The Heart of America Council is getting ready for another unforgettable summer camping season. See pages 8-9 for a sneak peek at what's in store for 2014.
Where Does a Boy Learn Leadership?

One of my charges to my staff as we talk about program delivery and service is, “What does a Scout get to do that non-Scouts do not?” Sure, we all know about the camping, earning merit badges, learning to cook over a fire and having fun, but by far the best example I can give is leadership development.

I recently had the opportunity to hear Jim Keyes, the former CEO of the 7-Eleven convenience store chain, speak at a management conference I attended. He began his talk by sharing his background and education, including earning his MBA from Columbia University. Keyes commented that one day while in an MBA class he started thinking about where he learned to be a leader. Sure, management skills can be learned through school, but leadership is different. Keyes shared with us, “Before I earned my MBA, I earned my BSA” and then proceeded to tell the group that everything he knows about leadership he learned in the Boy Scouts. He even showed us a copy of his Scouting handbook from when he was a Scout. It doesn’t get more powerful than that!

Doesn’t every youth need to earn their BSA “degree”?

As we enter this holiday season I’d like to say “thank you” to the more than 15,000 registered leaders in the Heart of America Council that give their time, talents and resources ensuring that our Scouts experience a quality Scouting program. Scouting in the Heart of America Council is certainly one of the finest in the nation. Let’s continue to build on this strong tradition.

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

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Apply Today for a 2014 NESA Scholarship

Applications Due December 31, 2013

Applications for the prestigious and highly competitive National Eagle Scout Association scholarships are now being accepted. NESA will award more than 200 academic and merit scholarships, ranging in value from $1,000 to $50,000 each.

But before you apply, there are a few new rules you should know about. NESA will only accept applications submitted online and there is now a minimum SAT or ACT score for academic scholarship applicants (1800 SAT or 28 ACT). Like last year, applicants must also be members of NESA to apply.

The application deadline is December 31, 2013. Winners can expect to be notified in summer 2014.

Go to www.nesa.org for more information or to apply.

Catholic Scouting Impact Luncheon

On October 31, Catholic Church representatives and Scouting leaders gathered to impact Scouting. Archbishop Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas joined local priests, deacons, members of the Knights of Columbus, and Catholic Scouting leaders for a luncheon event at St. Michael the Archangel Church.

The event honored the 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.

This is the second such event held in the Heart of America Council in recent history. Special thanks to Keith Sickendick, event chairman, Terry Miller, master of ceremonies, Robert Cunningham, event sponsor, and Chris Arth, St. Michael the Archangel Church.

Top Volunteers Honored at Annual Banquet

2013 Council Recognition Banquet

On November 20, more than 450 Scouts and Scouters gathered to recognize the Heart of America Council’s top volunteers at the 2013 Council Recognition Banquet. The “Campfire Stories” themed event honored nineteen Silver Beaver Award Recipients and the 2013 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Recipient, Jeanette Prenger. Also recognized were the 2013 Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor members and Mic-O-Say Tribesmen who were elevated to the Tribal Council.

2013 Heart of America Council NESA Scholarship Recipients

- Cooke Academic Scholarship
  - Mark LaFollette, Troop 494, Trails West

- Palmer Merit Scholarship
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Catholic Scouting Impact Luncheon

Sunday, March 2, 2014
Municipal Music Hall

Help continue a Kansas City tradition. All 2013 Eagle Scouts, their families, and guests are invited to attend the Terry Dunn Eagle Scout Class Reception on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Municipal Music Hall in downtown Kansas City, MO. All 2013 Eagle Scouts in attendance will receive the limited edition “Challenge Coin” and will be included in the official class photo.

The event will also recognize the 1963 & 1988 Eagle Scout classes who will be celebrating their 50th and 25th anniversaries.

There is no cost to attend, but all attendees must pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Space is limited so reserve your spot today.

About Our Honoree

Kansas City business leader Terry Dunn is the President and Chief Executive Officer of JE Dunn Construction. Dunn currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Heart of America Council.

2014 NESA Scholarships

Now open for entries
www.NESA.org

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Scouting Goes NASCAR

More than 1,000 Scouts and Scout families made their way to Kansas Speedway on October 5 to experience the thrill of the NASCAR Nationwide Series. Scout Day at Kansas Speedway offered up race day experiences that included FanVision access for Scouts along with their own hospitality tent. Scouts were also treated to a special appearance by Scott Lagasse Jr., driver of the BSA's #8 Chevy Camaro. Lagasse signed autographs and posed for pictures with Scouts in front of the BSA NASCAR.

Earlier in the week, Lagasse and his race team orchestrated a ride to school for one lucky Cub Scout from Pack 3149. Second grader Braden Korgol was cheered on by classmates as he arrived at Bonner Springs Elementary School in style in the BSA #8 NASCAR. “I don’t know who has more fun with this ride, but it is great to see the Scouts so excited about our race program,” said Lagasse. Lagasse is the exclusive Boy Scouts of America NASCAR driver and this is the second time a Heart of America Council Scout has been chosen to participate in the ride to school program.

2014 SCOUTStrong Challenge

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Are you up to the challenge? Find out at the 2nd annual SCOUTStrong Challenge ½ Marathon and 5k on September 13, 2014.

Open to runners of all ages, this year’s challenging and scenic course starts at Sporting Park and will take you through some of Kansas City’s greatest venues all leading to the finish line on the track of the Kansas Speedway.

Scout Day at the K Returns this Spring

Sunday, April 6, 2014 — MLB Opening Weekend

Mark your calendars, Scout Day at the K is back as part of MLB’s Opening Weekend on Sunday, April 6, 2014. This is your chance to catch the Royals’ first series of the 2014 season at Kauffman Stadium where they’ll take on the Chicago White Sox. Join more than 10,000 Scouts and Scout families from across the council for an unforgettable day of fun and baseball.

GAME TICKETS ONLY $7 if Registered by March 9
(Game Tickets Increase to $8 on March 10)

SPECIAL SCOUT DAY FEATURES
▶ SCOUTStrong Experience (Pregame activity area)
▶ On Field Scout Parade
▶ First Pitch and Catch
▶ Color Guard
▶ Captain’s Club
▶ Presentation of Distinguished Eagle Awards
▶ Buck O’Neil Legacy Seat

REGISTER EARLY & WIN BIG

New in 2014 — Register early for your chance to win big. From autographed Royals gear to Scout Day experiences, we’re giving those who register early a chance to win great prizes. Check out our new early registration incentives and registration options beginning January 3 at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Scouting 500

May 16–18, 2014 — Kansas Speedway

Are you ready to experience the largest, most exciting Scouting event in the nation? Make plans now to attend the Heart of America Council’s inaugural Scouting 500, a race-themed weekend camping festival slated for May 16-18, 2014 at Kansas Speedway.

Hold Your Place

SCOUTING500.ORG

In an effort to help with the planning process, we want to know how many people your Scouting unit will be bringing to the Scouting 500. Visit www.scouting500.org and select “Hold My Place” to tell us how many people you think will be attending. Those who complete the information will also be added to our official Scouting 500 mailing list where they’ll get the inside scoop on this year’s event with our monthly e-newsletter.

Register Now

SCOUTING500.ORG

Registration is now open for those units who are ready to sign-up. Simply go to www.scouting500.org and select “Unit Registration”. From there select either the Camping Pass or Day Pass option.

Camping Pass (2-nights camping, 4 meals, access to all activities)

▶ $30 if registered by February 28/$40 if registered after February 28

Day Pass (2 meals, access to all activities)

▶ $25 if registered by February 28/$35 if registered after February 28

Scouting 500 Adventure Areas

▶ Emergency Preparation
▶ Military Experience
▶ Outdoor Action and Adventure
▶ High Adventure
▶ Career Education
▶ Community Service
▶ Shooting Sports
▶ STEM Exploration & Imagination
▶ Motor Sports
▶ Animal Kingdom & Outdoor Conservation
▶ Midway
▶ SCOUTStrong

SCOUTING 500 LEADER’S GUIDE

Be on the lookout for the official Scouting 500 Leader’s Guide — Available February 1, 2014

Sprint Center

Exclusive opportunities for Scouts! Call Group Sales at 816.949.7177 for details and Scout rates. While supplies last. Expires in advance of event date.
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Trailhead Scout Eyes 4th Consecutive Top Seller Title

By Ron Fredman, Council Marketing Committee

Supersalesman Nicholas Kost has it figured out: "Listen to my customers. Thank them. Don't get discouraged. Knock on every door."

