good Turn for America, a national call for Scouts to tackle hunger, homelessness, and other problems that afflict our nation. Scouts have logged more than 6 million hours of community service as part of that effort.

An important part of our centennial celebration in the Heart of America Council revolves around service. Plan to be a part of your district’s Community Good Turn Days in April and the council-wide Scouting for Food drive in September.
Kauffman Eagle Scout Award to Honor
Eagle Scout Lifetime Achievement

Nothing symbolizes Scouting and the Heart of America Council more than the Eagle Scout. Earning the Eagle Scout badge takes perseverance, strength of character, and a sense of entrepreneurship. Since 1910, our council has had an impressive 44,000 young men earn their Eagle badge. One Eagle Scout from our council in particular personifies what it means to be an Eagle. He used his talents to their fullest, lived the Scout Oath and Law, and in doing so fundamentally changed the lives of many and made a significant contribution to our community. This Eagle Scout was Ewing M. Kauffman. To commemorate Mr. Kauffman’s leadership as an Eagle Scout and as an entrepreneur in our community, the Heart of America Council is commemorating Scouting’s 100th Anniversary by establishing an award in his honor. This award will recognize the distinguished lifetime contributions of Eagle Scouts and will be awarded annually.

Ewing Kauffman, the son of an Eagle Scout, earned his Eagle Badge in 1932, as a member of Boy Scout Troop and Ship 100 at Faxon School in Kansas City, Missouri. Because of his Eagle Badge and his Sea Scouting experience, he was given the rank of Seaman First Class upon enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later earned a “deck commission” to the rank of Ensign. As Mr. Kauffman relayed to the Ewing M. Kauffman Class of Eagle Scouts in 1970, his Boy Scout and Sea Scout experience had much to do with his safe return from three years of active sea duty. His entrepreneurial spirit enabled him to start his own pharmaceutical company that later grew into an international business. His success allowed him to purchase the Kansas City Royals, developing civic pride and reiterating Kansas City’s place as a “major league” community. Later in his life, Mr. Kauffman established his most enduring legacy for his community and the world, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Today, the Foundation continues to inspire others through the values that made Mr. K successful: treating others as you want to be treated, sharing life’s rewards with those who make them possible, and giving back to society.

The Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, is honored to have played a role in the formative years of Ewing M. Kauffman- a great businessman, a great Kansas Citian, and a great human being. The Ewing M. Kauffman Eagle Award will be used to: first, recognize the influence and positive impact that more than 44,000 Eagle Scouts have made on our community, just as Mr. K did throughout his life. Secondly, it provides a symbol that focuses attention on the values and leadership skills, learned through Scouting, which will help a young man or young woman reach their full potential in life.

Nomination materials and guidelines will be available in the near future and posted on the Heart of America Council’s website.

BSA 100th Anniversary Coin Has a Release date

We already know what the BSA 100th Anniversary coin will look like (see to the right). And now we know when we can get our hands on one (or several) of the 350,000 set to be minted in Philadelphia.

The date to circle on your calendar? Tuesday, March 23, 2010. That’s according to the recently updated schedule on the U.S. Mint’s Web site and a story on Coin News.
Hospice Chaplain orchestrates Scout “good deed” for one of the oldest living Mic-O-Say Tribesmen

If you are a Boy Scout you are supposed to do a “good deed” every day. If you are Jewish, a good deed, called a “Mitzvah,” is also very important. This story about good deeds/mitzvahs involves Jews, Boy Scouts and a hospice chaplain who is a Southern Baptist.

The story starts with Julian Reichman, 88, of Leavenworth, Kans., who is currently a Sunflower/Omega Health Care hospice patient, residing at the Senior Living Center at F. W. Huston Medical Center in Winchester, Kansas. In his earlier years, Julian was a Navy Pilot during World War II, the owner of his own airplane and two retail-clothing enterprises. He is an Eagle Scout and a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. In fact, he is believed to be one of the oldest living members of the Tribe.

So, as Sunflower/Omega Chaplain Craig Scheidecker got to know Julian over the past few months, he recognized how important his Boy Scout years were to him, from earning his Eagle Scout and Palm designation, to his summers at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in Osceola, Mo. It was there he was inducted in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 1937 as “Feather in the Sky,” a name which aptly reflected his love of flying.

Craig also learned of Julian’s religious background, growing up in a large Kansas City Jewish family and attending Beth Shalom Synagogue, where in 1934 he joined Boy Scout Troop 61. He later served as an adult leader and, for a short time, Scoutmaster of the troop when his son Eli was active and Mic-O-Say tribesman.

Craig thought the overlapping Christmas and Chanukah holiday season would be a perfect time for members of the Boy Scout troop Julian had been active in to visit him as one of their good deeds.

