The Council Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Dinner will be held in November

The Council Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Dinner will be on Wednesday, November 14, 2001. This meeting honors the recipients of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award bestowed by a local council as recognition of the National Court of Honor for distinguished service to youth within a council’s service area.

Please make your reservations in advance to attend.

Elections

During the Heart of America Council’s Annual Business Meeting, election of officers, executive board, and members-at-large will be conducted.

Council Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Dinner to be held in November

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Units Recognized for UMS Unit Management Software

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Support Staff Salute

6 . . . . . . . . Endowment Tributes

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2001 Silver Beavers Selected

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award bestowed by a local Council as recognition of the National Court of Honor for distinguished service to youth within a Council’s service area.

The dinner and recognition program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO. The cost will be $35 per person. Reservations are required. For additional information, please contact Mark J. Brayer at 816-942-9333 ext. 123 or 1-800-776-1110.

The Guest Speaker for the evening is Rick Cronk, National Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America.

The 2001 Silver Beaver recipients to be honored at the Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Dinner on November 14, 2001 are:

- Byron Braamse
- Terry Chapman
- William E. Cheek
- Diane DeLong
- David Disney
- E. Frank Ellis
- LeRoy W. Felzien
- Curtis Gibson
- Sherral S. Giles
- Robert E. Hazeltine
- John D. Hunkeler, M.D.
- Mary Hunkeler
- Margaret E. Johnson
- David M. Lockton
- Louis A. Mautino
- Richard K. Ogden, D.O.
- Jim Peterson
- David A. Rock, Ed.D
- Carl Rusert
- Robert Lee Sixta
- James W. Taylor
- Genie A. Wilcox
- Del Wilkinson

Congratulations to the 2001 Silver Beaver Recipients!
Applications for Camp Staff for Bartle, Naish and Rotary Camps are currently available at the HOAC Council Service Center, on the HOAC website (www.hoac-bsa.org) or from your District Executive. Interviews will be starting soon. Get your application in early.
BROWNSEA 22
June 2-8, 2002

COURSE FACTS

WHAT IS THE CONFERENCE?
Brownsea 22 is an intensive, seven-day outdoor training experience for young men in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders. It is conducted by the Heart of America Council Training Committee, using the Junior Leader Training Conference outline approved by the Boy Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America.

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?
- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program;
- To give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities;
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other troops;
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best;
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster;
- To have fun!!

WHO MAY ATTEND?
Each conference participant must be at least a First Class Scout, 13 years old, and currently filling a leadership position in the troop or likely to assume one soon. He should be proficient in basic Scouting skills.

WHAT’S THE DATE?
Brownsea 22 will commence on Sunday, June 2, 2002 and conclude on Saturday, June 8, 2002.

WHAT’S THE LOCATION?
The conference will be held at Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs KS.

WHAT’S THE COST?
The cost of the conference is $150.00. This includes all food, course materials and one course t-shirt. A deposit of $25.00 per Scout should accompany the Scouts application by April 13, 2002. The balance is to be paid by May 16, 2002. A personal equipment list and health form will be provided upon payment of the deposit.

FURTHER INFORMATION?
To obtain a registration form, contact Camping Services at 816-942-9333 x130 or download a form from the Heart of America Council Website at www.hoac-bsa.org

HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL OFFERS
VENTURING
POWDERHORN COURSE

Powderhorn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger program in several ways:

- Help Venturing Leaders and Scouters to safely conduct outdoor activities of a fun and challenging nature;
- Provides an introduction to the resources necessary to successfully lead their Venturers through a program of high adventure;
- Familiarizes the Advisor with the Ranger program so that he or she can help the Venturer to meet the requirements of the Ranger Award.

This course is based on the Ranger requirements giving participants an exposure to some outdoor/high adventure activities.

The Powderhorn course will be held at Naish Scout Reservation Bonner Springs, Kansas, May 19–25, 2002. The course fee is $200.00 total, $75.00 Deposit due with application. Balance due by May 1, 2002.

For more information, and an application, contact Camping Services at 816-942-9333 x130.

There still is time to attend Pow Wow for 2001!

If you are a new Cub Scout leader and need ideas on how to have an effective den meeting, then this is for you. You can still walk-in, if you have not already pre-registered.Pow Wow is a council-wide training event designed especially for leaders of Cub Scouts. It is a single day packed with a year's worth of fun, games, songs, skits, and new information for adults who want to provide the best Scouting program possible for their boys.

In addition to the many resources POW WOW provides, participants have a chance to meet Cub Scouters from all over the Heart of America Council and a few from around the nation.

Saturday, November 3, 2001
Truman High School
3301 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Please Welcome the New Director of Field Service for the Heart of America Council

We are pleased to announce the addition of Brick Huffman as the Director of Field Service for the Heart of America Council effective September 10, 2001.

Brick began his Scouting career as a District Executive in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in October 1987. In 1991 he moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota, as a District Director and was named St. Cloud’s Assistant Scout Executive in 1994. In late 1996 he was selected as a Finance Director for the St. Louis Area Council and since October of 1998 has been serving successfully as the Director of Finance for that council.

Brick is a native of Belton, MO. and was a member of Troop 111. He earned the Eagle Scout Award and is a Shaman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He is also a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow. Brick holds a BS degree from Southwest Missouri State University in Communications.

Please join the HOAC staff in welcoming Brick to our wonderful council!

Units recognized for use of Unit Management Software

The National Council recently released information related to local councils and units using Unit Management Software (primarily Packmaster and Troopmaster). The Heart of America Council was recognized as 2nd in the number of charter renewals and unit advancement reports uploaded. Congratulations to those units and districts that now utilize this technology to complete these administrative tasks.

Did you know…? Unit Management Software can be used to submit additional enrollment (new members and leaders)? This information can be submitted on diskette, but must be accompanied by original applications. Why not try using this technology during your Fall Round-up efforts?

Unit Management Software Available at discounted prices

Yes…. It is still available! Packmaster 2000 and Troopmaster 2000 software is available for only $40.00 while quantities last. The single copy price from the manufacturer is $69.95 (check it out in the Scouting magazine).

These software packages can assist your unit in managing the administrative details of your pack, troop, post, crew or team.

To reserve your copy of Troopmaster 2000 or Packmaster 2000, call the Council Service Center today, (816) 942-9333.

