Ft. Leavenworth Scout Delivers BSA’s Report to the Nation

Jace C. Taliaferro is a 13-year-old Star Scout with Troop 66 from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was honored to be part of a 9-member youth delegation that traveled to Washington DC to meet with the President and key members of Congress in February.

The BSA is chartered by Congress and is required to give an annual Report to the Nation to the Speaker of the House. The delegation arrived in the nation’s capital on Saturday, February 12 and spent a week visiting with U.S. Cabinet, House and Senate Leadership, the White House, CIA, Pentagon, Supreme Court and Secret Service. The delegation delivered this year’s report to the Speaker of the House John Boehner.

Jace became a Scout when he was 7 years old as a Tiger Cub Scout. He is now a seventh-grader at Patton Junior High School and his favorite subject is geography. Outside of Scouting, he participates in football, wrestling, and track.

Jace’s dad, a major in the Army, is currently deployed. He will be returning home in April.

In the fall of 2010, Jace’s quick actions helped to save the life of an injured 8-year-old boy. The boy was playing on a toy car and fell off, skidding onto the pavement and injuring his face and head. Jace took off his own shirt and bound the child’s wounds, talking with him to keep him calm until emergency workers arrived. The first aid he learned in Scouting came in handy. He has also learned CPR and other life-saving techniques in Scouting. Jace received special recognition, and a certificate of appreciation with a military coin, from the garrison commander of Fort Leavenworth for his life-saving actions.

Congratulations Jace! The Heart of America Council is proud of what you have accomplished and are pleased that you represented us so well. We know that this has been a once-in-a-life-time Scouting experience and that you have made 8 new Scouting friends for life!
From The Scout Executive
What I Have Learned In My First 45 Days on the Job
I started as the Scout Executive of the Heart of America Council on February 1st and if you would believe some people; I brought the record snowfall with me from Chicago. While I still have much to learn about this great Boy Scout Council and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, I have made it my mission to get out and get connected to our units, district and council volunteers as well as community and business leaders. I thought I would share a few of my observations:

There seems to be two major issues that everyone wants to know. First, what is your favorite bar-b-que restaurant and second, are you going to live in Kansas or Missouri? I can tell you at this point I don’t have a favorite bar-b-que restaurant, but I am certainly doing my best to try them all. On the housing front, I have not had much time to even look.

All kidding aside, probably my most profound observation is the depth, commitment and passion of the Scouting volunteers I have met. I cannot recall in my 27 years of service to the Boy Scouts of ever being in a better council with this level of volunteer dedication and support.

I have shared at several meetings about being on a local Kansas City radio show right after I arrived in town. After we got through the pleasantries, the host of the show asked me what I hope to bring to the Scouting program in the area. It was a great question. The Heart of America Council rates #1 in the nation in so many areas, but frankly that is what really gets me excited. We have a strong base with a great staff and volunteers. If ever there was a Boy Scout Council that should be setting the bar for the rest of the country it is the Heart of America Council. I think the Honda Corporation said it best when they said, “burn the ladder behind you”, don’t ever stop climbing to the next rung.

I am excited and humbled to be serving as your Scout Executive. If you have any questions, comments or ideas, let me know.

Kenn Miller
Kendrick.Miller@Scouting.org
W: (816) 569-4980

New Council Officers and Executive Board Members
A slate of new council officers was elected at the Heart of America Council’s Annual Meeting.

Terry K. Miller, CEO of HNTB
Council President

James H. Bernard, Jr., Attorney, Slagel, Bernard & Gorman
Council Commissioner

James W. Hayes, Director, Executive Compensation, Sprint Nextel Corporation, Vice President for Program

Richard L. Martin, Attorney, Martin Leigh Laws & Fritzlen
Vice President for District Operations

Steve Clifford, Managing Partner, Ernst & Young
Council Treasurer

Chief James D. Corwin, Chief of Police, Kansas City, MO
Vice President for Urban Scouting

Delvin L. Wilkinson, Senior Vice President, retired, Cook Composites and Polymers, Vice President of Finance

David Frantze, Partner at Stinson, Morrison, Hecker
Legal Counsel

Marc Elkins, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Cerner Corporation, Council’s Vice President of Administration

Cliff Illig, Vice Chairman, Cerner Corporation
Vice President of Community Relations

Michael Merriman, President of Financial Holding Corporation
Vice President of Endowment

The Hon. Keith Sickendick, Administrative Law Judge for the U. S. Government, Vice President of Membership

Charlie Tetrick, President, Walz Tetrick Advertising
Vice President of Marketing

Lester Ham, CEO for ARO
Vice President of Properties

New to the Council Executive Board in 2011:

Jeremy Croucher, Partner, KPMG

Steven Geiger, CFO, KU Medical Center

Michael Upchurch, Executive Vice President and CFO, KC Southern

Ryan Watson, Regional Vice President, Chubb and Son Insurance

Heroism Awards

Kaw
Skylar Ross, Troop 169 Heroism Award

Pelathe
Ryan Schulteis, Troop 53 Heroism Award
William Schulteis, Troop 53 Heroism Award

Trails West
Blake Phelps Troop 88 Certificate of Merit

New Units

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College of Commissioner Service

More than 240 unit commissioners, roundtable commissioners, assistant district commissioners and district commissioners met on March 5, 2011 at Cerners Riverport campus for the College of Commissioner Service. After a day of classes and fellowship, bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees were conferred in a closing ceremony. Commissioners attended from several councils and from as far away as Colorado.

The goal of the college is to help commissioners expand their skills beyond those of Commissioner Basic Training and to expand the unit service philosophy.

Commissioners are the only volunteers commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America.

Tico Perez, the Boy Scouts of America National Commissioner, was our special guest at the Commissioner College.

Tico’s keynote address stressed as the Boy Scouts of America moves into our second century: our success will be largely determined by how effective our volunteers, Scouters, and commissioners in particular, are at taking ownership of our councils’ funding and program needs. We need to meet the demands of today’s families and reach into communities that we currently are not serving such as our Hispanic communities.
Adventures in Scouting

Blue Elk
Troop 1178, David A. Teegarden, SM
Andrew Teegarden
Troop 1216, John P. Fitzgerald, SM
Connor Herron
Troop 1546, Samuel L. Marler, SM
Joshua Clark
Troop 1603, Joseph R. Andrick, SM
Taran Shelton
Troop 1846, Ronald Hupp, SM
Ian Douglas
Kalili-Mateo Fuimaono
Troop 1946, John M. McCarty, SM
Caleb Brown

Big Muddy
Troop 1318, Larry D Johnson, SM
Matthew Hollingsworth
Drake Oetting
Troop 1324, Ronald W. Francis, SM
Christopher Mallott
Jonathan Masey
Ian Wratt
Troop 1713, Brian E. Beissenherz, SM
Blaine Beissenherz

Kaw
Troop 169, John W. Brown, SM
Jefferson Storms

Lone Bear
Troop 1225, Dennis R. Wolf, SM
Westley Reid
Troop 1238, Pam Olive, SM
Zachary Doty
Caleb Huntsman