So, on Saturday, December 19, 2009 Craig arranged for three members of Beth Shalom Troop 61 of the Heart of America Council to travel 90 minutes from Kansas City to visit Julian at his senior living center to stage a special Chanukah party just for him and to share memories about the troop, the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and Bartle Scout Reservation. Those who attended were Eagle Scout Richard Simon, the troop committee chairman; Eagle Scout Al Beitchman, the troop charter organization representative; and Life Scout Benjamin Simon, troop patrol leader. They were joined by Eagle Scout Alan Chapman, a member of Beth Shalom and marketing consultant for Sunflower/Omega. All four are members of Mic-O-Say. Richard “Swimming Fuzzy Bee”, Al “Winged Comet” and Benjamin “Rippling Pool” were all initiated into the Tribe at Bartle. Alan “Black Pigeon” became a member at Camp Geiger in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Benjamin recited the blessing and lit the Chanukah Menorah that Chaplain Craig had bought at the Beth Shalom gift shop for Julian. Benjamin also shared his photos from summers at Bartle Camp. In return, Julian showed the group the framed picture of the early Point at Bartle Camp, a photo he keeps in his room at the care center; as well as discussing the merit badges and other patches he has on his Scout sash. It was a wonderful afternoon, and before leaving Julian was asked if he had any advice for Benjamin, who was by far the youngest Scout in attendance. His advice was short and to the point, “Obey the Scout Law.”

“Chaplain Craig really is great for Julian. He is so thoughtful, patient and understanding,” stated Joy Reichman, Julian’s wife, who also attended the party. Together Julian and Joy, his second wife, have six children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

“You know, Scouts are supposed to do a good deed every day, and a Jew who does a mitzvah is a ‘real Mensch’ (a person of noble character),” explained Joy, who though Christian, supports Julian’s devotion to his faith. “I believe everyone at Julian’s Chanukah party is both a ‘good Scout’ and a ‘real Mensch,’ especially Chaplain Craig who is neither a Boy Scout nor Jewish. I know Julian really enjoyed this special visit and I will always remember how these five individuals touched our lives.”
2010 Cub Scout Day Camp “Centennial Luau”

A complete schedule for day camps offered by the Heart of America Council for the 2010 Camp Season is available below as well as on the council website. Unit Leaders may contact your district executive for more information regarding your district’s camp, or to volunteer to serve on staff.

Day camp will cost $50.00 per Scout through April 7, 2010. On April 8, 2010 the fee is $65.00. For any new Cub Scout recruited after that day or new Tiger Cubs who finished their kindergarten year in 2010 and join Scouting in June, the cost will be $50.00. Scouts that are added at camp will be charged $70.00.

### Cub Scout Day Camp Information for 2010

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### Bear Resident Camp

There are some openings available for Bear Resident Camp during the 2010 camping season. If you would like to attend as a pack or just one on one with your son you still can. Contact Terri O’Neal (816) 569-4933 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 $65 after February 6, 2010.

Bear Resident Camp is designed as a one-on-one camping experience. Therefore every youth attending camp must have an adult partner. There are no part-time Scouts or Leaders at Bear Camp. Come join the fun at Cub World at Camp Naish!
Webelos Resident Camp

There are some openings available for Webelos Resident Camp during the 2010 camping season. If you would like to attend, contact Terri O’Neal (816) 569-4933 for the latest available dates.

Listed below are the 2010 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 $115.00 per Webelos Scout and $115.00 per full-time leader after May 5, 2010. The cost increases to $130.00 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 be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Boy Scout Camp

The 2010 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) 569-4928.

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 20 – 26, 2010. Contact Christi Leewright at (816) 569-4928 for information on how to sign-up.

Camp Payments

The first 2010 Boy Scout Camp payment is due February 17, 2010. This payment should be ½ of your units balance. If you have any questions regarding your units confirmation and billing statement please contact Christi Leewright at (816) 569-4928.

Trainer Development Conference

Are you a youth trainer, district trainer, council trainer, commissioner or any Scout leader who wants to learn to communicate ideas better? On Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm a Trainer Development Conference will be held at a location to be determined. The cost for this conference is $15.00.

During this conference you will be taught:

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

The deadline for registration is Friday, April 9, 2010. Please register online at www.hoac-bsa.org or you can register by visiting the council service center. If you have any further questions please contact J. Britt Davis, HOAC Training Director at (816) 569-4924, jbdavis@bsamail.org.

Volunteers wishing to join your district training team should visit with the District Training Chair at your monthly roundtable.

National Scout Jamboree

“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.
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OA Dues

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

2010 Spring OA Inductions are April 30- May 2 and May 14-16. The registration form will be available on the Council website and at Roundtables, starting in March. If you completed your Ordeal last spring, now is the time to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood.

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.

