David M. Lockton
2014 EAGLE SCOUT CLASS

Soaring Above
Eagle Scouts honored at historic Kansas City landmark
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Spring Recruitment...What’s Your Plan?

Last month you set your clocks ahead for daylight-saving time, but have you looked ahead to the fall for the new Scouting program year?

When I served as my son’s den leader for three years and then troop committee chair for 3 years, I used to think that the start of spring meant one thing, getting ready for summer camp! But we have come to learn that spring is actually one of the most critical times for any pack or troop.

For a troop, it’s all about welcoming new Webelos. Just like a sports team, every troop needs an influx of new boys each year.

We also know that if a boy reaches the rank of First Class within six months of joining he is 75% more likely to stay in Scouting. When a new Webelos Scout joins your troop, participates in 2-3 campouts and goes to summer camp he is well on his way to earning his First Class rank before the start of the new school year. We also know that one of the best ways to recruit new Scouts is by having a friend who is already in Scouting ask them to join. Challenge your Scouts to have them bring a friend on your next camp out. You’ll be surprised by the results.

One thing that makes a great Cub Scout pack is a succession plan. Do you wait until the fall to recruit new den leaders by asking for a volunteer? People will volunteer, but often it is better to identify the best person to fill this position and ask them in a one-on-one setting. Most times we know the “go to” parents who get things done. Imagine if the Cubmaster and committee chair in consultation with the pack committee determined who the best person to be the new Wolf den leader would be and then asked them in April to fill this position at the start of the new school year?

As a council our youth retention rate is one of the best in the nation at 74%, but obviously we can do better. When youth and parents are asked why they dropped out of Scouting the number one reason was boring and disorganized den, pack and troop meetings.

A little program and succession planning this spring can have a dramatic impact on the quality of your Scouting program, ultimately impacting the lives of more youth. Make sure your pack and troop takes advantage of all the summer programs and activities offered by the council and have a great summer!

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

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COUNCIL NEWS

LEGACY OF HONOR | 2014 Eagle Scout Class Reception

More than 1,200 Scouts and Scout families made their way to Municipal Music Hall on February 22 to honor three generations of Eagle Scouts. The 2014 David M. Lockton Eagle Scout Class Reception recognized more than 200 members of the 2014 Eagle Scout Class as well as Eagle Scouts from the 1964 and 1989 classes who were celebrating their 50th and 25th anniversaries.

In 2014, 675 young men were awarded their Eagle Scout badge in the Heart of America Council — that’s more than twice the national average. Eagle Scouts in 2014 also donated more than 85,000 hours of community service through Eagle Scout projects. Members of the 2014 class who attended this year’s reception were presented a limited edition challenge coin and were included in the official Eagle Scout class photo. Attendees can order their very own commemorative photo at http://mcarverphoto.com/bsa2014.

This year’s reception also featured the presentation of the Paul D. Arend Distinguished Scoutmaster Award and the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. The Paul D. Arend Distinguished Scoutmaster Award is presented annually to a Heart of America Council Scoutmaster who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the values of the Scout Oath and Law and to the mentorship of Eagle Scouts. This year’s award was presented to Scoutmaster David McCaughey from Troop 1195 in Lee’s Summit, MO.

The 2015 Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award was presented to Eagle Scout Andrew Clark from Troop 282 in Leawood, KS. Andrew’s Eagle Scout project was conducted at his church, Leawood Presbyterian. Andrew, along with Scouts from Troop 282, constructed a bridge across a creek at the church. The project was designed to allow riding lawn-mowers and other equipment to move around the property easier and to help the church use the land more effectively.

How to Order your Eagle Scout Photo

Glenn and Melinda Adams present the National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to Andrew Clark

Special thanks to everyone that attended especially David Lockton, Chairman, Lockton Companies, our 2014 Eagle Scout Class Honoree.

DIG DAY

MAY 9 | COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

The Heart of America Council’s inaugural Dig Day will help beautify our communities for spring. Partnering with Kansas City Parks and Recreation, Scouts in the North Star and Pioneer Trails Districts, along with members of Tamegonit Lodge, will help plant flowers in over 120 flower beds across the city.

The day will officially kick-off at the Eagle Scout Memorial Fountain at 9:00 am. From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, volunteers will work with Parks and Recreation employees to plant flowers. Be sure to pack a lunch and bring drinking water.

Several sites in the Pioneer Trails District still need teams of volunteers. Sign-up your unit at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Additional community service projects are also planned in support of Dig Day in other districts on May 9. Contact your District Activity Chair for more information.

Council Scouter Honored for Service to Scouts with Disabilities

The Heart of America Council is pleased to announce the selection of Karen Jones as the recipient of this year’s Woods Service Award.

The Woods Service Award is a national Scouting award that recognizes only one Scouting volunteer a year for their exceptional service to Scouts with disabilities and special needs.

Karen’s service to youth in the Heart of America Council, Central Region and National Council truly demonstrates her commitment to the Scouting program. Karen will be honored with the award at the BSA National Meeting this May in Atlanta.

Council Scouter Honored for Service to Scouts with Disabilities

The Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

April/May 2015
7 Facts about the NEW Cub Scout Program

From "Bryan on Scouting" — A Blog for BSA

Adult Leaders

The June 1 launch of the new Cub Scout program is approaching fast. Feeling less than prepared? The latest edition of CubCast covers how Cubmasters and den leaders can get ready for the new Cub Scout program. This month’s guest is Ken King, a member of the task force that conceived and designed the new Cub Scout program materials. Go to www.scouting.org/Scoutcast/Cubcast/2015.aspx to listen now or check out 7 facts that will help you launch the new program in your pack.

7. The program materials debut May 1

That’ll give you plenty of time to check out the actual materials you’ll use with your Cub Scouts. You can also see a ton of content now at the BSA’s Program Updates page at www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx.

“Pick up a copy of the youth handbook that you’ll be working with and the den leader guide that you’ll need and spend some time reviewing,” King says, “because the den leader guide will map out how to deliver a den meeting in great detail.”

6. The new Cub Scout program will cost the same (or maybe less).

“The number of adventure loops required is approximately the same as the number of academic and sports loops that are earned by boys right now,” King says. “The new program won’t be appreciably different, and some calculations suggest it will be a little bit less than what it is right now.”

5. You won’t need a ton of extra materials.

“You don’t need to buy additional resources — things like the Group Meeting Sparklers, the Cub Scout Songbook, (and) the How-to Book of Cub Scouting,” King says. “They’re all still available as extra resource materials, but everything is contained in one single den leader guide.”

4. Overall pack meeting structure will look the same.

You’ll “be familiar with it,” King says. You’ve “had experience with pack meetings, but some things we’ve developed to help them be more successful is we have a team that’s putting together new pack meeting plans.”

3. There are more opportunities for immediate recognition.

Cub Scout-age boys love instant recognition. That’s been a standard at den meetings, and now it’s more true at pack meetings, too.

“There’s also more opportunities for recognition during pack meetings,” King says, “depending on how the pack wants to organize that, boys can be recognized consistently, which will encourage them to be involved in the pack meetings and bring their families in to celebrate their successes.”

2. The transition from old to new is actually really easy.

“Starting on June 1, if you’re a new Tiger, a Wolf, Bear, or starting the Webelos program, just use the new program materials that are in the handbooks and materials,” King says. “They’re designed to make it easy to use, and when they finish their current level of program, they can just step into the next step without any problem.”

1. Boys working on Arrow of Light can use new or old.

“Boys that’ll be working on their Arrow of Light” later this year have two choices, King says. “They can keep using the current program, or they have the additional option that they can apply some of their previously earned Webelos-level recognitions and their activity badges; some of those can be used for advancement in the new system.”
**COUNCIL NEWS**

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**SCOUTStrong Challenge**

**Saturday, May 16 — Kansas Speedway**

The Challenge is back. Be part of the 3rd annual SCOUTStrong Challenge Half Marathon and 5K on May 16. This USA Track and Field sanctioned race will begin and end on the track of the Kansas Speedway! This event is open to runners of all ages and includes...

**2015 RACE FEATURES:**

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

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**Sporting Kansas City Scout Night**

**Friday, September 18 — Sporting Park**

Scout Night is back at Sporting Park! Join us on Friday, September 18 as Sporting Kansas City takes on FC Dallas in a Western Conference showdown. Tickets are only $25 (a $40 value). But act fast! This game will sell out and less than 2,000 Scout Night tickets are still available. Order your tickets today at www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc.