North Star
Troop 1214, Gerald F. Coday, SM
Zachary Ildzi
Elliott Kieffer
Troop 1301, Richard A. Sprague, SM
Harrison Eads
Troop 1360, Timothy Brammeier, SM
Geoffrey Carder
Eric Jones
Travis Stuart
Troop 1367, Roderick B. McDonald, SM
Aaron Glasgow
Troop 1395, Kenneth B. Herdman, SM
Dustin Schmidt
Troop 1433, Bruce L. Ayers, SM
John link
Matthew Luton
Ethan Sickman
Troop 1447, Russ F. Collin, SM
Ryan Loftis

Northern Tier
Troop 279, Ross E. Waters, SM
Tanner Lincoln
Kellen Naughton
Troop 358, Lee Schneider, SM
Faraji Kendagor

Pelathe
Troop 59, Bob L. Corkins, SM
Colin Phillips

Pioneer Trails
Troop 1024, Mark C. Raddant, SM
Henry Bergin
Zachary Hoare
Troop 1084, Douglas J. Warren, SM
Thomas Finn

Red-Tailed Hawk
Troop 122, Jeffrey A. Allison, SM
David Schall
Alan Tamosiunas
Troop 201, Ed Edmondson, SM
Mason Berhenke
Troop 265, Jerard E. Robison, SM
Richard Clark III
Troop 289, James Memer, SM
Aaron Preuss
Troop 425, Gary R. Hazeltine, SM
Colin Bennett
Karl Gottschalk
Troop 785, John Guernsey, SM
Joseph Adams

Thunderbird
Troop 1098, Patrick M. Hughey, SM
Tyler Adams
Stephen Cushing Jr
Jason Jarquio
Troop 1220, Jerry W. Marlin, SM
Daniel Rauzi
Troop 1245, Corey M Johnston, SM
Caenin Marshall
Troop 1262, Luke E. Harmon, SM
David Padget
Troop 1264, Brian K. Ruddell, SM
Christopher Lykins
Andrew Williams
Troop 1285, Bernard H. Swanner, SM
Andrew Reynolds
Troop 1323, Charles J. Kunkel, SM
James Fischer
Troop 1391, Steve G. Preston, SM
Kevin Curdy
Alan Preston

Trailhead
Troop 257, Jeff M. Johnson, SM
Benjamin Soukup
Troop 282, Joe E. Poskin, SM
Jackson McGrew
Troop 284, Stanley W. Berry, SM
Matthew George
Troop 387, Eugene A Bellner, SM
Aaron Kruger
Troop 395, Jeffrey A Silkman, SM
Jesse Rodriguez
Troop 396, Scott E. Holan, SM
Robert Caffrey

Twin River
Troop 105, Joshua P. Furnish, SM
Michael Moore

Trails West
Troop 181, Joseph M McCabe, SM
Robert Loomis
Troop 401, Christian K. Horner, SM
Eric Fillmore
Jacob Keegan
2011 Patron Luncheon

The 2011 Patron Luncheon is an important part of our council’s annual “Investment In Character” campaign. This year’s annual fundraising drive will raise $1,900,000 to support quality youth developmental programs that teach leadership skills and values. By engaging volunteers who ask individuals to invest in the Boy Scouts of America, we are able to ensure that over 47,000 youth or 20% of our metropolitan youth are touched by caring adults who serve as leaders and mentors.

The luncheon will be held on April 7, 2011 at the Downtown Kansas City Marriott in the Muehlebach Tower beginning at 11:30 am. Our 2010 luncheon raised $375,000 with just over 400 individual supporters in attendance. Thanks to the generosity of luncheon sponsors, contributions to the Heart of America Council for this event are 100% tax deductible.

Our keynote speaker is Captain Scott F. O’Grady who hails from Brooklyn, New York. He earned an Aeronautical degree in 1989 from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona and was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program, April 1989, and went on to fly F-16s out of Ramstein Airbase in Germany. Captain O’Grady was helping enforce the NATO no-fly zone policy in the skies over Bosnia when a Soviet-made anti aircraft missile slammed into his F-16. He will share his incredible story of how he survived in hostile territory for six days before being rescued by the U.S. Marines.

We would like to thank Jonathan Kemper the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Commerce Bank, a commercial bank with deposits of $4.8 billion for serving as this year’s chairman. As a Kansas City civic leader, he is actively involved with the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Council, the Kansas City Design Center, the Kansas City Public Library and is a Co-Trustee for the William T. Kemper Foundation. He has three children, two of which are Eagle Scouts, so he understands the importance of the Scouting program as it shapes the lives of young people in our communities.

If you would like more information about the event and how to attend, please contact John Kuehn, Director of Development at (816) 569-4979.

2011 Investment in Character

The council’s annual fundraising effort is well underway. Dollars raised by the campaign stay local and ensure that over 47,000 youth have quality year round programs and trained adults. We have targeted the end of May to conclude our $1,970,000 million dollar effort. John Martin, Jr. from PriceWaterhouseCoopers is excited about our success to today. Our benchmark for the end of February was 43% for the total campaign. The family campaign target was 50% and community was 40%. It is great to report that we exceeded our two of the three benchmarks and the campaign is running $26,000 ahead of 2010.


Spring is just around the corner and it’s time to think about getting those golf clubs out of storage, and plan on attending the 23rd Annual Boy Scout Golf Classic at picturesque Loch Lloyd Country Club. Loch Lloyd is one of Kansas City’s premiere private golf clubs. Proceeds from this tournament benefit the Scouting programs of the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The tournament starts with lunch and a shotgun start at 12 noon and concludes with an awards dinner in the clubhouse. Prizes will be offered for 1st thru 3rd place teams in two flights. Additional prizes will be available for games conducted on the course.

Sponsorships start at $2,500. If you are interested in fielding a team or teams, please contact Bob Hamlin, Development Director at (816) 569-4921 or email him at rhamlin@bsamail.org.
Scouting a Better Retirement

Gift annuities have been around for more than 1½ centuries, providing donors with extra income, tax savings, and a great way to make a major gift to their favorite charities.

What Is A Gift Annuity?
In the BSA Gift Annuity Program, for a gift of at least $2,500 in cash, stocks or bonds you will receive regular unchanging quarterly annuity payments. These payments are guaranteed by the general assets of the Boy Scouts of America. Your gift will only be distributed to the council after your lifetime.

The Benefits for You
You will receive lifetime income paid to you quarterly and an immediate income tax deduction.

A BSA gift annuity may be set up to last for one or two lifetimes. The minimum age for each annuitant must be at least 50 years of age at the time of the gift. The amount of the annual annuity payment is based on the age of the person or persons receiving it.

• Gift annuities can be used to provide guaranteed income for a spouse or for an aging parent.
• By deferring the gift annuity payments, you can use it to plan for your own retirement.
• Deferred annuities may be used by those who have “maxed out” their IRAs for tax purposes. Unlike IRAs, there is no “funding maximum” on gift annuities.

Before you make a gift, the BSA will provide an information packet so that you will know the amount of your annuity, your tax deduction, and exactly how much of your annuity will be tax-free and taxable. This may vary depending on the daily fair market value of non-cash assets.

For More Information
I would be pleased to visit with you or your advisors about the BSA Gift Annuity Program and other planned giving ideas. Also, if you would like more information about what Scouting and the Heart of America Council is doing for our youth and community, please get in touch.

