A ROYAL RETURN

Scout Day Returns to the K April 28

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## COUNCIL CALENDAR

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- 23-24 Professional Bull Riders @ Sprint Center
- 30 Naish Leader’s Meeting

### April
- 3  Council Day Camp Meeting
- 5-7 STEM Rally @ Naish
- 6  Bartle Skilled Trades Day
- 5  Disney on Ice @ Sprint Center
- 6  Scout Night at the Zoo
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- 12-14 OA Conclave
- 17 Scout Camp Final Payment Due
- 17 Council Coordinated Meeting
- 19 Good Friday—Council Service Center Closed
- 23 High Adventure Open House
- 24 Cub Scout Final Camp Payment Due
- 26-28 OA Spring Induction #1
- 28 Scout Day at the K
- 30 Council Commissioners Meeting

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### READY TO RECRUIT

#### Spring Recruitment

Spring is in the air and it’s the perfect time to welcome new Scouts to our packs, troops and crews. Let’s face it, Scouting is more fun with more friends. That’s why, even though the traditional fall recruiting season has ended, it’s crucial to continue working on recruiting both boys and girls. But it all starts with a plan!

**PACKS**

Hold a fun event this month for new families and ask all Scouts to bring a buddy. Pack campouts, day camp, and resident camp are also great ways to welcome new Scouts to your pack.

**TROOPS & CREWS**

March is the perfect month to plan an open house or special activity to welcome new Scouts. This is a great way to showcase all the fun you’re having. Troops should also work closely with their nearby packs and create a Webelos-to- Scout transition plan.

Need help with recruitment resources? Visit Scoutingwire.org and check out marketing helps like fliers and photos for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing.
Camp is right around the corner... Have you booked your ultimate summer adventure yet? Our Summer Camp Adventure Guide will help you navigate our summer sessions and help you pick the perfect one for your Scout. Browse our interactive guide at ScoutCamping.org and explore camping opportunities from Day Camps to Scouts BSA Camps and everything in between.

**SCOUTS BSA CAMPS**

**H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation**
*Limited Reservations Still Available*
- Full payments Due April 17, 2019
- Boys Sessions – Sessions 1-5 (June 4—July 25)
- Girls Session – Session 5 (July 16 – 25—Camp PA Only)

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**
*Limited Reservations Still Available*
- Full payments Due April 17, 2019

**CUB SCOUT CAMPS**

**Day Camp**
- Online Reservations Available Now
- Discounted Pricing Through April 24, 2019

**Bear Camp**
- Online Reservations Available Now
- Final Payments Due April 24, 2019

**Webelos Camp**
- Online Reservations Available Now
- Final Payments Due April 24, 2019

BOOK YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE
SCOUTCAMPING.ORG

**April 5 - 7 | Naish Scout Reservation**

Ignite your imagination and rocket towards Super Nova status at our first ever STEM Rally on April 5-7 at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

This weekend-long STEM centered workshop will include an introduction to the BSA’s Nova Awards—a cutting-edge advancement program that explores the basic principles of STEM and how it can be applied to careers and education.

Make your reservation now for only $25 at www.StemCamping.org.

**Bartle Text Alerts**

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

Spring is almost here and that means Scouting’s largest event is back at Kauffman Stadium. Join more than 10,000 Scouts and their families at Scout Day at the K on Sunday, April 28 where your Kansas City Royals will battle the Los Angeles Angels in an early season American League showdown.

More than just a ticket to the game, all Scout Day at the K ticket holders will receive exclusive pre-game access to the “Little K” as well as opportunities to enjoy pre-game extras like our Scout parade and special in-game Scout experiences. And be sure to wear your uniform for your chance to appear on Crown Vision!

We’ll also unveil this year’s Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Class along with a few other surprises. Don’t miss out on one of the best Scouting events of the year!

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SCOUT Discounts at Sprint Center

Professional Bull Riders
March 23 & 24

Disney on Ice
April 5

U.S. Gymnastics Championships 2019
August 8-11

For details:
 sprintcenter.com/scout
Call: 816-949-7177
Email: grouptickets@sprintcenter.com

While supplies last. Offers expire in advance of event date.
Patron Luncheon Takes Flight in Kansas City

March 7 | Kansas City Convention Center

The Patron Luncheon, our council’s marquee fundraising event, welcomed more than 1,200 business and community leaders to the Kansas City Convention Center on March 7. The luncheon was highlighted by Colonel Nicole Malachowski, a 21-year veteran of the United States Air Force. Colonel Malachowski inspired attendees with her message of “pushing the envelope” and determination to become the first woman pilot on the Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron. She captivated the near capacity crowd with not only her humor, but also with her powerful real-life experiences of bravery and trustworthiness—two points of the Scout Law.

Cliff Illig, co-founder of Cerner Corporation and principal owner of Sporting Kansas City, served as this year’s event chairman and helped raise nearly $550,000 for local Scouting programs.

Camp Cards

Fund Your Ultimate Summer Adventure and Beyond

Our new Camp Card program is a fun and easy way for Scouts to pay their own way to summer camp and learn a valuable lesson in the process.

A Camp Card costs only $5 and includes exclusive offers from featured retailers like Price Chopper and Dick’s Sporting Goods. Even better, participating Scouts will get to keep $2.35 from every card they sell to help pay for summer camp.

