“THEN & NOW”

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Does Your Unit Have a Leadership Succession Plan?

In just a few months school will be back in session and our annual Cub Scout recruitment drive will be in full swing. Did you know that this fall over 6,000 new youth will have their first experience in Scouting and join Cub Scouts in the Heart of America Council? Is your Pack ready to give these new Cub Scouts a positive experience? I can tell you, and I’m sure that you would agree, the first two months after a boy joins Cub Scouts is a critical time. Frankly, all a boy wants is to have some fun with his friends. New Cub Scouts do not drop out of Scouting after a year, the vast majority drop out in the first few months because of a poor program.

For many of our Packs, the process of selecting new Den Leaders is put off until the fall as new boys are being recruited. We really do a disservice to these new leaders and the youth they will be serving by not getting them on board in the summer and giving them some time to go through training. Having served as a Den Leader for three years with my son’s Pack, I have a great appreciation for the role of a Den Leader and the time it takes to put on a quality program.

The selection process of a new Den Leader should be just that, a selection. How often do we stand in front of a group of new parents at school night and ask for someone to volunteer to be the Den Leader? Now let’s look at this a different way. Imagine at a June/July Pack Committee meeting you review your current Den Leaders and those Dens that will need a new leader in the fall. Reviewing the roster of youth/parents in the Pack and even a school roster of new Tiger Cub age boys is a great starting point in the identification and selection for new den leadership. Once the Pack Committee has determined the best person to fill the role, set an appointment and take 2-3 members of the Pack Committee to make the request. The person you are asking will feel better about being asked and will have a month or two to complete training and start planning their den meetings.

This fall many of you will have a great opportunity to provide a lifelong positive impact on the lives of thousands of new Cub Scouts. Of the more than 6,000 new Cub Scouts that join this fall, how many will become an Eagle Scout? How many will become future Scout leaders because of the leadership you provided?

“If we take care of the moments, the years will take care of themselves.”

As always if you have any questions, comments or ideas let me know.

Kenn Miller
Scout Executive
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COUNCIL CALENDAR

**June 2012**

*For the complete 2012 Camp Session Calendar, go to scoutcaching.org.*

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**2012-2013 Program Planning Calendar**

Now Available
Scouts Spring into Service

This April, our Scouts worked to make their neighborhoods a better place to live. In coordination with the council’s “Spring into Service” campaign, each district conducted a Good Turn project aimed at giving back to the community. More than 1,000 Scouts and Scouters contributed an estimated 10,000 hours of community service through projects ranging from food drives to park clean-ups. Thank you to everyone who participated. Find more “Spring into Service” photos on your district page later in this issue. And don’t forget to log your service hours on the Journey to Excellence website. Go to www.hoac-bsa.org and click on “Journey to Excellence.”

Church Leaders Gather to Impact Scouting

On May 10, United Methodist Church and Scout leaders gathered to make an impact on Scouting. Bishops Scott Jones and Robert Schnase, Kansas and Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church, and 141 Pastors, Lay Leaders, United Methodist Men, Charter Organization Representatives and Scouters all took part in the dinner event at Woods Chapel United Methodist Church.

The event honored the nearly 100-year partnership between the two organizations and served as a recommitment to ensure that all youth in the Heart of America Council have the opportunity to grow in character and faith through the Full Family of Scouting — Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing.

All congregations represented recommitted to serving youth in their communities through the Scouting program, including further exploring the formation of new units. This is the first such event held in the Heart of America Council in recent history. Due to the success of the Bishops’ Impact Dinner, annual events to honor other charter partners are already being planned. Special thanks to Council Vice President of Membership, Keith Sickendick, for chairing this year’s event.

Brauer Named Director of Field Service

On May 14, Ray Brauer became the new Director of Field Service for the Heart of America Council. Brauer most recently served as the Director of Field Service for the Great Lakes Council headquartered in Detroit, Michigan. He is a native of Cole Camp, Missouri and a graduate of the University of Missouri. Brauer began his professional Scouting career in the Great Rivers Council in Columbia, Missouri and has also served Scouting in Indianapolis, Indiana and Pontiac, Michigan. He is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and has served over 14 years in Camp Staff positions. Ray and his wife, Mardell, have four children ages 2, 6, 10 and 13. Please welcome Ray and his family to the Heart of America Council family.

Ray Brauer
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Ray.brauer@scouting.org

Professional Staff Changes

Tiffany Bumgardner has accepted a promotion to District Director in the Northeast Illinois Council in Highland Park, Illinois effective June 1, 2012. Tiffany has served the Blue Elk District since November 2006.

Chris Rinella has accepted a promotion to District Executive in the Blue Elk District effective June 15, 2012. Chris has served the Red-Tailed Hawk District since March 2010.

Brent Blazek joined the Heart of America Council staff on May 16, 2012 as a District Executive in the Trailhead District. Brent is an Eagle Scout and a graduate of the University of Kansas.

Kerry Jorn joined the Heart of America Council staff on May 16, 2012 as an Exploring Executive. Kerry is a graduate of Park University.

Kimberly Otto will join the Heart of America Council staff on July 16, 2012 as a District Executive in the Red-Tailed Hawk District. Kim is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

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Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Popcorn Sale Pops Up Unbelievable Incentives

The 2012 popcorn sale is right around the corner and this year's incentives will have your Scouts selling for sure. In addition to gift card rewards, all Scouts who “Fill-it Up” this fall will receive tickets to a Kansas City Royals baseball game, UMKC basketball game and the NAIA Basketball Tournament. We’re also rolling out incentives to the top district and council popcorn sellers.

Another twist on the 2012 sale is the return of some fan favorites like the chocolate lover’s collection and tins. The sale runs September 7 – October 29 and now is the time to commit your unit to sell. Contact your district executive or visit www.hoac-bsa.org and sign-up today.

2012 Popcorn Sale Schedule:
- Training — Held by each district in August
- Show and Sell orders due — August 27
- Show and Sell pick-up — September 7 & 8
- Final orders due — October 29
- Final order pick-up — November 9 & 10
- Final payment due — December 7

Investment in Character Declares Victory

Wave the checkered flag! We’ve done it!