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**2015 SCOUT NIGHT SCARF**

The scarves are back! Pre-order your official 2015 Scout Night scarf for an additional $20. A Scout Night favorite, less than 225 limited edition scarves are still available at www.hoac-bsa.org/sporting-kc.

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
Steps to Develop your Yearly Program:

- Brainstorm ideas of things you would like to do as a unit. Include a wide range of activities like field trips and service projects.
- Have the unit committee evaluate each suggestion and go back to the unit with an “approved” list. Have youth vote on their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. The activities receiving the most votes should be put into your annual program plan.
- Put together a draft program calendar. Assign potential activities for further research (cost, times, availability, etc.)
- Finalize your program plan. Put together a budget to fund the program.
- Recruit new youth and adult members during a school night/recruitment event.
- Hold a program kickoff for new and returning families.
- Conduct your annual fundraising event (popcorn).
- Implement your program plan.

Steps to your Ideal Year of Scouting:

1. Plan your annual program
2. Develop a budget that includes enough income to achieve the program
3. Grow your program by recruiting and welcoming new families
4. Get commitments from parents and youth and train your leaders

2015-2016 Ideal Year of Scouting Planning Guide

Start your Ideal Year of Scouting with our newly updated planning guides. These full-color guides will be provided at no cost to all packs, troops, and Unit Commissioners. (*limit 2 per unit).

Guides will be available starting in May at your District Roundtable.

STEM Camp 2015
Bartle | July 26 – August 1

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation will host the inaugural STEM Boy Scout Camp this summer. The STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) themed camp will offer up everything from the science of GPS to engineering. Registration is limited to the first 200 Scouts. Cost is $245 per person. Leaders are encouraged to attend, but are not required to do so.

Register now at http://BartleSTEM.Kintera.org.
It’s a new record! Thanks to the more than 940 business and community leaders who made their way to the Marriott Muehlebach on March 5 for the Heart of America Council’s 8th annual Patron Luncheon. The event not only raises much needed funds for Scouting, it also showcases the importance of the program to the Kansas City community. In addition to welcoming a record setting crowd, this year’s luncheon also raised a record setting $446,500 for local Scouting programs.

Former senator and "Law & Order" star, Fred Thompson, served as the guest speaker while Michael Hagedorn, President and CEO, UMB Bank n.a., served as this year’s luncheon chairman. Special thanks to all our table hosts and corporate sponsors for continuing to make the Patron Luncheon one of Kansas City’s best fundraising events.
The Council Properties and Camping Committees are excited to announce some exciting new upgrades to the Theodore Naish and H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservations this summer.

At Naish, the list includes the introduction of a new ATV Program at Boy Scout Camp and the installation of Auto-Belays for the climbing tower. The new Auto-Belay system will allow Webelos to utilize the tower. You’ll also notice a new changing area in Bear Camp. In addition to the yearly improvements on the camp roads, new water heaters will be installed at the pools and the dining hall and Great House will also undergo routine maintenance.

At Bartle, major repairs will be completed at all pools in addition to painting some of the pools and all of the shower houses. Installation of a new public address system will continue in all three camps, along with remodeling the RHQ kitchen and the replacement of waterlines. In support of one of the Reservation’s newest programs, a new BMX Bike pavilion will be constructed along with the addition of a few new mountain bikes. At the lake front, a major investment will be made over the next few years to replace all of the docks.

The cost of all of these improvements is estimated at $327,000, which comes from a distribution of earnings from the Heart of America Council Trust Fund.

**MIC-O-SAY NEWS**

**The Tribe of Mic-O-Say**

**THE TRAIL AHEAD**

**A Rich History, A Bright Future**

It’s hard to imagine that a fledgling organization born in the early days of 1929 would eventually grow to become one of the largest and most influential leadership organizations in all of Scouting, but that’s precisely the history of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in the Heart of America Council.

While the growth of Mic-O-Say over the last eight-plus decades is notable, the goal of our Tribe has never been to get bigger simply for the sake of doing so. Rather, the goal established by generations of exceptional leaders has been to grow Mic-O-Say in order to prepare young men to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Mic-O-Say’s Tribal Celebration will be held May 29-31 at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. All Tribesmen are invited back to celebrate Mic-O-Say’s role in the lives of more than 75,000 Scouts and Scouters who have taken the long and hazardous trail to the Inner Circle.

The Tribal Celebration is a weekend of camaraderie and bonding of the finest brotherhood in the world. It’s a fantastic weekend that launches our camping season and provides opportunities to renew and launch new friendships. It’s important for all Tribesmen to make sure our youngest members attend the Celebration. This annual event is an excellent occasion for the young Tribesmen in your unit to experience Mic-O-Say in action.

This year’s Celebration theme, “The Trail Ahead,” commemorates a legacy of leadership and the promise of a strong future through exceptional brotherhood. Even though the way ahead cannot be known, the trail that has been blazed by unselfish service and willing leadership leads to an Inner Circle that is always strong and has never been broken in spirit.

Join your fellow Tribesmen for a weekend of friendship and warmth. Register for the 2015 Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration today at www.hoac-bsa.org/mic-o-say-tribal-celebration.

**NEW PROGRAM | Bartle**

Crate stacking? Trust us, this is one activity your Scouts will be talking about. Be one of the first to try this new outpost at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation this summer. Scouts will test their strength and agility as they stack milk crates without getting off the stack. Participants will then take an exciting ride down the zip line to complete their outpost time.

**AROUND THE RESERVATION | Bartle**

At a recent workday, the last of over 100 new trail signs and mile markers were installed throughout the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Special thanks to Mike Meyers for taking the lead on this project and to Clarence Stevens for routing out most of the trail signs. The ultimate goal for this project was to help our Scouts and leaders hike the many trails of the Reservation.

**Join the Tribe’s Facebook Page**

The "Tribe of Mic-O-Say — HOAC” Facebook Page is just over a year old and has nearly 3,000 members! Have you “Liked” the page yet? Join today to stay up-to-date on information and events and join in the fellowship and discussions.

**Bartle and Mic-O-Say Workday**

The camping season is just around the corner. Help prepare camp by volunteering at the next workday on May 9. There are many projects that will be underway and this is a great way to give back to your Reservation. Visit www.hoac-bsa.org/campmasters for more information or to register.
**WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP**

*Theodore Naish Scout Reservation*

Webelos Camp 2015 will feature the BRAND NEW Webelos programming adventures and elective requirements! Make memories that last with this two-night, three-day camping experience for first and second year Webelos.

Online registration is now available at www.scoutcamping.org.

**2015 Webelos Camp Fees**
- On or Before 4/29/15 — $145.00
- After 4/29/15 — $155.00

**2015 Webelos Leader Orientation Meetings:**
- Tuesday, April 7 — Camp Naish — 7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 9 — Camp Naish — 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 11 — Council Service Center — 10:00 am

**BEAR RESIDENT CAMP**

*Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World*

Bear Camp 2015 will feature the BRAND NEW Cub Scout Program!

Join your Scout for a one-night, two-day introduction to the Boy Scout summer camp experience. As a one-on-one camping adventure, every youth attending Bear Resident Camp must have an adult partner.

Online registration is now available at www.scoutcamping.org.

**2015 Bear Camp Fees**
- On or Before 4/29/15 — $65.00
- After 4/29/15 — $75.00

**2015 Bear Leader Orientation Meetings:**
- Monday, May 18 — Camp Naish — 7:00 pm
- Sunday, May 17 — Camp Naish — 10:00 am

**ORDER OF THE ARROW**

**OA Induction Weekends**

Make sure to sign up for an Induction Weekend as soon as possible. All newly elected candidates should be signed-up to attend an Induction Weekend and anyone who has been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months should come to an Induction Weekend to seal their membership in the OA by becoming a Brotherhood member.

**2015 Schedule**
- Spring Induction #1 — May 1-3
- Spring Induction #2 — May 15-17
- Summer Induction #1 — June 10-11
- Summer Induction #2 — June 17-18
- Fall Induction #1 — August 14-16
- Fall Induction #2 — August 28-30

**2015 Award Nominations**

Due July 1. Nominations for the Vigil Honor and Founder’s Award are due no later than July 1. Download the nomination forms at www.hoac-bsa.org/resources-oa.

