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This April thousands of Scouts will work to make their communities a better place to live.

See Page 5 to find the project in your neighborhood.
“Get Out...Get Camping”

As a young boy in Scouting I can still remember the excitement of getting my footlocker ready at least a month before my Troop’s arrival at Summer Camp in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. I'd scour over the list of merit badges offered and pick the ones that I was going to work on that summer. I couldn’t wait for the adventure of going to Scout camp.

I think we all know that for our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts the highlight of their year is participating in one of the many summer programs offered by the council. One of the things I like to ask is, "What does a Scout get to do that his non-Scout friends do not?" Going to camp teaches our Scouts about interacting with others and learning new skills that they will retain and use for the rest of their lives.

We know that Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts who participate in a summer program will remain in Scouting longer than those youth who do not participate.

As a Council we are extremely fortunate to have great camping facilities and offer many outstanding options for our Scouts to consider this summer. While over 17,000 of our youth members participated in a Scout summer program last year, we have the capacity for even more to attend. Last year nearly 4,000 Cub Scouts participated in one of our outstanding District Day Camps. This represents about 55% of the registered Cub Scouts in the council. On the Boy Scout side, last year 75% of our Boy Scouts participated in a summer camp program. On average a Boy Scout will earn 3-4 merit badges while at camp. For many this is all they will need to advance to the next rank.

We are committed to seeing every Scout who wants to participate in a Scouting summer program can do so regardless of financial need. Last year the council provided over $92,000 in financial assistance to those Scouts with financial needs and we will continue to make this a funding priority again this year.

For the first time in many years, this February our council sent out a summer program promotional mailing to over 25,000 of our members. Please take the time to talk with your parents and Scouts about the importance of participating in one of the Heart of America Council's summer camp programs this year. Let's make sure all our Scouts “Get Out and Get Camping” this summer.

I look forward to seeing many of you at camp this summer. As always if you have any questions or comments let me know.

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Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?

New Series to debut this fall

The creators of Deadliest Catch and Ice Road Truckers are unveiling a new show that asks the question, Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout? Slated to air this fall, the show will pit teams of adults against teams of Scouts in challenges based on the Boy Scout Handbook.

“...value, fun, and challenge of Scouting to audiences who might be wondering what Scouting in 2012 is all about,” said BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca.

Production of the six-episode series is set to begin this spring, with the series premiering later this year on the National Geographic Channel.

Local Scouts First to Earn Welding Merit Badge

A group of 24 Kansas City Boy Scouts were among the first in the country to earn the new Welding Merit Badge thanks to a partnership with Metropolitan Community College. The first-ever Welding Merit Badge Day was held at MCC’s Business & Technology campus on March 3.

Under the guidance of professional welders, the Scouts were able to complete all requirements for the badge which included designing and completing a welding project.

The creation of the Welding Merit Badge is part of the BSAs new science, technology, engineering and math (S.T.E.M.) curriculum, designed to help Scouts develop critical skills that are relevant and needed in today’s competitive world. Additionally, a BSA survey showed significant interest among Boy Scouts for pursuing a merit badge in welding.

SAVE THE DATE

2012 Coordinated Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

Kansas City, MO Police Academy

6:00 pm

6885 N.E. Pleasant Valley Rd., Kansas City, MO 64119
Investment in Character Campaign Speeds Ahead

The 2012 Investment in Character Campaign is speeding towards the finish line. To date the council has raised $950,861 or 52% of our 1.8 million-dollar goal. Investment in Character is the council’s annual fundraising campaign that supports local programs and ensures EVERY child has the opportunity to experience the fun of Scouting.

How can you make a difference? Contact your District Investment in Character Chairman or District Executive to schedule a family presentation for your Scouting unit. Our goal is 100% participation from all of our Scouting families.

Donors will be recognized with the “Trustworthy” limited edition council shoulder patches, the first in the Scout Law series. These recognition patches will be available at your unit's Investment in Character presentation.

Storm Shelters Pave Way for Safer Summer Camps

Storm shelter construction continues to make our council camps some of the safest in the nation.

Phase-1 of construction at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation has been completed with eleven shelters now operational. Phase-2 will include the construction of open air pavilions atop all shelters.

Construction of twenty-nine storm shelters at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation is slated to begin in August of 2012. The project is expected to be completed by the start of the 2013 camping season.

Each of these state-of-the-art shelters can house up to 120 campers. Additionally, they are all generator powered and equipped with restroom facilities.

Donations to underwrite the cost of both projects have been generously funded by the following:

- FEMA
- Sunderland Foundation
- Schutte Foundation
- William T. Kemper Foundation/Commerce Bank
- Capital Federal Foundation
- Harmon Estate

Expert Adventurer to Highlight 2012 Patron Luncheon

Jeff Evans, former Boy Scout and professional mountaineering guide, will serve as the 2012 Patron Luncheon guest speaker. A highlight of his career is serving as the climbing guide for Erik Weihenmayer — the first blind climber to reach the summit of Mt. Everest.

2012 Patron Luncheon — Thursday, April 19
Marriott Muehlebach Hotel
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Event Chair: Michael Brown, Eagle Scout and Founder/CEO-Euronet Worldwide, Inc.

For more information or to register contact Bob Hamlin at (816) 569-4921 or bohamlin@scouting.org

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Sarah June Barelli

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Susan & Ronald Slack

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2012 Boy Scout Golf Classic August 14, 2012

Join us at the 2012 Boy Scout Golf Classic on Tuesday, August 14 at the prestigious Loch Lloyd Country Club. This is your opportunity to play on a private course designed by Tom Watson. Shotgun start begins at noon and includes a boxed lunch, awards reception and silent auction.

Team registration and sponsorships range from $2,500 - $15,000. For more information contact Bob Hamlin at (816) 569-4921.
“Spring into Service”

2012 Community Good Turn Days

Giving back is an integral part of the Scouting program and this April we are urging all Scouts to “Spring into Service.” From food drives to park clean-ups to landscaping projects, our Scouts will be making their neighborhoods a better place to live this spring. Locate your district’s project on the map below and make plans to make a difference. To wrap-up our “Spring into Service” month, all Scouts are encouraged to bring a canned food item to Scout Day at the K on April 22 to benefit Harvesters.

