The Heart of America Council is ready to welcome thousands of Scouts to camp this summer.

See pages 6-7 to find out how to “Get Out and Get Camping” in 2013
The Road Ahead

This February will mark two years since I first arrived in the Heart of America Council as your Scout Executive. Needless to say, the time has flown by.

As I look back, we have accomplished some great things together. Scouting’s visibility in our communities continues to get stronger through the work of our Marketing Committee. We have strengthened our signature events like Scout Day at the K/Royal Gathering of Eagles with over 9,000 in attendance last year. New council wide events in 2012 included Sporting Kansas City Scout Night with over 2,000 in attendance; our reconnection with the American Royal Parade after more than a 30 year lapse saw over 1,000 Scouts and leaders marching in the parade—Scouting was the largest group participating! The newsletter you are reading, Adventures in Scouting, continues to be a strong communication tool to get the word out.

Reengaging volunteers in helping to maintain and improve our camping facilities has and will be a major priority. The Skilled Trades Work Days at Bartle and Naish have been a huge success providing our camps with an influx of skilled tradesmen giving their time for much needed repairs and improvements to our camps. Individuals, foundations and companies have stepped up to support capital projects at our camps totaling over 2.5 million dollars the past year. It is only through support such as this that we can offer great facilities at an affordable cost to our members.

New events for 2013 include a Scout Day at the Kansas Speedway Nationwide NASCAR race in October and the SCOUTStrong 1/2 Marathon and 5K at Livestrong Sporting Park in May. I am also pleased to announce that we will be bringing back the Council Eagle Scout Class Reception to recognize the accomplishments of the more than 750 young men who earned their Eagle Scout award in 2012. Thanks to our Council Technology Committee, you will also see a new layout and functionality to our council website next year.

Going forward in 2013, we will be kicking off a major capital campaign to fund some amazing projects at our camps. Stay tuned for more details about this. Planning is already underway for a council-wide encampment to be held in the spring of 2014. Thanks to Commerce Trust President, Scott Boswell, for stepping up and serving as the event chair.

Our ultimate goal will always be to provide our Scouts with positive lifelong experiences. Without the dedicated support of more than 15,000 registered leaders in the Heart of America Council this would not be possible.

Let’s make 2013 a great year for Scouting in the Heart of America Council!

And from all of us at the Heart of America Council, Happy Holidays!

Kenn Miller
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Council Presents ‘Top Honors’

On Wednesday, November 14, more than 400 Scouts and Scouters gathered to recognize the Heart of America Council’s top volunteers at the 2012 Annual Recognition Banquet. In total, 31 volunteers were honored with the prestigious Silver Beaver, Whitney M. Young, Jr. and Venturing Leadership Awards.

All Eagle Scouts in attendance helped to close the 2012 Annual Recognition Banquet.

Eagle Scout Honored with National BSA Conservation Award

Jackson McArthur, an Eagle Scout in Troop 692 sponsored by American Legion Post 499, was recognized for his outstanding conservation efforts with the William T. Hornaday Silver Award. This National BSA award is the highest possible attainment in conservation for a Boy Scout. The award has been awarded less than 100 times in 37 years and McArthur is only the second honoree in Missouri.

In addition to required conservation merit badges, the Scout is required to complete four service projects in four different areas of conservation, each equivalent to an Eagle service project. Three of McArthur’s projects were completed at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Blue Springs; the first was a project to control an invasive species, the second to prepare an area for a controlled burn, and the last to remove debris from abandoned home-sites that were on land donated to create the nature center. Maple Leaf Lake Conservation area near Higginsville was the site of his final project where wildflower seeds were collected and processed for the Conservation Department.

New Storm Shelters Take Shape

An official groundbreaking on October 10 signified the start of a major project at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Construction is now underway to build 29 new state-of-the-art storm shelters. The shelters will be located in all 3 reservation camps and are expected to be completed by April 15, 2013 and operational by the start of the 2013 camping season.

Venturers Earn Silver Award

The Heart of America Council is proud to recognize Sarah Samms and Sydney Owings, Crew 2085, for earning the Venturing Silver Award, the highest Award in the Venturing program.

Sarah Samms served as the Heart of America Council’s Venturing Officers’ Association President from 2011-2012 & Vice President of Programing from 2010 to 2012. Sarah is an honor student and a high school senior. She is also an Honor Thespian in her schools’ International Thespian Honor Society and is the head Theater Technician at her high school. Sarah tirelessly volunteers her time and has received the Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Award 4 different years. One of her volunteer activities includes service at a nearby senior living facility where she has volunteered for the past 6 years.

Sydney Owings serves as the Heart of America Council’s Venturing Officers’ Association Vice President of Administration. Sydney is a high school junior where she runs cross-country and is involved in KAY Club and Sign Language Club. She is active in Girl Scouts and has earned her Girl Scout Silver Award and is currently working on earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. Some of her Venturing highlights include a 10-day backpacking trip to Philmont, a white water rafting and canopy tour trip to West Virginia, and staffing Cub Scout Day Camp 2 years in a row.
Black & Veatch Honored with Corporate Good Scout Award

The 22nd Annual Heart of America Council Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner was held on October 10 at the Kansas City Marriott Muehlebach Hotel. This year’s event honored Black & Veatch with the Corporate Good Scout Award. Black & Veatch hosts one of the largest Exploring Posts in the area, a career awareness program that provides high school students with experience in engineering career fields.

The event also included the presentation of 2 college scholarships to Eagle Scouts from Kansas City’s urban core.

Terry Dunn, President & CEO, JE Dunn Construction Group, served as event chairman and Christa Dubill, KSHB 41 Action News, served as emcee.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Heart of America Council’s Urban Scouting Program which provides outreach to more than 6,000 youth in Kansas City’s urban core.

