Scouting the Road Ahead

Last month while I was attending the BSA’s National Board Meeting in Nashville, Robert Gates was installed as the 35th President of the Boy Scouts of America. Gates has had a distinguished career serving as the Director of the CIA and Secretary of Defense, not to mention also being an Eagle Scout from Kansas. During his comments at the closing banquet Gates remarked, “I can say without hesitation that my memories of Scouting are every bit as vivid and meaningful as what came later in my life. I believe every child deserves an opportunity to experience what Scouting offers.”

When I heard this I thought about that last sentence, “an opportunity to experience what Scouting offers.” While I don’t believe our staff and the more than 15,000 registered leaders in the Heart of America Council can control what Scouting looks like in other cities around the country, I am very confident that we can provide a life changing experience for all Scouting youth in the Kansas City area.

A recent example of the level of program and commitment our council has to its members could be seen during the Scouting 500 at Kansas Speedway. I could not be prouder of the staff and volunteers who gave of their time and talents ensuring that the Scouting 500 was more than just another camporee, or as I like to say, “Not your father’s camporee.” All Scouts who participated in the Scouting 500 had the adventure of a lifetime. Frankly, I doubt that most of the Scouts in attendance had the time to experience or even see all the activities that were in the infield. Making the Scouting 500 a part of the council’s strategic plan, and then committing to hold this major event every four years was a bold step for our Executive Board. Like any good Scout, we learn by doing and we will take the lessons learned from 2014 to make our 2018 event even bigger and better.

I also wanted to share one of my favorite photos from the event. It was sent to me by a Scoutmaster whose son had just crossed over into Boy Scouts. After Sunday morning church services, the troop packed up and went home. When the Scout got home he sat down on the couch and within 5 minutes he was sound asleep. I imagine that someday he will be telling his children about the time he participated in the Scouting 500 at the Kansas Speedway!

Robert Gates final comments at the Boy Scout National Meeting were:

“We must move forward by focusing on what unites us: our belief that the Boy Scouts of America is the finest organization in the world for building character while teaching boys and young men to meet and overcome challenges, to cheerfully serve others, and to live lives based on the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.”

In the Heart of America Council we make a difference in the lives of over 33,000 youth.

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

Kenn Miller
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E-Mail: Kendrick.Miller@Scouting.org
Kansas Eagle Scout Honored With $25,000 NESA Scholarship

Ryan Dahl is anything but your typical high school graduate. This college bound Eagle Scout graduated from Olathe North High School with a perfect GPA, achieved a perfect ACT score, and is a National Merit, U.S. Presidential, and Coca-Cola Scholar. If that weren’t enough, he is also a member of Mensa, plays the violin, and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

Just recently, Ryan added another accolade to his growing list of honors…a $25,000 National Eagle Scout Association college scholarship. He was selected to receive the 2014 United Health Foundation Scholarship, an academic scholarship that is granted to an individual who plans to pursue a career in the healthcare arena and is willing to reinvest his knowledge and skills in an underserved community.

“The United Health Foundation Scholarship really spoke to me — I want to enter the healthcare field and become a doctor,” said Dahl. “When I heard I was receiving this scholarship I almost dropped the phone… I was so excited.”

Ryan’s Scouting career flourished as a member of Troop 201, Hillcrest Christian Church, where he earned his Eagle Scout in 2011 as well as 42 merit badges and Gold, Silver, and Bronze Palms. Ryan credits Scouting for helping him become a leader. “Scouting has taught me a lot about leadership. Every step of the way, every leadership position from den chief to patrol leader has taught me something new along the way.”

So what’s next for Ryan? His next journey will begin this fall at Vanderbilt University where he will pursue Pre-Med studies.

Remembering Reat

My dearest Scout families,

Thank you for your love and generosity to our family through your letters and donations to the BSA in memory of our son, Reat Underwood and father, Dr. William L. Corporon.

We have been so very blessed to make Scouting part of our lives. The fond and now cherished memories of each and every campout are so important to me. I had the pleasure of camping with our son Reat at Cub World and Webelos Camp at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Camping with Reat slowed me down. It helped me stand still, breathe and watch with gratitude as he learned to be kind, paint, shoot a rocket, throw a Frisbee, tie a knot, start a fire, shower with his shorts on, kill a spider, use a lolly, clean a lolly, pet a snake, clean a table while singing a song and shoot a BB gun. This photo of Reat is from his first campout with Scouts at Bear Camp in Cub World. He had just completed his turn at the BB gun range.

Although the tragic events on April 13, 2014 took his life and that of my father, Dr. William L. Corporon (aka Popeye) and Mrs. Terri LaManno by gunshot, that does not change the fact that Popeye and Reat enjoyed using guns for hunting. My father was diligent in his teaching and care of how to properly clean, load and discharge all firearms with Reat before they began their hunting journey together. Reat became a great shot with supervised practice and twice he took down bucks during deer season with Popeye at his side. He was a good aim.

Construction is underway on a new and improved BB gun range at Camp Naish. More than 3,500 Cub Scouts are expected to learn, many for the first time, how to hold and shoot a firearm at Cub World this summer. The training offered through Scout camp could be the first and only training many boys receive. It is imperative to offer quality education to our Scouts as well as the highest quality facilities.

We are honored to have the opportunity to assist with funding the new range at Camp Naish. The first $26,000 donated in memory of Reat and Dr. Corporon will be used to cover the cost of the renovated range and new building. The “Reat Griffin Underwood Memorial BB Gun Range” will be a tribute to our family members as well as an outstanding facility to train Scouts on the proper use of firearms.

As more funds are donated to the BSA in their memory we are also organizing our efforts to improve the shooting sports facilities at the H. Roe Bartle Reservation in Osceola, MO. It will be a pleasure to share with you our memories of Reat at Boy Scout Camp for 3 summers in a row!

Camping, archery, shooting, climbing, friends, swimming and more were all available to Reat as a young Scout. Camp Naish helps make amazing young men and gives parents much joy! We appreciate any donation you may make to this effort.

Sincerely,
Mindy Corporon

WWW.HOAC-BSA.ORG/REMEMBERING-REAT
Scout Day at the K Breaks Attendance Record...Again

On April 6, the 5th annual Scout Day at the K set a new attendance record by welcoming more than 12,800 Scouts and Scout families to opening weekend at Kauffman Stadium. More than just a baseball game, Scout Day at the K included VIP access to the Outfield Experience and featured a number of on-field experiences including a pre-game Scout parade with more than 1,000 participants.

Adult Eagle Scouts were also recognized for their exemplary service to Scouting and the community. The 2014 Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards were presented to Dr. John Fasbinder, David Frantze, David Yeamans, and Royals pitcher Jeremy Guthrie.

Visit our Facebook page for more 2014 Scout Day at the K photos.