For more information, contact: Randy Kidder, Development Director
(816) 569-4954, randy.kidder@Scouting.org

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Earn Free Rank Advancement
If you have not done so already, set aside some time for an Investment in Character presentation at your next pack meeting, Court of Honor or other meeting that will be well attended by families, friends and grandparents. A district volunteer will conduct the presentation and explain the benefits of Scouting and how these funds will be used.

Investment in Character is the council’s annual fundraising campaign which provides 26% of the council’s annual budget.

If your unit participates in the 2011 Family Investment in Character program and achieve your unit goal and participation goal, you can receive free rank advancement patches for all your Scouts until March 31, 2012. This includes Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and the Arrow of Light patches for the Cub Scout program. Boy Scout patches include Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle (excluding the Eagle Kit). Awards for the Venturing program are the Gold, Bronze and Silver.

Here is how it works:
• Agree upon goal set between your unit and your district finance committee. Your goal must be more than what you raised last year.
• You must also receive an Investment in Character gift from 40% of families in your unit.

The council will invest $140 for each Scout served in 2011. A gift of only $35 per quarter will support one Scout in the program for an entire year.

For more information on this recognition program, contact your district executive at (816) 942-9333 or (800) 776-1110.

Over 3,200 have Gone Digital!
Come check it out and join in the discussion!

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Booklets of Donor Forms Available

Flowers are beautiful but fleeting and material gifts are not always fitting. A tribute can find no finer form than a living gift to the Heart of America Council’s Endowment Fund. If you would like to help direct gifts to the endowment, booklets providing donor forms are available.

For more information, contact Randy Kidder at (816) 569-4954.

In Honor of:

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Mark Felzien

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John and Cynthia Ying

Tom Weaver
James and April Hale

Delbert Whitenack
Gary Mikkelson

Memorial/tribute fund

April/May 2011 7
Cub Scout Day Camp

This year’s Cub Scout Day Camp theme is Cub Quest. Themes change every year with exciting new activities as well as the old favorites – archery, BB guns, obstacle course, crafts, nature experiences and water games.

You may attend your district’s day camp or go to another district that better fits into your schedule. Day camp is for all Cub Scouts and their parents and leaders. Two-deep leadership is required. The 2011 Cub Scout Day Camp fee is $50.00 per Scout if registered by April 6, 2011. On April 7, the fee is $65.00.

The fee to register at camp is $70.00 ($20.00 non-refundable deposit is included). Adults and den chiefs are free!

New:
You can register online for Cub Scout Day Camp at www.hoac-bsa.org!!

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<td>Melinda Combs, (816) 505-0383 <a href="mailto:glassgirl@kc.rr.com">glassgirl@kc.rr.com</a></td>
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<td>Dave Sultz, (913) 381-7824 dks123@ AOL.com</td>
<td>June 13-17, 2011</td>
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<td>40 Acres and a Mule Kansas City, MO</td>
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<td>Doug Wisterhaus, (913) 829-2863 <a href="mailto:dwisterhaus@gmail.com">dwisterhaus@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>John Baker, (816) 808-9010 Sf2kc@ Gmail.com</td>
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<td>Pat Harvey, (913) 205-4178 <a href="mailto:yharvey@everestkc.net">yharvey@everestkc.net</a></td>
<td>June 6-10, 2011</td>
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<td>Bill O’Connor, (913) 302-8549 <a href="mailto:BillOconnor7@yahoo.com">BillOconnor7@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>Shelly Atterbury, (913) 731-3450 <a href="mailto:shellyatterbury@yahoo.com">shellyatterbury@yahoo.com</a></td>
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Scouts at the Northern Tier 2010 Day Camp

The Naish Trading Post not only carries Naish-related merchandise but also has advancement, uniform parts and many of the items carried in our Scout Shop. We look forward to your visit to the Naish Scout Reservation Trading Post this spring!

Naish Scout Reservation
1100 Martinek Lane, Kansas City, KS 66111
Trading Post Spring 2011 Hours

Saturday, April 2; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, April 9; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, April 16; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, April 30; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, May 7; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, May 14; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Bear Camp is the first opportunity you have to take your Cub Scout overnight camping at a council camp. This is a great first step to learning about the outdoors and camping and provides an awesome foundation for parents and their Cub Scouts to learn what Scouting truly offers, from campfires to family bonding to just plain fun!

Registration for Bear Camp is online at http://bearcamp2011.kintera.org/. Full payment of $65/person will be collected at the time of registration online. It is STRONGLY recommended that you register as a pack and not as individuals, though all registrations will be accepted. Session availability is updated live online.

Bear Camp Leader Orientation will be held on May 22 and May 23. Both will be held at 7:00 pm at the Cub World Pavilion at Camp Naish. You only need to attend one of the orientations! We will cover all the latest details for preparing for camp and will try to answer all your questions at that time.

Webelos Camp is a great experience for your 4th and 5th graders to get outdoors in the summer, work on various pieces of advancement and become acclimated to overnight camping as they prepare to become Boy Scouts. We currently have openings in only 3 of our 12 Sessions: July 4-6, July 17-19, and July 24-26. To register, contact the Camping Department at the Scout Office at (816) 942-9333. A deposit of $30/person is due at the time of registration. Final payment is due May 4, 2011 along with your unit’s participant roster.

Also, you will want to mark your calendar for either April 9 at 10:00 am at Naish Scout Reservation OR April 12 at 7:00 pm at Naish Scout Reservation for the Webelos Camp Leader Orientation. You only need to attend one of these dates! We will cover all the latest details for preparing for camp and will try to answer all your questions at that time.

Webelos Camp Leader Orientation for the 2011 camp season.

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Rotary Camp for Scouts with Special Needs

Resident camp for Scouts with special needs in the Heart of America Council is called “Rotary Camp” because it is held at the Rotary Club of Kansas City’s camp in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Rotary Youth Camp, held August 2-6, 2011, is designed for campers with special needs and is barrier-free.

This year, each Scout will have the opportunity to work on advancement and merit badges that relate to the theme of “ Treasure Island”. In addition to the usual aquatics merit badges, we will offer Astronomy, Coin Collecting, Oceanography, and Orienteering. Other activities include swimming, nature trails, campfires, crafts, Order of the Arrow, fun and fellowship.

If you know of a Scout with Special Needs that would enjoy Rotary Camp, please download an application form from the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org, or contact Gordon Corcoran, Staff Advisor at (816) 569-4941 or gcorcora@bsamail.org or Jerry Usry, Camp Director at (913) 226-6800 or jerry_usry@yahoo.com. Visit us on Facebook at HOAC Rotary Camp.

### Staffing Rotary Camp

There are opportunities to serve on camp staff at Rotary Camp. If you are interested in gaining camp staff experience to add to your scouting resume and working with special needs scouts while having one of the greatest camp experiences of your life contact us. Don’t delay, positions are filling fast.

Staff applications are on the council website. For more information contact Gordon Corcoran, Rotary Camp Staff Advisor at (816) 569-4941 or gcorcora@bsamail.org OR Jerry Usry, Rotary Camp Director at (913) 226-6800 or jerry_usry@yahoo.com.

### International Scouting

In 2011, the World Jamboree will be held in Sweden and the contingent is filled by the Central Region! The 2015 World Jamboree will be held in Japan; please promote this now and begin planning your trip now if you want to attend this event in four years.

Closer to home, the 2019 World Jamboree will be held in West Virginia in conjunction with Canada and Mexico. It’s never too early to begin promoting this event; remember, current Tigers, Wolves and Bears will be the attendees at the 2019 World Jamboree!