Council Calendar

November

2 Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar (Ashland, NE)
3 COPE and Climbing Program Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar (Ashland, NE) Pow Wow
4 Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar (Ashland, NE)
6 Election Day
5 Council Day Camp Meeting
10 Blood Drive Bartle Closed until December 3rd
COPE and Climbing Program
11 Veteran’s Day
14 Council Annual Recognition Banquet Sharing Native American Ways Seminar Meeting
15 Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
19 Naish Closed until December 3rd
22 Scout Shop Closed Service Center Closed Thanksgiving
23 Service Center Closed

December

1 Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Development Conference Silver Antelope Deadline Woodcarving Workshop
5 Council Day Camp Meeting Sharing Native American Ways Seminar Meeting
8 Sectional Lodge Officers Orientation
10 Hanukkah
11 Executive Committee Meeting
12 Council FOS Kick-off Pow Wow Staff Evaluation Meeting
21 Winter Begins
22 Bartle Closed until Jan. 4th Naish Closed until Jan. 4th
24 Service Center Closed
25 Scout Shop Closed Service Center Closed Christmas
26 Camp Staff Reunion
31 Scout Shop Closed Service Center Closed New Year’s Eve

January 2002

1 Scout Shop Closed Service Center Closed New Year’s Day
2 Council Day Camp Meeting
5 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
8 Executive Board Meeting
9 Pow Wow Staff Meeting Sharing Native American Ways Seminar Meeting
16 Key 3 Update
17 Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
21 Scout Shop Closed Service Center Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
26 2002 Webelos Camp Draw
Support Staff Salute!

The executive staff of the Heart of America Council is working hard to deliver a quality program to Scouts of the greater Kansas City area, but we couldn’t do it without the help of our quality support staff. The assistance we receive from the support staff is immeasurable, just like the gratitude we have for them. To show our appreciation, we are highlighting each HOAC support staff employee in the following issues of Adventures in Scouting. This month we are highlighting Candice Brown.

The Heart of America Council has employed Candice since January 11, 1999, making her tenure almost 3 years. Candice is the Program Services Support Secretary. Her main function is to assist with Order of the Arrow, Day Camp, Webelos Camp, Camp Staff, Camp Naish and Snaws. The camping program in the Heart of America Council not only has one of the highest attendance in the nation, but it is also one of the finest. Candice is a vital role in the quality of the camping program. Fortunately for us she puts all of herself into everything she does, and she does it well.

Candice was born in Kansas City, MO but raised in Dumas, AK. She later moved back to KC, where she has lived ever since. Her and her husband, Vincent, raised four children, two boys and two girls. They are now the proud grandparents of two baby girls. Candice enjoys reading, sewing clothes and participating on the Ministers Board at the New Landmark United in Christ Church.

Candice enjoys the people she works with at the Council, and is one of the few here that will announce “I love Scout-net!” Candice is a member of Order of the Arrow and is proud to be the first support staff to become a brotherhood member. Her favorite part of the job is getting to interact with Scouts and Leaders at camp.

Candice is an important component of our team and her enthusiasm for the job is much appreciated. You can find her on the second floor of the Council Service Center in the Camping Department. She welcomes anyone to come and check out her patch collection she has displayed next to her desk. Please tell her hello and let her know what a great job she is doing the next time you are visiting the Council Service Center.

2002 College of Commissioner Service announces expanded Associates Degree Curriculum

The Eleventh Annual Heart of America College of Commissioner Service will be held at Ft. Leavenworth, KS Saturday March 9, 2002. Dean of the College Bill Anderson has announced a new expanded Associates Degree curriculum. These new courses will be of interest to those nearing their tenure at their current unit position who may be considering continuing their Scouting career in Commissioner Service. If you or someone in your unit fits this description, and would like to know more about Commissioner Service, contact Dean Bill Anderson 785-843-2044. Or contact Jason Scott 816-942-9333 ext. 169 at the Council Office.
VACATIONS AND WILLS

Would you consider going on a vacation trip without some advanced planning? Selecting the destination and travel itinerary, making the needed reservations, choosing the appropriate clothing and notifying friends or neighbors of your plans are important elements of a pleasant vacation experience.

One item that many people overlook is the need to review your will prior to departing for vacation. Has your family situation, or other factors, changed such that they would warrant the appropriate changes in your will?

Many people find it difficult to face their own mortality. As a result, they put off doing something that could greatly benefit the people and organizations they love and who rely upon them. Preparing for the future and protecting your loved ones is an important way to apply the Boy Scout Motto, “Be Prepared”. This small investment in time will insure that your desires with respect to family, friends, and worthy organizations, like Scouting, will be carried out.

“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. 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 planning 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.
Mark your calendars for November 9th, 2001. This will be the date for the 2nd Annual "Kansas City at Night". K.C. @ Night is an all night program event, in which 180 teenagers will travel around the city to various job locations to witness what careers occur after hours. We are pleased to announce John Holt of FOX 4 News as our Honorary Chairman for the event. John will lead the effort as we visit the IMAX Theater, hospitals, police stations, sports stadiums, a bowling alley, etc. Promotions for this event will take place during First Nighters this fall.

A price of $30.00 per person will include a shirt, food, and transportation for the event. The first 180 Explorers that sign up are joining the fun. For more information regarding this event, contact Glen Steenberger at (816) 942-9333, ext. 166. It's time to get excited!

The Heart of America Council is saddened by the terrorist attack against the United States of America. The Boy Scouts of America have a long history of serving others in time of need and the Heart of America Council will continue in their tradition of service to the families and victims of the terrorist attack on our nation.

The Heart of America Council plans to support this effort of service by a blood drive, which is planned for Saturday, November 10th.

The Community Blood Center will be at the Council Service Center at 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO. You may give blood from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Scheduling is preferred, please contact the Council Service Center at 816-942-9333, ext. 122 or 800-776-1110. Expect the appointment to take approximately 45 minutes.

At this point, the most effective way for staff and volunteers to support victims and families is through support of the American Red Cross by calling 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-435-7669) or by visiting their website at www.redcross.org.

For more information call your District Executive or your Family FOS Chair.

**K.C. @ Night Alert**

**Boy Scouts Blood Drive**

**Thank You!**
FRIENDS OF SCOUTING KICKOFF 2002

Congratulations to Troop 93 for officially kicking off our Friends of Scouting presentations on September 10th. Let’s all join in this wonderful way to support the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is a high gear. We, as the Northern Tier District, have the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is such a vital part of our program in its help to support our leaders in their needed training to preserve both the Nauvoo and Barre Reservations that we all enjoy year after year. That needed help for camp, uniforms, or registration fees for those that may need it are just a few ways our Friends of Scouting dollars are used. Please sign your unit up today to show your support of the Scouting Program and our Northern Tier District. And don’t forget, free rank advancement till the end of 2002 when your unit has reached its goals. Thank you for your continued support.

