Popcorn 2000 A Tremendous Success!

378 units sold $1,770,054 in popcorn to support their ideal year of Scouting. Over $557,500 was earned by units plus prizes worth another $115,000! Scouts, Packs, Crews and Troops will utilize their earnings to support their Scouting program including purchasing uniforms, tents, camping equipment and to pay for camp fees including day camp, Scout camp or a National High Adventure camping experience.

The Popcorn Sale has been organized to provide a simple, effective and risk-free unit fundraiser. This year’s sale of 1.77 million represents a 28% increase from last year and a big boost to help units to fund an ideal year of Scouting through just one fundraiser.

This year over 104 Scouts reached the $1,000 plus sales benchmark and received prizes plus a camping package or gift card worth $50. These Scouts sold a total of $126,831 in popcorn! Four Scouts sold $2,000 or more which entitled them to prizes, camping package or gift card and a college scholarship worth 6% of their total sales.

Here are the top 10 selling Scouts in the Heart of America Council.

Matt Johnson, Troop 312, Blue Elk District, $2,201
Logan Nicolay, Pack 202, Santa Fe Trail District, $2,025
Colton Goeffert, Pack 160, Kaw District, $2,002
Joseph Rineman, Troop 279, Santa Fe Trail District, $2,001
Chris Anderson, Troop 111, Thunderbird District, $1,779
Cody White, Pack 414, Big Muddy District, $1,772
Ervell Boyd, Troop 469, Thunderbird District, $1,694
Justin Dennison, Troop 221, Blue Elk District, $1,625
Brian Lamaster, Troop 279, Santa Fe Trail District, $1,559
Tim Lung, Troop 457, Santa Fe Trail District, $1,558

Plans are already in place for Popcorn 2001 to continue the process of making the sale customer friendly for unit leaders, parents and Scouts. These plans include:

- All materials including leaders guidebook, prize order forms and unit order and settlement forms will be available on disk as well as hardcopy. (This will simplify placing your order and determining unit profit and payments).
- The Popcorn Kick-off will be held on Saturday, August 11th at Royals Stadium. Tickets will be mailed to those who order early so that the congestion at the Popcorn Training tent can be avoided.
- An increase of 2% unit profit if your unit attends training—We will be offering more trainings located throughout the Council.
- Show n’ Sell will be offered again—with specific dates and information to be provided.

Popcorn 2001 promises to be another great sale—it’s easy, risk-free and the best way to fund your ideal year of Scouting.

Popcorn Sale Highlight
A Letter From a Parent

Joey Rineman sold $2,001 worth of popcorn for Troop #279 in the Santa Fe Trail District for the 2000 Trail’s End popcorn sale. This is Joey’s first year as a Boy Scout. Last year, while he was a second year Webelos Scout in Pack #3295, he sold $1,503 worth of popcorn. This year he said “I want to shoot for a higher goal than last year” and that’s exactly what he did.

Joey loves to set goals for himself. He was challenged this year by the Trail’s End Scholarship Program. He knew that if he sold $2,000 worth of popcorn then he would be eligible for a college scholarship, which was a great motivator to work hard at selling popcorn.

Joey has had many wonderful experiences while selling popcorn. An example is of one customer who was very excited to buy from Joey, and called long distance from Hutchinson, Kansas to place an order for $55.00 worth. The customer’s husband is an Eagle Scout and he took great delight in showing Joey pictures of Philmont, his merit badges, rank advancements and his Scout shirt as a young boy. Joey learned a lot from this visit and made a great sale at the same time.

We are proud of our son and we believe very strongly in the message that “Boys learn a lot more than just how to sell popcorn. They learn something about goal setting, confidence, and responsibility.”

Sincerely,
Joanne and John Rineman
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Heart of America Council, “Community Service Day”
April 28th, 2001

Why:
In the fall of 2000 the Heart of America Council developed a Strategic Plan to carry the council into the 21st century. Each council level committee and the Executive Board evaluated all aspects of the council from finance to program in order to develop this plan. The plan resulted in the following changes to the Scouting for Food program in an effort to expand the community service opportunities provided to our communities.

“A new council wide “Good Turn” should be developed that would offer units the option of developing other community service projects so it might still contain Scouting for Food”

What:
The Heart of America Council has created the H.O.A.C. “Community Service Day”. On Saturday April 28th, 2001 each scout unit, council wide, is encouraged to participate in the “Community Service Day” by selecting a service project for their local community and following the Scout Oath by doing “service to others”.

How:
On Saturday April 28th, 2001 the youth of the Heart of America Council will complete an approved local community service project. The type of service project will be the choice of each individual unit, however it cannot be a project that supports a Heart of America Council property, one that helps the units own a Chartered Organization, or an Eagle Project.

Each district will be providing support and information about this project through the district roundtables. The council has produced a list of projects and agencies with contacts that will help each unit decide on a project to complete. Units will be held accountable for providing the council timely and accurate information. The council will provide appropriate unit and individual recognition for participating in the project upon its completion. If a unit decides to plan a food collection drive as their part of the “Community Service Day” then the council will provide those units with generic food collection bags. It is then the responsibility of the unit to plan their service project so that the actual collection and dropping off of the food happens on Saturday April 28th, 2001.

For more information on this project please contact your District Executive or Camping Services at 816-942-9333 or 1-800-776-1110.

Project Ideas:
Fixing or winterizing homes for the elderly
Lawn work for the elderly
“Vials for Life” which provides medical information to emergency services
“City of Trees” which is a tree planting effort
Working with the Missouri Department of Conservation
Working with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Park clean-ups
Cemetery clean-ups
Distributing carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
Working with recycling centers
Painting street numbers on curbs
“Habitat for Humanity”
Collecting clothing and blankets for the needy
“Meals on Wheels”
Collecting food for local pantries
Child ID videos
Street trash pick-up
Collecting books for local libraries
Camping and Training

**NEW PROCEDURES...**

**BARTLE AND NAISH RESIDENT CAMP REGISTRATION**

Registering Leaders for Camp

New this year is a policy requiring all leaders, both part and full-time, attending camp to be registered leaders of the Boy Scouts of America. Please plan ahead to ensure you meet the requirements of this National Standard. Any leader not registered will be asked to leave camp.