MOS Tribal Council Recommendations Due

Service as a member of Mic-O-Say’s Tribal Council is an important camp leadership responsibility. While this responsibility is not given as a 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 Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources or forms or at the council service center.

2010 Rotary Camp

The Heart of America Council is proud to offer Boy Scout Rotary Camp in 2010, a camp designed for special needs Scouts. Rotary Camp will take place from Monday, August 9 to Friday, August 13 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 Gordon Corcoran at (816) 569-4741 or gcorcora@bsamail.org.
# Council Calendar of Events

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## The Price of Freedom Conference for Scouts

The Price of Freedom Conference is a four-day residential program that gives Scouts the chance to interact with experts on current issues of citizenship, leadership, and heroism. Participants will have the opportunity to make history come to life with a tour of Colonial Philadelphia and Valley Forge National Historical Park, and interact with historical interpreters such as Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton. These events will be interspersed with leadership and team-building exercises, as well as opportunities for the students to relax and get to know fellow Scouts from around the country! Participation in this program is limited to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are active in Scouting and have demonstrated leadership in their Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Venturing crew, or Sea Scout ship; and who meet a minimum of one of the following rank requirements:

- Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts must have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Venturers must have earned the Silver Award.
- Sea Scouts must have earned the Quartermaster Award.

The program will be held February 11–14, 2010, at the Freedoms Foundation camps in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Scouts are responsible for covering $100 of the $450 tuition. Individuals and contingents must cover their travel expenses to and from Philadelphia.

Each year, some 3,000 students from across the nation visit the foundation’s 85-acre campus adjacent to Valley Forge National Historical Park.

*For more information, contact the Youth Programs Office at Freedoms Foundation at 1-800-896-5488, ext. 233, or by e-mail at jraia@ffvf.org.*

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## Another Top Popcorn Salesman to Add to Our List

Add Jakob H. from Pack 4282 in Blue Elk district to our list of top Trail’s End Popcorn salesmen for 2009. He sold $2,567 in popcorn. Thanks Jakob for leading the way in supporting Scouting in Pack 4282 and the Heart of America Council.
Roundtable

The Big Muddy district hosts a roundtable for all Scouters, at every level the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church beginning at 7:30 pm.

Please make sure your unit is represented at roundtable so the flow of information is passed freely.

For more information please contact Jon Geiger (816) 569-4932.

Investment in Character

As you all know, 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 annual fund-raising provides, your support is imperative to the continuation of the Scouting movement. Please work with our Investment in Character volunteers who devote hours of their time, above and beyond their contributions to their units, to ensure that our annual campaign is a success.

We are still working towards our goal of $16,000 so any remaining pledges or gifts are greatly appreciated.

Big Muddy District Dinner

The Big Muddy District Dinner will be held at the Wellington Lions Club, February 27, 2010. We will have a gathering at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. The cost is $17.00 per person and the 2009 Eagle Scouts may attend for free.

For more information please contact Jon Geiger at (816) 569-4932.

Big Muddy Klondike

The Big Muddy Winter Klondike was held at the Concordia City and Lake, January 15-16. The event was a great success with 71 boys in attendance from the Big Muddy District. The Concordia Star was also in attendance taking pictures and information for a write up in the paper. Also Missouri Conservation Department was represented by helping out with the shooting sports event.

Thanks to Rob Hemme, his troop leaders, and leadership from the troops in attendance for a job well done. I know the Scouts had a great time and brushed up on their Scouting skills.

Pinewood Derby

The Big Muddy Pinewood Derby will be hosted by Pack 713 of Wellington this year. It will be held Sunday, March 28 with weigh-ins beginning at 2:00 pm and the race starting at 3:00 pm.

For more information contact Tahnami Gittinger at (816) 230-5687 or Jonathan Geiger at (816) 682-2130.

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2010 Big Muddy Key Leadership

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<td>(816) 776-5637</td>
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<td>Louis Mautino</td>
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<td>Tom Hodson</td>
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District Dinner

The Blue Elk District Dinner will be held at the Adams’ Pointe Conference Center, 1400 NE Coronado Drive in Blue Springs on February 6, 2010. Doors will open at 5:30 pm. The cost is $23 per person. This year’s Master of Ceremony is Ken Horrell. If you have any memorabilia from years past we will have tables set up for you to display your items.

For more information please contact Jim Beachner at (816) 847-5617 or Tiffany Bumgardner at (816) 569-4969. Thank you to Jim Beachner and the district dinner committee for all of their hard work putting together this dinner to celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

Investment in Character

As we all know, the Scouting program would not exist without the financial support of its members. The Blue Elk District has a strong history of supporting the Scouting program through Investment in Character. Your unit should already be signed up to have a Investment in Character presentation, if you are not signed up call Tiffany Bumgardner at (816) 569-4969 to get a presentation date scheduled.

