“A Scout is Loyal”

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Update
“Celebrating the Adventure - Continuing the Journey”

Celebrating 100 Years
National Hall of Leadership

Leaders are those who see possibilities and inspire others to see them too. Over the past century, Scouting leaders have inspired millions of Americans to dream more, do more, and become more. They have shaped our nation’s youth by modeling Scouting virtues. And now we have a way to thank them.

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership provides a one-time opportunity for you to honor and recognize a Scouting leader who positively impacted your life, or the lives of others. To be nominated, a person must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who may or may not be officially registered with the BSA. They must have served as an active Scout or Scouting volunteer for at least one year. A nominee may be young or old — there is no age limit — and you can submit as many nominations as you’d like.

The nomination period is open for one year, from February 8, 2009 to February 8, 2010. One inductee will be selected from each local BSA council in the country along with one from the national office. Inductees will be announced at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Dallas in May 2010.

Our country will never outgrow the need for thoughtful leadership. And, so it will never outgrow the need for those dedicated individuals who live their lives by the Scout Law and teach others to do the same. Please, take some time to tell the story of a leader who inspired you.

To visit the National Hall of Leadership click Here.

Help Scouts Celebrate Impact on Families

Scouting provides the opportunity to strengthen ties between family members, create great family memories and develop a shared family foundation of worthwhile virtues and values. The 100th Anniversary Generations Connection program celebrates Scouting’s legacy and its positive impact on American families through a program centered on the enduring symbol of the tree.

The Generations Connection Scouting Family Tree is available online at http://scouting.org/100years. As a part of the process of completing the tree, Scouts are encouraged to explore the tradition of Scouting in their families. The process is hoped to spark important conversations with relatives about the shared experience of Scouting. Encourage your Scouts to seek out grandfathers who may have been Eagle Scouts, uncles and cousins who were Cub Scouts, or mothers or aunts who diligently served as volunteers.

Scouting’s 100th Anniversary is a great opportunity to look back and connect for both our great organization and for the many, many families across the country for which Scouting has been a family tradition.

To visit the Generations Connection click Here.

BL’s Happy Birthday BSA Photo Contest!

The Boys’ Life “Happy Birthday, BSA” photograph contest is open to readers age 6 to 17. Its theme: The Five Pillars of Scouting. Use your imagination and come up with a photograph or photographs that illustrate one or more of these important BSA values:

- Character
- Leadership
- Achievement
- Outdoors
- Community Service

Entry Rules
- Enter in the appropriate age category: ages 6 to 11 or 12 to 17.
- Each entrant must be a registered Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturer.
- Photographs must be taken in 2009.
- You must enter through the “Submit your photo” tab at the top of this contest page.
- All entries must be digital in JPEG (.jpg or .jpeg) format. Files should be as high of a resolution as your camera (and your computer, for uploading) will permit.
- Maximum of two entries per contestant.
- For complete official rules, click Here.

Awards
Each of the age categories—ages 6 to 11 and ages 12 to 17—will have first-, second- and third-place winners. Each first-place winner gets a Canon PowerShot G10 digital camera worth $500. Second place wins a $200 iPod nano. Third place wins a $100 Scout Supply gift card.

Winning photographs will be published in the February 2010 issue of Boys’ Life and on www.boyslife.org. Good Luck!
James E. West Fellowships
RECOGNITION FOR ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

An integral part of the Heart of America Council’s program to expand its endowment trust fund and ensure the future financial stability of the council is the James E. West Fellowship Award. Named after the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, it is a national recognition for those who contribute $1,000 or more in cash or securities to our council’s endowment fund.

Since the award’s inception, thousands of individuals have been honored nationwide and millions of dollars have been contributed to council endowment funds, working to ensure Scouting’s future. It is important to note that a qualifying gift for recognition as a James E. West Fellow is in addition to, and does not diminish or replace, the donor’s annual gift to the council’s Investment in Character campaign.

Organizations or individuals may contribute an award in honor of someone, an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver recipient, or significant Scout leader, or in memory of a departed loved one, business associate, or special Scouter.

Each donor will be recognized with a personalized 8 x 10 certificate, distinctive pin and an embroidered square knot. Application forms are available on our website at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Finance/Endowment/Forms.aspx

You may also get more information by contacting either John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services, at jkuehn@bsamail.org or Randy Kidder, Finance Director at rkidder@bsamail.org.

Sleeves for Scouts

Do you remember the feeling of pride in knowing you had earned the right to wear the Scout uniform and the excitement of looking forward to all the adventures it promised? Most importantly, do you remember the feeling of belonging, knowing you were part of the largest youth movement in the world?

Imagine if your family was unable to afford the price of even a used uniform shirt. That is what many fellow Scouts around the world are facing. To them, the Scout uniform is a symbol that shows the world “I am a Scout.” We have the opportunity to give them that chance to feel that pride.

The Boy Scouts of America proudly announces the Sleeves for Scouts campaign. We are asking Scouts and Scouters to gather up all the clean, wearable uniform shirts that are no longer use. The shirts will be donated to Scouts in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and other places around the world where young boys are waiting to put on a uniform and feel that sense of pride you remember so well.

This is the ultimate Good Turn which provides two giant smiles - one on the face of that shirt’s new owner and a huge smile on your face when you help a fellow international Scout in need!

For more information contact Tom Johnson, the Heart of America Council’s international representative, at tjjohnson@acmeunited.com.

World Friendship Fund

Through the World Friendship Fund, voluntary contributions of Scouts and leaders are transformed into cooperative projects that help Scouting associations in other countries to strengthen and extend their Scouting programs.

The World Friendship Fund gives the youth members of the Boy Scouts of America an opportunity to help fellow Scouts who are in need of their support. It teaches Scouts that Scouting is global. Since the inception of the World Friendship Fund, American Scouts and leaders have voluntarily donated more than $1 million to these self-help activities.

The World Friendship Fund was developed during the closing days of World War II. At that time, there was a great need to rebuild Scouting in those nations that had been wrecked by war and were just emerging from the shadows of totalitarianism.

Over the years, this fund has provided Scouts from around the world with Scouting literature, uniforms, summer camp equipment, computers, and other Scouting-related supplies.

Collections for the World Friendship Fund can be organized during camporees, roundtable meetings, den and pack meetings, summer camping programs, blue and gold banquets, or any other Scout activity.