**Boy and Leader Rosters with Next Fee Payment**

The ScoutNet computer system now in place allows the council camping department to track boy and leader attendance at camp. In order to accomplish this tracking procedure, we are asking that units provide a current list of all boys and leaders that will attend camp with each fee payment. The form to create this list will be sent with your billing statements.

This new way of registering boys and leaders for camp should help the camping department track your units Scouting activity. Thanks for your patience as we continue to upgrade our service to you.

**Camp Workdays**

In preparation for the 2001 camping season, many projects are underway at the Theodore Naish and H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservations. Workdays have been established for all who are able to lend us their talents and resources in accomplishing these tasks. Please call camping services at 942-9333 or 1-800-776-1110 to let us know of your intentions to attend so that we can have enough materials and food on hand.

The work dates are as follows:
- March 3, 2001 (Naish only)
- March 10, 2001 (Bartle only)
- March 24, 2001 (Naish & Bartle)
- April 21, 2001 (Naish & Bartle)
- May 5, 2001 (Naish & Bartle)
- May 19, 2001 (Naish & Bartle)

**NOTE:** Due to the skill level needed for these projects, the workdays are designed primarily for adult Scouters. However, several other projects suitable for 15-18 year olds are available for units who can provide adult supervision for their working Scouts. Please sign up for any or all of the workdays.

**Summer Camp Staff**

Camp directors are currently interviewing candidates to serve on the 2001 camp staff. To serve the full summer season Scouts must be at least 15 years old by June 1, 2001. Counselors in Training (CIT) serve for one session and must be 14 years old by the first day of the session they serve. Counselor positions require Scouts to be 18 years old or a high school graduate, and several director positions require that the employee be at least 21 years old. All positions are paid and all include room, board, staff t-shirts (2), and a chance to serve Scouting in a very valuable way! Anyone interested in being on camp staff should pick up an application at the Council Service Center, at your district roundtable, or on our website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

**Brownsea Staff**

Attention Scouts interested in becoming a part of the 2001 Brownsea 22 course staff. Brownsea will be from June 3-9, 2001 at the Bartle Scout Reservation. If you are interested please pick up a staff interest sheet and application at an upcoming roundtable. For more information on Brownsea 22, please call program services at 816-942-9333 or 800-776-1110.

**Bartle and Naish Boy Scout Summer Camp Payment**

The second summer camp fee payment is due on Friday, March 2, 2001. This payment represents one half of the remaining balance due for camp. The final summer camp payment is due May 4, 2001. Late fee payment is May 5, 2001 and after.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW**

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**2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**ARROWMEN NEEDED FOR CAMP STAFF**

Attention all Arrowmen: Camp Naish is looking for strong leaders and teachers to be on the 2000 Naish Camp Staff for both Boy Scout Camp and Webelos Camp. If you are looking for a different and fun summer camp experience, please pick up an application at the Council Service Center and turn it in today. Interviews will be scheduled after applications have been received.

**S.N.A.W.S. Training**

The annual Sharing Native American Ways Seminar will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday March 31, 2001 at Oak Park High School, 825 N.E. 79th Street, Kansas City, MO. Our theme for this year will be “Southeast Tribes”. Over 30 separate classes will be offered including beadwork, costuming, cooking, and Indian culture. Special programs will be offered for Webelos Scouts. Again this year there will be a museum containing over 100 authentic Indian historical items of pottery, tools, dress and weapons. Authentic celebration and give away Pow Wows will be held in the main gym. Totem poles will be carved for installation at one of the Heart of America Council BSA camps.

The Indian Lore Merit Badge will be offered for those Scouts wishing to earn the badge. Requirements for this badge to be completed prior to S.N.A.W.S. are included in the registration form. Traders will be on hand with Indian dress supplies for sale. Camping facilities will be available nearby for those troops wishing to camp. Please join us for an exciting day of Indian culture and festivities.

Registration forms are available at the Council Service Center, at your monthly roundtable, or on the website at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Camping and Training

Philmont Council Contingent Policy

The mission of the Council’s Philmont Contingent is to give individuals the opportunity to attend Philmont in a trained crew with qualified and trained leadership.

In order to preserve this mission there will be a council-wide registration and draw for the 2002 contingent on the following date:

2002 Council Philmont Contingent Draw
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2001
Council Service Center
10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131

The rules for the draw are as follows:

1. A maximum of six (6) spaces will be available per unit. A combination of more leaders than boys is not permitted. (Example: 3 boys/3 leaders, 4 boys/2 leaders, and 6 boys/0 leaders).

2. Each participant entered in the draw must be represented by a completed application and be ready to present a non-refundable deposit of $75.00 the night of the draw. (Example: 6 participants — 6 forms — 6 checks)

3. Boys in the draw must not have been to Philmont High Adventure Base in the last two years.

4. All participants will attend a parent’s meeting in February 2002, an itinerant selection meeting in March 2002, a 1-day shakedown in March 2002, and a 3-day shakedown in April 2002 — specific date TBA.

5. A stand-by list of alternates will be established, then they will go through all the training with the contingent and will be prepared to substitute for any of the 48 members anytime up to departure date should someone have to withdraw from a crew. These alternates will be guaranteed a position of the following years contingent.

