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ATTENTION CUB SCOUT LEADERS!

2008 SCHOOL NIGHT IS COMING SOON!

Thanks to your combined efforts, the Heart of America Council’s School Night fall recruitment plan continues to reach an astounding number of new Cub Scouts each and every year. Packs throughout the council are experiencing growth in youth members and are adding new leaders. This is generating excitement for the Scouting program and helps to provide thousands of young people with values and leadership training.

Again this year, during the months of August and September, the Heart of America Council will conduct its highly successful “School Night for Scouting” Fall Round-Up program and we expect it to be even bigger and better.

Like last year, benefits your Cub Scout pack can expect are:

• A well-planned and executed recruitment of new boys and parents.
• Accessible, immediate, and relevant training for new leaders.
• A top-notch overnight family campout for new boys and their families.

Specifically, here are some components of this year’s School Night:

• A visit to every school superintendent and elementary school principal by your BSA staff to review the plan and cultivate relationships (during April and May).

• A “Boy Talk” in every possible elementary school classroom where we are allowed to conduct them. These classroom visits to potential Cub Scouts are:
  o Scheduled and implemented by your local BSA staff.
  o Conducted the day before the actual School Night.
  o Opportunities to send a flyer home with each boy.

• “School Nights” organized and run by district-wide volunteer teams at every elementary school, including:
  o A district volunteer Coordinator to run that night’s program.
  o A uniformed volunteer Organizer who works with the participating pack(s) and assigns the boys to the packs and dens.
  o Adult leader recruitment. Before we even accept the youth applications, we’ll ensure every den has the necessary leadership.
  o Youth and adult leader application forms and registration fees collected that night and officially registered right away with the BSA.

• Cub Scout Leader Training
  o Implemented by district training teams.
  o Conducted in every district, usually on Saturdays (and in some cases on weeknights) during the month of September.
  o Aimed at training new leaders right away.

• Cub Scout Family Campouts
  o An overnight event for every new Cub Scout and his family.
  o Take place in every district.
  o Organized activities and food provided for everyone.
  o Engages families and provides adventure early on in the Scouting experience.

Cub Scout Pack’s Role in School Night

While the district leadership teams organize the School Nights, the Cub Scout pack leadership naturally plays a vital role!

• Assign a pack School Night Representative to communicate with the district School Night team (April/May).
• Coordinate with the district leadership which elementary school the pack will participate in at School Night (April/May).
• Conduct a “Back to the Pack” summer meeting prior to School Night for all returning Cub Scouts (late July/early August).
• Communicate with the School Night leadership any unique needs/interests of the pack that School Night might help meet (Prior to School Night).
• Participate in your district-wide School Night Kickoff (August).
• Ensure pack leadership attends School Night to receive applications and greet new leaders and new Cub Scouts!

Start today to plan for a great Fall Round-Up!
**Fall Recruiting, Not Just for Cub Scout Packs!**

**Recruiting Boy Scouts**
- Participate in the School Night for Scouting, recruiting the boys eligible for Boy Scouting who are in elementary school.
- Conduct Troop Open House to demonstrate Boy Scout skills, the outdoor fun of Scouting and to recruit youth and adult members alike.
- Distribute Boy Scout recruitment flyers to grades six through eight promoting Troop Open House.
- Use High Adventure surveys in the schools
- Mail invitations directly to prospective Boy Scouts
- Promote Scouting at events sponsored by the chartering organization.
- Promote Scouting at community events such as town fairs.
- Insert promotional page about the troop and its open house in church bulletins.
- Conduct a Fall Recruitment Weekend, giving every boy a camping experience upon joining.

**Recruiting Venturers**
- Utilize Career Interest Surveys and mail Open House/First Nighter invitations to the prospective youth members
- Distribute Venturing recruitment flyers to grades nine and ten promoting Crew Open House/First Nighter.
- Promote Venturing at events sponsored by the chartered organization.
- Promote Venturing at community events such as town fairs.
- Conduct a Fall Recruitment Weekend, giving every youth a major Venturing experience upon joining.

**The Benefits of Selling Popcorn**
There are many great reasons for your unit to participate in the only Heart of America Council sponsored fundraiser. If your unit is not participating, maybe 2008 is the year to give it a try. Look for more details about this fall’s sale.

**Number 1 – It’s Easy!**
The Trail’s End Program is designed to be simple and easy to administer. The basic premise of the program is for Scouts, Scouters, and parents to take orders and then distribute the products to the customers.

**Number 2 - Its a program designed specifically for the Boy Scouts!**
This program is designed with Scouts in mind. Trails End popcorn is sold exclusively by Boy Scouts. Increasingly people know and trust the Trails End brand as the Boy Scout popcorn brand. Mention Trails End and they may already know the story of support.

**Number 3 - One Fundraiser does it for the Entire Year!**
With Trail’s End Popcorn and the Ideal Scouting Year concept, your unit can count on doing just one fundraiser to meet all the monetary needs for the program year.

**Number 4 - High Commissions!**
Over one third of your sale stays with your unit. The money can be used for camping, advancement, to provide uniforms and books, to purchase equipment or any other program supplies. Your funds are immediately available.

**Number 5 – No out of pocket expenses to get started!**
There are no upfront costs to get started. This means you do not have to invest in the product and take the chance that you will sell enough cover those initial costs before you make any money for your program. You also won’t have left over product in place of the profit that was supposed to help the unit.

**Number 6 – Your Support Team!**
The Heart of America Council is committed to making this campaign successful for you and your families. Many of your fellow volunteers have been involved in successful sales and are ready to share how they did it. The volunteer and professional support system is extensive and eager to serve.

**Number 7 - High Quality Products!**
You can count Trail’s End popcorn. This brand is produced by the Weaver Popcorn company (established in 1928). They are one of the world’s largest popcorn producers. They are committed to customer satisfaction and the success of your unit’s campaign.

Trails End also provides a number of online resources to help prepare for your sale. Online training for Scouts and leaders. A visit to the website helps parents understand why the sale is important to their young Scouts, the unit, and the council. You can learn more about Trails End by visiting www.trails-end.com.

**Number 8 – Prizes makes the sale fun and generate enthusiasm!**
To help generate excitement about the sale a new, exciting prize incentive program has been developed. This program helps you to recognize your Scouts for outstanding sales efforts. It also generates the enthusiasm needed to reach your Ideal Scouting Year goal. Visit the Trails End website to check out the prize details for the 2008 sale.

Talk with your district executive or visit the council website for details about this fall’s sale.
Guide to Safe Scouting Update

The National Office has received several inquiries as to whether paintball and laser tag are authorized Scouting activities. *Per the Guide to Safe Scouting,* “The following activities have been declared unauthorized and restricted by the Boy Scouts of America . . . Pointing any type of firearm (including paintball, dye, or lasers) at any individual is unauthorized.”

**Paintball is prohibited in Scouting!** Nationally over the last several years, at least three serious eye injuries have taken place on Scouting outings in which paintball was one of the activities. Paintball poses a significant risk of injury, especially among children. In contrast to other Scouting activities involving firearms, the object of paintball is to fire a pellet—at a speed of at least 300 feet per second—at another human. A paintball that hits the body may produce a mere sting or welt, but a paintball that strikes an eyeball can cause severe injury to the eye and even blindness. The Consumer Product Safety Commission noted three deaths between 2002 and 2005 from paintball gun equipment.

At the request of the Risk Management Advisory Panel, the Health and Safety Committee is working to establish guidelines for laser tag activities, including and not limited to indoor commercial facilities. The guidelines will become part of the *Guide to Safe Scouting.*

The purpose of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through 90-plus years of experience. Limitations on certain activities should not be viewed as stumbling blocks; rather, policies and guidelines are best described as stepping-stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures. The *Guide to Safe Scouting* is available online at the National Council’s website [http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx) or in hard copy through the Scoutshop.