2013 Investment in Character Campaign Council Leadership

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Wanda Davis
Wendy Newberry Construction
Dan & Jan Elliott
Harden, Cummins, Mass & Miller LLC
Melvin & Marla Mayer
Earl Moentmann
Dr John & Carol Neal

Henry Dewey, Jr
Keith & Brenda Ahrenholtz
Kay & Don Best
Kevin Batton
Mary C Cofer
Donald Dewey
Keith & Margie Dewey & Family
Ruth Edmond
Dale & Diane Fears
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John Hager
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Nick & Joanne Kennedy
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Karl & Pamela Hanson
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Tracey & Dustin Post
Carl Prathe
Leonard & Anna Rose
Jan Stark
Rose Svoboda
James & Vada Westhues

Black & Veatch Honored with Corporate Good Scout Award

In Honor of:

Alvin “Al” Beitchman
Harvey S Bodker
Tommy Harris
Logan Putthoff

To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Tammy Butterfield at (816) 569-4979.
SCOUTStrong Challenge

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Are you SCOUTStrong? Find out on May 11, 2013 at the inaugural SCOUT-Strong Challenge ½ Marathon and 5K.

The challenge will take you through some of the greatest venues Kansas City has to offer, all while supporting Scouting.

The course begins at LIVESTRONG Sporting Park and takes you onto the track of the Kansas Speedway, through beautiful Wyandotte County Park, past the Agricultural Hall of Fame, through the Legends entertainment district, and back to LIVESTRONG Sporting Park.

The 1/2 Marathon is a perfect challenge for those that have been training over the winter and spring.

The 5K is a great distance for any runner, and because of the course, will offer a unique running experience.

The 2013 SCOUTStrong Challenge will offer all the benefits runners expect and promises to become a great addition to the best races Kansas City has to offer.

For more information or to register visit www.scoutstrongchallenge.org

BSA Goes NASCAR

A new strategic alliance led to a big win for NASCAR and Scouting in the Heart of America Council. On the weekend of October 20, NASCAR Nationwide Series driver Scott Lagasse Jr. and Team SLR's No. 8 Hybrid Light/BSA race car sped into town for an exciting race weekend at the Kansas Speedway.

100 local Scouts and Scout leaders were selected to attend the Kansas Lottery 300 to cheer on the BSA race car and were treated to an exclusive “garage tour” prior to the race. A local Eagle Scout served as an honorary pit crew member during the race and one lucky Cub Scout was even driven to school in the race car by Lagasse Jr. himself. Other Scouting related race weekend festivities included an appearance by the race team at the Thunderbird and Northern Tier District Camporees.

The multi-year strategic alliance between the Boy Scouts of America and Team SLR allows the BSA to continue to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) to those involved in Scouting. Plans are already in the works for an even bigger event at the Kansas Speedway in 2013. Be on the lookout for more information this summer.
CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Jungle Adventures

Who can attend?
All Cub Scouts 1st – 5th Grade (including Kindergarten Graduates)

What is it?
Day Camp, depending on your district, runs 4-5 days from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily. The programs offered are designed to be fun and educational and include Crafts, Games, BB-guns, Slingshots, Archery, and much more.

BEAR RESIDENT CAMP

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, Cub World

Who can attend?
Bear Scouts or Scouts entering the 3rd Grade

What is it?
Bear Camp is a two-day, one-night adventure full of fun outdoor activities that include a Pirate Water Park, BB-Guns, Archery, Songs, Crafts, Campfires, and much more.

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, Cub World

Who can attend?
Webelos Scouts or Scouts entering the 4th or 5th Grade

What is it?
Webelos Camp is a three-day, two-night adventure for Webelos Scouts.

The First Year Webelos program includes activities which introduce Scouts to an outdoor camping experience. Highlights include BB guns, archery, nature hikes, swimming, and much more.

The Second Year Webelos program is designed to help prepare older Webelos Scouts for their transition to Boy Scouts and Boy Scout Camping. Highlights include a Bouldering Wall, Model Rocket Building, Action Archery, and much more.

2013 REGISTRATION:
Online Registration opens
January 2

2013 REGISTRATION:
Online Registration opens
February 11

2013 REGISTRATION:
Online Registration opens
January 14

For more information or to register visit www.scoutcamping.org
## H. ROE BARTLE SCOUT RESERVATION
### Boy Scout Summer Camp

**Who can attend?**
All Registered Boy Scouts

**What is it?**
Scouts will enjoy a 10-day, 9-night camp in the Ozark Hills on Truman Lake. The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation includes all traditional merit badge programs including Motor Boating, Small Boat Sailing, and Water Sports. The Bartle Scout Reservation is also home of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, a program with a proven record of returning older boys to camp.

New Merit Badges in 2013: Kayaking/Fitness Merit Badges

## THEODORE NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION
### Boy Scout Summer Camp

**Who can attend?**
All Registered Boy Scouts

**What is it?**
Scouts will enjoy a 7-day, 6-night camp of outdoor adventures in the rolling hills of Kansas overlooking the Kaw River. The Naish Scout Reservation includes a state of the art dining hall and aquatics center. Activities include Aquatics, Scoutcraft, Handicraft, Shooting Sports, Nature, COPE and Order of the Arrow.

New Merit Badges in 2013: Kayaking/Bird Study/Canoeing/Geocaching/Golf

## THEODORE NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION
### Venturing Summer Camp

**Who can attend?**
All Registered Venturers

**What is it?**
Venturing Camp is a 5-day, self guided camp that will help members achieve the Bronze Award. It focuses around fun social activities based on the participants' interests. The camp takes place at the Naish Scout Reservation and uses camp facilities including the aquatics center, shooting sports area, and COPE and Climbing.

For more information or to register visit [www.scoutcamping.org](http://www.scoutcamping.org)
“A Scout is Reverent”
Results Based Programs

By Don Shapley
Council Religious Emblems Coordinator
(913) 485-6299

What results do we get when we allow boys the opportunity to earn their Religious Emblems? We get kids who have faith and carry that into their adult lives. Perhaps they will pass that on to their families one day. They may even pass it on to their parents and siblings.

Statistics tell us that “85% of people find their faith before age 18.” Those are the fields we are working in, friends, and that is our crop. We are seeing right now what drought is doing to crops and the far reaching effects that it will have. Let’s nurture our boys through the Religious Emblems program of their faith. The results will be exponential both for the boys and those around them.

Scouts Camp for a Good Cause

On October 5, Scouts from North Star District Troop 395 partnered with the Kansas City, MO Police Department’s West Side Community Action Network to provide a camping opportunity for youth in the City’s West Side area. This camping experience was designed to promote positive interaction with police officers and introduce youth to the Scouting program. A number of youth were given instruction on setting up tents, campfire building and campsite cooking.