And don’t forget to log all service hours completed on the Journey to Excellence website. Simply go to www.hoac-bsa.org and click on “Journey to Excellence” at the top of the page.
Scout Day 2012 is an opportunity to showcase Scouting to our community. Join us on April 22 for Scout Day activities like our on-field Scout Parade, Scout First Pitch & Catch, Scout Color Guard, Scout National Anthem, Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards and much, much more.

This is your opportunity to be part of the largest gathering of Scouts in Kansas City this year!

The Royal Gathering of Eagles is open to all Eagle Scouts and their families. All Eagle Scouts, regardless of age, are invited to attend the Royal Gathering and the game for free. Tickets to the Royal Gathering for non-eagles are $5 and game tickets $6.

Scout Day at the K is open to all Scouts and their families. Game tickets are available for only $6.

As part of the Popcorn “Fill-it Up” Program, Scouts who “filled up” one or more 2011 popcorn sale forms receive 2 free tickets. Additional game tickets are available for $6.

All tickets must be reserved online at [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org). All participants will receive the commemorative 2012 Scout Day patch.

New for 2012, bring a canned food item for Harvesters in support of the Heart of America Council’s “Spring into Service” Community Good Turn Days.

Distinguished Eagles Announced

Presented during the Royal Gathering of Eagles, the Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Award recognizes adult Eagle Scouts who have provided exemplary service to their community. The Heart of America Council is proud to announce the 2012 honorees:

- G. Lawrence Blankinship, Jr., Founder, Blankinship Distributors
- Harvey S. Bodker, President, Bodker Realty, Inc.
- Chief Richard “Smokey” Dyer, Fire Chief, Kansas City, MO Fire Department
- James B. Nutter, Sr., Founder, James B. Nutter & CO.

The Royal Gathering of Eagles begins at 11:30 am just outside Kauffman Stadium. All Eagle Scouts will receive the official 2012 Scout Day patch and Royal Gathering cap.

Council Gears up for 2013 Jamboree

Don’t miss out on your chance to witness history. The Heart of America Council is currently forming its contingent to the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve. “Go Big and Get Wild” with activities like whitewater rafting, mountain biking, shooting sports and much more.

Council Jamboree contingent spots are filling quickly so don’t delay. Go to [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org) and click on the Jamboree link in the “What’s New” box to register. To learn more contact Alan Sanders at (816) 569-4958 or alan.sanders@scouting.org.

Council Plans Contingent to Switzerland

Want to experience high-adventure in the Swiss Alps? The Heart of America Council’s International Scouting Committee and Venturing Officers’ Association are making this dream a reality.

A contingent is now forming to the Kandersteg International Scout Center in Switzerland, the only international Scout camp in the world. From June 28–July 7, 2013, participants will get a taste of world-class outdoor adventure.

Participants must be at least 14 years of age at the time of the trip and a registered Scout or Venturer. Contingent spots are limited and filling up fast so act quickly. The deadline to register is June 1, 2012.

The estimated cost of the trip is $2,000, which includes airfare, other transportation, Kandersteg fees, food and lodging. For more information contact Tim Bodendistel at (913) 707-5489.
BOY SCOUT CAMPING

Experience the fun of Boy Scout summer camp at the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations. “Get Out and Get Camping” at one of our first-rate properties this summer.

Reservations are still being accepted. Go to scoutcamping.org or call the HOAC Camping Department at (816) 569-4928 for more information.

Mini Camps at Naish

Experience the fun of summer camp in the spring. Mini Camp programs include activities like climbing, COPE, shooting sports, and wilderness first aid. But act fast, we are only offering 2 more Mini Camps this spring, April 14 and May 5. These programs fill up quickly, so register today at www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Activities/MiniCampWeekends.aspx.

CUB SCOUT CAMPING

Take advantage of the many Cub Scout camping opportunities made available and “Get Out and Get Camping” this summer.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp is fun and adventure with a purpose and is open to all Cub Scouts. This year’s theme, Wild West Cubs, promises to be a week of fun for all participants. Online reservations for Day Camp are now open. The early-bird fee of $55 is available until April 5, 2012.

Bear Resident Camp

Bear Camp is filling up fast with more than 2,000 participants already registered, but openings are still available. Experience activities like outdoor cooking, shooting sports, nature hikes, a pirate-ship water park and overnight camping. The cost to attend Bear Camp is currently $75.

Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos Camp is a three-day, two-night camping adventure designed to help your Webelos Scout work on achievements towards activity pins and learn outdoor skills and teamwork. The cost to attend Webelos Camp is $130 if registered by May 2. For reservations, contact Cheri Williams at (816) 569-4930.

For more information about Cub Scout Camping go to scoutcamping.org
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AUGUST 18 & 19, 2012

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VENTURING

Venturing Camp
June 19-23, Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Enjoy a five-day, four-night camping adventure open to all Venturers and Explorers. Experience activities like mountain biking, SCUBA diving, pistol shooting, and much more. The cost to attend is only $125 if registered by May 23. Call the HOAC Camping Department at (816) 569-4928 to register or visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Camping/VenturingCamping.aspx.

Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration
June 1-3, H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

Experience the fun and fellowship of the 2012 Tribal Celebration with activities like “Late Night in Lone Bear” and the “Chief’s Challenge.”

2011 Braves attend free/Youth Tribesmen-$22/Adult Tribesmen-$32

*Late fee applied after May 6, 2012

Register online at www.hoac-bsa.org and click on Camping, Honor Camping Programs and Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Order of the Arrow Spring Inductions
April 27-29/May 18-20

Please make sure your elections are completed in time to register. There is a strict two-week cut-off for registrations and no late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted.

Questions? Contact Dan Buchman, Inductions Advisor, at dan.buchman@hpcs.com.

Founder’s Award
Vigil and Founders Award nominations due July 1, 2012

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Paddle Craft Safety Courses

H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

Is your unit planning a float trip? If so, make sure someone in your unit has the newly required BSA Paddle Craft course.

While Safety Afloat training provides guidelines for safe float trips, it does not provide the training mandated by the new guidelines. BSA Paddle Craft Safety expands Safety Afloat training to include the skills and knowledge needed to supervise canoeing or kayaking excursions on flat water. Each unit is required to have a minimum of one trained adult on each on-the-water excursion.

2012 Summer Schedule:

- **Session 1** — June 9 and 11
- **Session 2** — June 22 and 23
- **Session 3** — June 29 and 30
- **Session 4** — July 13 and 14
- **Session 5** — July 20 and 21
- **Session 6** — August 3 and 4

Contact Reservation Aquatics and Lakefront Director, Kyle Anderson, with questions at a1979kyle@gmail.com.