Klondike Derby 2010

Thank you to John Fitzgearlds and his staff for putting on a great Klondike!

Troop 282 Conducts a Food Drive

For the past five years, Troop 282 has put on a food drive to help the Fairmount Outreach Food Pantry. This year the troop collected somewhere between 34,000 to 35,000 items between the last week of October and the first week of December. Thanks to the efforts of Troop 282 over 250 Independence families will receive meals.

“…If it wasn’t for the Boy Scouts, we would really be hurting for food this year because we couldn’t afford to provide non-perishable items along with the meat. They really went out there and made a difference,” says Liz McLeod, Director of the pantry.

Troop 161’s 5th Annual Dodgeball Tournament

This year’s tournament will be held on February 27, 2010 at the Truman Memorial Building in Independence. The cost is $30 per team of 6, plus one canned good item from each team member. Spectators can attend for a fee of $2.00 and one canned good item. Refreshments will be available. The canned goods will be donated to Harvesters and the money will be given to the Salvation Army in Independence. Registration deadline is one week prior to tournament. Contact Mark Kilpatrick at 795-6929 to register.
Annual District Recognition Dinner

Thanks to all who made the Kaw District Dinner an outstanding success. The food was good, the company was great and Bob Euler gave a great presentation on the 100th anniversary of Scouting. We also recognized the Kaw District Award of Merit recipients and end of the year award winners. 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 Camp Dinning Hall look great.

Klondike Derby

Thank you to all the Scouts and adult Scouters who participated in the Kaw District Klondike Derby. A special thanks to Larry Sisk and his crew for their hard work. It was a great day for the Klondike with a return to Fort Leavenworth. No snow but other weather issues that made it exciting. For those of you that weren’t able to make it this year, we returned to the camp grounds on Fort Leavenworth. So, once again, thanks to all who came out to show their support for the Kaw District Klondike Derby.

Like Boy 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 involved 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 benefiting 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 2010 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.
**District Dinner**

We had a great night on January 19. As many of you know, district dinner is our annual opportunity to recognize our outstanding district and unit volunteers. Special thanks to Jon Cerda, Jerry Post, Randy White, Kathy Cooper, J.C. Smith and Denney Jefferson for their time and dedication to making the evening a success.

Our 2009 recipients include:

- **Torch of Gold** (Scouts with Special Needs) – Beverly Bindoo and Pete Zineker;
- **Silver Bear** – Jim Houk, Leo Huff, Perry Dunkenson, Dave Garnett and Ryan Mendenhall;
- **District Award of Merit** – Judy Molt, Jon Cerda.

**Klondike Derby**

Test your skills at our Klondike Derby. This year our event will be held Blue and Gray Park in Knob Noster, MO. Klondike will be held February 19-21. Please check out the council website or contact Jon Cerda, Activities Chairman for more information.

**Unit Recharter are Due**

As you all know, Charters were due by the end of January. Thank you to all units who ensured timely completion. For those units that still need to complete their charters, please contact Josh Morales, Senior District Executive, ASAP to avoid dropping your charter.

**Cub Scout Day Camp is Just Around the Corner!**

Cubs!!! Help us celebrate 100 years of Scouting at Day Camp! This year we are going to celebrate with a Centennial Luau. Register by April 7 to get a reduced price of $50.

Tell a friend! Remember, Kindergarteners can sign up for Day Camp (and register as a scout). Check out the website for details.


**Roundtable**

The Lone Bear District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Clinton Scout Center. Roundtable meetings are a gathering of Scouters from the Lone Bear District held once a month. These meetings are an important way for leaders to gather and learn from each other. This is also an opportunity for you to get information on a variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout leaders and Cub Scout leaders. We always have a good time and it would benefit your unit to have at least one adult leader present. All leaders are encouraged to join us to learn more about serving today’s youth. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information.

For more information, contact Josh Morales (816) 569-4961 or (800) 776-1110 or email jmorales@bsamail.org.
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2010 North Star Key Leadership

District Chair
Russ Downing  (816) 741-0888

District Vice Chairman
Hale Lantz  (816) 628-6961

District Commissioner
Raul Salmon  (816) 222-4878

Senior District Director
Jason Ballew  (816) 569-4982
jballeww@bsamail.org

District Executives
Mike Farrell  (816) 569-4950
mfarrell@bsamail.org
Jeremy McGowan  (816) 569-4970
jmcgowan@bsamail.org

Click Here for contact information on additional volunteer Committee Chairs.

Investment in Character

It’s that time of year where we kickoff “Investment in Character”. That is the theme for our annual fundraising campaign which raises money for the best youth serving program in the country…Scouting.

We are currently working to get every unit scheduled for a family presentation. If your unit has yet scheduled a presentation, please take a look at your unit calendar and decide on the best time to have a brief 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, Mike Farrell at mfarrell@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4950.