The Heart of America Council has successfully met and exceeded the goal set for the 2012 Investment in Character campaign. Over $1.8 million was raised through Family, Community, and Council efforts. Many of you heard the call and supported this annual campaign. Over $1.8 million was raised through Family, Community, and Council efforts. Many of you heard the call and supported this annual campaign.

Driving the victory lap for the Investment in Character campaign are the two co-chairs, John Martin and Gregg Riess. Their “pit crew” included chairmen from all 13 districts and the dedication everyone gave to this year’s campaign is unmatched.

Looking for more ways to support the Heart of America Council? Be on the lookout for upcoming events like the 2012 Bill Self and Boy Scout Golf Classics, Shooting Sports Classic and Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner.

Patron Luncheon Reaches Beyond the Summit

On April 19, a record crowd of more than 525 community leaders packed the Mariott Muehlebach in support of the 5th annual Patron Luncheon. The luncheon, part of the Heart of America Council’s Investment in Character Campaign, raised $520,000 for local Scouting programs.

Expert climber and explorer, Jeff Evans, served as guest speaker and captivated the audience with his inspiring story of leading blind climber Erik Weihenmayer to the summit of Mt. Everest. Jeff connected the life skills learned on Mt. Everest to those that our Scouts are learning today.

Special thanks to all table hosts and Eagle Scout Michael Brown, Euronet Worldwide Founder and CEO, for chairing this year’s luncheon.

Eagle Scout Julian Marshall delivers an inspiring testimonial on the importance of Scouting during the 2012 Patron Luncheon.

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Dennis Sachomski
Rockwood Summit High School
Staff by Ronald & Jane Newton
Cathy Tarcha
Mark & Cora Tarcha
Dennis Weldon

2012 Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic

Mark your calendars for August 27 and the 2012 Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic. Hit the links for a good cause with the KU head coach. The tournament tees-off at noon at the Lawrence Country Club. Teams are forming now. For registration or sponsorship information contact 2012 Tournament Chairman, Derek Bailey, at (785) 856-9418 or derek@lawrencebank.com.

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To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 41477, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Tammy Butterfield at (816) 569-4979.
Scout Day at the “K” Sets Attendance Record

On Sunday, April 22 a record crowd of more than 9,000 Scouts, Scout leaders and Scout families invaded Kauffman Stadium for the 3rd annual Scout Day at the “K” featuring the Royal Gathering of Eagles. Scouts took over the “K” with pre-game activities that included an event area for all Scouts and a reception for Eagle Scouts and their families.

On-field activities included a Scout Parade featuring more than 600 participants, an all Scout Color Guard, Scout First Pitch and Catch and more.

Festivities also included the presentation of the 2012 Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards. The award recognizes adult Eagle Scouts who have provided exemplary service to their communities.

All Scouts were also asked to give back to the community by bringing a canned food item to benefit Harvesters. In total, Scouts helped collect 3,839 pounds of food at the event.

Special thanks to 2012 Scout Day Chairman, John Heeter, Honorary Chairman, James Heeter, and the entire Scout Day Committee.

Find more Scout Day photos on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/heartofamericacouncil.bsa
Improvement Projects Change Face of Reservation

Soon thousands of campers will notice a big change at Bartle. That’s because a series of new improvement projects are changing the camp landscape. Slated for completion by the start of the 2012 camping season, projects include the construction of three new chapels — one for each camp, new council rings in Piercing Arrow and Lone Star, a new helipad, fans in all dining halls, newly painted water towers and an upgraded sanitation system. Special thanks to the council Properties Committee, Burns & McDonnell, Bledsoe Rentals and Ash Grove for their dedication to these projects.

Bartle Increases Connectivity

Internet connectivity will be even easier this summer. Wireless internet access will be available at all three dining halls in addition to the Bartle Program Center. Plans were developed by the council’s Technology Committee to allow easier access to the online Merit Badge system and for leaders to fulfill professional obligations while at camp.

Emergency Text Alert System

The emergency text alert messaging system will be operational again this summer at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Subscribers of this free service will be sent severe weather or camp emergency updates to their mobile phone. Go to http://mobile-text-alerts.com/BoyScouts to register.

A new ally will be watching the skies this summer. Thanks to a new partnership, AccuWeather will be providing weather monitoring and emergency alerts for all council Day Camps and summer camp programs at the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations. 24 hours a day, the new weather system will have 125 meteorologists tracking current conditions at all camps. The system guarantees a 24 minute warning in advance of incoming weather.

New Programs in 2012

First Aid Merit Badge
Radio Merit Badge
Kayaking Patrol Activity

Cinematography Merit Badge
Bird Study Merit Badge

Trading Posts Open for Business

The two Theodore Naish Scout Reservation Trading Posts are open to all campers and visitors. The larger Trading Post in Central Camp carries all Naish merchandise as well as some Scout Shop items. The Trading Post in Cub World features specific products for Cub Scout summer camp. For hours of operation visit www.scoutcaching.org.

YMCA Heads to Naish

Camp Naish will be hosting a destination camp for the YMCA this summer. 40-50 YMCA Day Camp participants will call South Camp home for seven weeks this summer. We look forward to showcasing our first-class facilities to a new group this summer.

Fall Mini-Camps

The Mini-Camp program is back this fall. Programs for Scouts and Venturers include shooting sports, climbing, COPE, Wilderness First Aid and more. Fall sign-ups are now available at www.hoacbsa.org/Programs/Activities/MiniCampWeekends.aspx.

Volunteers Needed

Interested in volunteering at Naish? Opportunities are now available for Campmasters, Maintenance Commissioners, Summer Camp Staff and Summer Camp Commissioners. For more information contact Cortland Bolles, Reservation Director, at (816) 569-4955 or Tanner Couvelha, Naish Ranger, at (913) 422-1035 or visit www.scoutcaching.org.

Naish Welcomes New Ranger

The Heart of America Council is proud to announce the appointment of Tanner Couvelha as the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation Ranger. Tanner is originally from Lansing, KS and served as a member of the Camp Naish Staff for 8 years. He is a Vigil Member in the Order of the Arrow and a Honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Tanner earned his degree in Construction Management from Pittsburgh State University and most recently served as a Project Manager for Kiewit Offshore in Corpus Christi, TX. Please help us welcome Tanner to the Naish family.
**SUMMER CAMP**

**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING**

**Welcome International Camp Staff**

This summer, the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations will welcome three international camp staff members. We are excited for the opportunity to expand our international camp staff program which allows us to share a new perspective on Scouting to all our campers this summer.