Oh yeah, one more thing: "It never hurts," he said, "to be a little kid."

Nicholas is a 13-year-old Star Scout in Troop 256 at Valley View United Methodist in Overland Park. He has experienced extraordinary success the past three years during Scouting’s annual popcorn sale. He was named the top council seller in 2010, 2011, and 2012 with a combined sales total of more than $19,000. To put that into perspective, Nicholas sells on average around 600 items each year.

Nicholas says sales come naturally to him, though freely acknowledges a bit of help from his mother, Catherine Kost. She has considerable experience in sales, and has shared her insights and guidance freely.

Her best advice: "When you smile," she said, "you put the customer in a better mood."

Listening to Nicholas, you can hear the smile, even over the phone. Imagine him standing at your door, order form in hand. How could you say no?

There is an irony in all of this. For all of Nicholas’ success, knowledge and skills, he has yet to consider tackling Salesmanship Merit Badge. He probably could teach it.

So, how do Nicholas’ sales stack up to the rest in 2013? Be sure to pick up a copy of the February–March issue of Adventures in Scouting where we’ll officially reveal the 2013 top selling youth and units.

In Memory of:

Arvie Baie
Robert & Mary Dickinson

Kevin Kennedy
Laura Armatas
Eric & Gail Arner
Band Aides Inc
Caroline Becher
Edward & Irene Blend
Jane Binder
William & Courtney Boschma
Ken & Florine Bradshaw
Kenneth & Sydney Burke
Michael & Janet Colonna
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Bill & Shelley Shatzer
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In Honor of:

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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 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Tammy Butterfield at (816) 569-4979.

2013 Council Popcorn Sale Total
$2.4 Million
Reminder: Payments Due December 10, 2013

2013 Sporting Clays Auction & Tournament

Ready... Aim... Fire! One of the cornerstone fundraising events for the Heart of America Council happens every October at Camp Naish. The Sporting Clays Tournament draws more than 100 shooters to the reservation to support Scouting. The weather for this year’s tournament was perfect as teams of four competed against each other over the course of 12 shooting stations. Company and team sponsorships helped raise more than $40,000 for local Scouting programs.

This year, the committee added a fun social event prior to the Sporting Clays Tournament. An auction was held on Friday, October 11 at Union Station raising more than $25,000 to benefit Scouting.

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Company
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National Bank of Kansas City
NetSmart
Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP
Safari Club International
Shook Hardy & Bacon, LLP
Stinson Morrison Hecker, LLP
Tek Solutions
Marc Elkins/ W. Cary Dikeman
Cub Scout Day Camp

“Cubs in Space”

Open to all Cub Scouts, including Kindergarten graduates, Day Camp is fun with a purpose close to home. Scouts will take aim at adventure on the ARCHERY RANGE, create a masterpiece in ARTS & CRAFTS, test their skills on the SPORTS FIELD, learn about NATURE in an outdoor setting and much more. Day Camp is held within your district and typically runs 4-5 days from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily.

2014 DAY CAMP FEES
► On or Before 3/19/14 — $60.00
► After 3/19/14 — $70.00
► At Camp — $75.00

CUB SCOUT CAMPING
Experience some of the best camps in the country all under $145

Bear Resident Camp

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World

Open to all Bears or Cub Scouts entering the 3rd Grade, Bear Resident Camp offers Scouts a 2-day outdoor adventure at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS. Scouts will set sail for fun at the PIRATE SHIP WATER PARK, explore the passages and tunnels of the LOST MINE, discover a HIDDEN CASTLE amongst the trees, build their own toolbox at the STOCKADE and much more.

2014 BEAR CAMP FEES
► On or Before 4/30/14 — $65.00
► After 4/30/14 — $75.00

Webelos Resident Camp

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Open to all Webelos Scouts entering the 4th or 5th Grade, Webelos Resident Camp offers Scouts a 3-day outdoor adventure at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS. Scouts will make a splash at our AQUATIC COMPLEX, ignite their imagination with MODEL ROCKET BUILDING, take adventure to new heights on our CLIMBING TOWER, set their sights on ACTION ARCHERY and much more.

2014 WEBELOS CAMP FEES
► On or Before 4/30/14 — $140.00
► After 4/30/14 — $150.00

For more information or to register visit Scoutcamping.org
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

2014 HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL
SUMMER CAMP PREVIEW

BOY SCOUT CAMPING

YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE AWAITS

Whether they’re searching for fun, learning, advancement or adventure...the Heart of America Council has an outdoor opportunity for your Scout this summer at one of our two premiere Scout camping facilities, the H. Roe Bartle or Theodore Naish Scout Reservations.

H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

Boy Scout Summer Camp

Experience a 10-day, 9-night outdoor adventure in the Ozark Hills on Truman Lake in Osceola, MO. The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation offers more than 40 traditional merit badge programs and activities that include…

2014 Summer Camp Program Highlights

- Water Skiing
- BMX Bike Course
- Kayaking
- Geocaching
- Action Archery
- Outpost Programs
- Rappelling
- Sailing
- Tribe of Mic-O-Say

CAMP FEES

- On or Before 4/16/14 — $310.00 (Only $31 per day)
- After 4/16/14 — $325.00

For more information or to register visit Scoutcamping.org

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Boy Scout Summer Camp

Experience a 7-day, 6-night outdoor adventure in the rolling hills of Kansas overlooking the Kaw River in Bonner Springs, KS. The Theodore Naish Scout Reservation offers more than 40 traditional merit badge programs and activities that include…

2014 Summer Camp Program Highlights

- Snorkeling
- C.O.P.E.
- Golf
- Swimming
- Scuba
- Disc Golf Course
- Canoeing
- Outpost Programs
- Order of the Arrow

CAMP FEES

- On or Before 4/16/14 — $235.00 (Less than $34 per day)
- After 4/16/14 — $250.00
BARTLE NEWS

Reservation Hosts National Camping School

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation will host National Camping School for the National Council in May. National Camping School will bring Scouters from all over the country to the reservation to learn about every component of a Boy Scout summer camp. This is a great opportunity for our council to showcase local Scouting programs and our wonderful camping facilities.

2014 Webelos STEM Weekends

We are excited to announce that the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation will host two Webelos STEM Weekends in 2014. Events will be held April 26-27 and September 6-7. The program will include many elements that will help a Webelos Scout complete the NOVA Award and will also act as an introduction to the reservation and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Look for registration options starting in February at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Provisional Camping at Bartle

Each summer, a number of youth are unable to attend camp with their home troop due to some type of conflict. But this summer the reservation will host a 10-youth contingent unit each session to make sure all youth have the opportunity to attend camp at a time that works for them. For more information contact Laura Campbell in the Council Camping Department at (816) 942-9333.

2014 H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Camp Leadership

Lone Star Camp Director ......................................................... Bruce Reed
Sawmill Camp Director ........................................................... Denney Jefferson
Piercing Arrow Camp Director ................................................. Larry Overfield
Asst. Reservation Director of Administration ........................ Dan Hughes
Asst. Reservation Director of Program .................................... Kyle Anderson
Asst. Reservation Director of Facilities ................................. Barry Slotnick
Reservation Food Service Director ........................................ Mic Finn
Reservation Director ............................................................ Alan Sanders

ORDER OF THE ARROW

75th Anniversary Winter Banquet

On January 4, Tamegonit Lodge will hold its 75th Anniversary Winter Banquet at the Uptown Theater in Kansas City, MO. Come for a telling of the history of the Lodge from 1939 to today and recognize significant accomplishments of the past year. Make your reservations online at http://OAWinterBanquet.kintera.org.