We ask that you schedule your presentation between November 2001 and February 2002 during Blue and Gold Banquets, Troop Courts of Honor, and Venturing Crew Award Ceremonies.

FALL ROUND-UP

Now that you have had wonderful success with your Fall Recruitment this year, have you turned in those new Tiger applications? Please make sure to contact Lisa Hayes at the Council Service Center via fax or email lhayes@bsamail.org, or phone to report your turn-in success. Or you can contact our Membership Chairman, Wendy Richardson at 913-268-0103 or email at Wendy2192@earthlink.net. Let’s make this year’s Fall Round-Up Recruitment a grand success for your pack. It is critical that if you have not turned in your new applications that you turn them in as soon as possible.

2001 POPCORN SALE HIGHLIGHTS

GREAT TIMELINE
- Sale starts Saturday, September 29th
- Sale ends Sunday, November 11th
- Orders due to Council Service Center, November 14th
- Popcorn pick-up Friday, November 30th or Saturday, December 1st

Dietary Information: Take steps to make our popcorn accessible to those with special dietary needs. The statement on the package should be changed from “May contain trace of milk, egg, wheat, tree nuts, and peanuts.” to “May contain milk, egg, wheat, tree nuts, and peanuts.”

CUBOREE-CAMPOREE-WEBELOS ON WHEELS “CONSTRUCTION CITY” OF 2001

Look for great articles and pictures in your January Edition of Adventures in Scouting.

OCTOBER SALUTES

This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagles as of September 20, 2001. We present to you Steven McKinn of Troop 91, William J. Coughlin of Troop 91, Nicholas E. Wood of Troop 91, Joel Morgan of Troop 93, Nathan Chick of Troop 351, Scott Smith of Troop 393, Andrew Conyers of Troop 189, Brent R. Burton of Troop 192, and Andrew Claus of Troop 98. What a grand honor and achievement for these 9 young men. Congratulations to you all from your Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

We Salute Troop 185 for their incredible endurance and adventures

Shawnie Troop 185 headed off to Mount Shavano near Salida, Colorado for what was supposed to be an adventure in mountain climbing and whitewater rafting. What they learned was a lesson in survival training. Kyle Lanham, with his Troop 185 was hiking down a 15 foot wall of granite to reach their base camp. Kyle slipped and his leg slid into a crevasse and broke in three places. Kevin Smith, Dan and Steve Sanford, and their Scout leader, Tom Smith, jumped into emergency action. They treated Kyle for shock and stabilized his leg. The young men carried Kyle down the hill and to safety. After a 5 1/2 mile trail down the mountain, Kyle was on his way to the hospital. And would you believe it, on their way home their big orange bus broke down and local townsman came to their rescue. Troop 185 will never forget that trip. We salute all of you for your incredible instincts and knowledge, and endurance to bring Kyle Lanham to safety.

We Salute Troop 358

Thank you to Troop 358 for your wonderful workmanship in building me my very own camp box. Troop 358, every summer takes a trip out to Camp Naish to build their camp boxes. Ron Gay, a scout leader of the troop donates all the materials for everyone to build their own camp boxes. It was a wonderful gift to receive from such a great troop. I salute and thank you for making my own camp box. I drive with it everywhere. Thank you, Lisa Hayes your District Executive of the Northern Tier District.

KEEP THIS INFO CLOSE!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

HOMC Website http://www.hoacon.org
HOMC Fax (816) 942-8886
District Executive Lisa Hayes (816) 942-9333 ext. 172
District Chairman Skip Ince (913) 364-9999
District Vice-Chairman Bill Henderson (913) 383-1950
District Commissioner Mark Wernick (913) 268-6260
District Advancement Chairman Judy Trustick (913) 268-9996
District Camping Chairman Gene Adams (913) 362-4509
District Membership Chairman Wendy Richardson (913) 268-0103
District Training Chairman Judy Yager (913) 362-2829
District Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner Lori Kearn (913) 583-1011
District Webelos Co-Chairman Commissioner Dave Salas (913) 381-7824
District Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Mike Blinn (913) 432-5446
District Boy Scout Co-Chairman Commissioner Ron Bonewits (913) 651-2163

Calendar of Events

November
1 District Roundtable 7:00 p.m. Located at Hoeger Grove Elementary School, 10400 Johnson Dr.
8 District Commissioners Meeting 6:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd.
9 District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd.
10 Webelos on Wheels “Construction City” Located at Horizon High School, 5900 Lamar, Shawnee, KS
11 Council Popcorn Sale ends Sunday
14 Popcorn Orders due to Council Service Center
15 Eagle Board of Reviews 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 7845 Allman Rd.
22 Thanksgiving (Heart of America Service Center Closed)
23 Heart of America Service Center Closed
December
6 District Roundtable 7:00 p.m., Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, 12701 W 67th
13 District Commissioners Meeting 6:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd.
13 District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m., Community Covenant Church, 7230 Quivira Rd.
20 Eagle Board of Reviews 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 7845 Allman
24 Christmas Eve – Heart of America Council Service Center Closed
25 Christmas – Heart of America Council Service Center Closed
Teeming Up for Scouting

The 2002 Family Friends of Scouting campaign is now under way. Progress has been made toward our goal. November and December are the months to put your presentation date on the calendars. Typically, packs schedule their FOS presentation at the Blue & Gold Banquet. If you have not signed up for a presentation, please call Traci Scott, 816-942-9333, ext. 185. Remember, your pledge helps to support Scouting in many different ways. Let's give everyone in your pack or troop an opportunity to pledge.

Calendar of Events

November
- 1 Roundtable – 7:30 p.m.; Central United Methodist Church – 51st & Oak
- 3 Commissioner’s Meeting – 7:30 p.m.; HJS Activity Bldg. – 6401 Wornall Rd.
- 20 District Committee Meeting – 7:30 p.m.; VFW National Headquarters, 3400 Broadway

December
- 6 Roundtable – 7:30 p.m.; Central United Methodist Church – 51st & Oak
- *Friends of Scouting Kickoff
- 11 Commissioner Meeting – 7:30 p.m.; HJS Activity Bldg. – 6401 Wornall Rd.
- 18 District Committee Meeting – 7:30 p.m.; VFW National Headquarters, 3400 Broadway

Unit Charter Distribution

On November 17, 2001 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. all unit leaders are encouraged to visit the Council Service Center to visit with your unit commissioner and pick up your unit’s rechartering package. All charters are due back to the Council Service Center by February 15, 2002 to be processed by March 1, 2002.