Other events the International Committee are promoting include the Jambo-ree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet in October 2011 and a possible council-wide High Adventure trip to Kandersteg, Switzerland in 2012.
VENTURING SUMMER CAMP NAISH SCOUT RESERVATION

JULY 9th - JULY 13th, 2011
Registration Deadline: June 8, 2011
Cost: $125 per person

Activities Include:

**SHOOTING SPORTS**
- Rifle
- Field
- Black Powder
- Shotgun
- Archery

**COPE/Climbing**
- Climbing Tower
- Rappelling
- Night Climb
- Low Cope
- High Cope

**PARTIES**
- T-Bone Baseball
- Pirate Plunder
- Hippy Dippy Time
- Wild West

**MOVIES**
- Mountain Ball
- Valley Ball
- Kick Ball
- Badminton
- Field Chess
- Mud Tug of War
- Minute to Win It

**ARTS & CRAFTS**
- Tie-Dye
- Iron Chef
- SCUBA
- Canoeing
- Kayaking

And time for hiking, Geo-caching, mountain biking, horsemanship, and much more!

More info on Venturing Camp and all VOA activities at:
http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Activities/VentureActivities.aspx or call the Council Program Office at (816) 942-9333

COUNCIL VENTURING ACTIVITIES

**VENTURING SPRING BANQUET**
will be held on April 16 at 6:00 pm at the Naish Reservation South Camp Dining Hall, $15 on line registration fee. The Banquet features the recognition of the Venturing Leadership Award recipients and the new Venturing Officer’s Association.

**VENTURING SPRING EVENT**
will meet at the Naish Reservation Central Camp Office. Attend the Spring Event attend for the Banquet at a discounted rate of $10.

**VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARDS**
The Heart of America Council’s Venturing Officer’s Association is pleased to announce the 2011 Venturing Leadership Awardees:
- Hannah Bolton
- Sean Bodendistel
- Tim Bodendistel
- Mitch Dolan
- John “Jack” Karsten
- Sarah Samms
- Josh Wandtke

These individuals are being recognized for their contributions to the Venturing program and the Heart of America Council.

**VENTURING CAMP 2011**
Imagine yourself at this year’s Venturing Camp where you can experience a variety of adventures! Spend 5 days sleeping in tents, camping out in the woods of Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS. Don’t worry about primitive conditions; cause hot showers and modern flush toilets are available.

You can earn parts of your Venturing Ranger and Bronze Awards. You can also spend time just hanging out with friends. There are lots of opportunities to try new activities. Pick from a variety of arts and crafts and learn a new skill, such as welding or making your own glass beads over a torch. You will be able to work with a skilled silversmith to create your own silver jewelry.

**Night-time themed activities.** Attend a pirate party on a pirate ship moored in a pool of water fountains and water cannons. At the large pool, swim or participate in water polo and kayak races. On another night, visit the Wild, Wild West, cook on a campfire and practice your axe throwing and roping skills.

**NEED MORE TO DO?** You probably already know that as a Venturer, you belong to the only BSA program allowed to develop your expertise with pistols. You will have a chance to try a variety of guns. How about some black powder shooting? You want to try your hand firing a shotgun at flying clay targets. The archery range will available, too.

How about climbing and rappelling on a 40-foot tower? On the COPE course enjoy the zip line on the high course and sharpen your problem-solving skills on the low course.

**DISCOVER SCUBA** at the large outdoor pool. Experience the magic of breathing underwater!

All this for only $125. Five days of fun, you will be fed warm meals, and get a free shirt, too!

Looking forward to seeing you at Venturing camp, July 9 - July 13 at Naish Scout Reservation........
New BSA Outdoor Awards

Two new awards have been developed to promote “outdoorism” for Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts!

The National Outdoor Challenge is a unit award that recognizes troops/teams that maintain or increase the amount of outdoor activity when compared to the previous year. This award replaces the National Camping Award.

For Scouts looking for an extra challenge, there’s the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement. This challenging award requires earning at least three of the National Outdoor Achievement segments, planning and leading a trek, earning Wilderness First Aid certification, and becoming a Leave No Trace Trainer, as well as fulfilling several other requirements.

National Summertime Pack Award

Your pack can earn the National Summertime Pack Award by doing three pack activities when school is out for the summer – one activity each in June, July, and August. Packs that qualify get a colorful streamer for their pack flag. Dens that have at least half of their members who take part in all three events are eligible for the National Summertime Pack Award pin, to wear on the right pocket flap of their uniform.

Program Planning Fair

In May or June the district roundtable will become your program planning fair. This is where your unit will get vital programming information. We will discuss the highlights of the coming 18 months and the great activities your unit will be able to participate in. All good programs start with planning and with the information from this meeting you will be able to plan a great program.

Help Wanted - Graphic Designer

Are you good with Adobe InDesign and have a soft spot in your heart for Scouting? We are looking for someone who is able to work part-time to put together the layout and help to produce our council newsletter. Issues will be approximately 28 pages in length. Adventures in Scouting is published 6 times each year. For more information contact Randy Kidder at (816) 569-4954 or at randy.kidder@Scouting.org.
Order of the Arrow

Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend
Tamegonit Lodge has been hard at work this year. Our first Induction Weekend will take place on April 29 - May 1 at Camp Naish. And just a couple weeks later, we will hold our second Induction Weekend on May 13-15 at Camp Naish. We encourage anyone who has been elected to the Order of Arrow (OA) in the last year but has not yet gone through the Ordeal to register as soon as possible to become a member of the OA. We expect the have several hundred new members join Tamegonit Lodge this spring and welcome all our new members. If you miss Spring Inductions, we will hold our final Induction Weekend on August 19-21. Information is available online, at Roundtables, from your unit commissioner, or from an OA Chapter or Lodge Officer or Advisor.

Order of the Arrow High Adventure Programs
The OA High Adventure (OAHA) offer you a lot more than an average participant, for a fraction of the normal price. The programs offer a similar but unique experience for youth members of the OA.

OA Trail Crew is run at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. For the first week, participants work with experienced foremen to build a trail at Philmont. For the second week, you plan your own adventure. It is an incredible new way to experience Philmont.

OA Wilderness Voyage operates in the Boundary Waters, in either Canada or Minnesota. Canadian Odyssey and Wilderness Voyage are both two week experiences. The first half is spent maintaining portages and removing invasive species of plants. The second week will consist of canoeing through the beautiful lakes of the Boundary Waters.

OA Ocean Adventure is at Sea Base in Florida. This ten day program is already full for this year but those who attend other OAHA programs receive priority for future years. Participants work on trail maintenance, invasive plant species removal, and bird habitat preservation camping on both Big Munson Island and Crane Point during the first portion. For the last four days, you sail on a yacht, snorkel over coral reefs, and fish in the Florida Keys.

For more information, or to sign up, go to http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/ or talk to a lodge officer or adviser today!

Tribe of Mic-O-Say

2011 Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration
H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
May 20-22, 2011

The Tribe of Mic-O-Say is an important part of the lives of our 65,000 Scouts and Scouters who have heard their names called to take the long and hazardous trail. The Hills of Osceola are calling you back to celebrate Mic-O-Say’s role in our council. This is your opportunity to participate with Tribesmen returning to our reservation.