A special thanks to Major Wayne Stewart, Commander of the Central Patrol Division, for facilitating this event. Major Stewart is an active Scouter and member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

OA Winter Banquet

The Tamegonit Lodge Winter Banquet will be held on January 12, 2013 at the North Club at Arrowhead Stadium. Gathering will begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. We will take time to look back at the success of the lodge in 2012, install the 2013 lodge officers, honor our 30 new Vigil members, present the Founder’s Awards, and recognize our chapters and committees for their work in 2012.

Dinner reservations are $30 per person until December 31, 2012. From January 1-7, 2013, the cost of the dinner is $40. No reservations will be accepted after January 7, 2013. Registration is available online at http://2013WinterBanquet.kintera.org.

Local Arrowman Honored at National Conference

Phil Raine was presented the Distinguished Service Award at the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Michigan State University July 30-August 3. The Distinguished Service Award honors Arrowmen who have rendered exceptional service to the Order of the Arrow. Raine is only the 9th recipient from the Heart of America Council to receive the award. Raine is a graduate of Park Hill South High School and currently attends the University of Missouri School of Law.

Kandersteg, Switzerland Contingent Filling Fast

In the summer of 2013, the council will be leading a contingent of 48 youth and adults to Kandersteg, Switzerland for 10 days. The cost of the trip is approximately $2,000. A few openings to join the contingent are still available, but act fast. Our next meeting will be on December 15 at 9:00 am at the Council Service Center. For more information contact Tim Bodendistel at (913) 707-5489.

2013 International Camp Staff

In 2013, the Heart of America Council will host five International Camp Staff members. Two will work at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation and three will work at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

Each of these International Camp Staff members will require a host family for their stay here in the Kansas City area.

If you are interested in hosting an International Camp Staff member, contact Jeannie Salmon at jrsalmon@kc.rr.com. Jeannie and the Council International Committee will provide you detailed information of expectations and preparations should you agree to host an International Camp Staff member in 2013.

Save the Date — 2013 VOA Winter Event

On January 25-26, the VOA will hold its Annual Winter Event at Coco Key Water Resort. We are still working on some package deals and other details, but put these dates on your calendar and make plans to join the fun.

“Scouts Camp for a Good Cause”

“A Scout is Reverent” Results Based Programs

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Troop 1367
Charles Clabough, SM  Daniel Catton
Troop 1374
Paul Crooks, SM  Nils Haugen  Jordan Nazario
Troop 1395
Jeffery Adams, SM  James Adams  Bradley Donaghy  David Stowers
Troop 1408
Mark Bessmer, SM  Brier Bessmer
Troop 1433
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Tri Nguyen, SM  Connor Demott
Troop 201
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Alan Clark, SM  Isaac Berlau  Jacob Everest
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Allen Perkins, SM  David Draxler  Graham Eidemiller  John Mack, III  Jacob Milgrim  Daran Wankum
Troop 358
Lee Schneider, SM  Timothy Perkins

North Star
Troop 53
Mitchell Yulich, SM  Andrei Elliot  Brian Morris  Sean Morris
Troop 64
Glenn Jackson, SM  Andrew Wright
Troop 65
Thomas Farmer, SM  Zachary Garrett  Austin Kraus

Pelate
Troop 1098
Patrick Hughy, SM  Blake Byers  Collin Hughey  Nathan Kinney  Joseph Reilly  Corey Schell

Twin Rivers
Troop 101
John Cassida, SM  Spencer Rogers
Troop 105
Joshua Furnish, SM  Erik Bensen

Kaw
Troop 1
Charles Dennis, SM  Corey Terrell  Wesley Lantz
Troop 66
Richard Lockwood, SM  Edward Bowie, III  Shepard Pett  Carson Owens
Troop 165
Nils Erickson, SM  Maximilian Erickson  Andrew Goebel
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Steven Henry, SM  Joseph Hrenchir
Troop 169
John Brown, SM  Alexander Coleman
Troop 366
Gerard Overey, SM  Jacob Boyce

Lone Bear
Troop 1350
Richard Smart, SM  Joab Smart
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Joshua Furnish, SM  Erik Bensen

Troop 108
Louis Schuler, SM  Gabriel Uhl
Troop 136
Lowell Teague, SM  Cooper Arner
Troop 181
Steven Pilumm, SM  Caleb Brinckman
Troop 186
Thomas Hart, SM  Andrew Kinkelau
Troop 439
Rodney Johnson, SM  Everett Cottrell
Troop 487
Anthony Jackowski, SM  William Burns
Troop 494
Kyle Weber, SM  Brian Chorny
Troop 522
Enrico Forner, SM  Keaton Reece

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
December 2012/January 2013
**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

### BIG MUDDY

**Big Muddy Officers**

- **District Chair**: Mike Persell (816) 470-2821
- **District Commissioner**: Jeff Brenton (816) 470-6058
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- **Advancement Chair**: Chuck Scott (816) 377-5600
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Phil Dierking (816) 405-7540
- **Camping Chair**: Ed Gooseman (816) 682-2008
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Susan Dallstream (816) 470-5919
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Chuck Scott (816) 377-5600
- **Finance Chair**: Bosh Bruening (816) 668-8380
- **Membership Chair**: Randy Florence (660) 232-4479
- **OA Advisor**: Larry Long/Scott Medlock (816) 304-0011/(816) 200-2220
- **Public Relations Chair**: Mac Rogers (816) 520-4152
- **Risk Management Chair**: Thomas Hodson (816) 934-2731
- **Training Chair**: Tammy Cockrum (660) 542-1170
- **Wood Badge/ NYLT Chair**: Brett Cooper (816) 726-4263
- **Venturing Chair**: Darrell Neuner (660) 259-2837
- **Senior District Executive**: Brian Bentrop (816) 569-4918/Brian.Bentrop@scouting.org

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**December**

- **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  - Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067
  - *Recharter Turn-in at Roundtable*

- **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  - Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067

- **District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  - Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067

- **24 Council Service Center Closed**

- **25 Council Service Center Closed**

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**January**

- **1 Council Service Center Closed**

- **3 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  - Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway, Lexington, MO 64067

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### 2013 Big Muddy District Dinner

Save the date for the 2013 Big Muddy District Dinner on Saturday, February 9. The dinner will be held once again in Wellington at the Well-Nap Community Building. Join us for a great meal and to recognize our district volunteers.