**Arrowman Service Award**

Registered members in good standing with the BSA, their local council and their Order of the Arrow Lodge can commemorate the OA’s centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award. This award is one of the few patches that is approved by the national Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on an OA sash.

The purpose of the Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA. The award has three categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration. Download the award forms at www.oa-bsa.org.

**Central Region ArrowTour Visits Kansas**

**June 20 | Camp Naish**

Arrowmen...Here’s your first chance to join in the Centennial celebration of the Order of the Arrow. The Central Region ArrowTour will visit the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation on Saturday, June 20. The Lodge Executive Committee is at work finalizing its plans for added features and fun that will enhance the ArrowTour program.

**Highlights include:**
- Evening Show — Designed to help you reflect, connect, and discover the unlimited possibilities available within Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.
- Activities — Include ‘Lodgeball’ and ga-ga ball
- Trading Post, Branding and Silk Screening — Buy centennial memorabilia and brand personal items.
- Reflect Tent — A time-capsule, interactive journey through the first 100 years of the Order of the Arrow.
- Connect Tent — Find out the latest OA News. All our Tamegonit Lodge Centurions will be recognized on the Centurion Wall of Honor.

**Book your Mini-Camp Adventure this Spring**

Boy Scouts and Venturers can participate in activities ranging from shooting sports and archery to COPE and Wilderness First Aid training. Most programs cost $30 for the day. Registration includes lunch for all programs. Participants may register individually or as a unit and choose either a day or weekend option. Visit www.hoacbsa.org/mini-camp-weekends for more information.

**Spring Mini-Camps:** April 18, April 25

**NEW PROGRAM | Naish**

Get ready for the ultimate adrenaline rush. Our new ATV outpost will be officially unveiled this summer at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Scouts will learn ATV safety and then travel our professionally designed dirt course through the backwoods of the reservation.
Day Camp is a great way for your son to experience the thrill of the outdoors all while being close to home. This year's theme, KNIGHTS IN TRAINING, will introduce your Cub Scout to the ultimate medieval adventure. Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts, including Kindergarten graduates, and typically runs 4-5 days from 9:00 am to 3:00 daily. Camps are geographically located throughout the Heart of America Council for the convenience of our Scouting families.

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DAY CAMP FEES

On or Before 4/10/15 — $60 per Scout
After 4/11/15 — $70 per Scout
At Camp — $75 per Scout

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

The Heart of America Council believes that every Scout should have the opportunity to attend summer camp. Financial aid or CAMPERSHIPS are available to Scouts who qualify. Visit HOAC-BSA. ORG for details.

*Cost for new Scouts, regardless of age, is $60 anytime

All campers will receive the official 2015 KNIGHTS IN TRAINING t-shirt and patch.

Your Day Camp Adventure is ONLY A CLICK AWAY

Registering for Day Camp is easy.

Simply visit SCOUTCAMPING.ORG and click CUB SCOUT CAMPING then DAY CAMP. From there you can register or select your DISTRICT for specific camp information. PLEASE REGISTER AS A PACK

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

April/May 2015
It’s been all about the girls for Venturing Crew 2052 since the beginning. The all-female crew chartered out of Lawrence, KS has been active since October 2002, giving its members opportunities to develop skills and knowledge in the areas of high adventure and leadership.

The crew has filtered through its fair share of girls, and there are currently 20 registered Venturers ranging in age from 14 to 20. Dani M., active in the crew for about a year and a half, says she joined because she craved high adventure. “I wanted to get to do things that your everyday, average person doesn’t get to do,” she said.

Although relatively new to the crew, Dani was quickly able to work her way up to leadership positions. She currently serves as the crew’s quartermaster, meaning she is responsible for the crew’s equipment on trips.

“It taught me what it really means to be in a girl-led crew,” she said. “And that if you want something to be done or changed, then you can do it.”

Dani is right. It’s the girls themselves who decide what they want to do and where they want to go. From participating in activities across the country and around the world, the crew has no physical boundaries when it comes to staying active. The crew has participated in several Scouting camps in the Kansas City area; has been to Philmont, a high-adventure Scout ranch in New Mexico four times; Philmont’s winter program, Kanik, twice; OKPIK, a high-adventure program in Minnesota, twice; The Summit, a high-adventure base in Virginia; the Irish International Jamboree near Dublin in 2008; Kandersteg, an international Scout center in Switzerland; and much more.

Ryan H., a crew member since 2010, has been to Philmont twice and said those were some of her best experiences with the crew. “It was a way to get to know other Scouts while having this amazing experience at the same time,” she said. The second time around, Ryan served as the crew’s leader, a position that gave her valuable leadership experience. “It allowed me to learn how to make an executive decision for a large group of people. It also helped me to listen to others’ input in order to make a decision.”

The girls often seek adventures on an individual level as well. Carrie D. served on staff at Gilwell, an international Scout base in England, and Joanna M. served on staff at Kandersteg. Several former Scouts have also served as staff at Philmont. Phoebe C. enjoyed her Philmont experience so much she decided to return to do the ROCS trek. The Roving Outdoor Conservation School trek is a 21-day adventure committed to environmental service. “I decided to go back because I loved it so much the first time around,” Phoebe said. “I’m really looking forward to meeting new people, seeing more of the property and learning more about conservation.”

The experiences the members of Crew 2052 have had as a part of Venturing extend far beyond the crew itself. “It’s taught me that every day should be embraced and that I need to apply what I’ve learned in Venturing to make every day count,” Dani said.

For more information on the crew, visit www.venturecrew2052.org or “like” them on Facebook.

**VENTURING**

**2015 VOA Meetings**

We celebrated the 16th anniversary of Venturing at the February VOA meeting in style with cake, snacks, and even a hot chocolate bar! We had so much fun that we decided to provide light snacks and drinks at all meetings now!

The monthly VOA meeting is held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Council Service Center. The goal is that an officer from every Crew in the council attends this meeting.

**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING**

**Messengers of Peace**

In February, Eagle Scout Alex Houston from Lawrence, KS was invited by Scouts in Morelia, Michoacan to help celebrate Founder’s Day, the 158th anniversary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell. Following a brief ceremony, he joined some 300 enthusiastic youth and adults from Scouts de Mexico in a rally and parade ending next to the historic Cathedral de Morelia. While there, Alex also helped to promote Monarchs for Peace, a cooperative international Scouting service project effort involving scouts in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

**Council Plans Contingent to Ecuador**

The council’s International Scouting committee is currently planning a trip to the Sierra Azul Mountain Rainforest Reserve and Galapagos Islands for the summer of 2016. Sierra Azul is a private ecological reserve that protects and preserves the mountain rainforest, supports scientific research and promotes ecotourism.

**Trip Details:**
- Summer 2016
- 10-14 days
- Group size 24-36, coed
- Venturing Youth Age: 14-25
- Cost Estimate: $3,600 – $4,100

For more information contact Tom Johnson at tjohnsonacme@aol.com.
**WEBELOS STEM WEEKEND**

April 25-26 | H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

For the third consecutive year, representatives from the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation staff and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say are enthusiastically making preparations to host Webelos and parents for a weekend of STEM-themed fun and excitement. The spring Webelos STEM Weekend will be held Saturday, April 25 to Sunday, April 26. The weekend is geared specifically to all Webelos eligible to attend a Webelos resident camp this summer, and it is an outstanding opportunity for a boy and his parent to get a taste of what it means to be a Boy Scout and camp at Bartle.

Webelos in attendance will rotate through a series of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) related activities during the day on Saturday, some of which directly support the Cub Scout Supernova Awards. With activities ranging from hands-on science experiments to high-flying projectile motion activities, shooting sports, rockets, and even a climbing tower, a good time is in store for all! On Saturday evening, participants will be introduced to the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and will be taken on a guided tour of the Ceremonial Ridge prior to the evening campfire.

In order to provide participants a more comprehensive idea of what it’s like to camp on the Reservation, lunch and dinner on Saturday as well as breakfast on Sunday will be enjoyed in the Camp Lone Star Dining Hall. With regard to accommodations for Saturday night, Webelos and their parents will sleep in self-provided tents on wooden platforms in Camp Lone Star campsites.

Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org. Space is limited to the first 250 youth and 250 parents who sign up. Previous Webelos attendees and their parents are welcome to return for an enhanced experience.