You can register to attend online at http://MOSCelebration.kintera.org.
Scout History in the Heart of America #4
by Andy Dubill

The Minute Tapioca Booklet

Soon after the founding of the BSA, companies began to support the new organization by issuing material to support its goals and aims. In 1911, the Minute Tapioca Company issued a booklet written by John Alexander entitled Boy Scouts. With the permission of the BSA, it commented on the program and beliefs of this fledgling organization. It was read by Scouts and their parents in Kansas City and across the country.

On “Camp Life” the booklet stated:

“Camp life means to live under canvas, away from the piles of brick and stone that we generally call our cities. It means to be in the open air, to breathe pure oxygen, to sleep upon “a bed of boughs beside the trail,” to hear the whisper of the trees from amidst the fragrance of the “couch of boughs,” to look at the campfire and stars when the sun has set, to ply the oar or wield the paddle in the moonlight; to dive in the cool waters of the lake or river at the dawn; to eat the plain substantial food of the forests and the wilds, with the delicacy of the fish and fruit they afford; and to come heart to heart with nature with constant communion with the woods, the mountains, and streams – all of this is camping, and all of this is good.

But the camp affords a better opportunity than this. It offers the finest method for a boy’s education. Between the ages of twelve and eighteen years the interests of a boy are general and reach all the way from the catching of minnows and tadpoles to finding God in the stars. Each day brings him new discoveries, and each night sends him back to his camp bed, to sleep among the branches of the balsam or fir, with an unspeakable joy tugging at his heart. A summer spent like this puts red blood in the boy’s veins, a glow of health to his cheek, the hardness of steel to his muscles and sinews, and fits him for the struggle of the school or shop that is going to test his endurance during the long winter months.

The life of a camp is profitable because of its varied activities. A boy learns to build his own bed out of fallen timber, to make his own mattress out of fir branches or by weaving it out of grass; to cook his own meals; to make his own fishing equipment; to catch his own fish; to build his own fire; to keep his camp clean; and in short to rely upon himself and to take care of himself. He learns self-resourcefulness in this out-door life faster than he would anywhere else; and somehow or other, every lake, and tree, and star, and pool of water come to be his personal friends, so that no matter where he is, he is never alone; and whether in solitude or with companions, is cheerful and sunny and always ready to help others.

Some boys cannot go to camp for a summer, while others cannot go to camp for one week or two weeks, but there isn’t any boy, no matter in what city he lives or how big it may be, who cannot go out into God’s out-of-doors for a weekend hiking party or camp.”

Tennis Clinic for Scouts

The Midtown Tennis Club, 6700 110th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66221, is holding a tennis clinic on April 9, 2011 between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. This is free for Scouts. For more information contact Dave Gary at (913) 491-4116 or by email at Dave.gary@midtown.com.

Philmont’s Major Gifts Fellowship Week

October 3-7, 2011

The James E West Fellowship Ambassadors are organizing a Philmont Council Contingent for James E West Fellows, 1910 Society members, Founders Circle members and their spouses. We will join fellow Scouters from across the country at the Philmont Training Center. Northern New Mexico is beautiful in the fall.

Our trek will be fun and relaxing. Spend the mornings in class discussing retirement planning, estates, trusts, and more. Spend the afternoons on behind-the-scenes back-country trips by vehicle (or on foot). We will even take Wednesday off!

The Major Gifts Fellowship Week is October 3-7, 2011. The cost is approximately $550 per participant and $350 per spouse. Participants are housed in private cabins.

Plan to be a part of a fun, fall trip for members of the Heart of America Council’s Heritage Society.

If you are interested, I am putting together our contingent for this trek. No shakedown treks required!

Contact me, Randy Kidder, at rkidder@bsamail.org or by calling (816) 569-4954.
Council Calendar

April

2 Bartle Work Day
5 Horsemanship Committee Meeting
6 Council Day Camp Meeting
7 Patron Luncheon
9 Naish Commissioner Training
9 Naish Work Day
9 Webelos Leader Camp Orientation
12 Webelos Leader Camp Orientation
13 Powderhorn Committee Meeting
13 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
15-17 Venturing Spring Event and Banquet
16 Council International Committee Meeting
16 D.O.E.
16 Camp Safety Training
19 Assistant Council Commissioner Meeting
20 Council Advancement Committee Meeting
20 Council Camping Committee Meeting
20 Council Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
22 Scout Office Closed
27 Council Activities Committee Meeting
27 Investment in Character Report Meeting
28 OA LEC Meeting
29-1 OA Induction Weekend #1
30 Naish Work Day

May

1 VOA Meeting
3 Horsemanship Committee Meeting
4 Council Day Camp Meeting
6-7 Mini-Camp Weekend
10 COPE Climbing Staff Meeting
11 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
12 OA LEC Meeting
13-15 OA Induction Weekend
14 Bartle Work Day
14 Bear Camp Leader Orientation
14 Naish Work Day
17 Council Golf Tournament
18 Council Advancement Committee Meeting
18 West Ambassadors Meeting
21 MOS Tribal Celebration
25 Council Training Committee Meeting
25 Powderhorn Committee Meeting
26 Council Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
30 Scout Office/Scout Shop Closed
31 Bear Camp Leaders Orientation
31 Assistant Council Commissioner Meeting
31 Council Membership Relations Meeting

Mini-Camp
The third Mini-Camp of the spring will be held on May 7-8 at Camp Naish. Registration is available online at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Activities/MiniCampWeekends.aspx. Spots are filling up quickly so make sure to register as soon as possible. Your Scouts can participate in the following activities at Mini-Camp on May 7-8:

- Wilderness First Aid (available for youth and adults)
- Climbing/Rappelling
- COPE
- Archery Shooting
- Rifle Shooting
- Shotgun Shooting
- Pistol Shooting (registered Venturers only)
- Advanced Rifle Shooting
- Advanced Shotgun Shooting
- Advanced Pistol Shooting (registered Venturers only)

Cost is $25 for all courses except for Wilderness First Aid for adults, which costs $60. We look forward to seeing you at Mini-Camp in May!

Help Send Special Needs Children to Camp
Camps for Kids provide scholarships so that special needs kids have an opportunity to attend camp during the summer. Attend a T-Bones game on June 25, campout on the field overnight and your $35 admissions ticket will help this organization help children with special needs enjoy the outdoors.

You will receive a Camp for Kids hat, T-shirt and you will be served dinner and breakfast. During the night enjoy a Cabela’s casting contest and watch fireworks and two on-field movies. Don’t have enough camping gear? Camps for has some great packages of Coleman gear. For more information visit www.campsforkids.org or call (816) 559-4622

Service Project Opportunity
Hope Faith Ministries is a non-profit - 501(c)(3), non-denominational, faith-based ministry that serves the needs of the homeless and less fortunate in Kansas City, Missouri. They serve approximately 800 clients each day, each with a diverse range of emotional, spiritual and physical needs.

If you are looking for an organization that is truly making a difference in Kansas City, please consider partnering with us to complete your Eagle Scout project.

For more information, please contact Jim Niffen, (816) 471-4673 ext 120 or email jim@hopefaithministries.org.
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Investment in Character

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made a generous financial contribution to Scouting. As you all know, Investment in Character is an essential part of funding the operations of the district and council and as beneficiaries of service what our annual fundraising provides, your support is imperative to the continuation of the Scouting movement.

