Jim Terry selected for role at the National Office, Boy Scouts of America

Scout Executive Jim Terry has been selected by the Chief Scout Executive to become the National Director of a newly organized Administration Group at the National Council, Boy Scouts of America in Irving Texas beginning April 18.

In his new position, Jim will provide leadership to the following divisions and services at the National Council: Information Systems, Properties, Treasury, Custom Communications, and Magazine. He will guide these important national functions to operate effectively and against well defined operational performance objectives. In addition, his experience and know-how will contribute to the areas of policy, planning, organizational development, capital and financial management, and general administration to ensure that these key infrastructure capabilities aggressively support the objectives of the Boy Scout movement. Jim will also serve as the executive adviser to the Administration Group Committee.

Jim's tenure in the Heart of America Council has seen the launching of the $17 million "Keeping Our Promise" Capital Campaign that has made, and will continue to make, incredible differences in the Council's camping facilities for Scouts and their families. Additionally, the Council has been recognized nationally for the "Den Leader's First Month" kit to help new Den Leaders succeed and the Council has received national awards for its website, Annual Reports and the publication "Profiles of Scouting." Through Jim's leadership and the dedication of thousands of volunteers, the Council has continued to lead the country in the number of Scouts attending camp and saw the creation of Bear Camp to meet the needs of Cub Scouts and leaders.

Jim began his Scouting career in 1969 as a District Executive in Charlotte, NC, and later served there as Exploring Executive and Exploring Director. In 1976, Jim was promoted to Scout Executive in High Point, NC, and later served three other councils - Columbus, Georgia; Richmond, Virginia; and Jacksonville, Florida. In 1994, Jim was promoted to Assistant Regional Director/Operations in the Western Region, and came to the Heart of America in September of 1999. Since then we have all watched as he has contributed significantly to the ongoing success of our council.

All of the members of the Heart of America Council offer their heartfelt gratitude and most sincere best wishes for continued success to our very good friends in Scouting, Jim and Anne Terry.
### Contacting the Heart of America Council

For your convenience, below is a list of direct dial numbers for key individuals and services at the Council Service Center. Note that we have added new fax lines specifically for Tour Permits and Program Services.

#### Council Service Center
Support Functions Direct Dial # (816)
Kansas City Scout Shop 942-7757
Fax: 942-8337
Program Department
Fax: (New!) 569-4981
Bartle Boy Scout Camp
(David Allen) 569-4937
(Candi Brown) 569-4930
Naish Boy Scout Camp
(Jonathan Bonness) 569-4955
(Candi Brown) 569-4930
Webelos Camp
(Jonathan Bonness) 569-4955
(Maria Kelly) 569-4928
Bear Camp
(Jonathan Bonness) 569-4955
(Maria Kelly) 569-4928
Day Camp
(Britt Davis) 569-4924
(Laura Bargerter) 569-4963
Venture Summer Blast
(David Allen) 569-4937
(Candi Brown) 569-4930
Order of the Arrow
(Jonathan Bonness) 569-4955
(Maria Kelly) 569-4928
Tribe of Mic-O-Say
(David Allen) 569-4937
(Candi Brown) 569-4930
Merit Badge Counselors
(Britt Davis) 569-4924
(Laura Bargerter) 569-4963
Eagle Scout Application Processing
(Britt Davis) 569-4924
(Laura Bargerter) 569-4963
Tour Permits
(Delberta Sprague) 569-4939
Fax: (New!) 569-4975
Registration
(Liz Honeycutt) 569-4934
Insurance & Risk Management
(Christina Crandall) 569-4922
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Osi Sansom 569-4916
Field Service
Director of Field Service
Brick Huffman 569-4926
Assistant Director of Field Service
Erik Dickinson 569-4950
Assistant Director of Field Service
Jason Noland 569-4948
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Senior District Executive
Grant Dealy 569-4956
Blue Elk District
District Director
Steve Roberts 569-4951
Senior District Executive
Ross Pfannenstiel 569-4964
District Executive
Joseph Myers 569-4983
Exploring/LFL District
District Director
Lisa Hayes 569-4972
Senior Exploring Executive
Adam Berthot 569-4970
Kaw District
District Director
Charles Vonderheid 569-4949
Senior District Executive
Dusty Boatright 569-4967
District Executive
Khary Floyd 569-4965
Lone Bear District
District Executive
Phillip Brockland 569-4984
North Star District
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Jason Scott 569-4969
Senior District Executive
Matt Specht 569-4966
District Executive
Jonathan Geiger 569-4932
Northern Tier District
District Executive
Cortland Bolles 569-4918
Pelathe District
District Executive
Frank McClelland 569-4991
Pioneer Trails District
District Director
Matt Getsys 569-4971
District Executive
Jeffrey Terrell 569-4947
Senior District Executive
Brian Tobler 569-4985
Red-Tailed Hawk District
Senior District Executive
Jason Ballew 569-4982
Thunderbird District
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Roger Hoyt 569-4946
Senior District Executive
David Riker 569-4974
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Jacob Allen 569-4962
Trailhead District
District Executive
Rob Gilkerson 569-4978
Trails West District
District Director
Alan Sanders 569-4958
Twin Rivers District
District Executive
Landon Behrens 569-4941
Finance and Marketing
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Finance Director
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Support Services
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Support Services Secretary
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Senior Camp Ranger
John Christiansen 417-646-8115
Naish Scout Reservation
Fax 913-441-0920
Program Director-Naish Scout Reservation
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Support Services Secretary
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Senior Camp Ranger
Rick Ledgerwood 913-422-1035
Training/Advancement
Training Director
J. Britt Davis 569-4924
Support Services Secretary
Laura Bargerter 569-4963
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Office Manager
Kathy Tirrell 569-4959
Controller
Chris Wolfe 569-4913
Secretary to the Controller
Christina Crandall 569-4922
General Phone Number: 942-9333
Automated Assistant 569-4999
General Delivery Fax 942-8686
### Scouting Commissioners Go to College

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 12, 2005 - The Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America Commissioner's College was held at Fort Leavenworth on Saturday, March 12, 2005. The event was attended by 275 commissioners from all over the greater Kansas City area, and some from as far away as Minnesota and Louisiana. Commissioners are volunteers who help units operate successfully. They are there to offer help or give advice when needed, especially when tough situations arise. The purpose of the event was to support and educate the Commissioners and help those who serve as a liaison between the Scouters and the District Committee. The guest speaker for the event was Al Westberg, National Director of the Cub Scout Division of the National Council, BSA.

The Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, is the largest youth-serving agency in Kansas or Missouri. The Council serves more than 56,190 youth in 13 counties. The Council is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. The Boy Scouts of America has a proud tradition of preparing young people for leadership with character building programs that instill timeless values. These programs include Cub Scouts (1st-5th grade), Boy Scout (6th-12th grade), Varsity Scouting (young men ages 14-17), Venturing (co-ed, young adults ages 14-21), Learning for Life (grades K-12), Exploring (co-ed, young adults ages 14-21), and Scouting Reach (boys 1st-12th grade).

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A CUB CAMPING MESSAGE FROM CUBBY

An 8 year old boy

HEY Cub Scout Leaders! My name is Cubby - I wanted to send you a reminder about all the fun we can have together this summer! We can go Pack & Family camping and there's the District and Council Camping too! There's Day Camp, and Bear Residence Camp, and Webelos Residence Camp! I've learned in school about how we should always ask the three W's - When, Where & Why. WELL, I can tell you all about the Why! Because kids just like me love to be outdoors!! We don't like being in a stuffy old building, we do that all the time in school! As for the When and Where! I know you can check in your Districts section for that. OR better yet - I saw that the Council Service Center mailed a Cub Scout Summer Camp 2005 Program to all Cub Scout units, I know cuz I saw my parents reading one and they are REALLY involved in my Pack. I sure hope you are already working on arrangements to keep the outing in Scouting for me and all my buddies. Next month I'm going to tell you about all the really cool changes that have been going on at Cub World. Hey did you know our Packs can camp there too!!

2005 Venturing Spring Canoe Trip—April 15-17, 2005

What is it? The Heart of America Council, Venturing Officers Association, is sponsoring a weekend Canoe Trip in southern Missouri. We will canoe 13 miles on the North Fork River. Meals will be provided for Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Each crew should provide own tents for camping.

When? Friday, April 15 until Sunday April 17.

Where? The event will be held on the North Fork River, near Dora, Missouri. Meet at North Fork Outfitters, Junction of Hwy 181 and CC West, Dora, MO 65637.

Cost? $65 per person (including adults).

More Info? Matt Specht at 816-569-4966 or mspecht@bsamail.org — John Forsyth at 913-341-5061 or jhforsyth@swbell.net

Lincoln Had More to Say than Words Alone

Every school child knows the words, “Four score and seven years ago today?” Many even know the words are those of Abraham Lincoln. But few know he spoke these words in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania just a few months after one of the bloodiest battles in American history. Those who know the text of the speech or the circumstances of its delivery still only know half the story.

What most people do not know is when Lincoln gave his speech; many deemed it trite and forgettable. Only a handful of people believed Lincoln had said anything of value. However, that day Lincoln was only one of several speakers at the cemetery. He was not even considered the primary speaker. Lincoln’s 272 words received only a fraction of the attention that the other speakers did. History would ultimately reveal whose words really mattered. Today, Lincoln’s speech is not only praised for its historical and patriotic greatness but also a brilliant example of speechwriting and spiritual significance.

Today we can be a lot like the great President Lincoln. Sometimes, we may be led to believe the world will little note or soon forget what we might do. While that can be the case, it need not be. With a few simple movements of a pen we can leave the same kind of lasting impact that Lincoln envisioned for the heroes at Gettysburg.

We invite you to leave a Lincoln-like legacy. You can do so by simply including our mission and cause in your will. Like that President, your will and your words don’t have to be complicated, just sincere and straight-forward. We can help you and your attorney draft just the right language to ensure that future generations will benefit from your foresight and generosity.

As we celebrate the birth of President Lincoln, we might do well to consider how we can follow his lead.