**2015 Missouri Catholic Awards Reception**

The Kansas City-St. Joseph Catholic Committee held its Adult Religious Award ceremony on February 15 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Troop 80 served as host and Bishop Robert Finn presided. The annual ceremony recognizes Scout leaders for their service to Catholic youth in the diocese. The Bronze Pelican is awarded on the local diocesan level. Recipients were:

- Jerry Adams — Troop 261
- John Baccala — Troop 80
- David Denfeld — Troop 673
- Jim Engelman — Troop 221
- Jeff Martin — Troop 221
- Kristen Perez — Pack 865
- Connie Revers — Troop 261
- Laura Safley — Pack 118
- Jerald Spooner — Pack 221
- Delmar Swindle — Troop 362
- Aaron Wright — Troop 118

The St. George Emblem is awarded by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and this year’s recipient was Doug Warrens, Troop 84.

Bishop Finn and the Catholic Committee also recognized 11 Scouts who had earned their Ad Altare Dei religious award during the past year.
SCOUT DISCOUNT EVENTS

Book your next Boy Scout adventure to SEA LIFE Aquarium Kansas City and request our brand new Oceanography Merit Badge Program. Once complete, the boys will be very close to completing their Oceanography Merit Badge.

The program includes:

🌟 Learning the four branches of oceanography.
🌟 Hands-on experiments learning the different properties of sea water, characteristics of ocean waves and underwater topography.
🌟 Learn to make a wave generator.
🌟 Discover how marine scientists investigate the ocean, underlying geology and organisms living in the water.
🌟 Boy Scouts will need to complete the 500-word essay requirement after their visit.

$25 per Boy Scout and will last 3 hours.
Cost includes the program, admission into SEA LIFE Aquarium Kansas City and a behind the scenes tour.

To book your troop, please email KCGroups@merlinentertainments.biz or call 816-556-3234.
**SCOUTING HISTORY**

**The Greater Kansas City Area Trade-O-Ree**

*By Andy Dubill, Council Historian*

The other evening I was looking at a past issue of the *ISCA Journal* — a publication produced by the International Scouting Collectors Association that hundreds of Scouting memorabilia collectors use as a reference. I thought of the many questions about a particular patch or item that I have received from our Heart of America Council Scouters during the time I have written this column. We learn about our hobby by asking questions of other collectors, reading articles, viewing displays and through other sources.

One excellent way to learn about Scouting memorabilia and the history of our Council is to attend a Trade-O-Ree or a gathering of many Scout memorabilia collectors who meet to buy and trade Scout memorabilia. We are very fortunate to have such an event coming up in Kansas City this year.

The 2015 *Greater Kansas City Area Trade-O-Ree* will be held May 1-2, 2015 at Hillside Christian Church in Kansas City North. The event will feature historical displays of local Scouting memorabilia, and collectors from around the Midwest will have a wide variety of Scouting items that are available for sale and trade. Best of all, admission is FREE and Scouts in uniform will receive a FREE patch! Scouts can also work on the Collections merit badge while at the event. Proceeds from concessions, table rental and the silent auction benefit the Heart of America Council Camp Staff Scholarship Fund.

If you want to advance your knowledge about Scouting history and memorabilia, plan to attend the 2015 *Greater Kansas City Area Trade-O-Ree*. It has been held in Kansas City for several years and it gets better every year. Since certain proceeds benefit the Heart of America Council Camp Staff Scholarship Fund, it is a great way to give back to Scouting while you learn a little more about Scouting memorabilia and history. Please visit [www.KCScoutingHistory.org/KCTOR](http://www.KCScoutingHistory.org/KCTOR) for more information.

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns email Andy Dubill at [adubill@aol.com](mailto:adubill@aol.com).

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**HIGH ADVENTURE**

**Join Council Contingents to the SUMMIT and PHILMONT**

Pine shaded mountain trails or mountain biking through an Appalachian hardwood forest. High adventure backpacking in New Mexico or high challenge skateboarding on a West Virginia mountaintop. The opportunity for all this is out there, waiting for you. Unit leaders are asked to spread the word that Boy Scouts and Venturers can enjoy either of these exciting adventures as part of council contingents this summer.

Five positions are still open for the council trek to Philmont, departing right after the 4th of July. Participants will have the opportunity to go rock climbing, gold panning, horseback riding and so much more during their ten days of backpacking in New Mexico’s Sangre de Christo Mountains.

In early August, a council contingent made up of 20 youth will travel to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The group will spend a week sampling a whole gamut of high adventure and special outdoor activities at the fantastic new home of the National Scout Jamboree.

Scouts interested in either of these opportunities should contact Leslie Staack immediately at (816) 569-4969 or [leslie.staack@scouting.org](mailto:leslie.staack@scouting.org).

**2017 National Jamboree**

In just over two years, we intend to send our largest contingent of Scouts to the Summit Bechtel Reserve for the 2017 National Jamboree. To do this, we are looking for the right leaders to make this event possible for our Scouts. Our goal is to fill 5 Troops and 4 Venturing Crews.

If you are interested in leading a group of Scouts to the National Jamboree contact Leslie Staack at (816) 569-4969 or [leslie.staack@scouting.org](mailto:leslie.staack@scouting.org).

**Key Dates:**

- March 1 – May 1 — Adult leader applications submitted
- May 1 – May 15 — Leader position interviews
- June 1 — Leadership announced for 2017
- June – August — Media at Bartle and Naish supporting Jamboree 2017 to generate Scout interest
HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL EAGLE SCOUTS — DECEMBER 2014 - JANUARY 2015

BIG MUDDY
Troop 1324  Samuel Hawkins  Roland Francis, SM
Troop 1324  Blaine Wyse  Roland Francis, SM
Troop 1324  Charles Day  Roland Francis, SM
Troop 1324  Justin Carter  Roland Francis, SM
Troop 1713  Alex Rodenberg  John Mitchell, SM
Troop 1713  Aaron Spease  John Mitchell, SM

BLUE ELK
Troop 1492  Mark Myers II  William Hyatt, SM
Troop 1692  Dylan Gunderson  Brian Gilliland, SM
Troop 1738  John Fry  Paul Villanueva, SM

KAW
Troop 5  Aaron Dominic  Brian Turrel, SM
Troop 44  Juan Mitchell  Bryan Sherrard, SM
Troop 66  Ian Dopheide  Richard Lockwood, SM
Troop 167  Stephen Tate  Roger Linder, SM
Troop 366  Chase Allen  Gerard Overby, SM

LONE BEAR
Troop 1019  Jesse Colhour  Kenneth Raub, SM
Troop 1031  Benjamin Bissen  Jonathan Smith, SM
Troop 1225  James Houk  Dennis Wolf, SM
Troop 1225  Jacob Smith  Dennis Wolf, SM
Troop 1225  Jordan Whalan  Dennis Wolf, SM
Troop 1225  James McIntire  Dennis Wolf, SM
Troop 1225  Jacob Houk  Dennis Wolf, SM
Troop 1430  Wilson Hills  Robert Straw, SM
Troop 1430  Mitchell Greer  Robert Straw, SM
Troop 1430  Chase Cooper  Robert Straw, SM
Troop 1509  Joseph Ridder  Michael Scobery, SM
Troop 2850  Hagan Zinecker  Richard Smothers, SM

NORTHERN TIER
Troop 199  Samuel Christensen  Allen Perkins, SM
Troop 247  Jackson Gress  Scott Armstrong, SM
Troop 299  Matthew Stuart  Eric Argie, SM

PELATHE
Troop 55  Michael Heschmeyer  Robert Burdick, SM
Troop 55  Matthew Pribenow  Robert Burdick, SM
Troop 55  Lucas Mackey  Robert Burdick, SM
Troop 55  Levi Koch  Robert Burdick, SM
Troop 59  Ty Hartman  Guy Jacobs, SM
Troop 59  Austin Mason  Guy Jacobs, SM

PIONEER TRAILS
Troop 1016  Quinn Lyddon  Scott Boswell Sr, SM
Troop 1030  Stephen Lynn  Jeffery Baird, SM
Troop 1030  Ryan Murphy  Jeffery Baird, SM
Troop 1030  Anthony Irick  Jeffery Baird, SM
Troop 1050  Joe Jackson  James Bernard III, SM
Troop 1080  Larry Cooper  Salvatore Valentini, SM
Troop 1080  Zachary Palmer  Salvatore Valentini, SM
Troop 1080  Sebastien Harmon  Salvatore Valentini, SM
Troop 1084  Arturo Viers  Samuel Otto, SM

