As school begins, it is time once again to prepare for your unit's fall recruiting program. The 2003 School Night to Join Scouting program promises to be one of the most comprehensive recruiting efforts you'll be part of. The first step in this plan is for all Cub Scout Packs to be represented at their district's School Night to Join Scouting Orientation. At this meeting you will receive all of the information necessary for you to run your unit's School Night program. Please make note and plan now to have your unit represented.

The 2003 School Night to Join Scouting program has many features and materials designed to make your recruiting efforts easier and more effective.

Here are a few of them:

**Cub Scout Parents’ Orientation Guide**

The Cub Scout Parents’ Orientation Guide is a pamphlet that will be distributed to all parents attending unit School Night meetings. Let’s face it, Scouting has a language all its own. For new people experiencing Scouting for the first time this language can be very confusing. The "Parents’ Guide" explains the Cub Scouting program in easy to understand terms. Everything from Tiger Cubs to Webelos, dens to packs, activities and summer programs, to who’s my den leader and where do I get the uniform.

**School Night to Join Scouting Flyer & Poster**

This flyer will be distributed to all boys inviting them to join Scouting. The flyers for your unit will be customized with the specifics for your School Night to Join Scouting program. The back of the flyer will be pre-printed with information about Scouting’s programs, answers to frequently asked questions, and the Flying Flyer Fling.

The School Night poster is the same as the front of the flyer. Units can fill in the bottom of the poster with its specific information.

**School Night Free T-Shirt Program**

Every new Scout recruited at School Night in August and September will receive a free Kansas City Chiefs t-shirt. The t-shirt will feature the Chiefs’s logo, BSA logo and the phrase, "Official Member of the Chiefs’ Scout Team." T-shirts will be distributed at the next Roundtable meeting in your district.

The rules for free t-shirts:
1. Only new Scouts will receive t-shirts.
2. Your unit must conduct its School Night program in August or September.
3. Your unit must turn-in new member applications and fees no later than the next month's roundtable.

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The proposed dates are:

1. **Big Muddy**: August 5, 7:30 p.m.
   - Lexington United Methodist Church
2. **Blue Elk**: July 31, 7:30 p.m.
   - Liberty Street Community of Christ Church
3. **Kaw**: August 12, 7:00 p.m.
   - St. Martin Lutheran Church
4. **Lone Bear**: August 3, 7:30 p.m.
   - Clinton Scout Center
5. **North Star**: August 5, 7:30 p.m.
   - Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church
6. **Northern Tier**: July 24, 7:00 p.m.
   - St. Joseph Church
7. **Pelathe**: July 23, 7:30 p.m.
   - LDS Church
8. **Pioneer Trails**: August 13, 6:30 p.m.
   - H.J.’s Activity Building
9. **Red-Tailed Hawk**: August 9, 10:00 a.m.
   - Aldersgate United Methodist Church
10. **Thunderbird**: August 5, 7:30 p.m.
    - Red Bridge United Methodist Church
11. **Trailhead**: July 29, 7:00 p.m.
    - Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church
12. **Trails West**: July 22, 7:00 p.m.
    - Center of Grace
13. **Twin Rivers**: July 31, 7:00 p.m.
    - Paola United Methodist Church
14. **Trail’s End Popcorn Sale**

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**Adventures in Scouting**

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**Heart of America Council • August 2003**
Four Ways to Give Real Estate

With interest rates low and the real estate market booming, many people are finding out that their real estate holdings are becoming more valuable. Other investments may be down, but real estate values are rising.

This has created an unusual opportunity for using a building, raw land or even a vacation property to fulfill one’s philanthropic dreams. For example, taxable property that has appreciated in value can be given without incurring tax on the appreciation. Thus, the value of the gift may be substantially more than it might be were the property first sold and the after-tax proceeds then given to charity.

If you have appreciated real estate—especially property you are no longer using—you may want to consider the benefits of using this asset to make a charitable gift. There are several ways you can proceed; here are four possibilities to consider:

1. Give the Entire Property

Since the Council is a qualified charitable organization, it can sell real estate gifts without incurring a tax on the appreciation. For example, in 1980, Mr. and Mrs. Jones purchased a piece of land for $10,000. It was recently reappraised at $50,000. If they sell it, they will have to pay tax on the appreciation. However, if they deed the property to the Council, they will be free of the tax and also escape the hassles of having to sell the property.

2. Give a Portion of the Property

Many people cannot afford to give an entire parcel of real estate, but they can give part of it. A good solution is to give an undivided interest in the property, say 50%. The Council then works with the donor to market and sell the property. Each party—the donor and the Council—then receives one-half of the proceeds from the sale. A bonus for the donor is that he or she can use the income tax charitable deduction for the gift portion to help offset any taxes due on the other portion.

3. Give the Property and Obtain Income

Some real estate owners need additional income. Yet they also want to make a major charitable gift to the Boy Scouts. One possibility is to use real estate to establish a charitable trust. The trustee will then sell the property and invest the proceeds in a balanced portfolio that will provide income to donors as long as they live. After they are gone, whatever is left in the trust will go to the Council. There are several advantages to doing this and it may be just the thing if you have appreciated property, need additional income and want to help the Council in the process.

4. Give your House and Continue to Live There

Some donors want to make a major gift to the Council by giving their homes. However, they still need a place to live, so they arrange what is called a life estate gift. This simply means that they give their residence to the Council, obtain a charitable income tax deduction and retain the right to live there as long as they want. This arrangement removes the property from their estate and relieves them or their personal representative from having to dispose of the house later.

Free Information

Would you like additional information on giving real estate to the Council? Jason M. Baxendale, our Endowment Director, is available to talk with you confidentially and without obligation. He can help you understand the various options and, if you decide to proceed, assist you in completing the gift. He can be reached at (816) 942-9333 ext. 129 or baxenda@bsasmail.org.
New Emergency Preparedness BSA Award Available

Emergency preparedness BSA, a new award offered by the Boy Scouts of America, builds on the very foundation of Scouting. From the beginning, the Scouting movement has taught youth to do their best, to do their duty to God and country, and to help others. It has prepared them physically, mentally, and morally to meet these goals. The basic aims of Scouting include teaching youth to take care of themselves, to be helpful to others, and to develop courage, self-reliance, and the will to be ready to serve in an emergency.

The Emergency Preparedness BSA award program, initiated by Chief Scout Executive Roy L. Williams, was developed in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to encourage families to be prepared in case of national emergency.

The Emergency Preparedness BSA award can be earned now, with a recognition pin being available through Scout troops in early June. The pin is appropriate for wear on BSA uniforms and information about emergency preparedness BSA is available on the BSA Web site – www.scouting.org.

Services are being provided by the Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City.

Please see Debbie Holt or contact her at (816) 942-9333 ext. 163 to sign-up for an appointment.

Heart of America Council Blood Drive

Friday, November 7, 2003 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Council Service Center 10210 Holmes Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64131

Expect the appointment to take about 45 minutes.

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SCOUTING FOR BADGES
Calling all Scout Leaders
Scout Leader Saturday & Open House

Learn about Discovery Center Workshop activities available to your troop or den. Get free resource packets to help teach all the conservation related merit badges.

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For more information, call us at (417) 846-2221.
E-mail us at icostore@tri-lakes.net or visit our website at www.scottiscostore.com.
Commissioners Focus On Membership Growth

August kicks off our fall membership recruiting drive. Our efforts will be directed towards finding thousands of new Cub Scouts, primarily focusing on schools, which start their year in August and September. Your district teams (which consist of district membership committees and district commissioners) have been trained and have or will soon hold training sessions for unit leaders and unit membership chairs. Commissioners hold key roles in the success of this effort!

 Commissioners must ensure that every unit is participating in a School Night. It should not be hard to help Pack Leaders see the importance of recruiting new members. Obviously new families are where their future is and from whom their replacements as Pack Leaders will come. So make sure all your units are participating. The next step is to be sure that those same Pack Leaders attend the district’s training session. The package that has been put together (incentives, scripts, flyers, meeting support, etc.) is so good that our membership efforts grew significantly in 2002 by using it. But the key to that success was actually following the scripts as they were written. By getting your unit leaders to attend the training session, they will see how powerful the program is and will see the reasons for following the script. Your final step will be to attend the actual School Night with your unit leaders. Give them all the support and encouragement you can give and then help them report the results that night to the district’s reporting team. Make sure no membership form is stuffed in someone’s briefcase, thus keeping that new youngster from getting his Chief’s T-shirt.

