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Silver Beaver Recipients for 2008 to be Honored

The Heart of America Council is pleased to recognize the individuals listed below who have been selected as this year’s Silver Beavers. The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a council can bestow on a volunteer. The award honors the individual not only for their involvement in Scouting, but also their involvement outside of Scouting to make the community a better place for young people.

The awards will be presented at the Annual Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Kansas City Marriott Muehlebach. Reservations for the dinner are required.

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Recruiting Cub Scout Parents to Be Leaders

Family involvement is vital to the success of Cub Scouting. The program gives families an opportunity to spend quality time together. When parents and leaders work together as a team, the boy gains the most from his Cub Scouting experience; when the parent volunteers in the son’s unit, bonds between parent and child are strengthened. Parents will volunteer when they understand what is expected of them.

Here are some key points to keep in mind when asking a parent to volunteer for a leadership role in the pack:

• Be respectful of parents’ ability and time to volunteer.
• Be positive and honest when explaining the task.
• Recruit for a specific position and a definite period of time.
• Get to know the parents and help them get to know each other.
• Provide a variety of tasks that may interest the prospective volunteer.
• Have the discussion in person and listen carefully to concerns.
• Recognize parent volunteers as a part of every pack meeting.
• Work to ensure that everyone feels invited to be involved.
• Don’t allow parents to be spectators at meetings. Get them involved in the planning and decision-making process.

More information is available. Key items to refer to are the Cub Scout Parent Information Guide, No 13-2259, Cub Scout Leader Book (Chapter 5, “Family Involvement”).

The ScoutParents Unit Coordinator

In Scouting, parental help and support is welcomed and encouraged. The ScoutParents unit coordinator position is a new registered adult position for units. This position has been created to encourage every unit to have at least one person who focuses primarily on orienting and involving parents with the unit’s program. Each coordinator will serve as a registered member of the unit committee or as one of its assistant unit leaders. Larger units may have more than one person serving in this key position.

This position will help to involve more adults with the unit’s program, thus creating a better-informed group of parents connected to their child’s Scouting experience. The support and commitment of parents directly affects the quality of the unit’s program, and provides a more meaningful experience for everyone involved, especially the Scouts.

Fast Start training will be available for all ScoutParents unit coordinators through www.Scoutparents.org as well as the National website. This training will help the unit coordinators understand their role and learn how to work more closely with the parents in their unit. They will need to take additional training for their specific program level – Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity or Venturing.

The ScoutParents unit coordinator can encourage parents to:

• Do an occasional task to help the unit’s program.
• Participate directly their Scout.
• Attend and observe Scout meetings.
• Assist with outings.
• Support the program financially.
• Coach their Scout’s advancement and participation.

Unit coordinators should work to match parents with the various tasks that need to be done to help the unit function. Encourage your new ScoutParents unit coordinators to visit the ScoutParents website, www.scoutparents.org for more information about this initiative and their role in involving families in their child’s Scouting experience.
Council News

11th Annual Downtown Urban Scouting Barbeque

Thank you to all who made the 11th annual Downtown Urban Scouting Barbeque such a success. We had a fantastic day.

The weather, crowd and food all combined to make this the best event yet. Thanks to great community support we were able to serve over 660 meals and raised $21,000 to benefit the Scoutreach programs of the Heart of America Council.

Your support makes a positive difference in the lives of young people in our community. The Urban Scouting program helps young people expand their horizons, learn more about themselves, acquire skills and see new and exciting parts of the country.

From an initial group of 300 Scouts, Urban Scouting now serves more than 16,600 young men and women. Through the program, Scouts have the opportunity to attend camp, earn merit badges and the opportunity to learn first hand about careers and vocations through the Exploring program. Urban Scouting has helped Scouts attend college through the Eagle Scout scholarship program. Scouting has truly made a difference in the lives of thousands of young people in the urban neighborhoods of the metropolitan area.

We are looking forward to the 12th Annual Urban Scouting Barbeque next year.

Scouting - International Style

Looking for a truly international Scouting experience? Consider visiting the Kanderstag International Scout Center. If you can't visit in person, surf over to their website for a look, http://www.kisc.ch/?tkw=home.

The International Scout Center is located in Switzerland and has a long history. Following the success of the first ever Jamboree held in London during 1920 Lord Baden-Powell expressed his wish for a permanent "Mini Jamboree" where Scouts from all over the world could meet. In 1921 during a holiday in Kandersteg, Walter von Bonstetten (then Chief Scout of Switzerland) discovered a disused chalet which he described to Baden Powell as a magical place perfect for a Scouting "Mini Jamboree."

In 1923, the chalet and some surrounding land were purchased and shortly after that the facility was opened. Scouts from around the world gather there year-round. The Swiss Alps provide an excellent base for adventure and challenging activities. A balanced program organized in the areas of High Adventure, International Friendship and Eco-Adventure. Guests can build the program that is right for them. Depending on the time of year Scouts can participate in an alpine hike or snow or ice climbing, stay in a mountain hut, ski or do a service project.

The website for the International Scout Center provides lots of information and pictures help you to see what the area is like. It is well worth a visit and make it a point to tell your Scouts about it. You never know where you might be attending summer camp in a year or two.
The 2008 Trails End Popcorn Sale is in full swing! Hopefully your kickoff provided Scouts and families with fun and excitement. Remember to send us your photos if you took a kickoff kit. We look forward to seeing the photos and posting them as a part of next year’s campaign.

Over 460 units are participating in this year’s sale. We are targeting growth of 10% for this year’s sale. This is an aggressive goal but reaching it will provide more Scouts with an even better Scouting experience.