For more information contact Tom Johnson, the Heart of America Council’s international representative, at tjjohnson@acmeunited.com.
Program Planning Yields Quality Post Programs

Program planning, long considered a staple for the Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops, is crucial for Exploring posts as well. The planning process for Explorer posts is particularly important in Exploring posts since youth officers are directly involved with developing post programs. Each post should use the “Five-Step Plan for Developing a Careers Exploring Post Program” as its guide for developing its year-round program plan. A well-balanced program includes program ideas from all five areas of program emphasis: career opportunities, leadership experiences, life skills, citizenship and character education.

It is important to conduct the Adult Resource Survey to establish who has expertise in what hobby and career areas. All adults with a connection to the post or who could possibly be included to support post program even for a short period of time should be included in the survey. Next, hold a meeting of post adult leaders who meet with an Exploring program representative and review career opportunities that can be supported. Conduct an Explorer Youth Activity Interest Survey and then hold a post activity development meeting to allow for Explorers’ input. Near the end of this process every forms an agreement on post monthly activities for the upcoming year. You then need to develop a written program calendar and work out a timeline that allows you to plan and conduct activities in such a way that youth involvement fosters leadership development.

Key items to keep in mind as you work through this process, consider opening up adult leadership participation to include volunteer beyond employees of your organization. A strong post will have consultants from similar organizations.

The post program should include opportunities for Explorers to meet Explorers from other posts. You need to consider council activities in your calendar. You may also want to hold an occasional joint meeting with a post that has a similar career focus. National Explorer events provide young people with the opportunity to meet Explorers from across the country with similar interests, as well as, providing an opportunity for a once in a lifetime experience. As you can see good planning will provide a high-quality program involving a number of people who can share their expertise and experience. A high-quality program enhances the experience for young people and will improve their tenure in the program.

Once your program plan is in place, make it a point to share it. You can use your corporate newsletter, website, local daily newspapers, high school newspapers and any other outlets available as a means to get the word out.

To learn more about post program planning you can contact Lisa Thomas, Exploring and Learning for Life Director at lisa.hayes@llmail.org.

Seeking Alumni Success Stories to celebrate 60 Years of Exploring

This year Exploring is celebrating its 60th anniversary of serving high school-aged young men and women with business-based programs. The program is designed to provide a hands-on opportunity to learn about career interests while developing life skills, positive character traits, and leadership.

To help celebrate Exploring’s 60th anniversary, we are looking for Exploring success stories. Did Exploring make an important impact in helping you select your chosen profession? Are you or, were you, a post advisor with a great story about how Exploring is a positive influence in the lives of teenagers? Did Exploring give you an opportunity to do something that you never would have thought possible?

Your stories are important to us here in the Heart of America Council. We have also been requested to forward your stories to the Learning for Life Division, the subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America that administers the Exploring program. We will publish stories in Adventures in Scouting, post some stories on the council website and send some stories out to our local media. Email your stories to Randy Kidder at rkidder@bsamail.org.

Exploring in the Heart of America Council reaches over 1,200 young men and women. Exploring provides a chance to learn about careers first hand from professionals in the field. Posts are available in arts and humanities, aviation, business, communications, engineering, fire/emergency services, health careers, law and government, law enforcement, science, skilled trades, and social services.
2009 Venturing Leadership Awards

This spring, the Heart of America Council presented five Venturing Leadership Awards. The award is presented to Ventures and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code.

To be considered, candidates must be registered and involved in Venturing as a Venturer or an adult for at least one year. They must hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, council, area, region or national level. The candidate must show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers on the level appropriate for the award.

Here are the Heart of America Council’s awardees for 2009:

Cathy Sanderson, leader for Venturing Crew 2167, chartered to Friends of Lafayette County Narcotic Unit, is a leader in the true spirit of the word. The girls in Crew 2167 look forward to their time and activities with Cathy. She goes out of her way to assist the Scouting efforts. Cathy is a person who has the best interest of others in her heart and person.

Judy Tuckness’s enthusiasm for “all things Scouting” is contagious. She is a leader with Crew 2648 chartered to the Lenexa Ward of the Lenexa Stake. Judy has been involved in the planning of Venturing camps at both Bartle and Naish. She has offered a number of classes at these camps. In 2004, she participated in Powerhorn training. In 2006 she served as staff member for the Powderhorn course and in 2008 was the course director for the council Powderhorn course.

Mary Vesel is a member of Venturing Crew 2888 chartered to Tuckness Productions for four years. She has been an officer for three of those years, just completing her second year as the President of the crew. Mary has worked on the Bear Camp Staff for three years and is starting her fourth year on the staff. She sets the example in her work ethic, always willing to complete the job assigned. She shows initiative in problem solving and resolving any challenges that may arise. Mary is an outstanding example. She has been involved in many different groups in high school and is considered a valuable member in all organizations in which she serves.

Linda Weerts, active in both the Venturing and Girl Scout programs, is genuinely interested in each of the youth within Crew 2085 chartered to First Baptist Church of Olathe. Linda has worked on the Red-Tailed Hawk District Camporee committee to ensure that Venturing had a role in the camporee. She led Crew 2085 to Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base as the crew advisor last summer. Linda has participated in the planning and delivery of Venturing Blast and has become involved with Venturing Officers’ Association.

David Weerts is enthusiastic with youth in the Venturing program. He is active with Crew 2085 chartered to First Baptist Church of Olathe. He helps them to have fun while they are learning and developing leadership skills. David often runs the COPE or climbing activities at Venturing events. David is a trained course director for KODIAK, the youth leadership program, and is working with his crew to plan a KODIAK trek.

Leader Training Initiative for the Next Century

“Every Scout deserves a trained leader.”

The mission of the Heart of America Council is to provide young people with the highest quality Scouting experience possible. Since there is a strong relationship between quality Scouting activities, youth staying in the program, and trained adult leaders, the Heart of America Council is phasing in a plan requiring all registered leaders complete basic adult leader training for their registered positions.

Starting in 2009, all top leaders must complete basic leader training. This includes Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Advisors, Varsity Coaches, and Exploring Advisors. These leaders must complete all training for the top leader positions they hold to be considered fully trained. If a Scoutmaster is also serving as a Venture Crew Advisor, he or she must complete the courses required to be considered trained in both programs.

In 2010, all direct contact leaders must complete basic leader training. This would include den leaders, Webelos leaders and their assistants in Cub Scouting, all assistant Scoutmasters, assistant Venture Crew Advisors and assistant Varsity Coaches and assistant Exploring Advisors in Scouting’s other programs.

In 2011, all remaining leaders will be required to have completed basic adult leader. It is important that unit committee members complete training because they play a crucial role in providing the support necessary to run a quality Scouting program in the manner in which it is designed.