School Night for Scouting 2014

The annual School Night for Scouting campaign will welcome more than 5,000 new youth to Scouting this fall. A “School Night” or “Join Scouting Night” will be held at every elementary school in the Heart of America Council and will introduce thousands of new families to the Scouting program. So, how can you ensure a successful recruitment for your pack? Here’s a few helpful hints…

▶ Plan your Ideal Year of Scouting:
  1. Create an annual program plan
  2. Tie the plan to a budget
  3. Communicate the plan to your Scouting families

▶ Use a Marketing Plan: Have a plan to get the word out about your school night. Choose from our proven “Top 40” marketing techniques to ensure a successful fall.

▶ Give Families Multiple Opportunities to Join: Conduct a recruitment event in August (School Night) as well as September and October.

▶ Select Adult Leaders: School Night should be about recruiting youth, not selecting leaders. Identify your leaders before the School Night or prior to your Parent Orientation Meeting.

NEW RECRUITMENT RESOURCES
Available this July

We will be rolling out a number of new resources this summer to help you better market your School Night. Be on the lookout for new flyers, posters, and social media resources at www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources.

SCHOOL NIGHT T-SHIRTS ARE BACK

Back by popular demand, youth who join at School Night will receive the 2014 limited edition School Night for Scouting t-shirt. T-shirts will be given free of charge to youth who turn in a completed application, with fees, at School Night.
**2014 SCOUTStrong Challenge**

**Saturday, September 13 — Sporting Park & Kansas Speedway**

More than 1,000 area runners will be part of the 2nd annual SCOUTStrong Challenge on September 13. Are you up to the challenge? This Half Marathon and 5K is open to any runner and will take you through some of the greatest venues Kansas City has to offer while supporting Scouting. The course starts at Sporting Park and will finish on the track of the Kansas Speedway.

**2014 RACE FEATURES:**
- Half Marathon Prize Purse
- Chip time, instant results
- Unique custom medal
- Certified course
- Custom Technical shirts for all runners
- Post-race party with food, beverages, and music
- Awards for top finishers in all age groups

Registration is now open. Visit [www.scoutstrongchallenge.org](http://www.scoutstrongchallenge.org) for more information.

**Sporting Kansas City Scout Night**

**Saturday, August 23 — Sporting Park**

Tickets to this year’s Sporting Kansas City Scout Night are going fast! This is your chance to cheer on 2013 MLS Cup Champion Sporting Kansas City as they take on D.C. United at Scout Night on Saturday, August 23. Less than 1,500 Scout Night tickets are still available and this game will SELL OUT! Tickets are only $20 (a $38 value). Order your tickets today at [www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc).

And don’t forget your scarf! Pre-order your official 2014 Scout Night Scarf for an additional $20 while supplies last. Scarves are only available online at [www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc).

**SHARE YOUR STORY**

Have a story you would like to see in the next edition of Adventures in Scouting? Send articles and photos to Matt Armstrong at matt.armstrong@scouting.org. You could be featured in our next issue!

*The Adventures in Scouting staff reserves the right to edit all submissions.*
From May 16-18, the inaugural Scouting 500 welcomed more than 12,000 Scouts, leaders, families, staff and vendors to Kansas Speedway. The racing-themed weekend camping festival featured more than 100 different activities that included everything from S.T.E.M. to SCUBA diving.

Capping off the fun-filled weekend was a private 45-lap mock NASCAR race by the Richard Petty Driving Experience, a live concert by the ZEROS, a pre-race flyover and skydivers, and a spectacular fireworks finale. The Scouting 500 also included special appearances by Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, Christa Dubill from 41 Action News, Miss Kansas, Theresa Vail, and Gill Clay, the granddaughter of Scouting’s founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to the Scouting 500 event staff for making this an unforgettable experience for thousands of Scouts.
Thanks to our Sponsors

Miss Kansas, Theresa Vail, assists a Cub Scout at the BB gun range

Some Scouts found their way through the Meltdown

Making it to the top of the climbing tower...No problem

Ready to Race! Event Chairman, Scott Boswell, Emcee, Christa Dubill, and Scout Executive, Kenn Miller

Smiles all around on the zip line
BSA NASCAR driver, Scott Lagasse Jr., greets Scouts during the pre-race flag parade

Let the jousting begin

Malaysian Scout leader Ms. Ping Ying Choo and Gill Clay, granddaughter of Baden Powell

Scouts learn disability awareness during wheelchair basketball

Fencing anyone?
A future firefighter?

Climbing with casts... No problem!

Back from Antarctica, Alex Houston speaks to fellow Eagle Scouts at the Royal Gathering of Eagles.

The Beechnutz put on an impressive show in the sky.

The writing is on the wall. This graffiti is encouraged.

Check out more Scouting 500 photos and video on our social media channels.
The 2014 Heart of America Council Boy Scout Golf Classic will be held August 12, 2014 at the prestigious Loch Lloyd Country Club. Come out and enjoy a great day of golf at a great facility all while supporting Scouting in the Heart of America Council. Team registration and sponsorships range from $2,500 – $15,000. Contact Bob Hamlin at (816) 569-4921 for more information.

**NEW INCENTIVES FOR 2014 POPCORN SALE**

The 2014 popcorn sale is right around the corner and this year we have a number of new incentives you’ll want to share with your Scouts.

Units will now be offered the option of choosing either the prize program or an additional 3% cash commission. The prize program will be run by the Kansas City Scout Shop and will include a number of exciting new items. The “Fill-it-Up” program is back and Scouts who fill-up an order sheet will receive tickets to the 2015 Scout Day at the K and our annual UMKC basketball game and pizza party. We’re also rolling out a new incentive to all Scouts who fill-up an order sheet by October 3. Scouts who turn in a copy of their order sheet to the Council Service Center by October 3 will receive two passes to the Sky Zone Activity Center.

The sale runs September 12 – October 27 and now is the time to commit your unit to sell. Contact your district executive or visit www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn to sign-up today.

**2014 POPCORN SALE SCHEDULE:**

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**FINANCE NEWS**

**Council Welcomes New Director of Development**

Please welcome Jeromy Rutledge as the Heart of America Council's new Director of Development. In his new role, Jeromy will be responsible for overseeing and supporting the fundraising operations of the council.

With a background in commercial sales, Jeromy excels in fundraising. Most recently he served as the Director of Corporate and Community Giving for the Boys and Girls Club of Kansas City. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Studies.

Jeromy was drawn to working for the council because of his volunteer roles in Troop 10 for 8 years. He has two Eagle Scout sons and is Wood Badge trained. The council is excited to welcome Jeromy to the Heart of America Council family.