Program Aides Needed

Part-time positions are available for any person 21 years and over with good people skills and a desire to mentor young people. A positive attitude, self-confidence, and an energetic personality are essential for the successful applicant. Experience with the Boy Scout program is helpful, but not necessary because we offer training. The position will require some days, evenings, and weekends. Job duties include delivering the Scouting program to boys in the urban core of Kansas City, KS, or Kansas City, MO, and managing a weekly meeting with Scouts. The hourly wage is $9.00 per hour.

Send all inquiries to Charles Vonderheid, c/o Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131 or call (816) 569-4949, cvonderh@bsamail.org.

Learn about Sports and the TV Industry

Metro Sports offers free tours to organizations who would like to learn more about Metro Sports and the television industry. Cheryl Graham can be contacted by either cell phone at (816) 215-6090 or office phone (816) 222-5745 to schedule a tour.

2008 United Way Volunteer Honorees

Tom Johnson was among a group of volunteers that were honored for their service to the community.

Tom Johnson has been a volunteer for the Kaw District of the Boy Scouts of America for the past 10 years. He has served the Scouts in a variety of positions including Assistant Scoutmaster, Summer Camp Scoutmaster, Mic-O-Say Tribesman, merit badge counselor, district committee member, district chairman, council executive board member and Council Friends of Scouting Fundraising Chair. Tom’s efforts reach across the state line with his involvement with two units that reach out to urban and economically disadvantaged youth and the community.

He is an Eagle Scout, God and Country and Silver Beaver Award recipient. Tom Johnson uses the skills he has learned along the trail of Scouting not only to help Scouts but also to help his community as well. Tom is a member of the friend of Liberty Foundation Board, the Building Committee at First Presbyterian Church, a member of the American Bankers Association, the Kansas Bankers Association and a certified Financial Planner. Tom has used the values of the Scout Oath and Law to help improve his community.

Kansas City Aviation Expo and Airshow Aviation Merit Badge Program

Interested Scouts can work on the Aviation Merit Badge thanks to the Mid-America Aviation Association at the Kansas City Aviation Expo and Airshow. The program will be held at the Charles B. Wheeler Airport, 300 Richards Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64116. Check-in is from 8:00 – 8:30 am and the class will run from 8:30 am – Noon. Space is limited and Scouts must pre-register by July 31, 2008. Registration forms and prerequisite information are available at the website listed below.

Due to time and logistics, the program can’t cover all the requirements necessary to complete the badge at the one session. Consequently, some of the requirements will need to be met by the boys on their own. For detailed information from the lead merit badge counselor visit the website listed below.

Young Eagles flights are available to the Scouts (and other youth, ages 8-17) after the session ends. Each youth must have a Young Eagle registration/permission form filled out and signed. These are new forms this year and they have two sides. If it is possible to print both sides on the same sheet. The parent/guardian needs to read the whole statement before signing.

The program is free. Space is limited. For more information you can visit [www.kcairshow.com/scout aviation merit badge.html](http://www.kcairshow.com/scout aviation merit badge.html) .
Ten Commandment Hike

Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts shared in the first Ten Commandment Hike on May 18, 2008. This event was sponsored by the Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Thirty six girls, boys, and adults journeyed to different houses of worship to learn and study about the twelfth point of the Boy Scout Law: Reverence.

The journey began at Beth Shalom to learn of our Jewish roots. Senior Rabbi Alan Cohen, led the congregation in a morning minyan worship and then talked with the people about the worship time and spent time talking about the first two commandments (there is only one G-D, don't worship idols). Rabbi Cohen answered questions from the non-Jewish participants about the ritual and religious items and why a service on Sunday, when the Jewish Sabbath is on Saturday.

The next stop was Holy Cross Catholic Church in Overland Park, KS. Father Mark Mertes and others led mass, after which the confirmation leader explained the Catholic mass, as well as the third and fourth commandments (don't take G-D's name in vain, respect the Sabbath). Time was spent in talking about the worship time and about what it was to be Catholic.

Youth Pastor Dave Magee at the Church of the Resurrection explained the history of how the Methodists got their name, and the tenets of the Methodist faith. He then explained Commandments five and six (honor your parents, don't murder). There was time to enjoy the youth center and rock climbing wall while in the facility.

The journey then went to Emmanuel Baptist Church and Pastor Lou Fortier welcomed the youth and adults and talked to them about being Baptist and thinking about being disciples and doing ministry and then shared about the seventh and eight Commandments (don't commit adultery, don't steal).

The final stop in the day was at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Prairie Village. We talked about the important role Martin Luther played in the Reformation, as well as in founding a denomination where he did not intend for it to carry his name. The Scouts learned about the ninth and tenth Commandments (don't bear false witness, don't covet) at this time.

At the end of the journey all 36 participants remained and earned a unique Scout patch! When the Scouts gave feedback at the end of the day, it was the two experiences of actual services (Jewish and Catholic) that stood out most for them. The “Ten Commandments Hike” was planned to be an annual event, next to be scheduled in the 2008-9 school year.

The “Ten Commandments Hike” was planned by Reverend Cindy Cone (Calvary Lutheran Church), head Chaplain at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation; and Norman Kahn (Beth Shalom), Chair of the Heart of America Jewish Committee on Scouting. For information about next year’s plans, please contact Cindy Cone at ccone@att.net or Norman Kahn at nkahnjr@yahoo.com.

National Jamboree 2010

The National Jamboree celebrating 100 years of Scouting in the BSA will be held in 2010 at Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia, near Washington, D.C. The dates are set for Monday July 26, 2010 through Wednesday August 4, 2010. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Scouts and Scouters alike.

To attend, Scouts must be between the ages of 12 and 18, have a minimum of six months Scouting experience and hold the First Class rank or higher. Scouts must be a part of a council contingent to attend.

The Heart of America Council will send 4 council contingent troops to the Jamboree. Overall the contingent will total 144 Scouts and 16 adult leaders. Our goal is to have Scouts from all Heart of America Council districts participating in the Jamboree experience. The Jamboree Committee expects to select adult contingent leaders from the applicant pool in the fall of 2008.

Tentatively, the HOAC contingent troops will depart on Wednesday July 21, and return on Thursday August 5, 2010. The pre-jamboree tour will include visits to historic sites across the eastern United States. Possible tour sites include the Arch in St. Louis, the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Gettysburg, Mt. Vernon, Monticello, and of course, Washington, D.C.

The preliminary estimated cost per person is about $2,000, which includes the National Jamboree fee of $795 and cost of travel, food, housing, equipment and pre-jamboree training. Fuel prices affecting travel costs are changing so rapidly that it is difficult at this time to set a final total. Some scholarship assistance will be available. A final cost will be set in January 2010.

Application for Scouts and leaders wishing to be part of the contingent are made online at <http://www.MyScouting.org>. A $10 fee will be due with the application. Local Scouts and Scouters will then submit a $100 deposit, along with the application to the HOAC office for consideration by the Jamboree Committee.

For detailed information on requirements is available in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the Heart of America Council’s Jamboree webpage at: http://hoac-bsa.org/ACT_National_Jamboree.cfm. Contact information for members of the council jamboree committee is also available on the webpage.
Wood Badge for the 21st Century

Wood Badge training is an experience like no other! Participants take part in several days of classroom training followed by several days of training and fun in the outdoors with their patrol. Participants learn about and practice developing a team, then leading that team to its maximum potential.

This training experience is open to all registered Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing adult Scouters. The course will be held on two weekends. The first weekend, September 12-14, will be held at the Rotary Youth Camp. The second weekend, October 3-5, will be held at the Naish Scout Reservation. Registration forms and additional information are available at your district roundtable and the Council Service Center.