The sale will go quickly. Here are some dates and details to keep in mind:

**Important Sale Dates**
- **Saturday, Oct 25**: Sale Ends.
- **Monday, Oct 27**: Orders are due by 5:00 pm
- **Monday, Oct 27**: Returns Report Due - Notification of popcorn to be returned to the pickup locations is due. Returns are only accepted if you give us notice by October 27.
- **Friday, Nov 7**: Popcorn Pick-up, see information below for the details.
- **Saturday, Nov 8**: Popcorn Pick-up, see information below for the details
- **Monday, Jan 5**: Popcorn Payment Due

**Final Popcorn Distribution** - Unit popcorn kernels will be contacted with the final order pick up locations and the time scheduled for your unit. You will be able to pick up your final orders and return popcorn that exceeds your needs. Please remember that you must report any returns to the office by October 27. Returns will not be accepted at the pick up locations unless you have reported your returns by the deadline. Returns are used to fill other orders and are subtracted from the final popcorn order to ensure precise inventory control!

Our sale is off to a great start this year thanks to the work of our district and unit popcorn kernels. So far things look great! A record $1,210,000 in Show N Sell popcorn was ordered for the first portion of the sale!

Use the Trails End popcorn sale to achieve your unit’s program goals!

Visit [http://hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.cfm](http://hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.cfm) for More Information and to Sign up Now!

**Scouts Sell Popcorn for the Men and Women in our Military**

In addition to buying popcorn for themselves customers have the option of buying popcorn to be shipped overseas to the men and women in our military. Customers can donate $25 worth of popcorn that is then shipped by Trails End.

Trails End popcorn is sold by Scouts across the country. In 2007 an impressive amount of popcorn was delivered to show our appreciation for those young people and their families that are serving their country.

- 20 tons of popcorn was shipped to the Sailors and Marines in the Pacific Fleet
- 157,000 popcorn servings were sent to the Air Force personnel in combat areas
- 20,000 cased of popcorn treats were sent to the Atlantic Fleet, the Middle East and around the world.
- 18,000 USO Care Packages of popcorn were sent to troops around the world.
- 11,000 boxes of popcorn were sent to men and women serving in Southeast Asia
- 45,000 servings of popcorn were given to National Guard personnel and families.
- 8,000 tins of Gourmet Carmel Corn were given to National Guard personnel and their families.

**Make Selling Popcorn as Easy as Eating it!**

*Now distant family and friends are as close as your computer.*

Avoid that 50 mile drive so Uncle Joe can place his popcorn order by using orderpopcorn.com. Email templates include specific links so your customers can easily place their order from you with a few clicks of the mouse. All sales count toward Trails End prizes. The customers place the orders and Trails End ships the popcorn directly to them. So you can even sell popcorn on a rainy day or early in the morning.

Questions about orderpopcorn.com? Contact your unit popcorn kernel. This is a great way to get everyone involved with the sale.
A Most Memorable Flag Ceremony

Based on a story by Caroline Boyer of the Shawnee Dispatch

This past June 14, Flag Day eight Boy Scouts from Troop 246 chartered to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Shawnee, had an experience that they will remember for a lifetime. They conducted a flag lowering ceremony, on Flag Day, at the foot of one of America’s most famous national monuments, Mt. Rushmore.

More than 100 service members and veterans stood at attention on the stage, and hundreds of civilians in the audience watched as the Scouts of Troop 246 performed the ceremony.

Early last spring Kim Tam, the troop’s Scoutmaster, was working with the troop’s youth leadership to plan a high adventure trip to some interesting caves in South Dakota. As she was looking for other activities to include with the trip, she discovered the flag ceremony opportunity. With only 120 ceremonies performed each year, competition was tough in obtaining a spot, particularly for Flag Day.

“It took us an hour and 42 minutes on the phone, but we got a permit for the day we wanted,” Tam said.

As the trip approached, all who were attending — four adults in addition to the eight Scouts — practiced the flag ceremony they would perform.

“We got there and everything had changed,” Tam said.

Most of the duties assigned to each Scout were the same, but the directions in which they would walk were different — plus they learned they had to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. They had an hour to practice the new routine.

In addition to the ceremony, the Scouts went spelunking and spent some time at a natural spring-turned-water park. The Scouts said the Mount Rushmore ceremony was definitely the highlight of the trip.

The flag ceremony was a Good Turn. The Scouts didn’t earn any advancement for their service at the national monument, but Tam said it was an experience that will be remembered for a lifetime.

“It’s just the right thing to do,” she said. “There are people sacrificing their lives for our freedom, so why not teach these guys at a young age that it’s important to pay tribute to that.”

Jamboree-on-the-Air & Jamboree-on-the-Internet

Don’t forget! The Jamboree-on-the-Air or JOTA and the Jamboree-on-the-Internet or JOTI, will be held on October 18 and 19, 2008. Scouts from all over the world will be participating. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to benefit from being a member of our worldwide organization. For more information visit: http://www.scouting.org/International/Highlights.aspx.

Entrepreneur Merit Badge Program Planned

Scouts make great entrepreneurs! Scouting is an excellent way to develop many of the leadership skills necessary to start and manage a business. As members of a patrol and troop, Scouts learn early to organize, solve problems, and innovate rapidly.

Many of America’s famous entrepreneurs are Eagle Scouts and an Eagle Scout from Kansas City, Ewing Kauffman, started a pharmaceutical company in his garage that grew to become one of America’s largest and most successful corporations. “Mr. K.” also owned and ran the Kansas City Royals baseball team!

This fall, HOAC Scouts are invited to earn their Entrepreneurship Merit Badge at the Kauffman Foundation Headquarters during a two-day forum scheduled for October 18 and November 22, 2008. You will meet personally with local and national business leaders who have successfully started their own businesses.

Scouts will explore business concepts, make a business plan and discuss their plan with successful entrepreneurs during the two-day event.

For more information and online registration, visit http://hoac-bsa.org/activities.cfm.
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Camping and Program

2009 BOY SCOUT CAMP DRAW

The draw to determine 2009 Boy Scout Camp placement for incouncil troops will take place on October 15, 16 and 18, 2008. The draw is based on the number of Scouts and full-time leaders your troop camped in either 2007 or 2008 (whichever is greater) and will be camping in 2009 as follows:

The Theodore Naish Scout Reservation draw will be held at the Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Wednesday, October 15, 2009 (Held at the Council Service Center)
- 6:30 pm - Single troops that camped 25 or more Scouts and full-time leaders
- 7:00 pm - Single troops that camped less than 25 Scouts and full-time leaders
- 7:30 pm - Combined troops of any number based on camp and campsite availability

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation draw will be held at the Council Service Center, 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Thursday, October 16, 2008 (Held at the Council Service Center)
- 6:30 pm – Single troops that camped 60-74 Scouts and full-time leaders
- 7:00 pm – Single troops that camped 45-59 Scouts and full-time leaders

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation draw (Saturday, October 18, 2008 only) will be held at the Cerner Riverport Campus, 6711 Birmingham, Kansas City, MO.

