Registration Fee Increase, January 1, 2003

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Boy Scouts of America will increase its registration fee from $7.00 to $10.00 per year for traditional members. This increase will affect youth and adults registered in packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships, as well as council and district volunteers.

The $10.00 prorated fees will become effective for any traditional membership (whether it is recharter, new, additional registration, etc.) with a membership effective date of January 1, 2003, or later. Membership that has an effective date of December 1, 2002, or earlier will be charged the $7.00 prorated fee. The registration fees will be based on the unit’s or the member’s membership effective date regardless of when the work is completed or what month the membership system is in.

Here are questions and answers and the prorated fees to help you plan for the new registration fees.

Questions and Answers on the Registration Fee Increase

1. When will the fee increase be effective?
The fee increase will be effective January 1, 2003.

2. What is the fee increase?
The fee will increase from $7.00 to $10.00 per year for any traditional membership and be prorated at 85 cents per month. See the fee schedule.

3. Will the December charter renewals be affected by the increase?
YES, the December charter renewals will be affected by the fee increase because their new membership effective date is January 1, 2003.

4. Will the November charter renewals be affected by the increase?
NO, the November charter renewals will not be affected by the fee increase if the renewal has an effective date of December 1, 2002.

5. Will all traditional adult fees increase?
YES, if merit badge counselors choose to pay a registration fee and the effective date is January 1, 2003, they must pay the $10.00 fee.

6. Will this affect Merit Badge Counselors?
YES, if merit badge counselors choose to pay a registration fee and the effective date is January 1, 2003, then they must pay the $10.00 fee.

7. Will the transfer fee remain the same?
YES, the transfer fee will remain at $10.00.

8. Will the charter fee remain the same?
YES, the charter fee will remain at $20.00.

9. Can January renewals be posted in December business or by December 31, 2002, and pay the $7.00 fee?
NO, because their new effective date is January 1, 2003. They must pay the $10.00 fee.

10. Do the additional members that are added for December business on January 2, 2003, pay the new fee?
If the member’s membership effective date is posted to December 1, 2002, then the fee will be $7.00 or prorated. If the member’s membership effective date is January 1, 2003, or after, then the fee will be $10.00 or prorated.

11. Will the Learning For Life fee also change?
NO, the Learning For Life group and post will remain the same at $5.00 for Youth/adults for groups and $7.00 for post per year for youth/adults.

Prorated Membership Fee Schedule

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Figuring Your Unit’s Goals:

Dollar Goal:
Multiply the number of Families in your unit by .25. Then multiply that number by $130. That number equals your unit goal, or...

The total amount of Family Friends of Scouting dollars your unit raised in 2002.

Whichever is greater will be your unit’s dollar goal, and...

Participation Goal:
Receive a Friends of Scouting gift from 40% of families in your unit.

Important Notes:
- Families are defined as youth members at re-charter (i.e., a Pack with 102 boys at re-charter would have 102 families). In the instance of brothers from the same family, 2 or more youth from the same family count as 1 family.
- The cost of delivering the Scouting program in 2002 is $130 per youth.

For more information, call your Family FOS Chairman or District Executive at (816) 942-9333 or 1-800-776-1110.
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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Kaleb Johnson  
Heart of America Council's POPCORN SALESMAN!
For registration information, visit our web site at www.hoac-bsa.org or call the Education Hotline at (816) 513-5723.

WHY WRITE A WILL?

Whether you are married, single, widowed or divorced, you need a will. In many cases, it has noth-
ing. Your bequest gift can make a real difference in those family members and organizations that you support. As you add to your estate, your church, your schools, and Scout-
ing to do with how large or small your estate may be.

Without a will, your estate will not be distributed to

WHY REVIEW YOUR WILL?

What if you bought a new car and never cleaned it or repaired it? What if you never land-
scaled your yard or repaired your house? You would own a car or a house that looked like a lot of

people’s wills.

Having any kind of a will is better than no

estates change that’s when you need to update your

ADVENTURES IN SCOUTING

PUBLISHED JOURNAL January, February, March, April, May, June/July, August, September, October, November, December by the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mailed without change to all Cubmasters, assistant Cubmasters, den leaders, den leader councilors, Committee chairmen, unit leaders, char-

or for Recreational Avionics.

WHAT IS IT? A tube, a kite, a parasail, a kite or a sail? It is a way to have fun!

WHERE IS IT? The Kansas City Zoo.