- **Shir Gilo**
  - Israel
  - Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

- **Tomas Ondriga**
  - Slovakia
  - Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

- **Tomas Slava**
  - Czech Republic
  - H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

**CUB SCOUT CAMPING**

**“Get Out and Get Camping” this summer with the Heart of America Council.**

**Day Camp**

Take adventure to the “Wild West” with Day Camp 2012. Day Camp is held in each district and is open to all Cub Scouts. Registrations are now being accepted. Go to www.scoutcamping.org for dates and locations.

**Bear Resident Camp**

Bear Camp begins June 10. There is still time to register, but act fast. Camp costs $75 per person and registration can be completed online at http://bearcamp2012.kintera.org. Scouts will participate in activities like a pirate ship water park, bb guns, campfires and overnight camping at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

**Webelos Resident Camp**

Webelos Camp starts June 24 and a few openings are still available. Contact Cheri Williams at (816) 569-4930 for more information and session availability. The cost of Webelos Camp is only $145 per person and includes activities like swimming, nature hikes, archery, model rocket building and a two-night camping experience.

For information about Cub Scout Camping Programs go to www.scoutcamping.org

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**BOY SCOUT & CUB SCOUT Days**

**AUGUST 18 & 19, 2012**

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*Add a catered hot dog meal for only $5.99.*

For details, call 913.312.3091 or email SVVGroupSales@schlitterbahn.com.

**Schlitterbahn REGATTA**

(Saturday, August 18 only).
Build a model boat at the park with provided materials. Race your boat in the river after park closing for a chance to win great prizes!
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 boarding, SCUBA diving, pistol shooting, and much more. The cost to attend is only $140. Call the HOAC Camping Department at (816) 569-4928 to register or visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Camping/VenturingCamping.aspx.

2012 Venturing Banquet
On April 20, the Council Venturing Officers’ Association (VOA) held its annual Venturing Banquet to honor the 2012 Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) recipients, introduce the 2012-13 VOA and recognize the success and growth of Venturing in the council over the past year. More than 95 people were in attendance and 11 VLA recipients were recognized for their dedication to the Venturing program. We welcomed Emily Thomas, Sydney Owings, Randy Park and Marilyn Ogan as the VOA Officers and introduced a new position, VOA Camping Ambassador, to be filled by Dani Stilwell.

Upcoming VOA & Council Venturing Events
Venturing Camp — June 19-23 — Camp Naish
VOA Meeting — June 22 — Venturing Camp
VOA Meeting — July 8 — Olathe Bass Pro Shop
VOA Meeting/Council Venturing Forum/Membership Event — August 11 — Camp Naish Cub World

Make a Difference at Rotary Scout Camp
Have you ever considered the difference that you could make in the life of a special needs Scout? The Heart of America Council’s Rotary Scout Camp offers a long term camping experience to Boy Scouts with disabilities. Located on Lake Jacomo in Lee’s Summit, MO, Rotary Scout Camp provides a unique experience to both campers and staff offering creative and educational opportunities in the outdoors.

We are currently looking for Camp Counselors (15 years or older) to help staff July 31 - August 8. Applications can be found on-line at www.hoac-bsa.org or at the Council Service Center. Space is limited so apply today. Questions? Contact Jacob Allen (816) 569-4962 or jacob.allen@scouting.org or Jerry Usry (913) 226-6800 or jerry_usry@yahoo.com.

Countdown to 2013 Jamboree
The 2013 National Jamboree at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve is only a year away. “Go Big and Get Wild” with activities like whitewater rafting, mountain biking, shooting sports and much more.

Half of the council contingent spots have already been filled so don't delay. Go to 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.

Scouts with Disabilities Day Camp
The 1st annual Scouts with Disabilities Cub Scout Day Camp will be held on August 18 at Rotary Camp, 22310 Colbern Rd., Lee's Summit, MO. This is a separate event only for Cub Scouts with disabilities and special needs. The cost is $10 and includes a T-shirt, lunch and snack. Each camper must be accompanied by a guide like a parent, guardian or caregiver. For more information or to register go to http://SWDdaycamp.kintera.org.
Wood Badge Reunion

On May 5, over 130 Scouts and Scouters gathered for fun, fellowship and food at the Heart of America Council Wood Badge Reunion at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Noted scout historian Colin Walker was the featured speaker. Colin spoke about Gilwell Park as well as the origins of Scouting. He also dedicated the Gilwell Oak Wood Carving to display at Naish. Thank you to Tom Johnson and the International Committee on Scouting for sponsoring Colin.

Fall 2012 Wood Badge Course

Leaders who have not experienced the fun and fellowship of Wood Badge have the opportunity this fall. Limited space is still available for courses to be held September 7-9 and September 28-30.

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is training for adult leaders from all Scouting programs. It provides participants with firsthand knowledge regarding how teams develop and achieve excellence. Participants take part in an active learning process through involvement in planning, development, presentation and assessment. Participants will enjoy a world-class learning experience that will strengthen their long-term commitment to Scouting and provide them with valuable leadership skills.

Go to www.hoac-bsa.org and “Supplemental Training” for more information.

Powder Horn 2012

September 14 -16, Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Powder Horn is designed to introduce Scout leaders and youth to exciting program possibilities for their unit. The ultimate goal is for the participants to leave the course with a list of ideas to help their program and the contacts and resources needed to implement them. Registration is now open. Go to www.hoac-bsa.org and “Supplemental Training” for more information.

New Merit Badge Sneak Peek

What new Merit Badges will they think of next? We have the inside scoop on new Merit Badges coming to a Troop near you.

- Search and Rescue
  Estimated release: 2012
- Programming
  Estimated release: 2012-2013
- Game Design
  Estimated release: 2013
- Animation
  Estimated release: 2013-2014

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
Community Service Day Benefits City of Waverly

Giving back is what Scouting is all about and thirty Scouts and Scouters from the Big Muddy District worked to make their community a better place to live. Last summer, torrential flooding created a number of problems throughout the Waverly community. This past April, Scout volunteers worked to clear sandbags from levees in order to make a difference. Special thanks to Steve Graver and Darrell Underwood for organizing the cleanup project.