Think Snow More Snow

The 2002 Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Raytown Baptist Church of Raytown, 3400 Broadway. The end of the year is quickly approaching! Does your unit have youth participating in which you have not registered yet? No one should, but some of you do. Don’t wait until the last minute! Get them turned in now! The district needs your help in this effort if we are to be a quality district at the end of the year. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and for working to help Pioneer Trails, once again, reach Quality status.

Award of Merit Nominations

Do you know of someone who deserves District Recognition for all of the “above and beyond” things they have done for your unit or district? Pick up a nomination form to complete on the one who has done those “special” things for your unit. Nominations are due by the December Roundtable to Lloyd Lazarus.

District Dinner

The Annual Volunteer Awards and Recognition Dinner, on behalf of the Pioneer Trails District, is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2002. Please be sure to submit, promptly, any paperwork on unit recognition, as well as the District Award of Merit, to a member of our professional staff.

Round-Up/
Fall Membership

Thunderbird District is having another outstanding year in membership due in large part to a great Fall Round-Up. Our thanks goes to the membership team led by Fred Bixler. We are well on our way to achieving Quality District Status.

Friends of Scouting

It’s that time of year to sign-up for your Friends of Scouting presentation. November/December is the time to schedule a presentation. Presentations are available starting in December. Please remember, “Friends of Scouting” is a key element in the financing of our Council and its programs. Make sure to see Leo Berroteran, Family FOS Chairman, at roundtable or contact David Riker at 816-942-9333, ext. 174 to sign up your unit.

Appreciation Dinner

It’s time to nominate those Scouters in your unit for the District Award of Merit, Silver Acorn, Silver Oak Leaf Awards, and the Outstanding Scouter and Cubmaster Awards. The Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2002. All nominations need to be turned in by December 1, 2001. Don’t let individuals go unrecognized.

Raytown Round-Up Days Parade

For over 30 years the Raytown community has maintained an enthusiastic atmosphere with the Raytown Round-Up Days Parade. The parade was on Saturday, September 22, 2001. It started at Blue Ridge Elementary at 10:00 a.m. traveling down 65th street to Raytown High School, and ending around 12:00 p.m. Close to 100 Cub Scout leaders and youth participated in pulling the float. Karen Weaver from Pack 428 was the coordinator for the Raytown area Packs. Thanks to all other packs who spent time on the float: Packs 1, 88, 269, 285, 341, 469, and 550. We had a great time and can’t wait until next year!
Popcorn

We are popping! You can pick up your popcorn on November 30th, and December 1st. To schedule a pick-up time and to get directions call Jason Scott at 816-942-9333 ext. 169.

Silver Beaver

Congratulations to Byron Braasme and Terry Chapman on receiving the Silver Beaver Award! Your hard work and dedication to Scouting is greatly appreciated.

Klondike Derby

It looks like another good Klondike Derby for North Star Scouts in 2002. This year’s will be at the Kelsey Shoft Youth Camp at Smithville Lake. Look for leader guides at roundtable or call Derby organizer John Burwell at 816-846-1049.

Training

This year’s new training rollout has been a great success. Let’s give Ron Sanders and the North Star training team a big hand for their great work. Remaining 2001 training dates are November 1st with Youth Protection and Fast Start Training available to all leaders during District roundtable and Basic Leader Training again on Saturday, November 10th. Both trainings will be held at Hillside Christian Church. For more information, call Ron Sanders at 816-320-2292.

H. Virgil Bower Scoutmaster Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the H. Virgil Bower Scoutmaster Award, and is due by December 1, 2001. Nominees must be currently registered Scoutmasters in the North Star District. Nomination forms are available at roundtable or through Steve Roberts at 816-942-9333 ext 151. The award will be presented at the District Dinner.

Recharter Kick-Off

This year’s Recharter Kick-off will be December 15th at St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church. All units that recharter in February are encouraged to attend – along with all Committee Chairs and chartering organization representatives. Each unit’s rechartering packet will be distributed and there will be a review of the rechartering process. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commissioner.

Award of Merit

We are accepting applications for the District Award of Merit. If you would like an application, please contact either Craig Liljegren at 816-455-7889, or Steve Roberts at 816-942-9333 or pick it up at roundtable. Nominations are due December 1, 2001. This is a great opportunity to recognize that “unrecognized” Scout for their contributions. The Award of Merit is the highest award a Scout can receive on the district level and is presented at a District Dinner on January 12, 2002.

Twin Rivers

Since October the popcorn in the Twin Rivers District has been going very well. Encourage your boys to keep up the hard work. A great popcorn sale in the Fall will keep your unit from having to conduct fundraisers in the Winter, Spring, and Summer. This year’s distribution site is at Underwood Plumbing Supply in Ottawa. Anyone interested in helping out in sorting the popcorn, please contact Grant Dealy at 800-746-1110 or gddealy@bsamail.org. Dinner will be provided and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Rechartering

As November and December fly by it is time to begin the rechartering process for 2002. Since ALL charters expire at the end of January it is very important that we begin on the process as soon as possible! Rechartering can be a confusing process and it would be best to begin as soon as possible incase there are any problems or questions that need to be addressed. Be sure to keep your ear to the ground to hear of any Recharter training dates coming up or give the District Commissioner, Dave Miller a call at 913-849-3574.

Annual Business Meeting

Attention all Scouting volunteers in the Twin Rivers District. This year’s Annual Business Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Beehovens Restaurant in Paola. The Annual Business Meeting is the District’s opportunity to annually elect the District’s leadership for 2002. Chartering Organization Representatives are the voting representatives for each Scouting unit and are encouraged to attend. There will be no nominations made from the floor. Only Chartering Organization Representatives will be able to vote on the candidates that will serve in District Positions.

Friends of Scouting

It’s that time of year again so if you have not scheduled a Family FOS presentation, please see Bud Burrus.

Calendar of Events

November

1 District Roundtable 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, Paola, KS / North Cross United Methodist Church, Osawatomie, KS.