2012 Torch of Gold recipients

The Torch of Gold Award is presented to individuals who have rendered outstanding service and leadership to Scouts with disabilities. The Heart of America Council congratulates the 2012 recipients.

- Blue Elk: Craig Jones, Bob London
- North Star: Don Flynn
- Thunderbird: Will Foss, Wayne Hoenshell, Alex Pope
- Red-Tailed Hawk: Nathan Weins, Kofi Duah
- Trailhead: Dr. Tom Olson
- Trails West: Melinda Killion

COPE Instructor Training

May 4-6, Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

If your Troop or Crew is planning a climbing event, you must be trained to do so. The council will be offering COPE Instructor Training May 4-6 at Camp Naish. The cost of the training is $35 if registered by April 27. The cost increases to $40 after April 27. Course instruction includes basic safety, tower operations, emergency procedures and more. For more information, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Activities/ClimbingCOPE.aspx.

Heart of America Council Boy Scouts of America

Wood Badge Reunion 2012
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

No matter your critter or course number, don’t miss the Wood Badge Reunion on May 5, 2012 from 8:00 am to noon at the Camp Naish, Cub World Pavilion. The reunion is open to all Wood Badgers, their families and potential participants.

Enjoy an irresistible pancake feast provided by Chris Cakes. Our special guest, International Scout historian Colin Walker, will join us all the way from England. He will dedicate a Gilwell Gate ornament crafted and given to Camp Naish by Ken Beardsley, the Wood Master Carver at Gilwell Park. A silent auction will be held with proceeds benefitting the Wood Badge Scholarship Fund. A unique memorabilia exhibit is planned and the Wood Badge Store will be open for business. There will also be a multi-course beading ceremony for our newest Wood Badgers.

Sign up early at www.hoac-bsa.org as event patches go to just the first 100 who register.
Big Muddy
Troop 1258  Nathan Brown
Steve Kirchhoff, SM

Blue Elk
Troop 1058  Landon Warmund
Michael Moran, SM
Troop 1138  Steve Kirchhoff, SM
Troop 1161  Curtis Sylvester
Robert Stockdell, SM
Troop 1178  Samuel Schwaller
David Teegarden, SM
Troop 1206  Ethan Nelson
Kenneth Johnson, SM
Troop 1216  Timmothy McLean
Jason Howard, SM
Troop 1223  Josh Smith
Jason White, SM
Troop 1282  Taylor Blann
Scott Howell, SM
Troop 1306  Ryan White
Charles Cannon, SM
Troop 1334  Anthony Perez
Dwight Fowler, SM
Troop 1381  Jacob Colyer
Curtis Sperry, SM
Troop 1392  Travis Austinson
Curtis Ruedi, SM
Troop 1430  Timbo Reiner
Bryan Richardson, SM
Troop 1458  Zane Cook
Scott West, SM

Kaw
Troop 5  Samuel Stowe
Steven Dominic, SM
Troop 167  Parker Henry
Steven Henry, SM
Troop 357  Jacob Spencer
Robert Kissinger, SM
Troop 366  Tyler Fox
Timothy Smith, SM

Lone Muddy
Troop 1400  Dustin Nevels
Russell Petree, SM
Troop 1430  Wade Glasscock
Charles Cooper, SM
Team 6515  Steven Humphreys
Nathan Hill, VC

Lone Bear
Troop 1008  Samuel Fulmer
Niel Campbell, SM
Troop 1134  Gunnar Smith
James Teela, SM
Troop 1271  Jeremy Teela
James Terrell, SM
Troop 1314  Ryan Welliver
Craig Watson, SM
Troop 1337  Zachary Cull
John Sayre, SM
Troop 1351  Adam McDonald
Peter Itao, SM
Troop 1367  Charles Clabough
Paul Spring
Troop 1372  William Ryan IV
Paul Crooks, SM
Troop 1444  Michael Bidwell
William Ryan IV
Troop 1495  Jeffrey Adams, SM
Terrence Carver III
Troop 1418  Alex Goforth
Edward Devite, SM
Troop 1702  Steven Untch
Scott Moser, SM

Northern Tier
Troop 91  Louis Ridgeway IV
John Ott, SM
Troop 93  Christopher Watkins
Myrl Wear, SM
Troop 246  John Roeder
Kimberly Tam, SM
Troop 283  Justin Bremenkamp
Dana Stuckey, SM
Troop 299  Nathaniel Routh
Jeff Philgreen, SM
Troop 351  Pierson Sargent
Mark Fix, SM

Pioneer Trails
Troop 1046  Jerrod Carlton
James Nielsen, SM
Troop 1084  Daniel Mitchell
Douglas Warrens, SM

Red-Tailed Hawk
Troop 122  Clayton Knapp
Jeffrey Allison, SM
Troop 182  Jackson Moermeier
Donald Cress, SM
Troop 412  Shawn Dunaway
David Boucher, SM
Troop 425  Riley Stevens
Gary Hazeltine, SM
Troop 459  Aaron Smith
Richard Ogden, SM
Troop 2785  Caleb Failes
Brian Weinert, ADV

Thunderbird
Troop 1003  Trevor Ratcliff
Larry Bechtel, SM
Troop 1195  Wesley Orth
David McCaughey, SM
Troop 1219  Cody Hart
Scott Payton, SM
Troop 1241  Zachary Archer
Scott Phillips, SM
Troop 1251  Brett Owen
Robert Johnson, SM

Trailhead
Troop 10  Isaac Vano
D Garrett Shropshire, SM
Troop 92  Sean Price
David Timpe, SM
Troop 396  Michael Jenia
Patrick Farrington, SM

Trails West
Troop 83  Christopher McCowan
Kevin Bing, SM
Troop 108  Evin Nielsen
Louis Schuler, SM
Troop 181  Evan Engel
Joseph McCabe, SM
Troop 186  Bradley Berning
Matthew Connell
Robert Wilson, SM
Troop 428  Cole Young
William Bahnmaier, SM
Troop 494  Andrew Morris
Ronald Morris, SM