Scouting must be delivered as designed to have its greatest impact on the lives of young people. Training provides the information and resources needed to ensure the programs are implemented correctly. Scouting has the greatest impact on young people when they remain active in the program for five or more years. Training helps ensure that leaders have the resources and knowledge necessary to provide a program that will hold their interest.

Training has benefits for adult leaders as well. Trained leaders have more fun. Leader training help adults efficiently utilize their time as they plan and conduct Scout meetings and activities. Trained leaders know what resources are available and develop contacts which provide experienced knowledgeable Scouters who are happy to serve as mentors.

Several years ago, a successful, MBA-trained, seasoned, corporate executive wrote me a thank you note. He had little Scouting experience when he had agreed to serve as my district chairman. Being thorough in his approach, he completed basic training and then went on to complete Wood Badge. I wasn’t sure what he thought until I received his note. He explained that Scouting’s leader training programs were among the best leadership training experiences he had ever attended. He felt that what he had learned not only increased his understanding of Scouting’s benefit for young people, but also provided training in leadership skills and their application that would help him become more successful in his career. He was amazed that Scouting provides, at almost no cost, such a high quality training experience for our adult volunteers.

“Every Scout deserves a trained leader and... Every leader deserves to be trained.”
Letter to Committee Chairs concerning our Leader Training Initiative for the Next Century

To All Unit Committee Chairs,

In 2006 the Heart of America Council adopted a five-year strategic plan that identified membership retention and growth as one of the most significant issues facing our Council. All of us, council, district, and units together, embarked on several initiatives which have greatly increased new member recruiting, resulting in three years of gaining 7,000 to 8,000 new Scouts each year. Unfortunately, in those same years we have continued to lose 6,500 to 7,500 Scouts who were already in the program. We studied the root causes of those losses and have found that nearly 80% are leaving the program because they are not enjoying the fun program promised them when they joined. Every unit’s membership losses were closely tied to whether that unit’s leaders were trained, whether the unit was participating in regular outings and activities, and whether the Scouts were advancing in rank on a regular basis.

Also, during these past three years, the council and district training committees have greatly expanded and improved the training available to leaders as well as the frequency of course offerings in order to be even more responsive to the needs of our leaders all across the council. The result has been a modest increase in our percentage of leaders who are trained. Yet still today nearly 50% of our youth do not have a trained leader (den leaders, pack leaders, troop leaders, crew and team leaders and their assistant leaders). As we all know, how much the values of the Scout Oath and Law are incorporated into a Scout’s character is a function of how long the Scout is in our program. Losing 25% to 30% of our members each year is unacceptable. A trained leader is far more effective at delivering the promise of the Scouting program to our youth, and every one of our youth members deserves a trained leader. Nationally, nearly every youth serving organization requires that its leaders be trained. Scouting is moving in that direction and the Heart of America Council, once again, is out in front leading this change.

In the April meeting of the council’s Executive Board, an All Leaders Trained Policy was unanimously adopted. (You can read an overview of this policy in the article on page 6,”Leader Training Initiative for the Next Century.”) You will see that this policy is being phased in over a three-year time period. By next January all Top Leaders must be trained. By January of 2011, all leaders whose responsibilities include direct contact with Scouts must be trained. And by January of 2012 all registered leaders, including members of your committees must be trained.

A visit to our council’s web site will show you the wide range and frequency of courses available for your unit to meet these goals and, for the sake of our Scouts, I would encourage you to meet or exceed the timeline for those goals. Attached you will find a listing of the courses required to be considered “trained” in each specific job. Course completions identified in our membership registration database (ScoutNet) will determine a leader’s trained status. I urge you to appoint a Unit Training Coordinator to work with your District’s training registrar to promote training among your leaders and to see that all course completions are current in ScoutNet.

Your leadership in encouraging current leaders to get trained and in recruiting new leaders who are willing to train will make a tremendous difference for your Scouts. Thank you for the leadership you and your committee provide and for the difference you are making in the lives of our youth members.

Rick Boeshaar
Council Vice President, Program
Heart of America Council
The George Meany Award

Mike McCausley of Pioneer Trails District was presented the George Meany Award for Outstanding Service to Youth. Mike was presented the award by Bridgette Williams, President of the Greater Kansas City AFL/CIO. Also pictured is Vic Terran-tella, President of Teamsters Local #41. The presentation was conducted on April 11, 2009 at Local #41’s Meeting Hall.

Anyone desiring information on the George Meany Award or any of the Community Organization Awards can contact John Wilcox at (816) 941-8497 or eagle59@everestkc.net or Alan Sanders (816) 569-4958 or asanders@hoac-bsa.org.

National OA Distinguished Service Award

At the May National BSA meeting, the National OA Committee announced the 2009 recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. Seven Arrowmen from the Central Region will be presented with this prestigious award at NOAC this coming summer. Among this group was Forrest Bolles, an active member of the Tamegonit Lodge. Forrest is a long-time committee member of Troop 1054 which is chartered to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Raytown in the Thunderbird District.

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented every two years during NOAC. Since the time of the first awards were presented, less than 750 Distinguished Service Awards have been presented.
Summer Camping in the Heart of America Council

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. The Cub Scouts will attend Day Camp, Bear Resident Camp or Webelos Resident Camp. The Boy Scouts will attend seven or nine day camping programs at Naish and Bartle or travel 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.

2009 Cub Scout Day Camp

Here is the complete schedule for the 2009 Day Camps offered by the Heart of America Council.

It’s not too late to attend. As of April 9, 2009, the fee is $61.00. For any new Cub Scout recruited after that day or new Tiger Cubs who finished their kindergarten year in 2009 and join Scouting in June, the cost will be $46.00. Scouts that are added at camp will be charged $66.00.

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Bear Resident Camp

There are very few openings for Bear Camp this summer, some sessions have a waiting list, so don’t wait too long! If you have a boy entering the 3rd grade, he should attend camp. Contact Christi Lee-wright, (816) 569-4928, for the latest openings and to sign-up. Bear Resident Camp is a program designed so that every youth attends camp with an adult partner. There are no part-time Scouts or leaders at Bear Camp. Come join the fun at Cub World at Camp Naish!

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Webelos Resident Camp

Any registered Webelos Scout (including third grade graduates) may attend Webelos Camp. Webelos Camp is held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, and is a three-day, two-night experience.