8 District Annual Business Meeting 7:00 p.m., Beehovens, Paola, KS

13 Commissioner’s Meeting 7:00 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie, KS.

December

6 District Roundtable 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, Paola, KS / North Cross United Methodist Church, Osawatomie, KS.

13 Commissioner’s Meeting 7:00 p.m., Beehovens, Paola, KS

19 Commissioner’s Meeting 7:00 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie, KS.
Football & Recruiting. It’s A Winning Combination

By now, it’s the fourth quarter, and time is running out to get new boys in for the year. We have had great success in getting new youth recruited, but are all of those boys registered? Don’t drop the ball now! If you need to get those in, please do so soon. If you need help with or need more applications for a flood of new boys, please call Chad Wyancko at (816) 942-9333 ext. 162. He is willing to make this just a little bit easier for you. And for those that have not recruited, call Chad for help and ideas for your growing unit. It’s not too late. Call Chad…NOW!!!

Volunteer Positions Needed!!

Volunteers are the life-blood of Scouting, and we need your assistance. The Trails West District Committee still needs members to join its team. We still have the position of Camping and Outdoor Promotions Chair that still needs to be filled. There is always a need to find volunteers that are interested in helping with training, camporees, finance, program, and our first rate commissioner staff. If you, or know of someone that have thought about serving above the unit level, or just have the need to help Scouting, the district can always find a place for you. Please contact Chad Wyancko at (913) 942-9333 ext. 162, let him know what your talents are so you can get started today.

2002 Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting 2002 is getting ready to go into overdrive. As a district, we have an opportunity to show our support of the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is a vital part of our program. It helps to support our leaders with vital training, keeping both Naish and Barle Scout reservations up to high standards of fun for our summer camp and providing help in many areas like camp fees, uniforms and registration fees for those that need it. Those and many other areas is where your money is needed.

We ask that you schedule your presentation between November 2001 and February 2002 during Pack Blue and Gold Banquets and Troop Courts of Honor. Schedule your presentation now so we will be able to plan for a successful presentation to ensure a great year of Scouting! Please call Chad Wyancko at (816) 942-9333 ext. 162 to schedule your presentation.

INFORMATION TO GET QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Please call us with your questions. We are here to help you and your unit thrive!!

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District Executive
Chad Wyancko 816.942.9333

Recruiting

As stated in last month’s issue of Adventures in Scouting, The Big Muddy District will not allow any lapsed or dropped units!!!!!!! This means you. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever to turn in your charter late. If you need any assistance, call your unit Commissioner or your Assistant District Commissioner. That’s what they’re there for, to help you with these kinds of problems. If you don’t know who to call, call your district executive, Wes Kramer at (816) 942-9333 ext. 118. Contrary to popular belief, he is there to help you as well.

Venture Leader Training

The new training continues this month with Venture Leader Training. If you are a Venture Crew Advisor, trained or not, you are more than welcome to attend this training. At the time of this writing, there has been no decision on the time or location. Hopefully, by the time you read this you will already have received a letter detailing that information. We are striving for, at the very least, to have 60% of all leaders in the district trained by the end of 2002. So, please show up if you are in need of Venture Leader Training. If you need any other kind of training, please contact your district executive.

Fall Round Up

Thanks to all packs who participated in this years’ Fall Round Up. With your recruitment efforts we hope to achieve Quality District status once again. It is volunteer leaders like you that keep Scouting alive. You open the door for new boys to experience the magic that is Scouting. Thank-you. If your unit still has recruiting to do, please continue. As you know, the fall is the traditional time to recruit, but any time is a good time to recruit a new scout! Also, if you still have applications that have not been turned in, please call your district executive. Don’t sit on them until you recharter. Those new boys must be registered immediately!

Popcorn 2001

If you did sell popcorn, thank you and remember that the sale ends November 11th. All orders are due to the Council Service Center by November 14th, and you may pick up your popcorn on Friday, November 30th or Saturday, December 1st.

New Adult Training

There are always opportunities for new leaders to get trained for their job. With the new training already out to the units, it’s now time for those leaders who are not trained to be so. Also, there is a need for trainers on the district training team. These are vital for good trainings to happen. Please contact Joe Ogilvie at 913.492.3880 for more information.

Public Recognition for Trails West Pack

For the fifth year in a row Cub Pack 3388 has taken 1st place in the Student Organization Float category in the Annual Gardner City Parade. With this float, they also took the Grand Float Award. Let’s give Pack 3388 a round of applause.

Send more information about good things going on in your unit to Chad Wyancko, District Executive for recognition in Adventures In Scouting!!

Calender of Events

November

1 District Roundtable; Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
15 Dist. Eagle Board of Review; Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Allman, Lenexa. 6:30 p.m. (Please arrive 15 mins. early)
21 District Committee Meeting; Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
28 District Commissioner Meeting; Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
December

6 District Roundtable; Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
19 District Committee Meeting; Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
20 Dist. Eagle Boards of Review; Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Allman, Lenexa. 6:30 p.m. (Please arrive 15 mins. early)
26 District Commissioner Meeting; Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.

In this section you can find information about the upcoming events, meetings, and trainings that are scheduled for this month in the Trails West District.

Make sure to save the date for these important events:

- November 1 District Roundtable: Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
- November 15 District Eagle Board of Review: Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Allman, Lenexa. 6:30 p.m. (Please arrive 15 mins. early)
- November 21 District Committee Meeting: Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
- November 28 District Commissioner Meeting: Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
- December 6 District Roundtable: Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
- December 19 District Committee Meeting: Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.
- December 20 District Commissioner Meeting: Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe. 7 p.m.

In addition to these meetings, there are opportunities for new adult training and public recognition for the Trails West Pack. These events are important for the growth and success of the district.

For more information about these events, please contact Chad Wyancko, District Executive, at 913.492.3880.

Calender of Events

November

6 Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Lexington Senior Center
14 Commissioners Meeting; 7:30 p.m., The Marten’s Residence
17 Venture Leader Training, Details forthcoming
22 District Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Wellington American Legion
December

4 Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Lexington United Methodist Church
12 Commissioners Meeting; 7:30 p.m., The Marten’s Residence
20 District Committee Meeting & FOS Kick-Off; 7:30 p.m., Wellington American Legion

In this section you can find information about the upcoming events, meetings, and trainings that are scheduled for this month in the Trails West District.