Please contact Mike Johnson, Director of Finance Services for more information on planned giving opportunities at (816) 569-4979 or mijohnso@bsamail.org.

SEA BASE OPENINGS

Troop 1032 has 3 openings (1 adult, 2 scouts) for Florida Sea Base, July 17-24. DISCOUNTED PRICE! If interested, please contact Dan Barnes (816) 331-2444 or Laura Crotty (816) 853-2544.
Scouting License Plates Available For Missouri Residents

Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow license plates are now available for Missouri residents!

Eagle Scout license plates are available to Eagle Scouts and families of Eagle Scouts.

Order of the Arrow license plates are available to current members of the Order of the Arrow and their families.

To secure your Eagle Scout or Order of the Arrow license plate, you must make a contribution of at least $25 to the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America* and submit an “Official Emblem Use Statement”.

Upon receipt of your contribution and your form, the Council will then endorse your form, and off you will go to a local license bureau. A $15 fee, as well as any applicable fees for your vehicle plate renewal will then be assessed by the state or its agent.

Support is needed to secure 200 applications for a Tribe of Mic-O-Say license plate.

Please note the following special process:

Similar to the Order of the Arrow and Eagle Scout license plate program, a contribution of at least $25 must be made to the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America* with an “Official Emblem Use Statement”.

Since the Tribe of Mic-O-Say plates are not yet in production, the State has required the Council to collect from you:

✓ Your contribution of at least $25*
✓ Your Completed “Official Emblem Use Statement”
✓ A completed Missouri Form 1716 (available at the Council Service Center)
✓ The appropriate fee required by the State of Missouri for Form 1716. ($15 for one year / $30 for two years)

By August 1, 2005, the Council must receive at least 200 applications (along with the appropriate payments) in order to make the Mic-O-Say license plate available. If 200 applications are not received by August 1st any person making a payment will have their payment returned.

Because of the time it will take for the State of Missouri to approve the application for a Mic-O-Say license plate, anyone needing a plate renewal before October 2005 should not plan on receiving a Mic-O-Say plate in time for your renewal.

To secure a State of Missouri Form 1716, submit your completed “Official Emblem Use Statement” and make payment of the appropriate contribution and fees, please contact Josi Sansom at the Council Service Center (816) 569-4916. Missouri Form 1716 can not be emailed, as the State requires an original multi-part form.

*Net proceeds of these contributions will be placed in the Council’s Campership Trust.

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March is National Nutrition Month

You know that good nutrition helps yo feel your best physically. But did you know that healthy eating is crucial to your mental health as well? Feeding your brain with the right foods can help you think more clearly, stay alert, and improve your concentration and attention span.

Here are some tips for a healthier, happier diet:

- Feel good with fat. Fats found in fish, nuts, and vegetable oils prompt the body to release endorphins—pain-fighting neurotransmitters and create strong feeling of euphoria.
- Stay sharp with protein. Meat, egg, tofu, and other proteins give you a boost in mental energy.
- Relieve stress with complex carbohydrates. Whole grains, pastas, fruits, and starchy vegetables can lead to an increase in serotonin, which helps you feel more calm and relaxed.
- Preserve your memory with fruit. Among many other nutrients, fresh fruit and vegetables contain vitamin C, proven effective against memory loss.
- This month, try to make a point of recognizing what and when you eat, then use the resources listed below to find out if you are getting the right nutrients to help you feel your best.

Check out [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org) for healthy lifestyle tips and nutrition fact sheets; [www.nutrition.gov](http://www.nutrition.gov) for the 2005 Dietary Guidelines; and [www.prevention.com](http://www.prevention.com) for tips on mood-boosting foods (enter the search phrase “mood and food”). You can also go to [www.liveandworkwell.com](http://www.liveandworkwell.com), select the “Use a Tool” section, and then “Nutrition and Health.”

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**Scout Night with the T-Bones**

**Vs. St. Paul Saints**

7:05 pm Game Time, Saturday, June 4, 2005

CommunityAmerica Ballpark, 110th and State Avenue

Exit I-435 in either direction.

Exit West to State Avenue to 110th.

On this special night, you and your Scouts will receive reduced admission to the game! The T-Bones are also sponsoring an exclusive overnight experience for your Scouts. Their “Outfield Campout” package includes the following:

- Admission to the game
- Two movies on the Big Screen!
- Late night concession stand
- Breakfast on Sunday
- Event Patch
- Meet “Sizzle the Bull,” T-Bones Mascot

To participate in this exciting event, please complete the registration form below and return it to the address below by May 20th. For more information, contact Brandon Smith at 913-328-5623.

Please mail order and payment to:

KC T-Bones, 1800 Village West Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66111

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Cub Scout Wins at State Fair

Webelos Scout Eric Gordon of Pack 3449, chartered to Lakewood Elementary in Shawnee Mission, KS, received 5 blue ribbons for 1st place and 8 red ribbons for 2nd place in the Kansas State Fair. This was out of 32 projects Eric entered including painted glass, leatherwork, Indian weaving, rockets, soap box derby and rockbox collection.

This is the third year Eric has participated in the Kansas State Fair in the Cub Scout competition. In 2003, he was recognized with a Sweepstakes award for the most points in his class as a Bear Scout. The Kansas State Fair is a family event for the Gordons. Karla, Eric’s mom, was in 4-H and fondly remembers attending the fair as a youth. Kirsty, Eric’s six year old sister, is a Girl Scout and entered four projects at this year’s fair, each of which won a blue ribbon. “Statistically, Kirsty is batting 1000 because she received blue ribbons for every entry. So these is a little good-natured sibling rivalry in the house”, said Scott Gordon, who is the Pack’s Committee Chair.

Eric’s pack is very active and just finished their “October Skies” program where Scouts build model rockets. They also watch the movie that depicted boys in a coal mining town that transformed their love of model rocketry into careers as engineers and astronauts.

As a Cub Scout, he has also visited Midwest Aquatics to earn his Aquanaut Badge and learn about Scuba diving. He also enjoyed earning the marble belt loop and pin.

When asked what he liked most about Cub Scouting, he enthusiastically replied “I like all of it!”

Congratulations to Eric and watch for his continued success when you visit the Kansas State Fair in 2005!

Good Turn for America

Good Turn for America is a nationwide effort to highlight the positive impact Scouting has on the community through numerous service projects conducted each year.

This program provides a data collection site as part of the National BSA ScoutNet database where units can document their service projects, the number of hours provided and how they benefited others. You can learn more at www.goodturnforamerica.org.

Note that your unit will need a unit Good Turn for America ID # (available at the Council Service Center or through Nikki Kendrick at (816) 569-4925 or nkendrick@bsamail.org).

It is important to note that this is a year round opportunity for service and recognition. Your Pack, Troop, or Crew can long on and report your service project(s) at anytime and print a certificate to recognize your efforts.

Examples of projects include:
- Park clean-up
- Canned food collection
- Help at your church, school, or chartered organization
- Eagle Scout projects
- Stream clean-up

Currently the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, which provides free housing for cancer patients receiving treatment in Kansas City, is in need of support and help. They are looking for everything from help during work days in April and May, and have a ‘wish list’ including household items, guest amenities and kitchen items. To find out more contact Nichole Duval at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge at (816)842-6427.

National Tour Permits

Spring is coming, which means it is time for tours. Although it is required for applications to be mailed to the regional office at least 30 days in advance for the tour, volunteers could save a lot of frustration by applying at the time they are planning their trip. The regional office is please to accept applications up to 12 months prior to the tour. This is just a reminder of some of the important information to be aware of when filling out a National Tour Permit application:

1. Make sure all needed information is provided on the National Tour Permit application: the tour leader’s name, type of unit, unit number, round trip mileage (even if you are going by public transportation), dates of the trip, starting point and destination of the trip, the number of youth and adults going, the itinerary, type of transportation planned, the amount of insurance carried if traveling by private vehicles, address and phone number of the tour leader, signature on Guide to Safe Scouting, and 8e or 8f must be marked.

2. There must be at least two (2) adult leaders going on every trip. One of these leaders must be at least 21 years of age. In addition, there must be one adult leader for every 10 youth. If female youth are attending, there must be one adult female for every 10 youth female.

3. Insurance requirements are listed on the tour permit application. You must know how many are traveling in each vehicle so that you can review the insurance requirements. This applies only to private or rented vehicles. Commercial vehicles are not required to list their insurance.

4. If the tour consists of a Troop, Pack, Explorer post, Venturing crew, etc. the application must have three signatures (Scout executive, Tour Leader, and the Chairman of committee). It the tour is a council contingent, the application is required to have only two signatures (the Scout Executive and the Tour Leader).

5. A National Tour Permit is required for all groups traveling to areas 500 miles or more one way (1,000 miles or more total), or crossing national boundaries into the territory of other nations (including Canada).

6. Tour permits are processed in the order in which they are received. Faxing or priority mailing will not expedite your tour permit. Plan ahead and mail your tour permit early!

If all of the above requirements are not met, the application will be returned to the local council for corrections, which could result in delays in obtaining the tour permit approval in time.
Tamegonit Lodge
INDUCTION WEEKEND 2005

WHEN?
April 29 - May 1, May 20 - 22, OR
August 26 - 28, 2005
Check-In time starts at 4:00 pm

You need to check in as soon as you arrive, to find out where you will be camping and other important information.
OA Members, don’t forget to bring your health form.
All Troop members are welcome to attend. Two-deep leadership required.
NOTE: April 29 - May 1 Induction will be held at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. All other inductions during 2005 will be held at the Theodore Nash Scout Reservation.

HOW TO REGISTER?
Complete the registration form distributed at district roundtables or available for download from the council’s website and send to: Camping Services at the Heart of America Council along with payment, payable to the Heart of America Council, by the appropriate deadline for the weekend. Be sure to fill out the back portion if there are any special needs that require attention including special meal requests.
Registration Deadline for Induction Weekend #1
April 22, 2005
Registration Deadline for Induction Weekend #2
May 13, 2005
Registration Deadline for Fall Induction Weekend
August 19, 2005

ALL ATTENDEES MUST PRE-REGISTER SPACE IS LIMITED. Please, no troop trailers or dining shelters. Campsite cooking is not allowed.