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Bartle and Naish Key Dates

**Bartle Scout Reservation**

- Sunday, June 7, 2009 - Session 1 Visitor Day
- Sunday, June 21, 2009 - Session 2 Visitor Day
- Sunday, June 28, 2009 - Session 3 Visitor Day
- Saturday, July 12, 2009 - Session 4 Visitor Day
- Sunday, July 19, 2009 - Session 5 Visitor Day
- Sunday, August 2, 2009 - Session 6 Visitor Day

**Naish Scout Reservation**

- Wednesday, June 10, 2009 - OA Brotherhood Ceremony
- Wednesday, June 17, 2009 - OA Brotherhood Ceremony
- Wednesday, June 24, 2009 - OA Brotherhood Ceremony

**Order of the Arrow**

The summer camp Brotherhood inductions and ceremonies will be held on Wednesday during each week of Boy Scout Camp at Naish. The call out ceremony starts at 6:30 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.

**OA Fall Induction**

- Friday, August 21, 2009
- through
- Sunday, August 23, 2009

**OA Fall Fellowship**

- Friday, September 18, 2009
- through
- Sunday, September 20, 2009

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2009 Contingent News

Soon the 2009 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 2010. 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.

National Jamboree 2010
“100 Years of Scouting”

The National Scout Jamboree will be held in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia from July 26, 2010-August 4, 2010. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days. They will share adventure, international friendship, personal growth, and development. Please visit the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org for more information and to sign up to participate.

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting invites all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders for 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 7, 2009. This is an event you will NOT want to miss! See you all there.

Wood Badge for the 21st Century Scouter

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 at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Dates for the first weekend are September 11-13 for the classroom session. The second weekend dates are October 2-4 for the outdoor session. Registration forms and additional information are available on the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

The course is currently full and taking 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 jdavis@bsamail.org.

Brownsea NYLT Training

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. The fee attending this training course is $175.00.

Brownsea starts on June 14, 2009 and ends on June 19, 2009 and will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Its 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 its 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 the Program and Camping Service Department (jdavis@bsamail.org).
## Council Calendar of Events

### June
- 5 Bartle Session #1
- 7 Naish Boy Scout Session #1
- 10 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
- 11 District Chairman's Meeting
- 14 NYLT at Naish
- 15 Executive Board Meeting
- 15 Naish Boy Scout Session #2
- 15 Bartle Session #2
- 18 School Night Kick-Off Meeting
- 19 Council Properties Committee
- 20 Council International Committee Meeting
- 21 Naish Boy Scout Session #3
- 23 Scouts with Disabilities Committee Meeting
- 25 Bartle Session #3
- 26 Naish Bear Resident Camp Session #2
- 28 Naish Webelos Camp Session #1
- 28 Naish Bear Resident Camp Session #3
- 30 Council Membership Committee Meeting

### July
- 1 OA Vigil and Founders Award Nominations Due
- 1 Silver Beaver Nominations Due
- 1 Venture Leadership Award Nominations Due
- 1 Naish Webelos Camp Session #2
- 3 Naish Bear Resident Camp Session #4
- 3-5 Scout Shop and Scout Service Center Closed
- 5 Naish Bear Resident Camp Session #5
- 5 Naish Webelos Camp Session #3
- 6 Bartle Session #4
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- 29 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting
- 30 Program VP Meeting
- 30 Naish Webelos Camp Session #10
- 31 Naish Bear Resident Camp Session #12

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**New Area Venturing President from KC**

The Boy Scouts of America’s Central Region, Area 5 Venturing Committee announced that Courtney Weerts will serve as the 2009-2010 Central Region, Area 5 Venturing President. Courtney is president of Crew 2085 chartered to the First Baptist Church of Olathe in the Red-Tailed Hawk District of the Heart of America Council. Area 5 of the Central Region of the BSA includes all Scout councils in Western Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska.

Courtney is completing her Senior year at Olathe East High School in Olathe, KS. She will be attending Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS this fall where she will study Elementary Education.

Courtney is entering her 5th year in Venturing. This past year, she served as the president for the Heart of America Council Venturing Officers’ Association. Over the last three years Courtney has been active in variety of roles. She has served as president for Crew 2412 in Olathe, she has been a volunteer for the Red-Tailed Hawk camporee for three years, she served as emcee of the Venturing Blast, and she was selected as a delegate for the Boy Scouts of America at the Asian Exchange program, where she served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for the group. Courtney has attended VLSC training and has also served on its staff for 3 years. She is also a C.O.P.E. Instructor and she truly enjoys seeing younger Scouts gain their confidence while learning to climb.

Courtney was the recipient of Heart of America’s Venturing Leadership Award in 2007. She is also the recipient of the Outdoor Bronze Award, the Venturing Gold and Venturing Silver awards. Courtney has also been an active Girl Scout. She completed her Girl Scout Gold Award in 2008. She has also served on staff at the Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout Camp for special needs children, served on the Council’s Program Board, served on the Council’s committee for their Healthy Family Day and for Council Day Camp staff. Courtney is also the recipient of the God and Church, God and Life and God and Country Awards.

Courtney brings a lot of experience to the position of Area 5 Venturing President. She looks forward to the challenge of helping councils develop Venturing Officers’ Associations where they don’t yet exist and in supporting the existing Venturing Officers’ Associations. She plans to develop an Area 5 Venturing Officers Association that will consist of each Council’s Venturing Officers’ Association President and two Area Venturing vice-presidents.
Roundtable

There are no roundtables in June or July, but normally the Big Muddy District roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at the Lexington United Methodist Church located on South Highway 13 in Lexington at 7:30 pm.

Roundtables are a successful way for leaders to gather and learn from each other. This is an opportunity for you to get information on a variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Big Muddy District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders.

Investment in Character

As you all know, an Investment in Character is our theme for our annual fundraising campaign. It is an essential part of funding the operations of the Big Muddy District as well as the Heart of America Council. As beneficiaries of the services that the council provides, your support is vital to the continuation of the Scouting movement.

Please work with our Investment in Character volunteers to help us get this important job done. These volunteers devote hours of their time, above and beyond their regular volunteer work to their units, to ensure that our annual fundraising campaign is a success.

District Pinewood Derby

A Big Muddy thanks go out to Pack 324 for putting on a wonderful Pinewood Derby at the Farris Theater. We are grateful that they rented the facility and the track and provided the trophies and program at no cost for the Scouts. We really appreciate all that you have done to provide a memorable program to the Cub Scouts in the Big Muddy District.