Spring Camporee

This year we will not be holding a Klondike Derby as in years past. It is being replaced with our Spring Camporee/OA Rendezvous / Webelos Woods event. This will be a great recruiting opportunity for our troops with the Webelos that will cross-over next spring, as well as a great first camping event for those just crossing over in February or March, 2010. Keep an eye on the Polaris for more information, dates, and times.

A Year of Celebration

Scouts Scouters and Scouting Alumni can celebrate Scouting’s 100th Anniversary and earn this patch. Through A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference, we demonstrate the incredible impact of a century of living the Scout Law. Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting’s core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. Through that commitment, participants can earn each of five award ribbons to display from our 100th Anniversary commemorative patch.

A Year of Celebration will take place from September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. The program is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, adult leaders, and Scouting alumni. FINISHED WITH RIBBON REQUIREMENTS? ORDER YOUR YEAR OF CELEBRATION AWARDS.

Please note: Ribbon requirements are entered online, but you must take your order form to a Scout Shop to purchase the awards. To find the Scout Shop nearest you, contact your BSA local council. Scout Shops can often accommodate orders by phone.

Register to Receive Information on the 100th

Go to http://www.hoacbsa.org/100thAnniversary.aspx. On this site you will also find an opportunity to register and become part of the on-line community. By registering, you may be eligible for one of the 10 prizes being offered, including five Camp Scholarships, and five $100 Scout Shop gift certificates.

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Youth Protection Training
Merit Badge Counselor Training
Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting
Cerner Riverport Campus, 7:30 pm

5-6 Pinewood Derby
Metro North Mall
400 NW Barry Rd.

9 District Committee Meeting
North Cross UMC
1321 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

11 Commissioner Staff Meeting
St. Luke Presbyterian
4301 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

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Cub Leader Specific Training, 1:00 pm
Location: TBA

6 College of Commissioner Service
Cerner Riverport Campus, 8:00 am

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Location:TBA

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Location:TBA
**Investment in Character**

We are working to get every unit in Northern Tier District scheduled for a family 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. To help out with this campaign and schedule your unit presentation now, contact Bruce Harken, Family Chairman, at bruceharken@yahoo.com or Kathryn Rajala at krajala@bsamail.org.

**Merit Badge Forum**

We will be at Lexington Middle School for our Merit Badge Forum, which is the same location as last year. The second day will be conducted on February 27. Registration forms and information is available on the district webpage under activities.

**Webelos on Wheels**

February 6, 2010 marks the date for Webelos on Wheels. Your Webelos will have the opportunity to participate in some exciting science activities while completing some of the requirements needed to earn the Scientist Activity Pin. Make sure you are planning on coming out for a Saturday of fun and learning, and bring your Webelos too! Webelos on Wheels will once again be held at UMKC’s Department of Physics-Flarsheim Hall, 5110 Rockhill Road.

**District Pinewood Derby**

On March 27, Northern Tier District will hold its annual District Pinewood Derby. 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. We will have an open category, no holds bar, race after all the races. The event will be held at Lakeview Village, 9100 Park Street in Lenexa. Visit the district webpage under activities to download the registration form.

**Training in 2010**

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 help all the Scouts in our district. Check the district webpage under Training for all the upcoming dates. Remember that by the end of 2010 all Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters, Associate Crew Advisors, Assistant Team Leaders, in addition to all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Advisors, and Varsity Coaches must be fully trained for their position in order for us to accept your unit’s recharter.

**Day Camp will be a Luau for the Next Century**

Centennial Luau! Day Camp is here and the theme is Centennial Luau. Now is the time to start planning for day camp. We will hold day camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 14-18. 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 or Kathryn Rajala at krajala@bsamail.org. Mark your calendar for a Day Camp Coordinator Meeting on March 31, at Atonement Lutheran.

**Popcorn Sale was a great Success**

Congratulations to all of our units who participated in the popcorn sale in 2009! Your efforts sold $323,000 worth of popcorn, with more than 70% of that staying here in Northern Tier in our units and to help with necessary council operations! Thanks go to Terry Dixon, Popcorn Chair, for a job well done! Thanks for your commitment to this vital program!

**Cuboree**

The district will not be holding a Cuboree event this year.
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, 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 Webelos Scout 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.

Training
Remember: Every youth signed up for Scouts deserves a “Trained Leader”. Please make sure you are being trained for the position you hold within your Unit. It is very important that everyone stays on top of their training this year. We have until the 2011 recharter to make sure every direct contact leader is fully trained. If they are not, they will not be able to recharter. So let’s begin early and get this taken care of.