OA Weekend Information
FOR ORDEAL AND BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES

What to Expect:
After you are called out for induction, you will be given directions and asked to gather your overnight articles. Bring a backpack with those items you need for the overnight. You will be led to an area to spend the night out. In case of inclement weather, you will be placed in an area that is as dry as possible. You will then spend the next day in self-evaluation and unselfish service. Ceremonies will take place on Saturday evening. Brotherhood Candidates should be sure to study and learn the Brotherhood Membership Requirements as found in the National or Lodge handbook before arriving at camp. After ceremonies, all Arrowmen are invited to a fellowship Cracker barrel. Afterwards, you may elect to go home or spend the night. For the safety of our valued Scouts and Scouters, all gates are locked at 10:30 PM.

Persons with special needs (medical and/or dietary) should complete a SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST FORM and submit with the registration form.

In addition to your normal camping gear, Ordeal Candidates should also bring the following:
1. Plastic ground cloth
2. Sleeping bag
3. Scout uniform
4. Work clothes and gloves
5. Backpack
6. Flashlight (optional)
7. Medication (if needed)
8. Poncho
9. Canteen
10. Bug repellent

Ordeal Candidates will receive the following:
1. Your Current Year’s Dues
3. Tamegonit Lodge Handbook
4. Order of the Arrow Ordeal Sash
5. Order of the Arrow Lodge Pocket Flap
6. Order of the Arrow Coup Thong
7. Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Cracker Barrel
8. Sunday Breakfast

Brotherhood Candidates will receive the following:
1. Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Sash
2. Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Cracker Barrel
3. Sunday Breakfast

Please note that dues for Brotherhood Candidates are not included in the activity fee.

Arrowmen and Non-OA Troop members will receive the following:
1. Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Cracker Barrel
2. Sunday Breakfast

ALL ATTENDEES MUST PRE-REGISTER SPACE IS LIMITED. Please, no troop trailers or dining shelters. Campsite cooking is not allowed.

Philmont Council Contingent Draw for 2006

The mission of the Council’s Philmont Contingent is to give individuals the opportunity to attend Philmont in a trained crew with qualified and trained leadership. In order to preserve this mission there will be a council-wide registration and draw for the 2006 contingent on May 18, 2005 at the Council Service Center at 7:00 PM.

Each participant entered in the draw must be represented by a completed application and be ready to present a non-refundable deposit of $75.00 the night of the draw. Applications for the Philmont Council Contingent are available March Roundtables, in the Resource Center and on the council website (www.hoac-bsa.org).

Brownsea 22 Training

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

Brownsea starts on June 12, 2005 and ends on June 17, 2005 and will be held at the Theodore Nash Scout Reservation. It’s purpose is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at it’s best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course, to have fun!!

Registration forms can be found on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org or visit the Council’s Resource Center.
Troop 163 Earns Hornaday Award

The William T. Hornaday Award for Distinguished Service in Conservation was developed in 1914 to "encourage and recognize scouts and units who design, lead and carry out conservation projects." The goals of a worthy project are to: provide the applicant an opportunity to learn the importance of conservation; publicize conservation to the community; encourage leadership, teamwork, and the participation of others, and for each applicant to do his best to make a contribution to the improvement or better management of natural resources. The Hornaday Award is available in various forms ranging from the badge and the unit award presented by the council to an unlimited number of scouts and units; to the bronze, silver and ultimately gold medal presented annually by the BSA to not more than six individuals.

Scoutreach Troop 163, the P.R.I.D.E. of Leavenworth, received a Hornaday Unit Award for Resource Recovery and Pollution Control on the property of their sponsoring organization, Valley View Apartments. Epitomizing their motto: Professional Results In Daily Efforts, the Lion Patrol exceeded its goal of 24 hours of service per member over more than a dozen weekends while improving their community, working as a team, applying basic scout-craft skills, and setting an example for other residents. As a result of their efforts, the troop returned several serviceable shopping carts to a local store; recycled plastic, glass, metal and paper; and doubled the registered size of the unit with curious youth.

Within the Heart of America Council the application process is similar to that for an Eagle Project. For more information go to http://www.scouting.org/awards/hornaday/earn.html.

Wood Badge Training

Wood Badge training is an experience like no other!

Participants take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors with their patrol. Participants learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to its maximum potential. This training experience is open to all adult Scouter’s registered in the Boy Scouts of America. The course will be held on two weekends (September 16 to 18, 2005 and October 7 to 9, 2005) at the Rotary Youth Camp. Registration forms and additional information are available at your district roundtable and the Council Service Center. The course is almost half full.

You are not required to have camping or Scout Craft skills in order to enjoy this ultimate training experience; however you need to be trained in your current registered position. The objective of the course is to help you learn to be a more effective leader. You will experience a professional environment with knowledgeable and skilled trainers using the most modern and effective training techniques and materials.

The fee for the course is $200.00 (including non-refundable deposit of $50.00) and includes all meals and training material.

Final Camp Fee Payment Dates

Bear Resident Camp – Registration and Payment – April 18-20, 2005
Boy Scout Camp – Wednesday, April 27, 2005
Webelos Resident Camp – Wednesday, May 4, 2005
Venturer Camp – Wednesday, May 4, 2005
Day Camp ($54.00/Scout) – Wednesday, May 11, 2005
Rotary Scout Camp – Wednesday, May 18, 2005

All payments should be made payable to: HOAC, BSA
PO Box 414177
Kansas City MO 64141-4177

Rotary Scout Camp

Rotary Scout Camp is the HOAC long term resident camp for Scouts with special needs. This camp is held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility which is located in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Rotary Scout Camp starts on June 27, 2005 and ends on July 1, 2005. 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. Applications for participation are available at the Council Service Center, district roundtables and on the website under Camping.

This year’s staff is working toward an exciting theme for the Scouts. For more information contact Brian Tobler at the Council Service Center or btobler@bsamail.org.

Bear Resident Camp

Bear Camp is designed for Scouts entering the 3rd Grade in the fall. New this year, instead of a camp draw, you can register for camp online from April 18th - April 20th at www.hoac-bsa.org. This will be on a first come – first serve basis until each session reaches its capacity of 224 participants. There will be room for everyone to attend camp.

If you have questions contact Jonathan Bonness at 816-569-4955 or jbonness@bsamail.org.

Bear Camp Leader Meetings will be held during June at Camp Naish. Dates will be finalized in the near future. Visit the council’s website for the latest information and a list of the Bear Resident Camp dates.

Webelos Resident Camp

There is space available in Session 1 (July 7, 9, 11, 2005) for your pack to attend camp this summer. The deposit of $30.00 per Scout and full time leader is due at the time you make the reservation. The balance of the camp fee ($60.00) is due by May 4, 2005.

Leader Orientation meetings are scheduled for April 27th and May 5th at the Council Service Center. Plan to attend one of these meetings to receive the latest camp updates. Both meetings will start at 7:00 PM.

Cub Scout Day Camp

The HOAC Cub Scout Day Camp Committees are busy preparing activities for the Cub Scouts of the Heart of America Council for this summer. One of the things they will need to know is how many Cub Scouts are planning to attend Day Camp. You can help by making sure your Pack is pre-registered for Day Camp. Ask the Day Camp Coordinator in your pack to send in the Pack’s registration information and deposits. Registration information and deposits should be mailed to the Council Service Center.

If you have questions regarding Cub Scout Day Camp for your district, call the Council Service Center and ask to speak to your District Executive.

National Scout Jamboree

There are positions available for your son to attend the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. The cost for this once in a lifetime experience is $1,600.00. The council contingent will depart Kansas City on July 23, 2005 and tour Washington, DC for three days then travel to the National Scout Jamboree. Scouts will return to Kansas City on August 3, 2005. Applications are available for download at www.hoac-bsa.org.
Spring Recruiting

All Packs and Troops should be preparing for their Spring Recruitment. Everyone will need to make sure dates are set and facilities are reserved. Please contact your District Executive if you need to order Fliers for recruitment. The sooner these things are completed and organized, the better chance we will have at getting larger numbers of youth to the Recruitment nights. Please contact your District Executive listed below with a Spring Recruitment date.

Recruitment dates are set and most of the locations have been secured. Training is an essential part of a unit’s success. The more leaders that become trained in their current position the better the quality of the program will become. Be sure to look for registration forms at roundtable as well as on the council website for the upcoming trainings at www.hoac-bsa.org.

If you have questions, contact David Riker at the council service center at 816-569-4974.

Good Turn for America

Please read the information contained in this addition of AIS to learn more about the Good Turn for America Program, then drop by the Good Turn for America table at the May Roundtable to update your unit information and get your unit password. Thunderbird District wants to lead the Council in the number of service hours tracked and tracked on the Good Turn for America Website. Contact your district executive should you have any questions.

Thunderbird Program Planning Fair

We will use the same format as last year for the Thunderbird June Program Planning Fair. The district will host a picnic with a donation going to pay for food and supplies. Please save June 7th on your calendar and stay tuned for upcoming details at the May Roundtable.

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting Campaign is under way and presentations are wrapping up. Phone calls will be made to all leaders in units that have not had a presentation. This way all parents will have gotten a chance to contribute to the campaign. The Thunderbird District announced they had currently reached 75% of their goal for the Community Campaign and 70% for the Family Campaign. Let’s keep things rolling and reach our goal of $193,000.

Day Camp

Day camp is coming around the corner soon. The dates are June 20-24. We are planning on being out at James A Reed Wildlife Area again this year. The cost is $45 until May 15th, and then it becomes $60. The theme for this year is “Diamonds in the Rough.” Fun and adventure will be had by everyone that attends. If you have questions regarding day camp you may contact David Riker at the council service center at 816-569-4974.