Saturday, October 18, 2008 (Held at the Cerner Riverport Campus)
- 8:30 am – Single troops that camped 30-44 Scouts and full-time leaders
- 9:30 am – Single troops that camped 15-29 Scouts and full-time leaders
- 11:00 am – Single troops that camped 14 or less Scouts and full-time leaders
- 11:30 am – Combined troops of any number based on camp and campsite availability

A representative for and/or designated by the troop must be present to place their ticket in the draw and be prepared to pay the required deposit of $40.00 per Scout and full-time leader.

Troops will be placed in CAMP, SESSION, and CAMPSITE in the order of the draw, as space is available. The $40.00 per person registration fee is transferable to a replacement Scout or leader within the same troop on a one-to-one basis.

The fee is not refundable nor may it be applied to the balance due for another person.

The draw for out-of-council troops will take place on October 31, 2008.

THE HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENTS.

OA Winter Banquet Update

The Order of Arrow Winter Banquet will be held on January 3, 2009 at Bartle Hall please visit the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org to register or check at the October roundtable for a registration form. Last year over 500 OA members and their guests attended. We will recognize the newest Vigil Honor members and announce the found-ers award recipients. Plan now to attend. For more information call Christi Leewright at (816) 569-4928 or cleewrig@bsamail.org.

Woodcarving Workshop

The annual Woodcarving Workshop will be held at Rotary Camp in Lee’s Summit, MO. This event gives Scouts and Adult Leaders the opportunity to carve neckerchief slides for a fun carving opportunity. The Totin’ Chip nor the Woodcarving merit badge will be earned during this time.

Please plan to join us on December 6, 2008. Pre-registration is need- ed by November 28, 2008. You can register online at www.hoac-bsa.org. This event is limited for the first 75 participants. If you have further questions please call Christi Leewright at 816-569-4928 or cleewrig@bsamail.org.
National Jamboree 2010

The Boy Scouts of America, National Jamboree celebrating 100 years of 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. Each council sends a contingent and Scouts must attend as a part of their council’s contingent.

The Heart of America Council will send 4 Council Contingent troops to the jamboree. Each troop consists of 4 patrols of 9 Scouts (36 total) and a Scoutmaster and three Assistant Scoutmasters. Overall the contingent will total 144 Scouts and 16 adult leaders. Our goal is to have Scouts from Heart of America Council districts participate 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 costs 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 forms for Scouts and leaders wishing to be part of the contingent are now available online at <http://www.MyScouting.org>. A $10 fee will be due with the application. Local Scouts and Scouters will then submit completed application forms with a $100 deposit to the HOAC office for consideration by the jamboree committee.

Detailed information on requirements is available in the Frequently Asked Questions section of this Heart of America Council’s Jamboree webpage at: http://hoac-bsa.org/ACT_National_Jamboree.cfm.
Council Calendar of Events

October
1  Council Camping Committee
1  Council Day Camp Meeting
4  Bartle and Naish Work Days
4  OA Vigil Banquet
8  University of Scouting Meeting
9  Campmaster Training
11-12 Cope/Climbing and Shooting Sports Weekend
13  Columbus Day - Council Service Center Closed
15  Naish Boy Scout Camp Draw
16  Bartle Camp Draw
16  OA LEC Meeting
18  Bartle Camp Draw
18  Cope/Climbing and Shooting Sports Weekend
18  Council International Committee Meeting
20  Executive Committee Meeting
21  Jamboree Committee Meeting
22  Council Training Committee
23  Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner
25  Bartle and Naish Work Day
28  Rotary Camp Meeting
28  Roundtable and District Commissioner Meeting
28  Scouts with Disabilities Committee

November
1-30 Bartle Closed
1  Cope/Climbing and Shooting Sports Weekend
1  University of Scouting
5  Council Day Camp Meeting
8  Troop Leadership Training
9  Council VOA Meeting
12  Council Annual Banquet
17  Executive Board Meeting
18  Jamboree Committee Meeting
19  Council Camping Committee
22  Naish Work Day
23-30 Naish Closed
25  Membership Committee
25  Assistant Council Commissioner Meeting
25  Rotary Camp Meeting
25  Scouts with Disabilities Committee
26  Council Advancement Committee
27-28 Council Service Center and Scout Shop Closed

December
3  Council Day Camp Meeting
6  Woodcarving Workshop
9  Campmaster’s Training
10  University of Scouting Staff Meeting
14  Council VOA Meeting
15  Executive Committee Meeting
16  Jamboree Committee
17  Council Training Committee
18  OA LEC Meeting
18  Program VP Meeting
23  Scouts with Disabilities Committee
24-25 Scout Shop Closed
24-31 Naish and Bartle Closed
24-26 Council Service Center Closed

Policy on Participation in Political Events

Since this is a presidential election year, it is a good time to restate the BSA’s long-standing policy regarding the participation of Scouts in political rallies and other political events.

Uniformed unit members and leaders may participate in flag ceremonies at political events and may lead the Pledge of Allegiance; however, they should retire after the ceremony and not remain on the speakers’ platform or in a conspicuous location where television viewers could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support. In addition, photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind.

Volunteers and professionals must be alert to situations that would imply that the BSA favors one candidate over another. Strict observance of our long-standing policy against the active participation of BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind.
Recharter

Recharter packets are being prepared for the upcoming year and will be distributed at the October roundtable. 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 at 820-8406.