**IN MEMORY OF:**

- Joseph P Cook
- Eula Lee Fuller
- Mandy Herleth
- David & Victoria Hernandez
- Richard & Joan Jordan
- Robert & Leta Churchill
- Peggie Mohan
- John & Barbara Ryan
- Thomas & Rebecca Mohan
- Peggy Mohan
- Ron Johnson
- Heart of America Council Staff
- Herold M. Meyers
- John W Olander
- John C Byram Jr
- Erich Hahn
- Charles Shrewsbury
- Andy & Martha Dubill
- William Radford
- Carl Rusert
- Gerald E “Jerry” Roberts Jr
- Wesley & Julie Andrews
- Sally & Joe Bell
- F Dale & Phyllis Embree
- Michael & Cathy Hartford
- Brad & Diane Mayfield
- Donald & Norma Pryor
- Sandra Roberts
- Joyce Wilhite
- Joel Swetnam
- John Dunn
- Reat Underwood & Dr. William Corporon
- Mrs. Shirley Albright and Family
- Bennett Family Partners LLC
- Boy Scout Troop 84
- Alice Capson
- Tom Carment
- Jay & Lori Dodds
- Ron Ewing
- Gary & Lois Fosen
- The Guim Family
- Heartland Alliance of America
- Heart of America Council Staff
- Randee & Mike Kelley
- Philip & Mary Kankel
- Jane Lukach
- Lou Morgan
- Cindy Pierce
- Brad & Sandra Sullivan
- The Staff at The Retirement Planning Group
- Judith Tharp
- Joe & Corey Ziegler
- Robert A Wood Sr
- William Bahnmaier
- Berry Plastics
- Larry & Serean Borcherding
- Scott & Linda Burgess
- Robert & Lea Churchill
- DS Containers
- Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Company
- John Ferring
- Kim Garfield
- Chris Hodgdon
- Tony Jackowski
- George Johnston
- Daniel Koonz
- Keith A Neuman
- Olds Products Co
- James Otis
- Michael Reddy
- Jon & Sally Riley
- Peggy Redenbaugh
- John Rohrer
- Lisa & Lowell Tague
- United Imaging Consultants LLC
- Jim Hayes
- Stanley Sword
- Connor Nicholls
- Stephanie Masson

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 Jeromy Rutledge at (816) 569-4965.
DAY CAMP — “Cubs in Space”

13 Different Locations — 1 Great Program
There’s still time to sign-up for a “Cubs in Space” Day Camp, but act fast! The cost to attend is now only $70 and new Cub Scouts can register for $60 anytime.

Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts, including kindergarten graduates, and is held within your district. Day Camp is fun with a purpose and Scouts will experience activities ranging from archery to arts & crafts.

For more information about Cub Scout camping, visit www.SCOUTCAMPING.org

BEAR RESIDENT CAMP

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World
Bear Camp is a 2-day outdoor adventure open to all Bears, or Cub Scouts entering the 3rd grade. Your Scout will get to explore the Lost Mines, shoot BB guns, set sail for adventure at the Pirate Ship Water Park, defend a castle, build their own toolbox, and much more.

CURRENT COST: $75
Contact the Council Camping Department at (816) 942-9333 to make a reservation

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WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
Webelos Camp is a 3-day outdoor adventure open to all Webelos Scouts entering the 4th or 5th grade. Separate programs are available for Webelos 1 and 2 Scouts with daily programming that includes swimming, shooting sports, climbing, and much more.

CURRENT COST: $150
Contact the Council Camping Department at (816) 942-9333 to make a reservation

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**Camp Staff Scholarship Program**

The Heart of America Council has always taken great pride in the training and development of our summer Camp Staff members. Without this core group of more than 350 outstanding young people, the council would not be able to provide a quality camping program for thousands of Scouts and adults each summer.

Since 1998, the Camp Staff College Scholarship Program has helped the council attract and retain quality college-age staff members. Just last year, the program awarded more than $126,000 in college scholarships.

The Heart of America Council funds the program through annual donations and interest earned on endowments provided for this purpose. Currently, more than $800,000 in restricted endowments fund about 20% of the grants each year.

Visit www.hoac-bsa.org to learn how you can donate to the Camp Staff College Scholarship Program.

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**Reservation Hosts STEM Weekend**

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation welcomed more than 150 Webelos to the 3rd annual STEM Weekend on April 26. Webelos STEM Weekend features a specialized program that focuses on science, technology, engineering and math. In addition to STEM programming, participants enjoyed traditional camp favorites like archery and were also introduced to the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. The next Webelos STEM weekend is scheduled for September 6.

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**Storm Shelter Pavilions Complete**

Construction is now complete on all storm shelter pavilions at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. The 27 storm shelter pavilions, plus an additional 5 campsite pavilions, are a great addition to camp. The total cost of this project was more than $450,000 which was funded through private donations. The pavilions are a tremendous resource for units to conduct troop programming within their campsite.

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**Bartle Text Alerts**

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 receive severe weather or camp emergency updates to their mobile phone.

Go to http://mobile-text-alerts.com/BoyScouts to register.

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**2014 Provisional Units**

Each summer, many young men are not able to attend camp with their home unit for many different reasons. If you know a Scout that wants to attend camp, the Council Camping Department can assist by connecting Scouts with troops that have open spots. For more information call (816) 942-9333.

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**NEW IN 2014**

**Bartle Reservation Paintball Outpost**

Compete this summer in the ultimate test of marksmanship.

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**Save the Date**

Next Reservation Work Day
August 6

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**NEW IN 2014**

**2014 BARTLE Camper Shirt**
Naish Work Days

Naish needs your help! This fall, we will hold scheduled workdays on the following dates:
August 2 — Camp Teardown
August 16 — OA Fall Induction #1


On September 27, you can join skilled trades workers to help complete some very important projects at Naish. Sign up for our 2014 Skilled Trades Workday at http://2014naishskilledtradesday.kintera.org.

WHIPPOORWILL Council Ring Complete

At Spring Inductions this year, hundreds of Arrowmen and Ordeal candidates were the first to experience ceremonies in the newly renovated Whippoorwill Council Ring. Whippoorwill looks better than ever and will be an awesome site for Arrowmen to experience the ceremonies of the OA for years to come.

So far, Tamegonit Lodge has raised more than $63,000 towards our goal of $100,000 to fund the project. There are several recognition items for donors who give at least $100 to the campaign including a commemorative patch set. For more information contact Cortland Bolles at cortland.bolles@scouting.org or (816) 569-4955.

At the Lodge's 75th Anniversary Celebration in September, we will hold a dedication ceremony to thank all the donors and laborers who helped renovate Whippoorwill. Be on the lookout for more information at www.hoac-bsa.org/tamegonit-lodge-75th-anniversary.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

2014 Order of the Arrow Inductions

During the first two weeks of June, dozens of Ordeal candidates will become Arrowmen in the Order of the Arrow. There are two more opportunities for your candidates to complete their Ordeal or seal their membership in OA by becoming Brotherhood members.