6. No other waiting list will be kept.

7. Applications for the Council’s Philmont Contingent will be available after March 1, 2001 at Roundtables, in the Resource Center at the Council Service Center, or on the website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Announcing Boy Scout Programs at Science City at Union Station

Rank Advancement Guides

Written guides to Science City are now available for Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears and Webelos. These free guides tell the boys where they can go and what they can do in Science City and the Theater District to meet achievement, badge, belt loop or pin requirements. The guides are available at the Ticketing Information Booth all of the time and do not have to be reserved in advance. Boys may come to Science City with their families or dens. Science City patches and pins are available in Union Station’s Adventure Store for boys who want a souvenir of their visit for brag vests.

Science City Discovery Programs

Space Adventure: Rendezvous with a Comet
Do you have the right stuff? Train to be an astronaut as you search for comets in our Challenger Learning Center spacecraft, maneuver a Mars Rover in Station Mars, and practice living and working in space in the Space Station. Apply your research and design skills in S.O.A.R. Laboratories and other places in Science City. Best for Webelos and Boy Scouts. The program may substitute for Webelos Engineer Badge Requirement 8 (building a catapult). Individuals or groups may call 816-460-2233 to join a design team. These programs will be offered on weekends beginning in mid-February.

Lunar Challenge
Work together over several evenings with other family teams to design and construct a model of a lunar colony to meet your needs as the first International Lunar Colonists. No technical experience required!

Dates: April 21 and April 28 (two Saturday afternoons)

Design Studio: Robots and More
We need design engineers to build robots to do jobs in Science City! Investigate robotics in the Design Studio, then build and test a robot to meet a challenge in the city. Apply your research and design skills in S.O.A.R. Laboratories and other places in Science City. Best for Webelos and Boy Scouts. The program may substitute for Webelos Engineer Badge Requirement 8 (building a catapult). Individuals or groups may call 816-460-2233 to join a design team. These programs will be offered on weekends beginning in mid-February.

Service Projects
Science City, Union Station and the Kansas City Museum are possible venues for Eagle projects, for example, merit badge program development, special events, outdoor areas or accessibility kits. Boys at least 15 years old could volunteer with us for special events, exhibits, Scout Saturdays, etc. to earn service hours.

Future Programs
Watch for more Discovery Programs, Scout Saturdays, Boy Scout Merit Badge Programs, Camp-in Programs and other great opportunities for scouts coming soon at Science City!

Science City at Union Station is located at 30 W. Pershing Road in Kansas City, Mo. Call 816-460-2233 for more information.
Tribute Funds

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- Quentin “Curly” Hayworth
- Steve & Debbie Roberts
- Clark Waldram
- John & Phyllis Renken
- Louis Chandler
- Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Taylor

College Scholarships Available

College scholarships are offered to Eagle Scouts through the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA). The applicant must have been granted the Eagle Scout ranks and graduated from high school in the calendar year in which the scholarship is presented. Scouts whose Eagle Scout boards of review are held between March 1st and July 31st of their high school graduating year may apply in the following year, and must have a SAT score of at least 1090 or an ACT score of at least 26. The official scholarship application form contains complete requirements and is found at www.bsa.scouting.org/nesa/scholar. The application may also be obtained from Keith Koenigsdorf, Santa Fe Trail District NESA Chair, (913) 649-1341. All applications must be completed and postmarked no later than February 28th and received by March 5th, 2001.

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- Michael Rump
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- Ninan & Annamma Idiculla
- Joseph & Gayle Kears
- John & Jane Marty
- Joel & Annette Fish

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- Mark & Ellen Henry
- Michael & Janet Thomas
- Carl & Nancy Brandt
- Gordon & Gail Rice
- Martin & Susanne Weber
- Shawn & Karen Hoffman
- Sharon Mikek
- David & Carol Knopick
- Darrell & Barbara Boland
- Marvin Korn
- Kenneth & Linda Batrick
- Will & Cheryl Rothgeb
- Joel & Teresa Itten
- Nancy Richey
- Mark & Ann Zacc
- David & Elizabeth Homer
- John & Susan Yacos
- Cynthia & Jeffery Morris
- Claudia & Terry Ryan
- Ralph & Mary Kaye Crumrine
- Daniel Stolper
STORY OF THE WEEK

Charitable Unitrust

Several years ago John and Mary Jones purchased some property in the country. Since that time, the community has moved toward that property and there now is a commercial center next door. John and Mary are thinking of ways to increase income from that property, but it has gone up in value from the initial $40,000 to over $200,000.

In visiting with their CPA, John and Mary discovered that they could get increased income without paying a large capital gains tax. By creating a special agreement, they are able to bypass income tax, receive increased income and benefit from a charitable income tax deduction. This plan will greatly increase their income. They will enjoy a very comfortable retirement and eventually will benefit one of their favorite charities.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

Social Security

Taking Payments at Age 65

This is the third of five notes on the option to take payments from Social Security at 65 or to wait and receive larger payments at age 70. This note will discuss the benefits of taking payments if you are age 65.

If you are retired and no longer actively working at age 65, then the decision is easy. Virtually everyone will choose to take their benefits at 65 in this circumstance. However, if you are planning to work until age 70, the question is then appropriate—should you take your benefits at age 65 or wait until age 70? The case for taking the benefits at age 65 even if you are working is that you will have the ability to save and invest the funds.

For example, assume that a person at age 65 is working and receives the full benefit of $2,433 per month. The life estate gift helps you get a current income tax benefit for a gift you may have been planned to put in your will anyway. Contact us for more information about this interest in your will. But there’s a way to do the same thing, and get a current tax benefit for doing it.

THE BE PREPARED CAMPAIGN: STRENGTHENING SCOUTING’S FUTURE

The Heart of America Council has experienced growth in youth membership for 13 consecutive years. In 1985, 26,124 young people were involved in Scouting. The numbers have now grown by over 23,000, a 55% increase. As growing numbers of young people become involved in Scouting, the Heart of America Council requires additional resources to offer the highest quality Scouting programs.

