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Popcorn Sale 2007 Grows by More than 10%

The 2007 popcorn sale was a great success. Total sales for the campaign topped $2,279,550. This is more than a 10% increase over last year’s sale! This success was made possible due to the hard work of our district and unit Popcorn Kernals. They helped to generate the enthusiasm and excitement needed to achieve this record breaking sale.

In the popcorn sale, the numbers really matter. Growth in our sale means that there are more funds available to provide an even better program for our Scouts. Over 70% of the funds generated by this sale remain here to help our units and our council.

This is a great fund-raiser and supports a unit’s yearly program plan. By following the plan and conducting a Show-N-Deliver and Take Order Sale many of our units earn enough to provide for all of their activities during the year. It’s a great way to ensure that you don’t need to do more than one fund-raiser during the year.

The council uses its portion to ensure maintenance at our facilities continues uninterrupted and program fees can remain as low as possible for our camping and activity participants. This sale is a winning situation for all involved.

Below is a listing of some of our sale statistics as of November 29. This may change when the final add-on is placed. You can see the amount sold by district and the percentage increase/decrease over last year. Congratulations to those districts with an increase. You will also find lists of our top council salesmen and the top five units for each district. Great job to those leaders and Scouts that made their units successful.

Top 5 Salesmen in the Council

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District Sales

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Top 3 Units in Each District

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Prize Drawings and Scholarship Information

The council prize drawing will be conducted on December 14. Scouts selected will be called for prize pick up. Prizes are drawn from the completed order forms. The number of prizes available will make this a great deal of fun.

If Scouts in your unit qualify for the scholarship program by selling $2,500 in popcorn be sure to submit the form to register them for this program. Additional sales each year will be credited so that their scholarship will grow each year. What a great way to earn money for Scouting and provide for a college education. Remember to attach copies of the sales forms to document the amount sold for qualification purposes.
Council News

Four Reasons to Create an Endowment

The endowment program for the Heart of America Council continues to grow as more of our friends recognize the value of a planned gift to Scouting. Some provide their endowment now so they can see the results and others make arrangements for later using estate assets. There are a number of reasons people endow Scouting. Here are four you may wish to consider:

Durability - The idea of creating a perpetual stream of financial support makes sense to people who see a similarity between retirement funds and endowments. They like that fund is guarded and invested separately so the principal of the fund will grow.

A Positive Legacy - Endowments create an enduring legacy for succeeding generations. Grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members and friends will be reminded of your values and commitments.

Perpetual Annual Gifts - Many see an endowment as a means to underwrite their own regular giving. For example, an endowment of $25,000 could create an ongoing annual “gift” of $1,250.

A Stronger Heart of America Council - Each year, the council must raise funds to meet operational costs to sustain facilities, program and personnel. Annual payouts from endowments helps the board and executive committee to plan more confidently for the future.

For more information contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979 or jkuehn@bsamail.org.

Eagle Scout Scholarships

Applications for the Cooke Eagle Scout Academic Scholarship and the Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarships are now available at www.nesa.org. Please discard all old scholarship forms that you may have. Only the new forms will be accepted.

Applications for both scholarships will be accepted after October 1, 2007, but postmarked no later than midnight January 31, 2008. Applicants can fill out these applications on the computer, print them out, sign them and mail them in to the address on the application. Please do not mail these applications to the Council Service Center as doing so will only delay your application.

Calling all COR’s and IH’s

If you are a chartered organization representative or an institutional head you are invited to attend a training session on January 5, 2008 from 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the HOAC Service Center. You will learn about the responsibilities and job of your important role in the Scouting program and receiving training on how to implement the various faith award programs, including P.R.A.Y. (God and Country), Jewish programs and Catholic programs.

This is a time to come and ask questions as well as to learn. For more information, please contact Cindy Cone, (816) 694-5151.

Chaplain Corner by Cindy Cone

It seems like summer is just a fleeting moment and yet wonderful things happened at all of our council camps. The Leathers Program saw around 3000 youth and adults working to grow their faith, this program was offered at Camp Naish, Camp Bartle and Rotary Camp. It is a program which continues to grow and be supported because of the faith component in it. At Camp Naish there was a growth in the numbers of youth who have worked on their Webelos requirements and received recognition in their program.

We also saw five youth receive their God and Life at Camp Bartle. Congratulations to Blaine Allen, Chris Zook, Aaron Brown, Kylan Roberson, and Caleb Hall. These young men worked hard and did an awesome job in restoring the bell to the church in Iconium. They uncovered the bell, painted and repaired all that needed to be. They have truly shown that scouts do care about their environment.

As we begin to look at this coming year we see God and Country programs in all corners of the city. Hats off to the pastors and churches who are working with youth to help them grow in their faith. We currently have around 150 youth involved in organized programs throughout the city. What a commitment it has taken to continue to develop these programs. Thank you to all who have shared their time and energy.

Now comes the work and the challenge!! We are holding several trainings this fall to help units become stronger in the commitment to be Reverent. On January 5, 2008, from 8:00 – 12:00 their will be training for Unit Chaplains/Chaplain Aides, this is a great time to share and to learn about what the job is to be. Also, from 9:00 – 10:00 we will be offering a time for the COR’s and IH’s to come and learn about how they can impact the program in their facilities.

The Protestant Committee, Jewish Committee on Scouting, the Catholic Committee, and the Community of Christ are committed to continue to work together to provide the best program for our youth and adults at camp and throughout the year. But we need your help!! How you might wonder, first to offer to help us out...being a chaplain, helping on our committees, help in fund raising and the list can go on. But, most importantly we need you to remember that we each serve for the sake of the youth and to grow them into the best young men ever.
Heart of America Presents Silver Beavers

On November 14, 2007 twenty six of the Heart of America Councils’ finest volunteers were honored with the Silver Beaver award. The Silver Beaver is the highest level of recognition a local council can present to a volunteer. Over 400 Scouts and Scouters attended the dinner to honor these new Silver Beavers. Congratulations!!

William Adams  Thomas Barzee, Jr.  James Bernard, Jr.  Buddy Burris  Dean Carlson

Peggy Dunn  Roland Francis  Ed Gooseman  Mark Grant  Antia Guernsey  Hale Lentz  Hurley Mahan

Ralena McCurdy  Dr. Ray Morrison  Fr. Joe Powers  Barbra Shaffer  Keith Sickendick  David Sultz  Jeff Tyler

Charlie Tetrick  James Todd, Sr.  Sharlet Untereiner  Eldon Verman  Jason White  William Whitenack  Nancy Wood

The council would also like to thank James W. Hayes, Council Advancement Chairman, for chairing the Silver Beaver Selection Committee and Del Wilkinson for acting as emcee for the evening’s festivities along with all the other volunteers who assisted in making the evening a night to remember for a group of our finest volunteers. Scouting’s strength lies in the quality of our dedicated volunteers.
New Boy Scout Advancement Requirements

The National Youth Protection Committee of the Boy Scouts of America recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements. This will keep Scouts informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.