RED-TAILED HAWK
Troop 182  Zachary MacDonald  Michael Schauff, SM
Troop 201  Vivek Velagapudi  Greg Baugh, SM
Troop 225  Devan Merchant  Ed Davey, SM
Troop 315  Kevin Schupbach  Craig Gabel, SM
Troop 324  Alexander Wahlsledt  Kent Bredenhof, SM
Troop 425  Cody Morse  Gary Hazeltine, SM
Troop 459  Jacob Linville  Craig Howes, SM

THUNDERBIRD
Troop 1032  Jacob Peveler  Dan Barnes, SM
Troop 1042  Lawrence Reilly  Jay DeHardt, SM
Troop 1219  Dominic Guillen  Scott Payton, SM
Troop 1245  Scott Ruth  Mark Boles, SM
Troop 1245  Nicholas McCard  Mark Boles, SM
Troop 1262  Austin Finley  Jon Ledford, SM
Troop 1264  Spencer Gouldsmith  Mark Dunning, SM
Troop 1300  Christopher Barzilla  Samuel Bass, SM
Troop 1323  Andrew Crance  David Parker, SM
Troop 1338  Jacob Fuller  John Oekelka, SM
Troop 1510  Tyler Brown  Paul Fyffe, SM
Troop 1531  Kaleb Hughes  Dacm Valdez, SM
Troop 1801  Nathan Aeschliman  Randall Swetnam, SM
Troop 1801  Samuel Aeschliman  Randall Swetnam, SM

TRAILS WEST
Troop 83  Sanjeev Maharaj  Jacob Brelsford, SM
Troop 888  Joseph Boutte  Kenneth Spiller, SM

TWIN RIVERS
Troop 63  Ryan Larsen  Gary Johnson, SM
4 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Lexington United Methodist Church,
1211 S. 13 Hwy, Lexington, MO

Over 130 Scouters Attend Big Muddy District Dinner

The Big Muddy District honored its volunteers and 2014 Eagle Scouts on February 7 at the District Dinner. Venturing Crew 2544 opened the festivities with a flag ceremony. Dinner was provided by AmeriServe at Wentworth Military Academy. Scout Executive Kenn Miller spoke about the status of the council and district and presented the district leadership with the Silver Journey to Excellence plaques.

There were several awards presented throughout the night (see full list below) but there were also some specialty awards presented. Maddox Carrillo from Pack 4713 received the Heart of America Council Life Saving Award for his heroics in saving a young boy from drowning in Springfield, MO during the summer of 2014. Elijah Clutter, a Scout from 1286, received a distinctive Torch of Gold Award for his work as a Den Chief to Pack 4286. James Adkins from Pack 4410 was awarded the Top Popcorn Sales Award for selling well over $1,000 in 2014.

The dinner program concluded with special guest speaker Lester Ham. Thank you to all who attended and congratulations to the award recipients.

2014 BIG MUDDY DISTRICT AWARD RECIPIENTS

**District Award of Merit**  
Randy Florence, Scott Medlock, Troy Stigall

**Torch of Gold Award**  
Victor Dutel, Pack 4286

**Outstanding Commissioner**  
Jeff Brenton, District Commissioner 2011-2014

**Outstanding District Committee**  
Charles Como, Scouts with Disabilities Chair

**Outstanding Den Leader**  
Josh Hayes, Pack 4415; Daniel Weber, Pack 4324

Friendly Competition Fuels Fun at Klondike Derby

From January 23-24 more than eighty Scouts and eight troops gathered at Waverly Memorial Park to participate in the annual Klondike Derby. Each patrol was expected to compete in several skill enhancing activities. Participants competed in activities that included an orienteering course, lashing, cold weather first aid, fire building, knot tying, and a 2x4 team building relay. At the end of the day, Scouts enjoyed racing over 100 yards, uphill, while pulling their sleds the whole way. Congratulations to Troop 1243 for winning the overall competition.

Roundtable: A Leadership Forum

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church. We will be covering the new Cub Scout program, how to run effective meetings, the fun we can have in Scouting, and much more. Please, join us at 7:30 pm for fun and fellowship.
**2015 Cub Day Camp: Knights in Training**

Hear ye, hear ye! We are preparing for this year’s Blue Elk Day Camp Knights in Training and we want you to be a part of it. Come out to the Legion Farm in Blue Springs July 13-17 for some fun in the sun! Scouts will have the chance to train like a knight and participate in activities like jousting, archery, sling shots as well as other great activities. Sign up by April 13 and receive the $60 early bird special! Remember, any registered Cub Scout (including kindergarten graduates) may attend day camp. Sign-ups will be available at the upcoming Roundtables or you can register online at www.scoutcamping.org. Please remember to sign up as a pack!

**Questions?**
- Ray Miller — Day Camp Director
  Millerrnd7@gmail.com
- Sunsia O’Brien — Program Director
  Sunsia.obrien@gmail.com
- Charlene Naylor — Registrar
  cnaylor@swbell.net

**Klondiike Competition Showcases Scouting Skills**

*By Peter Muelleman, District Public Relations Chair*

The Blue Elk District Klondiike Derby winter competition was held January 17 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs. Over 500 Scouts and adult leaders fielded 58 sled teams in the unseasonably warm weather. Inspired by the famous Iditarod dogsled race, the events are built around the skills you would need to complete this race. The Klondiike has scored events in archery, target shooting, survival skills, orienteering, cooking, first aid, fire building, and an obstacle course and a ravine crossing with their sleds.

The winning first year Scout Pedro division sled teams were, in order from first place: the Firebird patrol of Troop 266, the Falcons of Troop 201, and the Tigers of Troop 763. In the Intermediate division the winners were: the Brave patrol of Troop 266, the Orange Autobots of Troop 282, and the Thunderbirds of Troop 178. The winners in the Challenge division were: the Sharks of Troop 282, and El Patrole and Turkey Patrols of Troop 266.

Klondiike is part of the Boy Scout year-round camping program, and emphasizes the Scout Motto "Be Prepared" as well as basic Scouting skills and teamwork.

**Scouting Achievements Recognized in Blue Elk District**

The 38th Annual Blue Elk District Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held January 31 at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs. "A Night at the Blue Elk Improv" was the highest attended dinner in the council with over 300 guests.

Blue Elk recognized over 25 volunteers for their commitment to scouting. In addition, the district recognized its 2014 Eagle Scouts. This year the district had a total of 104 Eagles. Although many awards were given, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the District Award of Merit, the highest honor a district may present to a volunteer.

**2014 District Award of Merit Recipients:**
- Tim Blosser — Troop 310
- Donald Buss — Blue Elk Commissioner Staff
- Doug Neidholdt — Troop 246
- Patricia Pittman — Troop 492
- Leroy Short — Troop 228
KCP&L and Black & Veatch Explorers Partner for Tour of Substation

KCP&L Explorers joined Black & Veatch Explorers on their tour of a KCP&L distribution substation on February 7. Bill Herrington, KCP&L Manager of Substations C&M, gave an in depth tour and explored the facility and careers in energy from a substation perspective.

High School Students Explore Careers in Energy

Do you know a high school student who is interested in science, technology, engineering or math? If so, let them know about our Exploring program. Learn about a wide array of career opportunities in the energy field. Groups meet monthly during the school year and feature guest speakers and hands on activities. Learn more at www.exploringkc.org.

KU Med Explorers Serve as Nursing Students for a Day

Kansas City, Kansas School District students spent a day in the life of a nursing student. Students received hands on experience working with patients in mock situations. If you are interested in joining the Explorer program, please visit Exploringkc.org for more information.
Frontier Paraprofessional Scouter

Scoutreach Part-Time Job Opportunity

**Job Description:** Give leadership to the development and maintenance of quality Scouting Programs located in underserved areas in accordance with the Heart of America Council’s Scoutreach Mission Statement. Programs will take place at schools, churches, and/or community centers within the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area. The programs run Monday through Friday for at least one hour. The number of hours worked will depend on number of sites assigned to you. Training will be provided. Pay starts at $10 per hour and can increase upon performance. A background check is required.

**Qualifications:** Must be over 18 years of age. Must have some experience working with youth, and own a working automobile with adequate insurance coverage complying with the State of Missouri or Kansas.

Interested? Contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.