The course still has openings and we will be accepting applications for the waiting list. This year’s participants should attend the pre-course meeting to be held at the Council Service Center. For more information contact Britt Davis at jdavis@bsamail.org.

Internet Advancement

Online advancement entry is here! The Heart of America Council is excited to announce that units are now using Internet Advancement to record their youth member advancements from any online location—at home or at the office. You will find this method to be easy, convenient, and accurate because your unit enters the information. Any time during the year, the unit advancement processor from each active unit will be able to record advancements to youth member records. And, they’ll also be able to print a unit roster at any time.

If you have any questions or comments, contact your district executive or Linda Mitchell, Informational Secretary, at the Council Service Center and we’ll be glad to help you out. Linda can be contacted at (816) 569-4943 or by email at lmitchel@bsamail.org

Local Tour Permits Revised

The local tour permit form has been revised. You can download the new version from the council website under Forms and Resources. The most current version of this form is the December 2007 revision. This form must be used starting in January 2009.

Brownsea

There are still a few slots left for this year’s Brownsea NYLT. This intensive, seven-day outdoor training experience is for young men in support of the Scoutmaster’s responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders for a cost of $175.00. Brownsea starts on June 15, 2008 and ends on June 20, 2008 and will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

It’s purpose is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at it’s best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster and of course, to have fun!!

For registration information visit the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org, the Council’s Resource Center or contact Britt Davis at jdavis@bsamail.org.

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting invites all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders to this outstanding supplemental training event. Be a “student” again with several hundred of your closest friends and join in the fun and fellowship of this outstanding training opportunity.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 8, 2008. This is an event you will NOT want to miss! See you all there.

Wilderness First Aid Course

Even the most experienced outdoorsman can be injured while exploring the wilderness. Basic first aid training is a good start, but more knowledge is needed when advanced medical care is more than an hour away. A person in a wilderness setting should be prepared to help the sick or injured for an extended period of time. Come learn Wilderness First Aid so that you can help a fellow outdoorsman in their time of need.

You must be at least 14 years old. Leaders are encouraged to take the course. CPR is not required but recommended.

Instructors are Wilderness EMTs or Paramedics with years of real world experience. Classes are taught in outdoor settings year round with scenarios matching what the group might encounter in upcoming activities.

The course will be taught at 11811 S. Sunset Dr. Olathe, KS 66061 on June 21, 8:00 am-5:00 pm and June 22, 8:00 am-12:30 pm. For more information and to enroll, contact Adam Grace, Community Education Officer, Johnson County Med-Act, at (913) 715-1981 or by email at agrace@jocoems.org. The cost is $25.00 per person taking class. Meals are not provided.

Philmont Council Contingent 2008

Soon the 2008 Council Contingent will be leaving for their exciting adventure at the Philmont Scout Ranch. The Camping and Program Service Department is now accepting applicants for the stand-by list of alternates for 2008. These alternates will go through all the training with the contingent and will be prepared to substitute anytime up to departure date should someone have to withdraw from a crew.

Applications for the Philmont Council Contingent are available in the Resource Center and on the council website (www.hoac-bsa.org) or by calling the Program and Camping Service Department at the Council Service Center.

Order of the Arrow

The summer camp inductions and ceremonies will be held on Wednesday and Thursday during each week of Boy Scout Camp at Naish. The call out ceremony starts at 7:00 pm on Wednesday. Visitors are invited to come witness and take part in the special Wednesday ceremonies. Registration for inductions can be picked up at roundtables or online.
Heart of America - Summer Camping

The summer camping programs are now underway. This summer, thousands of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers will travel to various destinations to spend days and nights in different types of camping programs. Our Cub Scouts will attend Day Camp, Bear Resident Camp or Webelos Resident Camp. Boy Scouts will attend seven or nine day camping programs at Naish and Bartle. Some will be traveling to any number of High Adventure or other BSA Council Camps throughout the country. Venturers will also travel far and wide to High Adventure Bases all over or they may also choose to attend the VENTURING Summer Adventure at Naish.

Leaders of all these Scouts have worked hard to get the Scouts ready for their summer adventures. Be sure to e-mail a few pictures of your adventures to the Program and Camping Service Office (ccrandal@bsamail.org) at the Council Service Center so that we can share in your fabulous summer or bring by a picture CD.

Bartle & Naish Calendars

Bartle Scout Reservation
May 30 – June 1, 2008 – MOS Tribal Celebration
Sunday, June 8, 2008 - Session 1 Visitor Day
Sunday, June 22, 2008 – Session 2 Visitor Day
Sunday, June 29, 2008 – Session 3 Visitor Day
Saturday, July 13, 2008 – Session 4 Visitor Day
Sunday, July 20, 2008 – Session 5 Visitor Day
Sunday, August 3, 2008 – Session 6 Visitor Day

Naish Scout Reservation
Wednesday, June 11, 2008 – OA Inductions
Thursday, June 12, 2008 – OA Ceremonies
Wednesday, June 18, 2008 – OA Inductions
Thursday, June 19, 2008 – OA Ceremonies
Wednesday, June 25, 2008 – OA Inductions
Thursday, June 26, 2008 – OA Ceremonies

Webelos Resident Camp
June 29, 2008 through August 9, 2008

Bear Resident Camp
June 22, 2008 through August 4, 2008

OA Fall Fellowship
Friday, September 19, 2008 through Sunday, September 21, 2008

2008 Rotary Camp
Rotary Scout Camp is the HOAC long term resident camp for Scouts with special needs. The year the theme is RED CARPET ROTARY. In addition to the merit badges, handicraft and other activities at Rotary Camp, plans are being made to present a spectacular red carpet program for the Scouts.

This camp is held at the Rotary Youth Camp facility which is located in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Rotary Scout Camp starts on August 9 and continues through August 13, 2008.

Applications for participation are available at the Council Service Center, district roundtables and on the council website. If you have questions regarding Rotary Camp contact David Riker, driker@bsamail.org or Britt Davis jdavis@bsamail.org.
Council Calendar of Events

June
1-7 Venture Blast, Naish
6 HRB, Summer Camp Opens
8 TN, Summer Camp Opens
9 Friends of Scouting Victory Celebration
11 University of Scouting Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
14 Council Sporting Clays Classic, Powder Creek, 9:00 am
16 Executive Board Meeting
15-21 Brown Sea II, Cub World
24 Scouts with Disabilities Committee Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
25 Powderhorn Staff Meeting

July
1 OA Vigil & Founders Award Nominations Due
1 Silver Beaver Nominations Due
4 Independence Day, Council Office Closed
9 University of Scouting Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
16 Powderhorn Staff Meeting
16 Jamboree Committee
21 Executive Committee Meeting
22 Scouts with Disabilities Committee Meeting
24 Council Activities Committee Meeting

August
13 University of Scouting Staff Meeting, Council Office, 7:00 pm
14 Woodbadge Pre-course Meeting
9-13 Rotary Camp
15-17 Powderhorn Training
21 OA LEC Meeting
22-24 OA Fall Induction Weekend
26 Scouting with Disabilities Committee
26 Roundtable & District Commissioner Meeting

Help Someone to Learn to Read

Literacy Kansas City is a non-profit organization that teaches adults to read and improve their reading and math comprehension. There are more than 225,000 adults in the Kansas City metro area who are considered to be functionally illiterate (reading below the fifth grade level). Students in Literacy Kansas City’s programs are age 16 and older.

The heart of their program is a one-to-one tutoring system that is heavily dependent upon volunteers. Volunteers must be at least a junior in high school and be willing to make an 18 month commitment. This is a chance to make a tremendous difference in someone’s life. The inability to read has a great effect upon the individual person, their family and society.

Literacy Kansas City is always seeking dedicated volunteers who understand the importance of reading and wish to actually transform someone’s life. Remember that volunteers must be at least a junior in high school. Their website is www.literacykc.org, and they can be reached at (816) 333-9332.