Fall Camporee

This year’s camporee will be held at Walnut Hills Park in Carrollton on October 17, 18, & 19. Kyle Kolkemeyer, Bret Cooper, Tom Butler, and Christie Butler have been hard at work to plan a fun and exciting program for this year’s participants, make sure to mark your calendar! For more details, contact Grant Dealy by email at gdealy@bsamail.org.

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 Grant Dealy at gdealy@bsamail.org.

Annual Business Meeting

The Big Muddy District’s annual business meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2008 at Dibbins Hall in Lexington at 7:30 pm. At this meeting, we will be electing district members at large to members of the 2009 Big Muddy 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. Please send nominations to: Big Muddy District Nominating Committee; Attn: Grant Dealy 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. All nominations must be made in writing at least two weeks prior to the district election.

Friends of Scouting

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

Big Muddy District Events

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Cub Scout Family Campout

Thanks again to all who helped make the Cub Scout Family Campout a success! This is the fourth year for this event. Expect it to keep growing!

Tribal

Another summer at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation has yielded many new Tribal responsibilities for our district. Chuck Scott of Troop 318 was elevated to Keeper of the Wampum, Chuck Smith of Troop 318 was elevated to Sachem, and Dr. LaHue of Troop 318 was named the 2008 Presiding Chieftain! Congratulations to all!
Golf Tournament
We had a great golf tournament this year. We wanted to give a special thanks to Lief Lisac, our guest emcee and to our major sponsors: Adams Pointe Conference Center, Stewardship Capital, LTD, Summit Masonry and CenterPoint Medical Center and thank you to everyone else who helped put on this great event!

Popcorn
The popcorn sale is under way. If you have not conducted a unit kick off, and would like a district representative please call the office at 942-9333. Final distribution is November 7 and 8 at Wagner Industries off of Front St. Please sign up for a pick up time at roundtable. We assign times so everyone can get in and out in a timely manner. For questions, contact Jeff Dutzel, Blue Elk Popcorn Chairman, at 805-7964 or Brian Bentrop at (816) 569-4918.

Camporee
This year’s camporee is October 10, 11, and 12 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs, Missouri. Registration is due on October 2. After October 2, registration is $9.00 per person. There is a unit registration fee of $25.00. Invite Webelos to join your troop at camporee. Event registration begins at 4:00 pm on Friday, October 10 and runs until 10:00 p.m. Look for more details at roundtable and contact Kerry DeHaan, Camporee Chair, at 210-4043 or the_dehaans@yahoo.com or Brian Bentrop at 569-4918 or bbentrop@bsamail.org.

* You may drop off trailers and camping supplies starting Friday October 10 at 7:00 am.

Recharter Turn-In
Re-charter turn is Thursday, December 4 beginning at 7:00 pm at Plaza Heights. Please call your unit commissioner or professional staff before the re-charter turn in if you have questions.

The old adult applications (before August 2008) are no longer valid. If you joined Scouting before 2003 you should have received a letter asking you to go online and give approval for a background check. If you did not do this you will NOT be on the re-charter paperwork. You will need to fill out a new adult application. If you have questions please call the council office, before re-charter turn in.

Friends of Scouting
Our Friends of Scouting campaign is already happening. What better gift could you give to a child than the gift of Scouting? Please call Scott Smith at (816) 461-3377 or Tiffany Bumgardner at (816) 569-4969 with your Court of Honor/Blue and Gold/Pack date or sign up at roundtable.

Unit Recharter Meeting
On Thursday, October 9th, a meeting will be held at Beacon Heights to review the re-chartering process. Registration will begin at 5:30p.m. Your unit’s chartered organization representative, committee chair, unit leader, and Unit commissioner should attend this meeting. Re-charter packets will be distributed and the re-chartering process will be reviewed in detail. Please make plans to attend this very important meeting.

Leader Training Incentive
Congratulations to Pack 209! With 100% of their leaders trained as of June 30th they attend Cub Family Camp free!! Congratulations to Troop 383! With the highest percentage of their leaders trained as of June 30 they attend camporee free!! Our next training cut off, December 31, will determine which troop attends Klondike at not charge and which pack gets their own special party!
Training

Kaw District strives to offer the best Scouting program possible to our Scouts. An important aspect of running a good program is trained leaders. Training helps you understand what resources are available to help you run an outstanding program. Trained leaders are able to keep Scouts in the program longer. This fall there are many opportunities for all of our leaders to get the necessary training. This will be particularly important for those leaders just starting their exciting Scouting adventure. Contact Dan Hammond at (913) 651-4885.

Popcorn

As you begin your popcorn sale, and after you have held your unit kickoff, be sure that you check in with your boys. Encourage them to meet their sales goal. Remind the parents of all the benefits of a successful sale (pays for camp, registration, outings, etc…). If your sale isn’t going well or you have questions, contact Jeff Terrell (816) 569-4947 for assistance. Remember, the Prize Order Form and all information that follows are to be turned in by Monday, October 27, 5:00 pm.

School Night for Scouting

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have dedicated their time to Organizer and Coordinator positions for our School Night to Join Scouting this year. Because of your efforts, Kaw District is one of the top districts in recruitment with our Cub Scout recruitment goal of 631 Cub Scouts. Also, thank you to those packs that have consistently provided a unit representative to their School Night’s. There are still School Nights remaining and it will take all of us to continue this outstanding recruitment streak. Contact Dusty Boatright if you would like to join us in our School Night to Join Scouting recruitment.

2008 Cub Scout Family Campout

On September 26 and 27, Kaw District held our annual Cub Scout Family Campout at Camp Naish. Thanks to everyone who made this event possible. We had great activities and great attendance. This was a great way to welcome our new Cub Scouts and their families to Scouting and camping in the Kaw District.

Webelos to Scout Transition!!!!

You may not have known but 80% of all Boy Scouts were former Webelos. Before you know it second year Webelos Scouts will be graduating. Now is the time to invite Webelos Scouts and their families to take a look at your troop. Invite them to troop meeting or take them along for an afternoon at a troop camping trip. Be sure to take the time to get to know them and help them to understand the benefits of continuing on to Boy Scouting.