Venturer Honored with Prestigious Award

Danielle Stilwell, a sophomore at Odessa High School, was awarded the Venturing Youth Leadership Award. Dani was presented this honor because of her outstanding leadership skills. When Pack 4286 lost their Webelos Leader, Dani took the initiative and stepped in as the interim leader. While serving in this capacity she helped one Scout earn his Arrow of Light and another earn his Webelos badge.

In addition to her leadership to the Cub Scout Pack, she has also given back to her own crew, which she helped start more than two years ago. Dani has held the leadership positions of both President and Secretary in Crew 2675. She has served on staff at the Big Muddy Cub Scout Day Camp, Bear Camp, Rotary Camp and the ROTC Program. Recently Dani was elected Camping Ambassador to the council’s Venturing Officers Association (VOA).

Investment in Character

Thank you to all of the generous supporters of the annual Investment in Character Campaign. Your support will ensure that the district remains fiscally responsible and help us continue to support the large number of requests for camperships and financial assistance.

Congratulations to the following units for reaching their 2012 Investment in Character Goal: 1611, 4120, 4415, 4453

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New Ordeal Candidates

On March 25, 2012, Troop 1258, Concordia, held elections for the Order of the Arrow. They were the first troop in the Big Muddy District to have an election since the newly initiated OA membership drive.

Big Muddy’s New Sachem

Please be sure to congratulate Steve Graver, the Waverly Scoutmaster, for receiving the additional responsibility of Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Big Muddy Day Camp

The dates for the Big Muddy Cub Scout Day Camp are set! Start making plans to attend the 2012 Big Muddy Day Camp June 4-7 at Dyer Park in Odessa.

Big Muddy Catfish Tournament

Thank you to everyone who supported the Big Muddy Catfish Tournament on May 19. All in attendance had a great time and all agree that at the end of the day local Scouting was the real winner. Thanks to all the participants and the community of Waverly.
Blue Elk Scouts Spring into Service
On April 21, more than 75 Blue Elk Scouts made a point to make a difference in their community. Scouts and volunteers packed the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs, MO as part of the council’s Community Good Turn Days. Blue Elk Scouts completed more than 300 hours of community service through a number of clean-up projects at the farm. Special thanks to Greg Dowell and Kerry DeHaan for their leadership of this year’s project.

Blue Elk Officers
District Chair Matt Beem (816) 876-9393
District Commissioner Bud Hastings (816) 224-2552
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Camping Chair LeRoy Short (816) 560-2943
Cub Scout Roundtable Kenn Naylor cnaylor@swbell.net
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Public Relations Chair Peter Muelleman (816) 478-1830
Risk Management Chair Mike Cook (816) 508-6019
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 Grant.Dealy@scouting.org
District Executive Ross Schaffer (816) 569-4926 Ross.Schaffer@scouting.org

Investment in Character: 68.4%
2012 Boy Scout Camping: 78.1%
2012 Cub Scout Camping: 60.8%

June
7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School,
3930 S RD Mize Rd. Blue Springs, MO 64015

July
9-13 Day Camp
American Legion Farm,
499 Legion Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014

Journey to Excellence Service Hours
As your units are completing service projects you should be logging those hours on the myscouting.org website.

Unit Visit Tracking System (UVTS)
If you are a commissioner this should be a familiar term. Don’t forget to log your visits with your units. If you are having issues logging into the system contact Leslie Staack at the council office. For information on commissioner service or how to become a commissioner contact Bud Hastings, District Commissioner.

2012 Blue Elk Day Camp
It’s not too late to sign up for Day Camp….

• July 9-13, 2012
• American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Dr. Blue Springs, MO 64014

Cub Scout Recruitment
Mark August 2 on your calendars now for the School Night Kick-off celebration! We look forward to seeing a representative from each pack to go over some of the new ideas of our recruitment nights. Watch for updates from our School Night Chairman, Scott Howell.

Unit/Volunteer Spotlight
The Unit/Volunteer Spotlight for the June/July issue of Adventures in Scouting goes to pack 4485 out of William Yates Elementary and Pack 4053 out of Franklin Smith Elementary. On April 26 Blue Elk volunteers and staff and volunteers from Alpha Phi Omega put on a field day for our two in-school special needs packs. The boys and girls of packs 4485 and 4053 participated in relay races, matching games, face painting and much more. This was the 5th annual Field Day.

Thank you to everyone involved for putting on another successful event!

Our field day was featured in the Kansas City Star and the Independence Examiner on April 27. Thank you to Pete Muelleman, District Public Relations Chair, for securing such great publicity for this event.
**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 Julian Rivette (816) 569-4947 or Jose Romero (816) 569-4973 to make a contribution. Thank you for investing in the future of our district and council.

**Great Opportunity for Service Hours for your Troop or Crew**

The Kaw District is looking for young men and women to help run activities at the Kaw District Day Camp. For more information on the Wild West Cubs Day Camp contact Laura Trotta Camp Director, (913) 963-5009 or pumpkin@thetrottas.net or Sandey Broman, Program Director, at (913) 486-6021 or sandeyb@me.com.

**Kaw’s Twin Eagle Scouts**

On behalf of the Heart of America Council and The Kaw District we would like to congratulate the Kaw District’s twin Eagle Scouts. Trey and Sam Stowe are from Troop 5 out of Trinity United Methodist Church. Trey achieved the rank of Eagle on December 12 and Sam earned his on February 2. Trey and Sam are the sons of Tim and Ramona Stowe.