20th Annual Boy Scouts Golf Classic

More than 200 golfers enjoyed a fun-filled day of golf at Loch Lloyd Country Club at the Village of Loch Lloyd. Each year the Heart of America Council conducts the Annual Boy Scouts Golf Classic to showcase Scouting’s positive impact and raise money to support its programs. This year the tournament generated over $108,000 in contributions.

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Fall Camporee

The Big Muddy District Fall Camporee is scheduled for October 10-12. The district camporee committee is hard at work developing a tremendous program for this year’s event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Detailed information will be provided at the upcoming roundtables.

What’s New ???

The Big Muddy district committee is very interested in keeping up with the news. So what’s new in your pack, troop, team, or crew! Please send any highlights or photos you’d like to share to gdealy@bsamail.org.

Cub Scout Day Camp 2008

“Spy Cubs” is this year’s theme and day camp is just around the corner! Once again, day camp will be held at Walnut Hills Park in Carrollton. Tammy Cockrum and Susan Dallstream have been hard at work all winter planning a great program for the Cub Scouts of the Big Muddy District. If you haven’t signed up, it’s not too late! To register, contact the Program Services office at the Heart of America Council Service Center by calling Leslie Staack at (816) 569-4963.

School Night Orientation & Kick Off Meetings

Every pack School Night to Join Scouting chairperson needs to attend the District School Night Orientation and Kick Off Meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 29 at the First United Methodist Church in Lexington. This meeting takes the place of the August roundtable. At this important meeting, we will review the School Night plan, distribute materials, provide details on organizing new dens, and discuss leadership needs. Your pack leadership plays an important role in this year’s School Night Recruitment campaign. Your support is crucial for its success!

Friends of Scouting

Thank you to everyone who supported this year’s Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out with this year’s campaign. A special thanks, once again, to Don Raffurty for serving as the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign chairman for the third year in a row!
Cub Survivor

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first Cub Survivor. It was a great success and we are looking forward to our second one this fall. Special thanks to Bass Pro Shop for hosting this event.

Day Camp
Spy Cubs

Day camp is right around the corner. Camp will be held July 7-11 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the American Legion Farm, located 499 Post Road, Blue Springs, MO. The price for day camp is $60. It is important that all leaders attend Walking Leader Training, check the website for updates on training dates. For more information contact Sheryl Fajen (Camp Director) at (816) 229-5958, Allen Fails (Program Director) at (816) 560-8479, or Tiffany Bumgardner at (816) 569-4969 or tbumgard@bsamail.org. You can also email your questions to: be_daycamp@sbcglobal.net.

Popcorn

It’s nearly that time of year again. Make sure that your unit is signed up and that you have designated a popcorn representative. There will be opportunities to sign up at roundtable. For more information or to sign up please contact Jeff Dutzel at (816) 805-7964 or Brian Bentrop at (816) 569-4918 or bbentrop@bsamail.org.

Fall Recruitment

We have had record breaking recruitments these past few years in Blue Elk. Lets make 2008 the best fall recruitment effort yet! We will start our School Nights the last week of August and conclude the second week of September. Start planning how your unit will participate early.

Check with your schools for Back to School/Meet the Teacher nights. This is a great time to visit with parents, recruit leaders, and prepare to get the new Scouts on board. It is well worth the time it takes to set up a table and visit with families.

Adventures in Scouting Articles

We want to talk about you on our Adventures in Scouting page! Let us know about what your unit is doing, i.e. pancake breakfasts, camping trips, activities. Please send all information to Tiffany Bumgardner at tbumgard@bsamail.org.

Friends of Scouting

The district staff would like to recognize those units that have achieved their Friends of Scouting goal in both dollars raised and total number of gifts, and achieved free rank advancement (as of May 1, 2008). Congratulations and thank you for your support of Friends of Scouting. Also, thanks to all of the families, individuals and businesses that contributed to FOS this year. Your gifts are appreciated and make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

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School Night Training
School Night to Join Scouting is the single most important event of the year in the Scouting calendar. The start of school is when parents are most likely to be looking for an opportunity to register their sons in the Scouting program. New members are the lifeblood of our organization. Along with new Scouts come the potential of new leaders, their parents. Planning is important in running a successful School Night to Join Scouting. The time to start planning is now. Running a well organized recruitment night leaves a great first impression. A good first impression generates excitement about your Scouting program. Every pack needs to be represented at the School Night for Scouting Planning Meeting. Make plans to be there. We are also looking for 12 organizers and 12 coordinators to ensure that parents get the correct information on Recruitment Night. If you know of anyone, or if you are interested, please contact Jeff Terrell or Dusty Boatright.

Cub Scout Day Camp
At the end of June, more than 400 Cub Scouts will have the time of their lives at Cub Scout day camp. If your pack has not registered, it is NOT too late. Also, if you would like to go to day camp and your pack isn’t signed up, No Problem! We want every Cub Scout to have the chance to go to camp. Having fun at day camp plays an important role in keeping a boy in the Cub Scout program. Please contact Jeff Terrell (816) 569-4947 to get your Scouts signed up for camp.

Summer, Summer, Summertime
Summertime is upon us, the days are longer, the nights are warmer, and that means its time for summer camp. I do hope that everyone has their pack or troop signed up for a great camping experience. Remember to drink plenty of water as the day will be getting HOT! I hope to get a chance to see everyone at camp this summer but if I don’t please have a safe summertime camping season.

POPCORN
Have you planned your unit’s program for next year? Have you planned a unit budget? Are you not quite sure where all the money is going to come from to offer your Scouts the great program you have planned? There is a way that you can pay for your program without out-of-pocket costs to your parents. Sound good? Then Trails End Popcorn is for you. It is a great way to ensure that no Scout is left behind on any activity. It also helps to be sure that every boy who wants to be a Scout has that opportunity.

Here is how it works: Set a goal based on what you need to fund your unit activities. This helps people understand the importance of the sale and how they will benefit. Divide your goal by the number of selling Scouts. Emphasize that by reaching the goal your Scouts will benefit. Scouts will have a tremendous program and families will benefit through lower costs. Communication is the key to success in your popcorn sale. Keep everyone up to date on your sale’s progress. Make enthusiastic announcements at meetings. We will be happy to help set up your sale and work with you to set a goal. Please contact Jeff Terrell for more information (816) 569-4947.

Kaw District Events

June
5 Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting
Bonner Springs United Methodist
425 W. Morse Ave., 7:00 pm
12 District Committee Meeting
Commissioner Meeting
BPU Human Resources
300 N 65th St, KC, KS., 7:00 pm
9-13 Cub Scout Day Camp
Camp Naish, Cub World

July
Have a safe and happy July!
See you in August!

2008 Kaw Committee Chairs

District Chair
Tom Cooley (913) 573-5040
District Commissioner
Bob Euler (913) 772-0333
Cub Scout Round Table
Sharon Thebo (913) 287-2278
Boy Scout Round Table
Shawn Mullen (913) 651-4550
Members at Large
Mark Mitchell (913) 573-5040
Members at Large
Greg Carpenter (816) 769-7975
Family FOS
Maryann Neeland (913) 651-5575
Youth Protection Training
Nancy Henre (913) 369-2726
Membership Chair
Tony Aranda (913) 334-3655
District Training Chair
Dan Hammond (913) 651-4885
Camping Chair
Mike Henre (913) 369-2726
Advancement Chair
Sharlet Untereiner (913) 651-3436
Activities Chair
Larry Sick (913) 596-1216
Relationships Chair
Ray Thebo (913) 287-2278
Venturing Chair
Richard Randolf Jr. (913) 631-7390
District Director
Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967
dboatrig@bsamail.org
Senior District Executive
Jeff Terrell (816) 569-4947 jterrell@bsamail.org
Day Camp, “Spy Cubs”

Day Camp, “Spy Cubs”, will once again be held at the Clinton Artesian Park, June 16-20. Fees will be $60. If you register at day camp, the fee is $65. Any Scout recruited this spring and signed up for day camp will only need to pay $45. A week of fun and adventure is planned for all. Jon Hart is the camp director and Jennifer Faaborg will be the program director. All packs that attend are encouraged to decorate their den homes with the theme. If you have questions about day camp or would like to be on staff, please contact Jon Hart at (660) 747-3047.

