Popcorn Winners!
The 2005 popcorn sale has come to an end. The reports are in and the sale was very successful. This wonderful accomplishment could not have been completed if it was not for all of the packs and troops that sold this year. Thank you and keep up the great work! 396 units earned a collective $631,687 in commissions for their units.

Fill-it-up Program Prize Winners

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Top Selling Units

| Big Muddy | Pack 4210 | $6,221.00 |
| Big Muddy | Pack 4224 | $6,161.00 |
| Big Muddy | Pack 4244 | $5,725.00 |

Blue Elk

| Troop 1221 | $15,905.00 |
| Troop 4175 | $14,724.00 |
| Troop 1266 | $8,984.00  |

Kaw

| Pack 3001 | $10,439.00 |
| Pack 3109 | $8,595.00  |
| Pack 3167 | $9,348.00  |

Lone Bear

| Pack 4632 | $10,983.00 |
| Pack 4238 | $5,401.00  |
| Pack 4430 | $5,003.00  |

North Star

| Pack 4376 | $19,652.00 |
| Pack 4374 | $16,737.00 |
| Pack 4314 | $15,672.00 |

Northern Tier

| Troop 351 | $23,351.00 |
| Troop 3050 | $18,933.00 |
| Pack 3294 | $17,399.00 |

Pelathe

| Pack 3072 | $15,908.00 |
| Pack 3013 | $14,269.00 |
| Pack 3370 | $12,791.00 |

Pioneer Trails

| Pack 4016 | $29,156.00 |
| Pack 4030 | $7,384.00  |
| Troop 1016 | $6,502.00  |

Red-Tailed Hawk

| Pack 3210 | $18,105.00 |
| Pack 3218 | $15,032.00 |
| Pack 3476 | $14,790.00 |

Thunderbird

| Pack 4323 | $22,102.00 |
| Pack 4220 | $13,090.00 |
| Pack 4124 | $12,862.00 |

Trailhead

| Troop 37 | $16,608.00 |
| Pack 3384 | $16,113.00 |
| Pack 3385 | $15,167.00 |

Trails West

| Pack 3245 | $19,392.00 |
| Pack 3087 | $19,264.00 |
| Pack 3777 | $18,721.00 |

Twin Rivers

| Pack 3100 | $19,345.00 |
| Pack 3100 | $13,325.00 |
| Pack 3079 | $10,048.00 |
In Memory of:

**Georgina V. Bugg**
Herbert and Jane Tuttle
Terry and Colleen Chapman
Terry and Peggy Dunn
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Overland Park Church of the Nazarene

In Honor of:

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Malcolm and Tannye Shafran

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Internet Rechartering Update

We are very excited about this new method to recharter our Scouting units. As with all new programs, there are issues that need to be worked through. The following are things for you to keep in mind when you process your unit’s recharter electronically:

- Computer processing requirements: Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.5 or higher and no other browser will provide full functionality. The system will work with a minimum 56-KB dialup.
- Do not use any punctuation in fields when entering names, addresses, etc. This will cause problems processing your recharter in ScoutNet, i.e. addresses will not certify and mail may not be delivered to your members.
- Webelos transferring at recharter: If the pack and troop have the same recharter month, the troop will have to pay the $10 registration fee. You cannot transfer the Webelos for $1.
- Leaders who are re-registering in ScoutNet must do it before you have their IH and CR positions. If you have multiple leaders in two positions (IH and CR) you must use the correct SS# for any adults you process. Failure to do so will cause a “bad” background check report for that adult. If your unit has a new IH and you don’t have their SS#, please leave that field blank. Do not make up a SS#. The message it gives is only a warning and not an error.
- You cannot have multiple leaders in the same unit in more than one position. The only exception is the IH and CR positions. If you have multiple leaders in the same position, the system will delete the multiple position.
- Please contact the Council’s Registration Department, (816) 569-4934, if you have any questions or comments concerning the Internet Rechartering process. With your help we will continue to improve this new process.
Rotary Camp

The Heart of America Council’s Rotary Scout Camp is one of five special needs camps in the country providing a one-to-one camper to staff ratio, in a long-term camping session for Scouts with special needs that otherwise would not enjoy a camping opportunity. The goal for Rotary camp is to provide a quality program to 65 campers; with a volunteer staff of 90 to support them.

Regardless of the camper’s ability the goal is to treat each individual with personal respect and dignity. Campers disabilities; Down’s syndrome, Attention Deficit Disorder, Mental Retardation, Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy and Muscular Dystrophy.

Campers are provided with all the experiences of Scout camp including campfires, Order of the Arrow, Mic-O-Say, swimming, merit badges, rank advancement, bugs and sun. This special needs program has no age limit and allows Scouts to complete the program at their ability level. Campers range from ages 14-70 while the staff age is 15 and up. Camp is 5 days long, 24 hours a day; it’s an experience where all lives are touched through the programs and interactions offered by Rotary.

The camp facilities are unique and feature; handicapped accessible cabins, special tenting areas, paved pathways, zero depth entry swimming with special PVC wheel chairs and a new dining hall.

“Serving at Rotary Camp has changed my life and that of so many others around me. It changes something deep inside of you. It helps you realize that we all have disabilities and then realize that many others whom we may have considered to have disabilities indeed have many, many abilities.” Richie Weerts, Rotary Camp Staff, 4 years.

“I’ve seen the program positively affect many lives and would like to see it grow and eventually export to the entire the nation. The Scouts on staff are so unique and give up so much from their summers to be there. There is a distinct dedication among staff members to serve those younger or weaker than themselves, to do their part and a good turn for others.” Tom Sheely, Rotary Camp Director, 4 years.

For more information about the Boy Scout Rotary Camp contact Brian Tobler, 816-569-4985 or btoblber@bsmail.org.
Endowment

Melvin Had a Problem

Melvin was an industrious postwar entrepreneur. He had served his country faithfully and re-entered civilian life late in 1945. That’s when he remembered something Will Rogers once said, “Buy land, they ain’t making more of it.” That seemed like a perfectly logical rationale, so Melvin began to acquire a parcel here and a parcel there on the edge of a growing, expanding city. It wasn’t long after the land acquisitions that Melvin acquired his contractor’s license and the obvious thing to do was to start building something on the land he owned.

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Now it was time to move from success to significance. He needed to think about creative ways to contribute to his community in a cost effective manner that would also benefit his family in later years. Melvin’s apartment units, 64 in all, were appreciating in value almost by the minute. The city had grown and engulfed his holdings; so he engaged a gift planner from one of his favorite local charities in a series of conversations about how to use these properties to benefit his family and extended family.

They decided on a somewhat unique idea – a charitable lead trust. You see, one of Melvin’s other problems was too much income; so he funded the trust with 32 of his apartments and directed that income to be shared among his three favorite charities for the next 18 years. Then after that time the income would be passed on to his children and grandchildren. There were some very significant tax benefits to this trust for Melvin. The end result was more income for his community interests and the assets passed along to his family members at a later time with a significant reduction in federal estate and income tax. For more information, please feel free to contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979 or jkuehn@bsamail.org.