WHY DO I WANT IT? It is a way to have fun, fly and enjoy the outdoors. It is a way to

How do I fly one? It’s simple! You launch it into the sky, let it go, and enjoy the ride. When you

When do I fly? It’s best to start in the spring or early summer when the weather is warm and the

For information registration, visit our web site at www.kansascityzoo.org or call the Education Hotline at 816-513-5723.
Twelfth Annual Heart of America Commissioners College to have Venturing Emphasis

All Scouters should make plans now to attend the 2003 Commissioners’ College, scheduled for March 7-8, 2003. The college will be held on the grounds of historic Ft. Leavenworth, KS. This year’s keynote speaker will be Charles Holmes, National Director of Venturing. Brad Harris, Associate Director, will accompany Charles. The Venturing theme will also be carried out with the addition of the Venturing basic training course, which will be offered for the first time. This is an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the program.

Other courses offered will cover Unit Planning, Budgeting, Problem Solving, Insurance and Unit Registration. Any registered Scouter can attend the college, providing the student is taking the Associate’s Degree program. Catalog and registration forms are available from the Council Office, or contact your District Commissioner for more information.

Annual HOAC Commissioner’s College is Rapidly Approaching

The Twelfth Annual Heart of America Commissioners College will be held at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Friday and Saturday, March 7-8, 2003. Once again the college will award degrees in Bachelor, Master and Doctor of Commissioner Service, as well as, provide an expanded Continuing Education Program. The College also offers full day workshops in Roundtable Service for both Cub and Boy Scout Roundtable staff members.

If you are currently registered as a Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner or are a member of a District Roundtable, you should plan on attending the College. All Commissioners must attend Commissioner Basic Training before beginning the degree program.

Scouters--you don’t have to be a Commissioner to attend the College. You can improve your leadership skills in Continuing Education courses, which are open to all registered Scout Leaders. If you ever wanted to know more about being a Commissioner, this is your opportunity. Call Jason Scott at (816) 942-9333 ext. 169 today to receive your Course Catalog, which will be mailed to you later this month.
The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award Dinner

On Sunday November 3, 2002, the Heart of America Council honored Donald Lee of the Niles Home for Children and Richard Ruiz of El Centro for bringing the Scouting program to rural or low-income urban youth within the council.

Named for the late Whitney M. Young, Jr., the award is presented to individual volunteers or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution in bringing the Scouting program to rural or low-income urban youth within the council. Young was known throughout his life as a spokesman for civil rights and as executive director of the Urban League from 1961 until his death in 1971. The Boy Scouts of America established the award in 1978.

The dinner took place Sunday, November 3, 2002 at the Carriage Club, 5301 State Line K. C., MO 64112, with over one hundred people in attendance. E. Frank Ellis of Swope Parkway Health Center and Michael Carter of Carter Broadcast Group, Inc. co-chaired the event. Michael Carter was the Master of Ceremonies.

Scouting at Science City

Special Scout Offer
Come to Union Station in your scout uniform and receive discounts on general admission to Science City and shows in our Theater District.

Free Badge Activity Guides
Free Scout Badge activity guides are available at the Union Station Information Booth. These guides direct Scouts to Science City exhibits to help fulfill science related achievements, electives, and badge requirements. Guides are available for Tiger Cubs, Wolf Cubs, Bear Cubs, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Daisies, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadettes, and Senior Girl Scouts.

Camp-ins at Science City (Beginning Spring 2003)
Come spend the night at Science City for an entire evening of science fun! Camp-in packages include admission to Science City, dinner, snack, and breakfast, a large-format movie in our Extreme Screen theater, Scout badge workshop, and Science City Camp-in patch. For groups of 100 scouts or more.

Cost: $40 per scout.
$20 per chaperone (1 to 6 ratio required).

Cub Scout Saturdays (Coming in 2003, dates TBD)
Attention Cub Scouts! Join us at Science City to earn your Astronomy and Science pin and belt loop.

For more information, call (816) 460-2020 or visit the Scout link on our new web site: www.unionstation.org.
Sharing Native American Ways XIX

"The drums send forth a warm welcome to all to come, participate, have fun, and share in this great learning experience."

Saturday, March 29, 2003 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
SNAWS is open to all Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Leaders. Give your Scouts an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of Native American culture. Classes will provide instruction in crafts and games. Many workshops on culture, dress, clothing, crafts, dancing, singing, and drumming will be held throughout the day. Each Scout and leader registering will receive a SNAWS souvenir booklet containing additional information and instruction. Look for registration information at your district roundtable or the Council Service Center.

Community Service Day

On Saturday, April 12, 2003, the youth of the Heart of America Council, BSA 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, or an Eagle Project. The goal of “Community Service Day” is to encourage each Scouting Unit in the Heart of America Council to participate in a service project for their local community. Scouting and Community Service work hand in hand and service projects should be incorporated into the year round program for each Scout Unit.