District Pinewood Derby

Pack 514 of Warrensburg, along with some help from Pack 400, sponsored the Lone Bear District Pinewood Derby on April 26th at the Warrensburg Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. There were 45 participants from Cub Packs throughout the district that participated in this event. Everyone had a great time the boys got to find out who was the fastest in their Cub Scout division throughout the district. There was an overall “best in show award” handed out to the best looking car, according to the judge. All the cars were well put together and looked great. There was a little trouble with the track this year but everyone was able to make it through the event fine. Thank you to Shelly Huntington from pack 514 and John Slobaszewski from Pack 400 and the other leaders from their pack’s that helped out. Great job everyone! Who will be the winners next year?

What Have Your Scouts Done?

We know you all are involved in exciting activities and are having lots of fun. The district committee and everyone in the Lone Bear District want to know. Send stories and photos to David Riker at driker@bsamail.org. We will be sure to get your unit’s story in this publication!

Friends of Scouting

The Heart of America Council Friends of Scouting Victory Celebration will be held on June 9. The Lone Bear District is very close to attaining our goal. We are working to find those last few dollars to reach our benchmark. Each year the Friends of Scouting campaign raises money through the units and businesses in the Lone Bear District. This money helps with the costs of camps, training, camperships, mailings, and many other items that keeps Scouting alive and well. The family campaign surpassed its goal in March. Way to go Richard!!

Hurley Mahan is leading the community campaign. He could use help in contacting local businesses. Hurley has done a great job in his first year as Friends of Scouting chairman. If you have questions about Friends of Scouting or want to know how close your unit may be to attaining free rank advancement, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or email driker@bsamail.org.

Roundtable

Make sure to come to roundtable in August as we will be discussing our plans for this year’s fall recruitment. The Lone Bear District roundtables are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Clinton Scout Center. Roundtables are a gathering of Scouters from the district and are held once a month. These meetings are an important way for leaders to gather and learn from each other. This is also an opportunity for you to get information on a variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. All leaders are encouraged to join us to learn more about serving today’s youth. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information. For more information, contact David Riker (816) 569-4974 or (800) 776-1110 or email driker@bsamail.org.
Good Turn for America

All units are asked to post ALL of your service hours on the Good Turn for America website, found on the North Star Activities’ webpage: http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm. All service hours should be included – Eagle Service projects, conservation projects, Scouting for Food, etc. For info, contact your executive staff or talk with them at roundtables.

School Night for Scouting

Summer is the time your pack should be preparing for successful fall recruitment. Also mark your calendars for the District School Night Kickoff which will be August 6, 7:00 pm at Barry Christian Church, 1500 NW Barry Rd.

Now is the time to make sure your unit is prepared for fall recruiting. Do you have all of your den leaders assigned? Does your unit have a School Night Recruiting Chair? Have you finalized your unit calendar so you can hand that out to all of your new parents? There are dozens of items you can complete now to get prepared. When you are prepared, you can focus on meeting your new recruits and show them how much fun they can have in Scouting. If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chairman – Nancy Stasiak at (816) 781-7131, nanstasiak@kc.rr.com, District Director – Jason Ballew at (816) 569-4982, jballew@bsamail.org.

Friend of Scouting 2008

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Lastly thanks to each and every one of you who selflessly gave to the campaign which in turn ensures the support and growth of this wonderful program of Scouting we all love.

Roundtable

Roundtable is held at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods, MO. All Life Scouts who need to have their Eagle Scout Service Project approved must present themselves 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 can network with other Cub leaders and share ideas. Come for the fun.

Boy Scout and Venture leaders will share a program full of fun and excitement. Come find out the latest cooking strategies, learn what’s new in the merit badge corner, and find out about new camping opportunities. AND that’s just the tip of the iceberg!!!

Youth Protection and New Leader Essential Training is offered as well. If you know of a volunteer in your unit who needs this training, invite them along.

Day Camp – 2008 – “SPY CUBS”

WE’VE MOVED!!!

Because of the snow days we had this winter, several school districts extended their school calendar. Therefore, the SPY CUBS Day Camp will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds in Tracy, MO, on June 4 - 7, 2008. Everybody will have lots of fun!!! If you have questions, you can find all of your answers at http://hoac-bsa.org/nsdc.cfm. At this site, you will find: Cost Guide for Parents, How to Register, Permission Forms, Health Forms Den Chief Registration, Picture Release Forms, Walking Leader Registration, and Special Needs Request, Pre-order forms.

Every year, our day camp needs help with some special supplies. You can help if you have any of these: 15 cans surveying spray paint (orange), 10 boxes permanent markers, 1000 plastic spoons, 300 pie tins (8” or larger), 10 table spoons, 2 ½ cup measuring cups, and 20 orange cones. For more information, be sure to contact Jim Bunnell at (816) 651-5046, jbnbunnell@hrblock.com, or Willy Mead at (816) 453-5835, rocknratt@sbcglobal.net. Get more information at http://hoac-bsa.org/nsdc.cfm.

North Star

District Events

June

4-7 Cub Scout Day Camp
Platte County Fairgrounds

5 Roundtable,
New Leader Essentials
Youth Protection Training
Merit Badge Counselor Training
OA Chapter Meeting
PWUMC, 7310 NW Prairie, 7:30 pm

10 District Committee/Planning Mtg
North Cross UMC,
1321 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

12 Commissioner Staff Meeting
St. Lukes Presbyterian
4301 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

July

No district meetings or roundtable

2008 North Star
Committee Chairs

District Chair:
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District Vice Chairman:
Hale Lenz (816) 628-6961

District Commissioner:
Raul Salmon (816) 222-4878

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Advancement:
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FOS Family:
Melinda Mehaffy (816) 781-9118

Membership/Relationships
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NESA
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Thanks to all for your support of the 2008 Friends of Scouting campaign. It was a lot of work, but it is well worth it. Your dedication as donors and workers will again assure that the Scouting program is provided as fully as it can be to the youth in our community. Credit goes to the Unit Presenters; Community Captains; Family Chair, Gary Akers; and Overall Co-Chairs, Doug Lenhart and Richard Van Auken! Another big thank you goes to David Fowler who helped guide our team on this year’s Community Friends of Scouting campaign and the more than 600 donors in our campaign! We can’t do this without you!

**Day Camp 2008**

Spy Cub Day Camp is here and the theme is Spy Cubs! By now, you should have sent in your pack’s registration or be finalizing it to get in by April 9 at the $45/Scout fee. After that, it rises to $60/Scout. We will hold Day Camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 9-13. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, camp director, at (913) 381-7824 or Lorri Kearns, program director, at (913) 583-1011.

**School Night for Scouting**

School Night for Scouting is fast approaching. The School Night Kick Off (one representative from each pack is required to attend) will be held on July 29 at 7:45 pm. We will hold the kick off at Village Presbyterian Church at 6641 Mission Road. Each pack will select their School Night date from the following dates:

- Tuesday, August 26, 2008
- Wednesday, August 27, 2008
- Thursday, August 28, 2008
- Wednesday, September 3, 2008
- Thursday, September 4, 2008
- Tuesday, September 9, 2008
- Wednesday, September 10, 2008
- Thursday, September 11, 2008

Please visit the Northern Tier District School Night to Join Scouting webpage at www.hoac-bsa.org/Northern_Tier.cfm for more information including how School Night works, a timeline for all packs, and tips so that your pack has a successful fall.