The Be Prepared Endowment Campaign will make it possible for the Heart of America Council to continue to ensure funds are available to offer to Scouting to tomorrow’s youth. The campaign is also designed to ensure facilities maintenance and equipment repairs at the Council’s two Scout camps—The H. Roe Battle Scout Reservation and The Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

A larger endowment will improve the Council’s ability to provide the enjoyment and benefits of Scouting to young people who otherwise would not have the chance. With an enhanced endowment, deserving young people will have funds for membership expenses, uniforms, Scout Handbooks, equipment, camp opportunities, and resources to accommodate Scouts with disabilities.

Among these youth are the most at-risk members of our society. These boys and young men need a base upon which to build their lives—and to help them become productive members and leaders in their community.

BE PREPARED CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT:

Campaign Gift Total $1,750,876
Campaign Objective $2,500,000
Percent of Campaign Goal 70.0%

Endowment

“HOME IS WHERE THE DEDUCTION IS”

It is increasingly common for donors to leave their residence, vacation home, or other land to the local council after their lifetime. This is often done through a bequest in the donor’s will. But there’s a way to do the same thing, and get a current tax benefit for doing it.

A life estate gift gives you an immediate income tax deduction for promising the local council that it will receive your home or vacation home after your death, and/or the death of your spouse or other family member. You continue to live there and use the property exactly as you do now, and your use is undisturbed until after your lifetime (or that of a spouse as well).

The life estate gift helps you get a current income tax benefit for a gift you may have been planned to put in your will anyway. Contact us for more information about this interesting and helpful way to benefit your local council, as well as you and your family.

Many great things have been made possible for Scouting through the use of life estate gifts. Find out for yourself how your house can be more than a home.
2001 Friends of Scouting Campaign
"RACE FOR THE FUTURE"

As you know from having presentations in the past, the cost of the Scouting program in the Heart of America Council is $127.00 per boy; beyond the cost of registration fees and unit dues. That can be an incredible task for all units. This year our goal is to support 1/3 of the active membership in your unit at the $127.00 level. In order to achieve this you must take the time to schedule their presentations. All unit leaders who have not yet done so already need to select someone from their unit to schedule and coordinate a presentation with either Ross Pfannenstiel ext. 164 of the Santa Fe Trail. Remember, presentations need to be scheduled between November and February unless your Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Banquet fall after this time. Remember that your Friends of Scouting Presentation is giving money to support the Scouting Program. The money you donate is supporting your Scouts.

2001 Klondike Derby

You just can’t get enough of that January weather. This year’s Klondike Derby was a weekend filled with adventure, orienteering, camping, and many stories around the campfire. We want to give a very warm thank you to Dave Garwell, Gus Meyer, Ric Porte, and the entire troop of 367 for orchestrating the final chapter of Santa Fe Trail Klondike Derby. Thank you also to the many young scouts who volunteered to help conduct the events of the Derby. There just isn’t any other kind of fun that compares to making your own sled and watching it wisp through the wind. We salute all of you for enjoying and participating in this year’s Klondike Derby.

Unit Recharting

A reminder to all Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders—it’s almost time to recharter your unit for another year. There will be rechartering training at the January and February Roundtables. All Cubmasters, Scoutingmasters, and committee chairpersons are urged to attend. Someone from your unit must attend training to receive your rechartering packet. Since this training will be conducted at roundtable, you may wish to have at least 2 leaders present.

REMEMBER OUR MOTTO, "ALWAYS BE PREPARED". Take advantage of the training at roundtable and 2001’s rechartering will be a snap!

Popcorn

Congratulations to all popcorn-sell- ing units in our district. Santa Fe Trail District increased sales by over 45% from last year, for a grand total of over $645,000. A very special thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time to breaking the all-time record. With all the great events and activities planned for the “Cubs Around the World Day Camp”, how could you not attend?

Cubs Around the World Day Camp 2001

WOW, it’s just around the corner so mark your calendars. Registration begins February 3rd at the Council Service Center.

Camp Sessions

Session 1 June 4-8
Session 2 June 11-15
Session 3 June 18-22

This is the last year with Santa Fe Trail as a unified district. Our goal is to have every pack attend and try to be published in Boy’s Life or Scouting Magazine. We need 2009 boys from 113 packs to attend to break the all-time record. With all the great events and activities planned for the “Cubs Around the World Day Camp”, how could you not attend?

Come join the fun. For more information please contact Jason Ballew at the Council Service Center at 816-942-9333 ext. 182, Lorri Kearns Co-Director at 913-583-1011, or Dave Sulzr Co-Director at 913-381-7824.
WE SALUTE ALL THE CUB SCOUT PACKS GEARING UP FOR THE 2001 PINewood DERBY,
GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE, LET THE RACES BEGIN!

PINewood DERBY
(The wisdom of a child)

My son Gilbert was eight years old and had been in Cub Scouts only a short
time. During one of his meetings he was handed a sheet of paper, a block of
wood and four tires and told to return home and give all to dad”.

That was not an easy task for Gilbert to do. Dad was not receptive to
doing things with his son. But Gilbert tried. Dad read the paper and scoffed
at the idea of making a pine wood derby car with his young, eager son. The
block of wood remained untouched as the weeks passed. Finally, mom
stepped in to see if I could figure this all out. The project began. Having no
carpentry skills, I decided it would be best if I simply read the directions and
let Gilbert do the work. And he did. I read aloud the measurements, the rules
of what we could do and what we couldn’t do.

Within days his block of wood was turning into a pinewood derby car. A
little lopsided, but looking great (at least through the eyes of mom). Gilbert
had not seen any of the other kids’ cars and was feeling pretty proud of his
“Blue Lightning”, the pride that comes with knowing you did something on
your own.

Then the big night came. With his blue pinewood derby in his hand and
pride in his heart we headed to the big race.

Once there my little one’s pride turned to humility. Gilbert’s car was obvi-
ously the only car made entirely on his own. All the other cars were a father-
son partnership, with cool paint jobs and sleek body styles made for speed.