![Eagle Scouts Trey and Sam Stowe](image)

**13th Annual Kaw District Pinewood Derby**

On March 24, the Kaw District and General Motors hosted the 13th Annual Kaw District Pinewood Derby. The Kaw District would like to thank the more than 50 scouts who participated in the Pinewood Derby. A big congratulations goes out to our top three finishers:

1st place — John Robbins, Pack 3109
2nd Place — Ryan Auten, Pack 3169
3rd Place — Anthony Krebs, Pack 3001

**Wyandotte County United Way Agencies Salute Volunteers of the Year**

The Kaw District would like to congratulate Rob Richardson for receiving the Wyandotte County United Way Agencies Volunteer of the Year Award. Rob was one of many who received this prestigious award. Since 1998 Rob has held several positions with the Boy Scouts of America, including committee member as well as Relationships Chairman for the Kaw District. Rob is also an active member in his son’s troop. Let's congratulate Rob on a job well done.
Lone Bear Officers

District Chairman  
Allen Huff  
(660) 351-0578

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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  
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Cub Scout Roundtable  
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(660) 864-5061

Wood Badge/NYLT Chair  
Steve Foote  
(660) 309-0619

Venturing Chair  
Vacant

Senior District Executive  
Josh Morales  
(816) 569-4961  
josh.morales@scouting.org

Investment in Character: 117.2%

2012 Boy Scout Camping: 67.6%

2012 Cub Scout Camping: 82.1%

June

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

11-14 Day Camp  
Artesian Park, Clinton, MO

July

No District Events

Investment in Character

The Lone Bear District has officially reached its 2012 Investment in Character goal. Thank you to everyone who supported the 2012 campaign.

Fall Recruitment

It’s that time again. Our district team is ready to help with your recruitment needs this fall and planning starts now! Use the summer to meet with your unit committee and develop a program plan for those new youth you will recruit in the fall. For information contact Ronda Weinmann.

Journey to Excellence

Don’t forget to keep an eye on your unit’s progress towards Journey to Excellence. JTE is more than just a form at the end of the year. If you need help understanding the process, please contact Arnie Sauther, JTE Chairman. Also, don’t forget to work with your commissioner so that we get everyone to GOLD in 2012.

Check us out on Facebook

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

Lone Bear Day Camp

This year we’re “Roll’n West” and it’s not too late to sign up! This year we’re having fun with trains, cars, planes and westward expansion.

• June 11-14 at Artesian Park in Clinton
• Camp costs $70 per youth.
• New scouts may attend at a discounted rate of $50.
  Please contact Kathy Cooper if you have questions.

*Please note that there will be no Tot Lot available. This means that children who are not registered Cub Scouts will not be able to attend Day Camp.

2012 Popcorn Sale

Popcorn is an easy, risk free way to earn money for your unit.

• Please plan to attend our leader orientation at roundtable in August.
• Please contact our new District Popcorn Kernal to confirm your participation in the sale: Kevin Wilson (816) 898-3597 or kwilson72668@yahoo.com.

Cubmaster Chris Cluckey kicks off Pack 4405's first meeting at Whiteman AFB.
North Star Officers

District Chair  Jeff Goertz  (816) 781-8403
District Commissioner  Mike Cash  (816) 645-3237
Activities Chair  Tim Helton  (816) 694-6688
Advancement Chair  John McBurney  (816) 781-6983

Boy Scout Roundtable  Monique Downing  Monique2017@hotmail.com
Camping Chair  Jeff Tyler  (816) 505-2017
Cub Scout Roundtable  Angie Conway  (816) 584-8664
Eagle Board of Review  Bill Moberly  (816) 781-6923
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Membership Chair  Brent Cable  (816) 918-4800
OA Advisor  Jonathan Petrey  (816) 587-2329
Public Relations Chair  Brian Blake  (816) 746-6797
Risk Management Chair  Mark Tomes  (816) 454-2576
Training Chair  Greg Plumb  (816) 309-2049
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair  Jeanie Salmon  (816) 222-4878
Venturing Chair  Maggie Jackson  (816) 415-9440

Senior District Director  Brian Tobler  (816) 569-4985
Senior District Executive Jenna Murphy  (816) 569-4948
District Executive  Katie DeHardt  (816) 569-4949

June

7  District Roundtable & Program Fair, 7:00 pm
   KC MO Police Training Academy,
   6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Kansas City, MO
   Includes Youth Protection Training, Merit Badge Counselor Training & OA Chapter Mtg.

11-14  Day Camp
   Platte County Fairgrounds, Tracy, MO

12  District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
   North Cross United Methodist,
   1321 NE Vivion Rd., Kansas City, MO

14  District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
   St. Luke Presbyterian,
   4301 NE Vivion Rd., Kansas City, MO

2012 North Star Day Camp

The 2012 North Star District “Wild West” Day Camp will be held June 11-14 at the Platte County Fairgrounds in Tracy, MO. Here are a few quick items for all those attending:

- Health Forms and the Photo Release form can be turned in at any Roundtable. Can’t make it to Roundtable? Call Angie Conway at (816) 587-7580. She will work with you to get the forms submitted.
- We are still looking for staff to help out. This is a great opportunity to provide a quality and fun program for all Cub Scouts. Contact Melinda McCombs at glassgirl@kc.rr.com for staffing opportunities.
- Wednesday, June 13 is Family Night. This year, the entertainment will be provided by Pistol’s and Petticoats.

North Star Welcomes New Executive

I am very excited to start my new role with the Heart of America Council as Senior District Executive for the North Star District. I am looking forward to the challenge and opportunity to continue my career in the largest district in the council.

My Scouting involvement started in college as an intern with the Coronado Area Council in Salina, KS. While attending Kansas State University, I interned with the Konza District and my first role as an intern involved Archery Instructor at Cub Scout Day Camp. I was very fortunate to receive a job right out of college with the Boy Scouts of America and have enjoyed working with and learning from the many dedicated volunteers in the Scouting program.

I have served the past 4 years as the District Executive and Senior District Executive in the Trailhead District in eastern Johnson County. I am an Honored Woman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and an Ordeal Member in the Order of the Arrow.

I grew up on a family farm south of Abilene, in central Kansas. After graduation, I attended Johnson County Community College on a tennis scholarship, and then transferred to Kansas State University. I received a degree in Journalism and Mass Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations from KSU…EMAW!

When I’m not Scouting, I enjoy being outdoors, playing tennis, slow pitch softball and running. I just completed my first half marathon last fall and have plans to run another here soon.

I look forward to meeting all of you at upcoming district events. I am here to serve you and to help Scouting grow and thrive in this community. If you ever need anything, please feel free to contact me at jenna.murphy@scouting.org or (816) 569-4948. Thanks for the many hours you dedicate to Scouting to instill values and character development to numerous youth.