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John Cassida, SM
Troop 102  Matthew Bowles
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Brian Ruddell, SM
Troop 1323  James Eastland
Brian Hess, SM
Troop 1427  Matthew Keith
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Troop 1510  James Person
Paul Fyffe, SM
Troop 1601  Bryce Cahill
Michael Foster, SM
Troop 1631  Connor Coffman
Christopher Wilber, SM

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
April/May 2012
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- Venturing Chair: Darrell Neuner (660) 259-2837
- Sr. District Executive: Brian Bentrop (816) 569-4918
  
**April**

- **1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067
- **3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067
- **5 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067
- **6 Good Friday** — Council Service Center Closed
- **14 District Community Service Project**
- **18 Coordinated Council Meeting, 6:00 pm**
  Kansas City, Missouri Police Academy
- **22 Scout Day at the K/Royal Gathering of Eagles**

**May**

- **1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm** “Youth Applications Due for recruitment incentive”
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067
- **1 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067
- **3 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067

**District Dinner Leaves Fans Raving**

Thank you to everyone who made the 2012 Big Muddy District Dinner one of the best ever. The prime rib catered by Fast Eddies Catering headlined a genuine 5-star dining experience for a very affordable price. The young men from Troop 713 did an amazing job setting up and serving as catering staff. Tahanni Gittinger hosted the award dinner with much poise and leadership. Heart of America Council Scout Executive Kenn Miller was quoted in saying “This is one of the best dinners I have ever been to in my 20 plus years with the Boy Scouts.” The evening could not have been possible without the help and support from all of the folks from Wellington. Thank you!

**District Training**

As of this year all registered adults must be trained in their respective positions. Please ensure that all leaders have completed their position specific and youth protection training.

If you have any questions regarding training please contact our district training team.
- **Cub Scout Training** — Tammy Cockrum (660) 542-1170, trcockrum@yahoo.com
- **Boy Scout Training** — Jim Snyder (816) 263-3120, jamesnryder@hotmail.com

**Save the Date**

**Catfish Tournament**

The Big Muddy District will hold its annual catfish tournament on May 19. Come out and support Scouting with a fun event on the Missouri River. Visit us online for full details at www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/BigMuddy/Activities.aspx or pick up information at roundtable.

Contact Steve Graver at (660) 229-4013 for sponsorship and participant information.

Tournament prizes for first ($1,000) second ($500) and third ($250) place will be awarded.

**Roundtable**

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church at 7:30 pm. Please make sure your unit is represented at roundtable to pick up materials and relay information. Having someone make a report at the unit committee meeting is a great way for your unit to stay on top of upcoming events.

**Investment in Character:** 72.7%

**Training (Direct Contact Leaders):** 95.0%
Blue Elk Officers

- **District Chair**: Matt Beem (816) 876-9393
- **District Commissioner**: Bud Hastings (816) 224-2552
- **Activities Chair**: Kerry DeHaan (816) 210-4043
- **Advancement Chair**: Jim Burgess (816) 228-6911
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Ken Horrell (816) 229-7370
- **Camping Chair**: LeRoy Short (816) 560-2943
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Kenn Naylor cnaylor@swbell.net
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Leonard Jones (816) 228-4960
- **Finance Chair**: Jeff Grubb (816) 795-8628
- **Membership Chair**: Eileen Cooper (816) 228-6156
- **OA Advisor**: Jerald Thomas (816) 795-6785
- **Public Relations Chair**: Peter Mueller (816) 478-1830
- **Risk Management Chair**: Mike Cook (816) 308-6019
- **Training Chair**: Rod Lightner (816) 682-2807
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Josh Enke (816) 726-0707
- **Venturing Chair**: Dan Sanderson (816) 277-6967
- **District Director**: Grant Dealy (816) 569-4956
- **Senior District Executive**: Tiffany Bumgardner (816) 569-4969
- **District Executive**: Ross Schaffer (816) 569-4926

**Investment in Character:** 36.5%

**Training:** (Direct Contact Leaders) 94.7%

**April**

- 5 **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015
- 12 **District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057
- 12 **District Committee Meeting, 8:30 pm**
  Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057
- 21 **Venturing adVenture Race, 8:00 am–Noon**
- 21 **Community Service Day**
  American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014
- 22 **Scout Day at the K/Royal Gathering of Eagles**

**May**

- 3 **Program Fair, 7:00 pm**
  Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015
- 3 **Walking Leader Training, 7:00 pm**
  Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015
- 10 **District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**
  Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057
- 10 **District Committee Meeting, 8:30 pm**
  Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057

**District Dinner**

Thank you to the Blue Elk District Dinner committee of Jim Beachner, Randy Cooper, Eileen Cooper, Jim Burgess, Karen Burgess, John Thornton and Bob McConchie. The “Evening at the Blue Elk” was a huge success. Thank you for hosting a great event for the volunteers of the Blue Elk District.

**Training**

Upcoming roundtable trainings:
- April — Youth Protection
- May— Merit Badge Counselor, Walking Leader Training

**Program Fair**

The 2012 Program Fair will be held May 3 at Sunny Vale Middle School. Be sure to send a representative from your unit to pick up information on all of the upcoming events for the end of 2012 and beginning of 2013.

**2012 Blue Elk Day Camp**

- July 9-13, 2012
- American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Dr., Blue Springs, MO 64014
- Cost is $55 on or before April 5
- Cost is $70 April 6–July 8
- Cost is $75 July 9-13 (newly registered Scouts are $55 at any time)

For more information on the Wild West Cub Scout Day Camp contact Jeff Dutzel, Camp Director, at (816) 805-7964 or jdutzel@sbcglobal.net.

**Investment in Character 2012**

As many of you know, the 2012 Investment in Character Campaign is in full swing! This program will ensure that Scouting in Eastern Jackson County continues to grow. We have added a few changes to the program this year. Instead of coffee cups, donors who reach certain levels will receive the limited edition “Trustworthy” Investment in Character council shoulder patches.

- Donors who give $149.00 or more receive the “Family” patch.
- Donors who give $250.00 or more receive the “Leadership” and “Family” patch.
- Donors who give $500.00 or more receive the “Pacesetter” “Leadership” and “Family” patch.