Tenderfoot Rank
Revised requirement 9:
*Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.*

Second Class Rank
New requirement 8b:
*Explain the three R’s of personal safety and protection.*

First Class Rank
New requirement 12:
*Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the Internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.*

The changes will be represented in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook.

Wilderness and First Aid Training

Johnson County Med-Act will be offering a Wilderness First Aid course throughout the 2008 year. Topics to be covered will be: patient assessment, heat and cold injuries, bleeding control, transporting the sick and injured in wilderness environments, splinting, basic search and rescue, signaling for help
The trainings will be offered at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation on:
- February 29 – March 2, 2008
- April 4-6, 2008
- September 26-28, 2008
- January 9-11, 2009

Units and Scouters can camp the night before by contacting the Naish Scout Reservation, class goes Saturday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm.
For more information and to RSVP Contact: Adam Grace, Johnson County Med-Act, (913) 715-1981 or agrace@jocoems.org.

The BSA Around the World

In this holiday season when our thoughts center on returning home to visit with friends and family, an increasing number of US citizens find themselves living and working overseas. Did you know that Scouting through the Boy Scouts of America is available to United States citizens throughout the world? Whether members of our Armed Services or relocated due to job and business concerns, Scouting can be a wonderful connection with home. US citizens living in other parts of the world can retain membership and affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America through the Direct Service office of the National Council.

This office is a part of the International Division of the National Council that operates three “local” councils overseas, the Transatlantic Council, Far East Council and Direct Service Council. These councils provide the same services as any other local council. They also facilitate communications between units, the BSA and Scouting organizations in their countries of operation.

Approximately 2,500 youth members and 1,000 adult leaders belong to Direct Service units or are registered as Lone Scouts in isolated areas of the world. Direct Service members are the children of international businesspeople, diplomatic corps officials, and U.S. military personnel. Direct Service serves 100 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews in 45 countries on five continents.

The meetings and activities of Direct Service units are basically the same as those in the United States. Minor modifications are sometimes necessary because of circumstances that occur when living in another country. These modifications often lead to cooperative efforts between the BSA and Scouts of other associations who attend joint Scouting activities such as jamborees, rallies, community projects, and other events.

Scouting can play a tremendous role in giving young people overseas a taste of home and to help provide continuity in their lives. If you are interested in learning more about the Direct Service councils and their Scouting programs visit www.directservicebsa.org.

Recruit Scouts with E-Cards

A new feature called the e-card is available to Scouts and leaders on the www.thescoutzone.org website. This fun and easy activity will help a Scout complete the new First Class requirement that states he must invite a friend to a troop meeting or activity.
COPE/Climbing
Reservations are being accepted for the 2008 Season for COPE or Climbing experiences at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. If you or your unit are interested in making a reservation please contact Camp Naish at (913)422-1035 for a reservation.

The Price of Freedom Leadership Conference
On February 14 – 17, 2008, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is offering a four-day, three-night conference specifically developed for youth members of the Boy Scouts of America who have demonstrated leadership potential in their units, on camp staff, in the Order of the Arrow, Venturing crew officers or as members of the council’s Venturing team leadership council.

Participation in this program is limited to young men and women currently enrolled in grades 10, 11 or 12 who are active in the Scouting program and have demonstrated leadership potential. They must also meet a minimum of one of the following rank requirements: Eagle Scout, Venturing Silver Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.

All on-site conference expenses are covered by a grant from the Freedoms Foundation. Each individual participant must cover his or her own travel expense to and from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The conference will serve 120 youth participants. Conference participation will be based on reservations received on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have a Scout, Sea Scout or Venturing Crew member that you would like to nominate for this program contact Charles Vonderheid at (816) 569-4949 or cvonderh@bsamail.org.

Venturing Spring Event Announced
Mark your calendars for April 11-13, 2008 for the Venturing Spring Event to be held at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Events related to the Venturing program will include fishing, COPE, mountaineering, and back-packing.

MOS 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 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 February 29, 2008. 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
The Order of the Arrow winter banquet will be held January 5, 2008 at Bartle Hall in Kansas City, MO. The evening begins with fellowship and chapter exhibits at 5:00, with dinner starting at 6:00. Dinner will be catered by Brancato’s. The cost of the event is $25.

Four Arrowman will be recognized as Founder’s Award recipients, and the 2007 Vigil members will be presented.

Plan now on attending this event. Registration forms were distributed at roundtable and you can register online at www.hoac-bsa.org. The registration deadline is December 28, 2007. If you have more questions please call Jonathan Bonness at (816) 569-4955.

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Adventures in Scouting
Bear Resident Camp

Bear Resident Camp Online Sign-Up begins on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 8:30 am through February 4, 2008. There will be a link on the home page of the council website, www.hoac-bsa.org. Reservations will be on a first come, first serve method. Eligible participants will include Adults and Bear Cubs (Scouts who will enter the 3rd grade in fall 2008). The fee to attend Bear Resident Camp is $60.00 per Scout and leader.

If your fee is paid to the Heart of America Council utilizing the online registration method on or by February 4, 2008 the fee is discounted to $45.00. Listed on this page are the session dates for Bear Camp. Please contact your Den Leader, Cubmaster or Committee Chair on how to sign up to attend.

All participants at Bear Camp receive a mug, t-shirt and Bear Camp patch along with two days of program which include, building a wood project, outdoor cooking and the pirate ship water park. See you at camp!

Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos Draw for the 2008 Camping Season will be held January 19, 2008 at the Cerner Riverport Campus, 6711 NE Birmingham, Kansas City, MO 64117.

The 2008 Webelos Camp Sessions are listed on the chart on this page. 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 $105.00 per Webelos Scout and $105.00 per full-time leader ($30.00 per reservation is due at the draw; this amount is non-refundable). 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.

Camp Staff Applications

Interested in working at camp this summer? The Heart of America Council has openings for the 2008 camping season. If you are fifteen years of age or older, you are encouraged to apply. Positions range from instructors teaching merit badges to business managers and health officers. Applications can be downloaded from the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources and forms. Applications submitted must be the current 2008 application.

Boy Scout Camp Payments

The first 2008 Boy Scout Camp payment is due February 20, 2008. 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.