The cost to attend is $18 and you MUST PRE-REGISTER no later than January 28.

### Investment in Character

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2012 Investment in Character Campaign. Thanks to you, the Big Muddy District provided more than $6,500 in camperships and support which helped send 53 boys to various camps. This was a 26% increase from 2011. We are estimating that the amount of assistance needed for 2013 will increase by an additional 10%. With that in mind, please begin visiting with your Unit Committee and determine when you would like to have your Unit Presentation for 2013. Please contact Kim Edney (816) 517-9249 or Brian Bentrop (816) 569-4918 to get your Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Ceremony on the upcoming calendar.

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### 2012 Popcorn Sale Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2012 Popcorn sale. The final orders are in. Congratulations to the following units for increasing their sale this year.

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Venturing Chair: Dan Sanderson (816) 277-6967
District Director: Grant Dealy (816) 569-4956

Blue Elk OA Chapter Conducts Food Drive

The Blue Elk OA chapter collected non-perishable food items throughout the month of November and beginning of December to help local families during the holiday season in need. The leadership of the OA chapter wanted to continue the idea that was started by the Lodge at Fall Fellowship and sponsor a service event that would give back directly to the community.

Collections were held at the November and December roundtables. If you still have food you would like to donate, please contact Jerald Thomas, Blue Elk OA Chapter Advisor at thom_ks2000@yahoo.com.

“A Night in Blue Elk”

They say what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. But you don’t need to go to Vegas for a night out on the town. In January, volunteers will come together at the annual district dinner to recognize Eagle Scouts and adult Scouters for their dedication to Scouting. In addition, we will be recognizing the District Award of Merit recipients, the Scouter’s Service Award and the Silent Service Award. All Packs, Troops, Teams and Crews are invited to attend this formal occasion. Who knows, you might even spot an Elvis impersonator.

Tickets are $25 and can be purchased online at http://BlueElkDinner2012.kintera.org.

Winter Favorite Returns to Blue Elk in 2013

The Blue Elk District Klondike is an event challenging Boy Scouts in a winter skills competition. The event will be held Saturday, January 19, 2013. Units may camp Friday, but camping out is not a required part of the event. The event officially begins at 8:00 am on Saturday, and ends at 4:30 pm on Saturday at the American Legion Park in Blue Springs, MO.

New! Register online at BEKlondike2013.kintera.org.

Pack 703 Earns 1st Place in Independence Halloween Parade

Members of Cub Scout Pack 703 walk behind their float in the 64th annual Independence Halloween Parade. Photo courtesy: The Examiner

January

1 Council Service Center Closed
3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015
   Eagle Scout Project Reviews, Eagle Board of Reviews, OA Chapter Meeting, Merit Badge Counselor Training

10 District Commissioners 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

19 Klondike, 8:00 am
   American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014

26 District Dinner, 6:00 pm
   Adams Pointe Conference Center, 1400 NE Coronado Dr., Blue Springs, MO.

Eagle Scout Breathes New Life into Program Forty Years Later

Rick Lynam always knew he wanted to participate in Cub Scouts with his grandson. What he didn’t know is that he would be the driving force to restart the Cub Scout pack associated with the unit he belonged to forty years ago.

Rick earned his Eagle Scout with Troop 257 chartered to Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church in Independence, MO in 1972. A Fire Builder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Rick has held various adult leadership positions in Scouting beginning when his son Rylan joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger Cub and continued through Boy Scouts.

After moving away, Rick and his wife Evon recently moved back to Independence to be closer to family and so he could begin Cub Scouts with his grandson. Ironically, Pack 257 had disbanded a few years ago due to lack of leadership.

Rick and his son Rylan set out to help rebuild Pack 257. They recently had their first pack meeting and awards ceremony and are happy to announce 14 new Cub Scouts as well as two Webelos Scouts attended. The pack is very active with upcoming activities like a day hike, a visit to the local fire station and a visit to a local nature park.

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2012 Cub Scout Advancement: 59.1%
2012 Boy Scout Advancement: 51.8%

December

1 Cub Christmas Craft, 9:00 am
   Messiah Lutheran Church, 613 S. Main St., Independence, MO

6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015
   Eagle Scout Project Reviews, Eagle Board of Reviews, OA Chapter Meeting, Youth Protection Training

7 Popcorn Payments Due

13 District Committee Meeting, 8:30 pm
   Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057

24-25 Council Service Center Closed
Children’s Coalition — LaCygne Police Department’s “Night Out Against Crime”

The LaCygne Law Enforcement Explorer Post helped make their community safer this fall. The LaCygne Police Department’s annual “Night Out Against Crime,” is a fun filled event that educates the community on safety and promoting smart choices. Explorers helped by attaching safety reflectors on children’s bicycles. Please salute the Explorers for their part in giving back to their community.

Exploring Recruitment & Training

Now that Fall Fiesta has come and gone, recruitment is what it’s all about. Everyone can now log-on to complete their online training. The target date for all Explorer Posts to have completed their online renewal and the 3 documents given to you in your renewal envelope should be turned in by November 15, 2012. Know that we are here to help. We will be at recruitment nights answering questions, helping out with program and just lending two extra hands. Please, make sure you are conducting a recruitment night for your Explorer Post.

Please contact Lisa Thomas, Exploring Division Director, at (816) 569-4972 or Lisa.Thomas@scouting.org or Exploring Executive, Kerry Jorn, at (816) 569-4937 or Kerry.Jorn@scouting.org to schedule your appointment to:

1. Complete your Post Renewal Paperwork
2. Let us know your 1st Nighter Recruitment date so that we can attend. We want to be there to help.

Important Training News

All Post Leaders are now required to complete Youth Protection and Adult Leader Training to be a registered leader. Units have been given upon request the training CD. Trained leaders are an essential part of any quality Explorer Post development. In addition to the CD you can also complete the training on-line by going to http://www.learning-forlife.org/adult_explorer/adult_explorer.html. A certificate may be printed upon completion of the training courses.

