Play Ball!

Kauffman Stadium Welcomes Thousands to Scout Day at the K

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A Good Turn Daily

Independence Scouts Prepare the City for Spring

Scouts from the Blue Elk District spent April 28 at Polly Pop Park giving back to the community. Their annual “Good Turn” project helps Independence Parks and Recreation prepare the city for spring.

Dig Day

Saturday, May 12

Last chance to sign up for Dig Day on May 12. The Heart of America Council is partnering with Kansas City Parks and Recreation once again for Dig Day—a day dedicated to making a difference across our city. Join hundreds of Scouts and help plant more than 18,000 flowers on Mother’s Day weekend—an undertaking that normally takes the Parks and Rec Department two months to complete! Sign-up and select your dig site at digday.kintera.org. But act fast… Only a few dig sites left!
BSA Unveils Name of Program For Older Boys and Girls

The wait is over, and we now know what we’ll call the program for 11 to 17-year-old youth when girls can begin joining during the scheduled launch on Feb. 1, 2019—Scouts BSA.

Boys and girls who are part of Scouts BSA will be known as Scouts. Just as before, these Scouts will earn merit badges, go camping and work toward the Eagle Scout Award. The organization name, Boy Scouts of America, will not change.

Scouts BSA builds on the legacy of the Scout name. There’s a Scout salute, a Scout rank, a Scout Oath and a Scout Law. The word “Scout” carries with it more than 108 years of character-building tradition, and the young men and young women of Scouts BSA will carry that tradition forward.

“As we enter a new era for our organization, it is important that all youth can see themselves in Scouting in every way possible,” said BSA Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh. “That is why it is important that the name for our iconic Scouting program for older youth remain consistent with the single-name approach used for the Cub Scouts.”

Beginning during the scheduled launch of Feb. 1, 2019, girls can join all-girl troops. Boys can continue to join all-boy troops. Scouts BSA will not have any mixed-gender, or coed, troops.

Questions and answers about Scouts BSA

Q: Will the name of the organization change?
A: No, the organization’s name will continue to be Boy Scouts of America.

Q: When will the change from Boy Scouts to Scouts BSA be effective?
A: The scheduled launch date for Scouts BSA is Feb. 1, 2019.

Q: What will the members of the program be called?
A: Scouts—same as today. A boy or girl might say, “I’m in Scouts BSA. I’m a Scout.”

Q: Will the Boy Scout Handbook be updated to reflect the new name?
A: Yes.

Q: What does the change to Scouts BSA mean for Venturing?
A: Nothing about Venturing will change. The BSA’s program for boys and girls ages 14 to 20 (or 13 and done with the 8th grade) will continue as normal.

Learn more about Scouts BSA and Family Scouting programs at www.scouting.org/familyscouting.
BSA introduces “Scout Me In” campaign

“Scout Me In” The new crisp, modern recruitment campaign is inviting young people and families to be a part of the life-changing experience of Scouting. “Scout Me In” is more than a catchy tagline. It’s a reinforcement that the values we all celebrate in Scouting—encapsulated in the Scout Oath and Scout Law—are relevant for both young men and young women.

“Scout Me In” is a call to action. A call for togetherness. A call for celebration. It’s also a call to create a cool new campaign logo.

The BSA has unveiled three versions of the logo: one with the BSA fleur-de-lis, one with the Cub Scout logo and one with the Boy Scouts/Scouts BSA logo. A Spanish-language version is coming soon.

Also coming soon: More than 300 recruiting assets showing boys, girls, and pack activities with boys and girls—all in English, Spanish and bilingual versions. You’ll find those at the BSA Brand Center.

Learn more about the “Scout Me In” campaign and check out recruiting resources at www.scoutingwire.org/bsa-brand-center.

How to use ‘Scout Me In’

Here are just a few ideas:

► Include the “Scout Me In” assets in recruitment campaigns this fall.
► Add the “Scout Me In” logo and assets to websites, social media channels, emails, newsletters, events, banners and signage. Basically, use it anywhere you can reach volunteers and families.
► Use the “Scout Me In” concept to tell the story of Family Scouting in your community.
► Post with the hashtag #ScoutMeIn when sharing Family Scouting-focused social media content.
A picture perfect April weekend set the stage for one of the country’s largest Scouting events—Scout Day at the K. More than 10,000 Scouts and their families packed Kauffman Stadium on April 29 for an unforgettable afternoon. Scouts threw out the first pitch, received VIP early access to the stadium, participated in a pregame parade and helped collect enough canned food and cash donations to provide 5,530 meals for Harvesters—The Community Food Network.