A few of the boys giggled as they looked at Gilbert’s lopsided, wobbly,
unattractive vehicle. To add to the humility, Gilbert was the only boy with-
out a man at his side. A couple of the boys who were from single parent
homes at least had an uncle or grandfather by their side, Gilbert had “mom”.

As the race began it was done in elimination fashion. You kept racing as
long as you were the winner. One by one the cars raced down the finely
sanded ramp. Finally it was between Gilbert and the sleekest, fastest looking
car there.

As the last race was about to begin, my wide eyed, shy eight year old ask
if they could stop the race for a minute, because he wanted to pray.

The race stopped.

He prayed in earnest for a very long. Then he stood, smile on his face and
announced, “Okay, I am ready. As the crowd cheered, a boy named Tommy
stood with his father as their car sped down the ramp. Gilbert stood with his
Father within his heart and watched his block of wood wobble down the
ramp with surprisingly great speed and rushed over the finish line a fraction
of a second before Tommy’s car.

Gilbert leaped into the air with a loud “Thank You” as the crowd roared
in approval.

The CubMaster came up to Gilbert with microphone in hand and asked
the obvious question, “So you prayed to win, huh, Gilbert?” To which my
young son answered, “Oh, no sir. That wouldn’t be fair to ask God to help
you beat someone else. I just asked Him to make it so I wouldn't cry when
I lost.”

Gilbert, by his stopping the race to speak to his Father also showed the
crowd that he wasn’t there without a “dad”, but His Father as most definitely
there with him.

Yes, Gilbert walked away a winner that night, with his Father at his side.
Children seem to have a wisdom far beyond us.

Author Unknown
Scout Anniversary Week

This is the time, February 4-10, when we celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America.

Cub Packs hold Blue and Gold Banquets, Troops often hold Courts of Honor.

Many units attend religious services as a group. What is your unit planning to celebrate?

Scout Day Camp

Welcome to all you world travelers, to the “Cubs Around the World” Day Camp. Your voyage, this year, will be lead by Captain Allen Fails. Serving this year as the council’s Program Director is Zula Smith. The Captain and his crew are eager to get you to join them in early February. The Cruise line will be visiting all Packs with information about this year’s voyage. Be sure to schedule the visit during Roundtable, or contact the Captain.

The Art Contest is underway. The Scout who submits the drawing chosen for the cover of the Leaders handbook will receive a free passport to Day Camp. Drawings are due at the April Roundtable.

Once again the district will be holding a Registration Day, where each pack can turn in their passenger lists and deposits, and have all questions answered. This year the Registration Day will be April 7, 2001. More information will be available later.

For more information about the World tour, call Allen Fails, Director at 816-228-7539 (H) or Zula Smith, Program 816-833-1335 (H) or Emily Minear, Advisor 816-942-9333 ext.177.

Quick Communication

We, the Beautiful Blue Elk professional staff, are beginning to use e-mail for quick communication with Blue Elk Volunteers. If you check your e-mail regularly and have not received anything from the Blue Elk Staff recently, please e-mail Ken Newkirk. By doing so, he will have your correct e-mail address or you can send it to him so he can add you to the list.

Brian Davis, pday@bsamail.org
Ken Newkirk, knewkirk@bsamail.org
Emily Minear, eminear@bsamail.org

Friends of Scouting

FOS is our chance to provide financial support to the program that does so much for our youth.

The Council is supported entirely by contributions. Does your unit have a date set for your FOS presentation? If not, please call Russ Bentch at (816) 532-3393. Russ can schedule a presenter to attend your next Pack Meeting or Court of Honor.

Boy Scout Leader Training

The spring sessions of training for all adults working with Boy Scouts begin with Fast Start Training at the March 1st Roundtable. Later in the month, join us on March 17th, 20th, and the 30th for the next sessions of the training. This training will save you many hours preparing your troop planning and will ensure that the boys receive a great program. If you have questions, please call Scott Howel at 816-796-3747.

Troop 865 Plans 30th Anniversary

Troop 865, chartered to St. Mark’s Church on Lee’s Summit Road, is planning its 30th Anniversary Celebration to be held March 4, 2001. We are looking for Scouts and Leaders who were members of Troop 865 between 1971-2001. We are also looking for any information on the history of the Troop and pictures of Scouting activities. If you or someone you know has any information that can help us plan our celebration, please contact Sharon Brager at (816) 748-3641 (e-mail her at luis@brager.com) or Gloria Smith at (816) 467-3377 or e-mail her at gl dims@juno.com.

District Committee

The Committee will meet Thursday, February 15, 2001. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Blue River Community College, 20301 East 78 Hwy in Independence, MO. All Members at Large, Operating Committee Members, and Charter Organization Representatives are urged to attend.

DIRECTION COMMITTEE

District Chair: Phil Struble . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 785-842-8251
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District Executive; Morgan McNally . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 785-832-8620 or 800-776-1110 x132

Klondike Derby

Klondike Derby is on the weekend of the 17th and 18th. It promises to be a great one! This is a wonderful opportunity for competition and fellowship in the snow. It is almost here, so contact Rod Zinn at 785-843-3129 or Pat Donahue at 785-840-5586 for more information.

Congratulations!

I would like to extend hearty congratulations to our Award of Merit recipients and to Bill Vigeron who was awarded the coveted Silver Beaver Award at the Council Annual Dinner and Business Meeting. Volunteers like these are the reason this program works. Their dedication and love of Scouting are the keys to the future of Scouting. Thank you for all that you do for Scouting.

Heart of America Council “Good Turn”

Be on the lookout for all new ways to better our community with the “HOAC Community Service Day”. Don’t worry, Scouting For Food is still an option, but with this new plan we will make Scouting more visible by helping more people in many different ways. Stay tuned for more information or call Morgan McNally at 785-832-9620.