Make sure to save the date for these important events:

- November 6 Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., Lexington Senior Center
- November 14 Commissioners Meeting: 7:30 p.m., The Marten’s Residence
- November 17 Venture Leader Training: Details forthcoming
- November 22 District Committee Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Wellington American Legion
- December 4 Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., Lexington United Methodist Church
- December 12 Commissioners Meeting: 7:30 p.m., The Marten’s Residence
- December 20 District Committee Meeting & FOS Kick-Off: 7:30 p.m., Wellington American Legion

For more information about these events, please contact Chad Wyancko, District Executive, at 913.492.3880.
Three proud young men became the very first Eagle Scouts in the new Red-Tailed Hawk District. Andrew Addington of Troop 315 successfully passed his Board of Reviews at the first regularly scheduled Red-Tailed Hawk District Eagle Board of Reviews. Congratulations to all three of these new Eagles and let’s look forward to many more as the future unfolds. Also a special thanks to Hal Schmidt, the Advancement Chairman, and his fine team, Mike Dishman and Robin Rafiner.

2001 POPCORN SALE HIGHLIGHTS

• Unit profit of 30%. Units that attend training get 52% profit, an extra 2%!
• Sale ends November 11. Orders due to the Council Service Center by November 14.
• Popcorn pickup on November 30 or December 1 at Seaton Van Lines, 15705 S. Keeler in Olathe.
• For Questions or more information please contact Jason Ballew at (816) 942-9333 ext. 182 or this year’s Popcorn Colonel, Eirene Shipley-Olpham at (913) 782-7948.

Be Prepared for FOS 2002

Friends of Scouting, 2002 is getting ready to kickoff another exciting campaign. Thank you to all the packs and troops that supported the Friends of Scouting 2001 Campaign and to all the presenters for their enthusiasm. We are asking you join in and help support the Scouting Program once again by scheduling your unit presentation. We ask that you schedule your presentation between November 2001 and February 2002 during Blue & Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor. Please contact Jason Ballew at (816) 942-9333 x182 or jballew@bsamail.org to schedule your presentation.

Quick Communication

If anyone wishes to receive immediate up to date information regarding the District please join the Red-Tailed Hawk District Email Directory. Send your email address to David Weerts at hawcangel@75ths.com and you shall be in ‘the loop’.

RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT PATCH DESIGNER AND NAME

At the October Roundtable, Eagle Scout Dan Dishman was formally recognized for his outstanding patch design for the new Red-Tailed Hawk District. Also, thank you to Joseph Addington, Committee Chairman of Troop 315, who submitted the name that was chosen, Red-Tailed Hawk. Thanks again to both of these fine Scouts and their creativity.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

District Chairman Bill Cheek (913) 897-0309
District Commissioner Buzz Shepard (913) 829-1924
District Vice-Chair Mark Twoster (913) 897-3094
District Finance Chairman Steven Greger (913) 851-8552
District Program Chairman Jeff Wandtke (913) 764-8413
District Training Chairman Judith Day (913) 782-9046
District Camping Chairman John Jones (913) 897-5567
District Membership Chairman Nancy Chapman (913) 829-0366
District Advancement Chairman Hal Schmidt (913) 897-2154
BSA Roundtable Commissioner Dave Weerts (913) 829-1321
Cub Roundtable Commissioner Paula Champion (913) 764-9482
District Executive Jason Ballew (816) 942-9333 x182

If not, the charter renewal period is an airing of the agenda to determine if they gained members and adult leaders to join Scouting. Several units have reported as a result of this event.

100% Boys’ Life

Does every family in your unit have Boys’ Life? If not, the charter renewal period is an opportunity to re-examine your commitment to Scouting for youth of all ages. Encourage every unit within the Pelathe District to strive for 100% Boys’ Life.

Award of Merit

As a reminder, the District Award of Merit is the highest recognition that a District can bestow upon one of its volunteers. If you know someone who is deserving of this prestigious award, pick-up a nomination form at any District meeting. Once the form is completed, simply return it into the Council Service Center by December 1, 2001.

Seasonal Wishes

The Pelathe District wishes to extend a heartfelt expression of thanks for all you do to Scouting a reality in Douglas County. Take the time, during this holiday season, to count your blessings.

Membership Inventory

During the month of November, the commissioner staff will be calling all units to conduct a membership inventory. This will help us to ensure our membership integrity as well as membership accuracy.

2002 Friends of Scouting

Thanks to the efforts of Wayne Deaver, our Family Chairman, the Pelathe District has already scheduled and conducted several Family FOS presentations. However, we want 100% of our Packs, Troops, and Venture Crews to participate in 2002. Therefore, we need each pack, troop, and crew to appoint a parent or member of its committee to serve as their FOS unit captain (point of contact for Friends of Scouting). This person will be responsible for attending the Family FOS Kickoff, confirming the date of the FOS presentation (usually conducted at a Blue and Gold Banquet, or Court of Honor). Also, this person will help to follow-up with all families within the unit to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to contribute to Scouting. If your unit has scheduled its Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor, please call Curtis Harris at 1-800-776-1110 with the date so we can plan to have a trained FOS presenter present.

Charter Information Meeting

The first step to a successful Charter Renewal Period is attending the Information Meeting. Charter Renewal schedule can renew for November 15th at Lansing High School. We will provide those in attendance with the basics on how to complete their charter paperwork accurately and on time.

2001 Popcorn Sale

The 2001 Popcorn sale is currently underway. The training, which began the sale in Pelathe was conducted on September 27, 2001. However, if you were unable to attend this training and want to sell popcorn please call Curtis Harris at 1-800-776-1110. This is an easy way of ensuring your unit has enough money to provide a quality program for the unit. The campaign promises to be more profitable to units than ever before! All units that participate in this year’s sale will earn 30% profit on all containers sold at 32% if your unit had representation at one of the Council’s Popcorn Training sessions. Pelathe’s popcorn sale timeline is as follows:
• Sale starts Saturday, November 3, 2001
• Sale ends Sunday, December 2, 2001
• Popcorn orders are due into the Council Office on Monday, December 3, 2001
• Popcorn pick-up will be Saturday, December 8, 2001

It’s Charter Renewal Time

Information on how your unit can renew in charter on time and without mistakes will be discussed at the November and December Roundtables.

FOS presenter present.
What did you do this summer?