Investment in Character
Scott Gates is working hard making sure we reach out to everyone in the Pelathe District and give them the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of numerous youth in the Heart of America Council. Please take the time to fill out a pledge card and send it into the council office if you have not done so yet. Every unit should be having a presentation take place at one of their meetings (typically it’s the Blue and Gold Banquet or Courts of Honor). Every gift helps no matter what the amount. We are shooting for 100% participation from everyone in Scouting. Thank you in advance for everyone’s support to the Scouting program!

Day Camp
Come join us at the Pelathe Day Camp this summer, June 7 - 11 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Alfred Cramer and Megan Helm are working together this year to put together another great day camp. As we get closer to day camp be looking for more information at roundtables!

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 Dinner

The annual Pioneer Trails District Awards Dinner is right around the corner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, February 6, at 6:15 pm, at Colonial Presbyterian Church (9500 Wornall). The district dinner is an evening of fellowship and recognition for all of the adult volunteers in the Pioneer Trails District. This year, the district is honoring District Award of Merit winners: Sam Burroughs, Greg Ellermann, William Hubbard, Martin "Mike" Ismert, Joseph Nastasi, Sam Otto, Karen Shelton, and Toney Wallace. Awards to be presented at the dinner include “Of the Year,” Pioneer, and Mad Drummer Awards. Visit the Pioneer Trails District Website for registration information: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx. We hope to see you there!

Merit Badge Academy

The 2010 Merit Badge Academy was a success. Approximately 100 Scouts from the Pioneer Trails District and surrounding districts were in attendance earning elective and Eagle required merit badges. Thank you to Pat Parks, Advancement Chairman, for planning and facilitating the event and to all of the leaders and merit badge counselors who volunteered their time to help the Scouts of Kansas City advance through the Boy Scout program. Another thank you to Hogan Preparatory Academy for again opening up their facilities to the Boy Scouts organization.

Investment in Character

The 2010 Investment in Character campaign is in full swing. Units are encouraged to participate in the Investment in Character Campaign to help support the Heart of America Council. Funds raised help to maintain council camps and facilities as well as provide many underprivileged boys the opportunity to participate in Scouts through financial assistance. If your unit hasn’t scheduled a presentation for 2010, contact Larry Tyrl at (913) 825-4660 or larry.tyrl@zurichna.com to set a day and time. Presentations are usually done at unit events, such as Blue and Gold Banquets and Eagle Courts of Honor. Thank you to those units who have already held presentations this year.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Preparations are already underway for this summer’s Cub Scout Day Camp! The theme for this year’s day camp is “Centennial Luau” to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in the United States. Day camp will be held from Monday, June 7 – Thursday, June 10, 2010. We were so pleased with the facilities in 2009, that we decided to return to 40 Acres and a Mule (7620 E 79th St) in 2010! Activities will include BB guns, archery, swimming, tie-dye, and more! All Cub Scouts are encouraged to attend for a fun and memorable time at camp! If you are interested in helping out with day camp or have any ideas, don’t hesitate to get in touch with us! Contact Lisa Tapscott, Day Camp Director at (816) 536-6486 or lisatapscott@mokantitle.com or Julie Bustamante, Program Director at (816) 699-2986 or jab5boys@kc.rr.com for more questions or more information. Visit the Pioneer Trails District Day Camp website for registration information: http://www.hoac-bsa.org.
District Recognition Dinner

The Red-Tailed Hawk District Dinner will be held on March 6, 2010 at the First Baptist Church, 2024 E 151st Street in Olathe. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm.

2009 was a great year and it would not have been possible without the talented volunteers in Red-Tailed Hawk. Please come to the Annual Celebration of Red-Tailed Hawk District’s leaders and youth. The evening will include the following: Boy Scout Eagle Recognition, Venturing Silver Award Recognition, Outstanding Unit Leader Award and District Award of Merit presentation. Registration forms will be available at February roundtable and available online soon.

Questions? Please contact Dave Weerts, Red-Tailed Hawk’s Activities Chair at bsaeagle75@yahoo.com.

District Pinewood Derby

Get set, get ready to race! Come and join Red-Tailed Hawk District for our Annual Pinewood Derby on March 6, 2010 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Olathe Christian Church, 1115 S. Ridgeway Rd., Olathe, KS. The top three winners from your pack will be eligible to race in the District Pinewood Derby. Registration will be available at the February roundtable and available online soon. Questions? Please contact Dave Weerts, Red-Tailed Hawk Activities Chair at bsaeagle75@yahoo.com.

Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader! Please refer to the calendar above for upcoming training dates in February and March for pack, troop and crew leadership. To register please email Jeff Wandtke at rthtraining@hotmail.com. Questions about training? Not sure what you need to be a trained leader? Check out the training page on the Heart of America Council website under the Red-Tailed Hawk District training page.