The teamwork you demonstrate working with the membership committees and the unit leaders will reap much success, while at the same time demonstrating to the new parents that successful Scouting is a team effort and the Commissioner Team is striving to make their units successful.

There could not be a better time for a boy and his family to join Scouting! Tell them about the extremely successful summer camping programs and the fabulous program their units have planned. Introduce your unit leaders with the enthusiasm and recognition that they deserve and remind them of the many supporting volunteers, like you, who are around to help them. Pitch in with everything you have to make this Fall Recruiting a huge success!

Happy Hunting!

New Commissioner Web Site Launched

The BSA recently launched a new Web site designed to support commissioners and help increase the importance of commissioner service. Visitors may reach the site by clicking on “commissioners” on the BSA’s home page, www.scouting.org. The site provides access to a variety of key commissioner resources and can serve as a quick reference for experienced commissioners and a supplement to commissioner orientation.

Scouts help with Tornado Clean-up

When tornadoes recently ripped through the Kansas City area, Scouts of the Heart of America Council responded quickly to help their neighbors. The destruction ranges from homes with damaged roofs to families who have lost all of their possessions. Scouts and Scout leaders have responded in many ways including helping with clean up, gathering clothing and water for the homeless and helping fellow Scouts who were impacted by the storm.

“I am proud of the way the Scouts of the Heart of America Council have responded to this disaster” said Jim Terry, Council Scout Executive. “Scouts and Scout leaders moved quickly to be helpful in a time of need. Some Scouts became involved in clean up efforts in their own neighborhoods while others participated in clothing, food and water drives organized by the local Red Cross, Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce and other disaster related agencies”.

Hal Smith, Commission of the Kaw District which serves an area hit by tornadoes placed information on his District’s web site directing Scouts and volunteers to local agencies that need their help. Scouts from Pack 3304 and Troop 304 Chatted to the Maywood Community Church spent Friday and Saturday May 9 and 10 serving hot meals to those volunteers that are helping with clean up efforts.

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6th Annual Urban Scouting Barbecue

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Rain or Shine!

Where? Barney Allis Plaza
(located at the corner of 12th and Wyandotte in Downtown Kansas City, Missouri)

Come and enjoy a Kansas City Hamburger or Hotdog, baked beans, chips, and soda while supporting the Urban Scouting program of the Heart of America Council.

To purchase additional tickets simply call the Boy Scout contact below.

Tickets will be available the day of the event!

For more information or to purchase tickets: contact Charles Flowers, Urban Scouting Director at:

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America 10210 Holmes Road
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www.scouting.org

Downtown Kansas City, Missouri

Sponsorships are available:

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You or your company can help support this great event by participating:

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Members of Troop 282 at the Salvation Army Distribution Center as they prepare to help tornado victims

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Venturing Odyssey 2003
WHAT A BLAST!

What do you get when you put together 173 people, 2 live bands, adult trainings, over 35 vendors and activities, 1 disc jockey, an iron chef competition, shot gun shells, sporting clays, and two climbing towers? Odyssey 2003!

On the weekend of April 25th, camp Naish hosted nearly 175 Venturers, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and youth group participants. These youth, and adult advisors, enjoyed many activities from climbing the Naish tower to visiting with 35 vendors. These vendors presented information from a Garmin geo-cache, military recruiters, and fly-fishing lessons to visiting with EMTs and water conservation experts. All this happened during only one activity-packed day. The first night two bands played and the second night a disc jockey came out.

Saturday, participants took part in the many planned activities. Camp Naish opened its climbing and rappelling wall, allowing participants to rappel over 40 feet, one of the high-light activities for many participants. Others decided to visit 35 vendors and learn about scuba diving, awards in Venturing, American Sign Language, participate in a GPS course, shoot rifles and shotguns talk with military recruiters or even have a discussion with the Central Region Venturing President.

“Regional events, like Odyssey, are extremely helpful to crews because they can meet with groups from different areas and get resources for trips they may be interested in pursuing,” Central Region Venturing President, Iris Kalkofen said. Because of this, participants were not only from the Heart of America Council; some came from as far away as Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana.

The Odyssey director for 2003 was Daniel Ayers. Dan is a 20 year old who is attending college at Northwest Missouri State University in addition to spending over 300 hours planning the Odyssey. To help him complete all his tasks, Dan had a staff of eight other youth helping and three adults on the Odyssey 2003 staff.

This great accomplishment gives people like Dan a chance to shine and become a leader. It also gives all youth a chance to show that they can do something productive and successful. “To look at the success of this event and realize that it was all youth organized, all youth planned, all youth run, really shows that the youth of today are out there doing something. We’re really out there to accomplish something and Venturing has provided the perfect opportunity,” Kalkofen said.

For more information on Odyssey 2004, contact Ross Pfannenstiel at the Heart of America Council.
Camping / Training

Program and Camping Service

HOAC Summer Camping

For this issue, the Camping and Program Department thought you would like to hear from the Scouts and Scouters that attended some of the Heart of America Council Camps. If you or Scouts in your troop, pack or crew would like to submit an article for this section of Adventures In Scouting, contact canbrown@bsamail.org. Thanks for your part in helping to make each camper’s summer program a success!

Camp Naish Boy Scout Camp

A cool mist fell in the early morning stillness, as the sun broke through veiling clouds, casting its warm rays on Camp Naish, home of good times, great fun, and fantastic people. Home also to a unique staff, gravity plumbed toilets, and clothes hanger difficulties.

For the campers who wake to meet the morning, each new day is packed with adventure and excitement. If you’ve never been to summer camp at Camp Naish, and your troop is planning to attend next year, you are in for a real treat. This summer at camp, in addition to the regular program, Scouts participated in activities such as Order Of The Arrow, C.O.P.E., Outpost, SCUBA, BSA Lifeguard, Trail Maintenance, and Climbing, many of which I was privileged to enjoy. But even with the quality of the program and the excitement of the activities, Camp Naish has something that no other camp possesses, an unflattering record of perseverance in influencing young men with Scouting’s highest ideals: service. Those who best exemplify this quality at Naish are those who staff the camp.

The staff at Naish is simply excellent – there is no other way to describe it. They have displayed consistent and unmatched patience and enthusiasm throughout the entire week while I was at camp. I commend that staff for their effort to make a lasting impact on the lives of the Scouts, which is what the camp is all about. This camp is about equipping Scouts for service and preparing them to be the best in everything they do. Naish is about impact, and to see it in action is indescribable. This is one place you must see for yourself. Come to Naish!

Jonathan
Troop 0457 Life Scout

Quotes from Bartle Boy Scout Camp

Nathan says, "I am having fun in merit badge class. My favorite part of the day is Wood Carving."

Shaun says, "Going to camp is my favorite part of the summer. I like that I can earn badges and hang out with my friends."

Charles says, "This is the greatest place ever."

Dorren says, "I’m taking five classes. I’m having lots of fun. I’m learning how to swim. This is my second year here. It’s fun."

Dwight remarks that, “So far it has been a great session. With only two more days left, I am sure the rest of this session will also be great. The merit badges I have been involved in this year are as follows: Indian Lore, Nature, Archery and Orienteering. This year I received the position of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. It has been a great experience.

Austin, “It’s been very fun so far. I can’t wait to come next year."

Eli, “This is my first year at camp. I am 15 years old and so far I am having a good time. This is a very nice camp. I’ll be back next year. I love this camp!”

Michael says, “The two hour trip down to Bartle was long, but worthwhile. The rifle shooting merit badge was lots of fun. Jerron, the oceanography merit badge teacher was the best merit badge teacher I have ever had. I’ll be saddened to leave.

Billy says he likes the dining hall, and Chris says the food is OK, but could be more, other than that it was good.

Dominick says, “Every year I look forward to going to camp. I get to meet new friends and learn new things every year. I love to learn stuff. I learned rifle shooting, motorboating, camping and mammals. Every year I have a new experience.

Webelos Camp at Naish

Safety, use and care of equipment, aiming and practice was covered and stressed while the Scouts learned about archery.