If you are a troop with no feeder pack OR a pack that has no feeder troop, we can help team you up and insure that those Webelos progress on into Boy Scouts. For more information on this process, contact Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967 or Jeff Terrell at (816) 569-4947.
Fall Recruitment
The majority of Cub Scout recruiting has already taken place. But boys are still out there who have not been invited to join Scouting. Even though your pack may have already held a recruitment event, encourage your boys to invite their friends to see how much fun they are having. The Lone Bear District is on its way to achieving the membership needed to become a Centennial Quality District. If you have applications that you have been hanging onto or that you are waiting to receive from someone, turn them in and make sure everyone who is enjoying Scouting are registered. If you would like to get additional flyers made, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or (800) 776-1110 or email driker@bsamail.org.

Popcorn
If you have not signed up yet to sell popcorn, it is not too late!! The sale ends on October 25 with the orders due by Monday, October 27. If you are interested in selling, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or (800) 776-1110 or email driker@bsamail.org. This is a great way for your Scout to learn how to be “Thrifty,” paying his own way so you don’t have to.

Roundtable in Lone Bear District
The Lone Bear District roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at the Clinton Scout Center. Roundtables are a gathering of Scouters from the Lone Bear District. These meetings are an important way for leaders to learn from each other. This is also an opportunity for you to get information on variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. Each month there is a new program for both Boy Scout Leaders and Cub Scout Leaders. We always have a good time and it would benefit your unit to have at least one adult leader present. All leaders are encouraged to join us to learn more about serving today’s youth. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information. For more information, contact David Riker (816) 569-4974 or (800) 776-1110 or email driker@bsamail.org.

Camporee
The 2008 Camporee will be held this month. Our dates are October 10-12. The location is Holden, MO. Troops will be able to experience the days of old due to our Rendezvous theme. Primitive attire is encouraged. There also will be primitive activities taking place. Encourage your Scouts to invite a prospective Scout along to see the fun and enjoy a weekend of camping. For more information contact Jon Cerda (660) 429-2747.

Wetzel Memorial Golf Tournament
The 27th Annual Gus S. Wetzel Golf Tournament was a huge success. The tournament was held on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Meadow Lake Golf course in Clinton, MO. The course was full of people playing golf to support scouting. Many thanks go out to Dave Garnett and Jack Wetzel and the tournament committee for putting together such a great event.

District Recognition Dinner Nominations
Nominations for the Award of Merit are being accepted. 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 Thursday, January 15, 2009. For nomination forms and more information, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or (800) 776-1110 or email driker@bsamail.org.

Basic Leader Training
The Lone Bear District strives to run the best Scouting program possible for our boys. A very important aspect of running a good program is having trained leaders. This fall there will be many opportunities for all of our leaders to get the necessary training. This will be particularly important for those leaders who have just begun their exciting Scouting adventure. To see what trainings are available at the Lone Bear District visit our web page at www.hoac-bsa.org/LB_Training.cfm. For more information contact Richard Miller, (660) 909-2486 or email at richard.mhi@gmail.com.
School Night for Scouting

What a wonderful fall our district had recruiting of new Cub Scouts and leaders. Flyers and posters were delivered to schools around the Northland. Packs promoted Cub Scouting at elementary school open houses and ice cream socials. The professional staff visited over 50 schools talking to thousands of boys about Cub Scouting. Numerous School Night volunteers along with pack leaders put on 60 School nights. The exciting result of this labor of love was over 800 boys signed up for the best youth serving program in the nation.........Scouting!

Thanks to everyone for the hard work and long hours put forth to ensure area boys have a chance to join Scouting. A special thanks to Nancy Stasiak, District Membership Chair who along with a great team gave awesome leadership to this year’s recruiting effort.

2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Preparations are being made for the upcoming 2009 FOS campaign. Please look at your unit calendars for the best time to have a brief Friends of Scouting presentation. Troop Court of Honors and pack Blue and Golds are ideal opportunities to have a volunteer presenter come out. Thanks for your needed financial support of Scouting.

To schedule a presentation contact District Executive, Jeremy McGowan at jmcgowan@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4970.

2008 Fall Camporee

Do you want to join a fun-filled program where Scouts practice the skills they have learned, participate in new activities or earn a merit badge? Camporee is the place where we will offer things like Shotgun Shooting merit badge, a shotgun shooting competition, additional merit badges, learning sessions such as cooking and, how to put on a campfire.

There will also be a Near-sat balloon launch on Sunday morning, and much, much, more. So come and join us at the Camporee on Friday, October 17 from 5:00 pm through Sunday, October 19 at 9:00 am at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp, (17924 Collins Road, Smithville, MO) North of Smithville on 169 Hwy right on W Hwy and then right on E Hwy. Camp is on left side of road. See you there!

Good Turn for America

A number of United Ways ask that we report on Scouting’s service to the community. The Good Turn for America website is how we can document this information. 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 more info, contact Senior District Executive, Jonathan Geiger at (816) 569-4932 or at jgeiger@bsamail.org
Centennial Quality Unit

Mid-year unit progress meetings should be taking place between each unit and their unit commissioner. If you have not turned in your Centennial Quality Unit Commitment form, there is still a little time to do so. Contact your unit commissioner for more information. Not sure who your unit commissioner is? Contact Judy Tuckness, District Commissioner, at (913) 648-2459 to find out or visit the Commissioner Page on the NT District webpage at: http://hoac-bsa.org/NT_Commissioners.cfm.

Fall Activities

Here are some links and dates to help you prepare for the fall.

- You will also want to put the Cub Scout Family Campout, September 26-27 (at Shawnee Riverfront Park) on your calendar.
- District camporee-October 17th-19th at Shawnee Riverfront Park.
- Northern Tier Service Day-October 25th; Harvester.

Popcorn

The popcorn season is underway! Hopefully you have had a successful kickoff. If you are not currently doing the popcorn sale and could use the funds for your program there is still time to give it a try. Fill out a Popcorn Sale Commitment Form yet, you can by visiting: http://hoac-bsa.org/ae_links/Popcorn_2008_Committment_Form.