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
• Heart of America Council 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

Click Here for District Calendar Updates
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
Sharon Adams
Diane Carey
Carolyn Christianson
Sara McClintock
Renee Masokowski
Diane Teety
Nancy Miller
Karis Payne
Theresa Smith
Margy Studer
Lynne Williams
Doug Goppert

Silver Acorn
David Bass
Shawn Carey
David Christianson
Marq DeMoss
Richard Dorr
Tom Hines
Ron Jurgeson
David Kurle
Ronald LaCombe
Karen McLaughlin
Chuck Orth
Joe Piatt
Daryl Plude
Greg Price

District Award of Merit
David Esry
Stephen Guenther
Chris Hahn
Charles Huffman
Gary Schmitt
Cyndi Troyer
Pete Zibers

The Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the year will be announced at the banquet.

Save These Dates
• February 20 - District Awards Dinner
• March 13 - Merit Badge Academy
• March 27 - Spring Pinewood Derby
(at Paradise Park)

Merit Badge Academy
March 13 will be our annual Merit Badge Academy. Check the Thunderbird activities site for prerequisites. Contact Ken Feuenhausen for more information: pointedgreenrock@aol.com. (816) 529-2971.

Pinewood Derby
Join us on March 27 for our Spring Cub Scout event at Paradise Park. Come on out and race your Pinewood Derby Car for the championship title for Thunderbird District. Other activities at a discounted rate to Scouters include Children’s Edutainment Center games, Foam Factory, Bumper Cars and Rock Wall as well as Go Karts and Miniature Golf. Registration is limited to 200 participants. Contact Jay Ronnberg for more info: (816) 678-2511. Email: raymoreshoutdad@gmail.com.

Check out www.hoac-bsa.org for more registration and race information.

2010 Thunderbird Key Leadership

District Chair
Brent Worley (913) 484-5766

District Commissioner
Charlie Huffman (816) 941-0993

Vice-Chair Finance
Steve York (816) 868-3346

Vice-Chair Program
James Freeman (816) 524-1630

Vice-Chair Support
Keith Martin (816) 524-1630

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Ross Pfannenstiel (816) 569-4964 rpfannen@bsamail.org

District Executives
Jason Bledsoe (816) 569-4984 jbledsoe@bsamail.org
John Hobbs (816) 569-4983 jhobbs@bsamail.org

Click Here for contact information on additional volunteer Committee Chairs.
2009 District Award of Merit and Outstanding Leader Awards

Congratulations to William Easley, Roger Johnson and Blake Williams, on receiving the District Award of Merit at the Trailhead District Adult Recognition Event on January 23rd. 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 event for putting together another wonderful evening.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Join in on the 100th year of Scouting with our “Centennial Luau” Cub Scout Day Camp on June 7-11 at Shawnee Riverfront Park (K-7 and 43rd St.). Cub Scouts get the chance to participate in archery and BB gun ranges, crafts, a zip cord and much more fun. Look for more information on day camp on the website at http://hoac-bsa.org/thdc.cfm Registrations for early bird payments are due at the April roundtable.

Training

Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. 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. In order to recharter for 2011, all top leaders including Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors must be trained. For Trailhead District Training details visit the training page on the website. For any training questions, please contact district training chairman, Gene Bellner at geneb311@swbell.net

Merit Badge Forum

The 2010 Merit Badge Forum was a huge success with nearly 500 Scouts earning merit badges in January. The event chair, Michelle Foster did a great job organizing this massive event. Thank you!!

For the most updated information on Trailhead District, visit our webpage at: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead.aspx
Spring and Summer Camping

Now is the time to start thinking about spring and summer camping opportunities. Mark your calendars for April 24th and Webelos-Ree 2010. 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 2010 Trails West Cub Scout Day Camp on June 7 through June 10 at the Lake Olathe Golf Course.

Learn more about Day Camp 2010 by visiting http://hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/DayCamp.aspx

And don’t forget about Webelos, Bear and Boy Scout Resident Camping this summer. Check out http://hoac-bsa.org/Camping.aspx for more information.

Investment in Character

The 2010 Investment in Character campaign 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 when a family presentation can be made to your unit.

2009 Fall Recruitment Campaign

The 2009 Fall Recruitment Campaign was one of the best in the council with more than 300 new boys joining packs in the Trails West District.

Thanks to everyone who made 2009 a huge success.

Remember recruitment 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 1st 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.

Also offered at the same time as the roundtable is Merit Badge Counselor Training and the Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting.
District Dinner

The 2010 Twin Rivers District Dinner will be March 13, 2010. The committee is still working on the details of the 50’s themed event so watch the district webpage, roundtable and your e-mail inbox for updates and details. Please plan on attending and joining in on the fun and recognizing some very deserving Scouters. We will also be recognizing the Torch of Gold winners and 2009 Eagle Scouts.

Investment in Character

The 2010 Investment in Character campaign has kicked off. Many units will soon be having their Family presentations. Please consider supporting Scouting by making a gift.