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 22 – June 28, 2008. Contact Christina Crandall at (816) 569-4930 for information on how to sign-up.
December
1 OA Lodge LEC Meeting, Council Office, 9:00 am
5 Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
15-31 Naish and Bartle Closed
17 Executive Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
19 Council Training Committee, Council Office, 7:00 pm
24-26 Council Office Closed
26 Camp Staff Reunion

January
1 Council Office Closed
2 Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
2-4 Bartle and Naish Closed
5 OA Winter Banquet, 5:00 pm
7 Bear Camp Draw, Council Office, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
12 Naish Work Day, 8:00 am
16 Maintenance Team Dinner, 6:30 pm
17 OA LEC Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
19 Webelos Camp Draw, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
19 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 am
21 Council Office Closed
22 Council Annual Business Meeting, 12:00 pm
23 Advancement Committee Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
23 Camping Committee Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm

February
2 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 am
3 Scout Sunday
6 Cub Scout Day Camp Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
8 Scout Anniversary Day
9 Scout Sabbath
9 Naish Work Day, 8:00 am
16 Bartle Work Day, 8:00 am
18 Council Office Closed
20 Council Training Committee, Council Office, 7:00 pm
21 OA LEC Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
24 Council Activities Committee Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
25 Council Executive Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

Centennial Quality Awards

The Centennial Quality Awards program is designed to recognize excellence in providing a quality program to a growing youth population at all levels of the Boy Scouts of America.

The next step for units is to submit the 2007 Centennial Quality Achievement Form for Unit Award. Criteria for the unit award are achieving unit set goals for: percentage of direct contact leaders completing basic training, percentage of youth retained in the program, on-time recharter, adding new members and volunteer leaders, achieving a 60% rate of rank advancement, having 70% of the youth members enjoying an outdoor experience and conducting an annual program and financial planning session.

Forms may be submitted between October 31 and December 31 to receive the award. For more information you can contact your unit commissioner or district executive.

Council Annual Business Meeting

from the Heart of America Council By-laws

Article III, Section 3. Clause 1

"…….. The annual meeting is for the purpose of (a) receiving annual reports of the Executive Board, officers and various committees, (b) electing members at large, associate and honorary members of the corporation, National Council Members, regular members of the executive board, and officers of the corporation other than the Scout executive, (c) receiving and approving financial statements showing the financial position of the corporation as of the close of its most recent complete fiscal year and the results of operations during such year, and (d) transacting such other business as may come before the meeting."

Annually, the Heart of America Council conducts an annual business meeting in which elections are held. That meeting for 2008 will be held January 28th.

John Novak, Past President of the Council, has been appointed by Council President Terry K. Miller to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Accordingly, if you have any suggestions for nominations to any category of board membership, please submit them to Mr. Novak at the following address:

Heart of America Council
Boy Scouts of America
P. O. Box 414177
Kansas City, MO 64141

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 19, 2008 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm 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 11, 2008. 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.

Volunteers wishing to join your district training team should visit with the district training chair at your monthly roundtable.
District Dinner

This year’s district awards banquet will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at the Mushroom Patch Restaurant in Richmond at 6:30 pm. Further information will be provided at the December and January roundtables. If you would like to nominate someone for one of the many awards presented that night including the Award of Merit, please contact Grant Dealy at gdealy@bsamail.org for the proper forms. Nominations for awards are due by January 1.

Recharter

Recharter packets are being prepared for the upcoming year. Online rechartering is an easy way to re-register your unit. If you do not understand any part of the process contact your unit commissioner for help. If you don’t know your unit commissioner, contact Larry Maxwell, District Commissioner at (816) 776-6003.

Annual Business Meeting

The Big Muddy District’s annual business meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2007 at 7:30 pm, at Dibbins Hall in Lexington. We are electing members at large to be members of the 2008 district committee. All voting members of the district, including chartered organization representatives, district members at large, and any council members at large residing in the district are encouraged to attend.

Race to Cub Scouting 2007

2007 has been another great year for Cub Scouting in the Big Muddy District! Again, our district has seen a growth in overall membership for the third year in a row. Congratulations to all units that have had successful recruitments this fall. You are working hard to make a difference in your communities and it will pay off as we reach additional young people with our great programs.

Remember, we need to follow up with each boy who has shown an interest in our program. Flyers and other support materials are available year round for those units who wish to host an open house or recruitment year round; not just in the fall.

We want to give every boy who is interested in Scouting a chance to be a part of what we do! If you need any help or would like to do a follow up school night, please contact Grant Dealy at (800) 776-1110 or at gdealy@bsamail.org.

Fall Camporee

This year’s fall camporee was hosted by Troop 120 of Odessa at the Odessa City lake. The weather was absolutely perfect and with a first aid/emergency preparedness theme, everyone went home knowing a little more about safety. Over 130 people were in attendance and all but 3 troops were represented. A big thanks again to Tim Long and the folks in Troop 120 for planning and hosting a great event.

Friends of Scouting

Please check your unit calendar and select a date for a Friends of Scouting presentation this winter. FOS raises funds required to support the Scouting program in the Big Muddy District and the Heart of America Council.
Cub Christmas Craft

The Cub Christmas Craft will be held on December 1st from 9:00-11:30 am at Messiah Lutheran Church, 613 S. Main Street, Independence, MO. The cost is $1 and the Scouts can make up to ten crafts. Preregistration is required. Contact Marie Benz at 373-4392 or Char Naylor at 795-0180 for more information or visit http://hoac-bsa.org/ae_links/BE_ChristmasCraft_2007.pdf.

Unit Rechartering

The recharter turn-in meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th beginning at 7:00 pm at Beacon Heights Community of Christ Church. We will be ready to collect your rechartering materials. If you have any questions please be sure to contact your unit commissioner or a member of your professional staff at the council office.

Friends of Scouting

What better gift could you give to a child than the gift of Scouting? It is time to support the program you love, the boys you mentor, and those who need financial assistance to participate. We have already had several presentations happen for our 2008 Family Friends of Scouting campaign. We are off to an early start this year and hope that we will exceed our goal. Please contact Bob Stikeleather at 796-8902 or Brian Bentrop at bbentrop@bsamail.org; or 569-4918 to arrange a presentation date and time.

Klondike Derby

We have teamed up with Thunderbird District to hold our Klondike Derby. We have planned a new program for this year; we will be at Snow Creek for an overnight ski! Our event ends at 2:00 am. The Klondike flier offers some camping location options. To download the flier visit http://hoac-bsa.org/ae_links/TB_BE_Ski_Flyer_2008_01.pdf.