Along with these new patches, each unit that reaches their Investment in Character goal will receive free rank advancement for the following year. If you have any questions about the program or would like to know your unit’s progress, contact Ross Schaffer, District Executive, at (816) 569-4926 or ross.schaffer@scouting.org.
May

3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church,
405 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012

3 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church,
405 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012

10 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Cabelas at the Legends,
10300 Cabelas Dr., Kansas City, KS 66111

Community Service Project
On April 21, the Kaw District and other districts throughout the Heart of America Council will be participating in a Community Service Day. The Kaw District’s project will take place at Wyandotte County Pierson Park in coordination with Global Youth Service Day. For project details, contact Doug Darling at (913) 684-3903.

Investment in Character
The annual Investment in Character Campaign has kicked-off and we’re on our way to reaching our goal! All units should have their Investment in Character date scheduled. Thank you for investing in the future of our district and council.

2012 Kaw District Day Camp
• June 25-29, 2012
• Camp Naish, South Camp, 100 Martinek Lane, Kansas City, KS
• Cost is $55 on or before April 5
• Cost is $70 April 6-July 8
• Cost is $75 June 25-29 (newly registered Scouts are $55 at any time)

Get ready for another exiting Cub Scout Summer Day Camp. We are blazing into the Wild West for a good time. All Cub Scouts are invited to attend this five day camp to be held June 25-29 at Camp Naish-South Camp. Now is the time to recruit your pack coordinator and start registering your boys.

For more information on the Wild West Cubs Day Camp contact Laura Trotta, Camp Director, at (913) 963-5009 or pumpkin@thetrottas.net or Sandey Broman, Program Director, at (913) 486-6021 or sandeyb@me.com.

Pack 3149 Sock Drive
Congratulations to Pack 3149 and their Tiger den’s Sock Drive. We are happy to report that their goal of 200 pairs of socks was exceeded with an astonishing 469 pairs of socks, 4 winter hats and 2 coats.

The items were donated to the reStart Homeless Organization in downtown Kansas City. reStart supports babies, children, teens, single adults and families.
LONE BEAR

Lone Bear Officers

District Chairman  Allen Huff (660) 351-0578
District Commissioner  Kathy Cooper (660) 647-5868
Activities Chair  Jon Cerda (660) 429-2747
Advancement Chair  Denney Jefferson (660) 909-4944
Boy Scout Roundtable  Vacant
Camping Chair  April Hale (660) 909-2559
Cub Scout Roundtable  Kathy Cooper (660) 647-5868
Eagle Board of Review  Denney Jefferson (660) 909-4944
Finance Chair  Hurley Mahan (660) 885-1130
Membership Chair  Rhonda Weinmann (660) 624-3818
OA Advisor  Judy Molt (660) 909-3017
Public Relations Chair  Kathy Noe (660) 233-0210
Risk Management Chair  Ryan Mendenhall (660) 351-2773
Training Chair  John Harris (660) 864-5061
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair  Steve Foote (660) 309-0619
Venturing Chair  Vacant
Senior District Executive  Josh Morales (816) 569-4961

Investment in Character: 55.8%
Training: (Direct Contact Leaders) 85.9%

April
3  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Clinton Scout Center,
   808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
10  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Clinton Scout Center,
   808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
14  Pinewood Derby - Warreensburg
17  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Clinton Scout Center,
   808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
21  District Good Turn Day
22  Scout Day at the K/Royal Gathering of Eagles

May
1  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Clinton Scout Center,
   808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

Check out our website for details or contact Kathy Cooper with questions.

For more information or to register visit scoutcamping.org.

Journey to Excellence

Don’t forget to keep an eye on your unit’s progress towards your Journey to Excellence goals. If you need help with the process, please contact Arnie Sauther, JTE Chairman. And don’t forget to work with your commissioner so that every unit can achieve GOLD in 2012.

Check us out on Facebook

Look for “Lone Bear District, BSA” on Facebook for updates and district information.

District Dinner

Thank you to all who attended. Special thanks to Ronda Weinmann and Jon Cerda for their time and efforts to ensure that we had a wonderful evening.

Investment in Character

Thanks to your support and generosity we were, once again, the first district to achieve our family campaign goal. BIG thanks to Rick House, family campaign chair, for his time, passion and energy.

Day Camp 2012

Now is the time to get signed up! Our theme this year is Roll'n West, don’t miss out on the fun! This is also a great way to stay connected to your scouts and provide great programming during the summer. Cubs who attend a formal camp during the summer are twice as likely to stay in Scouting, so make sure everyone gets a chance to go.

The cost is $70, but if you register on or before April 5, the fee is only $55. Leaders, of course, are free. Please let us know if cost, leadership or travel is a concern.
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<td>Day Camp Walking Leader Orientation, 10:00 am Park Hill Christian, 6601 NW 72 St., Kansas City, MO</td>
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**Day Camp 2012 — Wild West Cubs**

Day Camp will be held June 11 through June 14 at the Platte County Fairgrounds in Tracy, MO.

Day Camp Director Melinda McCombs and her trusty partner Charlotte Sims are planning a great event for every Cub Scout in the North Star District. All Cubs who were registered by March 1 will receive a special wooden nickel that can be redeemed at the Day Camp Trading Post for a special prize.

There will be two Walking Leader Orientation meetings this spring. The first will be on Saturday, April 21 and the second on Saturday, May 26. Both meetings will be held at Park Hill Christian Church.

Units should watch for information in their mail box each month. If you have any questions about Day Camp, or would like to help out, contact Melinda McCombs at glassgirl@kc.rr.com.

**Webelos Woods**

Attention all Webelos Scouts! The North Star District Webelos Woods event will be held Saturday, May 5 to Sunday, May 6 at Earnest Shepherd Memorial Youth Camp, 610 E Shepherd Rd., Liberty, MO. Check in will start at 8:00 am Saturday morning.

Webelos Woods is a fun competition for all Webelos Scouts. Basic Scouting skills will be put to the test at each of the stations, such as knot tying, fire building, and First Aid. There will be a camp fire with skits. This is a great program that brings the “outing” into Scouting.

More information will be sent to all Cub Scout Packs about Webelos Woods. Be on the lookout for handouts at each Cub Scout Roundtable. If you have any questions, or would like to help out, please contact Niel Campbell at (816) 678-3061 or nielcampbell@yahoo.com.

**Community Good Turn Day**

To show our appreciation for all of the support we receive from the community, the North Star District will give back by participating in a Community Good Turn Day.

On Saturday, April 21, all Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to come to the Kansas City Police Department’s Trail of Heroes.