Scouts are encouraged to submit a patch design for the participation patch contest. Rules for the patch design contest can be found in the Community Service Day Unit Guide which is available at roundtables or at the Council Service Center. Designs must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 7, 2003.

Bartle and Naish Camps

Bartle Scout Reservation Upcoming Workdays
Saturday, January 25, 2003
Saturday, February 8, 2003
Saturday, February 22, 2003

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
Would you like to work on a service or conservation project during your next campout at Naish? Let us know and a project will be reserved – JUST FOR YOU!!

Summer Camp Staff

Are you interested in working on summer camp staff? (Naish, Bartle, Rotary, Day Camp, Webelos Camp, Bear Resident Camp)? Applications for camp staff at any of the HOAC Summer Camp Programs are currently available on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-ha.org, in the Resource Center at the Council Service Center or from your District Executive. Forward your completed application to HOAC SUMMER CAMP STAFF, 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, Missouri 64131-4212 and call the Council office to schedule an interview.

Rotary Scout Camp

Rotary Scout Camp is the HOAC long term resident camp for special needs Scouts. This camp is held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility which is located in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Rotary Scout Camp starts on August 4th and continues through August 8th. Volunteers staff members are currently being recruited. Unit staff members work one-on-one with campers during the week of camp. Staff members must be at least 14 years old, a registered Scout or Scoutleur. If you have questions regarding Rotary Scout Camp or want to schedule an interview to be on staff contact Dusty Bootright at the Council Service Center or dbootright@bsasaintl.org. Rotary Scout Camp allows Scouts to enjoy the outdoor experience, earn merit badges and have as much fun as can be squeezed into five days and nights. Participant applications will be available at district roundtables in February.

2002 Pow Wow
The Magic Was There!

Shown here is Alicia Belew, one of the Cub Scout Leaders that had a magical time at Pow Wow in November. Alicia is perfecting her megaphone. Staff and Cub Scout Leaders Council-Wide, welcomed Cub Scout Leaders from the Greater St Louis Area, Mid-American, and the Pony Express Councils who also enjoyed a fun-filled, informative day at Pow Wow. Over 450 Cub Scout Leaders attended and received training. Next year won’t you join us?

Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet

The Winter Banquet will be held on January 4, 2003 at the newly renovated Jack Reardon Civic Center, 5th and Minnesota in Kansas City, Kansas. There may still be space available for you. Contact the Council Service Center regarding late registration.

Woodcarving Workshop

The annual Woodcarving Workshop was again, a huge success! This workshop is held annually in December. Thank you to Herb Cast, and the team of wonderful volunteers who work every year to keep the Scouts and Scouaters carving safely. Watch for information on next year’s workshop in Adventures in Scouting, the Council website and at your district roundtable.

MOS Tribal Council Recommendations

Recommendations for Mic-O-Say Tribal Council are due March 1, 2003. All recommendations received on or before March 1 will be considered for the 2003 camping season. By action of the Council of Chiefs, recommendations received after the deadline will be returned and must be submitted for the following camping season.

Recommendation forms are available on the council website or at the Council Service Center.
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Don’t forget that the first ½ payment for Boy Scout Camp is due February 28, 2003 along with updates to your reservation, if applicable.

## WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

The Webelos Camp Draw on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at the Council Service Center, is almost upon us. Contact your Cubmaster or Committee Chair for more information. By now each Cub Scout household should have received the HOAC Cub Scout Camping Program guide for 2003.

### BOY SCOUT CAMP

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

- Registration Fee: $85.00 each
- Non-Refundable Deposit: $15.00 each
- Late Fee: $15.00 each
- Cancellation Fee: $30.00 each

**Boy Bartle Scout Reservation**

- Registration Fee: $75.00 each
- Non-Refundable Deposit: $15.00 each
- Late Fee (if not paid in full by May 30, 2003): $15.00 each
- Cancellation Fee (after May 30, 2003): $30.00 each

### BEAR RESIDENT CAMP

On Saturday, February 1, 2003 a council wide draw will be held for the 2003 sessions. Each Cub Scout household and selected registered leaders in each pack recently received a Cub Scout Camp booklet in the mail. You can also visit the council’s website for the latest information.