Calendar of Events

February

1 Cub, Scout, and Venturing Leader Roundtable; Order of Arrow Chapter Meeting; Youth Protection Training; Eagle Guest Chair Training; 7:30 p.m., Bingham 7th Grade Center
4-10 Scout Anniversary Week
8 District Commissioner Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Liberty Street RLDS, 416 N. Liberty Street
15 Blue Elk District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Blue River Community College, 20301 East 78 Hwy.
March
1 Cub, Scout, and Venturing Leader Roundtable; Merit Badge Counselor Training; Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training, 7:30 p.m., Bingham 7th Grade Center
8 District Commissioner Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Liberty Street RLDS, 416 N. Liberty Street
17 Boy Scout Leader Training, Session 1; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Beacon Heights RLDS Church, 19402 E Holke Rd.
20 Boy Scout Leader Training, Session 2; 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., Beacon Heights RLDS Church, 19402 E Holke Rd.
30-31 Boy Scout Leader Training, Session 3; 6:30 p.m. Friday to Saturday 5:00 p.m., Beacon Heights RLDS Church, 19402 E Holke Rd.

Calendar of Events

February

1 Commissioner’s Meeting/ Roundtable; 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky
15 District Commissioner Meeting; 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 946 Vermont
16 Klondike Derby Time and location to be announced
17 Klondike Derby
18 Klondike Derby

March

1 Roundtable/Commissioner’s meeting; 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church
3 District Pinewood Derby
15 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church

April

5 Roundtable/Commissioner’s Meeting; 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church
11,14,15 Boy Scout Leader Training
19 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church
25,28,29 Boy Scout Leader Training

Pelathe

“Cubs Around the World” Day Camp

Day Camp is closer than you think!!!

Let’s make this the best Day Camp ever by getting more boys signed up than last year. Boy Camp will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds June 11-15. Registrations will be accepted at the Council Service Center starting Feb. 5. Make sure you get all information in early to receive the Early Bird Payment Incentive! For more information call Relina McCardy at 785-542-3050 or Morgan McNally at 785-832-8620.

Family Friends of Scouting

Your unit can earn free rank advancement in the Scout Shop until December 31, 2001. Just ask Troop 61. The sooner your unit signs up for a Family Friends of Scouting presentation, the sooner you can start taking advantage of free rank advancement! To sign up for a presentation call Wayne Deaver at 785-865-0059 or Morgan McNally at 785-832-8620.

Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby is March 3rd, so get those tracks set up and those cars tuned up because we’re “Racing to the Future for Youths!” For more information, contact Rod Zinn, District Activities Chair at 785-843-3129.
**North Star**

**Calendar of Events**

**February**

1. District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
2. Youth Protection Training
3. OA Chapter Meeting
4. District Committee Meeting – 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion
5. Recharter Turn-In/Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
6. District Day Camp Staff Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
7. District Mall Show/Pinewood Derby – 9:00 a.m., Antioch Shopping Center
8. District Roundtable – 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
9. OA Chapter Meeting
10. Youth Protection Training
11. Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
12. District Day Camp Staff Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
13. Cub Scout Leader Basic Training – Part 1 – 7:00 p.m., Second Baptist Church, 309 E Franklin, Liberty, MO
14. Cub Scout Leader Basic Training – All Day Session – 8:00 a.m., Barry Christian Church, 1500 NW Barry Rd.
15. Boy Scout Leader Training – Part 1A – 6:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
16. Cub Scout Leader Basic Training – Part II – 7:00 p.m., Second Baptist Church, 309 E Franklin, Liberty, MO

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**Lone Bear**

**Training**

This coming month training sessions will be offered for both Cub and Boy Scout Leaders. Cub Leader Training is offered twice—two evening sessions starting at 6:30 p.m. on March 22nd and 29th, and the all day session starting at 8:00 a.m. on March 24th. Boy Scout Leader Training will offer three Tuesday evening sessions starting at 6:30 p.m. on March 27th, April 3rd and April 17th. We can put on the best Day Camp ever!

**Klondike Derby**

A big thanks goes to everyone who participated in this year’s Klondike Derby on January 20th at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake. A thank you also goes to Klondike Chairman John Burwell and his staff for putting on a great Klondike!

**Recharter Turn-In**

This is the month to get your rechartering paperwork turned in. You can turn it in either at Roundtable on February 1st or at the Recharter Turn-In/Commissioner Staff Meeting on February 8th. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commissioner or a member of the North Star Team at 816-942-9333.

**Mall Show**

We hope to see every pack and troop represented at this year’s Mall Show. February 10th at the Antioch Shopping Center. Each pack is also encouraged to participate in the Pinewood Derby, which will again be headed up by Jeff Cook. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff at 816-468-9232 or the Mall Show Chairperson, Joan Long at 816-454-4318.

**Award of Merit/H. Virgil Bower Scoutmaster Award**

The District Award of Merit and the H. Virgil Bower Scoutmaster Award were presented at the District annual Dinner on January 13th. Congratulations goes to the following for receiving the Award of Merit.

2000 Award of Merit Recipients:
1. Richard Harris
2. Joan Long
3. Byron Meyer
4. Debbie Neff
5. Dave Stannaway
6. Homer Williams

The recipient of the H. Virgil Bower Scoutmaster Award is Russ Downing.

**Rechartering**

We have now passed the recharter deadline for most of the units in the Lone Bear District. If you still have your charter packet, and need help call Alan Sanders at 1-800-776-1110 ext 158.

**Day Camp 2001**

The Lone Bear District 2001 Day Camp Planning is now under way. We are looking for all the help we can get so we can put on the best Day Camp ever! The camp will be held in Clinton from July 9th through the 13th. For more information call John Hart at 660-747-3047.