Bring work gloves, a rake or two, a bottle of water, and your Scouting enthusiasm. The Scouts will be distributing mulch over their trail system so be sure to wear your Class “B” uniform. Work will start at 8:00 am and will end by 5:00 pm.

For more information about where we will be working, check out www.trailofheroes.com. Contact North Star District Service Chair, John Peter, with questions at (816) 686-1075 or ipeter78@gmail.com.

**Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience**

Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience (WLOE) is specialized training that teaches you how to conduct a successful Webelos Den overnight event.

Any Pack leader who is currently in a Webelos den, or will be moving into a Webelos den in the next 12-15 months, will benefit from this training.

WLOE will be on Friday, May 4 to Saturday, May 5 at the Earnest Shepherd Memorial Youth Camp in Liberty, MO. For more information, contact Richard Parmeter at (816) 741-8758 or rparmeter@kc.rr.com.
May

1 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Grace Christian Fellowship Church,
7230 Quivira Rd., Shawnee, KS 66216

3 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66024

3 May Program Fair and Eagle Project Review, 7:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66024

17 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66024

30 Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 7:00 pm
Shawnee United Methodist Church,
10700 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS 66203

31 Day Camp Staff Training, 7:00 pm
Shawnee United Methodist Church,
10700 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS 66203

District Shout Outs:
• Thank you to Nathan Roney for organizing our Pine-wood Derby
• Thank you to Bob Kalkofen and Order of the Arrow Chapter 13 who work tirelessly to help Troops with their elections.

2012 Investment in Character

Family Campaign

Please help continue to make Scouting available to everyone. Congratulations to our units that have qualified for Free Rank Advancement:
• Pack 3192 — Old Mission United Methodist Church
• Pack 3162, Troop 162, Crew 2162 — LDS Lenexa Stake, Hickory Hills Ward
• Pack 3584, Troop 584, Team 6584, Crew 2584 — LDS Lenexa Stake, Overland Park First Ward
• Troop 283 — Faith Lutheran Church
• Troop 54 — VFW Linden Tripkos Memorial 6654
• Pack 3551 — Monticello United Methodist Church
• Pack 3269 — Rotary Club-Shawnee Mission
• Crew 2888 — Tuckness Productions
• Pack 3127 — Tuckness Productions
• Pack 3851 — Harvest Ridge
• Pack 3184 — St. Pius X Catholic Church

• David Belz
• Dick Kaufman
• Dale Jenkins
• Donald Fitch
• Bill Henderson
• Waddell and Reed
• Tim Pickell
• Perry Atha
• Jack Foster
• Betty Foster
• John Jurczyk
• Terry Dixon
• Ted Wiedemann, JR
• Donald Linn
• Tom Ashby
• Rick Ralls

2012 Investment in Character

Community Campaign

The Investment in Character Campaign keeps Scouting an affordable, effective youth development program. Thank you to our Community Investors:

Follow Us on Facebook

Be sure to follow us on Facebook-NT District HOAC

Don’t Miss the May Program Fair

Thursday May 3, 2012, 7:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints

The program fair is where your unit can gather information on upcoming activities, trainings, camp information, sign up for popcorn, and receive you program planning packet.

Day Camp 2012 — Wild West Cubs

• Day Camp will be June 11-15, 2012
• Walking Leader Training will be held on May 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting at Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Dr., Shawnee KS
• Day Camp Staff Meeting will be held on May 31, 2012 at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting at Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Dr., Shawnee KS
• Art Contest Deadline is May 15, 2012
**Investment in Character — Goal $37,750**

Thank you to Joe Stellwagon, our Family Investment in Character Chairman, and all the Scouting families who have generously supported Scouting in the Heart of America Council. In February, our Cub Scout Packs raised more than $8,000. Here is a list of those packs that exceeded what they raised in 2011.

- Pack 3013 Raintree Montessori
- Pack 3052 First Christian Church
- Pack 3057 St. Johns Catholic Church
- Pack 3059 First Presbyterian
- Pack 3064 Eudora United Methodist Church
- Pack 3065 Rotary Club Baldwin
- Pack 3067 Veritas Christian
- Pack 3071 Prairie Park Elementary
- Pack 3072 Quail Run
- Pack 3157 Corpus Christi

Also, thank you to Crew 2052, St. Margaret Episcopal, for conducting a family presentation and exceeding what they have raised in the past.

The Pelathe District is well on its way to reaching our $24,250 Family goal and $37,750 overall goal. Watch the June/July Issue of *Adventures in Scouting* for our troop results.

**Michael Riling Recognized with North Star Award**

Michael E. Riling, lifelong Lawrence resident and attorney, is one of the first adults in the United States to be recognized with the North Star Award. This award recognizes a significant contribution to young people through Scouting by a non-Scouter. This new award, just commissioned by the National Court of Honor, is as prestigious as the Silver Beaver.

In the past, Michael was a long-time member of the Pelathe district committee and commissioner staff. In recent years he felt that he could provide more service to the young people of Douglas County as a member of the Camp Bromelsick Foundation’s Board of Directors. Because of his limited free time, Michael reluctantly stepped away from Scouting to become one of the driving forces behind the Camp Bromelsick Foundation. Mike received the award at the Pelathe District Recognition Dinner in February.

**Scouters Honored at the District Recognition Dinner**

A number of Pelathe district and unit Scouters were honored for their service to young people in 2011 at our District Recognition Dinner.

- **District Award of Merit** John Harman and Jean Pfeifer
- **Outstanding Commissioner Service** David Simmons, ADC for Roundtables
- **Outstanding District Committee Service** Eric Muetz, Training Chair
- **Outstanding Webelos Leader** Ivery Goldstein, Pack 3055
- **Outstanding Cub Leader** Pat Ozaki, Pack 3055
- **Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster** Bob Lemmons, Troop 60
- **Outstanding Scoutmaster** Bob Corkins, Troop 59
- **Outstanding Crew Advisor** Chris Golledge, Crew 2691
- **Outstanding Unit Committee Member** Karen Lewis, Troop 64/Crew 2052
- **Spirit of Pelathe IMPACT Awards**
  - Cindy Lynn — Administration
  - David Ozaki — Training
  - Jim Peterson — Finance
  - Scott Braden — Program
  - Hank Booth — Community Support of Scouting
  - Carol McCaffrey — Community Support of Scouting

**Outdoor Webelos Leader Training (OWL)**

April 14-15, 2012
Camp Bromelsick
For Bear and Webelos Leaders
Cost: $10

OWL is an overnight campout at Camp Bromelsick conducted in conjunction with Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS). This does not take the place of IOLS, but is meant to help expand the basic skills learned at BALOO training. Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) should be taken prior to attending OWL. Contact Dave Ozaki at (785) 393-0866 for more information.