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Troop 50 Raises Money For Hurricane Katrina Victims

On September 17, Troop 50 of Pioneer Trails (sponsored by Broadway United Methodist Church at 74th & Wornall Road) hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast. The event was attended by more than 400 people and resulted in a $1,700 donation to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief and $900 to our City Union Mission.

The Pancake Breakfast is an annual fundraiser, which has traditionally alleviated the costs of the troop’s equipment needs. However, in the aftermath of the devastating storm, Troop 50 decided to make this year’s event a fundraiser for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

“In previous years, the Pancake Breakfast had been attended by 100-200 people. We knew we could do better than that and it was important that we did,” said Marc Rainen, Troop committee chairman.

With those marching orders, Troop 50 rolled up its sleeves and went to work. The Troop canvassed the neighborhoods with flyers, worked with local merchants and supermarkets, created and posted signboards, and contacted the news media to promote the Pancake breakfast.

From 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the event until 1:00 p.m. that afternoon, nearly every Scout, parent, or leader from Troop 50 helped in the preparation, hosting and cleanup for this fundraiser. Volunteers from Troop 284, of the Trailhead District, were even recruited to lend a helping hand. The first patrons arrived at 7:00 a.m. and from then on, pancakes and sausages were continuously prepared, served, and enjoyed.

The blessing of not having been directly harmed by this storm carried the responsibility of helping those who were devastated by the hurricane. Troop 50, which has always been a Scout led troop, saw its duty and proudly acted upon it,” said Bryan Gross, Troop 50 Scoutmaster.

“Our young men stepped up to the challenge, which resulted in a sizable donation to the American Red Cross and City Union Mission.”

Troop 50 remains grateful to those who supported our event and were honored by the opportunity to help others. Scouting is first and last about service to others.
## Council Calendar

### January
1. **New Years Day**
2. **Scout Shop Closed**
3. **Service Center Closed**
4. **Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
5. **Chaplain Training** 8:00 a.m.
6. **Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet** 5:00 p.m.
7. **Executive Board Meeting** 12:00 p.m.
8. **Pow Wow Staff** 7:00 p.m.
9. **MLK Day**
10. **Service Center Closed** 8:30 a.m.
11. **Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
12. **Youth Protection Training** 7:00 p.m.
13. **Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

### February
1. **Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
2. **Climbing Instructor Training** 6:00 p.m.
3. **COPE Instructor Training** 6:30 p.m.
4. **Bear Camp Draw** 9:00 a.m.
5. **Youth Protection Training** 7:00 p.m.
6. **COPE Climbing Weekend at Bartle** 8:30 a.m.
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**Be on the Radio!**

Each weekday morning at 7:30, Country 94.1 KFKF Morning Country Club honors America by presenting The Pledge of Allegiance as recited by members of our community! If you’d like to hear the pledge recited on the air by your school class, Scout troop, church or community organization, simply mail a cassette or CD to:

Jim Daniels  
The Morning Country Club  
KFKF-FM  
4717 Grand, Suite 600  
Kansas City, MO 64112  
Or email a MP3 file to jimd@kfkf.com.

Please enclose a note to let us know the name of your organization, and any other special instructions. If you include a daytime phone number or e-mail address, we’ll be happy to let you know when it will air the first time.
**Bear Resident Camp**

Bear Camp Draw is March 4, 2006 at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation at 9:00 a.m. Eligible participants will include Adults and Bear Cubs (Scouts who will enter the 3rd grade in Fall 2006). The fee to attend Bear Resident Camp is $45.00 per Scout and leader if paid to the Heart of America Council or by March 4, 2006. The cost will increase to $60.00, March 5, 2006 and after. Listed below are the session dates for Bear Camp. Please contact your Den Leader, Cubmaster or Committee Chair on how to sign up to attend. See you at camp!

- **Session 1** June 30 – July 1, 2006
- **Session 2** July 2 – 3, 2006
- **Session 3** July 7 – 8, 2006
- **Session 4** July 9 – 10, 2006
- **Session 5** July 14 – 15, 2006
- **Session 6** July 16 – 17, 2006
- **Session 7** July 21 – 22, 2006
- **Session 8** July 23 – 24, 2006
- **Session 9** July 28 – 29, 2006
- **Session 10** July 30 – 31, 2006
- **Session 11** August 4 – 5, 2006
- **Session 12** August 6 – 7, 2006

**Webelos Resident Camp**

Webelos Draw for the 2006 Camping Season will be held January 21, 2006. Specific times and locations have been mailed to Cubmasters and Committee Chairman.

Listed below are the 2006 Webelos Camp Sessions. Any registered Webelos Scout (including third grade graduates) may attend Webelos Camp. Webelos Camp is held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, and is a three-day, two-night experience. The program contains separate activities for first and second year Webelos.

The cost to attend Webelos Camp this year is $95.00 per Webelos Scout and $95.00 per full-time leader. This fee covers the cost of all patches for Scouts, program supplies, participation awards, meals, lodging, and insurance. Please note camp T-shirts are NOT included in the Webelos camp fee. Like Day Camp and Bear Camp, you must register to attend camp as a Pack, not individually. Additionally, adults attending Webelos Camp (full or part time) must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

- **Session 1** July 6 – 8, 2006
- **Session 2** July 9 – 11, 2006
- **Session 3** July 13 – 15, 2006
- **Session 4** July 16 – 18, 2006
- **Session 5** July 20 – 22, 2006
- **Session 6** July 23 – 25, 2006
- **Session 7** July 27 – 29, 2006
- **Session 8** July 30 – August 1, 2006
- **Session 9** August 3 – 5, 2006

**2006 Cub Scout Day Camp “Cubs in Hollywood”**

The following is the complete schedule for day camps offered by the Heart of America Council for the 2006 Camp Season. Unit Leaders may contact these volunteers or your District Executive for more information regarding your district’s camp, or to volunteer to serve on staff.

Day Camp will cost $45.00 per Scout through May 10, 2006. On May 11, 2006 the fee is $60.00. For any new Cub Scout recruited after that day or new Tiger Cubs who finished their kindergarten year in 2006 and join Scouting in June, the cost will be $45.00. Scouts that are added at camp will be charged $60.00.

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**Boy Scout Camp**

The 2006 Boy Scout Camp Draws for the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation have been held but it is not to late to still make your troops reservation.

To make your reservation call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4930.

**Do you want to go to camp?**

Do you have a Scout in your troop that cannot attend camp with your troop, yet wants to go to camp? The Order of the Arrow is hosting a provisional Scouting unit at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation June 25 – July 1, 2006. Contact Christina Crandall at (816) 569-4930 for information on how to sign-up.

**Camp Payments**

The first 2006 Boy Scout Camp payment is due February 22, 2006. This payment should be ½ of your units balance. If you have any questions regarding your units confirmation and billing statement please call the Council Service Center at (816) 569-4930. Remember it is the Scout motto to “Be Prepared”, so don’t wait until the last minute.

**Mic-O-Say Tribal Council Recommendations Due**

Service as a member of Mic-O-Say’s Tribal
Council is an important camp leadership responsibility. While this responsibility is not given as a recognition for past service, it is nonetheless reasonable, that an individual’s talents, abilities, dedication to, understanding of the Scouting principles and loyalty to the values and educational experiences of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, be examined to help determine the likelihood of success in this service role.