Don’t forget to forward your camp memories to canbrown@bsamail.org for possible publishing in a future issue of Adventures In Scouting.
Program and Camping Service

Venturing Crews – SUMMER BLAST AT BARTLE

There is still time to sign up for the Summer Blast at Bartle (August 9 through August 12, 2003). H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation will host the first Summer Blast at Bartle for Heart of America Council Venturers. This last blast before school starts will offer a wide variety of activities for Venturers and their leaders. Come explore the caves, climb Cedar Bluff or the tower, go fishing, make jewelry, go on a hike, have a beach or pool party – the choice is yours. The cost is only $48.00 per youth and $30.00 per leader. Provisional camper fee is $53.00 per youth. Reservation forms are available at www.hoac-bsa.org and in the Resource Center at the HOAC Council Service Center. Don’t miss out. Sign up today.

Bartle and Naish Calendars

Bartle Scout Reservation
Sunday, August 3, 2003 – Session 6 Visitor Day
Thursday, August 7, 2003 – Last Day of Session 8
Saturday, August 9, 2003 – Summer Blast at Bartle
Saturday, September 6, 2003 – Work Day
Saturday, September 20, 2003 – Work Day

Naish Scout Reservation
Sunday, August 3, 2003 – Weebles Session 11
Thursday, August 7, 2003 – Weebles Session 12
Sunday, August 10, 2003 – Weebles Session 13
Saturday, August 16, 2003 – COM/CLIMB
Friday, August 22 to Sunday, August 24, 2003 – OA Fall Induction
Friday, August 12 to Sunday, August 14, 2003 – OA Fall Fellowship
Saturday, August 20, 2003 – COM/CLIMB

2005 National Scout Jamboree

Fort A.P. Hill, which is located in Caroline County, Virginia, is a 76,000-acre U.S. Army facility that has served as the permanent site for the national Scout Jamboree since 1981. The Boy Scouts of America uses approximately 3,000 acres of land to support a city of more than 40,000 Scouts and leaders.

The program reflects the skills of Scouting, our national heritage, physical fitness, environmental conservation, and the true spirit of Scouting. Daily activities include archery, biking, backpacking, games, confidence course, conservation programs, scuba, kayaking, rafting, and archery. Regional action centers with rappelling towers are truly popular, as are trap shooting, an American Indian village, and the opening and closing arena shows, not to mention daily stage shows and many other activities. It’s Scouting and American history at their very best!

Amid the thousands of colorful tents that will house the participants and provide program and support services, there is an infrastructure that provides a safe and secure environment at Fort A. P. Hill. Everything from bus and telephone systems to a hospital and first-aid stations, police and fire departments, post offices, food warehouses, a daily newspaper, and retail stores (trading posts) provide all the support and program services needed for an outstanding event.

Applications to attend are available at the Council Service Center or download the forms at the National website (http://www.scouting.org/jamboree).

Questions regarding the 2005 HOAC Council Contingent can be directed to your District Executive or the Program and Camping Service Office at the Council Service Center.

Tribe of Mic-O-Say

Next year (2004) will mark the 75th anniversary for the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Special plans are in the works to make this anniversary celebration a very special one. Tribesmen from all over are expected and will be welcomed with open arms and hearts. Mark your calendars now for next year’s anniversary celebration. The dates are June 12 and 13, 2004. If you have memorabilia that you would like to share, contact David Allen, Presiding Medicine Man, at the Council Service Center or at the Bartle Scout Reservation this summer. Register to attend by visiting www.hoac-bsa.org.

A “Back to Basics” Opportunity

On Saturday, November 22, 2003 in the South Camp Dining Hall at Camp Nash, Bonner Springs, KS, an all-in-one-day Learning Experience will be offered to all and any scouts who will consist of:
(1) Morning – The Leaders Class (TLC)
(2) Afternoon – A Fire by Friction (FxF) Firebuilding Workshop and Practicum

The Leaders Class (for adult scouts) will address Knot Tying and Flint & Steel (F&S) Firebuilding. The purpose of this event will be to let folks (whether brand new to scouting, or old hands) add to their basic scountcraft skills with particular emphasis on tips and techniques that may be an aid to the leaders when they are teaching these skills. All participants will leave decorated with a new knot tying rope and some of us will start a fire using F&S!

The FxW Workshop (for interested scouts and scouter leaders) will explain and demonstrate this technology. Time will be reserved for participants to continue fabrication of their own equipment and to practice using it.

Mark this “Back to Basics” opportunity on your calendar now. Pass the word to interested folks so they don’t miss out!

For further information contact “Doc” Rannie at e-mail rannie@hnu.edu or phone (815) 753-0423.

Truman Merit Badge Program

September 27, 2003 – 8am – 3pm

Scouts can earn ALL requirements for the American Heritage OR Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badges and tour the Truman Library and Museum. This program can only accommodate 125 participants. There are a few slots remaining. Registrations are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until full. The fee is only $6.00 per participant. Deadline for signing up is August 29, 2003.

Contact jldavis@bsamail.org for more information.

Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow

This annual council-wide training always gets high marks from leaders far and near. Registration forms will be available soon at your district roundtables, on the council’s website and in the Resource Center. Saturday, November 1, 2003 is the date. Truman High School in Independence, Missouri, is the place.
Cub Olympics

On May 3rd, nearly 100 cub scouts came out to the Bridge Athletic Field to participate in Blue Elk’s Cub Olympics event. Boys enjoyed a morning of friendly competition in the standing long jump, softball throw, push-ups, sit-ups, and the 50-yard dash. Trophies went to the top three places in every event, and overall winners were also recognized with a trophy. Every boy who participated received a ribbon, but the day was more about having fun than taking home a prize. Congratulations to all of the cub scouts who participated!

Blue Elk Golf Tournament

The Blue Elk District Boy Scout Golf Tournament is almost here! Remember that Tuesday, August 12, 2003, is the day and Drumh Farm Golf Club is the place for the fun event. The four-player scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 7:30am sharp. There is still time to put together a team of four or to sign up individually. Funds raised by the tournament will help sponsor pro-golfers, and the day was more about having fun than taking home a prize. Congratulations to all of the cub scouts who participated!

Cub Scouting Spotlight

In February 2003, two cub scouts from Pack 4492 Den 1, chartered by John C Snow DDS, participated in the Special Olympics in Blue Springs, Missouri. Tony Christenson and Stuart Bunton, both students at Elm Grove Elementary school, competed in the Individual Skills events of basketball skills including shooting, dribbling, and rebounding. Both did their very best in all three events and took home first place gold medals in their respective heats. Hats off to these two athletes and cub scouts for their outstanding performance!

Training Starts Again

It is time to start thinking about training for unit leaders in your pack, troop, crew, or team. Please look to the calendar for specifics on Boy Scout leader and Varsity leader training and watch for flyers at Roundtable and in the mail. Cub Scout Basic Leader training will take place on October 4th at Maywood Baptist Church, 1125 N. 18th Street, Independence, MO for specifics on each training, please call the following volunteers: Boy Scout: Phil Grundel (816) 478-3012 – Varsity: Gary Stites (816) 796-8801 – Cub Scouts: Karen Burgess (816) 228-6911 – Venturing: Sue Gore (816) 229-1120.

Blue Elk 2003 District Leadership

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Blue Elk 2003 District Leadership

Working hard at the push up event at Cub Olympics in May.

Fall Recruitment

It is now officially August, and with the start of the new school year comes the beginning of Fall Recruitment. We hope each and every unit in the district is excited about School Night to Join Scouting! The district staff and membership committee have been planning ways to bring more youth into the Scouting program in Blue Elk. As school begins, boy talks and school nights will be taking place in schools all over the district. The membership committee is holding School Night trainings in Independence on July 31st and in Blue Springs on August 5th, which are critical to understanding the new plans that are in place for this year. Fall round up dates have been set regarding to each school district, and a reorganization of the pack to school assignments has been made. This information was distributed at Program Fair in June in the program planning packets, but will also be available at the trainings. These changes have been made to make recruiting an easier and smoother process. It should aid you in your recruiting efforts, so please let us know if you have any questions about the new format this year. For more information, please contact Lowell Brenston, Full Roundup Chair at (816) 373-7676, Margaret Johnson, Membership Committee Chair at (816) 373-8213, or the council staff at (816) 942-9333.

Adventures in Cubman – Day Camp News

Day Camp has now come and gone, but the memories for all of the boys, walking leaders, and staff will always remain. This year proved to once again be a great time for all of the nearly 400 cub scouts that came out to enjoy five days of learning new skills and having a great time with old and new friends. Program activities included music, map and compass, cooking, volleyball, and fishing just to name a few. An ambulance team and fire truck visited the boys at noon on Wednesday and Thursday. Day Camp ended with the Family Day on Friday with cookouts and great food. The closing ceremony included a campfire, popcorns for all, homemade root bear, and a special final flag ceremony. A special thank you goes out to all of the staff and junior staff that made the event possible, and a tremendous thank you to Allen Fuls and Zula Smith for serving as Director and Program Director. Look for pictures in this issue and the September newsletter.