Please work with our Investment in Character volunteers who devote hours of their time, above and beyond their contributions to their units, to ensure that our annual campaign is a success.

District Recognition Dinner

This year’s District Recognition Dinner was a great success and I think was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Thanks to all those that made it possible; also looking to the future we are seeking input for next year’s dinner. We are looking for suggestions in location and program.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby was a lot of fun and enjoyed by all and I would like to thank Art Siegworth and his team of people for their roles in making the 2011 Pinewood Derby a great experience for our young people. Next time you see Art be sure to thank him and his staff.

April Calendar

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Big Muddy Cub Scout Day Camp

This year’s camp promises to be another great program with Michelle Stilwell at the helm. Michelle and her staff have put together a new and exciting program. Day camp will be held at Dyer Park in Odessa, MO, June 6-9. Make sure your pack is signed up ASAP. For more information contact Michelle Stilwell at (816) 820-2179 or Jon Geiger at (816) 569-4932.

Join Us At Our Roundtables

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church located on south Highway 13 in Lexington at 7:30 pm the first Tuesday of every month. Please make sure your unit has someone there to pick up materials and relay information. Having that person make a report at the Unit Committee meeting is a great way for your unit to stay on top of upcoming events.

Heart of America Council

The 2011 Big Muddy Boy Scout Bass Tournament

What is it?
The Boy Scout Bass Fishing Tournament is an opportunity to financially support Scouting in Lafayette, Ray and Carroll Counties.

When?
The Tournament will be Saturday, June 4th, 2011 from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where?
Pat’s Boats and Motors 211 South Street, Lexington, MO 64067

Cost?
$25.00 per person or $40 per team, two people per team.

Rules?
All fishing must take place on June 4th, 2010 between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00p.m. You are allowed to fish any public or private water structure, as long as fish are kept alive for official weigh-in. Pole and line method will be the only method allowed. Team and Single Entries will be weighed together in the same class, all Missouri State regulations apply.

Prizes?
Prizes will be awarded for the heaviest Largemouth Bass and the heaviest combined five Largemouth Bass. First, second, and third places will be awarded. The Heaviest Bass will receive a trophy and free mounting of the fish by Brooke’s Taxidermy in Norborne, MO.

Registration:
Registration will be open at Pat’s Boats from 5:30 a.m.-7:00 a.m. the day of the tournament. Come by for free coffee and doughnuts, check out your competition, and bring your best fishing story. All registrants must be checked in by 7:00 a.m. or be paid in advance to participate. All mailed registrations must be post marked by May 31st. Registrations can be made in person at Pat's Boats in Lexington, Tom Hodson Insurance in Wellington, The Jones Store and Larry’s True Value in Richmond, or Watsons Furniture in Odessa.

More Info?
Contact Jon Geiger at (816) 569-4932 or jgeiger@bsamail.org or Tony Stigall (816) 809-7645

Special thanks to those businesses that support Scouting!!!

Big Muddy Bass Fishing Tournament

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April Calendar

2 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, 8:30 am, Christ United Methodist
7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm, Plaza Heights, 1501 SW Clark Rd.
7 OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm, Plaza Heights, 1501 SW Clark Rd.
14 Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 pm, Beacon Heights
14 District Committee Meeting, 8:30 pm, Beacon Heights
16 SM/ASM Specific Training, 8:00 am, American Legion Farm
29-30 Outdoor Leader Skills, 6:00 pm, American Legion Farm

May Calendar

5 Program Planning Fair, 7:00 pm, Sunny Vale Middle School Blue Springs
12 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm, Beacon Heights
12 District Committee Meeting, 8:30 pm, Beacon Heights

Program Planning Fair

Program Planning Fair is one of the most important roundtables of the year. Send a representative from your unit to check out and sign up for some of the Blue Elk events coming up in the next year.

Some helpful tips for information you will need at the program fair:
- Have your popcorn kernel info handy and ready to turn in
- Bring your 2012 FOS presentation date, we’ll get you on the calendar
- Bring a unit calendar to request a speaker for a specific program
- Have your point of contact information for your pack for School Night recruitment
- Stop at the final table to pick up your program fair packet

Join us at the Program Fair on May 5, 7:00 pm at Sunny Vale Middle School, 3930 Northwest R D Mize Road.

Day Camp Webelos Program

Check the Blue Elk Day Camp page on the council website for more information on day camp and the first ever Blue Elk Webelos Day Camp program and overnight!
- July 11-15
- American Legion Farm, Blue Springs, MO
- Fees: $50, on or before April 7, $65, April 8-July 10, $70, during camp

Order of the Arrow

OA is a growing program in the Blue Elk District. Check out the monthly newsletter on the Blue Elk activities webpage.

Contact Sue Shirk, MustangSuzy@aol.com, (816) 797-7072 or Trent Garton, kcgarton@yahoo.com, (816) 260-2763 to schedule a visit your troop to give a presentation on OA and what you can gain from becoming a member.

Venturing Spot Light

One of the focuses for the Heart of America Council in 2011 is Venturing. If you are a Venture crew and have a story to share please send it in with pictures. If you are interested in learning more about or want to join a Venture crew contact one of the Blue Elk executives for more information

Blue Elk Klondike Derby

Snow, Boy Scouts, and dog sleds came together on January 22 at George Owens Park for the annual Blue Elk District Klondike Competition. Over 350 Scouts, 35 troops, and 55 sled teams competed in a variety of events.

Archery, target shooting, compass reading, cooking, knots, lashings, wood cutting, first aid, outdoor survival, obstacle course, and transporting their sleds “Across the Ravine” were some of the activities in the Klondike competition. When Scout Josh Olson, of Troop 266 in Oak Grove, was asked what his favorite event was, he declared “hot chocolate!”

Scouts from Troop 266 at Klondike Derby

Investment in Character Presentations

Have you scheduled your 2011 family presentation? Have you negotiated your unit goal for free rank advancement? Did you know that if you reach your stretch goal determined by the council you’ll receive a $200 camp credit?

For more information on all of this contact Brian Bentrop, 569-4918.
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April Calendar

7 Roundtable/ OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm, Bonner Springs UMC
7 Day Camp Staff Training, 6:30 pm, Bonner Springs UMC
7 Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 6:30 pm, Bonner Springs UMC
7 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm, Bonner Springs UMC
9 Day Camp Staff Training, 1:00 pm, Naish Scout Reservation
9 Day Camp Walking Leader Training, 1:00 pm, Naish Scout Reservation
14 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Cabela’s in KCK
16 Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony, 8:00 am, Wyandotte County Lake

May Calendar

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Family Invesment in Character Presentations

Our Family Friends of Scouting Campaign is still going strong. As of March 1, our district has raised $20,238. Congratulations to Troop 144, Pack 3164, and Pack 3167 for earning their free rank advancement. There are several units close to achieving Free Rank Advancements. They are Troops 66, 366, 167 and 176 as well as Pack 3044.

Thank you to the following packs and troops that have had a presentation: Pack 3149, Troop 169, Pack 3165, Pack 3001, Pack 3167, Troop 144, Team 6244, and Pack 3164.

Contact Julian Rivette at (816) 569-4947 to schedule your pack or troop Investment in Character Family presentation.