2014 ArrowPass

ArrowPass allows you to register for six major Lodge events at one time at a discounted rate. As an added bonus, all ArrowPass members will receive a commemorative patch, available only through this program. Get your ArrowPass NOW at http://arrowpass.kintera.org/.  

75th Anniversary Survey

Plans are in the works for a great 75th anniversary celebration to take place September 19-21, 2014. We invite you to provide us your feedback on what you would like to see by visiting www.hoac-bsa.org/tamegonit-lodge-75th-anniversary.

As a preview of things to come, we are pleased to unveil a new Lodge flap that will commemorate our 75th anniversary. Be on the lookout for more information on this commemorative patch set at www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow.

Reservation Off-Season Camping

Looking for a place to take your pack, troop or crew camping? Then look no further than the Naish or Bartle Scout Reservations. To make a reservation simply go to www.hoac-bsa.org/off-season-camping. From there, select the camp and what weekends and facilities are available. Make your reservations online and complete your payment as part of the reservation process. For specific camp related questions contact the Naish Reservation at (913) 422-1035 or the Bartle Reservation at (417) 646-8115.

NAISH NEWS

Naish Work Days

You are invited to join us for any of our upcoming work days at Naish. We are always looking for people who want to help make camp a better place. Upcoming work days are scheduled for January 4 and February 22. For the complete list of work days, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/maintenance-team.

We’d also like to thank the associates at Sam’s Club in Kansas City, KS for helping with projects around camp. More than 50 of their associates have contributed more than 250 hours to make the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation a better place to camp for your Scouts.

Campmasters

Almost every weekend throughout the off-season, a friendly group of volunteers is making sure your weekend camping experience is as good as it can possibly be. Campmasters are here to help you solve problems and are the best go-to people when you need help. To get involved as a Campmaster, contact Tom Lanio at tomlanio@email.com.

2014 OA Induction Schedule:

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Haunted Trails
Scares-Up Fun at Camp Naish

More than 1,500 Cub Scouts and their families made their way to Camp Naish in late October to travel the Haunted Trails of Cub World. Hiking through the trails, they encountered everything from zombies to mad scientists. Thanks to all the Venturers who helped plan and run Haunted Trails 2014. And a special thanks to all the Cub Scouts and their families that participated.

Host an International Scout in 2014

The H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations will host five international Scouts to serve as members of the camp staff this summer. The key to a successful experience for these Scouts will be caring host families.

Host families are the critical link between the camp experience and the Scouts’ American life experience. Prospective host families must be able to house the Scout prior to and after his or her camp staff assignment and provide transportation to the Scout’s respective camp.

For more information on how you can become a host family this summer, contact Raul and Jeanie Salmon at jrsalmon@kc.rr.com or Keith Wood at kwood@cjnetworks.com.

INTernational Scouting

Northern Tier – Bissett, Manitoba - Canada

An Unsurpassed Wilderness

Northern Tier provides epic wilderness canoeing trips in remote Manitoba Canada. Trips feature a float plane ride, unsurpassed freshwater fishing and hundreds of thousands of acres of wilderness to explore.

Each summer, hundreds of Scouts head to the most remote Boy Scout High Adventure base for a once in a lifetime wilderness canoeing expedition.

Trips begin by meeting your “Interpreter” who is a trained Northern Tier staff member who will accompany you on your trip. Northern Tier provides full outfitting for your trek. A float plane ride to the canoe cache begins your trip. After that, you can decide which of the less traveled trails you want to follow. Crews typically paddle a mixture of lakes and rivers. It is common for crews in Bissett not to see anyone other than their crew for their entire trip. There are also lots of fish to catch. After your trip, you will return by float plane to the base to enjoy a cleansing sauna.

For more information or to book your Northern Tier adventure, visit www.ntier.org.

参与到2014年Winter Event

VOA Winter Event

Join us December 28-29 for climbing and overnight fun at IBEX Climbing Gym. The event includes climbing, pizza, breakfast and snacks throughout the night. All participants must be at least 13 years old and all participants under the age of 18 MUST complete the electronic waiver on the IBEX website to participate in this event. The cost of the event is only $40. Register at http://VOAWinterEvent.kintera.org.

Venturing Leadership Award Nominations

The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) is presented to youth who exemplify the highest standard of Venturing excellence. All nominations MUST be submitted to the Council Service Center on or before March 1, 2014. Download the nomination form at www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.

2014-15 Venturing Officers Association Youth Nominations

Each year, youth are selected to serve as members of the council’s Venturing Officers Association (VOA). All nominations MUST be submitted to the Council Service Center on or before March 1, 2014. Download the nomination form at www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events.
H. Roe Bartle and “The Holy Writ”

By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

When Camp Osceola was preparing to open in the summer of 1930, the water supply was a serious problem for the camp. During the construction period, water was hauled into camp from Iconium for the work crews. In the middle of June, drilling began to find a below ground water source to be utilized in time for the July 7th camping session.

On July 5th, a well had been drilled through 230 feet of limestone, but no water had been found. Now H. Roe Bartle faced a huge problem. July 6th was a Sunday and the well driller had explained that he was a Deacon in the Southern Baptist Church and his faith would not allow him to work on Sunday. The Chief summoned him to camp and drew upon all of his knowledge of the “Holy Writ” in his debate with the well driller. Bartle reminded the well driller that the Bible said, “If your ox falls into the ditch you must pull him out, even if it is on the Sabbath Day.”

After an hour of persuasion and quoting scripture, the well driller agreed to continue the search for water. At one o’clock in the afternoon on that Sunday, water was struck at 250 feet and a serious problem was averted. This first well remained in use for many years before it was replaced by a more modern system.

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns, email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.

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Commissioner College 2014

Commissioner College returns to the Cerner Riverport Campus on March 1 with a refreshed course listing and an easier registration process. Commissioner College will help commissioners expand their skills beyond basic training and offer a forum for continued education. All commissioners are encouraged to attend, as well as any individual interested in becoming a commissioner to better serve Scouting in our area. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org/commissioners-college.

Garmin Offers Geocaching Merit Badge

On October 5, Garmin hosted a Geocaching Merit Badge Day for 125 Scouts from 20 different area troops. Scouts were able to learn what geocaching is, how to find a cache and used Garmin handheld devices to find a hidden cache. The Scouts learned about C.I.T.O. (cache in, trash out) and made their own C.I.T.O. container. Scouts seemed to enjoy the last activity of the day the most when they were able to hide their own caches and then post the coordinates so their fellow Scouts could find them. Geocaching is a great activity for Scouts as it gets them outdoors exploring, hiking and having fun. Garmin is pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for local Scouts to earn this merit badge. This merit badge will be offered at Garmin again in the Fall of 2014 — be on the lookout for details.

University of Scouting 2013

On November 2, more than 400 Scouts and Scouters from across the Heart of America Council made their way to Park University for University of Scouting 2013. Participants experienced a rigorous hands-on curriculum and a plethora of ideas and resources to make their Scouting programs more exciting. Magic, cub grub, games, knots, skits and songs were just a few of the classes offered. Participants also enjoyed a midway with a variety exhibits and vendors. Plans are already underway for next year. Mark your calendars for November 1, 2014.

Year-End Community Service Hours

Time is running out to submit your community service hours for 2013. Submit your hours on the Journey to Excellence website at www.hoac-bsa.org/community-service. The site has information about how to enter hours, links to the Journey to Excellence hour entry site and other helpful information. Eagle Scout Service Projects, service hours for workdays at camp, Mic-O-Say and Order of the Arrow service hours and multi-unit service projects all count toward these hours for your unit. Don’t have your Unit ID information? Contact your District Executive or Leslie Staack at the council office at (816) 942-9333.
2013 MEMBERSHIP GROWTH ACHIEVERS

Membership is the lifeblood of the Scouting program. From a School Night for Scouting to a Troop Open House, new member recruitment is vital in our mission to make the Scouting program available to any youth who wants to join.

The Heart of America Council is proud to recognize the following Scouting units for growing their programs in 2013.

*Data as of 10/15/2013


EAGLE SCOUTS: Where Are They Now?