Calendar of Events

August

5 Cub Scout Fall Recruitment Orientation, 7:30pm, St. Peter’s United Methodist Church, 3609 SW 7 Highway, Blue Springs, MO

7 7:00pm Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:30pm Cub Scout & Venturing Roundtable Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review, Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

11 Popcorn Training, 7:00pm, Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

12 Blue Elk District Boy Scout Golf Classic, 7:30am, Drumm Farm Golf Club, 15400 E 34th Street, Independence, MO

14 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm, Liberty Street Community of Christ Church, 416 N. Liberty Street, Independence, MO

September

4 7:00pm Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:30pm Cub Scout & Venturing Roundtable Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting / Eagle Boards of Review / Merit Badge Counselor Training / Fast Start Training / Youth Protection Training, Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Road, Independence, MO

9 New Leader Essentials, 7:00 – 9:30pm, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Road, Independence, MO

11 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm, Liberty Street Community of Christ Church, 416 N. Liberty Street, Independence, MO

13 Varsity Leader Training, 8:00am, LDS Church, 705 W. Walnut, Independence, MO

20 Boy Scout Junior Leader Orientation Workshop; 8:30am Boy Scout Leader Supplemental Training; 8:30am – 4:30pm Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training; 8:00am – 4:30pm, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Road, Independence, MO

23 Troop Committee Training, 6:30 – 10:00pm, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Road, Independence, MO

Cub scouts take aim at the ding shot targets at Day Camp.

Cub scouts show off the pancakes they made during the cooking activity at Day Camp.

Scouts trying their best to have the catch of the day at the George Owens pond.
A SPECIAL INSERT DEVOTED TO HELPING WITH THIS YEAR’S POPCORN SALES

WHAT IS AN?

It’s Camping!

It’s Activities!

It’s Advancement!

It’s Equipment!

It’s What You Want To Do!

1. BRAINSTORMING First order of business; get your Scouts together and come up with activity ideas. Have fun with it!

2. ACTIVITY CALENDAR Next, plan your year, and be sure to include your Scouts in the process.

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(A) Total Activity Plan $ __________

3. BUDGET PLANNER Now, add other Unit expenses to the activities you and your Scouts have planned for the year.

(A) Total Activity Plan $ __________

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(B) Total Unit Expenses $ __________

Add up your Unit’s income from sources other than popcorn, below.

Registration Fees $ __________
New Member Initiation Fees $ __________
Dues $ __________
Other Income $ __________

(C) Total Income other than from Popcorn $ __________

Now, subtract your Unit’s income from sources other than popcorn (C) from your total Unit expenses (B) to find the Income Required from Popcorn (D).

(B) Total Unit Expenses $ __________
(C) Total Income Other than Popcorn $ __________
= (D) Total Income Needed from Popcorn Sales $ __________

4. INCOME PLANNER Next, calculate the amount of popcorn your Unit and each Scout need to sell to meet your budget.

(B) Income Needed from Popcorn Sale

Unit Sale Goal $ __________

Number of Scouts

Average Container Price

Container Goal Per Scout

Per Scout Sale Goal $ __________

Popcorn Commission

Unit Sale Goal $ __________

= $ __________

$ __________

= $ __________

= $ __________

= $ __________
Position Objective:
The Unit Popcorn Kernel’s role is to inform parents, leaders and youth of the benefits of the sale, to organize the distribution of the information, to motivate boys to sell, and to collect prize and popcorn orders to get them back to the Council by November 10th, 2003.

Steps for Success

- Pick up your popcorn packet at training (you’ll earn an extra 2% by attending).
- Inform all unit leaders, parent(s)/guardian(s), and Scouts of the benefits of the popcorn sale, and how it can help your unit to have a “once a year” fundraiser.
- To participate in Show N Sell, all Show N Sell orders must be turned into the Council Service Center by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24th, 2003.
- Determine a unit sales goal.
- Distribute all order forms, prize flyers and money envelopes to boys at September or October pack and troop meetings.
- Collect all popcorn and prize orders. Total your unit’s popcorn order on the Unit Order Settlement Form. Fill out the Prize Order Form, the Unit Master Record, and the Top Salesman Form and turn them in to the Council Service Center by November 10th, 2003, (via mail, fax, or drop-off). For Pelathe District, send in popcorn and prize order forms by Monday, December 1st, 2003.
- The Deadline for ordering prizes is December 31, 2003. There will be no exceptions.

The deadline for returning all unsold popcorn is November 28th, 2003. There will be no exceptions. Pelathe District deadline for all unsold popcorn is December 15th, 2003.

NOTE: Send the Unit Order and Settlement Form, Commission Statement, Unit Master Record, Prize Order Form, $1,000 Prize Program Order Form, Scholarship Form, and Top Salesman Form to the Council Service Center by November 10th, 2003. If you order on line, please fax, mail, or drop off your Unit Master Record, $1,000 Prize Program Order Form, Scholarship Form, and Top Salesman Form to the Council Service Center by 5:00 p.m. on November 10th, 2003.

Arrange to pick up your popcorn on November 21st & 22nd, 2003, (locations to be announced), and distribute to boys for delivery. (Pelathe District, pick-up is Saturday, December 6th, 2003).

2003 Popcorn Sale Training Dates

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Important Dates to Remember

- **DEADLINE for unsold POPCORN RETURNS**
  - Friday, November 28th, 2003

- **DEADLINE for unsold POPCORN RETURNS**
  - Monday, December 15th, 2003 (Pelathe District Only)

- **DEADLINE for ALL PRIZE ORDERS**
  - Wednesday, December 31st, 2003

Get on the Trail to Success and Get This Cool New Patch!

If your Den or Unit decides to participate in this program, the cost of the patches will be added to your popcorn bill. The cost is $3.50 per bundle (each bundle includes 10 patches) or .35 cents each.

The Heart of America Council will not pay the cost of these patches.

If you would like to order patches, please contact Lori Gooding at (816) 942-9333 ext: 154 or lgooding@bsamail.org.

For complete program details go to: www.trails-end.com

All Districts Except Pelathe

- **Popcorn Sale Starts** – Saturday, September 13th, 2003
- **Show N Sell Orders Due** – Wednesday, September 24th, 2003
- **Show N Sell Distribution** – Friday, October 3rd, 2003, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, October 4th, 2003, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Show N Sell Distribution** – Friday, October 3rd, 2003, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 4th, 2003, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Final Orders Due to Council** – Monday, November 10th, 2003 – Orders must include: Unit Master Record, Unit Order and Settlement Form, Unit Commission Statement, Prize Order Form, $1,000 Prize Program Form, Scholarship Program Form, Top Salesman Form. If you order popcorn and prizes on line, please fax your Unit Master Record, and Top Salesman Form at (816) 942-8086, or drop it off by 5:00 p.m. at the Council Service Center.
- **Final Popcorn Distribution** – Friday, November 21st, 2003, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 22nd, 2003, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Popcorn Payment Due** – Friday, January 5th, 2004

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**Pelathe**

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- **Popcorn Sale Starts** – Saturday, November 1st, 2003
- **Popcorn Sale Ends** – Sunday, November 30th, 2003
- **Final Orders Due to Council** – Monday, December 1st, 2003
- **Final Popcorn Distribution** – Saturday, December 6th, 2003
- **Popcorn Payment Due** – Friday, January 9th, 2004
Introducing
The Chocolate Lover’s Tin

5 Pounds of Chocolate!

- 20 oz Chocolatey Caramel Crunch
- 20 oz White Chocolatey Caramel Crunch
- 18 oz Chocolatey Covered Pretzels
- 18 oz White Frosted Pretzels
- 12 oz Chocolatey Peanut Clusters

COMMISSION STRUCTURE

Your Unit can earn up to 50% commission (including prizes of 5%) on your 2003 Trail’s End Popcorn Sale!