But more than just a day at the ballpark, the event also recognized area Eagle Scouts. The presentation of the Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is a Scout Day tradition and honors adult Eagle Scouts for their positive contributions to the Kansas City community. This year’s recipients were Scott Boswell – President and CEO, West Region of The Commerce Trust Company; Casey Halsey – Chief Legal Officer, JE Dunn Construction Group; and Dr. Gus Wetzel – General Surgeon, Golden Valley Memorial Medical Clinic and Golden Valley Medical Center. The award and Kauffman Stadium are named for Eagle Scout Ewing M. Kauffman.

Check out our Flickr Page at www.flickr.com/hoacbsa for more of our favorite Scout Day at the K photos.
Unlock your inner superhero at Super Hero Academy Day Camp this summer. Sharpen your Super Hero powers and show your strength at one of 14 camps conveniently located throughout eastern Kansas and western Missouri. Super Hero Academy Day Camps run 4-5 days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and are open to all Cub Scouts in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Featured Activities:
Archery, Science, Sports, Slingshots, Arts & Crafts, Obstacle Course

Register at ScoutCamping.org

Cost now only $75 per Scout
Connect the Dots: Camp & STEM

2018 STEM Summer Camps

STEM Summer Camps will help Scouts see how STEM translates outside the classroom, they can connect the dots between classroom learning and outdoor learning. Bring the classroom outside at a STEM summer camp, while still experiencing the fun of traditional camp. Scouts will have the chance to participate in hands-on experiences like rocketry, secret decoding, astronomy, robotics lab, how GPS really works, aviation, and MORE!

Bear STEM Camp

**June 30 – July 1 | Naish Scout Reservation**

*Open to all Bear Scouts*

**Activities:** Rocket Science, Gravity Challenge, Secret Decoding, Laws of Motion

**Cost:** $75

Boy Scout/Venturing STEM Camp

**July 22-28 | Naish Scout Reservation**

*Open to all Boy Scouts, Venturers & Explorers*

**Activities:** Robotics Lab, Science of GPS, Aviation, Electricity

**Cost:** $250

Webelos Camp

**WHO CAN ATTEND:** Webelos Scouts (4th & 5th Grade)

**WHERE:** Camp Naish

Welcome to Webelos Camp … an outdoor adventure that will put your new Webelos and Arrow of Light-bound Scouts on track for success. Scouts will spend 3-days and 2-nights in Boy Scout campsites and will get a true taste of what Scout camping is all about. Scouts will also have the opportunity to start several Webelos and Arrow of Light required and elective adventures. Open to Webelos Scouts in the 4th – 5th grades, fun and friendship is waiting at Camp Naish.

**FEATURED ACTIVITIES:**
- Rocketry
- Climbing and Rappelling
- Into the Wild
- Archery
- First Responder
- Aquatics

**COST:** $175 PER SCOUT

*Includes all meals, patch and program supplies*

Register at ScoutCamping.org

National Summertime Pack Award

The National Summertime Pack Award is to encourage a pack to be active when school is out for the summer, by doing one activity per month in June, July and August. Our Heart of America Council summer camps are an easy way to work towards this award. Packs, Dens and Scouts can earn this award. Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events are eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon. Scouts who participate in all three pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin. Find out more on scouting.org.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
GROUP NIGHT

SUN. SEPT. 30 - 4PM

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PACKAGE INCLUDES:
MATCH TICKET, SKC SCOUT PATCH & PRE-MATCH ACTIVITIES

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Updated Youth Protection Training

*Complete New Youth Protection Course by October 1, 2018*

The Boy Scouts of America is a proven leader in developing training and policies designed to keep young people safe. Over time, these policies have become standard with organizations across the nation. Now, the Boy Scouts of America is releasing fully updated training to further strengthen our ability to protect youth.

New and enhanced online Youth Protection Training all volunteers and professionals must complete

All Scout leaders must log into My.Scouting.org and complete the updated Youth Protection course by October 1, 2018. The updated course will take about an hour to complete and includes cutting-edge research from the top experts in the field of child abuse prevention.

Beginning June 1, 2018, all adults who will be present at a Scouting activity for 72 hours or more must register as volunteers and complete a background check and Youth Protection training. This includes parents, merit badge counselors and any other adult who will be there for an extended time.

Who must complete the updated Youth Protection course?

All registered Scouters (volunteers and professionals), including any adult who will be present at a Scouting activity for 72 total hours or more. The updated course debuted in February 2018; if you took Youth Protection training prior to that, you'll need to complete the updated course by Oct. 1, 2018.