**Family Friends of Scouting**

The 2001 Lone Bear District Friends of Scouting Campaign is now off and running. With the possibility of each unit earning FREE ADVANCEMENT for the year there is no reason to put off your Friends of Scouting Presentation. The campaign is how the district supports the hundreds of Scouters throughout the district. For more information, or to get a date for your unit presentation, call Alan Sanders at 1-800-776-1110 ext 158.

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Calendar of Events

February
1  District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church
10  Klondike Derby Camp Lake of the Woods, Swope Park
13  District Commissioner’s Meeting, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.,
2915 Swope Parkway
20  District Committee Meeting, VFW National Headquarters,
3400 Broadway
24  Pioneer Trails “Reach for the Sky” event, Swope Park

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2001 Friends of Scouting Campaign
Pioneer Trails is on its way to another successful year in the Family
Friends of Scouting Campaign.
If your unit has not scheduled a Friends of Scouting
presentation get on the bandwagon and give Roman Lee a call at
(816) 942-9333 ext. 147.
Remember that if your unit meets its Friends of Scouting goal, and 40%
of the families give a gift, you will qualify for free rank advancements for
the year 2001.
Thank you to all units that have already had a Friends of Scouting presen-
tation or have their unit scheduled to receive one.

Spring Recruiting Begins
Most Scouts consider the fall the primary time to recruit boys into Scouting, but ANYTIME should be
the primary time. A boy recruited in the spring has the opportunity to go to Cub Day Camp or Boy Scout camp
right away. It also allows a boy to join a program before all the summer sports leagues are started. Consider putting
some effort into a spring recruiting drive. For help with posters, flyers, or Boy Talks, contact the Pioneer Trails
professionals at (816) 942-9333.

Merit Badge Marathon
A big thanks goes out to Lloyd Lazarus and everybody who assisted
in making the Merit Badge Marathon a huge success once again.

Training at our Fingertips
Pioneer Trails has many training’s being offered this spring. Please
take advantage of the training opportunities or encourage as many of
your unit leaders to attend one of the trainings listed below. Remember the more training you receive the better equipped you are
to deliver the Scouting program to your youth. If you have any
questions regarding training please contact Matt Gettys at (816) 942-9333 ext. 171.

CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING:
Part 1 & 2  Saturday April 21st or
Part 1  Wednesday, March 28th
Part 2  Thursday, March 29th
Location:  St. Andrews Episcopal Church

BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING:
Part 1  Saturday, April 28th
Part 2  Wednesday, May 2nd
Part 3  Saturday and Sunday May 5th &
6th (overnight)
Location:  To be announced

COMMITTEE TRAINING:
February, March, and April Roundtables
Friends of Scouting

Thank you to all the units that have scheduled a Family Friends of Scouting presentation. Your dollars help support the premier youth organization in Kansas City. If your unit has not scheduled a presentation, please call Brian Fullen at the Council Service Center, 816-942-9333 ext. 184.

Training

The time is right for you to come to train! Thunderbird's District training team is ready for a great spring training.

The all-day Cub Scout Leader Basic Training will be March 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ridgewood Christian Church located at 8640 N. Blue Ridge, Kansas City, MO. The two-step course will be on April 12th & April 17th from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Community Bank of Lee's Summit located at 210 SW Main, Lee's Summit, MO.

Scout Leader Fundamentals is scheduled for March 24th, 27th, and April 7th. More details to follow next month.

Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience Training is scheduled for April 28th and 29th in Pleasant Hill at the Troop 300 Cabin. Arrival time is 9:00 a.m. on the 28th and departure time is around 12:00 p.m. on the 29th.

Klondike Derby

Hall at 50th & Blue Ridge, Kansas City, MO. The two-step course will be

District Recognition Dinner

Your presentation only takes 8-10 minutes, it's an excellent opportunity for your unit. The presentation can be repeated as many times as you choose. The cost is $15.00 per person, with a special commemorative patch included in the cost. Please plan on attending this special event. Contact Wes Kramer at (816) 942-9333 ext. 118 for more information.

Annual Appreciation Dinner!

What a night! What a meal! The dinner was a big success. On January 27th several adult Scouters, and non-Scouters were recognized for their support of the Scouting program. We would like to thank Activities Chairman, Brent Wosley and Dinner Chairman, Joe Mackey for a most memorable evening. Congratulations to all who received the Silver Oakleaf, Silver Acorn and the Award of Merit.

Family Friends of Scouting: Racing into the Future For Youth

The 2001 Friends of Scouting Campaign is now in full swing. This year's theme is, you guessed it, auto racing. Now is the time to call and schedule your unit's Family Friends of Scouting Presentation if you haven't already done so. Contact Wes Kramer to schedule one today. As you probably already know, much of this money goes directly for program services. This support keeps Scouting strong and alive in the Heart of America Council.

An added incentive this year is that for every unit that achieves its unit dollar goal and has participation from 40% of all families in the unit will receive free rank advancement patches until December 31, 2001. This is a great money saving opportunity for your unit. The presentation only takes 8-10 minutes, it's very informative, and will not interfere with your evening's program. Please consider the importance of Scouting in your son's life, and schedule your presentation today.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Day Camp will be held at the Lion's Park in Lexington. It will be the first week of June (4th through 7th). Last year was a smashing success, with Carol Brooks and Susan Dallstream doing an outstanding job. They're back and ready to top last year. This year's theme is “Cubs Around the World,” and Susan, Carol, and their top-notch staff have been working hard all winter planning a quality program for your Cub Scouts. Now is the time to plan so that every Cub in your pack has the opportunity to attend. This is the highlight of the Cub Scouting year, don’t let your boys miss out. For more information call Carol or Susan (phone numbers listed under District Leadership Information).
Roundtable
Roundtables are a form of commissioner service and supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. It serves as a source of information on events and training, and an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fellowship with other unit leaders. Roundtables provide unit leaders with skills, techniques, and program ideas to enhance the quality of their meetings. Roundtables are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The location for the Roundtables is Robert Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs. Please make an effort to participate in these informative sessions, which are designed to assist unit level leadership in program development.