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2015 Scout City BBQ

Since 1998, the Scout City BBQ has raised over $295,000 for Scouting programs in the Greater Kansas City area. The success of this event has made it possible to provide youth the opportunity to become Scouts by reducing the cost of Scout registration, camp, handbooks, uniforms and other program essentials.

Your participation in the 2015 Scout City BBQ held at Barney Allis Plaza, 12th & Wyandotte on Friday, June 26, 2015, from 11 am – 2 pm, will help the Scouting program continue to assist underserved youth in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Please consider making a donation and joining us for a great lunch. This year’s BBQ will be prepared by American Royal Grand Champion Plowboys BBQ.

Individual tickets are $12 which includes a pulled pork sandwich, sides, ice cream, and a beverage. Sponsorships are also available. For more information visit www.ScoutCityBBQ.org.
Congratulations to Kaw’s District Award of Merit Recipients

On January 31, the Kaw District presented the District Award of Merit to three worthy Scouters at the annual District Dinner.

Andrew Cameron District Chairman
Jimmy White Cubmaster, Pack 3167
Anne Krebs Webelos Leader, Pack 3001

Kaw District Leader Awards:

Lauren Grant Chartered Organization Representative of the Year
Anita Andrande Committee Chair of the Year
Lisa Curry Den Leader of the Year
Regina Utter Cubmaster of the Year
Gwynn Pierce Longtime Scouter Award
David Block Scoutmaster of the Year

Day Camp Early Registration Deadline Fast Approaching

Are you ready for the Kaw District “Knights in Training” Day Camp? Our Day Camp Staff would like to remind you that the early registration deadline to register for $60 is April 10, 2015. After that the cost goes up to $70. The Kaw Day Camp will be held at Camp Naish June 1–5.

Kaw District Honors Eagle Scout and County Commissioner Jim Walters

Camp Naish Dining Hall was the scene of the district’s first Good Scout Award Luncheon. The lunch featured a chance for community members and Eagle Scouts to come back to Camp Naish and reminisce about the old days coming to camp or serving on the camp staff.

The lunch featured The Good Scout Award, this year’s recipient was Jim Walters, County Commissioner for District 7, which serves the Bonner Springs, Edwardsville and the southwest corner of Kansas City, KS.

The inaugural event raised $4,000! A special thank you to Tom Johnson and Doug Spangler who chaired the event. This event will be an annual event to help the Scouts of Wyandotte County and the Kaw District.

Investment in Character Campaign Nears Finish Line

The Kaw District would like to thank all units who hosted an Investment in Character presentation at either their Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor.

This year’s Kaw family goal is $30,000. If your unit has not scheduled your presentation or you would like our presentation team to return, contact Greg Thomas at gregory.m.thomas4.civ@mail.mil or Jose Romero at (816) 569-4973 or jose.romero@scouting.org.
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Day Camp 2015 — “Knights in Training”

Hear ye, Hear ye! The Lone Bear Royal Court is calling one and all to attend Knights in Training! The Lone Bear Day Camp will be held at Artesian Park in Clinton, MO June 8-12. All Cub Scouts are invited to attend. Test your skills in balloon jousting, dragon origami, and make your own royal throne! Parents/leaders are needed as well to lead these young Knights in Training. Sign up by April 10 and the fee is ONLY $60. If you register after that date, the fee is $70. Interested being a part of our Day Camp Staff? Contact Allison Bolt, Day Camp Director, at (660) 441-7113 or allison.duchesne@gmail.com.

Reel in Fun at Spring Camporee

Get ready to get your line wet and haul in some trout. The 2015 spring camporee will be held at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, MO. The event dates are May 1-3. Scouts will get to tie flies and practice using a fly rod. It is rumored that there will be giveaways as well. Cost is $7 per person. All units attending camporee will need to file a tour plan with the Heart of America Council. Contact Jon Cerda at gundogpro@gmail.com for more information.

Hey Cub Scout Packs, do you know about the Summertime Pack Award? Did you know it is a simple award to earn? The requirements are to have at least one pack activity a month in the months of June, July, and August and to keep track of who all attends. That is it. Once completed and the summertime pack award form is filled out, simply submit the form to Debbie Read at the Heart of America Council Service Center and you can then get your patches in the Scout Shop. This is a great way to keep your Scouts engaged throughout the summer. Activities could include day camp for June, a swim party in July, and a hot dog barbeque in August to welcome everyone back to the pack for the fall. You can find the form at www.hoac-bsa.org/camping-resources

LONE BEAR

Lone Bear District

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Venturing Chair: District Director: David Riker (816) 569-4974

2015 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER

May

1-3 Spring Camporee
Bennett Springs, MO

5 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

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

12 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

June

2 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

2 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Clinton Scout Building,
808 Augusta St, Clinton, MO

8-12 Cub Scout Day Camp, 8 am-3:30 pm
Artesian Park, Clinton, MO

Be Featured in Adventures in Scouting

The Lone Bear District would love to hear your Scouting story. 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 edition of Adventures in Scouting. Send photos and stories to David Riker at david.riker@scouting.org.
**North Star District Information**

### Officers
- **District Chair**: Ted Wilson, (816) 858-5900
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- **Training Chair**: Jeff Tyler, (816) 505-2017
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Jeanie Salmon, (816) 222-4878
- **Venturing Chair**: Keith Kaiser, kcscouter@gmail.com
- **District Director**: Kyle Miller, (816) 569-4946
- **District Executive**: Kyle Fulbright, (816) 569-4982
- **District Executive**: Adam Singleton, (816) 569-4950

### May
- **1-2 Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience, 5:00 pm** Kelsey Short Youth Camp, 17980 Collins Rd, Smithville, MO
- **1-2 Webelos Woods, 8:00 am** Kelsey Short Youth Camp, 17980 Collins Rd, Smithville, MO
- **7 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm** KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO
- **9 North Star District Community Dig Day**
- **14 Committee & Commissioner Meeting, 6:30/7:30 pm** Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th St, Liberty, MO

### DIG DAY

Heart of America Council is hosting the inaugural DIG DAY on Saturday, May 9. The North Star District will be leading the way, serving our community with special projects with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department.

Kick-off ceremonies and coordination planning will start at 9:00 am on May 9. Project operation hours will run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm or until each individual project is completed.

There are SIX locations where Scouts and adults will be planting flower beds. All participants will bring their own sack lunch. We recommend that you bring your own waterless hand cleaner and plenty of drinking water. Please encourage the use of reusable lunch bags and containers. For more information go to goo.gl/XjroXr. Also, be sure to log your service hours once the project is completed.

### District Pinewood Derby

On February 7, the North Star District held the 2015 Pinewood Derby. Cub Scouts showed up to participate in the FASTEST racing in all of Kansas City. Racemaster Sean McCombs and his highly experienced group of volunteers put on a grand show for all participants and spectators. Many races were extremely close! Congratulations to all the winners!

### District Klondike Derby

This year’s Klondike Derby was a great event. It was cold and wet, but that didn’t stop our Scouts from having fun! A total of 16 units, 23 patrols, 77 adults, and 171 youth participated in the Derby.

A special thank you to Klondike Kommander Phil Symmonds and his fabulous team of volunteers for putting on such a wonderful event. One note of interest is that three of the competition stations were staffed entirely by senior Scouts, including one Venturing Crew.

### Webelos Woods

We’re back! North Star’s Webelos Woods is returning this spring and you’re invited! Webelos Woods will be held on May 1-2 at Smithville Lake. Check in will start at 10:00 am Saturday morning.

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

### North Star Congratulates Karen Jones!

The North Star District is pleased to announce the selection of Karen Jones as the recipient of this year’s Woods Service Award.

The Woods Service Award is a national Scouting award that recognizes only one Scouting volunteer a year for their exceptional service to Scouts with disabilities and special needs.

Karen’s service to youth in the North Star District, Heart of America Council, Central Region and National Council truly demonstrates her commitment to the Scouting program. Karen will be honored with the award at the BSA National Meeting this May in Atlanta.

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America April/May 2015
4 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS
Merit Badge Counselor Training, OA Chapter 13 Meeting, Eagle Book Review

8-12 Cub Scout Day Camp
Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5500 Frisbee Rd, Shawnee, KS

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

Merit Badge Forum Makes a Successful Return
The Northern Tier District made an effort to bring back the Merit Badge Forum in 2014, and did so with a great impact! Over 300 Scouts participated in this event at Westridge Middle School in Overland Park. With two sessions spanning two months, and hundreds of Scouts scaling the summit to Eagle, this event was truly a success thanks to the commitment of several key volunteers. A special thank you to Marshall Hollingsworth for his leadership of this event.