How do I take the updated Youth Protection course?

Go to My.Scouting.org

What's updated in this Youth Protection course?

- Videos from survivors of abuse
- Video interviews with psychologists and law enforcement professionals
- Three all-new training modules and a test.

What are the latest Youth Protection training requirements?

Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.

Effective Sept. 1, 2017:

- No unit may recharter without all leaders being current on their Youth Protection training.

Effective Jan. 1, 2018:

- No new adult volunteer can be registered without first completing Youth Protection training.
- No council, region or national leader will be allowed to renew his or her registration if their Youth Protection training is not current.

Effective June 1, 2018:

- Adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. This includes completing a criminal background check and Youth Protection training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.
10 DAYS: July 22 to August 2, 2019

Open House
- Saturday May 19 at Scout Office
- World Jamboree Open House 1:30 - 3:00
- Open to all Scouts, Leaders and Interested youth, parents and leaders
- From the entire Area 5- Central Region

Other Information
Website: WSJ2019.US
You can also contact someone:

Tom Johnson
email: tjohnsonacme@aol.com
Cub Scout Family Campouts are back in 2018! These are wonderful opportunities to go camping with your family and see what Scouting is all about. You'll have the chance to try your hand at Scouting activities such as BB guns, archery, STEM activities and MORE! There are four different weekends to choose from. Cost is only $10 per person and that includes all meals. Sign-up this summer at hoac-bsa.org.

KC Watersports Scout Days

**June 15 | July 13 | August 3**

KC Watersports is offering a unique opportunity for Scouts ages 7+ to earn their watersports merit badge without the need for a boat! At our facilities, we use overhead cables with ropes to pull people around both our beginner and our advanced lake. Anybody can learn how to wakeboard, kneeboard, or waterski with the help of our experienced instructors.

Learn more at www.kcwatersports.com/scout-days--kcw.html

The SCOUTStrong Challenge returns to historic Parkville, MO on Saturday, June 23. The SCOUTStrong Challenge features a 5K, 10K, and a Challenge race—which is running both the 5K and the 10K. The Challenge is a fun, formidable race along the scenic Missouri River held at English Landing Park. Custom technical shirts will be given to all runners and unique custom medals will be awarded to the top finishers in each age group. Be sure to stick around afterwards for a post-race party with food, beverages and music. Register now at SCOUTStrongChallenge.org.
LEAVING A LEGACY

Become a James E. West Fellow

Congratulations to Jared Fears, R. Todd and Larry Niederschulte for their commitment to the endowment program in our council.

The James E. West Fellowship Award is a recognition authorized by the National Council and presented by the Heart of America Council for individuals and chartered organizations who contribute $1,000 or more in cash or securities to the Heart of America Council James E. West Fellowship fund. This contribution is in addition to, and should not diminish or replace, the donor’s annual gift to the Heart of America Council Friends of Scouting Campaign.

Organizations or individuals may contribute an award in honor of someone—an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver recipient, council, district or unit Scouter, or in memory of a departed loved one. There can be no finer honor paid to a Scouter than to be named a James E. West Fellow, indicating that the nominee is in the same spirit and dedication to Scouting as was James E. West. Those who are recognized by the James E. West Fellowship Award will cast their own “lengthened shadow” as they help ensure the Scouting legacy by helping create the financial stability needed to carry Scouting into the next century.

To make a commitment to the James E. West endowment, please contact your district James E. West Ambassador or Lawson Rener, James E. West Chair 913.515.5576 or Kathy Sims, Endowment Director kathy.sims@scouting.org.

SCOUT CITY BBQ

Downtown BBQ to Help Send Scouts to Summer Camp

On Friday, June 22, the Heart of America Council will host the 20th annual Scout City BBQ in downtown Kansas City, MO. Since 1998, the Scout City BBQ has raised more than $300,000 for Scoutreach—a program that helps at-risk youth build strong character, a sense of citizenship and long-lasting skills to improve their lives. Event proceeds allow these Scouts opportunities they might not otherwise have, like going to summer camp.

The Scout City BBQ will be held at Barney Allis Plaza in downtown Kansas City, MO from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event is open to the public and this year’s meal will be catered by American Royal Grand Champion Plowboys BBQ.

Meal tickets are only $12 and include a pulled pork or chicken sandwich, sides, ice cream and drink. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event or online at www.scoutcitybbq.org.
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Add a workshop for just $3!*  
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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW DICK’S SUPPORTS SPORTS LEAGUES, VISIT DICKS.COM/TSHQ
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