Day Camp

Big Muddy District Day Camp will be held June 1-4, 2009 at the Ray County Fair Grounds. We will have lots of games, crafts, BB-guns, sling shots, bow and arrows, and all kinds of activities for our Scouts. It is not too late to attend day camp. If you have recruited new Scouts this spring they can attend without paying a late fee. In fact, Day Camp is a great recruitment event to invite interested boys to join Scouting. For more information call Michelle Woods at (816) 838-6320.

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Day Camp

Day Camp is right around the corner. Camp will be held July 13-17 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the American Legion Farm, located 499 Post Road, Blue Springs, MO. The cost for day camp is $61. It is important that all leaders attend Walking Leader Training, check the website for updates on training dates. For more information, contact Jeff Dutzel (Camp Director) at 816-805-7964, Barbie Todd (Program Director) at 816-690-5906, or Brian Bentrop at 569-4918 or bbentrop@bsamail.org.

AIS Articles

We are always looking for stories to put into our Adventures in Scouting articles. Keep us up to date with what your units are doing, i.e. pancake breakfasts, field trips. Please send all information to Tiffany Bumgardner at tbumgard@bsamail.org.

Investment in Character

The district staff would like to recognize those units that have achieved their Investment in Character goal in both dollars raised and total number of gifts, and achieved Free Rank Advancement (as of May 1, 2009). During these hard times your gift means so much. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Investment in Character campaign; families, individuals and community businesses. Every gift, no matter the size, helps send our Scouts to camp that otherwise would not be able to go, and helps put on our programs. Thank you again for your support of the Scouting program!

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Trails End Popcorn Sale

It’s 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 Danny Jackson at (816) 690-5906 or Tiffany Bumgardner at (816) 569-4969 or tbumgard@bsamail.org.

Fall Recruitment

We have had record breaking recruitments these last few years in Blue Elk, help us make 2009 the best recruitment yet! We will start our school nights the last full week of August and conclude the second week of September. Check with your schools for back to school/meet the teacher nights to set up a table and be sure to send a representative from your pack to our school night orientation to pick up all of the materials (i.e. yard signs) for our school nights.

Training

Due to the new training requirements for recharter we will be offering more training opportunities this fall. Be sure to check the website for updated training dates and remember that our quick action team can come to you and put on training for your pack if the scheduled dates don’t work.

Units that Qualified for Free Rank Advancement
Fall Round up/ School Night for Scouting

School Night for 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. Also keep in mind that along with new Scouts there is potential for new leaders, their parents. Planning is important in running a successful School Night for 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 our Scouting program.

The first step in being prepared is attending the District Kick-off meeting. Every pack needs to be represented at the School Night for Scouting Kick-off Meeting. Make plans to be there. Last year, by working together we recruited over 600 new Cub Scouts into your program.

To help run our School Night round up, we are also looking for 12 organizers and 12 coordinators. It is important 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.

It’s Almost Time to Pop That 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 the Trails End Popcorn sale 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.

Cubs In the Next Generation

By the second week of June, June 8 – 12 more than 300 Cub Scouts will have the time of their lives at Cub Scout day camp. The day camp will be held at Cub World in Camp Naish. If you or the Scouts in your pack haven’t been out to Cub World, come see what you’re missing. Program will include trips to the pirate ship, archery and plenty other games to enjoy. 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.

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District Events

June

4 Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting
Bonner Springs United Methodist
425 W. Morse Ave., 7:00 pm

11 District Committee Meeting
Commissioner Meeting
BPU Human Resources
300 N 65th St, KC, KS, 7:00 pm

July

No District Meetings or Events
Have fun Camping and Stay Cool!

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Day Camp

The Lone Bear District Day Camp, Cub Fun in the Next Generation, will once again be held at the Clinton Artesian Park June 15-19. Fees after April 8, are $61. If you register at day camp, the fee is $66. A week of fun and adventure is planned for all who attend. Jim Houk will be the camp director and Jennifer Faaborg will be the program director. Both directors are excited and ready to put on a fun-filled week for the boys in your pack. If you have questions about day camp or would like to be on staff, please contact Jim Houk at (660) 890-2247.

Please note that there will be no Tot Lot available. Children who are not registered Cub Scouts will not be able to attend day camp.

Spring Camporee

The Lone Bear District Spring Camporee which was held on April 16-18 was a rainy weekend. However, the rain held off for the most part of the day for program and the campfire. Much fun was had as the boys learned how to tie flies for fly fishing, as well as, casting a fly rod, shooting bows and arrows, shooting bb guns, learned more about fire building, ran the obstacle course, and finally played some dodgeball. By the way, the leaders came out on top as the victors in the leader versus boy competition. There were about 120 youth in attendance. Thank you to everyone who came out and participated and braved the elements.

District Wide Pinewood Derby

This year, the district pinewood derby was held on Saturday, April 18 at the Martin Warren Elementary School gymnasium located in Warrensburg, MO. Congratulations to all who attend and raced this year. The following competitors were the top finishers in each of the categories:

TIGER Champion:
Gavin Lowe, Pack 225, Clinton, MO

WOLF Champion:
Chase Larocque, Pack 405, Whiteman AFB

BEAR Champion:
Hunter Larocque, Pack 405, Whiteman AFB

WEBELOS Champion:
Chance Riddle, Pack 399, Warrensburg, MO

The District Finals Results:

4th Place:
Chance Riddle (399), Warrensburg, MO

3rd Place:
Chase Larocque (405), Whiteman AFB

2nd Place:
Gavin Lowe (225), Clinton, MO

1st Place and 2009 Lone Bear District Champion:
Hunter Larocque (405), Whiteman AFB

Investment in Character

Investment in Character is nearing its completion. Each year the Investment in Character 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 are behind the scenes to keep scouting going. The district has a goal of $40,600 this year. The family campaign, which is being led by Rick House, has surpassed its goal. Congratulations Rick! Hurley Mahan is leading the community campaign and also could use some help in getting contacts into some of the local businesses to have them help keep the scouting program going. The campaign is nipping at the heel of completion. If you think that the company that you work for would be willing to make a donation, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974. If you have questions about Friends of Scouting or want to know how close your unit may be to attaining the Free Rank Advancement, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or by email at driker@bsamail.org.
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New Roundtable Location

Greetings Fellow Scouters!

I am pleased to announce that the Internationally Famous North Star district has secured what are nothing short of deluxe accommodations for our future district roundtable Meetings! Starting in September, our roundtable meetings will be held on the first Thursday night of each month at Cerner Corporation’s Riverport facility which is located just southwest of I-435 and M210 Highways (formerly known as Sam’s Town). Many thanks to Mike Cash who was able to arrange for a meeting this morning between our roundtable commissioners and representatives of the Cerner Corporation. The decision of our roundtable commissioners was unanimous.