**Cuboree**

Cuboree was a great success! More than 100 Scouts and parents turned out for an awesome event on May 9-10. We offer Phil Park and his staff a big Scouting thank you for joining us for the weekend to provide a fun program and tasty food. We look forward to seeing more you at Cuboree in 2009!

**Spotlight - Tiger Cub Zachary Toburen, Pack 3751**

Tiger Cub Zachary Toburen was recognized for his great act of integrity and generosity. In October, Zachary found $120 in the Mize Elementary parking lot. He turned the money into the school office. When no one claimed the money in January, the school decided to turn the money over to Zachary. He asked for $20 of the amount and asked that the remaining $100 be donated to the Marine Corps League where he hopes that the money will fix things the soldiers need. Thanks Zachary, you are a character leader for all Cub Scouts!
Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting campaign is coming to an end. While this has been a great campaign, the Pelathe District still needs donations to reach our goal. If you have not made your pledge, please consider a contribution. Thank you to everyone who has given a donation. Special thanks go out to Mark Gleeson and all the FOS presenters for making phone calls and attending report meetings for the district.

Rechartering

Thank you to everyone that turned in their charters on time!!! Our district still has a couple of units that need to finish this process. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Jacob Allen at jallen@bsamail.org.

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food was a big success for the Pelathe District. The food pantries in Douglas County received a combined total of 6,568 items of non-perishable food. Thank you to all the youth and adults who participated in this year’s food drive.

Thank you to John Scott for organizing this year’s food drive.

Day Camp

Day camp is being held June 2-6. Alfred Cramer is this year’s day camp director and Bruce Wagner is this year’s program director. Both of these individuals are working very hard to make sure the Scouts will be attending the best camp in the council. Activities will include: archery, B.B. guns, sporting activities, as well as arts and craft projects. It will be a lot of fun for everyone!!! We officially have over 275 youth signed up to attend this year’s camp. This is a great turnout and day camp is going to be a BLAST!!!!!!

School Night to Join Scouting

It’s time again to start thinking about recruitment nights. Each pack is expected to provide an organizer to help out at their recruitments. This person will need to be very knowledgeable about Scouting and your pack. They will need to know basic information about the pack such as when and where they meet and who the leaders are.

Once you decide who this person is going to be, contact Jacob Allen ASAP. Further information will be available. Each organizer will be expected to attend the School Night Kick Off Training at the August roundtable. Roundtables are held at First Baptist Church, 1330 Kashold.

Spring Camporee

Spring camporee was held out at Camp Bromelsick on April 11-13. We had perfect weather. The commissioner’s put together a great program for all the Scouts to enjoy. Scouts participated in a variety of activities that kept them busy late into the night. Another exciting game of mountain ball took place with the mountain men once again finished on top. There were 105 individuals in attendance at this year’s camporee. It was definitively a great camping experience that everyone will remember.

Webelos Graduation Weekend

Webelos Graduation Weekend took place on May 9-11. Troop 55 did a great job putting this event on for the district. Thank you to Chris Golledge for all his hard work in making this event successful.
Cub Scout Day Camp

Pioneer Trails is once again teaming up with the Kaw District for the 2008 Cub Scout day camp. Day camp will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, from June 9 through June 13. Crafts, games, and camaraderie are just a few things campers can expect at this year’s day camp! Transportation to and from day camp is available. Busses will leave each day at 7:30 am sharp and return at 4:30 pm at Boone School, 89th and Wornall, and Scout Cabin, 59th and Swope Parkway. Thank you to Camp Director Lisa Kessler for putting together this year’s camp program together. It’s never too late to sign up! If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact Jay Ritter at (816) 569-4946 or Lisa at (816) 941-0940.

District Camporee and Cub Family Campout

Pioneer Trails District Annual Camporee and the Cub Family Campout will be held on the weekend of October 10 at Longview Lake Park. The Cub Family Campout will be Friday and Saturday, and the camporee will be Friday through Sunday. Cub Scouts and their families should plan to come out to this great weekend of family, fun, and Scouting! Boy Scouts, come show what your troop is made of and enjoy this district-wide camping opportunity. This year’s theme for camporee is “Transportation” and Boy Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Auto Mechanics Merit Badge! The Cub Family Campout fee will be $8 per person, and the camporee fee will be $10 per person. Cub Scouts and their parents are welcome to stay and camp Saturday night, but siblings are asked not to stay past Saturday morning. Stay posted on further details by attending the monthly district roundtables. For questions, contact Ed Mulik at (816) 363-7846.

“Trail Talk”

“Trail Talk” is the Pioneer Trails monthly district newsletter. Carol DeFeo, Public Relations Chairman for Pioneer Trails, puts this newsletter together for the district. “Trail Talk” provides updates from around the district as well as news from the different units in Pioneer Trails. We want to know what is going on in your pack, troop, or crew! Email ptpublicity@aol.com with news about your unit so we can put it in the next edition of “Trail Talk!” To see past editions of “Trail Talk,” visit hoac-bsa.org/Trail_Talk.cfm.

Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. If you are a current or future Scouting leader and you haven’t yet been trained, now is the perfect time to do so to get ready for the fall season. Training gives you the skills to provide a quality program and offers ideas to minimize your workload. For more Pioneer Trails training information, visit http://hoac-bsa.org/PT_Training.cfm.

Program Plan Fair

Last month the Pioneer Trails District held their annual program plan fair to get ready for the summer and fall seasons. More than 50 people attended the event and learned more about the many different facets of the Scouting program. Popcorn, advancement, and membership were just a few of the booths available for people to stop by and learn more about. Rootbeer floats were served to round out the night and to make for a fun and successful event. Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, and unit commissioners, if you have not picked up your unit’s 2008-2009 Program Planning Packets, they are available at the Scout Office.
Day Camp

The Early Bird Registration Period has passed and the current fee is $60.00 per camper for “Spy Cubs”. If you choose to wait until the start of camp and walk-in register the fee will be $65. All information is available at the RTH District website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

Webelos Woods

Webelos Woods went off without a hitch. Scouts enjoyed such activities as archery, shooting sports, fire building, monkey ladder, obstacle courses, canoeing and first aid.

Fun was had by all. A huge thanks to all our fabulous cooks who kept us well fed. Webelos Woods was a great demonstration about how much fun it is to be a Boy Scout!

Friends of Scouting

Thanks to all of the volunteers, troops, crews and packs for a fantastic Friends of Scouting campaign. We truly appreciate your hard work and contributions. We have several units that have achieved their goal. All units that achieve their goal get free rank advancement. Your unit’s goal is calculated based on 2007 re-charter figures and the number of families in your unit. To inquire about your unit’s Friends of Scouting goal for 2008, call Bridgete McKenna at (816) 569-4929 or bmckenna@bsamail.org.

Training

Red Tailed Hawk values their volunteers and adult leaders and want to be able to offer them the opportunity to ensure Scout safety as well as their overall experience in Scouting. For the most current dates for training you can access the district website or contact Jeff Wandtke at (913) 764-8413 or Bridgete McKenna at (816) 569-4929. RTH website has a detailed list of trainings offered and trainings that can be done online at your convenience. Every Scout deserves a trained leader!

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 held the first Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center

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District Director
Dewey Barr (816) 569-4983 debarr@bsamail.org
Day Camp

It's not too late to register for day camp! Thunderbird Day Camp will be July 7-11, 2008 at the James A. Reed Archery Range in Lee’s Summit, MO. This year’s Theme is Spy Cubs! Register now! Cost is $60.00 per Scout if you register in advance. Price is $65 at the door so don’t wait! (New Scouts are $45).