### CUB SCOUT CAMP DAY DATES

Registrations will be accepted beginning Monday, February 3, 2003

- $45.00 – Registration (Scouts whose fees are paid in full by April 11, 2003 receive an additional item in their camp packet)
- $10.00 – Non Refundable Deposit (due with each registration and is a part of the total fee due)
- $15.00 – Late Fee (will be added for any fees not paid in full by May 9, 2003)
- $15.00 – Cancellation Fee (assessed for cancellations after May 9, 2003)
Friends of Scouting
The 2003 Friends of Scouting campaign is upon us again.

This is an opportunity to provide financial support to over 50,000 youth in Kansas City.
The support helps to deliver life-changing values of Scouting programs and the Learning for Life programs to youth in our 19-county area.

Currently, there are around 4,500 young men and women who participate in about 100 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, with enrollment of over 18,000.

If you would like to further support these programs financially, 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.

Super-Activity Requests
To all posts who are planning a super-activity this year, just a quick reminder on Tour Permits. Each post that is planning to travel outside of the 19-county Heart of America Council, needs to contact us to obtain a Tour Permit form. We ask you to inform us of your post’s plans, as well as, returning the completed form to us. By completing this form, each of us will have an official copy for our individual files and will allow us to be informed of your super-activity plans. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

If you have any questions or would like to request a Tour Permit form, then please call the Exploring division at 816-942-9333.

These forms can also be found in the “Guide to Safe Learning for Life 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 range from project competitions between posts, presentations given and exchanged between posts, or even re-enactments of significant events.

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.

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 leader 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 much better equipped to handle the programming ahead.

Exploring Division Contacts
Bryan Boldin – EPL Director, (816) 942-9333 ext. 173, bbolding@bsami.org
Adam Berthot – Senior Exploring Executive, (816) 942-9333 ext. 170, aberthot@bsami.org
Emily Bernhardy – Exploring Executive, (816) 942-9333 ext. 177, emberth@bsami.org

Resources
Visit our national and local web sites for your entire program and recognition needs! Please take advantage of these great resources too! Check them out today at: www.learn-for-life.org & www.lfl-learning.org

Calendar of Events

January
4 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
9 Roundtable, Youth Protection training, Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting, Merit Badge Counselor training, 7:00 PM at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
11 Merit Badge Forum, Session 1, 1:00-4:00 PM at Frontier Trail Jr High School
14 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Stanley Presbyterian Church
16 Eagle Board of Review
16 Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MMU Library
25 Merit Badge Forum, Session 2, 1:00-4:00 PM at Frontier Trail Jr High School

February
1 District Awards Dinner, 6:00 PM at Stanley Presbyterian Church
6 Roundtable, Youth Protection training, Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting, Merit Badge Counselor training, 7:00 PM at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
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14-18 Klondike Trapper Rendezvous at Camp Naish
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2002 District Awards Recognition Dinner
The second District Awards Dinner will be on February 1, 2003 from
6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Stanley Presbyterian Church.

This event will be held on January 11, 25 and February 8, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Frontier Trail Jr High School (15300 w. 143 rd St.).

Students will be able to take three merit badges with no more than two being Eagle required badges. The Merit Badge Forum is a uniformed event (Class A required) and Scouts in proper uniform may be excluded from class. A signed blue card is required at the first meeting of each class.

Rendezvous/Winter Campout
The 2nd Annual Trapper Rendezvous will be February 14 thru the 16th at Camp Naish. There will be 40-50 Scouts and Venturers who will be able to learn what a rendezvous is all about. Check out the details at: www.riverruns.org
2003 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Thank you to all the units who have already participated in Friends of Scouting 2003. However, many Packs, Crews and Troops still have not scheduled a Friends of Scouting Presentation. We could not offer such a quality Scouting program without your support. This is why we have not yet signed up your unit for this year’s project, now is the time! We ask that you schedule your presentation to be held at a Blue and Gold Banquet or Courts of Honor. You can either sign up at Roundtable, or contact your team’s Chair, Greg Spies at 816-936-5268.

2002 District Awards Recognition Dinner

Get ready for the 2002 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 25, 2003 located at the Overland Park Double T. Registration forms are available on the Trailhead website. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs.

This year’s event will keep you on the edge of your seat as we remember the great highlights of 2002. Anticipation will fill the room, as we await the announcement of who’s the special recipient of such bar none awards as: Outstanding Cubmaster, Scoutermaster, Webelos Leader, Crew Advisor and many more. Also awarded at the District Dinner is the coveted District Award of Merit. Do NOT miss out on an evening that will leave you breathless.

Merit Badge Forum

The Trailhead Merit Badge Forum is a great opportunity for scouts to work on their Merit Badges outside of summer camp. On February 1st and March 8th at Shawnee Mission West High School Merit Badge Counselors from throughout the district will come together to give scouts this unique opportunity to earn merit badges. For more information, contact Herb Stout at (816) 941-8614. Registration forms are located on the Trailhead website.