Dennis Depenbusch
Eagle Scout Class of 1978
Troop 303, Hutchinson, KS

Occupation
CEO, President, Board Member
Ulterius Technologies, LLC

For Dennis Depenbusch, Scouting is a family tradition. He first joined Scouting as a Cub Scout because his father was involved in Scouting as a youth. Both his father and mother understood the benefits of Scouting and did not allow him to give up on becoming an Eagle Scout. After a trip to Philmont as a youth, Dennis was so impressed with Scouting in action he worked as a Philmont Ranger for three summers while in college.

Dennis continues the family Scouting tradition through the lives of his sons and takes pride in their Scouting accomplishments. Following his parent’s example, Dennis has served as a volunteer in his sons’ pack, troop and crew and has encouraged them to complete their Eagle rank requirements.

Dennis, a University of Kansas graduate, is a seasoned executive with more than 20 years of experience creating, building and leading high growth enterprises in the United States and abroad. He is described as having a deep expertise on what it takes to get a start-up off the ground and running. In May 2013 Dennis stepped back into the entrepreneurial world as the CEO for Ulterius Technologies LLC. The company is developing a solution that will consolidate different types of communication systems into one device.

Q: What was your favorite Scouting activity?
Dennis: Camping and camaraderie was at the top of my list. The capstone of my journey as a Scout was our trip to Philmont. That trip helped me realize the skills I learned as a Scout and enjoy using them in the field. Philmont impacted me so much; I ended up working in the Ranger department there during three summers of college. Those summers also gave me the opportunity to understand the universality of Scouting’s values and to help, in some small way, positively impact the lives of Scouts through Philmont. Through great fortune, I have been able to take both my sons on two treks to Philmont and have them see what my Philmont colleagues and I had been talking about. On one trek, our ranger was the daughter of my tent mate at Philmont. My wife and I are godparents for her brother, who is also an Eagle. Scouting has blessed our family in so many ways.

Q: What does being an Eagle Scout mean to you?
Dennis: I am honored to join great individuals as Eagles. It is a great fraternity to be a part of and it does provide a common culture to connect with other leaders in business and the community.

Q: What advice do you have for a Life Scout working to complete his Eagle?
Dennis: Every Life Scout I come across, I encourage them to push hard to get to Eagle. I have never run across any Eagle who tells me they regret earning the rank, but I have often heard many regrets from those adults who didn’t finish as Scouts. Simply sticking with it and finishing impresses me and I see their self-esteem and confidence grow as a result.

Q: What Scouting skills have helped you most in your career today?
Dennis: Leadership. Scouting gave me a chance to hone my skills in a great environment. Building duty rosters, setting a budget to buy food for campouts, figuring out a way to motivate patrol members to do tasks, being in the great outdoors all are invaluable life lessons I took into my adult life. Experiencing mistakes and successes in leadership early certainly helped me later in life.

Despite the busy schedule of a CEO of a brand new company and a hectic travel schedule, Dennis continues to be active in the Scouting lives of his sons. He is currently registered as a committee member with Troop 59 and Crew 2059 chartered to the First Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, KS.

Do you know an Eagle Scout that would like to be featured in Adventures in Scouting? Contact Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978 or matt.armstrong@scouting.org.
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### 2014 Klondike Derby

**January 17-18**

Cost: $8

Get out your winter gear and get ready for the 2014 Big Muddy Klondike Derby. This winter camping classic promises to be a great time for Scouts and Scouters. The festivities begin January 17 at Edwin A. Pape Lake in Concordia, MO. Contact Rob Hemme with questions at (660) 463-7808 or robhemme@gmail.com.

### Richmond Eagle Scout Projects Help Beautify School District

In a recent conversation with Dr. Damon Kizzire, Superintendent of Richmond R-XVI School District, he complimented the efforts of Scouts and Scouters in the Big Muddy District. He was especially thankful for the many Eagle Scout projects in recent years that have helped beautify the grounds of Richmond R-XVI School buildings. The school district is very happy to have such a good relationship with local Scouting, and appreciates all of the hard work that will be seen for years to come.

### Richmond Eagle Scout Projects Help Beautify School District

- A rock garden constructed by Scouts at Richmond Middle School sets the tone for school spirit.
- Scouts plant nearly 150 trees near Sunrise Elementary School in Richmond.

### Lady Liberty Replica Rededicated in Concordia

On Sunday, October 20, a crowd gathered in Concordia Central Park for a rededication of their Little Sister of Lady Liberty statue. The replica Statue of Liberty was originally placed in Central Park in 1951 as a part of the “Strengthening the Arm of Liberty” Campaign, a program developed by JP Whitaker while serving as the Scout Commissioner of the Kansas City Area Council.

The rededication of the statue was made possible with donations by local individuals and businesses as well as by the tireless efforts of the Concordia Lion’s Club and Department of Parks and Recreation.

### District Training

Please ensure that all leaders have their job specific training and are up to date on their youth protection training. If you have any training questions, contact Tammy Cockrum at (660) 281-9899 or trcockrum@yahoo.com.

### Roundtable Reminder

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at Lexington United Methodist Church. Please make sure your unit has someone there to pick up materials and relay information.
January

9 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School,
3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO
9 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sunny Vale Middle School,
3930 S RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO
16 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Beacon Heights Community of Christ,
19402 Holke Rd., Independence, MO
17-18 Klondike Derby
American Legion Farm,
499 Legion Dr., Blue Springs, MO
25 District Dinner, 6:30 pm
Adams Pointe Conference Center,
1400 NE Coronado Dr., Blue Springs, MO

District Annual Business Meeting

This year’s Annual Business Meeting will be held on December 17 at Blue Ridge Bank and Trust in Independence at 7:00 pm. All District Members at Large, Chartered Organization Representatives and Council Board/Executive Committee Members that reside in the district are welcome and encouraged to attend. Nominations for District Members at Large are due in writing to the Blue Elk District Nominating Committee no later than the December Roundtable. Nominations can be hand delivered or mailed to: Blue Elk District Nominating Committee: 10210 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, MO 64131.

District Dinner

The Blue Elk District Awards Dinner will be held once again at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs. The 2014 dinner will take place on January 25 and will recognize all 2013 Eagle Scouts and recipients of the Scouter Spirit Award, Silent Service Award and District Award of Merit. Questions? Contact Jim Beachner at beachner@gmail.com or visit the Blue Elk website at www.hoac-bsa.org/blue-ek. Don’t forget to submit award nominations by the December Roundtable.

Klondike Derby

January 17-18, 2014

Join us for some fun filled events and challenges, hopefully in the snow! Troops are encouraged to camp Friday and Saturday nights. Events will begin at 8:00 am Saturday morning and conclude by 5:00 pm the same day. For questions about the Klondike Derby or to serve on the staff, contact Kerry DeHaan at the_dehaans@yahoo.com or (816)-210-4043.

Investment in Character 2014

Be sure to schedule your 2014 Family Investment in Character presentation. Please submit your presentation date to either of your district professionals. Units that meet their Investment in Character goal will qualify for one full year of free rank advancement.

Scouts Learn Skills for Life

By Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk Public Relations Chair

Boy Scouts from the Blue Elk District learned “Skills For Life” at the District Camporee on October 5-6 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs. The program featured hands-on and interactive events to investigate careers with local police, fire departments, EMT’s, Life Flight, welders and building trades. Representatives from Foley Equipment, Eagle Life Flight, Lee’s Summit Police Department, Central Jackson County Fire Protection District and Premier Fence KC answered questions about their fields. The W.E.E. bus, a mobile computer lab outreach program of the Blue Springs Education Foundation, was on hand to allow Scouts to investigate employment opportunities in various careers.

Flight Nurse Sara Gates demonstrates the equipment necessary to transport patients.
Area Explorers Recognized with Life Saving Award

Three years ago, on the way back from an Exploring event, an accident on I-70 caught the attention of two Fire Explorers, Josh Hunt and Jake Welpman. As they approached the scene, they observed that one man was injured. It is through the actions of these two young men that the patient was able to recover with significantly reduced injuries than there might have been without their help. Central Jackson County Fire Department presented the Life Saving Award to Josh and Jake on October 22, 2013.