Our Klondike committee has worked very hard to provide a great deal on skiing. The registration deadline is January 4. No previous experience or ski equipment is required. Contact Craig Hastings at chastings@indep.k12.mo.us, 522-4370 or Brian Bentrop at bbentrop@bsamail.org; or 569-4918 to arrange a rain-free weekend next year.

Camporee

Thank you to everyone who attended camporee and thanks to Vince Barreto for his hard work to be sure that we had a great camporee program. Sadly we were rained out for a second year but we are not discouraged. We hope that everyone was able to have a little fun despite the bad weather and we are keeping our fingers crossed for a rain-free weekend next year.

Membership

The end of the year is approaching and what better holiday gift is there than a gift of Scouting. If there are any young men and women who have shown an interest in your program and not yet joined please be sure to follow-up with them. It is our mission to give every eligible youth the opportunity to join Scouting.

Thank you for all of your recruiting efforts and we hope you will continue to strive to reach every eligible young person in your area.

District Dinner

The 31st Annual Blue Elk District Dinner is coming up on February 2, 2008 at Adams Pointe Conference Center, 1400 NE Coronado Drive, Blue Springs, MO. This year’s Master of Ceremony is Todd Lebo from 810 Sports. The cost is $21 per person. The district dinner committee is planning a great night of friendship for all who attend. Nomination forms are due December 1 for District Award of Merit, Silent Service Award, Scouters Spirit Award and the Paul Arend Award. For more information on District Dinner contact Jim Beachner at beachner@gmail.com, 847-5617 or Tiffany Bumgardner at tbumgard@bsamail.org, 569-4969.
Personnel News

Kaw District would like to extend a sincere thank you to Khary Floyd for his dedicated service. Khary has taken another position outside of Scouting and we wish him the best! If you have been working with Khary please contact Charles or Dusty for assistance.

2008 Family Friends of Scouting

Don’t forget to reserve some time at your Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor to watch the FOS presentation. Thank you to those packs and troops that have already contacted Dusty or myself to get those scheduled. If you still need to reserve your spot, please contact Charles Vonderheid (816) 569-4949.

Klondike Derby 2008

Klondike Derby will be from Friday, January 11th to Sunday, January 13th 2008 in the Scout Area at Ft. Leavenworth. Registration will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday. For more information contact Larry Sisk at (913) 596-1216 or Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967.

Rechartering Your Unit for 2008

The time to renew your unit charter is fast approaching. We have prepared a charter renewal packet for you. Starting December 1st you can log on and begin the recharter process.

We have established two recharter turn-in dates for your convenience; January 15 at Wyandotte West Library and on January 17 at Leavenworth Library. Please contact Dusty Boatright 816-569-4867 to arrange to deliver or pick-up your charter renewal paperwork.

Annual District Recognition Dinner

Our annual District Recognition Dinner will be Saturday, January 26 at the South Camp Dining Hall in Camp Theodor Naish. Our social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Early registration is $15 per person. Registration received after January 11 is $30 per person. Registration Fliers will be distributed at the December roundtable and are available on the hoac-bsa.org website under Kaw District. Also consider a donations to sponsor dinners for attending Eagle Scouts. See Charles Vonderheid or Sharlet Untereiner to help out.

Nominations for the District Award of Merit are due by December 7. Other nominations may include exceptional Cubmaster, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Scoutmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster, committee member, district committee member, etc. Please have a letter of recommendation with supporting information for any award you think is relevant ready by the December roundtable or email your recommendations and supporting information to Sharlet Untereiner (kaweagles@yahoo.com) or Charles Vonderheid (cvonderh@bsamail.org) by the December 7th deadline.

Lastly, we would like to recognize your unit. What have you done this year? Has anyone in your unit received recognition for community, religious, or military service? Who has served on the summer camp staff or dance team? There are many stars in Kaw District and we would like to recognize each and every one of you.

Fall Camporee

Thanks to Tim Saint, Larry Sisk and all the adults who pitched in to make the fall camporee a great success. We had 10 troops with 138 Scouts. The Scouts made some great pioneering projects. See you next fall for another great camporee.
Happy Holidays
It is the holiday season and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a great New Year. It has been a great year of Scouting in 2007. I hope everyone can spend some quality time with their family away from Scouting to enjoy one another. Please be safe in your travels and recharge your batteries for 2008. Also remember that our January roundtable will meet on January 8.

Centennial Quality Unit Award
To qualify for the 2007 Centennial Quality Unit Award, the Centennial Quality Unit Award form must be submitted. This is the easiest year to achieve quality unit status. There is no reason why the Lone Bear District should not have 100% quality unit status. Please do what you can to help the district achieve this great achievement. Award forms may be downloaded off of the council’s website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

District Recognition Dinner Nominations
Nominations for the District Award of Merit and the Silver Bear are due by 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 Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Nomination forms can be found on the Lone Bear District web page. The dinner will cost $15 per person if paid by December 15. After December 15 the price becomes $18 per person. For more information, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or (800) 776-1110 or email driker@bsamail.org.

Recharter Information
As of December 1, each unit will be able to start the online process of rechartering. Each unit must recharter via the Internet. As a part of the recharter process you may rearrange adult positions, add or delete adults and youth off of your charter. You may add new adults or youth to the online charter but you must still turn in a hard copy of their application. If you delete a youth member from your charter, you must give a reason explaining why they were dropped. This is also a good time to contact Scouts who have dropped to see if they are interested in returning to the program.
After you have made all of your changes and submitted your recharter through the Internet, be sure to print a copy so that you can get the proper signatures. You will need the Scoutmaster’s/Cubmaster’s/Advisors’ or Varsity Scout Coach’s signature as well as your chartering organization’s Executive Officer’s signature before you can turn it in to the council office.
To save a trip to the council office you can turn in your recharter paperwork at the January roundtable held on January 8. Be sure to bring your copy of the recharter with signatures and the payment. The 2008 Centennial Quality Unit Award form will available for you to fill out as well. You can also download this form from the council website. If you have questions concerning this, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or driker@bsamail.org.