District Pinewood Derby
This year’s District Pinewood Derby was a huge hit with almost 90 boys taking part in the racing! A big thank you goes out to Nathan Roney who chaired the event.

Webelos on Wheels
This was another outstanding event for all 80 Webelos that attended. David Wieliczka, WOW Chairman, did an excellent job orchestrating this event and deserves a big thank you.

2014 District Award Recipients

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT
Scott Tener, Troop 351
Troy Johnson, Troop 123
Robert McKeighan, Troop 185

CATHI MAYNARD OUTSTANDING SCOUTER
Lorri Kearns, Crew 2226

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT SCOUTER
Chris Ross
Mike Blinn
Shane St. Clair
Bob McFarlin
Venetia McFarlin

OUTSTANDING COMMISSIONER
Don Whitlou
Nate Klein
Gary Dettmer

OUTSTANDING CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE
Chuck Isaacson, Troop 351
Harry Moyer, Pack 3352

OUTSTANDING SOUTHCMASTER
Todd Martin, Troop 91
Chris Overmann, Troop 185
Mike Flynn, Troop 451

OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER
Jeffrey Rubesch, Troop 91
Todd Tibbets, Troop 351

OUTSTANDING SUBMASTER
Jason Powers, Pack 3751
Dave Scharpenburg, Pack 3394
David Fugett, Pack 3050
Leland Hardison, Pack 3352

OUTSTANDING TIGER DEN LEADER
Leland Hardison, Pack 3352
David Fugett, Pack 3050
Dave Scharpenburg, Pack 3394
Leland Hardison, Pack 3352

OUTSTANDING WEBELOS DEN LEADER
Chris Overmann, Pack 3751
Mike Flynn, Troop 451

OUTSTANDING VENTURING CREW ADVISOR
Stephanie Ogan, Crew 2489

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER
Casey Smith, Troop 123
Lisa Hill, Troop 351
Matthew VanDeCreek, Pack 3751

OUTSTANDING WEBELOS DEN LEADER
Paul Kester, Pack 3050
John Owen, Pack 3184
Velvet Hohe, Pack 3352
Cory Roshau, Pack 3751

OUTSTANDING TIGER DEN LEADER
John Stirling, Pack 3284
Andrea Newland, Pack 3054
Chris Coleman, Pack 3651
Kory Lewis, Pack 3291

OUTSTANDING PACK TRAINER
Francine Roshau, Pack 3751

2015 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER
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### June

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### Spring Training 2015

Here are some “face to face” training opportunities for Boy Scout and Webelos Leaders that you don’t want to miss. For more information and to RSVP contact Rick Heschmeyer at rcjbm@sbcglobal.net or (785) 806-2934.

- **Saturday, April 4 — Boy Scout Leader Specific Training** (formerly Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific) at Burgess Scout Cabin 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (no charge)
- **Saturday, April 11 & Sunday, April 12 — Combined Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Webelos Leader Training at Camp Bromelsick** (Cost — $20 per person)
- **Thursday, May 7 — Merit Badge Counselor Orientation at Roundtable 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (no charge)**

### Help Wanted

Adults, Venturers, and Boy Scouts are needed to help run Day Camp program stations. To volunteer for program staff please contact Brian Workman at (785) 312-0644 or bworkman3@gmail.com.

For other questions, contact Day Camp Director, Kathleen Gordon-Ross, at (785) 813-1794 or k8gordonross@gmail.com.

### Invite a Friend to “Storm the Kasold”

**April 18, 2015 • 11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

*Storm the Kasold* is a district-wide event that will be held at the Westside Presbyterian Church, Christ Community Church and First Baptist Church all along Kasold. Everyone has the opportunity to participate and create an activity to showcase Scouting to our community. Our goal is to have all activities be youth-led with 2-deep adult leadership.

We would like to see 100% unit participation (remember, part of the plan is to recruit!). We’ll have the climbing wall, walking bridge, cooking competition, trading post, shooting sports, and more! For more information contact Cindy Lynn at cynthia@ku.edu or (785) 550-1594.

### Be a Part of Pelathe’s Global Good Turn Project

Sustainability...Global...Community...Local...are all words that describe our Good Turn Project in partnership with Monarch Watch and the Douglas County Master Gardeners.

Mark your calendars for May 9 and save the date. This is a tremendous opportunity to be a part of an International Good Turn. Over the next year Scouts in Canada and Mexico, along with Scouts in the Pelathe District will be participating. Everyone will be planting waystations of milkweed and other native plants to provide food and cover for the Monarch butterflies in their migration.

At the March Roundtable, the Douglas County Master Gardeners conducted a workshop and signed up help for a variety of sites and projects to be done in collaboration with the Monarch Watch. If you didn’t register it’s not too late! Contact Peter Houston at phouston@sunflower.com or (785) 550-2160.
District Information

Congratulations to our 2014 District Award of Merit Recipients

Volunteers gathered at the District Dinner on February 7 for an evening of fellowship and awards. This year, the following were awarded the District Award of Merit: Sarah Martinez from Pack 80 and Scott Boswell from Troop 16. Lewis Chapman, George Weaver, Carol DeFeo, Cathy Warrens, Mark Trokey and Fred and Leanna Heese were also recognized for their service to the district and their units.

May

7 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Wornall Road Baptist Church,
400 W Meyer Blvd, KCMO

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

9 Dig Day
Eagle Scout Memorial Fountain,
39th and Gillham, Kansas City, MO

12 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Central United Methodist Church,
5144 Oak St, Kansas City, MO

June

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

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

Dragons, Knights and Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts will gather and test their skills as “Knights in Training” at the 2015 District Day Camp! This year Day Camp is bringing the medieval theme to Downtown Kansas City as we relocate our camp to Wayne Minor Park at 1940 E 11th Street. Be sure to register by April 10 to receive the $60 early bird discount.

Be Featured in Adventures in Scouting

The Pioneer Trails District would love to hear your Scouting story. 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 edition of Adventures in Scouting. Send photos and stories to Niel Campbell at Nie.Campbell@Scouting.org.
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Elisa.Corry@scouting.org

2015 INVESTMENT IN CHARACTER 83.3%

May
2-3  Webelos Woods, 8:30am
Cedar Lake,
15500 S. Lone Elm Rd, Olathe, KS
7  COR Training, 7:00 pm
Olathe Community of Christ Church,
15520 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS
7  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Olathe Community of Christ Church,
15520 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS
14 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Indian Creek Community Church,
12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
14 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Indian Creek Community Church,
12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS

June
4  Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Olathe Community of Christ Church,
15520 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS

District Information

11 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Indian Creek Community Church,
12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
11 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
Indian Creek Community Church,
12480 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS
13 Venturing Adult Leader Specific Training, 8:30am
First Baptist Church of Olathe,
2024 E 151st St, Olathe, KS
15-19 Red-Tailed Hawk Day Camp
Old Lake Olathe Golf Course,
2350 Golf Course Rd, Olathe, KS

A Scout is Brave! Are You?
June 15-19 — Old Lake Olathe Golf Course
Join over 500 Cub Scouts on a medieval adventure during our Knights in Training Day Camp! Enjoy BB Guns, Bows and Arrows, Slingshots and some new activities and games! Bring along your whole Pack to join in the fun!

Has your Pack gained a Cub or two since you registered for Day Camp? Don’t forget new Cub Scouts get to register at the Early Bird rate until June 14.

Olathe Comes Together for Scouting
April 30 • 7:30 am • Olathe Community Center
The Red-Tailed Hawk and Trails West Districts are hosting the inaugural Olathe Scouting Breakfast on April 30. Join Mayor Michael Copeland and local Olathe community leaders as we share the spirit of Scouting and raise awareness of all the good works our Scouts and Scouters have done. Catered by First Watch, this event will raise funds to improve the Scouting experience for local youth.

Are you or your company interested in attending? Contact Raul Duran at (913) 953-4137 or rduran@arvest.com.

There’s Always Room for More — Spring Recruitment
Do you remember who invited you to join Scouting? Well, what if they had never asked? Every boy deserves the opportunity to join Scouting and it is up to us to invite them!