August 15-17 —
Fall Induction #1 @ Naish
September 5-7 —
Fall Induction #2 @ Bartle

Sign-up online or download the 2014 Induction Packet at www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities.

NEW IN 2014

Camp Naish ATV Course
Available this summer for Scouts 14 and older

2014 Naish Camper Shirt

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Due July 1
Vigil Honor & Founder’s Award
www.hoac-bsa.org/resources-oa

NOAC 2015

August 3-8 — Michigan State University
Join the Tamegonit Lodge contingent to NOAC in 2015 for only $650. We’re taking deposits now at www.hoac-bsa.org/noac.
Kansas City Celebrates Fountain Day at Eagle Scout Fountain

On April 8, area Scouts helped celebrate a Kansas City tradition. Fountain Day is held each year on the second Tuesday in April and marks the day when Kansas City, Missouri’s 48 public fountains spring back to life. This year’s event was held at the Eagle Scout Memorial Fountain at 39th and Gillham. Special thanks to Troop 522 for serving as the color guard at the event.

Learn more about the Eagle Scout Memorial Fountain at www.kcparks.org/fountain/eagle-scout-memorial-fountain-2/.

Wood Badge “Sunday Friendly”

September 18-20 & October 9-11

Wood Badge is training for adult leaders from all Scouting programs. Participants take part in an active learning process and will enjoy a world-class learning experience that will strengthen their long-term commitment to Scouting and provide them with valuable leadership skills.

We will be holding a “Sunday friendly” course on September 18-20 & October 9-11 at Morrell Farms in Gallatin, MO. Space is limited. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge.

Program Updates — 2014 & Beyond

Program Changes on Horizon for Venturing & Cub Scouting

As you may have heard, there are a number of changes coming to Venturing in 2014 and Cub Scouting in 2015 that will energize and make these programs more dynamic and relevant to today’s youth and families.

The BSA’s Program Update website will be updated often with the most current news and information.

Go to www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx for more information.
Emma White — Benefactor of Kansas City Scouting

John B. White was a noted Kansas City business leader who was the President of Missouri Land and Lumber Company. He was a nationally known figure in the area of conservation as well as a famous historian. Following his death, his wife Emma carried out his philanthropic plans.

No charity was more important to Emma than Camp BoHoCa — the camp used by orphan residents of the Boys’ Hotel. She had been a benefactor of the Boys’ Hotel when it moved to its new location on Admiral Boulevard in 1911. Years later she had purchased the land for Camp BoHoCa and also built a school building on the camp grounds for the youth that attended camp. She took a personal interest in the boys who lived at the hotel who were earning their own living. She was very impressed that they were making a better life for themselves through their own efforts — it was a cause that touched her heart.

The Boys’ Hotel had a number of important benefactors who made generous donations, but never visited camp or questioned how their funds were spent. Mrs. White was not among this group. She was a friend to all of the boys and spent time with them at camp which earned her the nickname “Mother White”.

Years later the Boys’ Hotel and Camp BoHoCa fell on hard times during the depression. Camp BoHoCa was eventually leased to the BSAs Kansas City Council for one dollar a year in 1935. Scout Executive H. Roe Bartle renamed the property Camp White in honor of its benefactor just before her death in 1936. In fact, there is only one camp patch that was issued for campers at Camp White during its short history.

If you have Scouting history questions or suggestions for future articles, email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
| Troop 1243 | Patrick Dameron | Mark Ives, SM |
| Troop 1258 | Evan Lyons | Anita Brenberger, SM |
| Troop 1324 | Nathan Hosman | Roland Francis, SM |
| Troop 1324 | Allen Hall | Roland Francis, SM |
| Troop 1138 | Alexander Spehar | Dennis Henks, SM |
| Troop 1161 | Andrew Foster | Bruce Lathrop, SM |
| Troop 1221 | Andrew Naught | James Waldman, SM |
| Troop 1266 | Christopher Macrander | Kurtis Blocher, SM |
| Troop 1310 | Ryan Niederschulte | David Wildschuetz, SM |
| Troop 1310 | Wyatt Pacholke | David Wildschuetz, SM |
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| Troop 244 | Cody Birdwell | David Block, SM |
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| Troop 357 | Dylan Olson | Raymond Stockman, SM |
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| Troop 1513 | Justin Dean | Charles Barry, SM |
| Troop 1008 | James Ashcroft | Michael Packard, SM |
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| Troop 1137 | Cole Ritchie | Lars Floden, SM |
| Troop 1261 | Nathaniel Brancato III | Thomas Adams, SM |
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- Troop 1309: Marcos Barbosa, Timothy Denney, SM
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- Troop 1309: Kolton Kopp, Timothy Denney, SM
- Troop 1357: Evan Todd, Roger Hill, SM
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- Troop 1374: David Beyer, Paul Crooks, SM
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- Troop 1412: Andrew Crouse, Timothy Helton, SM
- Troop 1444: Alexander Moyer, Allen Lee, SM
- Troop 1444: Cade Kellam, Allen Lee, SM
- Troop 1900: Skylor Hidy, Phillip Anderson, SM

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- Troop 358: Benjamin Calvin, Nathan Roney, SM

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- Troop 53: Matthew Mitchell, Mitchell Yulich, SM
- Troop 59: George Deppenbusch, Eric Caldwell, SM
- Troop 64: Simon Elwell, Glenn Jackson, SM

### PIONEER TRAILS

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- Troop 182: Cameron Center, Kevin Ost, SM
- Troop 201: Jared Baugh, Greg Baugh, SM
- Troop 218: John Oxley, Mark Garcia, SM
- Troop 222: Abhishek Arinpalii, Mark Garcia, SM
- Troop 222: Frank Craven, Bradley Fountain, SM
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- Troop 240: Alex Bentzinger, Phillip Ratterman, SM
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- Troop 315: Henry Zimmermann, Kevin Coriden, SM
- Troop 315: Griffin Klimek, Kevin Coriden, SM
- Troop 324: Daniel Aks, Kent Bredheoef, SM
- Troop 412: Blake Boucher, William Wood, SM
- Troop 459: Matthew Ward, Craig Howes, SM

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- Troop 1323: Ryan Sanders, David Parker, SM
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- Troop 1621: Tracy Vest, Patrick Snider, SM
- Troop 1717: Isaiah Simmons, Timothy Collins, SM

- Troop 10: Matthew Antonic, Robert Day, SM
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- Troop 381: Robert Duff, Michael Duff, SM
- Troop 381: Steven Schmidt Jr., Michael Duff, SM