Pinewood Derby

The General Motors Fairfax Plant provided an outstanding atmosphere for our 12th Annual District Pinewood Derby. We had 104 registered Cub Scouts enjoy racing, hot dogs, cheeseburgers, and a car show. Thank you to General Motors/UAW #31 and their corporate sponsors. Their participation enabled our derby to raise a little over $20,000 to ensure a quality summer camping experience for young men in our district who otherwise could not afford this opportunity. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Cub Scout Day Camp

It’s almost time for Cub Scouts to shoot bows and arrows, sling shots, bb guns, and other games and activities. YES, it’s time for CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP!!!!!!! This year, day camp will take place from June 27 to July 1 in South Camp at Naish Scout Reservation. Chris Bowling of Kaw District is returning as Day Camp Director. Laura Trotta from Pack 3149 has volunteered to be our Program Director and has some exciting activities planned.

Day Camp Staff and Walking Leader Training will be held at the April 7 roundtable and again on May 5 at the Bonner Springs United Methodist Church.

Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony

The purpose of a callout ceremony is to publically recognize each elected Scout as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Registration starts at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 16 at Wyandotte County Lake. Pre-registration is requested in order for us to provide materials to all participants. All registration forms are due in NO LATER THAN Friday, April 8. For more information, contact Jim Duree at (913) 626-1142 or jduree7086@aol.com
Cub Scout Day Camp
It’s about time for a Cub Quest! Strap on the Indian Jones hats and join us at the Clinton Artesian Park on June 13 through the 17 for great Cub Scout adventure. Leaders, this is a great way to keep those kids active in the summer so they come back in the fall. $50 covers a week of shooting, building, swimming and fun-learning if you register before April 6. The fee increases to $65 after that, so make sure you register early! Please contact Kathy Cooper if you have questions.

Please note that there will be no Tot Lot available. This means that children who are not registered cub scouts will not be able to attend day camp.

Investment In Character
Investment in Character is in full swing. Each year the “Investment” 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 an overall goal of $33,300, of which we’ve raised a little more than half. For the family division, Rick House has done a great job of getting presentations scheduled and completed and successfully made Lone Bear the first district to meet our goal. Many units have met their goal this year and have been recognized with Free Rank Advancement. Thank you to all who invest in our Scouting youth!

Spring Recruiting and Webelos Transition
Spring is a great time for new boys to join your troop or pack. All second year Webelos should have transitioned into the troop of their choice and started work on their trail to Eagle. New, exciting adventures await them in the Boy Scout program.

Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders can hold spring recruiting events to grow their program. Cub Scout leaders should remember that kindergartners are eligible to join on June 1 and would love to come to camp. The council can provide flyers and many other tools to help you be successful in your recruiting efforts. For information, please contact Mike Morales at (660) 885-3702 or mush-

Spring Camporee
Join us April 15 – 17, at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation for our semi-annual Spring Camporee. This year’s theme is “The Amazing Race”. Contact Jon Cerda for questions.

District Pinewood Derby
Cubs! Come on out for a second opportunity to race! This year’s Pinewood Derby will be hosted by Pack 509 from Knob Noster and will be held on April 30.
Training
Welcome to our new District Training Chairman, Greg Plumb. He brings years of experience to the job. Please contact Greg at scouter@gregplumb.com.

In 2011, all registered leaders must be trained for their position. Please review the required training for your current registered position. Work with the unit trainer to ensure that the training you have received applies to your position. Check the district calendar for training opportunities. Additional information can be found at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/Training.aspx.

2011 Pinewood Derby
The North Star District is proud to report that we had a great Pinewood Derby! We had over 179 participants from all over the Northland. We also had the pleasure of our new Scout Executive, Kenn Miller, to come and visit! Thanks to everyone who helped out, especially Jeff Cook, our emcee.

An exciting finish at the North Star Pinewood Derby

Investment in Character
We’re in the midst of the 2011 Investment in Character fundraising campaign. If your unit has yet to schedule a presentation, please decide on the best time and contact Mike Farrell. Troop Courts of Honor and Pack meetings or any activities that will be attended by families are ideal opportunities. A volunteer presenter will take just a few minutes to tell the Scouting story and give families an opportunity to support Scouting. To schedule a presentation contact District Executive, Mike Farrell at mfarrell@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4950.

Day Camp 2011
Day camp will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds in Tracy, MO, on June 13 - 16, 2011.

Walking Leader Training will be on Saturday, April 16 and Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 am to noon at Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd Street.

The deadline to turn in day camp registrations is at the April roundtable. Any late registrations will be subject to late fees.

There is a need for both adult and youth staff this year. If you can help provide a fun and quality program, please contact Melinda McCombes at (816) 505-0383, glassgirl@kc.rr.com, or Charlotte Sims at (816) 455-2436, charlottesims@att.net.

Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience
Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience will be on April 29 and 30, 2011. Training will start at 5:00 pm. This is an overnight event that teaches the outdoor camping skills needed to take your Webelos den on an overnight camping event. You can find out more about WLOE at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Libraries/North_Star_Documents/NS_WLOE_Training_2011_04__2.sflb.ashx.
Thank Yous from the District

I would like to thank all those who helped with the following events:

- Thank you to all who helped with Klondike Derby. The event was a huge success and the boys had a great time
- Thank you to Stephanie Ogan who coordinated this year’s district dinner and to Judy Tuckness for her history of the district. This year we are celebrating our 10th Anniversary! Be sure to congratulate Terry Dixon, Marshall Hollingsworth, and Todd Martin on receiving the District’s highest honor of the new class of Award of Merit Recipients
- Thank you to David Wieliczka and his team for putting together the Webelos on Wheels event in February

Training

- We will hold Cub Position Specific Training on April 19 at Lakeview Village-9000 Park in Lenexa, East side Terrace entrance
  - Registration begins at 6:00 pm and the course starts at 6:30 pm
  - If you have questions please contact Lorri Kearns at lkkearns@kc.rr.com.

Investment in Character Campaign

- The Investment in Character Campaign (formally the Friends of Scouting Campaign) is off and running
  - Congratulations to 3584, 584, 6584, 2584, and 283 for achieving the above and beyond prize of a $200 camp credit and 351 for achieving Free Rank Advancement! Congratulate these units when you see them out and about
  - Track your units progress by visiting the district’s homepage at: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier.aspx Scroll down until you see the Friends of Scouting information and click on the unit tracking sheet

Cub Scout Day Camp

- The date for this year’s camp are Monday June 13-Friday June 17, 2011
  - Shawnee Riverfront Park-5800 Frisbie Road in Shawnee
  - There will be a walking leader meeting at the park on May 25 at the Park at 7:00 pm
  - For more information please contact Dave Sultz (Camp Director) or Lorri Kearns (Program Director) at nt_daycamp@yahoo.com Visit the day camp webpage for more information at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/DayCamp.aspx
Pelathe
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April Calendar
2  Training Extravaganza, Prairie Park Elementary
2  Good Turn Project, 9:00 am
6  Outdoor Skills Training - Classroom session
7  Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm, First Baptist Church
7  Roundtable, 7:00 pm, First Baptist Church
8-9 Spring Camporee, Camp Bromelsick
16 Scouting for Food
15-16 Outdoor Skills Training - Outdoor Weekend
21  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Troop 55 Cabin
29-1 Webelos Graduation, Camp Bromelsick

May Calendar
5  Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm, First Baptist Church
5  Roundtable, 7:00 pm, First Baptist Church
19  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Troop 55 Cabin

Roundtable
It is recommended that everyone attend roundtable. This is an informational event that takes place to make sure your troop or pack has all the materials and training you need to become successful. Roundtables are a good way to get 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.