The Adventures of Cubman

Each Pack should already have designing a Day Camp Coordinator. It is the responsibility of this person to be at the Day Camp registration and Pack Coordinator Rally on February 4. Look for the Trailhead Day Camp Flyer for details on the Rally. We are in great need of leaders and instructors participate in the first Trailhead District Outdoor Leader Training held at Camp Naishe. If you have any questions call Pat Harvey at 913-642-4671.

Congratulations to the Units Selling Program!

This year, we sold over $120,000 in popcorn to help support both the Scouting program, and our individual units. That means our 15 units that participated benefited over $40,000 from the sale. Thank you for your support. A big thanks to the prestigious District Kernel, Kimberly Keever, who coordinated this year’s sale. We appreciate all your hard work.

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2003 Spring Camporee

The Spring Camporee is returning to Whiteman AFB which means you must register early! Any Boy Scout Troop interested in attending needs to contact Randy White at 660-905-8558 ASAP!

Klondike Derby

The 2003 Klondike Derby is almost here! Mark your calendars for January 18th, 2003. Watch for information at Roundtable. Please contact Randy Cooper or Ross Pfannenstiel for details.

Eagle Board Chair Orientation

Do not forget that the Eagle Board Chair Orientation will take place at the February Roundtable. The purpose of this orientation is to cover, in general, Eagle Board of Review procedures. We will also cover any changes that may have occurred within that process.

Eagle Board of Reviews

Eagle Boards of Review are conducted at monthly Roundtable meetings. Please call Leonard Jones at (816) 471-5584 or (816) 229-4690 at least two weeks before the Roundtable that you wish to have the Eagle Board of Review.

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9 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm, Liberty Street Community of Christ Church, 1009 Fairview Drive, Independence, MO

18 Klondike Derby, George Owens Nature Park

18 New Leader Essentials, Cub Scout Specific, and Venturing Specific Training, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Fairview Drive, Independence, MO

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Friends of Scouting 2003

Congratulations to pack 3288 for being the first unit in the Trails West District to reach its Family Friends of Scouting goal. The Pack will now enjoy free rank patches for the rest of 2003! Now is the time if your unit has not set a date for its presentation of the Friends of Scouting campaign. The money raised through help to keep the scouting program strong and growing in Trails West and the Heart of America Council. For more information call Marlene Bean at (913) 782-3279.

Merit Badge Forum

The second annual Trails West - Merit Badge Forum will be held at Shawnee Mission South High School on Saturday February 1 and Saturday February 15, 2003. The forum will provide a unique opportunity for scouts to enroll in and complete up to two Merit Badges. They can use the two weeks between classes to complete the classroom assignments. After the classes are over, all they need to do is meet with the counselor for their final interview and to receive the approved card.

The badges available for selection include: Citizenship in the Community • Citizenship in the World • Citizenship in the Nation • Computers • Communications • Crime Prevention • Electricity • Emergency Preparedness • Fingerprinting • First Aid • Photography

Reservation Forms and fees ($1.00 each Scout) need to be mailed to the Council Office by December 5, 2002. Class assignments and Merit Badge Cards will be available at the January 22, 2003 Roundtable. For additional information, please call Gene Bellner at 913-894-2288.

2003 Trails West Day Camp

Adventures of Cub Man

2003 Trails West District Day Camp will be held on June 23rd – 26th. The program theme will be Adventures of Cub Man. The day camp staff is now working hard to put on the best program for the districts youth and would love to get any ideas you might have.

To help with the Program for day camp please call Jeanette Malloy at (913) 599-4014.

District Leadership

District Chairman - Ed Hedges 913-768-1420
District Commissioner - Geoff Middlenhall 913-859-0506
District Membership Chair - Janice DeSalvo 913-393-0005
District Advancement Chair - Gene Bellner 913-894-2288
District Training Chair - Joe Ogilvie 913-492-3880
District Activities Chair - Dave Elsey 913-829-4594
District Camping Chair - Shawn Hudson 913-254-9548
District Family Friends of Scouting - Marlene Bean 913-782-4656
District Director - Alan J Sanders 816-942-9533 ext 158

District Dinner

This year’s annual Big Muddy District Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday February 1st 2003 at the Carrollton Community Center in Carrollton, MO. The Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at Noon each day. This forum provides a unique opportunity for scouts to enroll in and complete up to two Merit Badges. They can use the two weeks between classes to complete the classroom assignments. After the classes are over, all they need to do is meet with the counselor for their final interview and to receive the approved card.