Check out www.hoac-bsa.org/tbdc.cfm for information or contact Kay Duncan at tbirddaycamp@aol.com or 816-524-7441 or Gretchen Hicks at missqee.tbird@yahoo.com or 816-524-9358 for camp and staff information.

Training

By now your unit should have received a report indicating the recorded training status of your unit’s leaders. If you have not, please email dtmorales@earthlink.net and I will send it. We expect that you will find some corrections that need to be made to this report. Please contact me to make these corrections.

Training at Camp - If you attend training at camp please bring your completed card to roundtable. Thanks to all who have attended training this year. Thunderbird has nearly doubled the number of trained leaders working directly with our youth members!

District “Good Turn”

On April 12, 2008 the Thunderbird District hosted its “Scouting for Food” drive. Despite the weather, hundreds of Scouts teamed up to support local food pantries and community organizations. In the (above) picture, Troop 469, a Raytown troop can be seen next to their collection of foods which were given to REAP (Raytown Emergency Assistance Program). What a great example of Scouting’s selfless service to others! Great job Thunderbird!

Cub Scout Family Campout

Come on out to annual Cub Scout Family Campout! For the second year in a row this will be held at the Rotary Youth Camp off of Colbern Rd. in Lee’s Summit. This is a great camping opportunity for new scouts right after fall recruitment. Even though this event is designed for younger scouts all are welcome. For $8 each participant gets camping space, cracker-barrel (late night snack), breakfast, campfire, field games and more! Make sure you put September 26-27 on your calendar and join us! Call Laura Crotty for questions and information. 853-2544 or Crotty_Laura@sbcglobal.net.

Friends of Scouting

Thunderbird has had yet another great year in Friends of Scouting thanks to your support! THANK YOU!!! Many units, through their contributions were able to meet their goal and earn free rank advancement and we’d like you to do the same. Some of you are very close. To find out how close, please contact Leo Berroteran (816) 353-5311 or lberr990@hotmail.com. If your unit has not done a presentation yet, we’d still like to see you.

Once again thank you for supporting Friends of Scouting!

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School Night Kick Off and Information on this Year’s Recruitment

Every pack needs to have their School Night to Join Scouting chairman in attendance on Tuesday, August 12, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf at 7:00 pm. At this important meeting we will review the School Night program, distribute all of the School Night materials, provide details on organizing new dens, and discuss leadership needs. Your pack leadership will play an important role in this year’s School Night recruitment campaign.

Summertime Pack Award

If your pack is active this summer, you may qualify for the Summertime Pack Award. Visit the resources section of the council website for an application form. Summertime activities might include, day camp, Bear and Webelos camp, picnics, parades, going to a ball game, a bike rodeo, pool parties, and more. A fun summer program will help you keep your current Scouts prepare for recruiting in the fall.

Cub Scout Day Camp: Spy Cubs

It is not too late to signup new Scouts. If a new boy joins the pack or is interested in joining the pack, invite him to day camp. How can they resist having a great time outside with their friends? This will encourage him to sign up. There are no late fees for new Scouts. If you are looking for more information you can print many of the forms at the Trailhead District Website: www.HOAC-BSA.org/Trailhead.cfm. If you have any questions call Cameron Horton, Day Camp Director at (913) 766-1855 or Bethany Aimloff, Program Director at (913) 385-2482.

New District Executive

Join us in welcoming Jenna Murphy as the new district executive in the Trailhead District. Jenna is a recent graduate of Kansas State University, receiving her degree in Public Relations. She spent two years as an intern with the Boy Scouts in the Coronado Area Council in Salina, KS. Jenna will be working along side Matt Specht who is now our district director.

Summer then Fall

Now is the time to be working on your plans for this fall. Do you have all of your leaders in place? Do you know what activities you are planning? You can count on Trailhead fall training to get those new leaders heading down the right path. It’s important that you hold a “Back to the Pack” activity in late July or early August. It could be a BBQ, pool party, or any other fun summer activity. Use this activity to identify any leadership voids. “Back to the Pack” can be one of your activities for the Summertime Pack Award.

For the most updated information on Trailhead District, visit our webpage at: http://hoac-bsaorg/Trailhead.cfm.
2008 Boy Scout Camporee and Cub Family Campout

Boy Scout Camporee October 10 – 12, Lake Olathe Golf Course
Cub Family Campout October 10 – 11, Lake Olathe Golf Course
Preparations are underway. All troops are encouraged to participate and coordinate an activity for the day. Please commit your troop to the weekend by contacting Todd Whitley at twhiteley@brattonsteel.com.

Webelos Woods Wrap-up

Thanks to all who helped with Webelos Woods on April 19. 100 Scouts and Scouters from the Trails West District made the event one to remember. Scouts participated in activities like fire-building, BB Guns, canoeing, archery, and much, much more!!!

Plans are already underway to make next year even better…so mark your calendars for April 18, 2009.

School Night to Join Scouting Kick Off

Fall is right around the corner. To be prepare for fall recruitment each pack is encouraged to identify a Pack Membership Coordinator. This person coordinates the pack recruitment efforts and communication with the district executive. Please send the name of your pack’s membership coordinator to Matt Armstrong at marmstro@bsamail.org by May 30.

A training session for all pack membership coordinators will take place on July 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Bass Pro Shop, 12051 Bass Pro Dr, Olathe, KS 66061.

Friends of Scouting

The 2008 Friends of Scouting campaign is coming to a close. To date the district has raised $24,000 or 80% of our $30,000 goal. Thanks to all the units who have had or have scheduled a FOS presentation.

Congratulations to the following units who have achieved their Friends of Scouting goal!!!

Troop 136, Troop 401, Troop 428, Troop 522

To schedule a presentation or check your unit goal, contact Matt Armstrong.

Day Camp 2008

Get ready for “Spy Cubs.” The Trails West day camp staff is putting the final touches on what promises to be a fun and exciting program.

All day camp participants will shoot BB guns and bows and arrows, work on badges and belt loops, learn cooking skills, sing songs, learn about nature, make crafts, play games, and much, much more!!!

The pack must provide leadership and adult supervision for their Cub Scouts who attend day camp. They must also make arrangements for transportation to and from camp. It is recommended that packs have at least one registered adult leader attend camp for every five boys sent by the pack. The minimum number allowed at any time is two, and one of these two must have completed Youth Protection Training. Everyone must complete a health information form to attend camp.

Who Can Attend?

Any registered Cub Scout (including kindergarten graduates) may attend day camp.

What Time Do They Start?

Day camp will start around 9:00 am and end around 3:00 pm each day.
The Trails West Day Camp will run Monday, June 16 – Thursday, June 19.

Day Camp Walking Leader Trainings

Thursday, June 5, 6:00 pm / Community Covenant Church (before roundtable)
Sunday, June 15, 3:00 pm / Lake Olathe Golf Course (Check-in Day)
For more information call Bill O’Conner at (913) 302-8549 or Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978.
New Incentive to Sell Popcorn

It has been suggested that the increasing price of gasoline may adversely affect many families in our units. Some of these families, due to the lack of discretionary income may choose to limit or eliminate their son’s involvement in Scouting. Lack of money is not an acceptable reason for any boy to drop out of our program. What can we do to help?

By participating in the popcorn sale, units provide support to financially-challenged boys and their families in two ways:

1) Popcorn sale profits, can allow a Scout to earn his own way. Profits can be used to pay camping and activities fees. This reduces the need for support from a Scout’s family, unit or the council.

2) The council’s sale profit helps fund programs that assist needy Scouts throughout the council. The council’s policy is that Scouting will be available to every eligible young person regardless of financial need.