2005 Thunderbird District Committee Chairs

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Thunderbird Events

April

2 Scoutmaster and Assistant SM Specific Training, 8:00am - 5:00pm, Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 East 117th Street, Kansas City, MO

5 District Roundtable 7:30 pm Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO.

5 Youth Protection Training - 7pm, Merit Badge Counselor Orientation & O.A. Chpt. Mtg. 7:30pm.

5 New Leader Essentials, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Hickman Mills H.S.

6 Troop Committee Challenge, 6:30pm - 10:00pm, Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 East 117th Street

9 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), 8:30am - 5:00pm, Ridgeview Christian Church, Sni-A-Bar Road, Kansas City, MO, 8640

12 District Commissioner Meeting, Council Service Center - 7pm

12 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills: Session 1: Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 East 117th Street, Kansas City, MO

14 District Committee Meeting, Council Service Center - 7pm

23-24 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills: Session 2: 8:00am - 1:00pm, Troop 300 Scout Cabin, Pleasant Hill, MO

28 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, 6:00pm St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 NE Chipman Road, Lee’s Summit, MO

30 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, 9:30am - Noon, Sunday, May 1st, Troop 300 Scout Cabin, Pleasant Hill, MO

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3 District Roundtable 7:30 pm Hickman Mills High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO.

3 Youth Protection Training - 7pm, Merit Badge Counselor Orientation & O.A. Chapter 5 Mtg. 7:30pm.

7 Venturing Leader Training— 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

7 Location TBD

10 District Commissioner Meeting, Council Service Center - 7 p.m.

12 District Committee Meeting, Council Service Center - 7 p.m.
Congratulations Commissioner
College Graduates!
The Following people attended The Heart of America Council Commissioner College on March 12, 2005 at Fort Leavenworth. They spent their day attending classes on how to better serve the district as commissioners. We commend them for their time and efforts.

Peter Blaszczyk  Associate of Camp Commissioner Service
Steve Foote  Associate of Camp Commissioner Service
Tammy Kjos  Bachelor in Roundtable Service / Cub Scouts
April Hale  Masters in Commissioners Service
Judy Molt  Masters in Commissioners Service
Ed Molt  Masters in Commissioners Service
Kevin Nelson  Masters in Commissioners Service
Steve Higgins  Doctoral in Commissioner’s Service

Cub Scout Day Camp
Diamonds in the Rough!
The 2005 Day Camp will be held with the theme of Diamonds in the Rough! All Cub Scouts from new Tigers to 2nd Year Webeloes are encouraged to attend. We will be having a blast with Archery, BB guns, swimming, field sports, crafts and special guests.

Cub Scout Day Camp will be held from June 27-30 at Artesian Park in Clinton MO. Registration for this event is now being accepted at the Council Service Center. May 11th is the deadline for the early bird registration fee of $45.00. Registration for camp after the deadline will cost $60.00. Packs should note that two walking leaders are required each day of camp. The walking leader training will take place at the June Roundtable at the Clinton Scout Center.

If you are interested in lending a hand with staffing this event please contact Phillip Brockland @ 800-776-1110. We can always use more help and new talents. Be sure to Sign Up, It’s Going to Be Great!!!

Roundtable
Roundtable meetings are held at the Clinton Scout Center, on the first Tuesday of every month. Roundtable meetings are a gathering of Scouters from the Lone Bear District held once a month. These meetings are an important way for leaders to gather and learn from each other. This is also an opportunity for you to get information on variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout Leaders and Cub Scout Leaders. We always have a good time and it would benefit your unit to have at least one adult leader present. All leaders are encouraged to join us to learn more about serving today’s youth. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information. For more information please call Phillip Brockland @ 800-776-1110.

What Have Your Scouts Done?
The District Committee and all of the Lone Bear District wants to know what your unit has been up to. We know you all are involved in exciting activities and are having lots of fun. Please send your monthly highlights and photos to Phillip Brockland at pbrockland@bsamail.org. We will be sure to get your unit’s story in this publication!

Spring Camporee!
Spring has officially sprung and the Spring Camporee is right around the corner. The 2005 spring camporee will be a fun filled weekend with plenty of activities planned. The Lone Bear District has been working closely with White Star Air Force Base to make sure this event is the highlight of this year’s district activities. Registration for this event has taken place over the past few weeks. Troops from 4 states, and 8 districts are expected to attend. Planned programs include a live demonstration of Birds of Prey, realistic first aid exercises, a static display of the bases equipment and much more. For more information contact Jerry Post @ 660-747-0600.

We’ll see you there!!!

2005 Friends of Scouting
Our overall goal this year is $34,500; the family goal is $5,500. At the March FOS report meeting our district reported a strong 50% completion of our goal. We are going to be very busy this month working to achieve the Districts goals. This year, we are striving to reach our goals earlier than ever and we need your help. Many units have already have had their presentations conducted with a great deal of success. If your unit has not signed up to have a FOS presentation for your Pack, Troop or Crew, please contact Phillip Brockland or Richard Miller. Once again, your unit will receive free Rank Advancement for the 2005 calendar year when your unit’s goal has been met.

Please remember, the Friends of Scouting Campaign is a key element in the financing of the Heart of America Council and its programs. Let’s make sure that the Lone Bear District completes its campaign on time and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

If you are interested in participating with either the Family or Community FOS Campaign please contact Phillip Brockland @ 800-776-1110 or JC Smith @ 660-885-4684.
This Month in the Eagle Scout Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagles: Alexander Fuller, Team 6648; Kerry Cobb, Troop 123; David Thomas, Troop 98; Cory Martz, Troop 199; Stephen Fowler, Troop 91; Rion Glynn, Troop 199; Daniel Young, Troop 98; Nehemiah Rosell, Troop 93; Andrew Bodensteiner, Troop 93; Josh Parsons, Troop 93; and Jeff Parsons, Troop 93. Congratulations to you and your unit on earning your Eagle Award, and they are very active in helping with the younger scouts in many ways, helping with organization, on camps, and are always ready to serve others.

Recharters

Recharters had to be turned in by March 31st to be considered in “On Time!” Congratulations to the many units who accomplished that task. Since it is part of Quality Unit, you are that much closer to your goal of being a Quality Unit in 2005! If you still have not completed your rechar ter, please contact your Unit Commissioner; Judy Tuck ness, District Commissioner; Cathi Maynard, Membership Chair; or Cort land Bolles, District Executive for help in completing this important process!

Diamonds in the Rough

In honor of the 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUB SCOUTING, Day Camp’s theme this year is Diamonds in the Rough! We are in the home stretch now preparing for the best Day Camp experience your boys can have. Remember, the discounted registration fee of only $45 needs to be in before May 11, 2005! And the sooner the better so we can make sure every boy has the best camp experience he can have. For more information you can contact our District Day Camp Director, Dave Sultz at 913-381-7824 or dsks123@aol.com. Dave and his team are visiting packs to promote camp this year and tell you all about the fun things we are going to have. Schedule your visit soon to get your pack excited about Day Camp this year, June 13-17, 2004. Can’t wait to see you there!

Friends of Scouting 2005 Campaign

We have had great success in our Friends of Scouting Campaign in 2005! Despite getting off to a slow start, we made great progress and stand near the lead to meet our goal this year! If your unit has not had a presentation, you will have one shortly to provide your unit the opportunity to obtain Free Rank Advancement in 2005. Congratulations to those units that have earned Free Rank Advancement for 2005:

- Pack 3252
- Pack 3439
- Pack 3751
- Troop 439
- Team 6439
- Crew 2439

For more information or questions, please contact Steve Brady. 2005 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman, at (913) 362-8441 or cbolles@bsamail.org.
Day Camp 2005

Diamonds in the Rough

Even though Day Camp is a few months away, it is already time to think about the great time your cubs will have when they sign up to go. Pack promotions are going on right now, so call Stacey Howell at (816) 796-3747 to have a team come out to your next meeting. At this training you will receive a packet that contains all other information you need to register for camp along with other important dates and deadlines. Health forms and a complete roster of boys that are attending camp are due by May 11th. Walking Leader Training is taking place on Saturday, June 4th at George Owens Nature Park. Even if you have been through this training before, it is still important that the Day Camp pack coordinator and ALL other walking leaders attend. If you have questions please contact Dan Jackson at 690-5906, Mary Morris at 796-6657 or Joe Myers at 569-4983.

Family Friends of Scouting

We are currently in the middle of the Family Friends of Scouting campaign. Friends of Scouting is very important, without your help a lot of the programs we offer could not be possible. We are currently setting up presentations for units. The presentations take between 5 to 8 minutes and can be done at Blue and Gold Banquets and Court of Honors. All members who are registered in Scouts will receive a FOS brochure by mail, if you have not already given. I encourage everyone to give to the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Every cent stays in the council and is used to deliver a quality program to the youth in our area. If you would like to donate or set up a presentation please contact Joe Myers @ (816) 569-4983 or email Joe at jmyers@bsamail.org.

Remember: EVERY BOY DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

Eagle Boards of Review

Eagle Boards or Review are conducted at monthly Roundtable meetings. Please call Leonard Jones at (816) 228-4690 at least TWO WEEKS before the Roundtable that you wish to have the Eagle Board of Review.

A Good Turn for America

Community Service and doing a Good Turn daily is one of the most basic components of Scouting. Good Turn for America is a national call to service for Scouts, leaders, and the community.

The goals of Good Turn for America are to:

- Inspire Scouts and leaders to higher levels of service and volunteerism.
- Provide experiences to help youth learn citizenship while gaining a sense of belonging and being needed in their community and to tell the story of what scouting is doing in our community and the nation.

Scouting units in the Heart of America Council received user ID codes to record their service project. If you do not have your ID code please contact Ross Pfannenstiel @ (816) 569-4964.

Units are encouraged as part of their quality unit requirements to complete a service project and record it at www.goodturnforamerica.org. This would include service projects in your den, or used for rank advancement i.e. Eagle rank.

Units that record a service project will be recognized at your monthly roundtable meeting. You would also be able to purchase the Good Turn patch, and rock耶 from the Kansas City Scout Shop.

Blue Elk Events

April

7 7:30 Roundtable — Eagle Board of Review / Order of the Arrow / Youth Protection Training — Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Rd., Independence

9 BALOO Training - 8:00 a.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd., Independence

12 New Leader Essentials Training, 7:00 – 9:15 pm, Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 1501 S. Harding St. Oak Grove, MO.