**Webelos Graduation Weekend**

Our Order of the Arrow Chapter will be running the Webelos Graduation Weekend on May 4-6. They will be planning and staffing the five activities as well as conducting the campfire. This will be a great opportunity to see our youth Scouting leaders in action. If you have Webelos who are graduating this spring, make plans to attend. Please encourage all Scouts who are members of the Order of the Arrow to get involved as well. For more information contact Elias Schneck, Chapter Chief, at ejschneck@yahoo.com.
May

3 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Central United Methodist Church,
   5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO

3 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
   Central United Methodist Church,
   5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO

22 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
   VFW Building,
   3400 Broadway Ave., Kansas City, MO

District Awards Dinner

The Annual Pioneer Trails District Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, February 11 at Colonial Presbyterian Church. Congratulations to the District Award of Merit recipients from the Pioneer Trails District: James Campbell, James Gamble, Mark Jansen, Donald Scarbrough, Stephen Stricklin, John Swartz and Linda Zinser. Also, congratulations to all of the other award recipients for your outstanding service to the youth in Kansas City. A special thank you goes out to George Weaver, Carol Defeo, Khary Floyd and Colonial Presbyterian for putting together a great event.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp is just around the corner. All Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos are invited to attend the 2012 Pioneer Trails Cub Scout Day Camp. The theme for this year’s camp is “Wild West Cubs,” and Day Camp Director Lisa Tapscott has many fun and exciting activities planned. The deadline for the $55 rate is April 5, so if you haven’t already, register your pack today.

For more information or to register visit scoutcamping.org.

Spring Event

This year’s Cub Scout Spring Event is being held on April 28, 2012 at the Lone Jack Battlefield Museum in Lone Jack, MO. The cost is $8 per person for those who pre-register and $10 the day of. The cost includes activity expenses and lunch.

Check out www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx for more information, including the registration form. Questions? Contact Mike Farrell at michael.farrell@scouting.org or (816) 589-1432.

PIONEER TRAILS

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Investment in Character:  50.8%
Training: (Direct Contact Leaders)  90.4%

April

5 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Central United Methodist Church,
   5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO

5 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
   Central United Methodist Church,
   5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO

21 District Good Turn Day

22 Scout Day at the K

24 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
   VFW Building,
   3400 Broadway Ave., Kansas City, MO

28 Spring Event
   Lone Jack Battlefield Museum,
   Lone Jack, MO
**RED-TAILED HAWK**

**District Information**

- **District Chairman**: Cathy Pulis
- **District Commissioner**: Mike Morris
- **Activities Chair**: Michael Samms
- **Advancement Chair**: Doug Machamer
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Gary Hazeltine
- **Camping Chair**: Randy Warner
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Susan Lux
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Jim Forson
- **Finance Chair**: Lori Mallory
- **Membership Chair**: Ron Puls
- **OA Advisor**: Jim Bush
- **Public Relations Chair**: Vacant
- **Risk Management Chair**: David Weerts
- **Training Chair**: Chris Foote
- **Venturing Chair**: Josh Wandtke
- **Wood Badge / NYLT Chair**: Tom Matches
- **District Director**: Jon Geiger
- **District Executive**: Chris Rinella

**Investment in Character**: 56.6%

**Training**: (Direct Contact Leaders) 90.0%

**April**

- **District Roundtable, 7:00 pm**: College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center, 2nd Floor, 2020 E Sheridan, Olathe, KS 66062
  - OA Chapter Meeting
  - Eagle Scout Project Reviews
  - Day Camp Early Registration Deadline
- **Good Friday (Council Service Center closed)**
- **District Committee and Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**: Colonial Presbyterian, 12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS 66221
- **Webelos Woods, 9:00 am**: Cedar Lake, Olathe, KS
- **Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm**: Colonial Presbyterian, 12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS 66221

**May**

- **District Roundtable, 7:00 pm**: College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center, 2nd Floor, 2020 E Sheridan, Olathe, KS 66062
  - OA Chapter Meeting
  - Eagle Scout Project Reviews
  - Merit Badge Counselor Training
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  - Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm
  - Colonial Presbyterian, 12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS 66221
- **Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 7:00 pm**: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 15315 W 151 St., Olathe, KS
- **Day Camp Staffer Training, 7:00 pm**: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 15315 W 151 St., Olathe, KS

**Webelos Woods**

- **When**: April 14-15, 2012
- **Where**: Cedar Lake, Olathe, KS
- **Cost**: $10 per participant

Webelos Woods is an overnight camping adventure designed to introduce next year’s Webelos I and II Scouts (current Bear and Webelos 1) and their parents to the Scouting adventures ahead in Boy Scouts. The weekend is filled with tons of fun activities, demonstrations and plenty of outdoor excitement.

**City of Olathe and Johnson County Scouts to Coordinate Day of Community Service**

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers have the opportunity to give back to their community on April 21 during the Heart of America Council’s “Spring into Service” Community Good Turn Day. The Red-Tailed Hawk District and the City of Olathe have worked closely to plan many different service opportunities for youth and adults. Some of those opportunities include landscaping, trash pick-up, painting and large debris removal.

Make sure to go online and log the hours your unit puts into this service project and all service projects throughout the year by clicking the “Journey to Excellence” link at the top of the council website, www.hoac-bsa.org. Your participation in this service project counts toward your unit goal in service projects for the Journey to Excellence program.

Need your Unit ID to start entering hours? Visit Red-Tailed Hawk’s Unit Service page at www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/RedTailedHawk/UnitService.aspx
April

3 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Hickman Mills High School Library,
9010 Old Santa Fe Rd., Kansas City, MO

3 District Roundtable, 7:30 pm
Hickman Mills High School,
9010 Old Santa Fe Rd., Kansas City, MO

10 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
St. Thomas More, 11822 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

21 Community Service Day

22 Scout Day at the K

May

1 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Hickman Mills High School Library,
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Merit Badge Academy
The 2012 Thunderbird District Merit Badge Academy at
Hickman Mills Junior High was a great success. Over 750
Scouters, 300 adult volunteers and 150 volunteer staff were
in attendance on February 4. Special thanks to Chairs Ken
Feuenfhausen, Registrar Jon Monson, and Jason Davis for
a great event.