- For more information visit: http://hoac-bsa.org/NT_FOS.cfm.
- Final Orders Due October 27 by 5:00 pm.
- Final Order Pick Up is November 7 and 8 (location coming soon!); times will be assigned.

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Our training team has been working overtime to prepare you as a leader in various roles. Whether you have been Scouting for a long time or you are new, we will make sure you are prepared when those boys show up for their first meeting, waiting for “Fun”. This training team will show you the “Purpose” behind that “Fun”. To find out what trainings are right for you, visit the district webpage, talk to your unit leader or commissioner, or call Pat Wiederaenders at (913) 236-8916 or visit the NT training page at: http://hoac-bsa.org/nttraining.cfm.
Venturing Crew 2052 Goes to Ireland

Crew 2052 went to Ireland for the Irish International Jamboree. Seven Venturers and two adults went and represented our council well. The all-girl Venture crew left KCI Airport on July 28. They have created a website that they invite everyone to go to and see how great this experience was. You can visit their website at http://www.venturecrew2052.org/Ireland/.

Webelos Woods Weekend

On September 5-7, 85 Webelos camped at Camp Bromelsick and learned more about the Boy Scout program. Dave Ozaki supported by Troops 60 and 61 put this event together. They did a great job. Thanks to everyone that helped with this event. We couldn't have done this without you!!!

School Night Followup

Thank you for your support for this year’s recruitments. We had a great year but are behind last year by 85 youth. Please don’t stop recruiting. Follow up with potential Scouts. We are sending a mailer to all 1st grade boys in the Lawrence Public School District. Our goal is to give every youth in our district the opportunity to join our program.

Friends of Scouting

When you plan your Blue and Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor, save time for a Friends of Scouting presentation. Please sign up early for next year’s presentation. For this year, we are $4,000 away from our goal. Please keep the pledges rolling in!

John Scott to Receive the Silver Beaver

Pelathe’s very own District Commissioner, John Scott, has been named as a Silver Beaver recipient for 2008. The Silver Beaver is the highest service award that can be presented to an individual at the Council level.

Although most of you are well acquainted with John and his wife Amy as loyal, hard-working Scout leaders in Pelathe Scouting for the past 20+ years, many of you may not know that John’s service in Eudora and Pelathe represents less than half of his lifelong commitment to Scouts. During his many years with the Federal Aviation Administration, John devoted his time as an adult leader in several communities in other states where he was living at the time, serving as Scoutmaster in two troops and helping to start one new troop.

John’s imprint on Pelathe as District Commissioner has been significant, as evidenced by the dedication, quality of experience and 100% fill of our unit commissioner staff. The Commissioner corps serve a very vital role in the health of our units, providing a background of experience and access to resources to assist those units with recruiting adults and youth, camping, activities and program, finances and public relations. John’s calm, firm leadership of the Commissioners over the past four years (and into 2009!) has been a tremendous asset for our district.

Please join me in congratulating John when you next see him. He will receive his award at the Heart of America Council Recognition Dinner in Kansas City on Wednesday, November 12th. Please put that date on your calendar and plan to attend. More details will be available on the HOAC website as we get closer to that date.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS to John.

Frank Wright
District Chair
Training

The Pioneer Trails District is offering a number of trainings throughout the month of October. If you are a new leader, or a former leader who’s never been trained, Cubmaster and Scoutmaster Leader Specific can help you lead a better program. The better the program we have for our boys, the more Scouts we will retain from year to year. Give your Scouts a quality program, and attend a training this fall. Training dates can be found below.

Cub Family Campout

An exciting opportunity for Cub Scouts and their families is right around the corner! The Pioneer Trails Cub Family Campout will take place Friday, October 10 at Longview Lake Park. Cub Scouts, come and campout under the stars and show your family what you’ve been learning in the program. Parents, bring the kids and family out Friday night and Saturday morning for fun and games. The fee for Cub Family Campout will be $8 per person. We hope to see a lot of you there! For questions, contact Ed Mulik at (816) 835-3065.

Fall Camporee

Pioneer Trails is holding our annual district camporee on October 10 - 12 at Longview Lake Park. This event includes two full nights of camping and is a great opportunity to see what your troop is made of. See how your patrol stacks up with the other patrols around the district as we offer competitive events associated with our camporee theme, “Transportation.” Boy Scouts will even have the opportunity to earn requirements towards the Auto Mechanics Merit Badge! Remember, attendance at the district camporee is a requirement to receive the District Camping Award. The camporee fee will be $10 per person. For questions, contact Ed Mulik at (816) 363-7846, or Carol DeFeo at ptpublicity@aol.com.

Friends of Scouting

It is time to start organizing our Friends of Scouting campaign for 2009. Please look at your unit calendar for the best time for an FOS presentation this winter. Please remember funds contributed help support Scouting throughout the Pioneer Trails District and the Heart of America Council. Please contact Larry Tyrl at (816) 942-5638 to schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit.
Training
Every Scout deserves a trained leader. In the past two weeks many adults have joined the Scouting family. We are excited to offer several training options and invite you to join us for one of the upcoming sessions. Learn what resources and programs are available. Meet other leaders and share great ideas. This is a great way to get started off on the right foot. Interested? Please check the Red Tailed Hawk District’s website for upcoming training dates. Here is our address http://hoac-bsa.org/Red-Tail_Hawk.cfm.

Cub Family Campout
Pretty soon the cooler air and colors of fall will be upon us that means that Cub Family Campout is here. October 17-18 will be full of fun for new Cubs and their families to get their first taste of all the fun you can have as a Cub Scout. Webelos will also be in attendance.

Fall camporee will be held simultaneously. Lake Olathe Golf Course will be filled with fun and games! Mark your calendars for Friday, October 17 – Sunday, October 19. For more information contact Bridgete McKenna at (816) 569-4929.

Friends of Scouting
The year has flown by fast! Friends of Scouting is our annual campaign to raise fund to support Scouting in the Heart of America Council. Our goal is to give everyone the opportunity to hear the Scouting story and to have an opportunity to support the program. Each pack, troop and crew should plan to have a short presentation at a well attended meeting.