Here’s How:
Confirm the amount of popcorn your unit sold in 2002. $_______

OPTION #1
Sell the same (or less) popcorn in 2003 as you did in 2002 and earn 32% + Prizes.
✓ Attend training (if you do not attend training, you will receive 30%)
✓ Earn 32% + Prizes

OPTION #2
Increase your 2003 sale over your 2002 sale.
✓ Attend Training
✓ Earn 32% + Prizes on your ‘base’ amount (the same as you sold in 2002) base amount X 32% = ______ + Prizes
✓ Earn 45% + Prizes on your increase
✓ Increase amount X 45% = _______ + Prizes
✓ Add these two together to fund your Ideal Year of Scouting and pay for a great Scouting Program.

For 1st Time Units:
✓ Attend Training.
✓ Receive 32% + Prizes on the first $2,000 you sell.
✓ Receive 45% + Prizes on total popcorn sold over $2,000.
✓ Add them together to fund your Ideal Year of Scouting.

Questions? Please contact Lori Gooding at (816) 942-9333 ext: 154 or lgooding@bsamail.org

CORPORATE SALES

A Corporate Sale is such that the customer is the Corporation/Business itself. For example:

Does Your Place of Employment have a Recognition Program?

Although the first type of recognition program that may come to mind is a holiday gift-giving program, there are many other incentive programs as well. For example:
☐ Safety Awareness
☐ Good Attendance
☐ Business Referrals
☐ Service Anniversaries

Corporations/businesses will often times purchase their recognition items in bulk. Why not approach them regarding popcorn as their gift of choice. It’s a great gift that everyone enjoys.

You can use Corporate Sales as a stepping-stone to achieving your unit’s popcorn goal and raise the necessary funds to provide your Scouts with a Quality Program.

Utilize the special corporate sales flyer and order form found in your popcorn packet when approaching a business or corporation.

For more information, please contact Lori Gooding at (816) 942-9333 ext: 154 or lgooding@bsamail.org
The Show N Deliver is a great opportunity to have a successful popcorn sale by going door to door with popcorn to make your sale easier.

Here's how it works:

- Attend Popcorn Training to learn more about the sale and to answer questions on how to fill out paperwork and order prizes.
- Determine the amount of popcorn to order for your 'Show N Deliver'. The best way to do this is to determine the amount of money needed for each Scout's Ideal Year of Scouting (to cover the cost of camp, uniform, handbook, program supplies, etc). Take the total cost of each Scout's Ideal Year of Scouting and divide it by the unit commission your unit will receive. This is the amount of popcorn you will need to sell. Divide this amount by the number of Scouts selling and you will have the Scout's goal for the popcorn sale.
- Submit your Show N Deliver order to the Council Service Center by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24th.
- The Show N Deliver popcorn pick-up is Friday, October 3rd, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 4th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pick up your popcorn at this time and have Scouts and parents pick up their popcorn from you.
- Have Scouts sell their popcorn for 3 to 4 weeks. They can sell to neighbors, relatives, friends or business associates of their parents. Scouts collect the money for the popcorn when it is sold.
- NOTE: You can utilize the Trail's End Ideal Year of Scouting video to inform the Scouts and parents on successful sale techniques. Contact Lori Gooding at lgooding@bsamail.org to pick up a video.
- Have your Scouts keep you informed of their success. Some Scouts may need additional popcorn from other Scouts who have not sold all of theirs.
- Have Scouts return their orders, money collected and any left over popcorn. Utilize the Unit Order and Settlement form, as well as, the Unit commission statement to determine your unit commission, council payment, and any left over popcorn.

Show N Deliver Sale Hints

- Help the Scouts to practice the approach they will use when trying to "Make The Sale".
  - Focus on Scouting instead of the product.
  - Be specific on what the money will be used for (i.e. the "Earn Your Way to Camp" flyer)
- Educate the Scouts on "SAFETY IN SELLING". This flyer can be found in the popcorn packet.

Show N Deliver Sale Days

- Make sure Scouts are in uniform.
- Make sure Scouts have their money envelope with change in it.
- For those customers who wish to pay by check, have whom the check should be made out to be printed on the money envelope. (Check should be made payable to the unit, not to the Council.)
- Have a "Thank You" card with the Unit number and Popcorn Kernel's name and phone number on it. Most customers will purchase popcorn a second time.
- Make sure the Scouts thank their customers.
Fall Round-Up

Last year the Lone Bear District recruited nearly 160 Cub Scouts in September and October. Can we recruit 200 this year? Get off to the right start by attending Fall Round-Up training on August 5th at the Clinton Scout Center. At training you will receive a syllabus and great ideas to run a successful recruitment. Call Erica Calloni at 660-747-2847 for more information.

Day Camp was Adventurous

This year’s Day Camp was Adventures in Cubism. Cub Scouts swam, shot archery and BB’s, played sports, made crafts, and much more. The District would like to thank the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department for use of Artesian Park. We would also like to thank John Hart and Frances Degan for their leadership the last three years!

Training

Steve Higgins has put together a marvelous training program for the Lone Bear District. Be sure to take advantage of Steve and his staff by encouraging all of your unit leaders to attend training this fall. September’s training schedule is included in this publication. Contact Steve at 660-429-6911 with any questions.

What Have Your Scouts Done?

The District Committee and all of Lone Bear want to know what your unit is doing. Please send your monthly highlights and photos to thekunas@hotmail.com and be a featured story in the Adventures in Scouting.

Calendar Changes

Please make note that the monthly District Committee’s Meeting has been moved to the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Paola United Methodist Church. They will be held before Roundtable. This needs to be changed from the Program Planning Calendars handed out at the June Planning Fair.

Annual Business Meeting and Election

On October 9, 2003 at 6:30 PM at Beethoven’s Restaurant in Paola, Twin Rivers District will hold its Annual Business Meeting. Elections of District Chair and Members-at-Large of the District Committee will take place at this time. All voting members of the District, including Charteried Organization Representatives, are strongly encouraged to attend this very important meeting. If you wish to nominate somebody to the District Committee for any of these positions, please send those recommendations in writing to:

Twin Rivers District
Nominating Committee
10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131

Nominations may be given, in writing, to Richard Grant, Nominating Committee Chair, or Cortland Bolles. All nominations must be received in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to the District Election for proper consideration.

Lone Bear

Calendar of Events

August

July 30 School Night Training, Paola United Methodist Church, 7:00 PM
7 Fish Fry/Roundtable/Popcorn Training, Wallace Park*, Paola; 5:30 PM
7 OA Chapter Meeting, Wallace Park*, Paola; 5:30 PM
7 Commissioner’s Meeting, Wallace Park, Paola; 5:30 PM
14 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola; 6:30 PM
14 *1st United Methodist Church, Paola if inclement weather
21 School Night Training, location TBA, Ottawa; 7:00 PM

September

4 Commissioner’s Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 6:30 PM
7 Roundtable, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
7 OA Chapter Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
11 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola; 6:30 PM
13 Youth Protection Training, time and location TBA
20 New Leaders Essentials, time and location TBA
20 Cub Leader Specific Training, time and location TBA
27 Wебелос Leader Outdoor Orientation, time and location TBA

2003 District Committee

Chairman: W. Mike Hart
Commissioner: John Berton
Executive: Buddy Burns
Membership: Rich Cottrell
Camping: Ken Weide
Endowment Chair: Dana Crawford
Activities Chair: Wendy Richardson
Public Relations Chair: Cleon Hickel
Roundtable Commissioner (Boy Scouts): Kathy Kiel
Roundtable Commissioners (Cub Scouts): Pam Thompson
Training Co-Chairs: Jim Burns
Website Chair: Cortland Bolles
District Executive: Sherral Giles

HOMAC and Twin Rivers District Information: www.homac-hza.org

Fall Round-Up

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Day Camp was Adventurous

This year’s Day Camp was Adventures in Cubism. Cub Scouts swam, shot archery and BB’s, played sports, made crafts, and much more. The District would like to thank the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department for use of Artesian Park. We would also like to thank John Hart and Frances Degan for their leadership the last three years!

Training

Steve Higgins has put together a marvelous training program for the Lone Bear District. Be sure to take advantage of Steve and his staff by encouraging all of your unit leaders to attend training this fall. September’s training schedule is included in this publication. Contact Steve at 660-429-6911 with any questions.

What Have Your Scouts Done?

The District Committee and all of Lone Bear want to know what your unit is doing. Please send your monthly highlights and photos to thekunas@hotmail.com and be a featured story in the Adventures in Scouting.