Fire Fighter Muster Games

Independence and Sugar Creek Fire Explorers participated in the Sugar Creek Fire Fighter Muster Games this fall. The Muster Games pit area fire departments against one another in a series of challenges to test their strength and firefighting skills. Challenges included everything from a “Boot Walk” to Tug-of-War. Interested in a career in firefighting? Visit www.exploringkc.org for the list of participating fire departments.

Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

July 14-19, 2014
Indiana University — Bloomington, Indiana

The National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference is attended by thousands of Law Enforcement Explorers and adult leaders. Participants come together for a week of team and individual competitions, seminars, demonstrations, exhibits, recreation and fun. For more information on the National Law Enforcement Challenge, visit www.learningforlife.org or contact Kerry Jorn at kerry.jorn@lflmail.org.
Community Service Projects

Giving back is an integral part of the Scouting program. Participating in a community service project not only makes our neighborhoods better places to live, but it also teaches our Scouts a valuable lesson. If there are any projects or opportunities within the community that you would like our Scouts to assist with, contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.

Frontier District Lock-In

The Frontier District will hold its Boy Scout lock-in February 7-8 at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City, Thornberry Unit. Scouts can look forward to food, games and Scout activities that range from pioneering to earning their Cooking Merit Badge. This will definitely be a great event and we look forward to camping as many youth as possible. Be on the lookout for more information at www.hoac-bsa.org/frontier.

District Roundtable

Roundtable meetings are an essential resource to find out what is going on in the district. Attendees will meet and network with other program aides and volunteers, learn about upcoming events and receive additional training that will enhance the overall program. The Frontier District Roundtable is held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the South Patrol Police Station in Kansas City, MO.

Program Aide of the Month

We are pleased to recognize Brian Lusher as our program aide of the month. Brian has shown consistent attendance, professionalism, and most importantly, has provided an exceptional program for our Scouts. For his outstanding work, Brian received a $25 gift card to Quick Trip. Thank you Brian for everything you do for Scouting in the Frontier District!
District Venturers Take Center Stage at Sporting Park

Members of Crew 2149 got the chance to present the colors at the August 10 Sporting Kansas City match.

District Venturer Earns Silver Award

Congratulations to Emily Thomas of Venturing Crew 2149, chartered to Bonner Springs United Methodist Church. Emily is the district’s first Venturer to earn the Silver Award, the top honor in the Venturing program.

Starting a Venturing crew in Bonner Springs was a dream of Emily’s. She is a recipient of the Outdoor Bronze Award and demonstrated expertise in several areas of outdoorsmanship. She continued on to earn the Gold Award, setting goals in several areas of growth and serving as the Council Venturing Officers’ Association President. For her Silver Award she became an expert in emergency preparedness. She attended Philmont Scout Ranch and completed her Ranger award and enhanced her skills as a leader through completing Powder Horn. Emily has plans to become an Area Venturing Officer and continue to show the world what Venturing has to offer. Emily is currently a student at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School.

Kaw Cub Scout Arrives to School in Style

On October 3, Cub Scout Braden Korgol got a special ride to Bonner Springs Elementary School. Braden was taken to school by NASCAR Nationwide Series driver Scott Lagasse Jr. in the BSA #8 Chevy racecar. Braden is a Wolf Scout from Pack 3149 chartered to Bonner Springs United Methodist Church. Braden was nominated to receive this special honor after he helped to recruit 5 new Scouts to the pack.

Kaw Starts Council’s Only Sea Scout Ship

Congratulations to Bonner Springs United Methodist Church for chartering the only current Sea Scout Ship in the Heart of America Council. Program planning is now underway for the district’s newest unit. To learn more about the district’s Sea Scout program contact Ralph Jacobs at ralph.jacobs@us.army.mil or David Block at David.B@hinzhotels.com.
LONE BEAR

DISTRICT INFORMATION

Lone Bear Officers

- **District Chair**: Allen Huff (660) 351-0578
- **District Commissioner**: Kathy Cooper (660) 647-5868
- **Activities Chair**: Jon Cerda (660) 429-2747
- **Advancement Chair**: Denney Jefferson (660) 909-4944
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: Bert Russell (417) 309-0733
- **Camping Chair**: April Hale (660) 909-2559
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Melinda Elmer (816) 297-2022
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Denney Jefferson (660) 909-4944
- **Finance Chair**: Hurley Mahan (660) 885-1130
- **Membership Chair**: Rhonda Weinmann (660) 624-3818
- **OA Advisor**: Judy Molt (660) 909-3017
- **Public Relations Chair**: Kathy Noe (660) 233-0210
- **Risk Management Chair**: Ryan Mendenhall (660) 351-2773
- **Training Chair**: John Harris (660) 864-5061
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Steve Foote (660) 309-0619
- **Venturing Chair**: Vacant
- **District Director**: David Riker (816) 569-4974
  [David.Riker@scouting.org](mailto:David.Riker@scouting.org)

**2013 Investment in Character**

- **Cub Scout**: 101.9%
- **Boy Scout**: 79.8% 86.4%

**2013 Camping**

- **Cub Scout**: 79.8%
- **Boy Scout**: 86.4%

**December**

- **3** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  Clinton Scout Building,
  808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- **10** District Committee/District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  Golden Corral,
  1520 E Ohio St., Clinton, MO

**January**

- **7** Roundtable/Recharter Turn-In, 7:00 pm
  Clinton Scout Building,
  808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- **14** District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
  Clinton Scout Building,
  808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

**2014 Investment in Character Campaign**

Make sure to contact Tom Hagar, 2014 Family Investment in Character Chairman, to schedule your presentation. Email Tom at thagerfos@yahoo.com. Remember, the sooner you attain your unit's financial and participation goals, the sooner your unit can attain free rank advancement through March 2015.

**District Achieves Membership Growth**

Thank you to everyone for helping the Lone Bear District achieve membership growth for 2013. It could not have happened without your dedication to the growth and success of the program. Remember, every one of those “numbers” is a youth who is participating in the greatest youth program in the world, and most likely the same program that we all got so much out of as a youth ourselves. Congratulations and thank you again!

**2014 Klondike Derby**

The annual Lone Bear District Recognition Dinner will be held on February 11 at the Clinton Elks Lodge. The event will feature the presentation of the District Award of Merit, Silver Bear, and Lonely Bear awards. We will also recognize all 2013 Eagle Scouts in attendance.

And don’t forget! We can only recognize a volunteer if you nominate them. Please take the time to nominate a deserving leader for their service to Scouting. Nomination forms will be available at roundtable and online at www.hoac-bsa.org/lone-bear.

**Lone Bear District Dinner**

The annual Lone Bear District Recognition Dinner will be held on February 11 at the Clinton Elks Lodge. The event will feature the presentation of the District Award of Merit, Silver Bear, and Lonely Bear awards. We will also recognize all 2013 Eagle Scouts in attendance.

What’s for lunch? Russell Petree from Troop 400, Warrensburg, MO, prepares lunch at the Lone Bear District Camporee.

Troop 1350, Osceola, MO, works on lashings in preparation for the district’s fall “Night Games” Camporee.