All Tribal Council Recommendations are due to the Council Service Center by March 1, 2006. Recommendations should only be the official form that can be found on the HOAC website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources or forms or at the Council Service Center. These forms have also been distributed at the December roundtables. If you have further questions please call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4930.

**OA Winter Banquet**

It is not too late to sign up for the Winter Banquet to be held January 7, 2006 at Adam’s Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs, MO. Contact Maria Kelly at (816) 569-4928 to register.

**OA Dues**

Tamegonit Lodge dues are now past due. You may pay your dues online at www.hoac-bsa.org through the Trading Post or you can renew at the Winter Banquet. Be sure to include your current membership level when you renew your membership.

**Spring Inductions**

2006 Spring Inductions are May 5-7 and May 19-21. Registration is available online, at roundtables, and in the Spring Torchbearer. If you completed your Ordeal last spring, now is the time to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood.

**OA High Adventure Opportunities**

High Adventure opportunities exist for those Arrowmen that would like an opportunity to attend Philmont to serve on the OA Trail Crew. Experience a wilderness voyage at Northern Tier or experience an ocean adventure at the Florida Seabase. For an application visit the recently released OA High Adventure website at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org.

Both of the programs are held during the summer of 2006. You must be 16 years old by the time you start the program but not yet 21.

**Trainer Development Conference**

Are you a youth trainer, district trainer, council trainer, commissioner or any Scout leader who wants to learn to communicate ideas better? On Saturday, January 21, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. a Trainer Development Conference will be held at Yellow Roadways, 10990 Roe Ave, Shawnee Mission, KS. The cost for this conference is $10.00.

During this conference you will be taught:
- Basic principles of learning.
- Importance of good communication.
- Characteristics of a good trainer.
- The required steps of planning.
- The importance of training arrangements.
- Training methods.
- Training technology.
- Putting “Pizzazz” in training.
- And much more…

The deadline for registration is Friday, January 13, 2006. Please register online at www.hoac-bsa.org or you can register by visiting the Council Service Center. If you have any further questions please contact J. Britt Davis, HOAC Training Director at (816) 569-4924, jdavis@bsamail.org or Jeff Wandtke, TDC Course Director at (913) 551-7300.

Volunteers wishing to join your District Training Team should visit with the District Training Chair at your monthly roundtable.

**Woodcarving Workshop**

The annual Woodcarving Workshop was again a success. The workshop is held annually in December. Thank you to Herb Cast and the team of volunteers or organizing this event.

**21ST World Scout Jamboree**

“One World One Promise”

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by the Scout Association of the United Kingdom from July 27 until August 8, 2007. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days. They will share adventure, international friendship, personal growth, and development. Please visit the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org for more information.

The Heart of America Council, BSA would like to congratulate Mr. David Disney for being selected as one of the World Jamboree Scoutmasters. We wish you luck in your travels representing the Heart of America Council.

**OKPIK Northern Tier High Adventure**

Scout troops and Venture crews are invited to participate in the 2006 OKPIK cold weather camping program. Winter is a great time to be outdoors. There are numerous weekends throughout the winter that are still available.

For more information go to: www.ntier.org. Dates are available throughout the 2006 Winter season as well as dates for Summer 2006.

**Philmont Council Contingent Opportunities**

The Heart of America Council, BSA will be taking a contingent to Philmont departing July 7, 2006 and returning July 21, 2006. There is a fee of $750.00 per participant which includes, round trip transportation, meals to and from Philmont, fees at Philmont Scout Ranch, High Adventure T-shirt and two mandatory shake-down trainings prior to arrival at Philmont. The fee does not include personal gear or spending money. There are a limited amount of Camperships available to be part of the Philmont Council Contingent.

For more information please contact Laura Campbell at lacampbe@bsamail.org or you can phone her at (816) 569-4963. The application for the Philmont Council Contingent and campership Application can be found on the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org located under Resources and Forms.

**Omission…**

In a previous edition of Adventures in Scouting an omission was made regarding the Council Camping Awards. The Heart of America Council, BSA would also like to acknowledge North Star Troop 1992 for their achievement of the Council Camp Award.
Hot Popcorn Sales!

Congratulations to all 16 units in Twin Rivers that sold popcorn this winter! You did a great job! We were very successful in getting our products out to more people than ever this year. Congratulations to all the boys who sold popcorn, especially our $1000+ and $2000+ sellers! Keep up the good work!

Recharters Are Due Soon

You should be starting to process your recharters over the Internet. Remember, the information will be updated on the Internet before printing hard copies for signatures, this process should be done no later than January 15, 2005! Contact John Berton, District Commissioner, at (785) 242-8294 or Landon Behrens, District Executive, at (800) 776-1110.

District Awards

District Dinner

On March 4, 2006, we will hold our Annual District Recognition Dinner at St John’s Hall in Greeley. This is our chance to recognize all the wonderful volunteers who dedicate time and resources to make the Scouting program so successful. We will also recognize the accomplishments of our Eagle Scout Class of 2005 during this event. Please be sure to put this date on your calendars now and be sure attend! It is one of the most special evenings in Scouting that you can be part of.

Day Camp Cubs in Hollywood

Now is the time to submit nominations for district level awards presented at the District Dinner. The following award nominations are available at roundtable, the Council Office and the Council Website; Special Service Award, Distinguished Service Award and the District Award of Merit. Please complete and submit the nomination forms by the January roundtable.

District Events

March
- District Commissioner’s Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Paola United Methodist Church
- Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Paola United Methodist Church
- OA Chapter 4 Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Paola United Methodist Church
- District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Beethoven’s, Paola

April
- Merit Badge College; 8:30 a.m., Osawatomie High School
- OA Chapter 4 Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Paola United Methodist Church
- District Dinner; 6:00 p.m., St John’s Hall, Greeley
- District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Beethoven’s, Paola
- Cub Leader Basic Training; 8:30 a.m., Location TBA

Friends of Scouting Unit Presentations

If your unit has not scheduled your unit presentation now, contact Landon Behrens, District Executive, at (800) 776-1110.

2006 Twin Rivers Committee Chairs

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Training

Training dates and locations for the Spring are currently being scheduled. 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.

Winter “Midnight Downhill” Activity

The Winter Activity this year at Snow Creek in Weston, Missouri will take place January 6 and 7. Thank you to everyone that signed up by the deadline, December 15. Skiing or snow boarding can be done from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. We want to thank Dan Morales for doing a great job putting the Winter Activity together. Please make sure to fill out the evaluation forms for the event so it can be even more successful in the years to come!

Internet Rechartering

Every unit should be on the Internet following the proper procedures to get re-chartered. Please do not wait until the last minute. Registering early will allow any questions you have to be answered in a timely manner. Remember, this will be the last time we re-charter in February. Next year re-chartering will be done in December. If you have any questions please contact your District Executive.

Friends of Scouting

Everyone should have scheduled a time to have a Friends of Scouting presentation. We will be making sure that all presentations given to units will be quality presentations. Following every presentation there will be follow up phone calls to make sure everyone is given the opportunity to help their unit achieve their goals.