14 Commissioner’s Meeting, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd. Independence

15-16 Outdoor Leader Skills Training, 6:00 p.m. Friday all day Saturday, Location To Be Announced

19 Cub Leader Specific Training, 7:00 – 9:15 pm, Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 1501 S. Harding St. Oak Grove, MO

21 District Committee Meeting, St. Mark’s Catholic Church, 3736 Lee’s Summit Rd., Independence

May

5 7:30 Roundtable — Eagle Board of Review / Merit Badge Counselor Training / Order of the Arrow / Youth Protection Training — Bingham 7th Grade Center, 1716 S. Speck Rd., Independence

7 Cub Olympics, 9:00 am, Bridger 8th Grade Center Athletic Field, 18200 E. M-78 Highway Independence, MO

12 Commissioner’s Meeting, Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church, 19402 E. Holke Rd. Independence

13-14 Webelos Outdoor Training, 6:30 PM Friday – 3:30 PM Saturday, Registration begins at 6:00 PM Friday, All Saints Lutheran Church, 421 SW 19th Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015

19 District Committee meeting, St. Mark’s Catholic Church, 3736 Lee’s Summit Rd, Independence

Blue Elk 2005 District Committee

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| Vice Chair of Operations | Marv Sands | H816-373-1212 |
| Vice Chair of HR | Aaron Guest | B816-201-1038 |
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| NESA | Ross Pfannenstiel | B816-569-4964 |
| Senior District Executive | Joe Myers | (816) 569-4983 |
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Red-Tailed Hawk District

“Diamonds in the Rough”
2005 Cub Day Camp

Day Camp will be the week of June 20th thru the 24th at the old Lake Olathe golf course. Jeff Turner (camp director) and Traci Symon (program director) are preparing diligently to ensure a quality summer program for the Cub Scouts. If you are interested in serving on staff where the “real fun” takes place please contact Jeff Turner at 913 851-0747 or tj0099@kcc.rr.com for further information.

There will be two opportunities for Walking Leader Training on May 19th, 6:30 PM and June 4th at 10:00 AM. Both will be at the old Lake Olathe golf course where camp will take place. We look forward to seeing your Cub Pack at camp and having much fun! Registrations due by May 11th.

Cub Scout Spring Recruitment
Want to get a jump-start on recruitment for your unit? If your pack has a healthy summertime program, spring recruiting may be for you. This is an excellent opportunity to extend the invitation of Cub Scouts to boys who may have been missed last fall. Also current kindergarteners can join Tiger Cubs as of June 1st.

Flyers and posters are available to aid your pack if you are interested. As in the fall your district executive can also schedule visits to speak to the boys at school. For more information or to order flyers please contact Jason Ballew at jballew@bsemail.org or 816 569-4982.

Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader
In order to provide the best possible program to youth an adult leader should be trained. Please take time to become trained in your leadership role and encourage other leaders in your unit to do the same. In the beginning leaders should be taking Fast Start and Youth Protection which should be taking Fast Start and Job Specific Training. Job specific training for Cub and Boy Scout leaders are scheduled this spring in the month of April. Please check the district calendar in this section for further details.

Also remember if you change leadership positions you need to be trained for that new job. You are encouraged to attend the Job Specific “breakout” session for those positions at no cost.

Stay in the Loop of Communication
Are you receiving all of the latest and greatest information regarding the Red-Tailed Hawk district and the Heart of America Council? There are many ways to keep informed and acquire current Scouting information. Please share the below communication avenues with the leaders in your unit.

RTH Email Group: To subscribe email Dave Weerts at bsaeagle75@yahoo.com
RTH District Website: www.eagle-scout.org/RTH
HOAC Website: www.hoac-bsa.org
RTH Roundtable: Generally occurs the 1st Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center.

District Recognition Dinner
The red carpet was rolled out on February 26th at the Stanley Presbyterian Church for the annual district recognition dinner. Over 170 folks were in attendance and enjoyed wonderful fellowship, golf course, and recognition of the outstanding adult leaders and young men who obtained the rank of Eagle during 2004. Special thanks to the two key gentlemen who made this event possible and successful, Gene Lamb and Ernie Lunsford. Also thanks to the Stanley Presbyterian Church, Stilwell Barbecue and the Cookie Factory Bakery.

Award of Merit: Nancy Chapman, Stan Lloyd, Ernie Lunsford
Outstanding Cubmaster: Jeff Cochran, Mike McGovern
Outstanding Webelos Leader: Jeff Coon, Kristi Tarver, Mike Monley
Outstanding Den Leader: Lisa Greene, Lisa Webster, Tana McGovern
Outstanding Pack Committee Member: Robin Van Houtan
Outstanding Troop Committee Member: Debbie Siler, Donna Fye
Outstanding Chartered Organization Rep: Doug Sweeney
Outstanding Committee Chairman: Marilee Horton, Susan Beauchaine
Outstanding Scoutmaster: Steven Geiger
Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster: Doug Machamer, Brad Fountain, Steve Berko, Frank Colletti
Outstanding Spouse: Jill Cochran
Outstanding Commissioner: Paul Drown, Mike Morris

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mark Florence of Troop 495 for being named Scout of the Month at the February Roundtable.

Thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your unit, your North Star District, and your Council!!

Upcoming Training

Monthly training opportunities at each month’s Roundtable include Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials and Merit Badge Counselor Training. Don’t forget Youth Protection and Fast Start training can be done on-line.

Cub Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:

April 5, Cub Leader Position Specific Training, 6:00 p.m., Chandler Baptist Church, Jct. Of 69 & 33 HWY’s.

April 23, BALOO Training, 8:00 a.m., St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 N Vivion Rd.

May 6-7, Webelos Leader Outdoor Training Heartland Presbyterian Church, 16965 NW 45 Highway, Parkville.

Contact Karen Hatcher at 891-9429 about Cub Scout Leader Training and Steve Vaughn at 741-3847 about BALOO and Webelos Leader Outdoor Training.

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April 23-24, Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Leader Skills Course, 9:00 a.m. Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake.

Contact John Cookinham at 587-1695 for info.

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Pack pictures, fun visitors and a special family campfire is also being planned.

Your Day Camp Director is Jeff Tyler (816-505-2015; jtyler@kccc.org). Program Director is Jill Cook (816-468-9232; jillic@kccc.org) and your Staff Advisor is District Executive Jon Geiger (816-569-4932; jgeiger@bsamail.org). Please contact any of them if you have questions or if you would like to serve on staff.

North Star Events

April

5 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Chandler Baptist
5 Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Position Specific Training, session 2, Hillside Christian
7 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church. New Leader Essentials and Youth Protection Training. OA Chapter Meeting
12 Boy Scout Troop Committee Challenge, Hillside Christian
12 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion
15 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
15-17 Venturing Spring Canoe Trip
23 BALOO Training, St. Luke Presbyterian Church
23-24 Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Leader Skills Course, Kelsey Short Youth Camp
29-30 OA Induction Weekend #1, Naish Scout Reservation
30 Cub Scout Fishing Derby, Location TBA

May

5 District Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church. New Leader Essentials and Youth Protection Training. OA Chapter Meeting
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12 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
14 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, 8:30 a.m., Gashland Presbyterian Church
20-22 OA Induction Weekend #2, Naish Scout Reservation

June

2 District Roundtable and Program Fair, 7:30 p.m., Hillside Christian Church.
6-9 District Cub Scout Day Camp - Platte County Fairgrounds, Tracy, MO
9 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion
10 District Webelos Summer Seminar
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Your Day Camp Director is Jeff Tyler (816-505-2015; jtyler@kccc.org). Program Director is Jill Cook (816-468-9232; jillic@kccc.org) and your Staff Advisor is District Executive Jon Geiger (816-569-4932; jgeiger@bsamail.org). Please contact any of them if you have questions or if you would like to serve on staff.

Future Activities

Here are some of the activities being planned by the Internationally Famous North Star District for the youth of our District:

Cub Scout Fishing Derby
April 30, 2005

Webelos Summer Seminar
June 10, 2005

Cub Scout Fall Shooting Sports
September 24, 2005

More information will be coming soon on these fun events. Mark your calendars now! For more information, please contact John Burwell, District Activities Chair at 891-6499 (email burwell@swbell.net) or your District Executive Jon Geiger, at 569-4932 (email jgeiger@bsamail.org).

Friends of Scouting

An integral part of making the Scouting program available to our youth is the Friends of Scouting campaign. Please continue to make your pledges so we can “Keep our Promise” to deliver that quality program. If your unit has not had your FOS presentation or if you have any questions, please contact your Family FOS Chairman, Dr. Robert Morrison at 587-5170 (email rmorrison1@kccc.com) or your District Executive Jon Geiger, at 569-4932 (email jgeiger@bsamail.org).

Good Turn for America

Don’t forget our obligation to do a Good Turn Daily and particularly to support the Scouting for Food efforts. For more information, please contact John Burwell, District Activities Chair at 891-6499 (email burwell@swbell.net) or your District Executive Jon Geiger, at 569-4932 (email jgeiger@bsamail.org).

2005 North Star District Committee

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2005 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Please help continue to make scouting affordable and available to everyone. It is time to make sure that your unit is signed up for a Friends of Scouting presentation. If you have not already signed up your unit for this year, now is the time. Friends of Scouting presentations only take 7 minutes and should be scheduled for either your Troop Court of Honor or Pack Blue and Gold. To schedule a presentation for find out more about Friends of Scouting contact Rob Gilkerson at 816-569-4978, rgilkerson@bsamail.org.

Congratulations

The following units have hit their 2005 Friends of Scouting goal 3097 and 3261.

Webelos to Scout Transition

Remember that it is the responsibility of the Troop, Webelos Den leader and the parents to make sure that a Webelos has a fun and smooth transition into a troop. The right troop for a boy and his family can make the difference on if that boy attains eagle or leaves the program after a year.

Pinewood Derby

The Trailhead District Pinewood Derby is right around the corner. On April 2nd, three champions from every Pack will test their car to see how it stands against the other packs. The rules included with the pinewood car are the ones that the district will follow. Remember a Pack can send only 3 boys to the District Pinewood Derby.