This facility has plenty of room. We will have both separate and joint opening ceremony areas, meeting rooms, audio visual capabilities, parking, outdoor cooking areas and many other accommodations. One would be very hard pressured to find any other district in the country with this quality of venue! The facility is available to us at no charge as long as we “leave no trace”.

While any new location will seemingly be inconvenient to someone, Riverport is quickly and easily accessible via major highways from all over the northland. We will be circulating driving directions and additional information in the near future. Our first meeting there in September will be very special, so we are pushing for as many people as possible to attend! Many thanks to our roundtable commissioners for being able to get together personally and work together to agree on how we intend to utilize this awesome new location.

Happy trails!

Raul Salmon
District Commissioner

New Training Requirement

The Heart of America Council has implemented a new rechartering requirement. When our rechartering process begins in November, 2009, all top leaders will be required to be trained for their position before you can complete the on-line recharter. If you have a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Team Coach or Venture Crew Advisor not fully trained for his/her position, they will need to complete the training required for their position.

You can review the training requirement for each position and the training continuum, as well as upcoming training opportunities at the North Star Training webpage at http://hoac-bsa.org/nstraining.cfm. If you have questions, please contact your North Star Training Chair, at (816) 505-2015 or e-mail at jstyper@kc.rr.com. While you are at it, send all of your den leaders and assistant unit leaders to training as well. Your unit can never have too many trained leaders.
Cuboree was a great success! More than 200 Scouts and parents turned out for great weather and an awesome event on May 8 and 9. A big thank you to Phil Park and his staff that put on the weekend to provide a fun program and tasty food. We look forward to seeing more you at Cuboree in 2011!

Investment in Character

Thanks to all for your support of the 2009 Investment in Character 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, Bruce Harken; and Overall community 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 Investment in Character campaign and the more than 600 donors in our campaign! We can’t do this without you!

Day Camp

Cub Fun in the Next Generation! In just a few short days, Northern Tier will hold its annual Day Camp- June 15! If you haven’t signed up, you can still do so! Registrations can be turned in up to day camp at $61/Scout and at camp for $66/Scout. New Scouts can come to camp for only $46. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Sultz, Day Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824 or Lorri Kearns (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 28. If your pack has not done so please select your School Night date from the following dates:

- Tuesday, August 25
- Thursday, August 27
- Wednesday, September 2
- Tuesday, September 8
- Thursday, September 10

Please visit the Northern Tier District Membership 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.

For more information, contact our School Night Chairman Todd Martin at (913) 677-3829 or email: todd.martin@mcckc.edu
Investment in Character

The Investment in Character campaign is coming to an end. While this has been a great campaign, the Pelathe district still needs contributions 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 Scott Gates and all the Investment in Character presenters for making phone calls and attending report meetings for the district.

Day Camp

Day camp is being held June 1-5. Alfred Cramer is this year’s day camp director and Cindy Lynn is this year’s program director. Both of these individuals are working very hard to make sure the Cub 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 240 Scouts 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 fall 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 at a later date. Each organizer will be expected to attend the School Night Kick Off training at the August roundtable.

Webelos Graduation Weekend

Webelos Graduation Weekend took place on May 9-11. John Harman did a great job putting this event on for the district. Thanks go out to John Harman and everyone who helped put this event on for the boys. The Webelos participated in activities such as: showman, first aid, fishing, nature hikes and much more. This is a great event that the Scouts enjoyed.

Spring Camporee

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

Roundtables

It is strongly recommended that everyone attends roundtable. This is an informational event that takes place to make sure your troop or pack has all the materials and training that you need to become successful. Roundtables are a good way to get all of your questions answered. Roundtable occurs the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Lawrence off of Kasold Road. Every unit has a file that is filled up each month with useful information and ideas. Please take the time to attend roundtable each and every month of the year.
Pioneer Trails

Day Camp

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Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader and starting in 2009 the Heart of America Council feels that this is important enough to begin the process of requiring it. Don’t wait Red-Tailed Hawk District need to take the lead. Units should require leaders to be trained and at the very least encourage it for all leaders and registered adults. Our Scouts deserve the very best.

With the camping season upon us, now is a good time to renew your youth-protection training. You can do this online.

Training will be offered again this summer at Bartle. This is a great opportunity attend training in an outdoor setting while your Scouts are earning merit badges and attending camp activities.

Red-Tailed Hawk Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Fun in the Next Generation is upon us. Red-Tailed Hawk District is powering up the next generation! Get ready for tons of fun the week of June 15-19, 2009 at Old Lake Olathe. Stay tuned for more information at Red-Tailed Hawk website. Registration and more details are available on the Red-Tailed Hawk website.

Here are some fee details:

- Day Camp Fee: $61.00 per Scout
- Fee for Scouts added at camp: $66.00 per Scout

New Scouts registered after April 8 (includes new Tigers who are new Kindergarten graduates) $46 rate at whatever time they register for day camp.

Investment in Character

Thanks for your support of this very important campaign which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to over 45,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council!

Any gift amount makes a difference. Many units average a gift of $42 dollars per boy, which breaks down to about $5.00 a month for the remainder of the year. $5.00 a month is a small investment which provides an outstanding return for youth in the areas of character development, ethical decision making not to mention the great memories that will last a lifetime

Hopefully your unit met its goal for 2009. To inquire about your unit’s Investment in Character goal or your unit’s standing, please contact, Bridgete McKenna at (816) 569-4929 or bmckenna@bsamail.org.

Stay in the Communication Loop

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

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

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July

No District Meetings or Activities

Click Here for District Calendar Updates
### Fall School Night for Scouting – Recruitment

Mark your calendars! July 30, at 7:00 pm, will be the 2009 School Night for Scouting kickoff. It will be at Aldersgate United Methodist Church near the intersection of Highways 150 and 291 (south) in Lee’s Summit, MO. This meeting will be worth your while. Learn about the School Night plan, find out about and receive promotional resources, meet the district School Night teams, learn more about the pack role, etc. Each unit must send a School Night representative or a substitute representative. Also, make plans to attend your school’s Back-to-School night! Get names of kids and parents who are interested in joining along with their phone number so that you can follow up. Little things make a big difference. Also, if you’d like to know how many boys in your school(s) are eligible to join scouts contact Kathy Ruth (School Night Chair) or your district executive. Kathy Ruth: ksruth61@fairpoint.net or (816) 779-0986.