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Veterans Day

Members of Webelo Den 14 from Lenexa Cub Pack 3428 spent nearly two hours Monday evening helping Veterans enjoy their free meal courtesy of The Golden Corral Restaurant in Olathe. The Cubs found out about the free meals for Veterans from one of their leaders and decided to make it a service project for their Citizen Activity Badge.

During their time at the restaurant the boys acted as doormen, served coffee, iced tea and soft drinks to several hundred diners, helped dish up food items for the dessert bar and spoke with several Veterans about their years of service.

“My boss called me to the management and said we wanted to help the managers were thrilled.” said Assistant Den Leader Tim Keltner. “It was very fulfilling to see a Cub in uniform talking to a Veteran in uniform. The Golden Corral gave away thousands of dollars worth of food across the nation on the 11th. I can’t say enough about their commitment to our nations heroes.”

The Cubs hope to make this an annual project and hope it will catch on across the country. The first year Webelo attend Bonjour Elementary School and Pack 3428 is chartered by the Country Hills Christian Church at 8835 Lackman Road.

Family Friends of Scouting

Family Friends of Scouting

By now you should have been contacted to have a Family Friends of Scouting Presentation held at your unit some time during this winter. It is very important that every one participates in the Friends of Scouting Campaign. FOS pays for many things that all Scouts use such as insurance, Camps, support materials, and many, many other things that are numerous to list. Remember, “A Scout pays his own way.”

Annual Recharter Process

By now everyone should have their unit charters completed and turned to the Council Service Center. Charters are very easy to complete and if you need assistance, call your Unit Commissioner or if you don’t know who your commissioner is, call your District Executive, Guest Daily at 1-800-776-1110 ext 156. Remember that if your unit doesn’t have a current charter then you are not registered with the BSA and are not covered by the Boy Scouts of America Liability Insurance.

Fall Recruitment

This year’s fall recruitment drive went very well this year! The Big Muddy District recruited collectively over 170 new Cub Scouts! Everyone deserves a pat on the back for doing such a great job this fall. Recruitment should not be just a fall practice but rather a year round process; there are always kids who need scouting, it’s our job to give them the opportunity!

Scouting at Random

If you have an article you would like to share contact your District Executive at 800-776-1110 or submit your article by e-mail to eddealy@bsmaud.org.

Big Muddy District Committee

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16 Eagle Board of Review, Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Allman, Lenexa 6:30PM, (Please arrive 15 min. early)
21 District Commissioner Meeting, Center, 520 S Harrison, Olathe, 7PM

February

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20 Eagle Board of Review, Jesus Christ Church of LDS, 7845 Allman, Lenexa, 6:30PM, (Please arrive 15 min. early)
January Salutes
This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagle Scouts as of October 02: Ben Miller, William Miller, and Jack Krummene of Troop 93, K. B. Vickers of Troop 91, Paul Hanusick of Troop 246, and Tim Mason of Troop 185. Congratulations to you all from your Northern Tier District Committee and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

Cuboree 2002
What a beautiful weekend we had for our 2nd Annual Cuboree out at Cub World. Thank you to our very own, the wonderful, the creative, the full of surprise Phil Park and his team for putting on a great weekend of fun, excitement, and great adventure. Thank you to Troop 299 for hosting our scrumptious Cracker barrel and hosting our cooking demonstrations on Saturday. Troop 299 taught us how to cook an omelet in a baggy and the secret recipe of mud worms. The Cub Scouts went on hikes, made crafts, and in some great exercise. The weekend was a blast. A picture can say a thousand words. Take a look, and see you next year!

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Fire building: 1st T279, 2nd all other participants received 2nd place points
Knot tying: 1st T189, 2nd T194, 3rd T192
Midway: 1st T302, 2nd T299, 3rd T93
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Barbeque contest
Meat: 1st 123 Adults, 2nd 123 Scouts, 3rd 185 Adults
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The second annual “Northern Tier Super Troop Award” and traveling trophy was awarded to Troop 299 and will be on display at all District Roundtables. A huge Northern Tier Thank you to Camporee Chairman, Steve Brady and David Vow for their awesome production and orchestration of yet another fabulous Camporee. Look forward to see everyone next year!

A Northern Tier Thank You to Our Popcorn Host
We want to give a big Northern Tier thank you to Covian World Wide Moving Inc. on Shawnee Mission Parkway for once again giving our 2nd annual Popcorn Pick-up the perfect home in 2002. John Luchich and Tony Coleman and the Covian team were fantastic in providing an excellent location and service, making popcorn a snap. We truly appreciate your generosity in giving us the perfect place for a whole lot of popcorn.