Calendar of Events

August

5 Fall Round-Up Training – Clinton Scout Center 6:30 PM
19 Popcorn Training – Clinton Scout Center 7:00 PM

September

12 Youth Protection Training – Clinton Scout Center 6:00 PM
2 Round Table – Clinton Scout Center 6:30 PM
2 New Leader Essentials – Clinton Scout Center 7:30 PM
2 OA Chapter Meeting – Clinton Scout Center 6:00 PM
9 Youth Protection Training – Butler Scout Center 6:00 PM
9 New Leader Essentials – Butler Scout Center 7:30 PM
9 Commissioner’s Meeting – Golden Corral – Clinton 6:30 PM
16 District Committee Meeting – Clinton Scout Center – 6:30 PM
16 Youth Protection Training – First Christian Church, Warrensburg, 6:00 PM
16 New Leader Essentials – First Christian Church, Warrensburg, 7:30 PM
20 Cub Leader Training – Clinton Scout Center – 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM
2003 Fall Fiesta

Please plan on joining us again for the 2003 Fall Fiesta, a kickoff for the fall and new program year. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2003, at 7:00pm at the George E. Powell Training Center in the Heart of America Council Service Center (1435 & Holmes). This meeting should last about an hour. A festive atmosphere and refreshments will be served.

This celebration is packed with information on several important items for Exploring Posts. Details will be given on the following:

• Exploring Extravaganza – Fall Recruitment Fair (September 20th) NEW!!
• New post renewal information and time lines
• First Nighters
• KCEP Night
• Fundraising for your post through popcorn sales

In addition to the above topics, we will be recognizing this year’s William H. Spurgeon III award recipients for individuals.

Exploring Extravaganza

Mark your calendars for the first ever “Exploring Extravaganza!” This event is scheduled to take place on September 20, 2003. We are planning on holding this event at Union Station, but this is only tentative. More information will be sent out, and also given out at Fall Fiesta.

This event will be set up as a recruitment fair for Exploring Posts that would like to participate. Over 9,000 youth will be invited from all over the metro and surrounding areas. Each post will be responsible for running a booth that will draw youth in and tell them a little bit about what that post does. This will be a way to get a jump-start on the First Nighter recruitment process for your post.

More information will be distributed to all posts and Advisors.

Fundraising with Popcorn??

Does your post need extra funds? Does your post need a new way to do fundraising? Then we have a plan for you! Earn up to 50% commission selling Trail’s End brand popcorn!

More information will be available for you at Fall Fiesta on Thursday, August 7th. We’ll see you there!

Learning for Life Youth protection training is now available online at www.learning-for-life.org. All advisors from each Exploring post must complete this training. The training is short and straight to the point of youth safety. A certificate can be printed out upon completion of the training. Learning For Life even requires that this training be completed.

Exploring Advisor Fast Start Training is available as well. This training delivers a better understanding of the Exploring program and structure for new and seasoned adult volunteers in Exploring.

For more information or to schedule a personalized course for your organization, please contact Adam Berthot, Exploring/Learning for Life Training Specialist at 816-942-9333, ext. 170 or email: abertkor@bsamail.org.

Cluster Activities

We will be looking to hold “Cluster Activities” for each career cluster in Exploring. We are open to suggestions and would love to have input and help setting these activities up.

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-inacted/mock situational events.

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

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

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Resources

Visit our national and local web sites for your entire program and recognition needs! Please take advantage of these great resource tools. Check them out today at www.learning-for-life.org (National) & www.lfl-bas.org (Local)
2003 Day Camp

If you missed the 2003 Pioneer Trails district Day Camp, Adventures of Cubman, you missed a quality program. Suzy Spencer and Lisa Kessler spent countless hours preparing for what turned out to be the best Day Camp yet. We had the pleasure of joining Johnny Rowlands in his helicopter to BB guns and bows and arrows. On behalf of all the Cub Scouts and their families, we would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who made this year’s day camp such a success. We would also like to thank Kross Elementary for being such a great host. If your Pack missed out on this years Day Camp, don’t let it happen again! You owe it to your Boys to get out to Day Camp. If you would like to volunteer for Day Camp in 2004, please call Lisa Kessler at 816-333-9393 today!

Family Friends of Scouting 2004

The hard working volunteers in Pioneer Trails did it again! Thanks to Steve Livingston and the diligent family presenters, the Family FOS campaign was completed within the timeline. Congratulations to everyone who made the campaign a success, especially all our great family district and district supporters. We had to start early in 2003, so we will need to do it again for 2004. Please plan for your family presen-
tation NOW and let Steve Livingston know when you would like to have an all-star present- er. Call Steve Liv- ingston at 816-444-5736.

Training

The Pioneer Trails Training Team will tell you, EVERY BOY DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER! The training team has worked hard to put together an efficient and effective training program, for those that have been a leader for 60 seconds to 60 years. They have made it fun and exciting, and will introduce you to new skills and techniques. Pioneer Trails offers two leader specific trainings a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. In addition, Youth Protection Training is available at all roundtables. Encourage all your leaders to attend this vital training that will benefit them and the youth. For more information on training, call Norm Kube at 913-341-4792.

2003 Fall Round-Up

The summer months are giving way to the crisp cool days of fall and you know what that means—new Scouts for your unit!! With the fall comes one of the most important jobs of the Scouting movement—recruitment. The Pioneer Trails Mem- bership Committee is ready, willing and able to help your unit open the door and offer Scouting to many new boys this year. There will be a fall Round-up Training on Wednesday August 13th, 7:30 p.m. at H.J.’s Activity Building located at the inter- section of Meyer Boulevard and Wornall Road. This training is for all Cubmasters, Den Leaders, and Scoutmasters. Remem- ber, boys are pulled a thousand different directions these days and we need to be the first to ask them to join the best youth pro- gram in America! Julie Hill, our Mem- bership Chairman and Lisa Kessler, our School Night Coordinator are already hard at work organizing all the tools you will need for a successful recruitment—flyers, yard signs, posters etc… Please call Matt, Brian or Lavar to help you with any membership needs including Boy Talks and extra sup- plies. It is your responsibility as leaders to introduce more boys to Scouting and “fun with a purpose”.

Annual Business Meeting and Election

The Pioneer Trails District will be holding its Annual Business Meeting and Elec- tion on Tuesday October 21, 2003 at the VFW National Headquarters Activity Building at 7:30 p.m. Election of District Chairman, District Vice Chairman and Members-at-Large for the district will be held. If you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, please send your recom- mendations to:

Pioneer Trails District
Nominating Committee Chairman
10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131

Nominations MUST be received in writing at least two weeks prior to District Election to be considered.

2003 Camporee

The 2003 Pioneer Trails Camporee is fast approaching. The date is set for October 17-19, 2003. The theme is set – Mountain Man. The location is to be announced. Are you set? Be sure to sign up your unit today for this great adventure from the team that brought you Lewis and Clark and the Pre-Civil War Haines Camporees in the past! Call Michael Grimaldi today at 816-363-7494.

Introducing...

The Pioneer Trails District is pleased to announce the newest addition to our staff—Lavar D. Lard. Lavar is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a major in Communication and a minor is Spanish.

Some of his achievements include studying abroad in Venezuela, launching a diversity recruitment program for the Community Blood Center, and becoming a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He is originally from Davenport, Iowa and was a Cub Scout for a short time. He is currently a Den Leader with Pack 4078 in Pioneer Trails. Please make sure to welcome Lavar to the best district in the council.

Calendar of Events

2003 Trails West Day Camp

Adventures of Cubman

The 2003 Trails West District Day Camp was held on June 23rd–26th at Timber Ridge park. More than 300 boys took part in the four days of fun outdoor adventure. The highlight for many of the boys was fishing in Popeye’s Pond, and many boys caught fish for the first time ever. The district would like to make a special thanks to Jeanette Maloy and Dee Creat for their hours of time put into make the program a huge suc- cess. The district would also like to thank all the parents and leaders how gave there time on staff and as walking leaders so the boys could have a great camp.

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Cub Scout Fall Round-Up 2003

The start of school will be here before you know it and now is the time to make the plans for your units fall round-up. On Wednesday July 18th the district will be holding a fall round-up training to get all the latest and greatest ideas out to you. Each pack should have a represen- tative in attendance and be ready to turn in the dates, time, and location for there round up. We will have a packet for each unit to take that will help in preparing for the night. For more infor- mation call Alan J Sanders at (816) 942- 9333 or e-mail at asander@bsamail.org.
Fall is the time when the majority of youth and adults are recruited into scouting. Now is the time to get those new leaders trained. The training teams have done an outstanding job training those volunteers who signed up for courses in the spring. Take advantage of the training opportunities and keep your pack or troop healthy and growing. If by chance you cannot make it to any of the training dates listed below, feel free to check with other districts to see when their training is. Maybe their dates will work out better for you. If you have any questions concerning training, contact either the trainer or David Riker at the Council Service Center at 816-942-9333 ext. 174. Remember, every youth deserves a trained leader.