Spring Recruitment
Now is the time to start recruiting for spring and sum-
er events. There are several upcoming activities planned
including Community Service Day on April 21 and Scout
Day at the K featuring the Royal Gathering of Eagles on
April 22. Check out the council website at www.hoac-bsa.
org for details. And don’t forget…All Eagle Scouts attend
the gathering and game for FREE!

Also, be on the lookout for recruitment information. Re-
sources that are available in the fall are also available in the
spring. If you are planning a summer program and would
like more information please contact your District Executive.

2012 Community Service Day
“Spring into Service” and give back to your community.
The 2012 Thunderbird District service project on April 21
will help feed the hungry with a food drive. We invite all
Scout units in the district to participate.

Contact Jason Davis, event chair, at (816) 213-3404 to co-
ordinate zones to work, drop off points and other details.

District Annual Awards Dinner
The Thunderbird District Dinner was held February 11 at
the Armacost Museum in Grandview. It was an excellent

event featuring live jazz music, good food and fellowship.
The highlight of the evening was recognizing the many
great volunteers that make Scouting happen in the Thun-
derbird District.

Cubmaster of the Year — Kevin Albright, Pack 4391
Scoutmaster of the Year — Stephen Guenther, Troop 1145

Thank you to everyone who participated in the silent auc-
tion that was held that evening. With your help, we raised
over $4,000.00 to benefit Scouting programs.

From Fingerprinting to Photography, Scouts master new skills at Merit Badge Forum
**Trailhead Officers**

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**May**

1. **District Roundtable and Program Fair, 7:00 pm**
   Jewish Community Center, 5801 W. 115th St., Overland Park, KS
   Includes OA Chapter Meeting, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Eagle Project Reviews

2. **District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
   Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

3. **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
   Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

4. **Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm**
   Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

**Webelos Woods**

April 20–21
Camp Naish, Cub World

Get excited Webelos & Bears. We are holding a campout JUST FOR YOU. The campout is for outgoing Bears and Webelos to see what Boy Scouting is all about. To register and pay ONLINE, visit [http://THWebelosWoods.kintera.org](http://THWebelosWoods.kintera.org).

**Wild West Cubs Day Camp**

Yee haw! Round up your Cub Scouts and saddle your horses. We’ve got a trail to blaze to a wild west good time! All Cub Scouts are invited to attend this five day camp to be held June 4-8 at Shawnee Riverfront Park. Save some cash and register early by the April Roundtable!

**Program Fair**

Program Fair will be held May 3 at the Jewish Community Center at 7 pm. Program Fair is a night for you to get all the planning information needed for the upcoming year. Be sure to have someone from your unit present for a night of fellowship and information.

**Training**


Many training courses can be completed online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org). For a complete list of Training opportunities throughout Johnson County this year visit the Trailhead Training Page.
**Upcoming District Training Courses:**

- **Outdoor Leader Skills**, April 27-28, Lake Olathe Old Golf Course (Santa Fe & Wardcliff)
  Cost: $15
  Contact Joe Ogilvie at jogilvie66215@everestkc.net to register

**Spring Recruitment**

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

For ways to help your unit succeed this spring contact Jason Bledsoe at (816) 569-4984 or jason.bledsoe@scouting.org.

**Investment in Character Campaign**

The 2012 Investment in Character Campaign is in full swing. Congratulations to Pack 3180, Pack 3808, and Troop 83 for achieving their 2012 goal. These units have achieved free rank advancement through 2013.

**Day Camp 2012**

“Wild West Cubs”
June 11–14
Lake Olathe Old Golf Course
Cost: $55 if paid by April 5

More Information: Bill O’Connor (913) 302-8549 or billloconnor7@yahoo.com or register at www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/DayCamp.aspx
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### Investment in Character: 67.0%

### Training: (Direct Contact Leaders) 91.2%

### May

1. **District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
   Whistle Stop Café, 901 6th St., Osawatomie, KS
2. **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm**  
   First Presbyterian Church, 110 E Peoria St., Paola, KS
3. **District Program Fair / Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
   First Presbyterian Church, 110 E Peoria St., Paola, KS
4. **Day Camp Walking Leader & Staff Training, 7:00 pm**  
   First Presbyterian Church, 110 E Peoria St., Paola, KS

### Community Service Day

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers are invited to participate in a district-wide community service project at the Cedar Cove Feline Conservatory inLouisburg on April 21. Scouts will participate in trail maintenance projects as well as additional projects around the facility. Sign up for a time slot between 9 am – 4 pm at the April Roundtable.

### 2012 Investment in Character Campaign

The 2012 Investment in Character Campaign is off to a great start! Congratulations to Pack 3063, Troop 100, Troop 105 and Troop 106 for achieving goal. All will receive free rank advancement through March 2013. If you have not yet made an investment and would like to, please contact Curtis Gibson, District Family Chairman, at (913) 259-2568 or cgibson@electronicallyspeaking.com

### May Program Fair

Don’t miss the District Program Fair/Roundtable on May 3 at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Paola. This is one of the most important Roundtables of the year and each unit should have a representative in attendance. Each unit will receive important information to assist in planning your program for the next school year. Information will be available on upcoming district and council activities, trainings, 2013 popcorn sale and you will receive your program planning packet.

### Wild West Cubs Day Camp

Yee-Haw! Saddle up your horses and round up your Cub Scouts to head on out to the Miami County Fairgrounds. Day Camp 2012, themed “Wild West Cubs.” You won’t want to miss all the action on June 4-7 as Scouts have a shoot ’em up good time! Registration is now available at www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TwinRivers/DayCamp.aspx

### District Recognizes Top Volunteers

Congratulations to our District Award of Merit recipients, Aida Thompson and Les Garber. Both were recognized at the District Dinner on March 10 for outstanding service to Scouting and the youth of our community. The Award of Merit is the highest award a district can present a volunteer. Thank You to Anita Pace, District Activity Chair, for organizing a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and recognition.
Reaching the Summit...

World renowned climber and explorer, Jeff Evans, will highlight the 2012 Heart of America Council Patron Luncheon.

2012 Patron Luncheon — April 19

Part of the Heart of America Council’s Investment in Character Campaign. See Page 4 for details.