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16 District Eagle Board of Reviews, LDS Church, 7845 Allman, 6:30 p.m.
16 Youth Protection Training located at Shawnee United Methodist Church 10700 Johnson Drive (Check-in begins at 6:30 pm and training begins at 7:00p.m.)
25 District Dinner located at Sylvester Powell Jr. Community Center at 6200 Marwath Mission, KS (Doors open at 6:00p.m.) You can now register on the HOAC Website got to hoac-bsa.org (click on Training Post and Events and then click on Event Registration and then click on NT District Dinner.) For more information or questions, please contact Lisa Hayes at 913.6049.333 or email at hayes@bsamail.org

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Recognition Dinner

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Mall Show

BE A MALL RAT! The Antioch Center is the location for this year’s District Mall Show and Pinewood Derby on February 1st. For questions concerning the Mall Show, please contact Jill Cook at 816-468-9232. For questions concerning the Pinewood Derby, please contact Jeff Cook at 816-468-9232.

Recharter Turn-In

Recharter Turn-in will take place on February 13th at St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church located at 4301 NE Vivion. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. Have any questions about rechartering? Give your Unit Commissioner a call and they can assist you or give Jason, Bryan, or Jon a call at the scout office, if your aren’t sure who your Unit’s Commissioner is.

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Friends of Scouting

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2003, A New Year

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Recharter Paper Are Due

Remember that on January 15, 2003, your unit recharter papers are due to the Council Service Center. It is important to get these in on time for a number of reasons. As one of the requirements of being a Quality Unit, you must have your charter turned in on time. By getting it in by January 15, you will meet this requirement. If you cannot bring your recharter in, please contact myself, Cortland Bolles, and I will pick it up from you to make sure everything is correct and turn it in for processing. It is also a great opportunity for you to see the true picture of your unit resources and where you need to grow in the next year.

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is off to a running start for the 2003 campaign. Dana Crawford of KCP&L is our Overall Chairman, and Shellee Crosson and Tom Randall are serving as our Family Campaign Co-Chairs. Many of our family presentations have already been conducted with great success coming from those. Don’t forget to schedule your unit presentation if you have not done so already. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of the Free Rank Advancement program. They have given us a great lead into locking off our campaign with support already there.

Shortly, our community campaigns will be starting and promise equally great results. Our goal for 2003 is to raise $18,500 throughout Twin Rivers District, with $7,500 from our Family Campaign and $11,000 from our Community Campaign. This is a very achievable goal. I look forward to your support of the Scout program and if you have any questions about Friends of Scouting, please contact Dana Crawford, 913.757.4451, Shellee Crosson, 913.294.8471, Tom Randall, 913.294.9809, or Cortland Bolles, 800.776.1110.

Klondike Derby

January 17-19, Klondike Derby will be held at Osawatomie City Park. This promises to be a great event for all of troops to participate in. Our host, Troop 106, has been hard at work for many months planning and preparing a great program and exciting activities for your boys to be a part of. Registration information is available at Roundtable and is also accessible at the Council website, www.HOCMC-BSA.org, by clicking on the districts link and then the Twin Rivers link. If you have any other questions, please contact Jeff Walman, Klondike Derby Chair, at 913.256.4063.

District Dinner

March 1, 2003. Mark your calendars for that day. The Annual District Recognition Dinner this year will be held on this date in Garnett. Troop 126 will host this great event that honors you, the adult volunteer, for your hard work and dedication to the Scouting program. Please plan on being at this very special evening. More details will be available at Roundtables and at the Council website. You may also contact Don Lile, Dinner Chair, at 785.448.5836 for more details.
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**Calendar of Events**

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2 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m. – Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak

14 District Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30 p.m. – H. J.’s Activity Center

21 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

25 District Merit Badge Marathon, Hogan Academy, 1221 East Meyer Blvd.

**February**

1 District Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Colonial Presbyterian Church, 95th & Wornall

6 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak

11 District Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 p.m., H. J.’s Activity Center

18 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW National Headquarters, 3400 Broadway

**E-mail Pelathe Day Camp Director Ralena McCord at ralena@sunflower.com or call her at (785) 542-3096 for information on how to be a part of the 2003 Pelathe Cub Scout Day Camp.**

**Scouting for Food**

Saturday, April 12, 2003

The Council Good Turn Committee has offered and the Pelathe district has accepted the challenge of making our areas Community Service Day a Scouting for Food event. The date has been set for Saturday, April 12, 2003.