The training includes:

- Adult Basic Training
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- Frequently Asked Questions
- Post Firstnighter
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2013 Cluster Break Out Meeting Schedule

*Meetings held 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Heart of America Council Service Center*

- Thursday, April 25
- Thursday, July 25
- Friday, October 25

2013 Exploring Committee Meeting Schedule

*Meetings held 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm at Heart of America Council Service Center*

- Thursday, January 17
- Thursday, February 21
- Thursday, March 21
- Thursday, April 18
- Thursday, May 16
- Thursday, June 20
- Thursday, July 18
- Thursday, August 15
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- Thursday, November 21
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Ride of a Lifetime

On Friday, October 19, Webelos Scout, Sean McCarty, received a special ride to school thanks to NASCAR. Sean was chosen out of hundreds of Scouts to be taken to school by Scott Lagasse Jr. and the Hybrid Light BSA Nationwide race car. Sean, an avid NASCAR fan, is a member of Pack 3160 chartered to St. Patrick’s Church.

Day Camp Staff Needed

The Kaw District Day Camp team is hard at work planning our 2013 camp, “Jungle Adventure.” We are looking for high energy leaders to help work with our Day Camp team to provide the Kaw District Scouts the best Day Camp experience. This year’s camp will be held June 17-21. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jose Romero at (816) 569-4973 or jose.romero@scouting.org.

Investment in Character

The annual Investment in Character Campaign for the Kaw District is in the homestretch and we are on our way to reaching our $76,000 goal. There is still time to pledge if you have not done so yet. Please call Jose Romero at (816) 569-4973 to make a contribution. Thank you for investing in the future of our district and council.

Kaw’s Wilderness Survival Camporee a Success

Building fires, cooking and first aid were just some of the competitions that were held at this year’s Fall Camporee. The theme this year was wilderness survival. Troops, crews and the American Heritage Girls competed in numerous activities to find out who had the best wilderness survival skills.
LONE BEAR

Lone Bear Officers

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Venturing Chair Vacant
Senior District Executive Matt Specht  (816) 569-4966  Matt.Specht@scouting.org

2012 Cub Scout Advancement: 74.3%
2012 Boy Scout Advancement: 50.1%

December

4  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Clinton Scout Building,
   808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
11 District All Call, 6:30 pm
   Golden Corral Restaurant,
   1520 E. Ohio St., Clinton, MO

January

8  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   Clinton Scout Building,
   808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
   Recharter Turn-in
15 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Warrensburg LDS Church, Warrensburg, MO
22 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Clinton Scout Building,
   808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

Fall Camporee

On October 19-21, 190 Scouters tested their survival skills at the Lone Bear District Camporee at Knob Noster State Park. Scouts learned about first aid, cooking, fire and water safety, fishing skills, and how to build a proper shelter. A big thank you to Jon Cerda and the entire Camporee Staff for putting on a great event!

First Aid Station at Camporee

Scouts learn survival cooking skills at Camporee

Annual Business Meeting

On January 15, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Warrensburg LDS Church, the Lone Bear District will hold its Annual Business Meeting. All voting members of the district, including 2012 Members at Large and Chartered Organization Representatives, are strongly encouraged to attend this very important meeting. We will be voting in the new slate of district officers for 2013.

Adult Recognitions Due

In every Pack, Troop, Team, Crew and District, there are many people who give unselfishly of their time to make sure the youth of our communities have a great Scouting program. At the District Dinner, we will be recognizing those volunteers who give so much of their time by awarding the Silver Bear Award, Lonely Bear Award, and the District Award of Merit. Please take a few minutes to complete a nomination for someone you serve with in Scouting. Nomination forms are due at the December Roundtable and may be found at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/LoneBear/Activities.aspx

Recharter

- December 1 — Units can begin logging into the recharter system at www.hoac-bsa.org
- January 8 — All recharter forms are due at Roundtable. Commissioners will be on hand to answer any last minute questions.
- Don’t forget proper signatures, $40 Charter Fee, and new applications for newly registered members.

Investment in Character

Please help continue to make Scouting affordable and available to everyone. It is time to make sure that your unit is signed up for an Investment in Character presentation. If you have not signed your unit up for this year, now is the time. Please contact Rick House at postal.blue@hotmail.com.
**District Recognition Banquet**

The annual North Star District Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Gladstone Community Center Banquet Room. The banquet is a time when all North Star District leaders come together to review the accomplishments of the past year, recognize all of the Eagle Scouts of the past year, and also recognize the award recipients — including the District Award of Merit honorees. Fellowship starts at 6:00 pm, and dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. The cost to attend is $22.50 per adult and $17.50 per Eagle Scout. The cost increases to $25 and $20 after the January 3 Roundtable. If you plan on bringing nine people and would like to reserve an entire table, you can do so for an additional $10. Otherwise, it will be open seating.

For more information about the dinner, including how to register, go to the North Star Activities page at www.hoacbsa.org.

**Pinewood Derby — 2013**

On Friday, February 8 and Saturday, February 9, 2013, the fastest Pinewood Derby racers from each unit in the North Star District will gather to see who takes the top prize — Grand Champion.

We are still working on firming up a location where everybody can gather to cheer on these great competitors, so be on the lookout for more information at Roundtable.

**Klondike Derby — 2013**

The 2013 Klondike Derby will be held the weekend of January 12, 2013 at Smithville Lake.

The Klondike Derby is a fun and exciting event that will test your Scouts’ cold-weather Scouting skills.

Watch for more information in your unit mailbox at Roundtable.

**Camporee Recap**

The 2012 North Star District Camporee was a huge success. Over 1,120 Scouts, Scouters and staff enjoyed an action-packed weekend. Participants enjoyed a Civil War re-enactment, JOTA and Ham Radio demonstrations, tower climbing, demonstrations by public safety organizations — including a fly-in by the KCMO Police Department helicopter, and more. Even the Webelos had their own program. Thanks to John Peter and his staff for running an exciting event.

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**Investment in Character Campaign**

The Heart of America Council's Investment in Character campaign is kicking off — and the North Star District needs everybody to get involved. The Family Campaign goal for the district is $106,900. We can reach this goal if everyone helps out.

At the December Roundtable, you will be asked to sign up for an IIC presentation for your unit. Be sure to turn in a date for this presentation. Then, be sure to encourage everybody to participate. The funds raised help our council deliver a quality Scouting program to our youth.