Yours in Scouting,
~Jenna Murphy

Scouts Pave the Way for Improvement

On Saturday, April 21, John Peter assembled a great staff to coordinate the North Star District’s Community Service Day. Mulch was spread on the walking trail at the Kansas City Police Department Academy’s Trail of Heroes. A total of 116 Scouts and Scouters and 9 Kansas City Police Department volunteers spread 150 cubic yards of mulch. A total of 550 hours of community service was performed.

Channel 41 Action News even stopped by for a live report. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Eagle Scout Board of Review Guest Chairman

Looking for an Eagle Board of Review Guest Chairman?

Contact: Bill Moberly (816) 781-4455 or mo4455@sbcglobal.net or District Advancement Chairman, John McBurney, (816) 781-6923 or bsajnc@sbcglobal.net

They will make sure that your Eagle Scout Board of Review is a success. Remember, if you plan on having an Eagle BOR at Camp, you still need to call and get a Guest Chairman.
Thank you to Nathan Roney and his team for putting on another successful Pinewood Derby!

Cub Recruitment is Almost Here

Summer is a great time to contact potential new members. One group you should be reaching out to is the incoming first grade boys. Have your pack parents begin calling the parents of potential members and let them know about all the fun happening this fall in your pack. Be sure to let them know when your sign up night is.

Scouting Fun Facts

- Of the 294 US astronauts, more than 180 had been Boy Scouts in their youth; 40 are Eagle Scouts.
- 11 of the 12 astronauts who walked on the moon were Scouts.
- Famous Eagle Scouts include: Steven Spielberg, Sam Walton (Wal-Mart), and Walter Cronkite (Journalist)
- Recipients of the Silver Buffalo Award include: Bob Hope, Walt Disney, and Vince Lombardi
- Actors who were in Scouts: Harrison Ford, Ashton Kutcher, Richard Gere, and Henry Fonda.

Special thanks to all the unit presenters and community campaign workers for helping to make this year’s campaign a success!

Investment in Character Campaign

We are wrapping up our campaign and a big THANK YOU to all that have contributed to the campaign.

Pack 3851 takes part in the all Scout parade at Scout Day at the “K” on April 22.
Investment in Character — Goal $37,750

Congratulations to Joe Stellwagon, Family Investment in Character Chairman, Dale Denning, Community Investment in Character Chairman, and their workers for an outstanding 2012 campaign. The Pelathe District faced a challenging combined goal of $37,750 for the Family and Community campaigns. Thank you to Scouting families, as well as the individuals and businesses that generously support Scouting in the Pelathe District and the Heart of America Council.

Are You Tougher than an Eagle Scout?

Troop 59 Eagle Scout John Bergman has accomplished some incredible things during his college career at Kansas University. As a senior in the ROTC program he was a first-place finisher in the 18th Annual Ranger Buddy Competition hosted by KU. John along with his buddy in the competition, Stuart McConnell, finished on top of a field of 130 teams from 28 colleges. It was the second year in a row that John won the competition.

The Ranger Buddy competition is a way for cadets to test their skills against ROTC members from other schools. The competition started at 5 am with a 15 kilometer march carrying a 30-pound rucksack. Teams then competed in eight miniature obstacle courses featuring physical and mental challenges. The day ended with a 5 pm 10-kilometer run.

Scouting For Food

2012 marked the 25th anniversary of Scouting for Food in the Pelathe District. Each year, more food is collected and more Scouts participate. This year we welcomed the Girl Scouts to our community good turn project in Lawrence and with their help we increased the number of cans collected in Lawrence, Eudora and Baldwin City.

In Eudora, Scouting for Food is truly a community effort. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Methodist Youth, High School students and Troop 64 alumni all worked together on our project.

Congratulations to John Scott and everyone involved. This year's drive collected more than 9,900 cans that will help stock food pantries in our communities.

Trails End Popcorn Sale Set for August

It is time to select your Popcorn Kernal, set your unit and Scout sales goals, and set the date for your unit kickoff! Also please plan to attend the district Popcorn Training and Kickoff on August 2 which will be held as a part of the Pelathe District Roundtable. Learn about this year’s incentive program and the additions to the product line up. The Trails End Popcorn Sale is a great way for Scouts to earn money needed for Scouting activities and to support the camping facilities of the Heart of America Council.

Day Camp

It’s not too late to attend! Amy Isenberg and Christen Coble are planning an exciting program based on a western theme for the 2012 Cub Scout Day Camp. The camp will be held on June 4-7 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Contact Amy for more information at amy@sway.org.

Find us on Facebook

We want you to be a fan! You can find our page by searching Facebook for “Pelathe District, HOAC, BSA.”
June

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

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

9 Day Camp Staff/Walking Leader Training,
10:00 am
HOAC Office

18-21 Day Camp
Longview Lake Group Camping Area
(High Grove Rd. E of Raytown Rd.)

July

No District Events

District Scouts Give Back

On April 21, Scouts and leaders from the Pioneer Trails District worked to make a difference in their community. Our Scouts gave back through a clean-up project at the Eagle Fountain at 39th & Gillham.

A special thank you goes out to Carole Gaither for helping to organize this year’s project.

Day Camp 2012

It is not too late to sign up for Pioneer Trails Day Camp 2012. Our Day Camp Director is Chris Bowling and the theme for this year is Wild West Cubs. The Day Camp Staff has prepared an exciting program for your boys to enjoy. The cost is $70 until June 17. The cost is $75 on or after June 18. If you have any questions, you can contact Chris at (913) 660-2165 or by email at Daycampman@yahoo.com.

2012 Popcorn Sale

One of the main ways to fund your Scouting program is through the popcorn sale. It’s also a great way for boys to earn prizes for being top sellers. If you have questions or would like to sign your unit up for the 2012 sale, contact our District Popcorn Chairman, Grant Adams, at (913) 904-2918 or grant_adams@hotmail.com.

Cub Family Campout

Save the date for the weekend of October 5-6 for the annual Cub Family Campout. This event will be held Friday night to Saturday morning at the Longview Lake Group Camping Area. The Cub Family Campout is for all Cub Scouts and their families. All in attendance will look forward to spending an evening under the stars while roasting marshmallows, singing campfire songs and playing games. Breakfast will be served Saturday morning and Cub Scouts are invited to participate in the program areas through the day. Dinner will also be served on Friday night. Be on the lookout for more information at roundtable.