Many people spent this summer on the trails of the Philmont Scout Ranch. Many spent time horseback riding, hiking, camping, etc. Whatever they did, they were having a good time. But, a special thank you goes out to you our very own District Commissioner, Forrest Bolles. He spent time at Philmont as well, but he spent a lot of time in the classroom. Forrest was invited to be a trainer for some of the Commissioner training classes. So, instead of taking the training, he was teaching the training. What an opportunity! Congratulations Forrest. (The Scouters in the picture, front then back from left to right, are: Dalene Rosin, Myrna Frost, Barbara Lalk, Gena Greenburg, R.D. Hall, Marvin Sands, Ben Lalk, Wayne McNabb, and Forrest Bolles)

Tiger Cub Day at the Zoo

Rooooaaaar! TIGER’S HAVE ESCAPED THE ZOO! This year’s program included fun, face painting, candy, and so much more. Thank you to all the packs that came out and participated in all the festivities, we had a great time. A big THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who came out to help staff the activities. It’s a great day to see all the districts join in and have such a great time.

Be Prepared for FOS 2002

Friends of Scouting 2002 is getting ready to kick off another successful campaign. Are you prepared? Thank you to all the units who participated in Friends of Scouting 2001. We could not offer such a quality Scouting program without your support. A Thank you also goes out to all of our presenters who volunteered the time to do the presentations. Together, we made FOS 2001 successful. So we are asking that you join in and help to support the Trailhead Scouting Program once again in scheduling your Presentation.

We ask that you schedule your presentation between November 2001 and February 2002 during Pack Blue and Gold Banquets and Troop Courts of Honor. Schedule your presentation now so that we will be able to plan for a successful presentation to ensure a great year of Scouting! Please call our Family FOS chair, Debra Keyser, at 913-491-4779 or Ross Pfannenstiel at (816) 942-9333 ext. 164 to schedule your presentation. Thank you to everyone for your support.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

2001 POPCORN SALE HIGHLIGHTS

- Sale ends Sunday, November 11th
- Orders due to Council Service Center, November 14th
- Popcorn pick-up Friday, November 30th or Saturday, December 1st
- For more information, please contact our popcorn chair KimBerly Keyser at 913-685-9459 or Ross Pfannenstiel at 816-942-9333 ext. 164

PACESETTER

Troop 10 has challenged the Trailhead Units to see who can be the next unit to have their Friends of Scouting Presentation. Troop 10 has set the pace for the rest of the District. They were the first unit to conduct a presentation back on September 17. We’re off and running!

It’s never too early

It’s never too early to start thinking about Day Camp. We’ve been planning for 2002 since before Day Camp 2001 ended. In case you haven’t heard yet, Pat Harvey and Paul Whately have accepted the responsibility of being the Co-chairs for Day Camp 2002: American Treasures. They are always on the lookout for help. If you are interested in helping, let them know. Thank you in advance to Pat, Paul and all the staff who have much planning ahead of them.

MARCH AND APRIL RECHARTERS

For Units who recharter in March and April, please have a representative from your unit attend recharter training at the December or January Roundtables. You will receive your packet and instructions on how to complete the re-charter process. This will help for a smooth re-charter process.

Attention District Committee!

Don’t forget there will be no District Committee Meeting in December. Enjoy the Holidays.

District Commissioner Important Information!

Did you know that you have your own personal Unit Commissioner for your specific pack or troop? This commissioner is trained to assist and help with your unit questions or concerns. Please make your leaders aware of their commissioner so that they may better serve your unit. For more information on who your Unit Commissioner is please contact Forrest Bolles, Trailhead District Commissioner at (913) 438-3637. Unit Commissioners can play a vital role in helping units to grow and be successful for the future and to assist you in the present.
**Award of Merit**

As a reminder, the District Award of Merit is the highest recognition that a district can bestow upon one of its leaders. If you know of someonewhose work you feel is deserving of this prestigious award, pick-up a nomination form, complete it and turn it into the Council Service Center. The deadline for receiving nominations is December 3, 2001.

**Recruiting Takes Everyone’s Best Effort**

Take a moment to reflect on your unit’s presentation to new prospective youth members and their parents. Were all of the leaders and boys in uniform? Were the youth and parents made to feel welcome when they entered the room of your presentation? Was it informative and representative of a quality Scouting program? Or was it uninformative, chaotic, and generally not a good impression? Recruiting takes everyone’s best effort! This is an excellent opportunity to encourage youth and their parents to join the Scouting program. However, if our general appearance and presentation was not representative of the values of Scouting, then we may have missed a golden opportunity.

Having said that, recruiting does not stop here, but continues year round. “Do you know how to add more youth members to your unit’s roster?” If your unit needs assistance with recruiting, please contact Britt Davis at 816-942-9333 ext. 124.

**Friends of Scouting**

As the New Year approaches, we are gearing up for another Friends of Scouting Campaign. Each unit is asked to host a 10-minute presentation at its Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, Parents’ Night or Pack meeting during the months of December through March. We need the support of the entire district to achieve success and to ensure that the quality of Scouting that we have become accustomed to will continue uninterrupted and without compromises. If you know when your unit will be having one of the meetings listed above, contact Marvin Clay at 816-942-9333 ext. 165.

**Klodike**

The thrill of riding your sled through a challenging obstacle course is drawing near. Start planning what your team needs to do and look for more information at the November and December Roundtables.

**Blue and Gold Workshop**

When: Tuesday, December 4, 2001
Where: Beacon Heights Community of Christ
Time: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

This workshop is for any adult leader who would like help or acquire new ideas about planning a Blue and Gold Ceremonies for your pack. Call Charlene for more information at (816) 795-0180.

**Friends of Scouting**

It’s time to put your hats together and set a date for your Friends of Scouting Presentation. Please let us know the date you prefer and who the appointed coordinator for your unit will be. It is the time for giving to those whom we love and to those less fortunate. What better gift could you give a child than the gift of Scouting?

**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.

**Roundtable**

Roundtables are a forum for commission 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. Having said that, roundtables are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The location for the roundtable is Robert Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs, Kansas. Please make an effort to participate in these informative sessions, which are designed to assist unit level leadership in program development. (November – Youth Protection, December – Guide to Safe Scouting).

**Charter Information Meeting**

The first step to a successful Charter Renewal period is attending the Charter Information Meeting on November 1, 2001 at Clark Middle School. Every unit must have someone present at this important feature of roundtable. Charter Renewal is not just a time of re-registering the youth and adults in your unit, it is a time of receiving and sharing information with the District and Council.