Cub Day Camp

Each Pack should already have designating a Day Camp Coordinator and Staff member. Look for the Trailhead Day Camp Flyer or website for more details on Day Camp. When collecting money to pay camp fees do not forget about the District buses. If you have any questions call Suzanne Scharzt 913-851-1804.

Order of the Arrow

Thank you to all of the Troops who have scheduled and/or had your Order of the Arrow Elections, however many troops have not done this yet. It is not too late to get this done before the May inductions, but do not hesitate. Please schedule this as soon as possible as it is an opportunity that could really make a difference in a Boy’s life. If you have any questions please call Paul Whatley or Rob Gilkerson at the Council Service Center.

Cub Scout Roundtable

Pinewood Derby and Blue and Gold are over – so now what fun activities can you do with your den and/or troop? Come to the Cub Scout Roundtable on Thursday, April 7th, 2005 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to hear about all kinds of ways the boys can earn awards and have fun. This month’s theme is Pet Pals. We will be learning how to play the Sleeping Dog Game and much more. This is a great opportunity for other leaders to share their successes and learn creative ways to help their boys grow as cub scouts. Cub masters will learn how to make their April meeting fun, exciting and meaningful. We hope you will join us!

Boy Scout Roundtable

Are you Lost? Do you need help finding your way? Then make plans to attend the Boy Scout Roundtable on Thursday, April 7, 2005 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to learn everything you ever needed to know about how to use a map and compass. Our special guest speaker will be the all knowing, sage, soothsayer, omnipotent and self declared expert form Overland Park, the one the only Steve Otto. He will be on hand to enlighten and entertain you with his unique style. In addition, the training feature will be an open discussion on problem solving. So bring your concerns or problems to the April Roundtable.

Training

Doesn’t every boy deserve a trained leader? As apart of every leader’s training Youth Protection is essential. It is that time for all of those new leaders or individuals who will be the future leadership to be trained. Training will give you the skills to provide a quality program for the youth and give you ideas to minimize your workload. Do not forget as apart of every leader’s training Youth Protection is essential. For Trailhead District Training details visit www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead.cfm.

Good Turn for America

It is a well known fact that all of our units are doing some form of community service. However, we would like to find out exactly how much your unit is contributing. If your unit has not logged in and started to record your service projects on the goodturnforamerica.org website please do so immediately. This is a wonderful way to recognize all those scouts that are giving back to the community.

Trailhead District Training details

April

2 District Pinewood Derby @ Metcalf South Mall
7 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m. @ Emmanuel Baptist, 103rd & Metcalf
7 Eagle Scout Project Review, Order of the Arrow Chapter, Merit Badge Counselor Training; 7:00 p.m. @ Emmanuel Baptist, 103rd & Metcalf
14 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 @ Rolling Hills Presbyterian (92nd & Nall)
14 Commissioner Meeting; 7:30 p.m. @ Rolling Hills Presbyterian (92nd & Nall)
21 Eagle Board of Review: 7:00 p.m. @ Latter-Day Saints Church (13025 Wornall)
21 Day Camp Walking Leaders meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection, 137th & Roe

May

5 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m. @ Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe)
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| Boy Scout Roundtable | Gene Bellner | (913) 894-2288 |
| Order of the Arrow Advisor | Paul Whatley | (913) 383-8368 |
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| Day Camp Director | Suzanne Scharzt | (913) 851-1804 |
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| District Executive | Rob Gilkerson | (816) 569-4978 |

Council Website: www.HOAC-BSA.org
Trailhead Website: www. HOAC-BSA.org/Trailhead.cfm
Webelos to Scout Transition

As Webelos prepare to graduate from their Pack, now is the time to make sure every Webelo is accounted for. Webelos leaders and Cubmasters should be working together to track each Webelo. Are they going to join a troop? If so, which troop are they joining? Assist the Webelo and their family with completing the Boy Scout application and ensure that it makes it to their new troop. Is the Webelo undecided? Keep in contact with these Scouts and find out what level of interest there is in Scouting and help him to join a troop that will meet those interests. Do you have some Webelos who have decided not to bridge over to Boy Scouts? Find out why and pass those names on to the Scoutmaster of your brother troop so they may continue to invite and follow-up with that Scout over the next year.

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

In order to provide the best possible program to our youth adult leaders should strive to complete training. There are still opportunities to complete sessions this spring.

Troop Committee Challenge: Wednesday, April 20, Troop 55 Cabin, 7:00 p.m.

Outdoor Leader Skills: Wednesday, April 6, Sauer-Danfoss, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 8:00 a.m., Camp Bromelsick
Saturday and Sunday, April 30-May 1, 8:00 a.m., Camp Bromelsick

Fast start and youth protection trainings are available online at www.hoac- bsa.org. Additionally, safe swim defense and safety afloat are now online at www.scouting.org/pubs/aq uatics/index2.html. Once you have finished one of these courses, participants may print out a certificate of completion.

Day Camp 2005

Diamonds in the Rough

In celebrating the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting, this year’s Day Camp will prove to be the best ever. Make your reservation now.

When: June 6th – June 10th, 2005. Monday through Friday – 8:15 am to 2:15 pm. Thursday Night – Family Night – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds

Cost: The Day Camp cost is $45 if registered by May 11. After May 12, the cost rises to $60. All new Scouts who join this spring will be welcome to attend at the $45 cost.

What to Expect:
Your child will experience arts, and crafts, shooting sports (BB Guns, Archery, Sling Shot), games, skits, teamwork, water sports and good old-fashioned fun. Don’t miss out on the key summer event for Cub Scouts and Webelos.

The Thursday Night Fun Fest and Camping is open to all registered Day Camp 2nd Year Webelos who wish to party, dance, cook, play and have a good time. This year’s Fun Fest will be put on by Eagle Scouts and Day Camp Staff.

Family Night – Thursday, June 9, 2005: Bring the family to a night of extreme excitement, for we will be having “KC’s Most Wanted” doing Mtor Cycle Stunts for the youth and giving a safety talk on motorcycles. Come and watch the show and also see what your child has been up to at camp, as well as, consider a picnic supper to enjoy with your child and den that evening as you share your evening with “Diamonds in the Rough”

Who: Day Camp Director, Nicolette Bennett, 785-331-2475 or Program Director, Rod Zinn, 785-843-3129

Meet Frank McClelland

The Pelathe District would like to welcome Frank McClelland to the team. Frank is a graduate of North Dakota State University in Fargo, and graduated with a B.S. in Recreation Management. He grew up in Orrick, Missouri where he was active in scouting as a youth and earned his Eagle in 1994. Frank’s internship was as a Backcountry Ranger at Olympic National Park in Washington State. He is very active in the outdoors and enjoys backcountry hiking and camping. He is the new District executive for the Pelathe district and will soon be moving to Lawrence, Kansas. Welcome Frank!
2005 Big Muddy District Pinewood Derby

Pack 415 in Higginsville will be hosting the district Pinewood Derby again for the second year in a row on April 23; is open to ALL Cub Scouts who wish to race. This is in honor of the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting. This will be an outstanding event thanks to the dedication and hard work of Pack 415’s leadership. Let’s show our appreciation by attending this event. Hope to see you there!

Again, Congratulations to all award recipients at the 2005 District Dinner. The Following Photos are from the District Dinner held in Odessa on February 5th.

Friends of Scouting 2004-05 Campaign

If your unit has not completed a 2005 family presentation, it’s not too late! Remember, there is free rank advancement to all units upon reaching their Friends of Scouting Unit goal and Participation Goal to December 31st, 2005. For more information or questions, please contact Grant Dealy at 816-569-4956 or email gdeal@bsamail.org. We as the Big Muddy District have the opportunity to show our support to the Scouting Program. Friends of Scouting is such a vital part of our program in its help to support our leaders in their needed training, preserving both the Naish and Bartle Reservations that we all enjoy year after year, and that needed help for camp, uniforms, or registration fees that may need a little help. Let’s gear up for another phenomenal year in our support of scouting through Friends of Scouting.

2005 District Dinner

Again, Congratulations to all award recipients at the 2005 District Dinner. The Following Photos are from the District Dinner held in Odessa on February 5th.

A Message From the District Chairman

With all the Blue & Gold Banquets and Pinewood Derby’s that have been held, spring is an exciting time for Cub Scouts. The Big Muddy District Pinewood Derby, which is to be in Higginsville on April 23; is open to ALL Cub Scouts who wish to race. This is in honor of the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting. This will be an outstanding event thanks to the dedication and hard work of Pack 415’s leadership. Let’s show our appreciation by attending this event. Hope to see you there!

It is Nice to see the numbers at Round Table; this is a good place to get your information for upcoming events and to get new ideas to take back to you Pack or Troop. I hope to see more of you at Round Table in the future. Thanks to all,

Thomas L. Hodson
Commissioner's Minute

Hello Big Muddy:
We are approaching warm weather and the time of the year that most units consider taking that longer camping trip. Don’t forget your local tour permit. Long trips, anything extending outside of the Council’s boundaries, require a National tour permit. What many don’t realize is the tour permit is a reminder of what we don’t want to forget: car insurance, qualified people, necessary gear, and so on. If, someone was injured, your Boy Scout Insurance is much easier to access with the tour permit filed. Pull down a copy from the web, fill it out, and fax it in to the Council Service Center regardless of weather your going to Jamboree or your “back 40”.

Larry Maxwell
District Commissioner

Scout out opportunities at Union Station

NEW Dino Lab!
America's largest museum-based fossil preparatory lab in the nation, featuring real scientists and real dinosaurs. Now inside Science City.

Traveling Exhibits
Magic: The Science of Illusion included with General Admission through May 1
September 11: Bearing Witness: To History a Smithsonian Institution exhibit opening May 21

On the Extreme Screen
Forces of Nature - through Sep. 1

On the H&R Block City Stage
Dinosaur, Stone Lion Puppet Theatre | March 15-20
Trains Across America, Theatre for Young America | May 11-21

Special group rates with advanced reservations
816-460-2020 | unionstation/scouting.cfm (includes hedge guidelines)
Coach Holley ready to start the Third Period...