Fall 2003 Training Dates
9/2 New Leader Essentials
9/6 Den Chief Training
9/20 Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Training
9/27 New Leader Essentials/ Cub Scout Leader Specific
10/1 Troop Committee Training
10/4-5 Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience
10/8 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Part 1
10/18-19 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Part 2
10/18 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation “BALOO”
10/21 Cub Scout Leader Specific

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Steve Turner, Cub Scout Training
816-765-2093 sturner18@rccr.com

Kelsie Clark, District Training Chairman
816-361-5544

Fall Round-Up Training
Fall Round-Up training will take place at Roundups/Training held at Hickman Mills High School on August 5th. Please note this is a change from what went out several weeks ago. This training will get you the materials and knowledge that your pack or troop will need for a successful fall round-up.

* Roundtable has moved to Hickman Mills High School starting August 5th. This is where we have Merit Badge Academy.

Cub Day Camp – WOO-HOO Day Camp!
Day camp was a blast. There was so much fun stuff to do like shooting BB guns and bow and arrow to making homemade pizza and homemade ice cream. Cubbers had a blast with the kids. On “Bring a Buddy Day” there were about 80 buddies that came to see what the fun was all about. Thanks to the volunteers who came out to help make it a great day! And a special thanks to Dusty Boatright and his staff for an outstanding week of Day Camp.

Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable – 7:00 pm, BPU, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS

Thunderbird District Annual Business Meeting & Election
The Thunderbird District will be holding its Annual Business Meetings and Elections on Thursday, October 9th, 2003 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Presentation located in Lee’s Summit. Election of District Chairman, District Vice-Chairman, and Members-at-Large for the District will be held. If you would like to nominate someone for one of those positions, please send your recommendation to:

Thunderbird District Nominating Committee Chairman
10210 Holmes Rd
Kansas City, MO 64131

Nominations must be received two weeks prior to the meeting to be considered.

2003 Thunderbird District Committee
Chairman
Bill Love . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 816-474-4356
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District Executive
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Chad Wyanko . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 816-942-9333, ext 162


calendar of Events

August
5 District Roundtable – 7:30 pm, Hickman Mills High School, 9011 Old Santa Fe Rd., Kansas City, MO 64138
5 Youth Protection Training – 7:00 pm
5 Merit Badge Counselor Orientation – 7:30 pm
5 Fall Round-Up Training – 7:30 pm
12 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30pm, Council Service Center

September
2 District Roundtable – 7:30 pm, Hickman Mills High School, 9011 Old Santa Fe Rd
2 Youth Protection Training – 7:00 pm
2 New Leader Essentials – 7:00 pm
2 Merit Badge Counselor Orientation – 7:30 pm
6 Den Chief Training, Hickman Mills Christian Church, 5809 Red Bridge Rd, Kansas City, MO
9 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30pm, Council Service Center
11 District Committee Meeting, Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church, 130 NW Murray Rd, Lee’s Summit, MO 64081
27 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training/ New Leader Essentials, Location TBA

Friends of Scouting
Some traditions are too good to break! School Nights for Cub Scout Packs, and Open Houses for Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews are prime examples of this statement. Every year units have the opportunity to recruit several youth and their families to join the ranks of Scouting. However, for this to happen successfully, unit leadership must plan the fall program and use it to attract youth and their families to join.
June & July Salutes
This Month in the Eagle Salute Spotlight
The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagle Scouts; Christo-Jackson, Paul Buckmaster and Brian Ginther.

2003 Northern Tier Cubmobile
Nascar doesn’t have anything on the Cubmobile. The Northern Tier Cubmobile is the most exciting experience Cub Scouts have to offer. Racing Scouts. You are all winners.

Attention: Northern Tier Cub Scout Unit Leaders
As “Back to School” swiftly approaches, we need to start planning for a successful recruitment. This training is a must for each Cub Scout Unit and it offers the greatest opportunity for successful recruitment of youth and adults to your Scouting unit.

We have scheduled School Night Fall Recruitment Training, which will be held on July 24, 2003 & August 21, 2003 – 7:00 p.m.

At ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
9081 FLINT SHAWNEE, KANSAS

We will review how to conduct an effective school night and supply an outline and agenda for everyone.

• We will have available support materials such as new parent orientation guides, posters, applications, and more.

• You may pick up or order flyers for distribution in schools.

• You may coordinate with Lisa Hayes, district executive, to conduct “boy talks.” Lisa will speak to the students at area schools to encourage Scouting and reinforce your upcoming school night.

• You can learn about new promotions such as the free Kansas City Chiefs T-shirt for new scouts.

Plan on attending or having the designated membership chairman in your unit attend. We all have an obligation to make the wonderful program of Scouting available to as many youth as possible.

For questions or concerns, please contact
Lisa Hayes at 816-942-9333 x 172 or at lhayes@bsamail.org

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2003 Northern Tier Cubman Day Camp

WOOF! What an excellent, most fantastic Day Camp Northern Tier had this year at Monticello Park. The weather was perfect, the bugs were cooperating and the youth and adults alike had a fun filled week. The scouts did everything from learningHandi-cap awareness in Spider Man’s Web, practicing all their strength and agility in the Gotham City O bstacle Course, leatherwork in Bat-man’s Crime Lab and beadwork. Made in Metropolis. Archery, Slingshows, and BBs were again very popular.

Special thanks to so many that made our Day Camp an awesome success. A gigantic thank you to Dave Sultz and Regina Scannella as our Day Camp Directors. Many bugs and thanks to Jeanette Overman, Dacci Evans, and Sarah Rahjen for keeping us all in check at registration and our EMT Explorer Post for fixing all the boo boos.

Thank you to the outstanding Youth Staff who were anywhere and everywhere they were needed. Thank you to Bruce Harken, who camped for 9 days to make sure all was safe and protected. Thank you to all the Walking Leaders, Activity Staff, and Tor Lat Guardian Angels. Thank you to Bob Rzechotnik and Gene Tesson and Mike Hol-loway for the most fabulous Target Board in the world. Thank you to Phil Park for his infamous rope contraptions and gadgets that made our rope bridges, the ball, and the swing a all great hit.

Thank you to Monica, Tom, and the Alejos boys for their set up and tear down help.

Also, we can’t forget to send out a giant Northern Tier Thank You to the Kansas Army National Guard for donating the use of the awesome army tents we had for Tier Lot and our Admin Building. Thank you to Heather Rotherick, Specialist Recruiting and Retention NCO and Sergeant Paul Pardulans of the National Guard for help with our tents. And last but not least a big round of applause to Rudy and Chris of Schuennan’s ice cream who donated our Ice Cream Noon Time Surprise for Wednesday and Friday.

I want to send out a Northern Tier Salute to all the fabulous volunteers that made our DAY CAMP so great! See you next year.
Fall Round-Up

Let’s make this year’s fall round up even better than last year’s. We will be holding three orientation sessions to help you plan a great recruiting drive. Please make sure your unit is represented at the one nearest you. The orientation session will be held August 5th, 12th, and 19th. Let’s make sure that every School Night Orientation this year is held at our local schools. Remember that it is the unit leader’s responsibility to reserve the school for this occasion. All packs NEED to attend at least one school night orientation. Also, in order for your NEW boys to receive a Kansas City Chiefs T-shirt, the application and money must be turned in at the Round Table following your Pack’s School Night Recruiting. If you have any questions, please call a member of the Heart of America Council Staff at (816) 942-9333.

Roundtable

I hope that everyone is ready for our annual Ice Cream Social at Happy Rock Park in Gladstone on August 7th at 7:30 p.m. Also note, in September, Roundtable will be held at Hillside Christian Church located at 900 NE Vivion Road.

Day Camp

An A+ goes out to Day Camp Director Jeff Tyler, Program Director Jill Cook and their talented staff. These fanatic individuals were able to put together a terrific program in a short amount of time and were very successful in doing so. We had 738 kids and more than 500 adult leaders. A big THANKS goes out to everybody for your hand in making this Day Camp a successful one. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year’s Day Camp, the week of June 7-11.