Klondike Derby
The Lone Bear District’s Klondike Derby will be held on February 8-10th at Knob Noster State Park. This should be a great event with lots of stations for the boy’s to sled to and complete special tasks. The fee will be $6 per person. Please contact Jon Cerda for information regarding the Klondike at (816) 241-3467 or email at gundog@starband

District Recognition Dinner Nominations
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Fall Camporee
The Lone Bear District Fall Camporee was a huge success this year. There were seven troops in attendance. Each troop’s catapult or trebuchet was unique. Everyone did an outstanding job of putting them together. A contest was held to see which troop could launch their hedge ball the furthest and the most accurately. Troop 1403 from Holden threw their hedge ball the furthest with a distance of 280 feet. Troop 1002 of Clinton had the best results for accuracy. The overall winner of the combined scores in each category was Troop 1673 from Warrensburg. It was a fun-filled day and the weather was great for the contest. This will be an event that will have to happen again in the future.
Pinewood Derby

Do you love the smell of balsawood? Does your blood run with excitement while your fingers get dirty as you polish nails to a mirror-gloss? Can’t wait to get your hands on some graphite? And, do you have a passion for passing on these skills to your son as you help him build his Pinewood Derby car?

Then, you will be charged up for some of the most exciting racing west of the Daytona 500 speedway!! Get ready for some heart-stopping Pinewood Derby racing at the 15th Annual North Star District Pinewood Derby Championships. On February 1 and 2, 2008, the absolute finest Pinewood Derby racers from all over the district will compete for top honors at the Metro North Mall – Lower Level.

The competition is for Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears, 1st Year Webelos and 2nd Year Webelos who are the champions of their individual Pack’s Pinewood Derbies.

Rules were distributed at the October Roundtable. If you need an extra copy, or need more information, contact race-master Jeff Cook at scouter@kc.rr.com, or at (w) (816) 616-6882 or (h) (816) 468-9232.

Klondike Derby

The North Star District Annual Klondike Derby will be held on February 22 through February 24, at the Kelsey Short Youth Campground facility at Smithville Lake. We look forward to fun and excitement as the Scouts show off their Scout Skills in a fun competition. Information packets and registration forms will be out soon. To serve on the camporee staff please contact Paul Crooks at (816) 792-5469 or gator@kcnet.com, Jeff Goertz at (816) 225-7203, or Jon Geiger at the council office.

Popcorn

Units should be finalizing their popcorn sales. A big thanks to Roger Hagen, the North Star Popcorn Kernel for heading up a great effort.

Rountables - A Time for Fun, Fellowship, and Learning

Rountable is at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods, MO. All Life Scouts seeking approval for their Eagle Scout Service Project must arrive in Class-A uniform, with their project book completely filled out and signed.

All Cub Scout leaders are invited to attend the Cub Scout roundtable to find out the latest-and-greatest in Cub Scouting. New handouts are available to help you deliver a quality program to your youth. You have a chance to network with other Cub leaders and share ideas. Come for the fun.

Boy Scout and Venture leaders share a program full of fun and excitement. Come find out the latest cooking strategies, get ready for the Klondike Derby, learn what’s new in the Merit Badge Corner, or find out about new camping opportunities. That’s just the tip of the iceberg!!!

Youth Protection and New Leader Essentials Training are offered as well. If you know of a volunteer or a leader in your unit that needs this training, invite them along.

Friend of Scouting for 2008

Each unit should have already scheduled an FOS presentation when they turned in their Recharter packet at the November 29 District Commissioner’s meeting. If you have not scheduled a presentation, be sure to contact Matt Armstrong, 816-569-4978 or at marmstro@bsamail.org with the dates an FOS presentation can be made to your unit.
District Dinner and District Award of Merit

On February 2 at 6:30 pm, Northern Tier District will hold its Annual District Recognition Dinner. If you haven’t received information yet, information will be available at roundtable and on the website. Please make your reservations now for this memorable evening. Nomination forms for the District Award of Merit and Outstanding Leader Awards are available online, at roundtable and the council office. The highlight of the evening, will be recognition of leaders throughout our district for their work in providing Scouting to the young people in our district. Plan to attend and celebrate with all your Scouting friends.

Webelos on Wheels

February 9, 2008 is the date for Webelos on Wheels. Your Webelos will have the opportunity to participate in some exciting science activities while completing some of the requirements needed to earn the Scientist Activity Pin. Plan to come to a Saturday of fun and learning, and be sure to bring your Webelos along too!

Merit Badge Forum

On January 26, we will hold the first of two days of the Northern Tier District Merit Badge Forum and Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Training. We will be at Mill Valley High School, which is the same location as last year. The second day will be conducted on February 23rd. Talk to you Scouts now. Talk to your new leaders as well. Be sure to take advantage of these great programs offered by Northern Tier District.

Day Camp for 2008

Day Camp is not too far off and the theme is Spy Cubs. We will hold day camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 9-13. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, Day Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824 or Kathryn Rajala at (816) 569-4913.

Friends of Scouting

Family Friends of Scouting allows families to learn more about the Scouting and consider a gift of support. Our goal is to have all unit FOS presentations scheduled by the end of December. You can hold your presentation through March 2008, but we need to know the date as soon as possible. Friends of Scouting is a crucial source of funding. You can help us make this year’s goal! To help with this campaign or schedule your presentation, contact Gary Akers, Family FOS Chairman, at (913) 262-2047 or Kathryn Rajala at (816) 569-4913.

Rechartering Turn-In Meeting

The Rechartering Turn-in Meeting is on January 12, 2008 at Community America Credit Union in Shawnee. Times are assigned between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. To check times or for more information please contact Kathryn Rajala at krajala@bsamail.org

2008 Rechartering

All rechartering information was distributed at the November roundtable. If you did not received your information, please contact Kathryn Rajala, District Executive, immediately. Units in the Northern Tier District can begin online rechartering on December 1, 2007. It is vital to complete the recharter process in a timely manner. Remember, there are several steps you must complete once you have submitted the recharter online. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commissioner for help.

All unit recharterers are due in the council office by Monday, January 15, 2008.
Popcorn

Popcorn sales were way up from last year. This happened because of two reasons: 1. Jean Peiffer, our Popcorn Chair, did an amazing job organizing this year's sale, and 2. because you recruited so many new Scouts, who sold that much more popcorn. Our popcorn sale increased an amazing 27.7% over last year. This increase also means that more funds are available to provide a great Scouting program in the council and in our units. Thank you to everyone participating in this year's sale. Our goal next year is to have every unit in the Pelathe District selling popcorn!!!

Great job Jean!!!! This sale couldn’t have happened without your leadership!!!

Roundtables

It is strongly recommended that everyone attend roundtable. This is an informational event that takes place to make sure your troop or pack has all the materials and training you need to become successful. Roundtables are a good place to get all of your questions answered. Roundtable are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Lawrence off of Kasold Road. Please take the time to attend roundtable each and every month of the year.