What a fantastic start to the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign! Coach Tom Holley did a masterful job the first half and, after a rousing halftime speech, the Pioneer Trails FOS team is ready for a strong finish. It’s not too late to schedule a presentation if your unit has not had one. Free rank advancement is still a possibility for your pack or troop, but time is running out. The Family Friends of Scouting Team is ready, willing and able to help you and your unit, receive that free rank advancement in 2005. It all starts with a phone call to schedule a FOS presentation. Those units who achieve their goals receive free rank advancement for the entire 2005 year! FOS presentations will take no more than 5-8 minutes and we ask that you schedule them when a majority of your Scouting Families will be in attendance. Our season is winding down. We would like to finish all our presentations by April 30th. Please take a few minutes and call Tom today with your presentation date. Don’t miss out on the action!!! You can reach Tom at 816-942-1297.

Thank you for your support of the FOS Campaign, and make plans now to join us at our victory celebration on May 11, 2005.

Training-It’s not just for Spring and Fall Anymore!

OK, so you missed the Pioneer Trails Spring Training. Well I guess you think you have to wait until the fall course to be trained right? WRONG! The Pioneer Trails Training Team will not make you wait to get the tools you need for successful unit service. Dr. Kahn and his staff have several ways to make sure that you receive the full benefits of the training curriculum no matter what time of year is. Don’t forget, Youth Protection Training is offered at every Roundtable in Pioneer Trails. Please take a moment to survey the leaders in your unit. Have they been training in the last five years? Are there some new Scouting methods that training could introduce to your unit? Training is the most important ingredient of successful units. Make sure your unit has the best leaders possible - TRAINED LEADERS! Call Dr. Norman Kahn at (913) 341-4792 and see what training can do for you!

Do You Have a “Diamond in the Rough” in your Pack?

Cub Scout Day Camp will be just the place for him to polish up those rough spots! Pioneer Trails will hold Day Camp from June 13th thru June 16th at Knott’s Elementary School. Day Camp is a wonderful place for all Cub Scouts, especially new Tiger Cubs and Wolves, to start the summer. Cub Scout crafts, games, sports, fellowship and fun are all rolled up into four exciting days just for them. If you haven’t been to Day Camp for a while it’s time to come back and see what you (and your boys!) have been missing. Registration is $45.00 per boy and is due by May 11, 2005. Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. Funding is limited, so requests should be made as soon as possible. Additional information will be available at Roundtable or feel free to call Beverly Becker at 816-880-0432.

Spring Event - A Success

Congratulations to Ed Mulik for his first “official” event as Activities Chairman! I guaranteed everyone would have a great time and they did. Along with Ed, several Pioneer Trails Volunteers made the day fun for our Cub Scouts. The boys had several opportunities to learn new skills and practice old skills with an emphasis on advancement requirements. A very special thank you to St. James United Methodist Church for their great facility - 40 Acres and a Mule. Ed did such a good job with the Spring event, can you imagine how great the Camporee is going to be?

Meet Jeff Terrell

The Pioneer Trails District would like to welcome Jeff Terrell to the team! Jeff graduated in December from Pittsburg State University with a degree in Marketing. While at Pitt he competed in track and field specializing in the long jump and triple jump. Jeff earned multiple All-Conference honors and qualified for Nationals in both his specialties. He also spent a year as a coach’s aide as a student. Jeff still stays in contact with his old track team for coaching and “big brother” advice. He was part of the Multi-Cultural Club and worked with the Special Olympics as a senior in college. Jeff has spent his entire life in the Kansas City area, except when he was a Gorilla! He brings tremendous energy and enthusiasm to the team and is very excited to work in the “best district in the council!” Jeff, welcome to Pioneer Trails.

Pioneer Trails Events

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Training

To effectively deliver the Scouting program it is extremely important that leaders receive the BSA training designed to provide the information, program tools, and personal resources needed by leaders to carry out the requirements of their position. Once a new leader has completed New Leader’s Essentials and Youth Protection training, Position Specific training designed to address the age specific needs and growth level of the Scouts involved is required. Every program offered by the BSA has been carefully researched and developed to meet the age specific needs of the youth members it serves. That's why Tiger Leader Training does not qualify a leader as a Webelos leader. The program is different; the boys are different, and the training to deliver each age specific program must as well be different. Therefore, as they progress through the various levels of the Scouting programs it is vital that leaders obtain Position Specific training designed for each new leadership position accepted.

Basic overall program training is provided by New Leader’s Essentials and Youth Protection training. Beyond those basic courses, new leaders in each program should take advantage of the program information available in the Cub, Boy Scout, and Venture Leader Fast Start programs. Each of these programs is available online and may be accessed through the Heart of America Council web page at HeartOfAm.org. Completion of Fast Start training by a new leader should be accomplished within 48 hours of having accepted the new leadership position.

Position specific training provided covers the entire range of age specific youth programs offered by the BSA - the Trails West District training team offers Cub Leader and Boy Scout Leader Training every spring and every fall, and will work with units having specific and unique training needs to make training available as needed. Venture Leader training is offered as necessary. A minimum of one Outdoor Leader Training program is offered each year, when there is sufficient demand, two outdoor sessions will be presented. Outdoor sessions include Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BAO) and Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience (WLOE) for Cub Leaders and the Scoutmaster’s Outdoor Leader Training (OLS) for Boy Scout Leaders.

Trails West District also offers Health and Safety training at least twice a year, once in December and once in April, to provide leaders opportunities to obtain the necessary safety certifications prior to the winter and summer camping seasons.

As training needs are made known the Trails West District Training team will make additional training available.

Contact your Unit Commissioner or a member of the District Training Team to make your training needs known, or contact Joe Ogilvie, District Training Chair at 913/492-3880 or JoeOgilvie@krcc.com.

Day Camp 2005

Planning for the Trails West 2005 day camp are now under way and the program will be planned around the Jungle Book theme and highlight the 75th anniversary of the Cub Scout program. The dates for the camp will be June 6th-9th and it will be held for the third year in a row at the Timber Ridge Adventure Center. We are currently looking for program ideas and help staffing the camp. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of the fun, call Shawn Hudson, Camp Director at 913-254-9548.
Kaw District

Cub Scout Day Camp

It’s time for Day Camp. Day Camp is the Super Bowl of the Cub Scout year. Grey and Mary have put together a great team and are ready for a great summer. Sign-up forms are ready for a great summertime team and are ready for a great summer. Sign-up forms are ready for a great summertime team and are ready for a great summer.

Cub Scout Day Camp Adult Training

Day Camp Staff and Walking Leader Training will be held at Roundtable to assist you and your pack in having the best day camp experience possible. Please plan on attending even if your pack will not be sure you or your pack is going.

Program Planning Fair

The Program Kick-off is where your unit will get vital programming information for the coming program year. Every unit needs to have representative at this meeting. Edwardsville Community Building, 696 S 3rd St, Edwardsville, KS

June 1st, 2005

We will discuss the highlights of the coming year and the great Council and District activities your unit will be able to participate in. We will see you at 6:30 p.m. Edwardsville Community Building, 696 S 3rd St, Edwardsville, KS.

Thanks to General Motors Fairfax Plant!

On Saturday, March 12, 2005, the Kaw District conducted its 6th annual Pinewood Derby Race at the General Motors Fairfax Plant. This joint venture allowed Cub Scouts from Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties to race their gravity-propelled pinewood cars that they designed and carved with the assistance of their parents against one another. All Cub Scouts received a patch, ribbon, a bag full of giveaways. The owners of the three fastest Cub Scout cars all received trophies. As an added attraction, several companies from the Fairfax Industrial area sponsored a car in the 6th annual Corporate Pinewood Derby Race. This corporate race was conducted following the Cub Scout races, and featured specially crafted pine wood derby cars in which adults of the various departments from General Motors and other area businesses competed against one another.

As a result of the corporate sponsorship and participation this event raised over $27,500 to ensure a quality summer camping experience for young men who otherwise could not afford this opportunity.

Friends of Scouting Presentations

Now is the time to contact Rick Lockwood 913-6842980 or Dusty Boatright 913-569-4967 to reserve your FOS presentation. Don’t miss out on a great presentation and an opportunity to give back to Scouting.

Kaw 2005 District Committee

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District Events

April

7 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m. Rehm’s Park Southern Baptist: Pratt Ave & Garfield St Bonner Springs, KS 66012
7 Day Camp Staff Training at Roundtable
14 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS

May

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3 Day Camp Staff and Walking Leader Training at Roundtable
5 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS

June

1 Program Kick-off 6:30 p.m. Edwardsville Community Building, 696 S 3rd St, Edwardsville, KS
10 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting 7:00 p.m. BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St., Kansas City, KS
27 Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Theodor Naish Scout Camp, Bonner Springs, KS

Youth Protection Month in April

A month is Youth Protection Month and at Roundtable we will have Youth protection training and also have great tips on how you can observe youth protection month.

Good Turn for America

Good Turn for America is a national call to service by the Boy Scouts of America that will help provide adequate food and shelter and to develop good health habits in our nation.

Plan a community service activity for your unit, if you need some suggestions on a project contact us and we can give you a few ideas. Carry it out and then there is one more step.

Now is the time to report information about the service project in which your unit participated, go to the Web site http://www.goodturnforamerica.org and enter your information. We will be having charts at Roundtable to track the districts progress. Thanks for helping instill the life long habit of community service in your Scouts.
Diamonds in the Rough

Cub Scout Day Camp will be held the first FULL week of June from the 6th through the 9th at North Lake Park in Garnett this summer. This is the first chance many of your Cub Scouts that joined Scouting over the past few months will get to experience some outdoor Scouting activities! Make sure you do not wait to get your boys excited about the opportunities and signed up for this awesome time! Registrations for Day Camp are being accepted right now. Don’t forget, if you register prior to May 11th, the cost is only $45 per scout! We are looking forward to bringing each and every Cub Scout the highlight of their Cub Scouting year. If you would like to help out or just want more information, contact Mary Ann Hodgson, Cub Day Camp Director at 785.759.3238. Make sure you attend Roundtables and keep checking out the Council Website for the latest on Day Camp.