- Troop 88: Osten O'Dell, James Martin, SM
- Troop 88: Tyler Sonnevedt-Gragg, James Martin, SM
- Troop 108: Matthew Miller, Louis Schuler, SM
- Troop 181: Joseph Roszel, John Whiteside, SM
- Troop 186: Brett Christianson, Thomas Hart, SM
- Troop 186: Ryan Loiacono, Thomas Hart, SM
- Troop 401: Michael McCosh, Michael Meigs, SM
- Troop 401: David Pullen, Michael Meigs, SM
- Troop 401: David Pullen, Michael Meigs, SM
- Troop 401: Zachary Ruschill, Todd Steinmetz, SM
- Troop 428: Blake Steinmetz, Todd Steinmetz, SM
- Troop 439: Jared Morris, Jacob Wolf, SM
- Troop 494: Nicholas Jones, Kyle Weber, SM
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June

2-5  Big Muddy Day Camp  
Walnut Hills in Carrollton, Missouri

3  Roundtable  
Not being held due to summer camps

3  District Commissioner Meeting  
Not being held due to summer camps

5  District Committee Meeting  
Not being held due to summer camps

July

No District Meetings

Lexington Battlefield Invaded by Scouts

The date was April 6, the weather was great, and more than 25 Scouts showed up to give back to the community of Lexington. The service project included the planting of shrubs, repairing a split rail fence, hauling away brush, and picking up trash around the historic landmark. Thank you to everyone who helped give back to our community.

Investment in Character

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

Day Camp

Day Camp is here and it certainly promises to be a good time. If you get a few free minutes, then come out and stop by to enjoy the day with us. Just be sure to check in when you come out.

School Night for Scouting

School Night for Scouting is one of the most important times of the year in the Scouting calendar. Much like last year, we continue to tweak the School Night plan. The district hosted a School Night Kickoff at the May Roundtable, but not everyone was in attendance. Please take the time to contact Joe Beck at (816) 516-6730 for information. These changes, although minor, will be able to help maximize our efforts for the fall roundup campaign.

Roundtable

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

Want to be featured in Adventures in Scouting?

If you have a great program, or outstanding youth in your program, send your story to your executive and get them featured in future articles in Adventures in Scouting.
It's Pinewood Derby Time!

By Peter Muelleman, Blue Elk Public Relations Chair

Cub Scout Pack 865 at St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Independence held their annual Pinewood Derby earlier this year as Cub Scouts of all ages raced 36 cars in one of the most popular Scouting events.

Cub Master Ryan Johnson was pleased with the turnout and noted that most of the work done on the cars was done by the boys themselves. He attributed this to their Derby Workshop that helped the boys create their designs, and a seminar to teach the boys the principles of making a fast car.

The purpose of the Pinewood Derby is to have fun, but also to feel a sense of accomplishment, experience the excitement of competition, learn good sportsmanship, and develop a team relationship with their parent or adult helper. The first Pinewood Derby was held in 1953 and now over a million boys annually race in the event.

The final heat captivates the crowd at the Pinewood Derby

July

8-12 Day Camp
American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Dr., Blue Springs, MO

2014 Blue Elk Fall Camporee

Mark your calendars for October 4 and 5. Come to Camporee and have the opportunity to work on some cool new merit badges introduced this year! Scouts will have the opportunity to earn Cycling, Mining in Society, Computer Aided Design, Digital Technology, Search and Rescue, Geocaching, and back by popular demand…Welding. There will be other Eagle required merit badges that will be available as well including the “new” Cooking Merit Badge. Don’t miss this hands-on opportunity to put some of the knowledge you’ve acquired in Scouting to use. Camporee will be held October 4-5 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs. Make sure to visit the Blue Elk District website or contact Greg Dowell at (816) 935-4399 or gdowell0130@gmail.com.

School Night for Scouting

With the start of school comes the beginning of a new Scouting year. In August, September, and October nearly 5,000 new boys will join Cub Scouts in the Heart of America Council…over 550 in the Blue Elk District alone. It’s important that we welcome all of these new boys into packs that are ready to introduce them to Scouting with a well planned program full of fun and exciting activities. Take the opportunity during the summer months to get your pack’s fall calendar set and leadership in place.

Make sure to contact the school that your pack is affiliated with and be sure to have a table at Meet the Teacher Night. This is a great opportunity to catch families that may not be available the night of the school night. Encourage the boys in your pack to wear their uniforms the day of the school night and have them invite a friend that hasn’t already joined to the Cub Scout Family Campout! Recruitment is a year round process, but the biggest push is in the fall. Let’s make sure we’re ready! For questions, resources, or more information on School Night for Scouting, please contact Grant Dealy at grant.dealy@scouting.org or Ross Schaffer at ross.schaffer@scouting.org.
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

June

Black & Veatch Civil Engineering Tour
Despite temperatures barely above freezing, 25 Black & Veatch explorers made their way to the Bond Bridge on March 22. Tour guides gave the group an overview of how the area was formed by glaciers and the type of rock that they had to deal with in building the structure. Explorers learned how the foundation for the main support structure was designed and built.

Job Corps Explorer Post
Our Job Corps Explorer Post has many programs to offer to students interested in skilled trades. Each

Bus Wreck Scenario
On April 12, Independence and Sugar Creek Fire Departments came together for a bus roll over scenario. Explorers were able to put their skills to use and assist “mock patients.” Fire posts used extraction tools to remove the patients and transfer them to the health tent where they were evaluated further. Special thanks to the Hallmark Explorer Post who took photos at the event.

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2014 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

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2014 Investment

June

7 Law Enforcement Challenge
Overland Park Training Center, 12401 Hemlock St., Overland Park, KS

19 Committee Meeting & Cluster Breakouts, 12:00 pm
Heart of America Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO

July

No Exploring Events

ExploringKC.org
in attendance from the Frontier, Kaw, Blue Elk, and Thunderbird Districts. In addition to youth races, the corporate race division featured specially crafted Pinewood Derby cars by employees of General Motors, UAW Local 31 and Ford Motor Company.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Heart of America Council's Scoutreach Camp Scholarship Program which helps Scouting youth in Kansas City's urban core attend summer camp. Since 1999, the event has raised over $290,000 sending more than 1,600 Kansas City area youth to summer camp.

Scout City BBQ
Friday, June 20
Barney Allis Plaza — Kansas City, MO

Since 1998, the newly re-branded Scout City BBQ has raised over $260,000 for the Urban Scouting program here in Kansas City. The success of this event has made it possible to provide urban youth the opportunity to become Scouts by reducing the cost of registration, handbooks, uniforms and other program essentials.

Your participation in the 2014 Scout City BBQ will help the Urban Scouting program continue to serve at-risk youth in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Please consider making a donation and joining us for a great lunch.

Individual tickets are $10 and includes a pulled-pork sandwich, beans, coleslaw, ice cream and drink. American Royal Grand Champion PLOWBOYS BBQ is once again preparing the meal. Sponsorships are also available. Contact Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967 or Dusty.Boatright@scouting.org for more information.