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**2012 Cub Scout Advancement:** 55.0%

**2012 Boy Scout Advancement:** 52.9%

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The Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

December 2012/January 2013
January

3 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66204

3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66204
Merit Badge Counselor Training, OA Chapter 13
Meeting, Eagle Book Review

3 Re-charter Turn-In, 6:30 pm - 9 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66204

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

17 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66204

26 Klondike Derby
Shawnee Riverfront Park,
5800 Frisbie Road, Shawnee, KS

Webelos on Wheels
Webelos on Wheels is back on February 9, 2013 at UMKC. This exciting event is for all Webelos to learn about science and earn some unique achievement pins. Visit the Northern Tier Activities website for registration information. Questions? Contact David Wieliczka, WOW Chairman, at dwieliczka@gmail.com.

Pinewood Derby
Save the Date — March 8 & 9 — Shawnee United Methodist Church
- March 8 — Weigh-in & Set-up — 6 pm - 8 pm
- March 9 — Racing — 9 am - 1:30 pm

2012 Fall Camporee
Did you survive Camporee? This year’s Camporee featured Emergency Preparedness and a mock disaster. Nearly 450 Scouts camped at the Centennial Campground at Camp Naish. A big thanks to Dave Woy, chairman of the event, and the numerous volunteers that assisted.

2013 Annual Business Meeting
The Northern Tier District will hold its Annual Business Meeting on January 8 at 7 pm at Grace Christian Fellowship Church. Elections of various District Committee positions and Members-at-Large will take place at this time. All voting members of the district, including Chartered Organization Representatives, are strongly encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

Klondike Derby
Are you ready to take a step back in time? The period of this year’s Klondike is the Ice Age! Tigers, Wooly Mammoths and Mastodons...Oh MY!

Klondike Derby is January 26, 2013 at Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbie Road. For additional information or to register, visit the Northern Tier Activities website.

District Dinner
The 2013 District Dinner will be held February 12 at Old Shawnee Town. This adult recognition evening is a time to thank the many volunteers that help Scouting in Northern Tier. Award nomination forms recognizing 2012 Outstanding Leaders are due to the Council Service Center or at Roundtable on December 6, 2012. Late nominations will not be accepted. Only those who are nominated for their registered positions will be accepted.
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Pelathe Officers

District Chair  Mark Gleeson (785) 841-2334
District Commissioner  John Harman (785) 331-7384
Activities Chair  Richard Rawlings (785) 865-6306
Advancement Chair  Rich Bailey (785) 842-0842
Boy Scout Roundtable  Sandy Dixon (816) 721-3265
Camping Chair  Chris Golley (785) 842-4120
Cub Scout Roundtable  Natalie Archer (785) 727-0153
Eagle Board of Review  Rich Bailey (785) 842-0842
Finance Chair  Dale Denning (913) 383-1950
Membership Chair  Keith Wood (785) 841-7208
OA Advisor  Marlon Schneck (785) 865-0802
Public Relations Chair  Cindy Lynn (785) 550-1593
Risk Management Chair  Tom Volek (785) 865-5685
Training Chair  Eric Muetz (785) 550-9511
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair  Dave Ozaki (785) 331-5517
Venturing Chair  Audrey Taylor (785) 749-5722
Senior District Executive  Randy Kidder (816) 569-4954

2012 Cub Scout Advancement: 67.0%
2012 Boy Scout Advancement: 47.7%

December

1  District Committee Calendar Planning, 9:00 am - Noon
   First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS

6  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

January

3  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

17  District Committee & Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
    First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS

Investment in Character

Keith Wood is serving as chair for the 2013 Family Investment in Character campaign. He will be working to set up a presentation for each pack, troop and crew in the Pelathe District. Holding an Investment in Character presentation accomplishes two things. It helps to explain how Scouting in the Heart of America Council is funded and outlines the benefits provided to Scouts in our area.

When Keith or one of the other volunteers working with this year’s Investment in Character campaign contacts you, please help by setting up a unit presentation at a well-attended unit meeting early in the year. It is important that your presentation is completed before the end of March 2013. Blue and Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor are ideal times. We will be stressing that presentations should be less than 10 minutes.

Thank you in advance for supporting Scouting in the Pelathe District and the Heart of America Council.

Recharters Due at the January Roundtable

If you have not completed your unit recharter, now is the time to get started. Our goal is to recharter 100% of our units on time with all active Scouts and Scouters accounted for. Scouters, be sure that your training is up-to-date for your current position in your pack or troop. If there are any questions or concerns, talk with your unit commissioner or contact Randy Kidder at randy.kidder@scouting.org.

Webelos to Scout Transition

Help each of your second-year Webelos Scouts make their decision on which troop they would like to join this spring.

We often lose Scouts during the Webelos to Scout transition. Be sure to take time to explain to parents that the Boy Scout program is different and will provide their son with tremendous benefits that will serve him well throughout his life. Be sure to follow up with every Webelos Scout in your pack and help them make this crucial transition decision.

Fall Camporee and Webelos Woods

Thanks to our Camping Chair, Chris Golley, Troop 61, Troop 52 and everyone involved for their hard work on our fall Camporee and Webelos Woods. This year our events were held on separate weekends. Each of them had challenging weather. Our Webelos Woods campers faced below freezing night-time temperatures, unusual in early October. Our Camporee took place during a stormy fall weekend. Despite the weather, everyone who attended had a great time. And you know the old saying: you can’t build character in the sunshine!

District Committee and Commissioner Staff Meetings

Find a New Home

Starting back in October, our Pelathe District meeting location has changed. From now on we will be meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway in Lawrence.

Roundtables

Roundtables are a great place to find out what is going on in the district. Learn about the programs and training that will make your job easier. Meet new people and network. Roundtable is held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Lawrence. 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.