**Membership**

School Nights and Troop Open Houses have concluded, and youth have joined the Scouting membership ranks. Are the applications still riding around in your trunk, or on your desk in a folder, or have you turned in the money and applications in to the Council Service Center for processing? If you have not turned in applications of youth or adults that recently joined your unit, do so immediately. Do not wait until the Charter Renewal period.

**Annual Leaders’ Recognition Dinner**

Please plan to attend this year’s Kaw District’s Leaders’ Recognition Dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2002. The dinner will be held at the Maywood Community Church in Piper, Kansas. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. At this dinner, we will recognize our Award of Merit Recipients. Registration forms will be mailed to all registered leaders by the end of November 2001. We encourage all units to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

**Calendar of Events**
Excellence Award

The 2001 National Exploring Excellence Award forms are on hand at the Exploring office. These forms track each post which has done in the past year, and what the post is working on for this current year. We would like to work towards accomplishing one hundred percent of all posts reaching the excellence status. For a post to qualify as a national Exploring Excellence Post, a post must achieve 6 of 10 objectives listed below. The five starred (*) items are required, plus one additional item = six in total. This is a great way to plan out your year and to have your post recognized for its major accomplishments in Exploring. Let’s take time to complete this form and have it turned in to the LFL/Exploring Offices at recharter time.

1. Training – The Advisor will complete Explorer Leader Basic Training.
2. Two-Deep Leadership – We will have one or more Associate Advisors trained and active. Coed posts will have men and women as Advisors and/or Associate Advisors. One adult will be assigned the responsibility for Youth Protection Training.
3. Officers – The post will elect officers, and the Advisor or Associate Advisor will conduct a Post Officers seminar.
4. Super-activity – The post will conduct an annual super-activity, which is a major trip, activity, or project requiring advanced planning and promotion.
5. Program – The post will conduct a minimum of two meetings or activities each month.
6. Service Project – We will conduct an annual service project, preferably for the participating organization or the community.
7. First Meeting – The post will conduct an annual first meeting or other effort to recruit new youth.
8. Participation – We will renew our program with an equal or greater number of youth of the previous year.
9. Post Committee – An active post committee of at least three volunteers must meet a minimum of four times a year.
10. On-Time Renewal – The post will complete its renewal before its current program expires.

Charter Renewals

Exploring Posts complete their renewals at various points in the year, however, a vast majority of our programs renew in the months of October through December. In order to ease the paperwork hassle your post will receive its renewal paperwork at your First Nighter. This will allow you to record your new participants on the traditional sign up roster and account for returning participants on the renewal paperwork. The participation fee for Exploring is $7 per year and the $20 post renewal fee. Your Exploring Executive can help you through the process and this will combine all of your year’s accounting paperwork into one session. Thank you for your cooperation during this year’s renewal process.

Dinner – The Advisor will complete Explorer Leader Basic Training.

Award of Merit and Silver Bear

The Lone Bear District Award Dinner is right around the corner and now is the time to turn in names of deserving people for the Award of Merit and the Silver Bear. The nomination forms need to be in by December 5, 2001. The Award of Merit is the highest award that a district can award to a volunteer and the Silver Bear is a special award that the Lone Bear District can award to outstanding volunteers.

Camporee

Thank you to all the leaders that helped to put on a great Camporee. The Camporee was held at the Butler Lake on October 12, 13 and 14 and everyone had a great time. A special thank you to John Gaston for all the time and work that each post put in and the other leaders of Troop 238 put into a great event.

K.C. @ Night Alert

Mark your calendars for November 9th, 2001. This will be the date for the 2nd Annual “Kansas City at Night.” K.C. @ Night is an all night program event, in which 180 teenagers will travel around the city to various job locations to witness what careers occur after hours. We are pleased to announce John Holt of FOX 4 News as our Honorary Chairman for the event. John will lead the effort as we visit the IMAX Theater, hospitals, police stations, sports stadiums, a bowling alley, etc. Promotions for this event will take place during First Nighters this fall.

A price of $30.00 per person will include a shirt, food, and transportation for the event. The first 180 Explorers that sign up are joining the fun. For more information regarding this event, contact Glen Steenberger at (816) 942-9333, ext. 166. It’s time to get excited!

Training

In order to be successful with any youth program, adult leader training is essential. Specialized courses have been developed to give every Explorer Post Advisor, and every Learning for Life teacher, the required tools to help their young people to get the most out of the program. Training Courses have been reconstructed to last 30-45 minutes after which you will be better equipped to handle the programming ahead. For more information, or to schedule a personalized course for your organization, please contact Adam Bethor, Exploring/Learning for Life Specialist at 816-942-9333, ext. 170 or email: abethor@bsama.org.

Resources

Visit our national web-site for all of your program and recognition needs! Please take advantage of this great resource tool! Check it out today at: www.learning-for-life.org

Professional Contact Information

Please call the following representative for any/all of your needs. Call us at (816) 942-9333.

Ext. 166 - Glen Steenberger (LFL/Exploring Director)
Health/Medicine Cluster

Ext. 170 - Adam Bethor (Exploring Executive)
Aviation Cluster, Business/Law Cluster, Law Enforcement Cluster, Science/Technology Cluster

Ext. 183 - Kelly Hudlemeyer (Exploring Executive)
Arts/Communication Cluster, Fire/Emergency Service Cluster, Public Service Cluster, School Partnerships Cluster

FOS 2002

Now is the time to start thinking about your units Friends of Scouting presentation for 2002. The Friends of Scouting program is the only way you can keep Scouting strong and to keep offering the program to more and more youth each year. Now is the best time to set up a time for an FOS Presenter to make a pack meeting or a Court of Honor and have the presentation given to as many people’s as possible. For more info., or to set up your FOS presentation, call Alan Sanders at (800) 776-1110.

2002 Recharter Kick-off

Each unit in the Lone Bear District is due to recharter in the month of January 2002. We will be having a recharter kick off and training at the November 7th roundtable. Please plan on having a person from your unit in attendance to pick up your recharter packet and we will have people on hand to answer any questions.

Membership

The Lone Bear District has had a great roll-up round-up and now is the time to make sure that all the youth that are active in your program are registered in your units. During the month of November you will be getting your recharter packet, which you should check to see that all your youth is on it. If you have some youth not showing up on your charter you need to get an application for them as soon as possible.

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Calendar of Events

November
6 Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting
Commissioners Meeting
11 Popcorn Sale Ends
14 Popcorn Orders Due
27 District Committee Meeting
30 Popcorn Pick-up

December
4 Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting
Commissioners Meeting

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