Program Aides of the Month

We are pleased to recognize Daryel Garrison and Ivy Cullen as our program aides of the month. These leaders have delivered an exceptional program for our Scouts. Daryel and Ivy were both recognized with a $25 gift card to Quik Trip. Thank you for everything you do for Scouting in the Frontier District!

General Motors/UAW Local 31 Pinewood Derby

On March 29, General Motors, Ford, and local Cub Scouts raced for a good cause at the 15th Annual General Motors/UAW Local 31 Pinewood Derby. The event took place at the General Motors Fairfax Plant where a record breaking 126 Cub Scouts were...
NEW MARKETING RESOURCES AVAILABLE THIS JULY

www.hoac-bsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources
Investment in Character

Congratulations to the following units who have achieved Free Rank Advancement thus far:

Troop 1031  Pack 4019
Troop 1350  Pack 4399
Troop 1400  Pack 4632
Troop 1509

Congratulations to everyone in the Lone Bear District. We have surpassed our Investment in Character goal and are ahead of schedule. Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who worked to help both the family and community goals be reached.

Day Camp

Are you ready to go into outer space? Would you like to be one of the astronauts or a member of mission control? Then you need to come and join in the fun at Cub Scout Day Camp! Camp will be held June 9-13 at Artesian Park in Clinton, MO. Lots of fun and adventure are waiting. Camp Director Angela Thornton and Program Director Melissa Moore have been working all year to make sure that day camp will be fun and exciting. As always, there is still a need for staff. If you can help for a day or two, or maybe even the full week, please contact Angela at (816) 732-4151.

Summer Camping

Summer is always the highlight of any Scout’s year in Scouting. They not only look forward to summer camp, but also to the many other opportunities that are available. Take the time to explore some out of the ordinary options and help to increase your Scout’s excitement for Scouting and the outdoors. Make sure to take lots of pictures and bring back lots of stories.

Adventures In Scouting

The Lone Bear District would love to hear from your Scouting unit. Do you have an interesting trip that your unit has gone on or a community service project that you would like to share? We would love to be able to share your story in the next Adventures in Scouting newsletter. Send photos and stories to David Riker at david.riker@scouting.org.
North Star Scouter Honored for 50 Years of Service

At the April District Roundtable, John Hoagland received his 50 Year Service Award. This is a tremendous award rarely given out. John started his service to Scouting when his oldest son joined Boy Scout Troop 357 back in 1963. At that time, registration in the BSA was only one-dollar. A full ten days at the H. Roe Battle Scout Reservation was ten-dollars. John has three sons: John, Greg, and Jim. All three of them are Eagle Scouts. Service to Scouting has always been at the core of John's character. The following is just a small sample of what John has accomplished in Scouting:

- Cubmaster, Pack 357, twice
- Cub Roundtable chair for five years
- Scoutmaster, Troop 357
- Camporee Director
- Committee Chair, Troop 357
- District Commissioner for eighteen years
- Staff Member for many District Leader training courses
- Scout Leader Training Course Director
- Attended many training courses at Philmont
- Participated in over 200 Eagle Boards of Review
- Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow
- Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say
- Silver Beaver Award in 1990
- Good Shepard Award in 2009
- Troop 357's Investment in Character chairperson

The Heart of America Council and the North Star District are fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer as John. Thanks, John, for the impact you have made to the youth of our area.

God and Service Award

The Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) provides programs and awards in many denominations for youth-oriented service programs. While most of the traditional God and Country awards each year are earned by Scouting youth, there are few adult awards available. One such award is the God and Service Award. This award is given to acknowledge distinguished volunteer service by adults in ministry to young people through service to the Church and a national youth agency — such as the Boy Scouts of America. Recently, ten adults in the North Star District were awarded the God and Service Award. These individuals continue to provide leadership in making sure our youth fulfill the Twelfth Point of the Scout Law — A Scout is Reverent.

Ralph Michael (Mike) Bennett — Pack 288 and Naish Pool Director
Kristie Evans — Troop 376
Amy Lagermann — Troop 393
Joseph Engle — Pack 303
Nichola (Nicci) Engle — Pack 303
Alfred (Ben) Sandidge — Unit Commissioner
Brandon C. Hamilton — Pack 249
John F. Wilcox — National Council Relationships Committee and Unit Commissioner in Pioneer Trails
Dr. Bruce Williams, D.O. — Unit Commissioner
Bill McCully — Unit Commissioner
As you can see in the pictures, the boys worked hard and had a great time. Mrs. Van was very appreciative of the hard work. She gave all the boys water bottles and Hershey’s Kisses.

**2014 Program Planning Fair**

Northern Tier had an exciting and well-attended Program Planning Extravaganza on May 1st at the LDS Church in Overland Park. Scout leaders from most units in our district came to participate in this annual event. Booths were set up and displayed by many district leaders. Topics up for discussion were commissioner service, Scouting 500, popcorn sale, investment in character, camping, activities, camporee, OA, Cub Scouting and School Night for Scouting, and so much more!

After leaders visited each booth and connected with the volunteers there, they enjoyed a Peach Nehi Float straight from Iconium, MO! A special thank-you is in order for all of the volunteers who came together to provide this service to our unit leaders. This team effort came together without issue and provided our leaders with the tools and ideas they need to operate a fun and organized Scouting program.

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**Northern Tier Gives Back to the Community**

Service and Scouting go hand-in-hand. This is why Scouts in blue, brown and green uniforms around our council are held in such high regard. April is probably the busiest month for Scouts when it comes to providing community service. Northern Tier Scouts were very active in April with several varieties of community service projects.

One example of an exceptional day of service comes from Pack 3351 in Northern Tier. On Saturday, April 5, five families from Pack 3351 worked for about 2.5 hours cleaning out beds, raking and bagging leaves, and cleaning fallen branches from the lawn of Mrs. Van, an older woman who lives in Shawnee. The Pack filled up 60 lawn & leaf bags that day. They also filled the back of a pickup truck with dead tree branches and bags of yard waste.
**Investment in Character — Goal $47,800**

Congratulations to Keith Wood, Family Investment in Character Chair, Don Edman, Community Investment in Character Chair and their workers for an outstanding 2014 campaign. The Pelathe District faced a challenging combined goal of $47,800 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.

**Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic**

The date is set for August 25. Lawrence Country Club is the course and KU Basketball Coach Bill Self has graciously agreed to serve as our honorary chairman and celebrity golfer. This tournament has a long history of Scouting support.

Derek Bailey of Lawrence Bank and his committee are hard at work recruiting more than 28 teams to enjoy a day of golf while raising more than $16,000 to support Scouting in the Pelathe District and the Heart of America Council.