Many people have asked how your Friends of Scouting gift supports your Scout’s experience. Here are some ways your gift supports Scout’s experiences: 5,000 youths met one-on-one with their parent/guardian to discuss the issues of drug abuse and prevention and to discuss child abuse and youth protection, more than 8,100 Scouts and 2,700 leaders provided over 20,000 hours of community service projects, accident and liability insurance is provided by the Heart of America Council, 11,854 at risk youths in the urban core of Kansas City are positively impacted by the Scouting program, training and support for unit leaders including monthly roundtables, youth protection training and “behind the scenes” support through the Council Service center, the Council Newsletter, Adventures in Scouting, is printed and mailed to all Council and Key Unit leaders (the newsletter provides information on all Council and District Activities), support for monthly leader roundtables in each district, including: printing of materials, program helps and location fees. More than $81,000 in campership assistance was provided to help Scouts attend Summer Camp, Day Camp, or a High Adventure activity, and 3,462 unit leaders were provided leader specific training at little or no cost. These are just a few ways your contribution supports your Scout’s experience. Make sure to visit with Steve York or a District Executive at roundtables to get any questions answered.

Annual District Recognition Dinner

The Thunderbird District Dinner will be held on February 11, 2006. All nominations should have been sent to the council office by the December roundtable at: Heart of America Council Thunderbird District Awards Committee 10210 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, MO 64131. Make sure to come and enjoy the fellowship as we recognize our outstanding volunteers in the Thunderbird District. Registration forms can be found on the website at www.hoac-bsa.org. The deadline for registration forms is January 30. Please register early so the appropriate accommodations can be made for the event. Contact David Riker at (816) 569-4962, if you have any questions.
JANUARY & FEBRUARY ARE SALUTING GREAT POSTS DOING GREAT THINGS CHECK IT OUT!

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 either Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569.4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org or Jenise Dixon Exploring & Learning for Life District Executive, at (816) 569.4970 or jedixon@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 e-mail and we will add you to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.

Tell us your story
We would like to hear about what you are doing with articles and pictures. In the newsletter we offer an 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.

Explorer Post Renewal Paperwork Past Due
If your post is a December renewal, and you have not turned in your renewal paperwork yet, it is critical that you turn it in as soon as possible. We want to insure that every leader and youth is registered with the Heart of America Council. Schedule your appointment now to complete the renewal process. We are here to assist you with the paperwork and insure that your unit is registered.

For questions or more information, please contact Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569.4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org or Jenise Dixon Exploring & Learning for Life District Executive, at (816) 569.4970 or jedixon@lflmail.org.

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2006 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference
Northern Arizona University • Flagstaff, AZ
July 10-15, 2006
DATES: July 10 - July 15, 2006
WHERE: Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona
Fees: The post security deposit is $100. The conference fee is $350 per person.
Objectives:
The objectives of the 2006 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference are to
1. Provide an opportunity to substantially enrich the program of each Law Enforcement post.
2. Help create new Law Enforcement posts.
3. Enhance the level of officer and Advisor performance within existing Law Enforcement posts.
4. Promote an exchange of successful post program ideas.
5. Encourage posts to incorporate the five areas of program emphasis (career opportunities, citizenship, leadership experience, life skills, and character education) into their post program planning.
6. Create a positive climate for federal law enforcement agencies and national law enforcement associations to become familiar with Law Enforcement Exploring.
7. Provide Law Enforcement Explorers with a format for career and educational exploration.
8. Give Explorers an opportunity for recreational and social activities and for having fun.

The information and application can be found on the Learning for Life Web site: www.learningforlife.org. Go to Exploring then Law Enforcement Exploring and click on Academies. You can view administration and support services, competitions and seminars offered at the conference, program activities, leadership development, and all forms that will be required to attend the conference. You can also download the conference guidebook from the website.

KC @ Night 2006!
Hey everyone, remember how much fun we had in 2005 at KC @ Night? Well, we are going to have just as much and even more in 2006. Keep checking your mail for information on our 2006 KC @ Night. It’s going to be great.

It’s been so much fun! Join us in 2006 for more excitement!
2006 District Pinewood Derby

The Red-Tailed Hawk District Pinewood Derby will be held on March 4 location TBA. The three top winners from each pack are invited to attend this special race. Check-in begins at 10:00 a.m. with the race beginning promptly at 2:00 p.m. All Cub Scouts in attendance will receive a patch and the top 6 finalists will receive a trophy. We look forward to seeing the fastest derby cars in the district and some very exciting races.

2006 Unit Rechartering

On January 5, at roundtable, recharter packets will be distributed and a brief training will be available for those who would like to attend. If you recall from last year or if you’re new, rechartering is now done online. Please plan on having a unit representative on hand to pickup your packet.

RTH Award and Recognition Program

Just around the corner is our annual award and recognition program to recognize our Eagle Scouts from 2005, and deserving adult volunteers who have consistently contributed to the success of the Scouting program. The adult awards include the District Award of Award given to those who exemplify the spirit of Scouting and have consistently worked to better the program at the district level and Outstanding Leader Awards who recognize hard working unit leaders at various positions. All units are encouraged to nominate those individuals who have made major contributions in time and effort to assist or improve their individual unit or the district as a whole. Many deserving adult volunteers are never recognized – this is your opportunity to change that. The recognition program culminates with a banquet on March 4, 2006 at a location TBA for all recipients.

Friends of Scouting

It is that time of the year to schedule a date for your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation. A great opportunity is at court of honors and blue and gold banquets. Our presentations are brief and should not delay your agenda by more than 7-8 minutes. By presenting at these typically well-attended events, we give most unit families a chance to contribute, including those who don’t typically give of their time and talents.

Thank you in advance for your support of this very important campaign which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to over 34,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council!

This year’s Family FOS Campaign will again be lead by Tom Johnson as Chairman. To schedule a unit presentation please contact, Jason Ballew at jballew@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4982.

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 stay informed and acquire current Scouting information. Please share the below communication avenues with the leaders in your unit.

2005 Scout Olympics Camporee

The annual district camporee was held October 14-16 at the old Lake Olathe golf course. Over 1,080 folks enjoyed an outstanding weekend of fun, fellowship and challenging programs. This year’s theme was “Scout Olympics” and Boy Scouts, Venturers, Webelos and Cubs had a great time. Troop 324 put on an exciting program for the Boy Scouts, which required individual patrols to compete while demonstrating various Scout skills. Those skills included orienteering, knots, physical fitness, first aid and more. Congratulations Troop 218 of Overland Park for winning the overall competition! The Webelos enjoyed fun activities like fire building, pitching a tent, relay races, signal flags, and physical fitness. Cub Scouts had a blast with fun activities like ham radios, story telling, games, and watching radio controlled airplanes. On Saturday evening Troop 240 built an awesome campfire and the youth of the district entertained all with skits and songs. During an inspirational ceremony, numerous flags were retired at the conclusion of the campfire.

A huge thanks to Gene Lamb and Dave Weerts who work nearly year round in planning and putting forth this outstanding event. Also thanks to Donna Fye, Renee Jalowiec, Marc Lloyd, Paul Alters, Daryl Bolton, Jim Joyce, Mike Morris, Chris Foote, John Sleezer, Ernie Lunsford, Tana McGovern, Jeff Turner, Susan Lux, Troops 324 and 85. There were many more folks who worked hard to make this event possible and thanks to each and every one of you.