Camporee 2012

Mark your calendars for October 5-7 and the Pioneer Trails District Camporee. Camporee is for all troops in the Pioneer Trails District. We will be camping at the Longview Lake Group Camping Area. Be on the lookout for more information at roundtable.
Red-Tailed Hawk
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Red-Tailed Hawk District is on Facebook! Get people in your unit to “Like” the page, send Randy Warner a group photo of your unit at an event, and you can be the cover photo on the RTH page! https://www.facebook.com/pages/Red-Tailed-Hawk-District-Boy-Scouts-of-America/223429961039331

**Investment in Character:** 101.7%

**2012 Boy Scout Camping:** 71.4%

**2012 Cub Scout Camping:** 69.6%

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**Community Day of Service**

**“Tremendously Productive”**

Excerpts from Olathe e-news release on 4/30/12

More than 450 Scout volunteers from the Red-Tailed Hawk District spent their Good Turn Day on Saturday, April 21 working in and around Olathe’s parks and trails. The group completed projects in more than 20 locations and gave back more than 1,500 hours of service to the community.

“It was a tremendously productive day,” said Liz Newman, senior horticulturist. “Everyone worked hard and got a lot of work done in 25 different locations!”

The date for next year’s Community Day of Service has already been set for April 13, 2013.

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**Prepare for an Alien Invasion**

A team of Red-Tailed Hawk Scouters have begun formulating plans to combat aliens that are expected in the fall, perhaps coinciding with Cub Family Campout and Camporee. Think Ghost Busters, War of the Worlds, the Blob, and Men in Black. No amount of advanced planning should be considered irrelevant to the potential threat of this invasion! Spread the word, and there’s more to come. Contact Randy Warner for details on how to get involved at (913) 782-4754 or scouting.randx@gmail.com.

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**Cub Scouts Prepare for The Wild West**

It’s not too late to register for Day Camp. Camp Directors Doug Westerhaus and Alicia Jeffcoat have been busy planning an exciting week for your Cub Scouts. BB Guns, Archery, crafts, fishing, the Monkey Bridge and water slide are some of the fun things to do at camp. It is only $70.00 per Scout to attend camp if he is registered before the start of camp. The cost to register on-site during the week of camp is $75.00. All new Cub Scouts, regardless of rank, are $55.00 to attend camp.


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**Red-Tailed Hawk Soars Past Family Investment in Character Goal**

Thank you to all of the families and friends of the Red-Tailed Hawk district who made a pledge to the Family Investment in Character campaign this year. Because of your support, the Red-Tailed Hawk District met and exceeded our goal of $75,000 in pledges for the Family campaign. A special thanks to Dan Himmelberg, Family Investment in Character Chair, for his countless hours of dedication and hard work to meet our goal. Congratulations to the following units, who at the time of this publication have met their IIC goal for the year:

- Packs — 3030, 3086, 3102, 3191, 3200, 3201, 3202, 3203, 3204, 3210, 3218, 3362, 3476, 3783, 3784
- Troops — 85, 122, 218, 222, 240, 315, 324, 412, 783, 784
- Crews — 2085, 2783, 2784

**Team — 6783, 6784**

The Investment in Character Campaign keeps scouting an affordable, effective youth development program. It funds the council's infrastructure, or general operating portion of the budget, and provides a support system for the more than 15,000 volunteers and 700 community organizations who partner with the Heart of America Council.

To inquire about your unit’s Investment in Character goal or your unit’s progress for 2012 please contact Chris Rinella at chris.rinella@scouting.org or (816) 569-4929.
Community Good Turn Helps Feed the Hungry

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thunderbird District’s Community Good Turn Day on April 21. Scouts and Scouters throughout the district helped collect food for the hungry.

Special thanks to Jason Davis for his leadership of this year’s project.

School Night for Scouting — Fall Recruitment

Roundtable on August 7 will serve as the 2012 Fall Recruitment Kickoff. Learn about the 2012 School Night plan, find out about and receive promotional resources, meet the district School Night teams and learn more about the pack’s role in School Night.

Each unit must send a School Night Representative or a substitute representative.

You should also make plans to attend your school’s back-to-school night. Make sure to promote your pack and secure contact information so you can follow up with prospective new members. If you would like to know how many boys in your school(s) are eligible to join Cub Scouts contact Barb January, School Night Chair, at barbaraj@hickmanmills.org or (816) 519-2976.

District Popcorn Sale Kick-off

Coming in August. Be on the look-out for the date coming soon!

Investment in Character

It was another great year for Investment in Character in the Thunderbird District. Many units were able to meet their goal and earn free rank advancement and we’d like you to do the same. Some of you are very close. A big thank you goes out to Bob Borgelt for his leadership of the Family Investment in Character campaign. If your unit has not conducted a presentation yet please contact your District Executive.

Day Camp

2012

Boys who go to camp stay in scouts and it’s not too late to register for Day Camp.

• June 25-29
• Jerry Smith Park

This year’s theme is “Wild West Cubs.” Register today. The cost to attend camp is $70.00 per Scout if you register in advance. The price is $75 at the door so don’t wait. New Scouts are $50 anytime. Check out www.hoac-bsa.org for information or contact John Baker at (816) 318-8468 or stl2kc@gmail.com or Kelly Clasen (816) 225-2935 or webelokelly@aol.com for staff information.

2012 Cub Family Campout

You’re invited to the annual Cub Scout Family Campout October 5-6 at Unity Village. This is a great camping opportunity for new Scouts right after fall recruitment. Even though this event is designed for younger Scouts, all are welcome. Participants will enjoy a night of camping, games and much more. For more information contact Laura Crotty at (816) 322-2617 or crotty_laura@sbcglobal.net.
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### Investment in Character: 101.0%

### 2012 Boy Scout Camping: 75.3%

### 2012 Cub Scout Camping: 59.6%

### June

**4-8** Day Camp  
Shawnee Riverfront Park,  
5800 Frisbee Rd., Shawnee, KS

**7** Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
Includes OA Chapter Meeting, Merit Badge Counselor Training & Eagle Project Reviews

**12** District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Jewish Community Center,  
5801 W 115 St., Overland Park, KS

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

### Trailhead District Springs into Service

Hundreds of Scouts across the council participated in Community Service Day on April 21, including Trailhead packs, troops and crews. Area parks were spruced up for the summer by Scouts. Thanks to all the units who participated and cleaned up the parks. Special thanks to Bethany Almloff for her leadership of the project.