Here’s some quick reasons why to sign-up new Scouts in the spring:
- Registration is required to attend Day Camp and Summer Camp
- He’ll go back to school and tell all of his friends
- BSA insurance is provided for all registered youth
- Identify and recruit new leadership before the Fall — especially Den Leaders
- Boys and families can participate in your summer activities

If your Pack, Troop, or Crew would like assistance with your Spring Recruitment efforts, please contact Elisa Corry at (816) 569-4966 or elisa.corry@scouting.org.

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BEARS  DRAGONS  KNIGHTS  SLINGSHOTS  WEBELOS
BOYS  ERINHARVEY  LAKEOLATHE  STRONG  WOLVES
BRAVE  FAMILY

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America April/May 2015

Roundtable — Program Planning Fair, 7:30 pm  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

June

2 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

2 Roundtable, 7:30 pm  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

9 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Grace United Methodist Church, 2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee’s Summit, MO

22-26 Cub Scout Day Camp  
Jerry Smith Park, Martin City, MO

Cub Scout Day Camp

Your pack should be making plans to attend Day Camp this year! This year Cub Scouts will shoot BB guns and bows and arrows, work on badges and new Cub Scout Requirements, cook out, sing songs, learn about nature, make crafts and play games. If you have not made plans to attend, you should! Going to camp is a wonderful part of the Cub Scouting experience, and it helps your pack earn Scouting’s Journey to Excellence and Summertime Pack Awards. The pack must provide leadership and adult supervision for their Cub Scouts who attend Day Camp, plus provide for transportation to and from the camps.

It is recommended that packs have at least one registered adult leader attend camp for every five to six Cub Scouts. The minimum number allowed at any time is two, of which one of them must have completed Youth Protection Training. Everyone must complete parts A and B of the Annual Health and Medical Record. Camp takes place rain or shine, is easy to sign up for, provides a lifetime of treasured memories and is very inexpensive.

Who Can Attend

Any registered Cub Scout (including kindergarten graduates).

A New Time Schedule

In 2015 we will be doing what we are calling Twilight hours for the Thunderbird District Day Camp on June 22-26 at Jerry Smith Park. Camp will be starting around 2:00 pm and finishing by 8:00 pm. We will provide a Walking Leader’s Guide for your adults, which will have a specific schedule of times and programs.

Other nearby Day Camp opportunities include:

July 13-17 — Blue Elk District, Blue Springs, MO
June 22-25 — Pioneer Trails District, Wayne Minor Park (8am –3pm)

2014 District Award of Merit Honorees

Congratulations to the Thunderbird District Award of Merit Honorees! The highest level of recognition that the District can give was awarded to 6 very deserving volunteers at the District Banquet on March 21st. It was an amazing night as we recognized: Merle Bowers, LeAnn Collins, Mike Mosakowski, Ann Salisbury, Daryl Stine and Jennie Whiteside.

Memories from last year’s Day Camp, Come make more this year!
Trailhead Officers

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

2015 Trailhead Day Camp
Get excited because Trailhead Day Camp 2015 is just around the corner! We'll be returning to Camp Timberlake June 8-12 for a medieval themed Day Camp experience.

When: June 8-12
Where: Camp Timberlake
Theme: Knights in Training
Key Staff: Program Director — Paul Hemenway
Asst. Program Director/Shooting Sports Director — Chuck Pacunski
PR/Communications — Will England
Registrar — Pat Harvey
First Aid — Nikki England
Staff Advisor — Lizz Rhodus

CAMP PRICING:
Before April 10 — $60
After April 10 — $70
At camp — $75
New Scouts — always $60

While we have our key staff in place, we are in need of additional volunteers to help with program areas, set up, and take down. We need help with everything from crafts and cooking to shooting sports and registration! Please contact Paul Hemenway if you're interested in helping at phemenway@kc.surewest.net.

Follow the Trailhead Facebook page www.facebook.com/TrailheadDayCamp and subscribe to the Day Camp Leader Google Group groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/trailhead-day-camp-leaders to ask questions and receive updates.

Spring Recruitment
What better time of year to recruit new Cub Scouts than right before camp? Any youth that joins during Spring Recruitment and registers before June 4th will receive a free Cub Scout T-shirt!

- Select a date between March 16 – May 15 to host your recruitment. You can either piggyback off an existing event your pack has planned or set up a separate recruitment.
- Choose whether or not you would like a district presenter. I know some packs would like the extra assistance while others prefer to do things on their own. It’s up to you!
- Create a promotional plan. Get creative! Promotional materials such as flyers, yard signs, and post cards will be available by the council.
- Turn in any new youth applications to receive t-shirts. T-shirts will be available for pick up at both the May and June Resource Forum. The deadline to receive t-shirts is June 4th.

Please contact either Lizz Rhodus at Elizabeth.rhodus@scouting.org or Joshua Morales at josh.morales@scouting.org to pick up your pack’s Spring Recruitment Packet. Each packet will contain a FAQ sheet on Spring Recruitment, a T-shirt order form, youth and adult applications, and a Spring Recruitment marketing plan.
### District Award Recipients

**District Award of Merit:** Harry Mullins and Matt Bacon

**Pioneer Award:** David Pendleton

**Cubmaster Award:** Mark Ford — 3298, Michael Oliver — 3095, TJ Dale — 3888

**Den Leader Award:** Alicia Espinosa — 3330, Beth Oliver — 3095, Tony Meyer — 3084

**Scoutmaster Award:** Joel Corkill — 487, Todd Steinmetz — 428, Bob Churchill — 46

**Assistant Scoutmaster Award:** April Clark, Tony Dutton — 83

**Cub Scout Committee Chair Award:** Jason Wheeland — 3180, Dan Melchior — 3181

**Boy Scout Committee Chair Award:** Glenn Schouten — 86, Susan Jenkins — 83

**Cub Scout Committee Member Award:** DeWayne McAllister — 3387, Joe Hood — 3387

**Boy Scout Committee Member Award:** Mike Boehmer — 522, Gary Light — 181

**Boy Scout Committee Member Award:** Lynne Ruschill — 428, Sherri Watterson — 88

**District Committee Member Award:** George Johnston, Bruce La Londe

**Commissioner Award:** Dan Koontz

**Venturing Crew Advisor Award:** James Martin — 2588

**COR Award:** Janice Russell — 86, Matt MacDonald — 88

### Klondike Winter Event

The Trails West Klondike Winter event took place February 20-21 at Camp Naish. Patrols shot air rifles, used snow shoes, completed first aid, tied knots, and more. There were 112 total participants and 7 troops. The event ended with a Klondike sled race. Troop 888 from Gardner, KS were named the 2015 Klondike winners.

### Knights in Training Day Camp

The Trails West District “Knights in Training” Day Camp will be June 22-25 at the old Lake Olathe Golf Course. This is a week-long fun event for all Cub Scouts. Youth come out each day and experience activities like BB guns, archery, sling shots, fishing, sports, games, crafts, and more. Now is the time to sign up for Day Camp. Register before April 10 for only $60 per Scout. After that, the registration increases to $70. For more information and to register online go to: www.hoac-bsa.org/cub-scout-day-camp Please register as a pack.
Community Service Day

The council-wide community service day is May 9. For additional information contact Aida Thompson at (913) 256-8922 or aida.thompson@gmail.com.

Setting the Stage for Scouting with New Units

We are continuing our focus and efforts on new units. If you know of a group or organization looking to sponsor Scouting, contact John Hobbs at John.Hobbs@scouting.org or (816) 569-4983.

 Pack 3099 gets in the Day Camp spirit with Jedi Knights in Training at their Blue & Gold banquet

Knights in Training Cub Scout Day Camp

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Twin Rivers District Cub Scout Day Camp June 1–4 at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola. This year our theme is “KNIGHTS IN TRAINING” where Cub Scouts get the chance to shoot BB guns, bows & arrows, work on crafts, play games, learn about nature, and work towards badges.

Sign-up today online at www.scoutcamping.org.

We need more staff help! If you can help, contact Kelly Daggett, Camp Director, at (913) 731-8246 or osawatomiepack3099@hotmail.com.

2015 Investment in Character

The 2015 Investment in Character campaign is in full swing and we are working diligently toward our goal. This year our goal is $31,000. If you have yet to schedule your 2015 Investment in Character presentation, please email John Hobbs at John.Hobbs@scouting.org. Please continue to work and follow-up with all unit leaders to allow them the chance to contribute to Scouting. We look forward to a great and successful 2015 Campaign.