Are you ready to plow through some snow? The Lone Bear District will once again provide Scouts the opportunity to push/pull a sled through the snow to stations filled with fun programs. The Klondike Derby will take place on January 17-19 at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reserva-
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   Larry Duncan      (816) 858-2964
Boy Scout Roundtable Paul Crooks 374gator@sbcglobal.net
Camping Chair       Jeff Tyler       (816) 505-2017
Cub Scout Roundtable Scott Hidy cubber320@yahoo.com
Eagle Board of Review Bill Moberly    (816) 781-6923
Finance Chair       Tom Lenz         (816) 792-0114
Membership Chair    Mike Riley       (816) 407-7279
OA Advisor          Barry Loughrige loughrigedb@gmail.com
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/NYLTC Chair Jeanie Salmon (816) 222-4878
Venturing Chair     Maggie Jackson  (816) 415-9440
District Executive  Malissa Bohannan (816) 569-4982 Malissa_Bohannan@scouting.org
District Executive  Niel Campbell    (816) 569-4949 Niel.Campbell@scouting.org

2013 Investment in Character

2013 Camping

December

5 Roundtable & Recharter Turn-In, 7:00 pm
    KCMO Police Training Academy,
    6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Kansas City, MO
10 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
    Barry Christian Church,
    1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO
10 Popcorn Final Payment Due
12 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm
    Barry Christian Church,
    1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO

January

2 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
    KCMO Police Training Academy,
    6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Kansas City, MO
9 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm
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    1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO
14 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
    Barry Christian Church,
    1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO
25 District Dinner, 6:30 pm
    National Airline History Museum,
    201 NW Lou Holland Dr., Kansas City, MO

2014 North Star District Dinner — January 25

Mark your calendar, the North Star District Dinner will be held Saturday, January 25 at the National Airline History Museum. The District Dinner is a time when all North Star District leaders come together to review the accomplishments of the past year, recognize Eagle Scouts and honor award recipients — including District Award of Merit winners.

Fellowship starts at 6:00 pm and dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. This year, the menu will feature lasagna and pasta with meatballs. Cost is $22.50 per adult and $17.50 per Eagle Scout if registered by the January Roundtable. Plan ahead and get your reservation in early. Make sure that every Eagle Scout in your troop is invited to attend.

Camporee Re-Cap

On October 18-20, the annual North Star District Camporee was held at Smithville Lake. Camporee director John Peter ordered up great weather for the event. There was plenty of action during the competition, and lots of activities in the afternoon.
Northern Tier Officers

District Chair Chris Ross (913) 236-5890
District Commissioner Lisa Grimsley (913) 488-1266
Activities Chair Stephanie Ogan (913) 839-6523
Advancement Chair Terry Masters (913) 432-8983
Boy Scout Roundtable Rick Pope (913) 205-7898
Camping Chair Judy Tuckness (913) 244-9653
Cub Scout Roundtable Harry Moyer (913) 268-6958
Eagle Board of Review Phil Starcke (816) 363-3761
Finance Chair Bill Henderson (913) 383-1950
Membership Chair Greg Ogan (913) 839-6523
OA Advisor Bob Kalkofen (913) 362-5576
Public Relations Chair Vacant
Risk Management Chair Rob Jones (913) 681-1453
Training Chair Jeff Deane (913) 205-0089
Venturing Chair John Forsyth (913) 341-5061
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair Jamey Hilleary (913) 515-3841
Senior District Executive Chris Rinella (816) 569-4929

Day Camp 2014
Calling all Cubs! Plan now to attend “Space Cubs” Day Camp June 9-13, 2014 at Shawnee Riverfront Park. Online registration begins January 6, 2014. Recruit your Pack Coordinator and Walking Leaders now and start assembling the “Cadets” to get them ready for the fun. At camp they will shoot BB guns, bows and arrows, hike, ride a zip line, learn to cook and so much more. For more information or to volunteer, contact Camp Directors Ben or Lisa Grimsley at (913) 568-3865 or grimbl@everestkc.net.

Terrence Gallagher Joins District Committee
We are pleased to welcome Terrence Gallagher as our Special Needs Chairman. Terrence is the Scoutmaster for Troop 98 at St. Ann Parish and is a recipient of the District Award of Merit and Outstanding Scoutmaster Award.

District Dinner Set for February 11
Save the date! Volunteers from Northern Tier will gather Tuesday, February 11 at Old Shawnee Town Hall to share in fellowship and recognize the accomplishments of the Northern Tier District during the 2013 Calendar year. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased online at http://ntdinner2014.kintera.org.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Ogan at stephanieogan@yahoo.com or Chris Rinella at (816) 569-4929 or chris.rinella@scouting.org.

Klondike Returns in 2014 with a Summer Flair
Nothing says warmth like being on the beach in January! Unless it is with your fellow Scouts in a friendly surfboard competition at this year’s "Klondike on the Beach.” Your trip through the Klondike Wilderness will test your Scouting knowledge, skills and problem solving abilities as a patrol. Cost is $10 per person and includes awards and a patch. All registrations must be received by Roundtable on January 9. Register online at http://NTKlondike2014.kintera.org.

For questions or more information, contact Mark Fix at mfix@everestkc.net or Chris Rinella at (816) 569-4929 or chris.rinella@scouting.org.

2013 Investment in Character

2013 Camping

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Pelathe Officers

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<td>(785) 841-2334</td>
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<td>John Harman</td>
<td>(785) 331-7384</td>
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<td>Kathleen Gordon-Ross</td>
<td>(785) 813-1769</td>
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<td>Rich Bailey</td>
<td>(785) 842-0842</td>
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January

2  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   First Baptist Church,
   1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

5  Roundtable — Recharter Turn-In, 7:00 pm
   First Baptist Church,
   1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

16  District Committee Meeting & Recharter
    Turn-In, 7:00 pm
    First Presbyterian Church,
    2415 Clinton Pkwy, Lawrence, KS

Webelos to Scout Transition

Keith Wood is serving as chair for the 2014 Family Investment in Character campaign. Keith is working on setting up a presentation for each pack, troop and crew in the district. Holding an Investment in Character presentation explains how Scouting in the Heart of America Council is funded and outlines the benefits provided to the Scouts in our area.

Please help Keith and his team by setting up a unit presentation at a well-attended meeting. It is important that your presentation is completed before the end of March 2014. Blue and Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor are ideal times.

Recharter Turn-In Locations

It's time to complete your annual recharter. Our goal is to recharter 100% of our units on time. To be on time, your charter must be completed online and the hard copy turned in by January 16, 2014.

Key Things to Remember:
- Start early and register all active Scouts and Scouters
- Make sure your training is up-to-date

Turn-In Locations:
- January 5, 2014 — First Baptist Church — 7:00 pm
- January 16, 2014 — First Presbyterian Church — 6:00 pm

If you have any questions or concerns, talk with your unit commissioner or contact Randy Kidder at randy.kidder@scouting.org.

Save the Date — Klondike Derby 2014

The Pelathe District will be holding Klondike Derby February 7-9, 2014 at the FOP property by Lone Star Lake. Be on the lookout for more details soon. Contact Dave Ozaki with questions at dozaki@me.com.
Pioneer Trails Officers

- **District Chair**: John Freshnock (816) 262-8296
- **District Commissioner**: Mike McCauley (816) 358-6242
- **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
- **Membership Chair**: David Ladwig (816) 678-8782
- **OA Advisor**: Carole Gaither (816) 523-5380
- **Public Relations Chair**: Carol Jean DeFeo (816) 942-0675
- **Risk Management Chair**: John Wilcox (816) 729-7134
- **Training Chair**: Tom Holley (816) 679-5655
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Pat Parks (816) 523-6382
- **Venturing Chair**: Mike McCauley (816) 358-6242
- **Asst Director of Field Service**: Anthony Escobar (816) 569-4972

### 2013 Investment in Character

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### December

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

### January

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

### District Recognizes Outgoing Roundtable Commissioner

The three fundamental tenets of Scouting are Duty to God, Duty to Country and Service to Others. George Weaver has certainly exemplified “Service to Others” throughout his tenure within the Scouting movement, and especially in his service as District Roundtable Commissioner. George has served the Pioneer Trails District as our Roundtable Commissioner for six years, since 2007. And if you have attended Roundtable during that period you have felt his positive and jovial nature. It is infectious.

George was raised by a single mom. “She put me in Scouting so I could be around good male role models”, said Weaver. “I got back into scouting with my boys in 1987. My youngest got to Life and ran out of time, much like myself. My oldest is an Eagle with 5 palms and still registered.”

In Pack 62, George served as Cubmaster and later Committee Chair. In Troop 97, George began his tenure as Scoutmaster in 1997, a registered position that he still holds. George has continued his service to Pioneer Trails District serving as Dinner Chair since 1997. He is a Sagamore in the tribe, a Silver Beaver recipient, and a Vigil Honor member. George holds a Doctorate in Roundtable Commissioner College. Wow! That is 26 years of service.