### Save These Dates

- Thunderbird District Day Camp, July 6-10
- School Night for Scouting Kickoff, July 30
- Cub Scout Family Campout, September 25, 26

(Tiger/Den/Webelos/Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster/Committee Member)

### Day Camp

Boys who go to camp stay in Cub Scouting! So it’s not too late to register for day camp! Thunderbird Day Camp will be July 6-10, 2009 at the James A. Reed Archery Range in Lee’s Summit, MO. This year’s Theme is “Cub Fun in the Next Generation”! Register now! Cost is $61.00 per Scout if you register in advance. Price is $66 at the door so don’t wait! (New Scouts are $46). Check out www.hoac-bsa.org for information or contact Kay Duncan at tbirddaycamp@aol.com or 816-524-7441 or Angie Duncan at telakiniya@aol.com for camp and staff information.

### Cub Family Campout

Come out to annual Cub Scout Family Campout! This event will be at Unity Village in Lee’s Summit, MO. 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. Each participant gets camping space, Cracker-barrel (late night snack), breakfast, campfire, field games and more! Make sure you put September 25 and 26 on your calendar and join us! Call Laura Crotty for questions and information. 853-2544 or Crotty_Laura@sbcglobal.net

### Investment in Character

Thunderbird has had yet another great year in Investment in Character 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 Beroteran (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 Scouting!
Trails End Popcorn Sale

It is time to start thinking about who will be your unit’s Popcorn Chair. This is a great fundraiser with no out-of-pocket expense or extra inventory after your done. Sign up at the June roundtable. For more information, contact the district Popcorn Chair, Pam Clark at rjcpdc@everestkc.net.

Training

Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. It will help you plan organized and FUN meetings, it will make your job easier as a leader, and most importantly it will keep the youth in the program. The fall training dates for Johnson County are set. There are plenty of opportunities for you to check out training. For Trailhead District training details and dates visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm

There are also many online training courses offered including Youth Protection and “This is Scouting,” both required to be a “trained” leader. These can be accessed at www.olc.scouting.org For any training questions, please contact district training chairman, Gene Bellner at geneb311@swbell.net.

Cub Scout Day Camp: Cub Fun in the Next Generation

Each pack should be ready for day camp! “Cub Fun in the Next Generation” will begin June 8-12 at Shawnee Riverfront Park. It is not too late to signup new Scouts. In fact, day camp is a great recruitment event to invite interested boys to join scouting and there is no late fee for them. If you are looking for more information you can print many of the forms by visiting: www.HOAC-BSA.org/Trailhead.cfm. If you have any questions call Cameron Horton, Day Camp Director at (913) 766-1855 or Bob Kakareka, Program Director at (913) 484-8324.

District School Night Kick Off

School Night for Scouting is quickly approaching. School Night introduces hundreds of boys into the Cub Scout program. Your pack’s school night chairman needs to attend the kickoff meeting on Tuesday, August 4, at Christ Church, Anglican, 5500 W 91st Street at 7:30 pm. 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. The recruitment campaign will be much like last year, your support is crucial.

Now that its SUMMER, Lets think about the FALL

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For the most updated information on Trailhead District, visit our webpage at: http://hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm.

### Trailhead District Events

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Cub Scout Day Camp
June 8 – 11, Lake Olathe Golf Course

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 archery. They will also work on badges, belt loops, learn cooking skills, learn about nature, make crafts, play games, sing songs and much more!!! It's not too late. You can still attend.

**Day Camp Walking Leader and Staff Trainings:**
- Thursday, June 4th 6:00pm /Community Covenant Church (before Roundtable)
- Sunday, June 7th 3:00pm / Lake Olathe Golf Course (Check-in Day)

For more information call Bill O’Connor at (913) 302-8549 or Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978.

Upcoming Camping Events

2009 Boy Scout Camporee and Cub Family Campout
- Cub Family Campout September 25-26 Lake Olathe Golf Course
- Boy Scout Camporee October 9 – 11 Location TBA

Preparations are underway for the 2009 Trails West District Camporee and Cub Family Campout. All troops are encouraged to participate and coordinate an activity at both events.

To commit your troop to these exciting events contact Todd Whitley at twhiteley@brattonsteel.com.

Webelo-Ree Wrap Up

Thanks to all who helped with Webelo-Ree on April 24-25. Seventy five Scouts and Scouters from the Trails West District made the event one to remember.

Plans are already underway to make next year even better…so mark your calendars for Webelo-Ree 2010 on April 30, 2010.

Recruiting

Believe it or not…fall is right around the corner. In order to better prepare for Fall Recruitment each pack is required to identify a Pack Representative. This person will be responsible for coordinating pack recruitment efforts and communication with the district executive.

Please provide the name of your School Night Pack Representative to Matt Armstrong at marmstro@bsamail.org by June 5.

A training session for all Pack Representatives will take place on August 6, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Trails West District Roundtable.

Investment in Character

The 2009 Investment in Character campaign is coming to a close. To date the Trails West District has raised $29,000 or 94% of our $31,000 goal. Thanks to all the units who have had or have scheduled a unit presentation.

Congratulations to the following units who have achieved their Investment in Character goal!!!

- Pack 3084
- Troop 83
- Troop 369
- Troop 401
- Troop 487
- Troop 522

If you have not scheduled a presentation or want to check how close your unit is to goal, contact Matt Armstrong, (816) 569-4978 or at marmstro@bsamail.org.
Friends of Scouting, An Investment in Character

The Twin Rivers District 2009 Investment in Character campaign was a success and, for the second year in a row, we achieved our goal due to hard work and the generosity of a lot of people in our Scout units and communities. Thanks to the unit leaders for their cooperation in allowing a unit presentation to be conducted during a meeting and a special thanks to all of the people who answered the invitation to make an investment in character in our Scouts. The Family campaign achieved its goal this year for the first time in many years. Every single gift regardless of how great or small, made this possible. Thank you.

It is inspiring to see people support something financially they really believe in especially in the type of economy that we are living in today. Each of you who participated this year made history for the Twin Rivers District and the Heart of America Council and you can take pride in the fact that you were a part of that effort. For the next year every time you look into one of the smiling faces of our Scouts remember with pride that you played a part in making that happen for them.

Thanks to all the workers, callers, presenters, etc. who assisted with this task. It is a big job and we could not do it without you. You too should take pride in being a part of a winning team. Even though we have achieved our goal, we still need to follow up with our past givers that have yet to make a gift to maintain that relationship with them. Let’s make every effort to finish that work and wrap up the fundraising campaign in Twin Rivers by the end of May so that we can devote our full attention to the next major effort: Fall Recruitment.