Red-Tailed Hawk District Events

January
5 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
12 Commissioners Meeting; 7:30 p.m., MNU Library
14 Merit Badge Forum, Session 1; 1:00 p.m., California Trail Jr. High
17 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Advent Lutheran Church
19 Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., St. Thomas Apostolic Church
21 Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., St. Thomas Apostolic Church
28 Merit Badge Forum, Session 2; 1:00 p.m., California Trail Jr. High

February
2 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
9 Commissioners Meeting; 7:30 p.m., MNU Library
11 Merit Badge Forum, Session 3; 1:00 p.m., California Trail Jr. High
16 Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., St Thomas Apostolic Church
17-19 Trader’s Rendezvous, District Winter Camping Event at Camp Naish
21 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Advent Lutheran Church

March
2 Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., at College Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center
4 Pinewood Derby; 2:00 p.m., at TBA
4 District Recognition Dinner; 6:30 p.m., at TBA
9 Commissioners Meeting; 7:30 p.m., at MNU Library
14 District Committee Meeting; 7:00 p.m., at Advent Lutheran Church
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**2006 Cub Scout Day Camp**

This year’s day camp will be held at Walnut Hills located in Carrollton, MO. Tammy Cockrum and Becky Miller will be the new Directors for the “Cub Scouts in Hollywood” themed camp. Anyone who is interested in serving on the 2006 day camp staff, please contact Tammy at (660) 542-1170.

**District Dinner**

This year’s Big Muddy District Dinner will be held at the Mushroom Patch Restaurant in Richmond, MO. The Mushroom Patch Restaurant is located just west of the intersections of old 10 and old 13 highway. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be $15.00 per person and will include a buffet style meal. Registration forms may be obtained at your monthly roundtable or if you have questions please contact Kyle Kolkemeyer, District Activities Chair at (660) 934-2548.

**Good Turn for America**

Community Service and doing a Good Turn daily are some of the most basic components in 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 voluntarism.
- 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.
- This initiative focuses on three basic needs – food, shelter and healthy living.

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 year rocker from the Kansas City Scout Shop.

The Heart of America Council has conducted over 300 service hours this year toward a goal of 500,000 hours. For more information visit www.goodturnforamerica.org or contact your district activities chairman.

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**2006 Cub Scout Day Camp**

Get a Leather Bead!

Bring your Cubs 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, Cuff Pads, Kneecap/Sneaker Slides, Coasters and many other leathercraft projects.

It’s a blast for the kids and the adults.

Call and schedule your den today.

The Leathersmith Supply Co.
9335 W. 87th
O.P., KS 66212
913-901-0105
Rechartering

Once again rechartering time is here! The Heart of America Council is happy to announce that rechartering will once again be simplified with the help of the Internet! This new method of rechartering makes the whole process much easier and also ensures that your charter will be correct because you complete the charter renewal information. It is very important you designate a Renewal Processor from your unit to complete this process. For more information on this rechartering process, check out the rechartering tutorial at www.hoac-bsa.org. Any questions can be directed to Phillip Brockland at (800) 776-1110.

2006 Friends of Scouting

It is time to sign up your unit for a Friends of Scouting presentation. We ask that you sign up for a presentation during your blue and gold banquet or troop court of honor. Remember, free rank advancement to all units that reach their unit FOS goals. The Friends of Scouting Campaign is a vital part of our program. The money raised goes towards training our leaders, the camps that we enjoy and provides assistance to those Scouts that may need help with registration and camp fees. If you would like to help with the 2005 campaign please contact Phillip Brockland at (800) 776-1110.

District Awards

Nominations for the Award of Merit and the Silver Bear were being accepted up until the December roundtable. This is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding leaders of the Lone Bear District. These awards will be presented at the Lone Bear District Dinner planned for January 12, 2006 at the Clinton Rotary Building. The food for this event is being catered by Alewels of Warrensburg. This is an event the leaders and Eagle Scouts of Lone Bear will not want to miss. Every Leader in the district is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information contact Jerry Post at (660) 747-0600.

Training

Trained leaders are the key to any good Scouting program. As we continue with the fall round up it is time to think about getting all of our new leaders to training. The training courses are designed to give our unit's leadership a good understanding of the Scouting program and how to deliver the best program to the youth of their pack or troop. Mike Morales and his training team have been hard at work providing training opportunities for the Lone Bear leadership. There are still more opportunities to be a part of this year's training and to become a trained leader! For more information, come to the December roundtable. And remember, every boy deserves a trained leader!
**2006 Friends of Scouting**

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 take only 5 minutes and should be scheduled for either your troop court of honor or pack blue and gold. You can either sign up at roundtable or contact Matt Specht at (816) 569-4966, mspecht@bsamail.org.

**2005 District Awards Recognition Dinner**

Get ready to attend the 2005 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 26, 2006 at Christ Episcopal Church (91st & Nall). Make sure you have marked your calendars. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs. Registration forms can be found on the Trailhead District website at www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead.cfm

Congratulations to the Units Selling Popcorn!

This year, we sold over $158,000 in popcorn to help support both the Scouting program and our individual units. That means the 24 units that participated benefited over $50,000 from the sale. Thank you for your support. A big thank you is extended to the hard working District Kernel, Pam Clark, who coordinated this year’s sale. We appreciate all your hard work.

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**Recharter**

The online recharter training and charter packet pickup is taking place at the January Commissioner’s meeting; January 12, 7:30 p.m. at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nall. Every unit needs to be present. If you are not able to attend, please contact Matt Specht to make a personal appointment and take care of this process. Remember you will not actually access the online system until February 1. There are plenty of preparations you need to complete before doing the online recharter.

**Pinewood Derby**

The Trailhead District Pinewood Derby is right around the corner. On April 1, three champions from every pack will test their car to see how it stands against the other packs. The rules that are sold 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. Watch the Trailhead web page for more information.

**Cub Day Camp**

Each pack should already have designated a Day Camp Coordinator. It is the responsibility of this person to be at the Pack Coordinator meeting on March 2 at the Church of the Resurrection (roundtable). There will also be a breakout at the February roundtable on how to promote Day Camp within your pack. Look for the Trailhead Day Camp flyer or website for more details on Day Camp. We are in great need of adult and youth staff. If you have, any questions call Suzanne Schartz (913) 851-1804.

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Eagle Salute Spotlight

The Northern Tier District is proud to present our newest Eagles from October through November 2005:
Craig Coffey, Troop 91; William Tidwell, Troop 91; Jonathan Spicer, Troop 358; Eric Hink, Troop 358; Ryan Cline, Troop 93; Matthew Green, Troop 731; Aaron Carroll, Troop 351; Jonathan Carr, Troop 279. Congratulations to each of you from your Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council. We Salute You!

District Dinner and Award of Merit

On January 28, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., Northern Tier District will hold its Annual District Dinner and Recognition Event. Please make your reservations NOW for this important evening. Please take a few moments before January 5, 2006 to register online to take advantage of the Early Bird Fee of $20. After that, we go to the full dinner price of $25! We will recognize leaders throughout our district for the dedicated work they do to improve Scouting in their units, the district and the council. Registration information is available at Roundtable and on the website. All district award nominations have been received and reviewed. We are excited to have so many worthy people from which to select a limited number of awards. Thanks for your dedication to the Scouting program and we look forward to seeing you on January 28 for a great evening!