Fall Camporee

The 2003 North Star Fall Camporee will be held on October 17-19, 2003. The location will be the Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake. We hope to see everybody at the camporee this year. For more information contact either Kevin Long at (816) 454-4318 or Matt Specht at (816) 942-9333 ext. 166.

Training

Our training staff is gearing up for terrific fall training courses. Youth Protection training and New Leader Essentials is offered at roundtables from September thru June. Leader Specific training will be offered on Saturday, September 27th with registration starting at 8:00 a.m. and October 7, 14, and 21 with registration starting at 6:45 p.m. Boy Scout training will be held at Hillside Christian Church located at 900 NE Vivion. The Cub Scout Training will be held at Gauldhill Methodist Church at 7715 N. Oak Tree Dr. For information on Cub Scout Training, contact Fred Hack at (816) 452-3036. Outdoor Leader Skills Training will be held Oct. 25 at Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake. For more information on this training, contact John Coughlan at (816) 587-1695. BALOO Training will also be held at Kelsey Short Youth Camp on Oct. 11, and Webelos Training will be at St. Luke’s Presbyterian on Oct. 18. For information about BALOO or Webelos Training, contact Goose Harg toddlers at (816) 741-3847. For general Training information, call Ron Sanders at (816) 320-2292.

District Annual Business Meeting

The North Star District Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers will take place on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 – 7:30 p.m. at North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

Elections are for District Chairman and District Members-at-Large. Any nominations for these positions must be received by September 14, 2003 and can be mailed to: North Star District Nominating Committee Heart of America Council, BSA 10210 Holmes Road Kansas City, Missouri 64131

School Night Recruiting Preparation

Attention Cub leaders soon it will be time to be planning for your Fall recruiting efforts. The council can provide recruiting flyers, posters, new parent orientation guides, and the services of your district executive to visit schools and talk to the boys. On August 9 at Aldergate United Methodist Church beginning at 10:00 AM the district will hold school night training and we ask that each Pack be represented. It will be time well spent and aid in the growth and development of your Pack.

Adventures of Cubman

Day Camp took place the week of June 16 thru the 20th at Lewis-Yang Park in Louisburg and was a huge success! Nearly 500 Cubs participated in science experiments, nature lessons, leatherwork, fishing, BBs, archery, slingshots, cooking, rope challenges, hiking and more. The boys had a great time and thanks to all of the many folks who made camp possible. This year’s directors, Jeff turner and Traci Symon truly did an outstanding job in making day camp a great week of fun for the boys.

Additional thanks to the City of Louisburg, Louisburg Volunteer Fire Department, Yellow Freight, and all of the staff and walking leaders who gave of their time and talent to make a difference in a boy’s life.

KEEP THIS INFO CLOSE! IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

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Calendar of Events

August

5 Fall Roundup Orientation, 7:30 p.m., Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7601 NW Barry Rd
6 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Happy Rock Park, Gladstone
12 District Committee, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion
12 Fall Roundup Orientation, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion
14 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
19 Fall Roundup Orientation, 7:30 p.m., Liberty United Methodist Church, 1001 Sunset

September

4 District Roundup, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion
10 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable / Youth Protection Training @ Roundtable / Merit Badge Counselor Training @ Roundtable / New Leader Essentials Training @ Roundtable
9 District Committee, 7:30 p.m. North Cross United Church, 1321 NE Vivion
11 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
16 Youth protection Training and Fast Start Training
27 New Leader Essentials Training, 8:00 a.m., Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion

Calendar of Events

August

7 Roundtable, 7:30 PM at Dick’s Sporting Goods in Olathe
9 School Night Recruiting Training, 10:00 AM at Aldergate United Methodist
14 Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MNU Library
19 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church
21 Eagle Board of Review

September

4 Roundtable, 7:30 PM at College Church of the Nazarene
6 Venturing Training, TBA
11 Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 PM at MNU Library
16 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church
18 Eagle Board of Review
20 Cub Leader Training and New Leader Essentials, 8:30 AM at Olathe Christian
Day Camp

This year’s Day Camp was a great success, as always Carol Brooks and her Staff put on a fine camp. Although there was a little rain on the 1st day, the ski cleared and the remaining days were beautiful. Sadly this was Carol’s last year as director, but no doubt, Carol will still be around to help out. Thanks to Bob and Staci for sharing her with us so long!

Fall Camporee

“Medieval Scouting” is the theme for the Big Muddy District Fall Camporee. The Camporee is being hosted by the District Committee and will be held in Cordova at the City Lake. Many fun and exciting activities have been planned but there are some things that each unit needs to do to participate:

- Build a catapult capable of throwing a medium sized watermelon. (This will take some time to find and cut the right sized tree limbs and to lash it all together so start now!)
- Each unit will have to create one suit of armor that someone will have to wear.
- The suit of armor will be tested for strength.

More details will be forthcoming at the August and September Roundtables so make sure to attend!!

Fall Round-Up

It’s that time of the year again; time for fall recruiting. Last year between the months of August and October Cub Scout Membership increased over 40%! A great increase but we can do even better! Contact your District Executive, Grant Dealy at 816-942-9333 to set up your school night and don’t forget to attend school night Training in August.

Pack 415 of Higginsville had a strong showing this year.

Pack 440 & 318 of Lexington pose for a quick picture in front of their Den flag.

Tom Volek Receives Tribal Elevation

Tom Volek, assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 55 chartered to Westside Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, has been elected to the responsibilities of Keeper of the Wampum in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Mic-O-Say is an honor camping program of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Keeper of the Wampum is the third of six levels of responsibility for adult volunteers in the program. Volek is the only second Scout leader from the Lawrence area to be selected for this recognition. The elevation ceremony was performed at camp on Saturday June 14.

Volek is serving this year as director of Camp Lake Star, one of three camps on the Bartle reservation. He has served two prior terms as camp director and two years as director of the Rotary Camp program. Volek needs Scouts. Volek also served on the camp staff as a youth.

3003 John Hall Boy Scout Classic Golf Tournament

Monday, August 18th, 2003
Lawrence Country Club

Please consider sponsoring and/or attending this Lawrence tradition. Proceeds support the Scouting experiences for many fine young men in Lawrence and Douglas County. See you Monday, August 18th at LCC!

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Quail Run Scouts Perform Community Service


Pelathe Welcomes New District Commissioner

Many exciting opportunities are available at the Pelathe District. Staff. Part of that excitement has been due to service of our new District Commissioner. Jim Peterson who assumed his responsibilities earlier this year has been working hard at getting up to speed on Commissioner responsibilities as well as working with current Commissioners and recruiting new ones. Great Job Jim and Team!

For information on Commissioners Service or write Jim Peterson at 785-841-2044 or jpeterson@ks.edu.
In May of this year, Troop 83 of the Trails West District, chartered by the Westside Church of the Nazarene, participated in a project for America's soldiers who were deployed overseas. The purpose of this project was to lift the spirits of the soldiers.

The project entailed creating Pocket Flags. Each pocket flag was made of a mini American Flag. It was folded in the proper décor and placed in a bag with a card addressed to each specific soldier and signed by a Scout. These flags were then sent overseas to the individual soldiers.

This is a copy of a letter thanking the Scouts and the Heart of America Council for our support.

Dear Boy Scouts,

"My name is 1LT JJ Simonsen and I am currently deployed to Iraq. I am part of 1-67 Armor Regiment, Task Force Ironhouse, 4th Infantry Division. A couple of days ago, I received an envelope filled with mini American Flags (folded according to proper decor) for my entire tank platoon worth of personnel. I quickly handed them out to all my troopers, as they were individually marked with each of my soldier's name. I wanted to send my deepest gratitude to Troop 83 for their kind gesture of patriotism and support. It brought smiles to all my soldier's faces. It does their hearts well to know that America supports us in our operations overseas. Especially coming from young men very prone to filling their shoes in uniform someday.

I, myself, am an Eagle Scout of Heart of America Council, BSA, Troop 366, Fort Leavenworth, KS (October '92). Not only do I owe Troop 83 thanks for lifting of my trooper's spirits, but also our entire Council for molding me into the leader I am today. Many times we overlook the importance of leadership development in young men's lives. The many summer camp Jayhawk, Klondike Derbies, Philmont Tours, and Exploration Camporees prepared me for what has been requested of me over the past two months of deployment. I guess what I am trying to say is Thank You and continue the great job!"

Sincerely,

JJ Simonsen
1-LT, Armor, 4ID