We are requesting your dates for an FOS presentation. Blue and Gold’s and Troop Courts of Honor are a great times to have one. You will have the option of choosing three dates that will fit you best. Sheets can be filled out at roundtable this week. Dates are due by October 15.

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

Tentative Red-Tailed Hawk District Events

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Cub Scout Roundtable
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debarr@bsamail.org

District Executive
Bridgete McKenna (816) 569-4929
bmckenna@bsamail.org
Cub Family Campout

What a great event! We hope that those who came out had a great time! Thank you to the campers, Laura Crotty and her staff for the time and effort it took to ensure that we delivered the promise of Scouting to all of those new recruits.

Commitment

November 20, 2008 will be our second annual, “Commitment ‘09” event. Once again, we are committed to making your unit and the Thunderbird District successful in 2009. Please help us top the charts as the first district to complete the rechartering process, FOS Presentation Schedules, and the first district to achieve 100% Centennial Award Participation. Each unit’s participation is the key to the district and unit’s success. We are asking each unit to send a representative to one of our 3, convenient locations at HOAC, Lee’s Summit or Harrisonville on November 20. Sign-ups will be available on a “first come, first serve basis,” at the October roundtable, as we hand out charter packets.

Please click on the following link for more information: http://hoac-bsa.org/ae_links/TB_Commitment_Card_2009.pdf

Fall School Nights for Scouting

The bulk of our School Night for Scouting Campaign has been completed. Thanks to the packs for the time and effort you put into making your school night successful. Thank you to our district volunteers for taking a few extra nights to help with presentations, organizing dens, etc.

Most especially, thank you to Kathy Ruth, our School Night for Scouting chair, who took the reigns to organize volunteers, communicate with packs, distribute fliers, and generally ensure that School Night for Scouting was a success in the Thunderbird district in 2008.

Save These Dates

- October 10-12 – Camporee
- November 20 - “Commitment ‘09”

(Each unit is asked to send a representative)

Camporee

Well, if at first you don’t succeed……

Thanks to massive quantities of electrified, liquid sunshine our camporee was less than what we had hoped last year. So we’re trying it again. This year camporee will be on October 10 – 12 and will take place at Blue and Gray Park. This year we will have an “Emergency Preparedness” theme. This will be a great opportunity for some hands-on, scenario-type emergency training. We will have several first responders on site for questions and demonstrations. Early bird registration is due at the September roundtable. Check out the website for more details: www.hoac-bsa.org.

Contact Kris Krahenbuhl for questions: cell (816) 589-8035, home (816) 322-0902, or email kkrahenbuhl@comcast.net.
Cub Scout Family Campout
All first - third grade boys are invited to attend the Trailhead District’s Fourth Annual Cub Scout Family Campout on Friday, October 3 through Saturday, October 4. The overnight camping experience will be held at Shawnee Riverfront Park (5800 Frisbie Rd., Shawnee, KS.) Families should plan to arrive by 6:00 pm and the campout will end about 11:30 am. Bring a tent and your camping gear. Activities will include family games, campfire program, evening snack, breakfast, and much more! Cost is $8.00 per family member. For questions, contact Jenna Murphy at (816) 569-4948.

Training News
Our training team has been working overtime this spring and summer to prepare you as a leader in various roles. We have many opportunities for you to get the answers to your questions. Whether you have been a part of Scouting for a long time or you are new, we will make sure you are ahead of the game when those boys show up for their first meeting, waiting for “Fun”. The training team will show you the “Purpose” behind that “Fun”. To find out what trainings are right for you, visit the District webpage, talk to your unit leader or commissioner, or contact Larry Potts at lross@bottradionetwork.com

Popcorn
Popcorn is a great fundraiser. There is no out of pocket expense or inventory after it’s done. Sign up by contacting our district popcorn kernel, Byron Long at blong@recoverydataconnect.com

DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER
Plan to attend the 2008 Trailhead District Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Mark your calendars. Everyone is invited to attend this salute to our outstanding volunteers and programs. Nominations for District Award of Merit and Trailhead Outstanding Leaders will be accepted until November 30. Forms may be downloaded from the Trailhead website http://hoac-bsaorg/Trailhead.cfm, and returned to Jenna Murphy at the council office.

Fall Camporee
The Trailhead Fall Camporee will be held on Friday, October 10 through Sunday, October 12 at Lewis-Young Park in Louisburg. All Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers are invited to attend. This year’s theme is “Around the World in Scouting.” Activities include for the Boy Scouts and Venturers, a cooking contest, catapult contest, camporee skit competition, and much more. The Webelos will have tons of activities and games to play, based on countries and cultures. Don’t miss the Webelos Rocket Launch! If you need more information on the camporee or to sign up, visit the website at http://hoac-bsaorg/Thactivities.cfm

For the most updated information on Trailhead District, visit our webpage at: http://hoac-bsaorg/Trailhead.cfm.
School Night for Scouting Follow-up

Thanks to everyone who made the 2008 School Night for Scouting Campaign a success!!! Because of everyone’s hard work, The Trails West District has already recruited 343 brand new Cub Scouts!!!

A special thanks to all the School Night Coordinators, Organizers, Pack Representatives, and Unit Leaders who made this possible.

Popcorn 2008

Are you ready for Popcorn? Popcorn season is here and we want to help you succeed. All units selling this year should have plans to hold a Popcorn Kick-Off. This is one of the best ways to ensure a successful sale.

The Trails West Popcorn Team wants to know how your unit is organizing your Popcorn Kick-Off. Please submit the date and location of your unit Kick-Off to the Trails West District Popcorn Chairman, Christine Schauf, at mc.schauf@comcast.net

Attention Venture Crews!!!

Mark your calendars for October 2nd and the premiere of the Trails West Venturing Roundtable. Come to meet other Venturing Crews and share ideas to ensure your Crew's success. Contact Tim Bodendis-tel, tboden1@hallmark.com, the Venturing Roundtable Advisor, for more information.