2006 Friends of Scouting

Congratulations to all our units that have already scheduled and/or conducted their 2006 Family Friends of Scouting Presentation. We are pleased that so many units have scheduled their presentation. This is a great opportunity for every family in your unit to hear about the story of Scouting and pledge your continued support to keep the Scouting program in Northern Tier District and the Heart of America Council among the best available anywhere. Your children deserve the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed and this program is vital in making sure that opportunity is there! To help out with this campaign and schedule your unit presentation, contact Steve Brady, Family FOS Chairman, at (913) 362-8441 or Cortland Bolles at (816) 569-4918.

2006 Rechartering

Rechartering is here! Packets will be distributed at the January 2006 Roundtable. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that someone from your unit attend the Recharter Training session prior to this roundtable to learn of some of the BIG CHANGES that will happen to rechartering in Northern Tier for EVERY UNIT! Most important, we will explain to you the process of changing your charter date from March to January and how this benefits your unit!

Popcorn

Congratulations to all of our units who participated in the Popcorn Sale in 2005! Your efforts sold almost $197,000 worth of popcorn, with more than 70% of that staying here in Northern Tier in our units and to help with necessary Council Operations! Thanks go to Doug Lenhart, Popcorn Chair, and his team for a job well done! Thanks for your commitment to this vital program!

Day Camp

Cubs in Hollywood! Day Camp is here and the theme is Cubs in Hollywood. Now is the time to start planning for Day Camp. We will hold Day Camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 12-16. There is a lot of excitement and we are batting around many new ideas including a twilight camp and different program areas. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, Day Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824 or Shane St. Clair at (913) 248-1125.

Spring Recruitment

This spring, Northern Tier District is going to make a big push to recruit boys of all ages into our program. We have the best youth-serving program out there; and we want to make sure that we offer it to every boy out there who can benefit from these great opportunities. Please plan now to do some type of recruitment activity, Boy Talks, Open Houses, Park Fairs, anything that may attract NEW youth to Scouting at all levels. Unfortunately, over the past four years, Northern Tier has lost membership while offering increasingly good and exciting things for youth to be involved in. In 2006, we are going to be proactive in stopping that trend and it begins with your efforts in putting Scouting out front and center for youth to see. We are going to start NOW and rebuild our membership, starting a new trend of growth!

PACK 3249 Cake Making Contest

The fathers and sons of Pack 3249 recently had a great time showing off talents they didn’t even know they had. At a recent Pack Meeting, they showed off some of the cakes they made together! But as good as these look, they’re probably gone by now! Congratulations on a neat way to keep your families involved in the Cub Scouting program!

Northern Tier District Events

January

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7 District Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., District Commissioner Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Rd

12 District Dinner; 6:30 p.m., Sylvester Powell Jr Community Center, 6200 Martway

19 Eagle Salute Spotlight

February

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7 New Leader Essentials & Youth Protection Trainings; 6:30 p.m., Location TBA

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16 District Eagle Boards of Review; 6:30 p.m., LDS Church, 7845 Allman Rd

18 Merit Badge Forum (Day 1) & Super Saturday: 8:30 a.m., SMNWHS, 12701 W 67th St

18 Den Chief Conference – Time & Location TBA

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31 Troop Committee Challenge; Time & Location TBA
Blue Elk District

Klondike Derby

Cold weather camping is an exciting and vital part of the Scouting experience. If your troop is not already registered for the 2006 Klondike Derby, be sure to do so. The registration fee is $7.00 per person if paid by the January Roundtable meeting. After that time the fee is $8.00 per person. Overnight camping is optional. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Chuck Vlasin at (816) 478-9611 or Ross Pfannenstiel at (816) 942-9333.

Membership

Though the fall is over and the main recruitment efforts are complete for most units, keep in mind that recruitment is a year round task. A new boy can sign up at any given time throughout the year, so keep your unit’s posters and other recruitment materials visible in the community. You never know when a future Eagle Scout may come calling.

Training

There are training opportunities available for all programs in the Blue Elk District in the months to come. February 4th there are opportunities for leaders of Cub Scout packs and Venturing crews. March 25th training will be offered to leaders of Boy Scout troops. More information can be obtained by going online at www.hoac-bsa.org, or by contacting Bob Overly at (816) 795-7665, or any of the Blue Elk professional staff at (816) 942-9333.

District Dinner

The annual Blue Elk district dinner will be held February 25, 2006 at the Adam’s Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs. Cost for the event will be $19.50 per person. Dinner will be provided with a wonderful program to follow. Eagle Scout Lief Lisec from Metro Sports will be the master of ceremonies. This is a time to recognize Eagle Scouts and adult Scouters for their tremendous efforts in the past year. There will also be the opportunity for Eagle Scout photographs. If you have not already signed up, you can do so by going to www.hoac-bsa.org then go to the Blue Elk page.

Advancement

Are the youth in your unit advancing? Are you turning in Advancement reports to make sure those boys are getting credit for their advancements? If not, you are only hurting the Scout as he works towards additional rank advancement.

In addition, Eagle Boards of Review can be conducted at monthly Roundtable meetings or at your troop meeting location. Please call Leonard Jones at (B) 816-471-5584 or (H) 816-228-4690 at least two weeks before the date you wish to have the Eagle Board of Review. The Advancement Committee would also like to review the Eagle Candidates paperwork prior to the Board of Review to make sure everything is in order. Please contact Leonard to make those arrangements.

Blue Elk District Events

**January**

- **5** Roundtable; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Middle School, 1716 S Speck Rd, Independence, MO
- Eagle Board of Review- at Roundtable
- Merit Badge Counselor Training- at Roundtable
- Order of the Arrow Chapter 6 Meeting- at Roundtable
- New Leader Essentials Training- at Roundtable
- Commissioner’s Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Beacon Heights Community of Christ, 19402 Holke Rd, Independence, MO
- **19** District Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m., St Mark’s Catholic Church, 3736 South Speck Rd, Independence, MO
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- **28** Troop Committee Training; 6:30 p.m., St Mark’s Catholic, 3736 Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO
2006 Friends of Scouting Presentations

We have already started raising money for our fundraising campaign. Don’t miss out on a great presentation and the opportunity to give back to scouting. Now is the time to reserve your FOS presentation. Contact Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967 or Rick Lockwood (913) 684-2980 for more details.

New Unit Commissioner

We have a new unit commissioner on our team. Chris Koster has joined the Kaw District and will be working with Susan on assisting units. He is completing his studies at KU Medical center and is looking forward to devoting his time and effort to Kaw District. Welcome Chris!

Fall Camporee

Thank you to all the Scouts and Scouters that made this year’s Fall Camporee a great one. A special thank you goes to Tim Saint and Steve Wykcoff for their hard work and attention to detail to make this event work.

Webelos Lock-In

A big thank you goes to all the cubmasters, and den leaders, and parents that accompanied their Webelos to this year’s lock-in. We truly had a great time this year.

Ray and Sharon Thebo raised the bar this year not only in their planning and program, but also in attracting units from outside of Kaw District. To Ray, Sharon, and all of their staff, thank you for giving us and our visiting units a lock-in to remember. We are all looking forward to next year!