Spring Recruiting

As the warm spring and summer months come upon us, we all look forward to getting outside to relax or getting out of school. Before every one goes their different ways on the summer, we want to make sure we give more young boys the opportunity to get involved in Scouting as part of their summer activities. We will once again be conducting spring recruiting in an effort to give boys the chance to do some camping and swimming and hiking as part of our great Scouting program. More information will be coming in the next few months so make sure you get updated at Roundtables. You can also contact Landon Behrens at 800.776.1110 with any questions. Remember that flyers are available to all ages of Scouting and, if the schools that your pack covers allows visits and Boy Talk, those can be scheduled for most any time!

Twin Rivers Events

April
7 District Commissioner’s Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 6:30 PM
7 Roundtable, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
7 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
9 SM/ASM Specific Training (Part 1&2), Location TBA, 8:30 AM
13 SM/ASM Specific Training (Part 3), Location TBA, 7:00 PM
14 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola, 6:00 PM
15 Outdoor Leader Skills, Location TBA, 5:30 PM Friday–9:00 PM Saturday

May
5 District Commissioner’s Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola, 6:30 PM
5 Roundtable, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
5 OA Chapter 4 Meeting, United Methodist Church, Paola; 7:30 PM
7 BALOO Training, Location TBA
12 District Committee Meeting, Beethoven’s, Paola, 6:00 PM

Twin Rivers 2005 District Committee Roster

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Get a Leather Bead!

Bring your Cub and Webelos in to learn about leather, its uses, where it comes from and work on a leather project. The only cost to you is the cost of the project. Most projects cost less than $6.00 per boy. We have knife cases, Coin Fobs, Kneepads, Net Slides, coasters and many other leathercraft projects!

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Contact Information
Your post or group is important to us. While we visit with all advisors, lead teachers, and principals regularly, we are available to address your needs and concerns as they arise. Please contact Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at 816.569.4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org or Adam Berthot, Senior Exploring & Learning for Life Executive, at 816.569.4970, or aberthot@lflmail.org.

Got E-mail?
Would you like updated Exploring information? Want to know about the latest resources available to your post’s leadership? Send us an e-mail and we will add you to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.

Start Off 2005 with Learning for Life Resources
Here is a friendly checklist! Do you have these LFL resources available in your office? Are you using them to help your program be successful?

Drug Abuse Prevention Education Lessons: Wonderful supplemental resources available to help K-6th grade classrooms discover the challenges of substance abuse.

Exploring Youth and Adult Leader Guidebooks: Both may be downloaded form the public internet site www.learningforlife.org. Here you can choose your age appropriate Leader Guidebook to assist your program.

Super Safe and both editions of the Life Choices games: Now a version can be played on the public web site at www.learningforlife.org. Kids can play these games from home or the classroom. Get the word out to your parents and other teachers!

Process Evaluations: (one for each school-based program) these program-specific surveys are used as mid-year evaluation tool. So the month of January is an excellent time to use them! It helps to get feedback on the utilization of the Learning for Life school-based programs.

Scholarships: Visit www.learningforlife.org to check out all the wonderful scholarships available. The applications can be downloaded from the internet side.

We want to be there to assist in every way possible to ensure your Learning for Life Program is a success. With so many resources just a click away, it’s a great way to enhance your education curriculum.

Mark Your Calendars
K.C. @ Night 2005
DATES: Friday, May 13th through Saturday, May 14th.
WHERE: TBA.
PROGRAM: This event will be fun-filled, and all night long. We will begin the night on Friday with a Royals game, and end the event Saturday morning at Cerner Corporation. Kansas City @ Night is open to all registered Explorers and Ventures, ages 14-20. Each Post is required to be represented by at least 2 adult volunteers. Remember to sign up as soon as possible, those buses fill up quickly. Look for the registration packet to be online in March. It’s going to be awesome!” For questions and more information contact Adam Berthot, Senior Exploring & Learning for Life Executive, at 816.569.4970, or aberthot@lflmail.org or Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at 816.569.4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org.

2005 National Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Conference
DATES: June 20-24, 2005.
WHERE: Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
COST: $350 per person.
REGISTRATION: The Post Registration/Security Deposit Form is available online and through your Exploring Executive Posts. Please complete the form and obtain the local Learning for Life office signature for approval. Forward the form, along with a $100 post deposit, to the national office. You must be a registered participant of an Explorer post to attend.

PROGRAM: The program is several days of exciting competitions and events:
- Team competitions. CPR and Movement, Spinal Immobilization and Move, Arson Investigation, Bunker Gear and SCBA Regime, Room Search, Paramedic Biking Competition, Make & Break, Ladder Raise.
- Individual events. One-Person CPR, Candidate Physical Ability (CPAT), Written Examination, Initial Size-Up and Incident Command, Wildlife Shelter Deployment, Bunker Gear and SCBA, Drill Competition.

Seminar:
- Career TRACT: Exploring career option in the fire service.
- E.M.S: New technologies review and operations of “Charlie.”
- TEXAS FOREST SERVICE: Space shuttle recovery, INDUSTRIAL FIREIGHTING: What are the differences: industrial vs. municipal?
- PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: Types and use of personal protective equipment, FIREFIGHTING TOOLS: Course review and application of new tools used in the fire service.
- TEXAS TASK FORCE ONE: NYC response and USAR training.

View the conference brochure online at www.learningforlife.org/exploring/fire.

2005 National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DATES: July 9 – July 16;
WHERE: Quantico, VA.
THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
DATES: July 9 - July 16;
WHERE: Quantico, VA.
THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE
DATES: July 16 – July 23;
WHERE: Washington, DC.

THE U.S. ARMY MILITARY POLICE
DATES: July 16 - July 23;
WHERE: Fort Leonard Wood, MO.
COST: The cost for the participants will be transportation to and from Washington, D.C. (Ronald Reagan National Airport) or to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and a $50.00 administration fee. (DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH APPLICA-
ATION.) Academy Explorers will be expected to cover costs for all breakfasts in Washington, D.C., and some dinners. Housing, most lunches and some dinners, program insurance, and fees for the academy will be provided. Explorers arriving early or staying late will be responsible for early/late costs. Of course, spending money and uniform costs are the participant’s responsibility.

REGISTRATION: The completed nomination form with the appropriate certifications must be RECEIVED no later than February 11, 2005. Late applications will not be considered. The information and application can be found on the Learning for Life website at www.learningforlife.org. Go to Exploring then Law Enforcement Exploring and click on Academies. You can also view preliminary schedules for each of the academies on the web site.

2005 National Health Careers Exposition
DATES: August 3-7, 2005.
WHERE: The National Institutes of Health and the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Maryland.
COST: $400 per person (both youth and adult), which covers the cost of meals, housing accommodations, and extracurricular activities. The National Health Careers Exploring Committee will offer a limited number of scholarships to help defray expenses for posts to attend the exposition.

REGISTRATION: A promotional brochure with registration form for the exposition will be sent to all health post advisors this fall.

PROGRAM: This 3-1/2 day conference will have participants spending two full days on the campus of the Uniformed Services University and one full day at the National Institutes of Health. Participants will attend interactive workshops and seminars focusing on a variety of health-care career options such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary, allied health, pharmacy, osteopathic, chiropractic, nursing, and podiatry. Participants will also have time for extracurricular activities, including an opening banquet and dance with live entertainment, a tour of Washington, D.C., and much more.

View the conference brochure online at www.learningforlife.org/exploring/health.

Tell Us Your Story
We would like to hear about what you are doing with articles and pictures. In the newsletter we offer a abundance of information, but it is a lot of fun to see what the other posts and groups are doing out there. If you have a great story to tell of an adventure, activity, or exciting event, send it in or email your story with pictures and we’ll try to get it in to the newsletter.

Scouting for Cartridges...
and a Movie and Ice Cream Social
InkJetCollect is happy to announce the second annual Ice Cream Social Contest! This year we are changing things up a bit and we wanted to do it again. To be eligible for the contest you must submit recyclable cartridges before May 31, 2004. The top three units collecting the most acceptable inkjet cartridges will receive an Ice Cream Party! Scouting for Cartridges will bring the ice cream, toppings, cones and sprinkles to your summer meeting and dish out a few scoops in your honor. It is our way of thanking all the Scouts who’ve been collecting cartridges.

Scouting for Cartridges prints a separate newsletter each quarter. In the Jan-March 2005 edition of Adventures in Scouting, there were a trivia questions concerning inkjets. The answer to the questions can be found on the Council’s website. Scouting for Cartridges will bring the ice cream, toppings, cones and sprinkles to your summer meeting and dish out a few scoops in your honor. It is our way of thanking all the Scouts who’ve been collecting cartridges.

You can also call Scouting for Cartridges at (800) 494-9100 Monday-Friday from 8:00 – 5:00.

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and live entertainment, a tour of Washington, D.C., and much more.

View the conference brochure online at www.learningforlife.org/exploring/health.
Most people think that first-aid training offered in Scouting helps the Scouts to be prepared. But without the training taken by Toni Arellanes, a Cub Scout leader, things could have turned out very differently for a fellow employee.

Toni is the Food Service Manager of Indian Woods Middle School and has been an active Cub Scout leader. A few years ago she learned the Heimlich maneuver as part of the preparation for Cub Scout Day Camp. She spent a week on Day Camp Staff and enjoyed every minute of it.

On December 3, 2004 a fellow employee began choking on a piece of meat during lunch. Initially people called for the school nurse but Toni realized that she had to act fast. As the victim began to turn purple, Toni performed the Heimlich Maneuver just as she had learned as a Cub Scout leader. Judy Gerling, the nurse at Indian Woods said, “Here is just another example of how important it is for our employees to learn these types of procedures. It was a matter of life or death. I don’t believe the ambulance would have arrive in time to save the employee’s life.”

Toni said, “When I looked up and saw the fear in her face, I knew I had to do something.”

On January 10, Toni was recognized at the Shawnee Mission School Board meeting with a presentation made by Diane Smith, Director of Food Services.

TO OUR VALUED VOLUNTEER:

Scout Training Helps Adult Save a Life!