You have an opportunity to help. Every unit should encourage participation in the Trails End Popcorn sale. The popcorn sale is designed to help each boy to pay his own way in Scouting. Unit leaders who don’t participate in the sale may unfairly limit resources available to the boys and their families. In challenging economic times, these resources may mean the difference on whether or not a young man remains in Scouting. Please keep this in mind as you are considering the importance of participating in the popcorn sale. It may be the only way some Scouts stay involved in our program.

WAL-MART Supports Boy Scouts

The Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Transportation Office and Wal-Mart store of Ottawa, Kansas teamed up to present the Heart of America, Council of the Boy Scout of America with checks totaling $4,300. Wal-Mart's support helps maintain summer camp facilities, providing camperships for Scouts from needy families, provides training to adult leaders, and offers some of the finest Scouting programs in the nation to the young people of our area. Wal-Mart is a long-time supporter of Scouting.

Wal-Mart’s generous gift will help many youth in our district during the coming year. They will have fun and develop in a manner which will benefit our communities and our country in the future.

Program Planning Fair

The Twin Rivers Program Planning Fair will be held June 12, 2008 at the Paola First Presbyterian Church (where we hold roundtable). This event will help you prepare for the coming year in Scouting. There will be food, fellowship and, of course, the unit program planning packets.

To assist the district in helping you please come to the meeting prepared to share:

1) The name and contact information of your unit’s popcorn chairperson. Also, bring the date of when you plan to hold your unit’s popcorn sale kick-off.

2) The date for your 2009 Friends of Scouting presentation, the event it will be held at (Court of Honor, Pack Meeting, Blue and Gold, etc.) and the name and contact information of your unit’s FOS chairperson.

3) The name and contact information of your unit’s membership chairperson and/or School Night to Join Scouting coordinator. The School Night dates for each school will be provided at the fair.

We are looking forward to an exciting and informative event. It is important that every unit is represented at this meeting. You do not want to miss this meeting!
We Salute:
Lincoln Pre High School Explorer Post 2879
Northeast High School Explorer Post 2880
Southeast High School Explorer Post 2881
Central High School Explorer Post 2878

We send out an Exploring salute to our newest posts. These Explorer posts are unique and are laying the groundwork for in-school Explorer posts. The emphasis of these posts is in the career field of education. With the emphasis today on childhood obesity, School Based Services works in the high schools to educate students on the importance of a healthy lifestyle, exercise, and eating right. As a part of their program these high school students go into elementary and middle schools to teach what they have learned.

The vision for this program came from Felicia Safir, Director of the School Based Services. Felicia and her team, including Lee Allen, Roger Franks, and Nathaniel Francis Jr., have a goal of starting a post in every high school in Kansas City, Missouri. The team’s enthusiasm, loyalty, and determination to reach the youth of today have shown to be a great success.

Currently we have Exploring in over 60% of the Kansas City School District high schools. Teachers in each high school educate their students in the career field of teaching. They provide their students with a hands-on experience. They run fantastic programs which continue to grow. We salute all that you do. Go Exploring!!!!!!!!!!!!

Explores in Double Dutch

On May 2, 2008, School Based School Linked Services and The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Public Health and Science Region VII, co-sponsored the 2nd Annual Double Dutch Day Competition. The event was held at Penn Valley Community College, located at 3201 Southwest Trafficway in Kansas City, Missouri.

The keynote speaker was Mrs. Barbara Jones-Slater of Tennessee State University. Mrs. Jones-Slater was a member of the 1952 and 1960 United States Olympic relay team and also the youngest gold medalist in track and field.

Seven Kansas City Missouri School District schools participated in this event, featuring 10 double Dutch teams and totaling over 70 jumpers. The event featured the Lincoln Prep Drumline and the Lincoln Prep Ambassadors from Explorer Post #2879.

Ambassadors represented Northeast High School Post #2880, Southeast High School Post #2881, Central High School Post #2878.
| BE 1082 | Kyle Rowland                  | NS 1397 | Christopher Santiago |
| BE 1138 | Ethan Curtis                  | NS 1397 | Ian Wright            |
| BE 1138 | Trevor Parrish                | NS 1460 | Cody Bartholome       |
| BE 1216 | Joshua DeLong                 | NS 1900 | Aaron Rochon          |
| BE 1216 | Timothy Lair                  | NS 2418 | Derrick Moss          |
| BE 1221 | Michael Brockert              | NT 91   | Nelson Collet         |
| BE 1228 | Kevin Boren                   | NT 91   | Benjamin Hylton       |
| BE 1310 | Mathew Miller                 | NT 91   | Reid Johnston         |
| BE 1347 | Kaleb Keith                   | NT 93   | Jordan Faltermeier    |
| BE 1381 | Tanner Cox                    | NT 93   | James Lawrence        |
| BE 1738 | Gregg Walters                 | NT 93   | Jackson Liggett       |
| KW 44   | Colin Holmes                  | NT 93   | Brennan Trupka        |
| KW 66   | Byron Hadfield                | NT 123  | Drew Talbott          |
| KW 66   | Kevin Lee                     | NT 185  | Benjamin Wake         |
| KW 167  | Bradley Holcomb               | NT 192  | Tylor Loxtner         |
| KW 176  | Damen Kenworthy               | NT 283  | Samuel Coen           |
| KW 740  | Alec Merino                   | NT 393  | Ryan Loxtner          |
| NS 1028 | Dennis Lemasters II           | NT 648  | Daniel Bush           |
| NS 1135 | Paul Jameson                  | NT 731  | Michael Banning       |
| NS 1135 | Chad Roberts                  | NT 2162 | Christopher Visker    |
| NS 1180 | Grant Geiger                  | NT 2648 | Joshua Bush           |
| NS 1247 | James Fluker                  | PL 64    | Joseph Walker         |
| NS 1247 | Matthew Guptill               | PT 1016 | William Bredar        |
| NS 1247 | Matthew Perry                 | PT 1016 | Samuel Crawford       |
| NS 1260 | Curtis Myers                  | PT 1016 | Edward Larson         |
| NS 1261 | Brett Penne                   | PT 1046 | Christopher Bradbury  |
| NS 1320 | James Duvall IV               | PT 1046 | Alexander Gripp       |
| NS 1354 | Parker Christian              | RT 122  | Adam Anstine          |
| NS 1374 | Brian Cleek                   | RT 122  | Daniel Copeland       |
| NS 1395 | William Lobbins III           | RT 122  | Patrick Hallinan      |
| NS 1397 | Jason Baur                    | RT 182  | Matthew Bliss         |
| NS 1397 | Jason Baur                    | RT 222  | Ryan Barrett          |
| TB 1032 | Robert Newman                 | TB 1210 | Christopher Nelson    |
| TB 1220 | Jonathan Foley                | TB 1240 | Christopher Yoder     |
| TB 1244 | Barrett Burford               | TB 1256 | Kent Dibben           |
| TB 1262 | John York                     | TB 1264 | Alexander Loudon      |
| TB 1323 | David Burmaster               | TB 1391 | Brian Jochems         |
| TB 1510 | Michael Davis                 | TB 1631 | Anthony Ismert II     |
| TH 354  | Ronald Heator                 | TH 387  | Zachary Jarchow       |
| TH 396  | Mark Bolton                   | TH 396  | Anthony Brown         |
| TH 396  | Joseph Holland                | TH 396  | Robert Keenan         |
| TH 396  | Michael Varaveto              | TH 449  | Nicholas Stone        |
| TH 449  | Nicholas Stone                | TR 100  | Cody King             |
| TR 88   | Jason Cloud                   | TW 118  | Jeremy Raby           |
| TW 181  | Joseph Getto                  | TW 181  | Nicholas Loughman     |
| TW 181  | Griffin Middendorf            | TW 181  | Nicholas West         |
| TW 186  | Jason Babb                    | TW 186  | Andrew Szczesny       |
| TW 401  | Matthew Humphrey              | TW 401  | Matthew Humphrey      |
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