Asked why he has spent so much of his life serving the Scouting movement, “I just enjoy giving back for all those times when I was a Scout.” A lifetime of Service to Others — Well done!

### Pioneer Trails Ready to Welcome New Roundtable Commissioner

As the calendar strikes 2014 we will welcome Ross Whitacre as our new Pioneer Trails District Roundtable Commissioner. Ross currently serves as our District’s Eagle Advancement Chair.

In 1978 Ross joined the Cub Scouts becoming a member of Pack 16 at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Missouri. After earning his Arrow of Light, Ross crossed-over to Troop 16. In 1985, as a member of the Heart of America Council contingent, Ross attended National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Ross is an Eagle Scout!

Ross has continued his service to the Scouting movement in many unit, district and council adult leader positions. Included, he has served as a crew leader to Philmont, Sea Base and Northern Tier. Those have got to be some good stories. Please welcome Ross Whitacre to his new role.

### 2014 Investment in Character Campaign

Preparations are being made for the upcoming 2014 Investment in Character campaign. Please look at your unit calendars for the best time to have a brief IIC presentation. Troop Court of Honors and Pack Blue and Gold Banquets are ideal opportunities to have a volunteer presenter visit. Your support allows us to provide better events and activities for our Scouts. To schedule a presentation, contact Mark McCasland, our Family Chair, at (816) 810-4044 or mccaslnd@swbell.net.

### 2013 Popcorn Sale — Kristin Lambert — Thank You!

Thank You to our Pioneer Trails District Popcorn Kernal, Kristin Lambert. She did an awesome job organizing the campaign, assisting units, and making the process easy for all.
Red-Tailed Hawk Officers

District Chair: Cathy Puls  (913) 390-6581
District Commissioner: Stan Lloyd  (913) 541-9404
Activities Chair: Michael Samms  (913) 338-5263
Advancement Chair: Doug Machamer  (913) 685-1035
Boy Scout Roundtable: Gary Hazeltine  (913) 963-2453
Camping Chair: Tom Matches  (913) 897-1636
Cub Scout Roundtable: Susan Lux  (913) 764-8529
Eagle Board of Review: Jim Forson  (816) 941-8036
Finance Chair: David Weerts  (913) 829-1321
Membership Chair: Dan Himmelberg  (913) 338-5498
OA Advisor: Jim Bush  (913) 897-1051
Public Relations Chair: David Weerts  (913) 829-1321
Risk Management Chair: David Weerts  (913) 829-1321
Training Chair: Chris Foote  (816) 835-4796
Venturing Chair: Josh Wundtke  (913) 764-8413
Wood Badge/NYLT Chair: Karen Eichorst  (913) 498-2167
District Director: Jon Geiger  (816) 569-4932
District Executive: Nick Traxler  (816) 569-4969

2013 Investment in Character

| Cub Scout | 98.4% |
| Boy Scout | 81.9% |

2013 Camping

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January

7 Recharter Turn-in, 6:30 pm
Colonia Presbyterian Church,
12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS

9 Roundtable & Recharter Turn-In, 6:30 pm
Olathe Community of Christ,
15520 S Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS
OA Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project
Reviews & MB Counselor Training

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

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

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

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

Recharter Turn-in

This January, you will have an opportunity to review the final copy of your unit’s charter before it’s submitted. This ensures that all training, applications and signatures are secured before you hand in your recharter. The due-date to recharter your unit is January 31, 2014.

Recharter Turn-in Locations:
- January 7, 2014: Colonial Presbyterian Church —
  6:30 pm
- January 9, 2014: Olathe Community of Christ —
  6:30 pm

Cub Family Campout and Camporee Re-Cap

Nearly 1,200 Scouts and parents attended the annual Cub Family Campout and Camporee October 11-12 at the old Lake Olathe golf course. The theme “Survival” pitted Troop against Troop in challenge games all day.

2014 Red-Tailed Hawk Merit Badge Forum

The 2014 Merit Badge Forum will be held at California Trail Middle School on January 11, 25 and February 8, 2014 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Scouts may register for up to three merit badge classes. No more than two may be Eagle-required classes. Each class meets at the same time on all three dates.

Missed work due to missed classes may be made up by the Scout by meeting with any merit badge counselor registered for that subject at any time. He does not necessarily have to complete the work with the same counselor that taught the class. Progress made during the Merit Badge Forum will be documented for each troop following the last session.

Online registration for the 2014 RTH Merit Badge Forum is now live. The troop coordinator/contact will need to enter their unit’s registration information for each Scout online. Register at www.rth-mbf.org.

Volunteers as merit badge counselors to teach any of our classes are needed, as always. Please contact Hal Schmidt at hals2270@aol.com for more information on becoming a counselor.
**Thunderbird Officers**

- **District Chair**: James Freeman  (816) 524-1630
- **District Commissioner**: Dan Morales  (816) 921-4421
- **Activities Chair**: Pete Zibers  (816) 868-1649
- **Advancement Chair**: Steve York  (816) 868-3346
- **Boy Scout Roundtable**: David McCaughey  (816) 537-6117
- **Camping Chair**: Brendon Hale  (816) 524-0276
- **Cub Scout Roundtable**: Verna Ashcraft  (816) 737-0472
- **Eagle Board of Review**: Ron DesCombes  (816) 578-4674
- **Finance Chair**: Bob Borgelt  (816) 524-4006
- **Membership Chair**: David Parker  (816) 943-0702
- **OA Advisor**: Vacant
- **Public Relations Chair**: Merle Bowers  (816) 797-3432
- **Risk Management Chair**: Keith Martin  (816) 525-1340
- **Training Chair**: Ken Nolan  (816) 806-5388
- **Wood Badge/NSLT Chair**: Carrie Thompson  (816) 695-3803
- **Venturing Chair**: Jim Salisbury  (816) 868-0805
- **District Director**: Rob Gilkerson  (816) 569-4913  
  Rob.Gilkerson@scouting.org
- **Senior District Executive**: Gordon Corcoran  (816) 569-4941  
  Gordon.Corcoran@scouting.org
- **District Executive**: Bennett Dixon  (816) 569-4962  
  Bennett.Dixon@scouting.org

**2013 Investment in Character**

- Cub Scout: 74.8%
- Boy Scout: 85.1%

**2013 Camping**

- **December**
  3 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
  Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO
  3 Roundtable, 7:30 pm  
  Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO
  10 District Committee & Annual Business Meeting, 7:00 pm  
  Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

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**District Recognition Banquet and Silent Auction**

Now is the time to register for the annual District Recognition Banquet and Silent Auction. This year’s event will take place on Saturday, January 25 at the Armacost Museum. We will not only celebrate the individual achievements of those in the district, but also all that the Thunderbird District has achieved in 2013. If you have auction items to donate, please contact Ed Stoll at edstoll@comcast.net.

Registration is now available at [www.hoac-bsa.org/thunderbird-activities](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/thunderbird-activities).

Awards to be presented include…

- **District Award of Merit**: Highest recognition a district can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to volunteer Scouters for noteworthy service to youth.
- **Silver Acorn**: Recognizes Scouters that have gone above and beyond the call of the duty. Service to Scouting is “noteworthy” and individuals exhibit Scouting Spirit and live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.
- **Silver Oak Leaf**: Recognizes the spouse of a Scouter who has given of themselves so that their husband or wife could serve the Scouting movement. The individual has made personal sacrifice and the support of the spouse is “noteworthy”.
- **Ernie Modlin Scoutmaster Award**: Recognizes outstanding achievements of a current Scoutmaster.
- **Merle McConnell Cubmaster Award**: Recognizes outstanding achievements of a current Cubmaster.

**January**

- **7 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
  Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO
- **7 Roundtable, 7:30 pm**  
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- **10-12 Klondike Derby**
- **14 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
  Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO
- **25 District Recognition Banquet**  
  Armacost Museum, 4200 E 135 St., Grandview, MO

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**Investment in Character 2014**

The Investment in Character Campaign allows the Heart of America Council to provide an affordable, effective youth development program. In addition to providing camp scholarships for underprivileged Scouts, it funds the council’s infrastructure, and general operating portion of the budget, and provides a support system for the more than 15,000 volunteers and 800 community organizations that partner with the Heart of America Council.