Rechartering

Make plans to drop off your recharter information on January 2nd at the LDS Church, 3655 W. 10th Street in Lawrence Kansas. It is easy to find because it is right off of Kasold and 10th Street. Our goal is to save you a trip to the council office and give you a central location and time to finish the final steps for rechartering. We hope to significantly improve on last year’s on time recharter record. Hopefully this date will be helpful in getting recharters turned in. If you have any questions about your rechartering please contact Jacob Allen @ jallen@bsmail.org or (816) 569.4962. Thank you for your cooperation!!!

Recruiting Update

This has been a great year for recruiting new Scouts into the program. The Pelathe District currently has 1175 youth participating in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. This is a 4.6% increase over last year.

Now that we have the members, please be sure to keep an eye on the retaining them in the Scouting program. The longer they are active as Scouts the greater the impact we will have on their lives. If someone drops out, please be sure to give them a call to check on why and to invite them back into the program. Once you discover a reason for leaving work to be sure that it won’t come up again. If our units keep boys year round without dropping out, it will make our recruiting process that much easier in the fall.

Again, great job recruiting new Scouts this year. A special thank you goes out to Frank Wright who did most of the behind the scenes work to make sure each unit had a successful recruitment. Great Job Frank!!!!!!

A Winter Camping Extravaganza

Glacial Glutes III!
February 15-17, 2008
FOP Campground

Re-live the days when mountain men crossed Kansas headed toward the Shining Rocky Mountains!
Shoot: 50 caliber blackpowder rifles! Longbows! Cannon!
Throw: Knives, Spears and Hawks!
Learn: About the men of the fur trade! How bows are made! How Flint is knapped!
Start: Fires with flint and steel and magnifying glasses!
Sleep: Probably not much.
Watch: The Blacksmiths! The Sinners!
Eat: Red Soup! Yellow Soup! Bread! Dead Critters!

“Git Out Yer Trade Goods !!!” Trader’s Row will let you lay out your blanket and trade craft items, bones, beads, video games, baseball cards, camping gear, whatever else your mom will let you out of the house with! (check with your SM)

Reservations: We will accept the first 200 paid reservations. On January 15th at noon, we will open it up to other HOAC and Jayhawk Council units!
No Late Registrations will be accepted. Registration is by PATROL. Registration details to follow.
Cost: Estimated between 8-13 US dollars.
Questions? Keep ’em to yourself!!...naw, jus’ kiddin’, call Jim Peterson, 841-2044 (h) 864-3944 (w) kupete@ku.edu
Merit Badge Academy

This is the chance for your Boy Scouts to earn some of those merit badges they need to advance to the next rank. On Saturday, January 29, 2008, Scouts will be able to earn a variety of merit badges being offered at this year’s Merit Badge Academy.

Many prerequisites are required before coming to the event so planning is a must! Additional information will be available at roundtable or contact Pat Parks at (816) 523-6382.

District Dinner

Be sure to reserve Saturday, February 2, 2008 for the Pioneer Trails District Dinner. We will look back on our successes from 2007, and honor the volunteers who have made it possible.

The District Dinner will be held at Colonial Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:15 pm and concluding at 9:00 pm. We encourage everyone to attend. This is a celebration for everyone in our district and it is the members of our Scouting community who are being honored.

George Weaver has taken on the task of running our Scouting community who are being honored.

Friends of Scouting

Last year Pioneer Trails achieved its Friends of Scouting goal! With your help, we can do the same in 2008. The contributions from the families of our Scouts are an important part of our Friends of Scouting campaign so we need our unit leaders’ help to take the necessary steps to reach our 2008 goal.

The first step is to select the date for your unit’s Family Friends of Scouting presentation. We would like to have all presentation dates selected by early January, although you can schedule to hold anytime through March 2008.

It is a tremendous opportunity to use all the camp’s wonderful facilities. Day camp will be held again we will hold day camp at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs. This is a tremendous opportunity to use all the camp’s wonderful facilities. Day camp will be held June 9-13. Now is the time to promote camp with the families of the Scouts in your pack and to begin making pack plans on attending. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping at camp, please contact Camp Director Lisa Kessler at (816) 313-0565 or Jay Ritter at (816) 569-4946.

Training Update

On behalf of the Pioneer Trails District I would like to thank Carole and Cecil Gaither, Dave Penner, and everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend training over the last few months.

Becoming a trained leader helps to ensure that the Scouts in your unit receive the best possible program. Your sacrifice of time and commitment is appreciated.

Our training team is extremely good at what they do and will gladly bring training to you if you have five or more people interested in becoming trained. If you are interested in training please contact Carole Gaither at (816) 523-5380 or Jay Ritter at (816) 569-4946.

2008 Day Camp

“Spy Cubs” is our 2008 theme and this year’s day camp this year is sure to be a special one. Once again we will hold day camp at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs. This is a tremendous opportunity to use all the camp’s wonderful facilities. Day camp will be held June 9-13. Now is the time to promote camp with the families of the Scouts in your pack and to begin making pack plans on attending. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping at camp, please contact Camp Director Lisa Kessler at (816) 313-0565 or Jay Ritter at (816) 569-4946.
Red-Tailed Hawk

District Awards Nominations are Due

Many dedicated adults successfully deliver the Scouting program each and every day in the Red-Tailed Hawk District. Unfortunately many Scouters who are devoted to serving the needs of young people go unnoticed. Now is your chance to recognize these people.

Each year the District Award of Merit, District Adult Outstanding Award and Outstanding Support Award for adults not registered in Scouting are handed out at the district dinner.

Nominations for these awards must be submitted to the council office in advance. The District Award of Merit is due by January 15, 2008. The Adult Outstanding Award and The Outstanding Support Award are due by the February roundtable.

Friends of Scouting

It is time to begin scheduling a date for your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation. This is an opportunity for the families of our Scouts to hear the Scouting story and to consider making an investment in our program.

Great opportunities for presentations are Courts of Honors or Blue and Gold Banquets. Presentations are brief and will not extend you agenda by more than 8 minutes. By presenting at well-attended events, we give the most families a chance to contribute. Thanks in advance for your support of this important campaign which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to over 45,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council.

To schedule a unit it presentation please contact, Dewey Barr at (816) 569-4983 or debarr@bsamail.org.

Stay in the Communication Loop

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.

- Constant Contact E-mail, all registered leaders will receive email updates
- HOAC Website, www.hoac-bsa.org
- RTH roundtable, generally occurs the first Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center

Friends of Scouting

2007 Red-Tailed Hawk Committee Chairs

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Downhill Express – Winter Ski Event

On January 25, Thunderbird District will be teaming up with Blue Elk District to host our second, biennial Winter Ski Event, Downhill Express! This is a great opportunity for 2nd year Webelos and Boy Scouts to learn how to ski or simply employ some for their skills on the slopes. Last time we had over 200 participants from Thunderbird alone. Sign up early to ensure your spot!