Klondike Derby

This year’s Klondike Derby will begin on Saturday, January 14. The location is Fort Leavenworth but all questions may be directed to Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967 or Larry Sisk at (913) 596-1216.

Annual Recognition Dinner

The Kaw District would like to invite you and your family to celebrate another successful program year. Our dinner will be held at The Savior Pastoral Center at 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS. 66109. For more information, you may contact Sharon Thebo at (913) 287-2278.

Kaw District Pinewood Derby

START YOUR ENGINES!! It’s time for Kaw District’s Annual Pinewood Derby. The event will take place on March 18th, 2006 at the General Motors Plant-Fairfax District. This joint venture will allow Cub Scouts from Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties to race their gravity-propelled pinewood derby cars that they carved and designed (with help from their parents) against one another. This is a great event and a wonderful opportunity for all Cub Scouts to come out have some fun racing their cars!! Registration forms and information will be distributed soon. For more details, contact Khary Floyd (816) 569-4965.

Kaw District Events

January
5 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting. Due to the recent sale of Rehm’s Park Southern Baptist Church, the January roundtable is TBA We will notify everyone as soon as our roundtable location has been established.
12 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting: 7:00 p.m., BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St. Kansas City, KS
14 Klondike Derby; Fort Leavenworth
18-20 District Planning Conference
28 Annual Recognition Dinner: Savior Pastoral Center. 12601 Parallel Parkway. Kansas City, KS 66109

February
2 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting: Location TBA
9 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting: 7:00 p.m., BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St. Kansas City, KS

March
2 Roundtable/OA Meeting: Location TBA
9 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting: 7:00 p.m., BPU Human Resources, 300 N. 65th St. Kansas City, KS.
18 Pinewood Derby; General Motors Fairfax Plant
District Recognition Dinner 2005

On Saturday January 14 starting at 6 p.m. the Trails West District will hold its annual volunteer recognition dinner. The event will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church at 101 Metcalf in Overland Park. The event will highlight many of the dedicated volunteers that help keep the Scouting program strong. The evening will end with the presentation of the District Award of Merit, which is the highest award a district can bestow on a volunteer. Now is the time to start thinking about who in your unit should be nominated for the district awards. Look for more information at the district roundtables.

Training

Every Scout, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer, Varsity deserves a trained leader. Untrained leaders, often with the best and most honest of intentions, simply are unable to deliver the program as it is meant to be. As a result the young people those leaders hope to serve are in fact short-changed.

To prevent this occurrence, Trails West District offers a full scope of training for parents, new leaders, as well as leaders accepting new responsibilities in the program. Training is offered at convenient locations throughout the district and is open to all parents and leaders.

Youth Protection and Leader “Fast Start” training are both available on the Heart of America web site and are encouraged as independent training opportunities. Leaders taking advantage of on-line training are asked to inform the District Training Chair, Joe Ogilvie, of such training at jogilvie@kc.rr.com or (913) 492-3880.

Rechartering 2006

All units in the Trails West District need to make sure they have the member of the unit that is responsible for their recharter in attendance at the January 5th roundtable. At the roundtable, there will be a recharter kick-off that will walk people through the new online recharter process. It is very important that the member of the unit that will be responsible for the recharter is at the meeting to get the new information and the password that will allow the online recharter process to work. For more information call Alan J Sanders at 816-569-4958 or asanders@bsamail.org.

Popcorn 2005

The Trails West District and all the units in the district would like to thank David Colvin for all the hard work that went into the 2005 popcorn fundraiser. David helped 22 units sell over $175,000 worth of popcorn. That relates to over $58,000 into accounts in the Trails West District.

Webelos-to-Scout Transition Session:

Every graduating Webelos deserves the opportunity to continue his Scouting experience as a member of a Boy Scout troop. Many Webelos Scouts will go on into Scouting with no help at all. But at least half of them need to know more about their opportunities for fun and adventure in the Scout troop. If you would like more information regarding Boy Scout Troops in your area contact Alan J. Sanders at (815) 569-4958 or asanders@bsamail.org.
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lee Ross and Steve Vaughn for being named Scouters of the Month at the October and November Roundtables and to North Star’s newest Silver Beaver recipients—Randy Hayes and John McBurney, presented at the HOAC Recognition Dinner in November.

Thank you for all you do for the Scouts of your units, your district, and your council!!

Upcoming Training

Monthly training opportunities at monthly roundtables include Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials and Merit Badge Counselor Training. Don’t forget Youth Protection and Fast Start training can be done online.

Cub Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:

• January 21, New Leader Essentials (9:00 a.m.), Youth Protection (10:30 a.m.) and Cub Scout Leader Position Specific (1:00 p.m.), Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd Street.

• March 21, Cub Scout Leader Training
  Check the North Star Training webpage for details or contact Karen Hatcher at 891-9429 for more information.

Boy Scout Leader training is scheduled as follows:

• March 28, Boy Scout Leader Training
  Check the North Star Training webpage for details or contact John Cookingham at 587-1695 for information.

Venture Leader training is currently scheduled as follows:

• March 28, Venturing Leader Training
  Check the North Star Training webpage for details or contact Mark Hatcher at 891-9429 for information.

Fast Start, Youth Protection, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training courses are now available online. Check these out and all up-to-date information on available training courses at your North Star District Training page:

http://hoac-bsa.org/nstrainig.cfm

Klondike Derby

It’s not too late to register for the Klondike Derby, to be held at Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake on January 21. More information will be available at Roundtable and on-line at the North Star District Activities webpage:

http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm

District Recognition Dinner

The annual North Star District Recognition Dinner will be held at the KCI Marriott on January 28 at 6 p.m. Don’t forget to bring your 2005 Eagles!! You can find out more about the dinner and make reservations online at the North Star Activities webpage:

http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting (FOS) program should be everyone’s priority in order to provide the best possible program for our scouts. If your unit has an FOS presentation scheduled, please give generously, and if you don’t have a presentation scheduled, please do so as soon as possible. You can find out more about FOS at Roundtables or contact Dan Cady, District Executive at (816) 569-4978 or email dacad@bsamail.org.

District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby Championships will be held Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, and will be held in the lower level of the Mall – near either JC Penney’s or Dillard’s. More information will be available at Roundtable and on the NS Activities webpage.

“The North Star District Pinewood Derby Extravaganza”, will celebrate Pinewood Derby – a Cub Scout tradition that began in 1953.

The District Championship format will be identical to previous years, and the only cars racing on that track will be those Pack Champions who are representing their Unit (1 per classification per Unit – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos I, Webelos II). The District Championship Derby currently has a staff of 25 – anyone interested in helping with the District Race would be more than welcome!

A new feature is to have more tracks (in addition to the track used for the District Race) in other areas of the Mall. These tracks would be set up for Saturday only from 10AM to 6PM – and would be designed for ALL SCOUTS (including Boy Scouts who would love to bring their cars from their Cub Scout days) AND ADULTS (those who have their old cars or would like to build one) – and race for a friendly Scouting competition.

Internet Re-Chartering

It is time again for rechartering. The rechartering documents will be accepted at roundtables and at the Commissioner staff meetings at St. Luke Presbyterian Church (4301 NE Vivion). Let’s make sure we have 100% on time re-chartering – and, don’t forget your completed Quality Unit forms. If you have questions, please contact your Commissioner, or the District Professionals.