The tournament is filling up fast but there is still room for a few more teams. If you would like to play a few holes with Coach Self then the Eagle Foursome is for you at $3,000. If you would like to play and sponsor a hole then the Life Foursome at $800 is for you. Hole Sponsorships are also available at $250. For more information please contact Derek Bailey at (785) 856-9418 or by email at Derek@lawrencebank.com.

**Scouting For Food**

2014 marks the 27th anniversary for Scouting for Food in the Pelathe District. Each year, more food is collected and more Scouts participate. This year our community good turn project collected a combined total of more than 11,000 cans for the Lawrence, Eudora and Baldwin City communities.

In Lawrence, the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Scouting families work together to supply food for participating food pantries.

In Eudora, Scouting for Food is truly a community effort. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Methodist Youth, High School students, St. Paul Church of Christ volunteers and Troop 64 alumni all work together to provide the Eudora Ministerial Alliance with food for distribution.

In Baldwin City the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts combine their efforts to stock the shelves of the Baldwin United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to John Scott and everyone involved. This year’s 11,000 cans will help stock the food pantries in each of our communities.

**Trails End Popcorn Sale Set for Fall**

The fall Trails End Popcorn Sale is just around the corner so be sure that you are planning how your pack, troop or crew can raise the money needed to provide the highest quality program possible. Plan your Ideal Year of Scouting program, build your unit annual budget, select your unit popcorn Kernel, set your unit and Scout sales goals, and plan the date for your unit kickoff.

Plan to attend the District Popcorn Kickoff in August to learn about the new products, incentives and sale ideas. The Trails End Popcorn Sale is a great way for Scouts to earn money needed for your Scouting activities and to support the camping facilities of the Heart of America Council.

**Find us on Facebook**

We want you to be a fan! Add your unit’s photos to all the great photos of Pelathe District Scouting already posted. You can find our page by searching Facebook for “Pelathe District, HOAC, BSA.”
Pioneer Trails District Service Project

Scouts participated in our District Service project on Saturday, May 3 at the Cliff Drive Scenic Byway. This was the first year that we have partnered with the Cliff Drive Association to work on 4.6 miles of mountain bike trails along the Drive. In September we will work with the Association on restoring the Indian Mounds Historic Trail.

District Call Outs and Spring Inductions

District Call Outs were held Thursday, April 24 at the Hogan Cabin in the Lake of the Woods camping area. Thank you to our Chapter Chief, Lewis Chapman and his Team and to our OA Chapter Advisor, Greg Ellerman. Scouts that attended the Call Outs then had the opportunity the next night to attend the First Spring Induction weekend at Camp Naish.

Investment in Character

We are finishing up the District Investment in Character Campaign. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to donate this year. If you haven't had the opportunity to make a pledge, contact Niel Campbell at niel.campbell@scouting.org or (816) 569-4949.

Cub Scout Summer Camping Opportunities

It's summer time and that means it's time for summer camp. The Heart of America Council has some of the best Cub Scout camping facilities in the country and now is the time to plan your summer adventure. Choose from our many camping programs and “Get Out and Get Camping” this summer.

- **Bear Resident Camp**: Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, Cub World — 2-days/1-night — sessions still available
- **Webelos Resident Camp**: Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — 3-days/2-nights — sessions still available
- **Pioneer Trails Day Camp**: June 23-27, Longview Lake Group Camping Area

Visit www.scoutcamping.org for more information on summer camping opportunities.

Fall Recruitment

With all this talk about camp, we can't forget about School Night for Scouting. The fall is quickly approaching and the Pioneer Trails School Night Orientation & Kickoff will be held at the June Roundtable. We are looking to have all Pack Committee and Membership Chairs as well as Cubmasters attend. If you have any questions please contact Niel Campbell at (816) 569-4949.

Fountain Day

April 8, 2014 was Fountain Day in Kansas City, MO and this year the ceremony was held at the Eagle Scout Memorial Fountain at 39th and Gillham Road. Scouts from Notre Dame de Sion cheered on the as the Fountains were turned on in the City.
2014 Community Day of Service

Red-Tailed Hawk District hit another home run for the City of Olathe. Many of our units did the standard parks and trails cleanup that we have done for many years.

Michael Samms, working with Liz Newman from Olathe Parks, lead an effort to revitalize the Ensor Historical Site in southern Olathe. RTH took on the effort to apply a coat of paint to all of the outbuildings and farm implements.

With over 575 individuals contributing 1,606 volunteer hours, worth over $35,000, to the Olathe Park Maintenance budget, it can be said that RTH did a “Good Turn” on April 12!

Thank you to all who helped to make this a successful Community Day of Service.

Eagle Scout Creates Outdoor Classroom Experience

Communities are strengthened by Eagle Scouts who complete projects that make a lasting difference. Over the past 4 months, new Eagle Scout Griffin Klimek has been working to do just that at his old Elementary School, Heatherstone. Griffin noticed an unused, open-air space at Heatherstone Elementary and took on the task of creating a functional outdoor classroom for students to enjoy. The completed outdoor classroom includes six benches, two butterfly gardens, a podium, a whiteboard, and an educational weather station. Congratulations and thank you Griffin!
“Cubs in Space” Day Camp

Are you ready to journey into the final frontier? Then join us for Cub Scout Day Camp 2014! While we won’t actually be going to space, you can experience an out-of-this-world adventure from June 23-28 at Jerry Smith Park. Registration is $70 prior to event, on-site registration is $75.

Your launch crew is very excited to announce that Webelos Scouts will have the opportunity to join an overnight space program the last night of the camp! Keep your receivers open for more information to come!

We can always use more Cadet Volunteers to help with this odyssey. If interested in volunteering, fill out the application found at www.hoac-bsa.org/thunderbird-day-camp and don’t forget to “Like” our Facebook page at Thunderbird District Cub Scout Day Camp!

Planning Your Year

At the May Roundtable we had a great time at our annual Program Planning Fair. Thank you to all those that helped with setup, tables and all those great extras. It is the hope of the District Committee and Commissioners that each unit was provided with all the information needed to plan a great year of Scouting for the youth. Providing a year-round, quality Scouting program should be the goal of every Scouting unit. The Ideal Year of Scouting helps you develop an annual program plan, a budget to go along with that plan, and a fundraising plan to reach your program goals. The result is a well-managed, well-financed Scouting unit.

The District Committee, Commissioners and Professional staff are ready to help you plan and provide a great program. Please feel free to call the Council Service Center if you do not know where to start at (816) 942-9333.

Camporee 2014

All Boy Scout Troops do not want to miss out as we have fun with fitness at Camporee this fall. We will work to keep ourselves personally fit by doing partial requirements and creative fun parts of the Athlete, Personal Fitness and Sports merit Badges.