Pre-registration is required. Pre-registration is due by January 4.

Contact Dan Morales at 816-769-1810 or dtmorales@earthlink.net or visit our website at http://hoac-bsa.org/ae_links/TB_BE_Ski_Flyer_2008_01.pdf

District Dinner

Please join us on Thursday, January 31 for our annual District Dinner. Social will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The District Dinner is our formal opportunity to recognize our volunteers who work very hard to make Scouting a success throughout the year. This year our dinner will be held at the Emaline Ballroom 616 SW 3rd St. Lee’s Summit, MO 64063. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact David Esry for questions. He can be reached at 347-1239 or desry@kcrr.com. For registration information visit http://hoac-bsa.org/tbactivities.cfm.

Pinewood Derby

Cub Scouts (and parents), get ready to have some fun at the Pinewood Derby this year!!! All Cubs are encouraged to come (not just the winners of the pack races). So this will be a great second opportunity to modify, show off and race your cars. There will also be lots other games, contests and activities as well.

Mark you calendars for Saturday March 8th from 9-12:30 at Hickman Mills High School. Registration for this event will begin at the December roundtable.

For more information contact Mary Sheeley at 223-9648 or marysheeley@sbcglobal.net.

Merit Badge Academy

Merit Badge Academy will be held on March 29, 2008 and will once again be at Hickman Mills High School. Lots more slots are available this year but sign up early! This event fills up every year.

Contact Ken Fuenhausen for questions: (816) 529-2971
PointedGreenRock@aol.com

Don’t wait to get signed up since this is a very popular event. To register be sure to take a few minutes to take a look at http://hoac-bsa.org/TB_BS%20Activities.cfm.

Rocket Day

The Thunderbird District is holding its second annual Water Rocket Derby for Cub Scouts, their buddies and family members. This year it will be held at Unity Village in Lee’s Summit. This event is a great way to invite new boys into the pack and show them how much fun Scouting can be!

Individual sign-ups are welcome. The event will be held on April 19. Scouts, buddies and family members can participate in the numerous other activities and demonstrations planned on that day. Last year we all had a “blast”.

Contact Kelly Cislas at webelokelly@aol.com or (816) 225-2935 for questions.

Order of Arrow

The Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet is on January 5, 2008. It will be at Bartle Hall, lower level off of 13th Street. Pre-dinner events will start at 5 pm.

Our chapter will have an activity booth in the midway outside our meeting room. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself.

Register either on line at www.hoac-bsa.org, or at the December 4 roundtable at Hickman High School. You may download the form from the website and turn it in at the Scout Service Center.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Training

Beginning in December, we will begin hosting Position Specifics training at roundtable for Cub Leaders every other month (New Leader Essentials will still be held at roundtables in adjacent months).

Would your unit like to host a training? This is a NEW opportunity to get trained leaders in your unit. Contact Dan Morales at 816-769-1810 or dtmorales@earthlink.net for more information.

Friends of Scouting

Your past contributions to Scouting are appreciated, thank you. Friends of Scouting keeps the Scouting Movement moving. This is our annual campaign to fund the Heart of America Council which provides Scouting in Kansas City. Investors in our campaign come from our Scouting community and community at large. Leaders, if you haven’t scheduled a presentation please contact Leo Beroteran at 353-5311 or lberr990@hotmail.com.

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Recharter Turn-in Day

Don’t forget your unit’s recharter paperwork is due at the Recharter Turn-in Day on January 12 at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf. You may begin the online part of the process on December 1. If you have any questions regarding recharter, please contact your unit commissioner or district executive, Matt Specht at mspecht@bsamail.org. In addition to turning in your unit’s recharter paperwork, your unit commissioner will also be on hand to help you complete the 2008 Centennial Quality Unit form.

Merit Badge Forum

The district Merit Badge Forum will take place on Saturday, January 19 and Saturday, February 23 at the Church of the Resurrection (137th & Roe). Check in at 8:00 a.m. and the first class begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration deadline is January 3 (no exceptions). Cost is $3.00 per Scout. You can download registration forms and merit badge prerequisite information on the district web page at http://hoac-bsa.org/TH_Merit_Badge_Forum.cfm.

Annual Business Meeting

On January 3, 2008, 6:30 pm, at the Church of the Resurrection, Trailhead District will hold its annual business meeting. Elections for district committee positions and member-at-large will be held. All voting members of the district, including chartered organization representatives, are strongly encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

If you wish to nominate somebody to the district committee, send recommendations in writing to Trailhead District, Nominating Committee, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. Nominations may also be submitted in writing to Matt Specht. All nominations must be received no later than December 14, 2007.

Friends of Scouting

Our Friends of Scouting campaign makes our program affordable and available. Annual we approach business and individuals in our community for support. Our family campaign gives the families of our Scouts the opportunity to support our program through unit presentations. If you have not already signed up for a unit presentation for the 2008 campaign, now is the time. Friends of Scouting presentations only takes about 10 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.

District Recognition Dinner

Plan to attend the 2007 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Everyone is invited to attend this salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs. Scouters will gathering beginning at 6:00 pm with buffet dinner served at 6:30 pm. The price for the dinner is $22 per person.

Register for the dinner by signing up online at the district activities website at http://hoac-bsa.org/Thactivities.cfm.

Trailhead District Events

December

4 Roundtable, Internet Advancement Training, OA Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project Review, Church of the Resurrection, 137th and Roe, 7:00 pm
13 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
  Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
  Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, 93rd & Nall, 6:30 pm
20 Eagle Boards of Review, LDS Church, 13025 Wornall, 6:30 pm

January

3 Annual Business Meeting, Church of the Resurrection, 6:30 pm
3 Roundtable, OA Chapter Meeting, MB Counselor Training, Eagle Project Review, Church of the Resurrection, 137th & Roe, 7:00 pm
8 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
  Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm
  Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, 93rd & Nall,
12 Recharter Turn-In Day, Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf,

9:00 am - 1:00 pm
17 Eagle Boards of Review, LDS Church, 13025 Wornall, 6:30 pm
19 Merit Badge Forum, Church of the Resurrection, 137th & Roe, 8:00 am
26 District Dinner, Christ Church, 91st and Nall, 6:00 pm

December 2007/January 2008
District Recognition Dinner

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District Awards

The Trails West District presents two awards at our annual district dinner that require your nominations. All too often hard dedicated Scouts are overlooked for recognition because they are not nominated for recognition. Please take time to nominate these Scouters so that their efforts can be recognized.