### 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.

### Cub Scout Recruitment

NOW is the time to start talking up Cub Scouts to the boys in your school. Kindergarteners can join June 1 and attend the excitement of Day Camp. Promote and market your Cub Scout pack at upcoming ice cream socials, back to school nights and let other boys know about all the fun things you do in Cub Scouts!

### Investment in Character

Thank you to all the dedicated supporters of Scouting who have already “Invested in Character.” The Trailhead District is currently at 101% of our 2012 goal. We appreciate your continued generosity to the Scouting program.

### Webelos Woods

A big thank you goes out to Troop 257 for hosting a great Webelos Woods event April 20-21. Camp Naish and Cub World was full of Webelos learning about Boy Scouts through model campsites, bb guns, archery and water bottle rockets.

### Troop 92 Assists Joplin Reforestation

On May 5, Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 92 in Leawood, KS participated in the largest single day tree planting event in Joplin, MO nearly one year after a devastating tornado destroyed the town.

Working beside employees from Cargill Industries, which donated the trees, Scouts planted, watered, and mulched new trees for Garvin Park. After lunch, the group moved to Cunningham Park where a memorial to those lost in the tornado sits. Scouts watered trees and bushes all afternoon using 5 gallon buckets to help nurture the newly planted saplings with about 8,000 gallons of water.

The Scouts collapsed into their tents that night as they camped at the Frank Childress Scout Reservation near Diamond, MO with a good feeling from a job well done. Plenty of opportunity exists for Boy Scout Troops to assist in the reforestation of Joplin. It is estimated that 15-20 thousand trees were lost to the tornado, approximately 6,000 trees have been planted since the tornado and 4,000 are slated for planting next fall. Watering assistance will remain a challenge this summer. Contact Ric Mayer, Community Forestry Recovery Coordinator, at Ric.Mayer@mdc.mo.gov to plan your Troop’s trip to Joplin.

Scouts set their sights on fun at Webelos Woods.
July
No District Events

Trails West Community Service Day
Thank you to all the Trails West Scouts and Scouters who gave back to our communities on April 14, 21 and 28. Over 200 participants contributed an estimated 565 hours of community service. Projects took place at Black Hoof Park in Lenexa; Olathe Memorial Cemetery and Rolling Ridge Trail in Olathe; and the Gardner Greenway Corridor. Projects included everything from trash and trail clean-up to landscaping. A big thank you goes out to the cities of Lenexa, Olathe and Gardner for their leadership of this event.

School Night for Scouting
Before your Pack heads to camp, make sure you’re ready for the fall. In order to set the stage for another successful fall all packs have been asked to identify a Pack School Night for Scouting Representative. This person will serve as the liaison between your pack and the district to ensure your School Night goes off without a hitch. Please provide the name of your Pack Representative by June 7 to Jason Bledsoe (816) 569-4984 or jason.bledsoe@scouting.org

Investment in Character
The 2012 Investment in Character Campaign is nearly complete. Congratulations to Packs 3095, 3180, 3439, 3648, 3808, 3888; Troops 83, 88, 186, 369, 439, 648; Crews 2286, 2439, 2648; and Teams 6439, 6648 for achieving their 2012 goal. These units have earned free rank advancement through March 31, 2013.

Day Camp 2012
“Wild West Cubs 2012”
June 11-14 — Lake Olathe Old Golf Course (Santa Fe & Wardcliff)
Cost: $70 if paid by June 8
Pack Coordinator and Walking Leader Training: Thursday, June 7 — Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 6:00pm
More Information: Bill O’Connor (913) 302-8549 or billoconnor7@yahoo.com
Or http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/DayCamp.aspx
Wild West Cub Scout Day Camp
Saddle up your horses, round up your Cub Scouts and head out to the Miami County Fairgrounds June 4-7 for Cub Scout Day Camp "Wild West Cubs." Registration is now available at www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TwinRivers/DayCamp.aspx

District Community Service Day
Nearly 100 Scouts and volunteers gave back to our community on April 21 for the Twin Rivers District Community Service Day at the Cedar Cove Feline Conservatory in Louisburg, KS. Scouts participated in trail maintenance projects, painting, litter clean-up, and other projects at the facility. Thank you to Anita Pace for helping to organize this project.

Cub Scout Fall Recruitment
Now is the time to get ready for School Night, our annual Fall Recruitment Campaign. Mark your calendars to attend the District School Night Kick Off on August 2 at First

Presbyterian Church in Paola. The evening will start at 6:00 pm with a fish fry followed by the kick-off meeting at 7:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share for dinner. Each pack will need to have a representative to receive all the details on the School Night campaign. This summer don’t forget to contact incoming first grade families about all the great programs your pack does. You can send emails, make phone calls or just talk to families about joining the fun of Cub Scouts.

2012 Investment in Character Campaign
Thank You for helping the Twin Rivers District reach over 100% of our 2012 Investment in Character goal. Congratulations to Pack 3063, Pack 3099, Pack 3100, Pack 3101, Troop 74, Troop 100, Troop 105, Troop 106, Troop 118, Troop 125, Troop 126 and the Gardner LDS Ward for achieving goal and receiving Free Rank Advancement. A big thanks to Curtis Gibson, our Family Campaign Chairman, for organizing a successful campaign.

Time to Get Popping
Would you like to offer a way for your Scouts to be able to have no out of pocket expenses for Scouting, including paying for camp? The Trails End Popcorn sale is your way to do this. Sign your unit up to sell popcorn by June 15 with Heather Merino at lucky969906@gmail.com and plan on attending the popcorn orientation meeting on July 31 at First Presbyterian Church in Paola at 7:00 pm. At this meeting you’ll learn how to have the most effective sale and raise as much money as you need to run a great Scouting program.

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.

Investment in Character: 104.3%
2012 Boy Scout Camping: 54.1%
2012 Cub Scout Camping: 58.6%
Play Ball!

Thousands of Scouts pack the “K” on April 22 for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and baseball.

2012 Scout Day at the “K” Featuring the Royal Gathering of Eagles

See page 5 to find out why an attendance record led to a win for the entire community.