Good Turn for America

Please report your 2005 service hours on the Good Turn for America website as soon as possible, which you can find on the North Star Activities website: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm

North Star District Events

January

5 District Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., Platte Woods United Methodist, 7310 NW Prairie View. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Training are offered along with the OA Chapter Meeting

7 OA Winter Banquet

10 District Committee Meeting: 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion

12 Commissioner Staff Meeting: 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion

21 Cub Scout Leader Training, Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd

21 Klondike Derby: Kelsey Short Youth Camp, Smithville Lake

21 Webelos Camp Draw

February

2 District Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., Platte Woods United Methodist, 7310 NW Prairie View. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Training are offered along with the OA Chapter Meeting

3-4 District Pinewood Derby: Metro North Mall

5 Scout Sunday

7 Commissioner Staff Meeting and Re-Charter Turn-In: 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion

11 District Committee Planning Meeting

22 Boy Scout Camp payments due

March

2 District Roundtable: 7:30 p.m., Platte Woods United Methodist, 7310 NW Prairie View. New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Training are offered along with the Leave No Trace Workshop.

9 Commissioner Staff Meeting 7:30 p.m., St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion

14 District Committee Meeting: 7:30 p.m., North Cross United Methodist, 1321 NE Vivion

21 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

28 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training and Venture Leader Training
Popcorn

This year’s popcorn sale is nearing its end with much success for the Pelathe District’s units. All payments are due to the HOAC Council office by Wednesday January 18.

The blitz day was held on November 5. Units had the opportunity to canvas neighborhoods and sell popcorn door to door. After the sale, there was free bowling at Royal Crest Lanes. About 40 Scouts bowled with their families. The big winners in the drawing were: Eli Schneck (3072) flashlight, John Kihm (3462) flashlight, Mason Veeder (3462) Boy Scout pocket knife, Randy Walter (59) Boy Scout pocket knife, John Bennett IV (3370) Coleman lantern, Eli Allen (59) Coleman sleeping bag, Parker Guyot (3462) tent, Jarod Bennett (3370) $50 Wal-Mart gift card, Luke Winchester (3370) Magellan GPS navigation receiver. Congratulations!!!

Much thanks go to Audrey Taylor for coordinating this year’s popcorn sale. Thanks also to Sauer Danfoss and Jerry Olhimer for lending us the use of their shipping and receiving area to store and distribute popcorn. Finally, thanks to all those who helped distribute popcorn.

Friends of Scouting

The annual Friends of Scouting fundraising drive is currently underway for 2006. We need your help to make the Scouting program available to all who are interested.

The funds we raise each year are used to keep the council running, keep our Scout Camps operating and keep the program constantly improving.

Please allow time this winter and spring to have a FOS presenter at your court of honor, blue and gold banquet or any other event where all the families will be in attendance. Our goal has to be met by May 11 to keep things running smoothly. Keep in mind that all units, that meet their individual goals are entitled to free rank advancement for the year.

Please contact Tripp Anderson, Family FOS Chair at (785) 842-3777 or aanderson@1040nh.com to schedule a presentation.

District Dinner

Our Annual District Dinner to honor those who have selflessly served the youth of the Pelathe District will be held on Saturday, January 14, 6:30 p.m. at The First United Methodist Church in Lawrence. The menu this year will be Italian. Look for the registration form online at hoac-bsa.org in the Pelathe district pages. Please have your registration and fee in by December 31.

District Leadership Positions

There are some key positions in the Pelathe District that need to be filled. They are Membership Chair, and Activities Chair. These two positions are extremely important to the district. If you are interested in taking on the challenge of either of these positions or if you would like more information about these positions, please contact Glen Sharp (785) 594-3006.

Charter Renewal

Your charter renewal packets are available. In them you will find information to renew the charter for your unit online. This process is fast and relatively painless. If you have not received your charter renewal packet, please contact Jacob Allen. The process should be complete by January 31, 2006. For those of you that missed the training on this topic, there will be another training at the January roundtable.

2006 Day Camp

The Cub Scout Day Camp will be held June 5-9, 2006 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The theme for this year is “Cubs in Hollywood.” Each den of boys needs to have two walking leaders with them all five days. The fee is still $45 and is due to the HOAC along with T-shirt orders, the fee increases to $60 if not received by TBA. If you would like to help with Day Camp this year, please contact Nicolette Bennett, (785) 331-2475, mom@thebennetthome.com.
Merit Badge Academy

Here is your chance to acquire those merit badges you’ve been waiting for. On January 21st, 2006 your Scouts will be able to select through the various merit badges that are being offered this winter. Registrations forms are available on the website along with the merit badge requirement list. For questions and to sign up your scouts for the merit badge academy today contact Pat Parks at 816-333-5904. Signups will also be available at the January roundtable. Lunch will not be provided but Troop 80 will be selling hotdogs, chips and a drink. Don’t miss out on all the fun!

Popcorn Sales

Did you sell popcorn this year? Have you seen the great incentives and rewards? Have all your forms been turned in? Popcorn sales ended on November 1st, which means payments are due by January 4th. Please make the effort to follow through with your popcorn sale whether it is to deliver your remaining popcorn or turning in your final payments.

2006 Friends of Scouting

It’s FOS time again and I have a few questions for you. Have you made that pledge? Have you signed up your unit for a family presentation? Have you volunteered to be a presenter? Year after year we ask for your help and you all are there willing to help out and show your support. Well, we are asking for your support once again in making vital contributions to Scouting in the Pioneer Trails District. This is more than just financial support; it is an opportunity to ensure that an investment has been made towards our greatest asset… that’s right our youth. Please do your part and support a program that promotes citizenship, creates more opportunity for youths to join Scouting and enhances the lives of over 7,000 youth in the Pioneer Trails District. Schedule your troop or pack for their Friends of Scouting presentation today. Sign up at any upcoming roundtable or call Tom Holley at (816) 942-1297.

District Dinner

It’s almost time for the Pioneer Trails District Dinner. The dinner will be held at Colonial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 4th 2006. The dinner is a time for fellowship and a time to recognize the volunteers who have made a difference in the Pioneer Trails district in 2005. So, make sure to you plan to attend this year’s District Dinner. George Weaver will spearhead this year’s dinner. There are reservation forms and other material available on the website at www.hoac-bsa.org/PT_Activities.cfm. We hope to see you there for some good food, fun times and you won’t want to miss our 2005 Awards of Merit presentation!

Day Camp

To all you Cub packs out there get ready and mark your calendar for this year’s Pioneer Trails Day Camp. This year Pioneer Trails and KAW will join together for a super duper day camp at Cub World located at Camp Naish. For, those of you who haven’t been out to Cub World you just don’t know all the fun you are missing out on. The dates you should mark down are June 12-15. So, get ready for a fun and exciting week full of camping adventures.

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2004 Quality District
Prairie Star Elementary Cub Scout Pack 3472

As part of an incentive to increase their popcorn sales, Prairie Star Elementary Cub Scout Pack 3472, allowed any Cub Scout with more than $300 in popcorn sales to throw a whipped cream pie at one of their leaders. Thank you to everyone who participated in the sale and used their own incentives to increase participation.