DATE: October 10, 11 & 12, 2014
LOCATION: Blue & Gray Park
COST: $8

For information contact: Micheal Boos, Camporee Chair, at micheal.boos@yahoo.com or 816-813-4055

NOT ALL MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE COVERED DURING EVENT!!!

BeAScout.org

Does your unit have up to date information on the BeAScout.org website? During the summer and especially as we head into the beginning of school many new families in the area look to this website to find the opportunities to join the Boy Scouts. If not, it is easy to update by logging into myscouting.org and selecting BeAScout on the left hand menu.
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- **District Chair**: Rob Baker (913) 338-4430
- **District Commissioner**: Roger Johnson (913) 648-6210
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- **Venturing Chair**: Vacant
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  Josh.Morales@scouting.org
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### June

1. **Day Camp Early Check In and Set Up**, 1-5 pm  
   Camp Timberlake,  
   8285 W 179th St., Stilwell, KS

2-6. **Trailhead Day Camp**  
   Camp Timberlake,  
   8285 W 179th St., Stilwell, KS

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

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

### July

- **No District Events**

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

**Cub Scout Day Camp: “Cubs in Space”**

Escape to space this year at Trailhead Day Camp!

- Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts including recent kindergarten graduates!
- June 2-6 at Camp Timberlake
- Cub Scouts will get to try out shooting sports, create some “out of this world” crafts, and participate in other space activities!
- Look for more information at [www.SCOUTCAMPING.org](http://www.SCOUTCAMPING.org)
- Cost of registration is $70 prior to camp and $75 day of camp. New scouts are only $60!

### Fall Recruitment

Kick off the school year with a back to the pack meeting or activity. Then plan and promote your school night to invite some new cubs to join! Flyers, posters, and yard signs will be available to help you promote your school night. For questions, contact School Night Chair, Paul Moore, at ptmoore@gmail.com.

### Popcorn Fundraiser 2014

It’s that time of year! Start planning your Popcorn Kickoff and get your unit signed up. Popcorn is an excellent opportunity to raise funds for pack activities. Just ask Nicholas Kost, Troop 256, who was the top seller in the council for multiple years. Nicholas raised $6,107 last year selling popcorn and is using his funds to travel abroad.

**2014 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER**

- Cub Scout: 83.4%
- Boy Scout: 13.1%
- District: 7.4%

**2014 ADVANCEMENT**

1. **School Night Kick Off**  
   Emmanuel Baptist Church,  
   10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

3. **District Committee Meeting**, 6:30 pm — NEW LOCATION  
   Merrill Lynch,  
   3401 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS

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*Pack 3348 Tiger Den at Pinewood Derby*
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Trails West Community Day of Service

Thank you to the Trails West Scouts and Scouters who gave back to our communities on April 26. Projects took place at Central Green Park in Lenexa, Cedar Lake in Olathe, and the Gardner Greenway Corridor in Gardner. Tasks completed included trash and trail clean-up, mulching playgrounds, and landscaping. A big thank you also goes out to the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, and Gardner for their leadership of this event.

Investment in Character Campaign

The 2014 Investment in Character Campaign is in full swing. Congratulations to Crew 2286; Packs 3095, 3180, 3435; Troops 83, 401, 428; and Ward 648 for achieving their 2014 goal. These units have achieved free rank advancement through March 31, 2015.

Day Camp 2014

“Cubs in Space”

June 9-12 — Lake Olathe Old Golf Course
(Santa Fe & Wardcliff)

Activities include: archery, BB guns, slingshots, fishing, monkey bridge, sports, games, crafts, and more!

Cost: $70 if paid before camp. $75 at camp. For new scouts (including new tigers — new kindergarten graduates) who register after March 19, will be offered the $60 rate at whatever time they sign up for Day Camp.

Pack Coordinator and Walking Leader Training:
Thursday, June 5 — Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS – 6:00pm

More Information: Bill O’Connor (913) 302-8549 or billoconnor7@yahoo.com or www.scoutcamping.org

School Night for Scouting

Before your Pack heads to camp, make sure you’re ready for the fall. The 2014 School Night for Scouting Campaign is right around the corner. 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. At Roundtable, June 5 will be the School Night Kickoff for Trails West at 7pm. All packs need to have their pack representatives attend the kickoff. New information and plans for fall 2014 will be presented.

2014 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

100.7%

2014 ADVANCEMENT

Cub Scout

Boy Scout

17.3% 7.9%

June

5 Day Camp Leader Training, 6:00 pm
Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS

5 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS

5 School Night Kickoff, 7:00 pm
Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS

9-12 TW District Day Camp
Lake Olathe Old Golf Course

10 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Price Chopper Lenexa, KS

18 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Bass Pro Shop, Olathe, KS

July

No District Events

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

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**District Information**

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**July**

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**2014 Investment in Character**

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**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 Fall District School Night Rally on August 7 at First Presbyterian Church in Paola.

Don’t forget to contact incoming first grade families over the summer months. Send emails, make phone calls or just talk to families about joining the fun of Cub Scouts.

**2014 Investment in Character Campaign**

Thank you for all your efforts in helping us reach our 2014 campaign goal. If you would still like to contribute, contact John Hobbs at john.hobbs@scouting.org. Thanks to Julie Couch, 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 ASAP and plan on attending the popcorn orientation meeting this fall. Watch for the date, time and location.

**District Pinewood Derby**

The District Pinewood Derby is a fantastic annual community event for Scouts in our 4-county area. Thanks to Kelly Daggett from Pack 3099 in Osawatomie & support from the Osawatomie School District & Trojan Elementary Principal Jeff White has showcased a great way to engage the community together. This couldn’t be done without the support & allowing our Cub Scouts & families to use Trojan Elementary building space. Likewise, several area principals were able to compete & race against each other in a little bit of friendly competition!

In March our very own Senior DE — John Hobbs gave a speech & discussion at the Downtown KC Rotary Club 13 about our upcoming summer Rotary Scout Camp in July. This camp serves our Scouts with Disabilities across the Heart of America Council & surrounding Boy Scout Councils, including the Springfield & St. Joseph, MO areas.

**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.

**“Cubs in Space” Cub Scout Day Camp**

Join us for a Day Camp “Cubs in Space” at the Miami County Fairgrounds June 2-5. Registration is still available at www.scoutcamping.org.

**District Community Service Day**

Around 50 Scouts and volunteers gave back to our community on April 5 at the Miami County Fairgrounds. The Twin Rivers Community Service Day involved clearing brush & clean-up at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Scouts collected items to be recycled from throughout the community. Thank you to Aida Thompson for leading this successful event.

Troop 101 from Louisburg hosts their own local Merit Badge Forum

Twin Rivers Scouts eagerly await the presentation of awards at the District Pinewood Derby on April 26th 2014.
Scouting 500 Recap
Relive one of the largest Scouting events in the nation through some of our favorite event photos

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