Summer Camp and Day Camp Promotion
Now is the time to begin finalizing plans to attend and participate in a camping program this summer. Please contact your District Executive at the Council Service Center for details.

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24 Boy Scout Leader Training – Part 1
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Kaw
Cub Scout Day Camp
The 2001 Twin Rivers Cub Scout Day Camp will be held on June 11th through 15th at Hillside Lake State Park. Day Camp is the highlight of every boy’s annual Scouting experience, and in addition, it is a program designed to assist unit level leadership in program development.

Friends of Scouting
Friends of Scouting campaign in our district is currently underway. This is the annual effort to give participants and supporters of Scouting the opportunity to pay for the program they are benefiting from. The $7 paid by a Scout annually to register is not the cost of the program. It basically pays for insurance and record keeping from the national council. The cost of the program is actually much greater and Friends of Scouting gives families the chance to pull their weight in the program. Presentations are currently being scheduled with units to share the FOS story and continue to build the quality of the Heart of America Council, BSA program. For more information on how you can make a difference, contact Grant Dealy at 800-776-1110.

District Executive on Board
Twin Rivers District welcomes its new professional, Grant Dealy. Grant began employment with the HOAC on January 2nd and is eager to make an impact on the strengthening of the district. Grant’s first marching orders are to solidify the district committee and broaden the sphere of influence offered to Twin Rivers through adult volunteer recruitment. Grant is a graduate of Central Missouri State University. Grant also has served on the Battle Camp Staff for 7 years and is an Eagle Scout. Please show Grant a big Twin Rivers welcome!

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18 Scout Service Center Closed
27 Council Coordinated Meeting
Learning for Life

Cluster Activities

A new aspect to programming in Exploring will be introduced this spring. This program will be known as “Spring Cluster Activities.” These activities will consist of specific career related activities related to each Exploring cluster (i.e. Arts and Communications, Business and Law, etc...). These events could evolve from project competitions between posts, presentations given and exchanged between posts, or even re-inacted/mock situational events.

We will be releasing further information on the “Spring Cluster Activities” in the next upcoming issues of “Adventures in Scouting.” In the meantime, begin brainstorm about some activities that your post and cluster can participate in.

A meeting will be held with all Cluster chairs and Exploring advisors this early spring to discuss and brainstorm this activity. A direct mailing to all advisors will be conducted with information regarding this meeting and the spring activities.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Exploring division at 816-942-9333.

Adult Exploring Training

Training is being offered to any post that may be interested. This is an opportunity for all of your post’s adults to be trained, allowing everyone to be on the same page for this program year.

The “Adult Exploring” training has been put into a PowerPoint presentation format. This will allow us to make the training sessions more enjoyable and less time consuming. This format will allow us to bring the training to you at your facility, rather than requesting everyone’s presence at a certain time and place to conduct the training. The new format is great for a breakfast or lunch meeting structure, that being the shorter time frame to conduct the training. We hope that this will be more customer friendly to you and your organization, and we would like to see that this would generate a greater interest in the opportunity of being trained.

If you have any questions regarding training or would like to schedule a time for training, then call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333.

Friends of Scouting

The 2001 Friends of Scouting campaign is upon us again.

This is an opportunity to provide financial support to over 53,000 youth in Kansas City. The support helps to deliver life-changing values of Scouting’s programs to youth in our 19-county area.

Currently, there is around 5,000 young men and women who participate in 124 Explorer Posts in the greater Kansas City area.

The Learning for Life program operates in schools to provide life skills, character and career education programs to students in grades K-12.

If you would like to further support these programs, and/or have questions regarding the Friends of Scouting Campaign, then please call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333.

This is a great way to maintain and strengthen the Learning for Life and Exploring promise for Kansas City’s youth of today, and tomorrow.

Web-Site

Do you need program ideas for your post? Have you ever wondered what other posts in your area of focus are doing? Did you know that these questions can be answered, as well as other information can be brought to you all from visiting just one place?

This place can be found on our National Learning for Life web-site. Type in www.Learning-for-Life.org and you’ll be able to explore these areas as well as others.

This is a great tool for post planning, activities, training, and to find out what other Explorers are doing. So, come and check it out!

Awards

THE LUMINARY AWARD

This award is presented to active youth in various Explorer Posts. Nominees must be active in Post, have an optimistic, out-going attitude, be skilled in handling all people and encouraging responsibility, and strive to search for all possible routes to accomplish what needs to be done.

THE AWARD OF MERIT

Nominees must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Exploring. The nature and value of “noteworthy” service may consist of a single plan or decision that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth, or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.

SILENT SERVICE AWARD

Individuals who have given of themselves behind the scenes on behalf of Exploring are eligible for this award. This award is intended to recognize individuals not registered with Exploring such as a spouse of an adult volunteer.

POST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each Career Cluster will present a Post of the Year Award. An overall award will be presented to one of those eight winning posts. To be eligible, a post must achieve six of 10 objectives outlined on the nomination form and submit an essay describing why the post should be named Post of the Year.

WILLIAM H. SPURGEON III AWARD

A plaque is awarded to individuals and organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program. This award was developed in 1971 in honor of the man who is regarded as the major leader in the development of special interest Exploring—William H. Spurgeon III.

Award and scholarship information will be mailed directly to all Exploring advisors in the spring. Information will be given regarding our spring awards get-together, and qualifications and rules that apply towards each available award and scholarship.

If you have any questions and/or would like to receive reward/scholarship forms and information now, then call the Exploring division at (816) 942-9333.
To Our Valued Volunteer:

Boy Scout Troop 276, of Amoret, MO, was busy Saturday morning picking up trash along Hwy 52 through the City limits of Amoret. The Troop has adopted that stretch of highway through the MO Dept. of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Program and will be beautifying the area throughout the year.