Each award has its own application and suggested guidelines for each:

**Trails West Outstanding Leader**

This award is for units and individual Scouters in our district to recognize leaders who have provided the highest level of support for their unit, the district or other units. There is no tenure provision for this award. Units and individuals may nominate more than one leader or committee member. The recipient should always demonstrate the Scout Law and Scout Oath in their life.

**District Award of Merit**

This award recognizes leaders who have provided a high level of service to Scouting. Recipients are typically leaders who go above and beyond in providing leadership in their unit or our district. While there is no formal tenure requirement this award is typically given to leaders after several years of service. The award is presented the discretion of the Heart of America Council. The recipient must exemplify the Scout Law and Oath in all that they do.

### Annual Business Meeting

The Trails West District will conduct its annual business meeting at 7:00 pm on December 11, 2007 Community Covenant Church 15700 W 87th Lenexa, Kansas. District officers will be elected at that time. All voting members of the district, including chartered organizational representatives, are encouraged to attend.

### District Dinner

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### Help Wanted and Distinctly Welcomed

The Trails West district committee and commissioners staff works hard to help all the units in the district deliver the highest level of Scouting program possible. We can only achieve this with dedicated volunteers. We are looking for new people with a Scouting background who would like to help deliver the Scouting program from the district level.

For more information join us at the Bass Pro Shop in Olathe on Wednesday December the 5 at 7:00 pm or call Alan J Sanders at (816) 569-4958.

### 2008 Boy Scout Fall Camporee

Planning is underway for the 2008 Trails West District camporee and we would like your input. The event will be held October 10-12, 2008 and our theme is the Amazing Race. What type of program would you like to see? What would be your first choice on location? Here is your chance to get in on the ground floor and all ideas are welcome.
Over 150 people camp with the Cub Scouts

Our Cub Scout Family Campout was held at North Lake Park in Garnett, Kansas on October 19th and 20th, 2007. A crowd of over 150 Cub Scouts and members of their families camped out, many for the first time, in near perfect weather. Campers enjoyed a variety of events and activities as they spent time camping with others from their pack.

On Friday night, the campers were treated to skits, jokes and stories as the Boy Scouts from the Twin Rivers District entertained everyone at a Scouting campfire. After a good night rest the camp enjoyed a hearty breakfast of breakfast burritos, fruit, a toaster pastry and juice. The Cubs and their families were then divided into groups and spent the rest of the morning having fun and learning about first aid and safety, knots, orienteering and playing games.

Special thanks to the City of Garnett, Anderson County EMS, North Lake Park, Garnett Optimist Club, Jason Sjorlund, Sonic Drive-In, Boy Scout Troop 126, Sylvia Nano Twin Rivers District Activities Chair, The Boy Scouts of the Twin Rivers District and everyone from all the cub packs who had a part in making the event a resounding success.

District Annual Business Meeting

The 2007 Twin Rivers Annual Business Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm the Whistle Stop Cafe, 901 South Sixth Street in Osawatomie, Kansas on December 11, 2007. All chartered organization representatives and voting members of the district are invited and encouraged to attend. This date is a change from what was previously announced.

At our meeting, voting members will vote on the slate of district officers and members at large for the coming year. As always, no nominations will be accepted from the floor. Written nominations must be sent to Gordon Corcoran at the council office and be received no later than November 27, 2007.

Family Friends of Scouting

Family Friends of Scouting is an opportunity for families to learn more about the importance of Scouting and to support the program that is making a difference in their Scout’s life. Our district goal is to have all unit Family Friends of Scouting presentation dates scheduled by the end December 2007. You can hold your presentation anytime during the 2008 campaign but it is very helpful to have the dates on our planning calendar early. There are still a number of units that have yet to schedule a presentation. Please consult with unit leadership chose a FOS chairperson and come to roundtable prepared to schedule a presentation date or contact Gordon Corcoran to get it set up.

Save This Date for the 2008 Klondike Derby

The 2008 Twin Rivers Klondike Derby will be held will be held at Bud Burris’ farm on January 18 and 19, 2008. More details will be forthcoming. Save the date now and plan on attending. Klondike Derby promises to offer our Scouts some frosty outdoor Scouting adventure. ran to get it set up.

District Camporee Draws Record Numbers

The 2007 Twin Rivers District camporee, held at the same time and location as the Cub Scout Family Campout was a major success. It was exciting that there was a significant increase in the number of troops and Scouts participating this year. The weather, which played a part in limiting our numbers, last year, was not a factor this year and everyone enjoyed the beautiful if somewhat breezy conditions.

This year, our Scouts under boy leadership, spent the day traversing from location to location using pre-established coordinates and GPS units. Upon reaching the location they were engaged in learning or practicing a variety of Scout skills such as knot tying, first aid, orienteering, and building a pivot bridge, etc. The adult leaders manned the stations and Scouts put their leadership skill to the test since they were required to use the patrol method to complete the projects.

At the end of the day an improvised Campfire (it was too windy to have a real campfire) was held where the top two “patrols” were recognized and drawings were held for great prizes including a brand new GPS unit from Garman.

As with any tremendous event a great deal of planning went into ensuring its success. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the 2007 camporee a memorable experience for our Twin Rivers Boy Scouts.
Explorer Post Renewal Deadline Date is December 31, 2007

Attention All Explorer Posts

If your post has not turned in the renewal paperwork, it is crucial that you do so as soon as possible. We want to be sure that every leader and youth is registered. If you would like help or would like us to pick up your paperwork, please give us a call to schedule an appointment so we can complete the renewal process. We are here to assist you with the paperwork and ensure 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 Jeremy McGowan Exploring & Learning for Life District Executive, at (816) 569-4970 or jmcgowan@lflmail.org.

Got E-mail?

Would you like updated Exploring information? Would you like to know about the latest resources available to help your post’s leadership? If so send us an e-mail and we will be more than happy to 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 so we can share it with other posts and groups through articles and pictures. It is a lot of fun to learn about all of the great activities that are going on out there. If you have a story to tell about an adventure, activity, or exciting event, mail it in or send the story along with some pictures and we will be sure to put it in the newsletter.

KC @ Night 2008!

If you thought that the 2007 edition of KC @ Night was a tremendous event, wait and see what we have planned for 2008! If you thought dissecting squid was cool, wait to see what we are dissecting this year. Keep checking your mail for information on our 2008 KC @ Night. We have tentatively set April 18, 2008 as the date for KC@ Night 2008.

It’s going to be great! Just wait and see what we have lined up for 2008. NO Baseball this year guys and gals. Are you ready for some football?
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