2019 Camp Card Deals:

- **Price Chopper**
  ($5 off purchase of $50)
- **Dick’s Sporting Goods**
  ($10 off purchase of $50)
- **Papa John’s**
  (Buy 1 large or XL pizza at regular price, receive medium 1 topping pizza for free)
- **Legoland**
  ($5 off full price admission)
- **SeaLife Aquarium**
  ($5 off full price admission)
- **Westlake Ace Hardware**
  ($5 off $35 regularly priced merchandise)
- **Sport Clips**
  ($3.50 off MVP Haircut)
- **Kansas City Mavericks**
  (BOGO free ticket for Tuesday-Friday games)
- **Sporting Kansas City**
  (Group rate pricing for first 5 home matches)
- **Kansas City Scout Shops**
  (10% off all camping gear)

There’s still time to sell as the program runs through April 17. Download our official Camp Card Guidebook and start selling now at hoac-bsa.org/camp-card.
Guide to Safe Scouting Updates

Scouting safely is of the utmost importance to our council and its volunteers. The Guide to Safe Scouting is your ultimate resource for the policies and procedures of the BSA when it comes to keeping our Scouts safe. New updates to the Guide to Safe Scouting have been published and include:

- Updated language of Scouts BSA.
- Youth Protection and Adult Leadership clarified language in the adult supervision and accommodations sections.
- Camping updated information about Webelos overnight camping.
  - Animal and Insect Hazards replaced entire chapter.
  - Incident Reporting provided URL for incident reporting.
  - Appendix replaced Event Safety Checklist.

Download the complete Guide to Safe Scouting at scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss.

Youth Protection Training Update

Effective March 1, 2019, the BSA’s online Youth Protection Training course has been replaced with an updated version. You must have completed all four modules successfully by February 28, as the new Learning Plan was launched March 1, 2019.

Please note that if you completed the updated online Youth Protection Training prior to March 1, you DO NOT have to retake the new version until your certification expires.

Complete training now or learn more at scouting.org/training/youth-protection.

Council Banquet Moves to May 1

Downtown Kansas City Marriott

Due to winter weather earlier in February, our Council Recognition Banquet has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm at the Downtown Kansas City Marriott.

The Council Recognition Banquet is held annually to recognize the volunteers of the Heart of America Council. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Silver Beaver Awards, the highest recognition presented on the council level.

Additional awards such as the North Star Award, District and Units of the Year and Eagle Scout Project of the Year will also be presented as part of this year’s banquet.

Register now and download this year’s event program at hoac-bsa.org/annual-recognition-dinner.
Tamegonit Lodge Welcomes First Female Youth Members into the Order of the Arrow

It’s a season of firsts for the Boy Scouts of America, but these history-making moments were not limited to the February 1 launch of Scouts BSA.

On the weekend of February 1-3, 18 Venturers from the Heart of America Council also became some of the first young women ever inducted into the Order of the Arrow. The history-making event required careful planning by Tamegonit Lodge.

The story of how members of the Lodge sprang into action is one of inclusivity, kindness and cheerful service toward others.

Springing into action
Blake Steinmetz didn’t procrastinate. He started planning the ordeal weekend back in May—the same day he learned about the OA’s move to welcome young women into its honor society.

He wanted to become one of the first lodges in the nation to induct female members. Steinmetz, then serving as lodge chief for Tamegonit Lodge, shared the idea with his vice chief of inductions, Brian Blood. Blood, now the Tamegonit Lodge chief, loved the idea.

Being prepared
Next, Steinmetz and Blood reviewed the revised OA election eligibility requirements:

• 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew or ship
• Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher
• Approval from the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper
• Election by the youth members of the unit

Because Scouts BSA members who are new to the BSA couldn’t have met those requirements on Feb. 1 (Scouts BSA launch day), Steinmetz and Blood knew they’d be looking for eligible Venturers or Sea Scouts.

Their next step was to contact the council’s Venturing Officers Association to gauge their interest.

With the Venturers’ support, Steinmetz, Blood and their fellow lodge officers began to plan the ordeal weekend.

Friday night: Elections
All that planning paid off on February 1. That night, Venturing crews and Scouts BSA troops from across the Heart of America Council packed into the dining hall at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

Blood and his fellow OA members explained how OA elections operate and then began conducting elections for each crew in attendance.

“It was a crazy experience,” said Blood. “It was finally happening. We don’t normally do elections on induction weekends, so this was something new we didn’t quite know how to handle.”

After the ballots were collected and tabulated, the Tamegonit Lodge ceremony team hosted a call-out. The call-out is an unforgettable moment for any OA member.

“He first time you learn you’ve been elected into the OA and the first step to becoming a member of the honor society.

In all, 28 members were called out: four Scouts BSA boys, two Scouts BSA adults, four Venturing adults, and 18 youth female Venturers.

Saturday: The Ordeal
The OA Ordeal challenges a candidate physically, spiritually and mentally. Candidates are called to cheerful service and complete the Ordeal with a rejuvenated spirit. When the Ordeal is complete, candidates are officially inducted into the OA. They’re deemed ready to live the OA’s values of unselfishly serving their community, family and Scouting.

“These candidates really wanted to be here,” said Blood. “I have never seen so many Scouts excited to join the Order of the Arrow and be a participant in the Ordeal.”

That night, with their tasks completed, the 28 candidates participated in the Ordeal ceremony. By 8 pm, the 28—including the 18 young women—received their crisp white OA sashes.

Smiling with pride, the new OA members posed for pictures and talked with Blood and others about their experience.

“I remember my brother joining, and I am so happy to be a part of this family,” one young woman told Blood.

“I feel honored that I was able to join. It feels special,” another told him.
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