It is the responsibility of your unit to plan the service project so that the actual collection and turn in of the food happens on Saturday, April 12, 2003. Information about when and where the turn in for our district will be distributed at the February Roundtable. The Heat of America Council will provide food collection bags and accompanying literature, which will be distributed to your Unit’s leaders at the February Roundtable.

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**2003 Merit Badge Marathon**

Come on, come all and have a ball! It’s time once again for the most eagerly anticipated event of the year; the 2003 Pioneer Trails Merit Badge Marathon. The marathon will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at Hogan Academy, 1221 East Meyer Boulevard. Scouts will be able to pick from over 15 merit badges. Classes fill up fast and some requirements will need to be completed before the event. Lunches will be provided and partial registrations will be accepted. Information packets are available at the Council Service Center. Don’t miss the fun; call Lloyd Lazear for additional information at 816-942-8174.

**Family Friends of Scouts 2003**

Did you do it yet? Have you signed up your unit for a family presentation? Lock down a date and time now and call your Pioneer Trails Family FOS Chairman, Steve Livingston at 816-444-5730, today! Your contribution is vital to the continued success of Scouting in Pioneer Trails. It is more than financial support, it is an investment in our greatest asset, our youth. Please do your part and support a program that offers real character development, promotes citizenship and enhances the lives of over 7,000 youth in Pioneer Trails Scouting.

**Volunteer Recognition Dinner**

The Pioneer Trails District would like to invite you to attend its Annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday, February 1, 2003 at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 95th and Wornall. The District Award of Merit, Of the Year Awards, and the Pioneer Award will highlight this year’s dinner. Reserve your table today and help us thank so many volunteers who give so much to the district. For more information contact George Wissay – 816-941-6411.

**Training**

Did you miss the fun last year? Did you miss the rollout of the most exciting training ever in the district? Not to worry, you get a second chance! That’s right, the Pioneer Trails District Training Team will be offering its spring training extravaganza on April 12, 30 and May 1, 3, 4. This training is for all leaders in every position of Scouting. When was the last time you attended training? If you can’t remember it’s time to go again! Plan now to be there and don’t miss the fun again. For more information call Norm Kahn at 913-341-4792.

**2003 Pelate District Operating Committee**

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District Executive

Steve Livingston at 816-444-5730, today!

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TO OUR VALUED VOLUNTEER:

More Required Information on the Adult Application =
Improved Security for our Youth!

Since Scouting's Inception, having the highest quality of volunteers as role models and mentors for youth has been of utmost importance. Our highest priority continues to be the safety of our youth members and participants.

Beginning 1972, the Boy Scouts of America's standards for leadership were developed as a guideline for screening adult volunteers. Further guidelines for screening adult volunteers were created more recently to improve the recognition and reporting of child abuse, such as the Youth Protection Training for Adult Leaders video in 1988. The program for adults and mentors to conduct background checks was developed in 1990. As of 1998, all adult volunteers are required to complete the training.

We continue to seek and implement improvements for our youth protection guidelines and procedures, as we are committed to being up-to-date to protect our youth members and participants. We understand the importance of being a safe Scouting environment.

Beginning in January 2002, a new video, The Bully: Preparing Your Troop for a Bullying-Free Environment, was released. This video addresses the issue of bullying among children. Periodic revisions are done to keep these resources up-to-date.

All of our youth protection videos have the distinction of being award-winning productions. They have won awards for excellence in the training categories of the CINE Golden Eagle and the Telly Award.

We continue to seek and implement improvements to our youth protection guidelines and procedures. We are happy to report that new information technologies are now available to conduct accurate, reliable criminal history record checks on volunteer applicants. These checks are based on the applicant's Social Security number. This importante developement offers a practical way to limit the possibility of placing a child in an unsafe environment.

The adult volunteer application now clearly advises applicants that a criminal background screening will be conducted, requires written consent to conduct the background check, certifies permission to use resulting information, and requires a Social Security number. The application includes the following statement:

By submitting this application, you are authorizing a criminal background check of yourself. This check will be made from public record sources. You will have an opportunity to review and challenge any adverse information disclosed by the check.

What does this mean to our current volunteers? The primary impact will be feeling of greater security and the knowledge that anyone with a history of criminal violations will not be allowed to volunteer in our program. It also means a new adult application cannot be processed without a Social Security number and consent to conduct the background check, the application must be signed by the applicant. Current leaders should make sure the required information is included on all adult applications before turning them in to the council service center.

We believe the critical importance of protecting our youth from abuse or violence will be recognized by all and that parents and leaders will take comfort and pride in the steps we are taking.