Two Eagle Scout brothers join Hank Booth to talk Scouting on KWLN Radio

Crew 3052 raises funds for their outstanding program
### Pioneer Trails Information

#### Pioneer Trails Officers

- **District Chair**: Larry Tyrl (816) 942-5648
- **District Commissioner**: Tom Holley (816) 942-1297
- **Activities Chair**: Carole Gaither (816) 523-5380
- **Advancement Chair**: Ross Whitacre (816) 718-3255
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: George Weaver (816) 590-3627
- **Camping Chair**: Bruce Day (816) 447-0750
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Deborah Topp (816) 444-9332
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Ross Whitacre (816) 718-3255
- **Finance Chair**: Morgan Olander (913) 649-6388
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- **OA Advisor**: Carole Gaither (816) 523-5380
- **Public Relations Chair**: Carol Jean DeFeo (816) 942-0675
- **Risk Management Chair**: Dennis Cross (913) 677-9613
- **Training Chair**: Sam Otto (816) 523-3315
- **Wood Badge/NYLTS Chair**: Pat Parks (816) 523-6382
- **Venturing Chair**: Mike McCauley (816) 358-6242
- **Senior District Executive**: Michael Farrell (816) 569-4950
- **Senior District Executive**: Khary Floyd (816) 569-4965

#### December

- **6 Roundtable, 7:30 pm**
  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO
- **6 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO
- **18 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**
  VFW Building, 3400 Broadway Ave., Kansas City, MO

#### January

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

### Investment in Character

It is time once again to begin our annual fundraising drive through the Investment in Character campaign. Please look at your unit's calendar for the best time to schedule a presentation this winter. Presentations are often done at unit events where families are in attendance, such as Blue and Gold Banquets or a Court of Honor. Please remember funds contributed help support Scouting throughout the Pioneer Trails District and the Heart of America Council. Please contact Mike Farrell at (816) 569-4950 or Michael.Farrell@scouting.org to schedule an Investment in Character presentation for your unit.

### District Dinner

The Pioneer Trails Annual District Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at Colonial Presbyterian Church. The District Dinner is an evening of fellowship and recognition for all of the adult volunteers in the Pioneer Trails District. The cost to attend is $18 per person which includes a catered dinner. Visit the Pioneer Trails Activities Website for a list of awards and consider taking the time to nominate the hard working volunteers in your unit or in the district: [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx). Registration forms for this event are available online. Contact George Weaver at (816) 590-3627 for more information.

### Recharter Turn-In

All units should plan on turning in their recharter paperwork at Roundtable on Thursday, January 3, 2013. Roundtables are held at Central United Methodist Church and begin at 7:30 pm. Recharter Handbooks were distributed earlier this year. Remember, every registered leader must be current on Youth Protection Training and all Direct Contact Leaders must be fully trained. For any questions, please contact Mike Farrell at (816) 569-4950

### 2012 Camporee

This year’s Camporee turned out to be a wet one. Hopefully next year we can conjure up some better weather to make sure that we can have a full day of program! Thanks to everyone who attended and special thanks to Carole Gaither and Ed Mulik.

### Save the Date for Merit Badge Academy

The 2013 Pioneer Trails Merit Badge Academy is coming up soon. We are working to secure the location to have a great event in 2013.

**Prerequisites are required for almost every merit badge. It is the responsibility of the boy to make sure all prerequisite requirements have been met before the Merit Badge Academy.**

Please see the “Course Requirements” link on the Pioneer Trails District Activities Website to view course prerequisites: [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx). The fee for Merit Badge Academy will be $5 per Scout. Registration forms can also be found on the website. In addition to turning in individual registration forms, Scoutmasters are asked to submit a form for the boys attending from their troop. For more information contact Chairman, Ross Whitacre, at (816) 718-3255 or rwhitacre1@aol.com.
January

3 Roundtable – Recharter Turn-In, 6:30 pm
College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham
Family Life Center, 2nd Floor,
2020 E. Sheridan, Olathe, KS
OA Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project Reviews
& MB Counselor Training

10 District Committee & Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Colonial Presbyterian Church,
12501 W. 137 St., Overland Park, KS

12 Merit Badge Forum — Session #1, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
California Trail Middle School,
13775 West 133rd St., Olathe, KS

17 Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm
New City Church,
7456 Niemen Rd., Shawnee, KS

26 Merit Badge Forum — Session #2, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
California Trail Middle School,
13775 West 133rd St., Olathe, KS

T-Bones Scout Night Campout
With the exciting completion of the 2012 World Series,
many of us would love to have the opportunity to step out
on the field and experience the game
from the vantage point of our favorite
players. The Kansas City T-Bones gave
some of our Scouts
the opportunity to do
just that earlier this
year when they hosted
their 10th annual
Scout Night Campout
on August 18. Area
packs and troops
gathered at Commu-
nity America Ballpark to watch the home
team battle the Laredo Lemurs. After the
game, Scouts set up camp in the outfield,
watched two movies on the big screen and played tag,
football, baseball and soccer under the stadium lights into
the wee hours of the morning.

Venturing Silver Award
The Red-Tailed Hawk District is pleased to announce that
two members of Crew 2085 received their Venturing Silver
Award: Sydney Owings and Sarah Samms. Congratulations
Venturers!

Send Us Your Stories!
Attention all Troops, Packs, and Crews! Has your unit par-
ticipated in something that was really cool or unique that
you would like to share with the entire council? We will be
devoting a section to each of you in the upcoming issues
of Adventures in Scouting: Troop Travels, Pack Programs,
and Crew Corner. Please submit your stories (150 words
or less) and pictures to Jon Geiger at jonathan.geiger@scouting.org. We will pick the top stories from each
group to include in upcoming issues.
Thunderbird Camporee a Huge Success

The Thunderbird Camporee offered a fun filled October weekend for units large and small at Camp Naish. “Off to the Races” — Camporee 2012 integrated the fundamentals of hiking and biking. Thunderbird’s very own James Freeman spearheaded a 5 mile course with various check points along the trek with an emphasis on team building and skill activities. The second part of their amazing race involved a 10 mile timed bike ride that was organized by Reggie Kelch. This trek placed focus not only on bike safety, but fun as well.

NASCAR Nationwide Series driver Scott Lagasse Jr. made a personal appearance at Camp Naish along with his No. 8 BSA Chevrolet. Scouts had the opportunity to meet Lagasse, take pictures and get his autograph. Lagasse was impressed by the Scout’s knowledge as he quizzed the Scouts over various facts of the Boy Scout program. With the help of loyal volunteers, this Camporee fulfilled Scout’s appetites for fun and adventure.

2013 District Awards Banquet

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2013 Thunderbird District Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 9. We will be returning to the Armacost Museum so plan ahead to participate in the silent auction.

Don’t forget to nominate deserving adults for recognition. Nomination forms for the Silver Oakleaf, Silver Acorn, Merle McConnell Cubmaster Award, Ernie Modlin Scoutmaster Award, and the District Award of Merit are available on the Thunderbird District website.