Klondike Derby

This year’s Klondike Derby will be held at Louis and Young Park in Louisburg, KS. On February 12-13, 2010. Watch the district webpage, roundtable and your e-mail inbox for details.

District Adult Leader Recognitions

Team Twin Rivers is very fortunate to have so many outstanding adult leaders. Sometimes all of the hard work and the behind the scenes efforts that goes on goes unnoticed. Every year we recognize outstanding Scouters at our annual district dinner but, we need your help to identify who to recognize. Please take the time to fill out a recommendation for a deserving adult leader today.

Recommendations must be received by Gordon Corcoran no later than February 4, 2010.

The Special Service Award is an award that is unique to the Twin Rivers District. It is a district level award that is presented to one adult per unit per year for their service and/or support to Scouting. All timely nominations by anyone for anyone are considered. The recipient need not be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Distinguished Service Award is an award that is unique to the Twin Rivers District. It is a district level award that is presented to any adult registered member of the Boy Scouts of America for service to a unit or the district that goes above and beyond the call of duty. It is not intended to serve as a replacement for the nationally recognized District Award of Merit. All timely nominations by anyone for anyone who meets the criteria are considered. A maximum of five awards per year are presented.

The District Award of Merit is the highest award an adult volunteer can receive at the district level. It is a nationally recognized award presented to registered adult members of the Boy Scouts of America, for outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty. The number of awards available per district is determined by the membership enrollment of the district. Presently, Twin Rivers may award only two per year.

Day Camp

The 2010 Cub Scout Day Camp will be held at a new location, the Miami County Fairgrounds on June 7th-10th. The cost is $50.00 if registered before April 7, 2010, $65.00 after April 7 and $70.00 walk-in at camp. The theme this year is Centenial Hawaiian Luau (sound familiar- that was the TR district dinner theme last year) so, it will be tons of fun.

As always we will be needing staff to help put on this event which is the crown jewel of the Cub Scout program. Come out, join in the fun and help us put on a great event for all of our young Cub Scouts. Contact Shelly Atterbury, Day Camp Director at 913-731-3450 or Cheryl Brunk, Day Camp Program Director at 785-883-2211 to volunteer.

Pictures

We now have the ability to change the pictures that appear on the banners on the district webpage. We are looking for pictures from Scouts and Scouters in Twin Rivers to put on there.

Please submit the pictures in electronic form to Gordon Corcoran by e-mailing them to gcorcora@bsamail.org. Let us see all your smiling faces!

Torch of Gold winners

Congratulations to Gib Bruna and Wesley Moore the 2010 recipients of the Torch of Gold award for service to Scouts with Disabilities. Join us at the Twin Rivers 2010 Annual District Dinner as we present their award to them, thank them for and recognize their service.

Twin Rivers

District Events

February

4 Roundtable
Paola First Presbyterian Church, 7:00 pm
4 District Commissioner Staff Meeting
9 District Committee Meeting
Whistle Stop Cafe
Osawatomie, 6:30 pm
12-13 Klondike Derby

March

4 Roundtable
Paola First Presbyterian Church, 7:00 pm
4 District Commissioner Staff Meeting
9 District Committee Meeting
Whistle Stop Cafe
Osawatomie, 6:30 pm
13 District Dinner
Click Here for District Calendar Updates
Plan for An Exciting 2010!

The Boy Scouts of America and its amazing programs are 100 years old in 2010. The Heart of America Council is celebrating in a big way. Mark your calendars to attend the 3-day Camping Extravaganza September 24-26 in 2010 located at the 200 acre Centennial Campgrounds in conjunction with the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Explorer posts, Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout packs, Venturing crews, and sea ships are going to camp and participate in events that will knock your socks off. There is going to be plenty for everyone to do. We need your expertise to ensure this event is the best in the nation. Everything from security, parking, computer technology, medical, EMT’s, mobile medical stations, logistics, fire and emergency stations and so much more. We need your help. It’s an all hands on deck event. Be looking for information to come. WE NEED YOU! Not only are you going to have the time of your life, but we are depending on you and your post to help provide safety, security, and so much more for the over 25,000 participants expected to attend this EXTRAVAGANZA!

See you there!

Tell us your story!!

We would like to hear about what you are doing with articles and pictures. In the newsletter, we offer an abundance of information, but it is a lot of fun to see what the other posts and groups are doing out there. If you have a great story to tell of an adventure, activity, or exciting event, send it in or email me your story with pictures and we’ll try to get it in to the newsletter.

Contact Information

Your post or group is important to me. While I visit with all advisors, lead teachers, and principals regularly, I am available to address your needs and concerns as they arise. Please contact Lisa Thomas, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569-4972 or lithomas@lflmail.org.
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