The Investment in Character team is getting ready to visit all packs, troops and crews to give the annual presentation and ask for your support. An individual from every unit has been asked to help follow up with every family to make sure everyone has a chance to support the program.

For more information please feel free to contact any of the Thunderbird Professional Staff.

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**District Camporee**

The District’s Search and Rescue Camporee was a huge success. The October event welcomed more than 600 Scouts and Scouters to Blue and Gray Park. Scouts learned about first aid, search lines, and map orientation. Scouts were also treated to demonstrations from Lee’s Summit Underwater Recovery Unit and search dogs from area police forces.

The event culminated with a mock “lost Scout” search with five teams led by boy leaders. The boy leaders operated radios while leading teams of 75 or more youth searching Blue and Gray Park for the “lost Scout.”

The Thunderbird District program committee is starting to plan for next year’s Camporee.

What do you think about Pioneering? To be involved in planning or to give feedback, contact Pete Zibers at (816) 686-1649 or pzibers@gmail.com.
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**2013 Investment in Character**

- Cub Scout: 72.7%  
- Boy Scout: 91.1%

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**December**

5 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
Emanuel Baptist Church,  
10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

5 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Emanuel Baptist Church,  
10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

12 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Emanuel Baptist Church,  
10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

17 Early Bird Recharter Turn-In, 5:30 pm  
Atonement Lutheran,  
9948 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

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**January**

2 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
Emanuel Baptist Church,  
10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

2 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Emanuel Baptist Church,  
10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

4 Merit Badge Forum Day #1, 8:00 am  
Church of the Resurrection,  
13720 Roe Ave., Leawood, KS

7 Recharter Turn in Night, 5:30 pm  
Atonement Lutheran,  
9948 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

9 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Emanuel Baptist Church,  
10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

25 Merit Badge Forum Day #2, 8:00 am  
Church of the Resurrection,  
13720 Roe Ave., Leawood, KS

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For the most updated information, or to find if there have been any changes to the event schedule, visit [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead).

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**Recharter 2014**

Trailhead is offering the opportunity to turn in recharters early on December 17 and get it out of the way before the holidays. Early Bird Recharter Turn-In Night will be at Atonement Lutheran from 5:30-8:30 pm. Units will be assigned a time to make the process run smoother. Please check the Trailhead website or contact your commissioner to find out what time your unit is scheduled for.

If you are unable to attend the early bird date, the regular recharter turn-in night will be held on January 7 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Atonement Lutheran. Please come prepared with training records, applications, your unit roster and Investment in Character presentation date.

**Make sure youth applications include all parent information and are signed by the parent and unit leader.**

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**2014 Investment in Character**

The 2014 Investment in Character Campaign is about to kick off! This is a fundraising opportunity for families to support the scouting program. Please schedule your unit’s presentation if you haven’t done so already. Contact John McCabe, Family Investment in Character Chair, at (816) 352-9339 or johnmikemac@yahoo.com. If you would like to make a donation online, visit [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-activities](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-activities).

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**Merit Badge Forum**

Classes will be offered to earn a range of merit badges from Fire Safety to Scouting Heritage. Merit Badge Forum will take place over two days — Saturday, January 4 and Saturday, January 25 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Church of the Resurrection. Registration forms are due December 5 at Roundatable and can be found online at [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-activities](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-activities). Cost is $2 per Scout. Please contact Brian Rorie, Merit Badge Forum Chair, at (816) 582-8105.

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**District Nominations**

Everyone out there knows a great volunteer. In February, we will be holding our annual District Recognition Banquet where we will recognize our distinguished volunteers. Preparation for that event starts now with you! Nominate one of our great volunteers for an Outstanding Leader Award or the District Award of Merit, a nationally recognized award and the highest honor a district can bestow upon a volunteer. Volunteers must be nominated to receive this recognition so don’t forget! All nominations are due by January 7. Nomination forms can be found online at [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-activities](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-activities).

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**District Camporee Recap**

Camporee was a huge success. A big thank you to Tod Hueser, Nancy Vinsant, and Troop 282 for putting on a great event!
### TRAILS WEST

**2013 Gold District Journey to Excellence**

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**2013 Investment in Character**

- Cub Scout: 89.9%
- Boy Scout: 80.4%

**2013 Camping**

- Cub Scout: 113.1%
- Boy Scout: 80.4%

### December

- **5** Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  - Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS
- **10** District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - Price Chopper, 19601 W 101 St., Lenexa, KS
- **18** District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
  - Sunflower Elementary, 8955 Loiret Blvd., Lenexa, KS

### January

- **2** Roundtable & Recharter Turn-In, 7:00 pm
  - Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS

### Recharter 2014

On January 2, 7 and 18, the Trails West District will have 3 convenient locations for you to drop-off and complete your 2014 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 completed 2013 Journey to Excellence form.

**Drop-Off Sites:**
- **January 2** — Holy Trinity Quigley Center: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- **January 7** — Sunflower Elementary: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **January 18** — Christ Community Church: 12:00 pm

### 12th Annual District Dinner

The 12th Annual Trails West District Dinner will be held on January 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Kaw Prairie Community Church. Don't miss out on a wonderful evening honoring our volunteers, guests and adults. This event will recognize the accomplishments of the Trails West District during the 2013 calendar year as well as unit and district leaders for their contributions 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 2013 can attend for free and will be recognized! Register today at www.hoac- bsa.org/trails-west.

**Troop 401’s Good Turn Yields Surprise Visit for Scouts**

In honor of Veteran’s Day, Scouts from Troop 401, sponsored by Salem Lutheran Church in Lenexa, Kansas, recently completed a military service project collecting, sorting and packing items for care packages to be sent to military members deployed overseas. For the past several years these care packages were distributed through the son of one of the troop's adult leaders who was serving in a Marine unit in Afghanistan. This year after packing a total of 20 boxes the Scouts got to meet that Marine in person when they were treated to a surprise visit from Sgt. Timothy Davis, who now serves as an instructor with the Marine

Sgt. Timothy Davis visits with Troop 401 Scouts

Special Operations School at Camp Lejeune, NC.

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awarded the United States of America’s highest award, the Medal of Honor. After leaving the US Navy, he enlisted in Army officer candidate school. He later joined the Kansas National Guard. He was inducted into the National Guard Hall of Fame in November 2001. He is the only living Kansas Guardsman to have received the Medal of Honor.

On January 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Kaw Prairie Community Church. Don't miss out on a wonderful evening honoring volunteers from the district.

This year’s guest speaker will be Colonel Donald E. Ballard. Colonel Ballard was born in Kansas City, Mo. He enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country in the Vietnam War. For his heroic actions to save the lives of several Marines, he was
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### Recharter 2014

Annual unit recharters for 2014 are due no later than January 31. If your unit has yet to complete the recharter process, please contact Senior District Executive, John Hobbs at john.hobbs@scouting.org.

### 2014 Investment in Character Campaign

You should have your unit scheduled for a Family Investment in Character presentation prior to March 2014. If not, please contact Julie Couch at julcouch@yahoo.com or (785) 229-7798. We look forward to another very successful fundraising year in the Twin Rivers District.

### Cub Scout Family Campout

Thanks to everyone who attended the Twin Rivers Cub Scout Family Campout this October at Lake Miola in Paola, KS. A big thanks to Aida Thompson for leading and organizing this year’s “Amazing Race” Camporee.

### Fall Camporee

The Twin Rivers Fall Camporee was also held in October at Lake Miola in Paola, KS. A big thanks to Chuck Smith and Dan Buchman for leading and organizing a great event.

### 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.

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**2013 Investment in Character**

Cub Scout: 85.1%

Boy Scout: 85.6%

**2013 Camping**

Cub Scout: 77.2%
Scout Day at the K
April 6, 2014
Kauffman Stadium

Join more than 10,000 Scouts and Scout families for a day of fun and baseball. Turn to page 4 for details.

Welcome to Scout Day at the K. This event is part of MLB’s Opening Weekend and is a great way for Scouts to experience a day at the ballpark.

Play Ball!

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