Program Planning Fair

The 2009 Program Planning Fair will be held Thursday, June 11 at the First Presbyterian Church in Paola. This year’s event will be bigger than ever with lots of door prizes, exciting information, training and FUN! Every unit will want to be represented at this event to get the information and training necessary to plan to make the coming year in Scouting as fun as it can be.

Please help us help you by coming prepared to provide us with the following information;
* Your 2010 FOS presentation, date, time and location as well as your unit Family FOS chair.
* Your membership chair who will assist with School Night for Scouting and their contact information.
* Your unit popcorn chair and their contact information.

These positions should not be staffed by the same person. Plan to begin recruiting someone to staff these positions now. PLEASE NOTE: your unit will not receive your program planning packet until we have received this information. We will be providing a form like the one we used last year to collect this information. Thank you for helping us help you.

This information along with the cooperation of all of the Scouters in our units was the key to the success we had in each of these campaigns. Please work with your unit committees and unit commissioner to recruit and staff these positions to build on the success of 2008-09 and make 2009-10 even better.

Fall Recruitment, School Night for Scouting

Planning and work has already begun to prepare for this fall’s School Night For Scouting campaign. Details will be made public as they become available so each unit will need to be represented at roundtable to get the latest information on this campaign. This year we will be asking for more involvement from unit commissioners, unit leadership and presenters and Scout troops. To prepare to help us help you with this please begin to recruit someone who will be willing to be trained as a SNFS presenter and coordinator. We will be asking for those person’s names at the Program Planning Fair Roundtable in June.

The SNFS plan, when followed, works exceptionally well as many units in our district can attest. Every effort should be made by all involved to follow the plan as closely as possible in order to achieve the maximum success. This is an ideal time to recruit adults into your program right along with their youth. Make it a goal to recruit adults to assist with the program and to provide leadership succession in the unit.
Exploring News Flash - Looking for Something to do This Summer!

Five leadership academies to be held in 2009:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
June 27-July 4; Location: Washington, DC

The Drug Enforcement Administration  
July 4-11; Location: Washington, DC

The U.S. Marshals Service  
July 11-18; Location: Washington, DC

The U.S. Army Military Police  
July 11-18; Location: Fort Leonard Wood, MO

NEW!! The U.S. Secret Service  
July 18-25; Location: Washington, DC

2010 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference  
July 19-24, 2010; Location: Georgia Institute of Technology • Atlanta, Georgia

The summer of 2009 offers a unique experience to selected Law Enforcement Explorers. Each academy provides physical and mental training focusing on the dynamics of leadership, motivation, and effective law enforcement practices.

Explorers who have been through an academy often call or write to express their thanks for this great experience. With over 150 spots available, Explorers have a great chance of attending at a very minimal cost.

For more information, contact Exploring and LFL Director, Lisa Thomas at (816) 569-4972 or lhayes@bsamail.org.

2009 Health/Science Career Conference  
July 22-25; Location: National Institutes of Health Bethesda, Maryland

The National Health Careers Exploring Committee and the National Science Careers Exploring Committee join forces to conduct a National Health/Science Conference at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland (a suburb of Washington, D.C.). All Exploring posts are invited to attend the event regardless of their career focus.

Conference attendees will participate in interactive, hands-on seminars, tour medical/science research labs, and talk with world-renowned scientists and doctors. In addition, participants can sign-up to tour Washington, D.C.

For more information, contact Peggy Chestnutt, Director, Workforce Development at (972) 580-2428 or pchestnu@lflmail.org.

2009 National Mock Trial Competition for Law Explorers  
July 22 - 26; Location: American University, Washington, DC

All Explorer Posts and High School Mock Trial teams are invited to enter. Awards will be given for 4 team placements and for individual competition such as prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, and for all witnesses. The Mock Trial serves as a college experience and a chance to see the nation’s capital. It is challenging, fun and a great opportunity to make new friends with other Explorers from other parts of the country. Get hands-on insight into the world of Law and Government careers.

For additional details go to www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawandgovt/index.html or contact Cliff Takawana, ctakawan@lflmail.org or call 972-580-2437

Contact Information

Your post or group is important to me. While I visit with all advisors, lead teachers, and principals regularly, I am available to address your needs and concerns as they arise. Please contact Lisa Thomas, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816)569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org

Got E-mail?

Would you like updated Exploring information? Want to know about the latest resources available to your post’s leadership? Send me an e-mail and I will add you to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.
| BE 1221 | Jason King       | NT 351 | John Sauvadon   |
| BE 1221 | Colin Zeiler     | NT 684 | Todd Block      |
| BE 1223 | Thomas Edwards   | NT 2182 | Mats Wilson     |
| BE 1229 | CJ Witte-Ghearing| RT 85  | Bryan Dolan     |
| BE 1282 | Joshua Tiffany   | RT 122 | Paul Hartfield, Jr. |
| BE 1332 | Kyle Alberg      | RT 122 | Ryan Lucas      |
| BE 1347 | Eli Franklin     | RT 122 | Eric Plumb      |
| BE 1603 | Evan Andrick     | RT 182 | Frederick Dunsing|
| BE 1603 | John Nix         | RT 182 | Spencer Maass   |
| BM 1243 | Ryan Graver      | RT 201 | Erik Ahgren     |
| BM 1243 | Lance Miller     | RT 201 | Daniel Jerred   |
| BM 1318 | Christopher Jobe | RT 240 | Thomas Clark    |
| BM 6746 | Ryan Benbrook    | RT 265 | Spencer Shain   |
| KW 1    | Sean Kane        | RT 315 | Chase Cole      |
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| TB 1601 | Daniel Paschang  | TB 1663 | James Baldwin   |
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| TH 10   | Richard Korvick  | TH 10   | Henry Shetlar   |
| TH 10   | Sean Weaver      | TH 10   | Austin Williams  |
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| TH 282  | Nicholas Zuk     | TH 333  | Christopher Moyer|
| TH 387  | Connor Dervin    | TH 387  | Matthew Stafford |
| TH 1061 | Austin Averkamp  | TR 105  | Parker Staats   |
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| TW 136  | Garret Arner     | TW 136  | Sean Amos       |
| TW 136  | Garrett Tarcha   | TW 136  | Jason Crow      |
| TW 401  | Benjamin Davis   | TW 494  | Mark LaFollette |
| TW 27   | Timothy Frantze  |
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