Recharter Drop-off Sites

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Contact Matt Armstrong with questions at (816) 569-4978 or marmstro@bsamail.org.

Great Camping Opportunities for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Cub Family Campout - October 10–11, Lake Olathe Golf Course

Boy Scout Camporee - October 10–12, Lake Olathe Golf Course

Camporee will feature a Junior Leader Training opportunity.

For more information go to http://hoac-bsa.org/TW_Camping.cfm

Roundtable

Roundtable is held the 1st Thursday of the month at Community Covenant Church, 15700 W 87th St., Lenexa, KS. All Scouters are encouraged to attend. Stay current on all the latest district news. Learn new Scouting skills and catch up with fellow Scouters. Merit Badge Counselor Training is also offered along with the Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting.

Recharter 2009

The Trails West District is already working to set the stage for a successful 2009. Your help is needed to…

- Complete the 2009 Recharter process on time
- Schedule 100% of unit FOS presentations
- Achieve 100% Centennial Quality Award Participation.

And here’s how we’ll do it…

At the November 6 roundtable, we will hold an On-line Recharter Training Session to answer any questions about the process. We will distribute the 2009 Recharter packets. All units are asked to bring their 2008 Centennial Award Worksheet (if not turned in yet) and their 2009 Friends of Scouting Date to the November roundtable.

On January 6, 8, and 15, we will have 3 drop off locations for you complete the recharter process. We will also be available to answer any questions. Trained volunteers will be on site to help make this as simple as possible. Units are also asked to bring their 2009 Centennial Award Worksheet to the drop-off site.
Twin Rivers

2008 Twin Rivers Committee Chairs

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District Committee Meeting Change

The district committee meeting dates have changed. Here is the new schedule (the time and location are still the same).

2008
- September 23
- October 28
- November 25
- December 16

2009
- January 27
- February 24
- March 24
- April 28
- May 26
- June 30
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 27
- November 24
- December 15

Popcorn Sale

The Popcorn sale is in full swing, be sure to get your popcorn orders, and return reports in by October 27. If you have any questions contact Shelly Atterbury, our district popcorn kernel at (913) 731-3450 or at shellyatterbury@yahoo.com.

School Night for Scouting

The School Night for Scouting fall recruiting in Twin Rivers was a huge success! Thanks to all who played a part in recruiting all the new scouts and parents into the Scouting movement. Make sure every boy who didn’t sign up at school night is followed-up with and invited and encouraged to sign up. Also, be sure every new leader is aware of the new leader training schedule and is encouraged to attend. Every boy deserves a trained leader. Watch for details of our district’s success in “Currents” the Twin Rivers District newsletter, available at district roundtable.

Please pick up any yard signs that you put out or see around town at schools, churches, or businesses and save them for next year.

Friends of Scouting

The annual Friends of Scouting campaign is just around the corner. If you have not scheduled an Family FOS presentation for your unit, please do so as soon as possible. We would like to have all of the presentations scheduled by the November roundtable and if possible have all of the Scout troops have their presentations done by the end of December.

Training

Training for new leaders will be held on September 20, 2008 - 8:00 am registration and 8:30 am start at the United Methodist Church in Paola.

Another session will be held on October 11, 2008 at the new United Methodist Church in Louisburg - 8:00 am registration and 8:30 am start.

The sessions are open to all new adult leaders and anyone wishing to update their Scouting training. At the moment, this is what is scheduled but, there may be additional training opportunities added if needed. Contact Pam Thompson, District Training Chair at (913) 294-2344 if you have any questions.

Twin Rivers Delivers!
Fall is Time for First Nighters and Charter Renewal !!!

Now that Fall Fiesta has come and gone, recruiting is what it’s all about. Everyone should have their charter renewal paperwork and be working to complete that process. Remember, the target date for all Explorer posts to have their charter renewal paperwork turned in is November 15, 2008. If you have any questions, we are here to help. We are here to lend assistance in any capacity. We can go through your renewal process line by line. We will be at First Nighter recruitment nights to answer questions, help out with your program, and just lend two extra hands.

Please, make sure to conduct a recruitment night for your Explorer post. Without recruiting new members ...there is no Exploring! First Nighters can be great fun. Take a look at some of the fun you can have during First Nighters.

Please contact Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org or Michael Farrell, Exploring Executive, at (816) 569-4950 or mfarrell@lflmail.org to schedule an appointment to complete your post charter renewal paperwork and to attend your post First Nighter Recruitment Night! We want to be there to help.

Got E-mail?

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

Contact Information

Your post or group is important to us. While we visit with all advisors, lead teachers, and principals regularly, we are available to address your needs and concerns as they arise.

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BE 1362    Tyler Graef
BE 1362    Deklan Kennedy
BE 1362    Corey Storts
BE 1382    Jonathan LaMastres
BE 1492    Shaun Day
BE 1492    Bradley Lucas
BE 1603    Gaige Pope
BE 1692    Ryan Easley
BE 1692    Jacob Hickman
BE 1738    Michael Fortner
BE 1738    Tyler Kelsay
BE 1738    Bobby Ketchum
BE 1763    Jeremy Fajen
BE 1865    Aaron Babusa-Lucas
BE 1865    Justin Cannon
BM 1324    Nathaniel Woods
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KW 169     Alec Smith
KW 176     Daniel Young
KW 366     Jacob McDaniels
KW 683     Nathan Reese
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NS 1180    Christopher Parnacott
NS 1180    Benjamin Saunders
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NS 1260    Steven Maurin
NS 1260    Allen Myers, Jr.
NS 1261    Matthew Doetzl
NS 1261    Jackson Leggett
NS 1261    Thomas Roth
NS 1271    Sean Dobbins
NS 1301    Steven Swaney
NS 1333    Johnathan Stitt
NS 1351    Matthew Gates
NS 1351    Joseph McLain
NS 1354    Cody Frizzell
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NS 1376    Sean Kennan
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NS 1740    Jay Page
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NT 192     Benjamin Hilleary
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NT 194     Robert Cashman
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