Save the Date — 2013 Klondike Derby

Be sure to mark January 19 on the calendar for the 2013 Klondike Derby. Details will be announced at Roundtable and posted on the Thunderbird District website soon.

Popcorn Sale

Don’t forget that all popcorn sale money is due to council by December 7, 2012. Units must pay on time to receive the extra percentage commission bonus.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the 2012 sale and distribution. Thanks to Kim Hein for her leadership as District Popcorn Kernel again this year.
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Trailhead Officers

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2012 Cub Scout Advancement: 72.6%

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Robert Kline’s Term as District Commissioner Coming to an End

At the end of 2012, Robert Kline will be ending his term as Trailhead District Commissioner. Kline has served in the position since 2009, where among other things, has helped the district achieve quality status all three years. His service as commissioner began in 2003 as a Unit Commissioner and in 2007 he was elevated to Assistant District Commissioner. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, Arrowhead Award, Commissioner’s Key and Distinguished Commissioner Award. He is a Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow.

Robert has many great memories of his service as District Commissioner. What he will miss most is the fellowship at district meetings, as well as the opportunity to share ideas with commissioners from other districts. Trailhead is very grateful to Robert for his service and wishes him well in continuing his involvement in Scouting.

Trailhead Welcomes New Crew

Trailhead is excited to introduce Venturing Crew 2333 to the Trailhead District. The crew is chartered to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish, meaning that the parish now features the “full family of Scouting.” The crew includes Eagle Scouts and adult leaders from Troop 333 in addition to other young men and young women from the parish.

Robert Kline arrived Friday evening and enjoyed a campfire. On Saturday they participated in outdoor programs before departing. Thank you to everyone that attended.

During the weekend of October 19-21, over 550 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and adults participated in the district’s Camporee at Lewis-Young Park in Louisburg, Kansas. Troop 92 did an excellent job of hosting the annual fall tradition. Troops arrived Friday evening and enjoyed an evening of dancing and music. On Saturday over 100 Webelos joined the party and participated in day-time programs, a cooking contest and a campfire on Saturday evening. Troop 92 was presented with the new Trailhead Camporee Cup at Saturday’s campfire. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to Carrie Nicol and her staff of volunteers that coordinated the entire weekend.

Rechartering in January

The time of year for rechartering all units in Trailhead is quickly upon us. Please make plans within your units to determine who will be leading your recharter efforts. Information on turning in your recharter packets is below:

- Date: January, 8 2013
- Place: Atonement Lutheran Church
- Time: Contact your Unit Commissioner

Trailhead Welcomes New Crew

With 2012 coming to a close it is time to look forward to 2013. The first month of 2013 will feature two annual district events.

- **District Dinner Slated for January 2013**
  - **Saturday, January 19**
  - **6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**
  - **Matt Ross Community Center, Overland Park, KS**
  - **Volunteer Chairman:** Bill Schneider, schneider52@yahoo.com

- **Merit Badge Forum**
  - **Saturday, January 5 & Saturday, January 26**
  - **8:00 am - 12:45 pm**
  - **Church of the Resurrection, Overland Park, KS**
  - **Volunteer Chairman:** Brian Rorie, thmbf@gmail.com
Recharter Turn-in Day, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Sunflower Elementary Library,
8955 Loiret Blvd., Lenexa, KS

District Dinner, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Kaw Prairie Community Church,
9421 Meadow View Dr., Shawnee, KS

Recharter 2013
On January 3, 12, and 17, the Trails West District will have 3 convenient locations for you to drop-off and complete your 2013 recharters. Please come to your assigned location and time. Be sure to bring your signed and completed charter with payment and any updated training records for all of your registered leaders. Also, please bring your filled out 2012 Journey to Excellence form.

Recharter Drop-Off Sites:
- **Thursday, January 3** — Holy Trinity Quigley Center:
  7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- **Saturday, January 12** — Lackman Library:
  10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Thursday, January 17** — Sunflower Elementary:
  6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

11th Annual Trails West District Dinner
The 11th Annual Trails West District Dinner will be held on January 26, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Kaw Prairie Community Church. Don’t miss out on a wonderful evening honoring volunteers from the district. The event will recognize the accomplishments of the Trails West District during the 2012 calendar year as well as unit and district leaders for their contribution to Scouting. Trails West District Outstanding Leader Awards and the District Award of Merit will be presented at the District Dinner. New Eagle Scouts from 2012 can attend for free and will be recognized.

This year’s speaker will be Frank Keck. Frank is passionate about leaving people better then he finds them. He is an Eagle Scout. He is an outstanding connector and facilitator. Frank has gathered years of experience with all kinds of groups making him an expert “People Whisperer.”

Be on the lookout for registration information at Roundtable and on the Trails West District Activities website.

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Scouts gather for a meal at the Trails West Cub Scout Family Campout at Camp Naish.
Twin Rivers District Dinner

The 2013 District Dinner is set for January 26 at Town Square in Paola, KS. Look for registration information soon and don’t forget to sign-up. This will be a great event with a “Football attire” theme. We hope you can make this fun event as we recognize the efforts and dedication of our many volunteer Scout leaders. Be sure to fill out a nomination form for your fellow Scouters at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TwinRivers/Activities.aspx.

Cub Scout Family Campout

The Twin Rivers District Cub Scout Family Campout was held Friday, October 12 – Saturday, October 13 at Lewis-Young Park in Louisburg, KS. A big thank you goes out to Kristy Paden for leading the Cub Campout and all her efforts organizing the event.

Fall Camporee Recap

The Twin Rivers District Fall Camporee was also held Friday, October 12 – Saturday, October 13 at Lewis-Young Park in Louisburg, KS. Unfortunately, the event was cut short early Saturday morning, but all who attended had a great time despite the weather. A big thanks to Chuck Smith for leading and organizing the “Amazing Race” Camporee.

Find us on Facebook

The Twin Rivers District is on Facebook. Join our page to stay up-to-date on upcoming events and discussions. Feel free to share your own Scouting updates and photos.

Happy Holidays from Twin Rivers

The Twin Rivers District would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. We hope you are able to spend time with your families and reflect on another great year of Scouting in the Twin Rivers District!
Start Your Engines!

NASCAR and Scouting take center stage at the Kansas Speedway.

See page 5 to find out why a new national alliance led to an exciting weekend for local Scouts.