Investment in Character
Scott Gates is working hard making sure we reach out to everyone in the Pelathe District and give them the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of numerous youth in the Boy Scouts of America. Please take the time to fill out a pledge card and send it into the council office if you have not done so yet. Every unit should be having a presentation take place at one of their meetings (typically it’s the Blue and Gold Banquet or Courts of Honor). Thank you in advance for everyone’s support to the Scouting program!

Eagle Dinner
On February 17, 2011, 17 young men were recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 2010 and early 2011. This recognition was part of the 25th Annual Pelathe District Eagle Scout banquet held at the Lawrence Country Club on February 17. In addition to recognizing the Eagle Scouts, the Pelathe District presented the National Award of Heroism to Ryan and William Schulteis. The Schulteis’ were given this award for assisting a victim of a motorcycle accident. Thankfully, the motorcyclist survived because of the quick actions of William and Ryan.

Thanks to all who contributed to such a fine evening. Special thanks to the Lawrence Country Club for a hosting the event in such a superb manner and to Troop 158 for providing an exceptional Color Guard.

Training
Remember, every youth signed up for Scouts deserves a “Trained Leader”. In 2011 every registered leader must be trained for the current position they hold in the unit. Please double check to be sure that you have taken the proper training courses. Please check out our website to find out when the trainings are taking place: www.hoac-bsa.org.

Webelos Graduation
Retention, Retention, Retention!!!!!!! Retention is the way the Pelathe District will continue to grow. Please follow up with every Webelos II Scout that does not transition over to a troop. Please find out why, so we can make sure next time every boy bridges over into Boy Scouts. Thank you for everyone’s efforts in providing the best possible program for the boys so they remain interested in scouts and continue to have a blast and become young healthy individuals.
April Calendar

7 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm, Central UMC
7 Roundtable, 7:30 pm, Central UMC
19 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, VFW Building

May Calendar

5 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm, Central UMC
5 Roundtable, 7:30 pm, Central UMC
7 Cub Scout Spring Event, Missouri Town
17 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, VFW Building

District Awards Dinner

The Annual Pioneer Trails District Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, February 5 at Colonial Presbyterian Church. Congratulations are in order to the eight Award of Merit recipients from the Pioneer Trails District: Also, congratulations to all of the other award recipients for your outstanding service to the youth in Kansas City. Once again George Weaver and Carol DeFeo put on a great District Dinner! Thank you.

Merit Badge Academy

The 2011 Merit Badge Academy was a success. Approximately 130 Scouts from the Pioneer Trails District and surrounding districts were in attendance earning elective and eagle required merit badges. Thank you to Pat Parks, Advancement Chairman, for planning and facilitating the event and to all of the leaders and merit badge counselors who volunteered their time to help the Scouts of Kansas City advance through the Boy Scout program. Another thank you to Vice-Principal Philip LoScoula and Hogan Preparatory Academy for opening their facilities to the Boy Scouts free of charge.

Cub Scout Day Camp in Pioneer Trails

Cub Scout Day Camp is just around the corner! All Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos are invited to attend the 2011 Pioneer Trails Cub Scout Day Camp, June 20-23 at Longview Lake Group Camping Area. The theme for this year’s day camp is “Cub Quest,” and Day Camp Director Andrea Gray has many fun and exciting activities planned!

The deadline for the $50 rate is April 6, so if you haven’t already, register your pack today time is running short! Visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/DayCamp.aspx for registration information.

Cub Scout Spring Event

This year’s Cub Scout Spring Event is being held at Missouri Town at Lake Jacomo in Lee’s Summit, MO. Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents in attendance will be participating in the sheep shearing activity. The cost is $7 per person (free for those 5 years of age and younger) and includes activity expenses and lunch. Check out the http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx for more information including registration form.

For questions or for more information, contact Ed Mulik, District Activities Chair, at scrounge_ed@hotmail.com, or (816) 835-3065.

Visit the District Webpage

The Heart of America Council website is a great place to gather information and resources. Whether you are in a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or Venture crew, you will find valuable information relating to district and council events, training, resources and forms, and advancement just to name a few. Check out the Pioneer Trails District website here: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails.aspx.
Red-Tailed Hawk

Red-Tailed Hawk District

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Venturing Roundtable  Stan Lloyd  (913) 541-9404

April Calendar

2-3  Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, Outdoor Leader Skills Training
7  Roundtable, 7:00 pm, College Church of the Nazarene
14  Commissioner and Committee Meetings, 7:00 pm, College Church of the Nazarene
16-17  Webelos Woods, 9:00 am, Cedar Lake

May Calendar

5  Roundtable, 7:00 pm, College Church of the Nazarene
5  COR and MB Counselor Training, 7:00 pm, College Church of the Nazarene
12  Commissioner and Committee Meetings, 7:00 pm, College Church of the Nazarene

Membership

Now is the time to start planning and holding a spring recruitment drive for your pack or troop. The kindergartners need to be asked to join up with the packs so they can attend day camp. Troops can plan open houses and invite new boys to join up for summer camp or high adventure trips.

For recruiting information or fliers, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974.

“Cub Quest” Cub Scout Day Camp

When: June 13-16
Where: Old Lake Olathe Golf Course
Theme: Cub Quest

Start the summer with a bang as we spend a week working on achievements and participating in other fun activities like archery, BB guns, arts and crafts, science, sports, and the infamous waterslide. Cubs are sure to enjoy the noontime surprise activities we have planned as well. A special emphasis has been put on Webelos achievements this year, so make sure to promote day camp to your entire pack.

Register online at http://daycamp.kintera.org or by roundtable on April 7 to receive an early bird discount. Sign up now to be a day camp volunteer and make memories of a lifetime!

Webelos Woods

When: April 16-17, 2011
Where: Cedar Lake, Olathe, KS

Mark your calendars for this year’s Webelos Woods! Webelos Woods is an overnight camping adventure designed to introduce next year’s Webelos I and II scouts (current bear and Webelos 1) and their parents to Scouting adventures ahead and to help create excitement for the future transition into Boy Scouts. This exciting fun-filled event costs $12 for each boy and adult in attendance. This includes a Webelos Woods patch, program supplies, insurance, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, and a program that is out of this world, well at least out of the class room! Science is all around us, and the boys will be working toward the science activity badge. There will be 5 stations that will keep you on your toes—and you thought science was boring in school! On Saturday night there will be an awesome campfire with an option for each pack to present a skit or song. This event can only hold 300 Webelos and parents so please register as a pack by the April roundtable.

Investment In Character

Thanks to David McCreight and Dan Himmelberg, our family co-chairs, the Red-Tailed Hawk family campaign is tracking to hit our goal of $61,000 by the victory celebration on June 7. Congratulations to the following units that have made their goal at the publishing of this article: 2085, 2201, 2208, 2783, 3210, 3362, 3783, 6783, 201, 324, 783. This year, we are especially grateful to all of the presenters and unit coordinators who are helping us to reach our goal.

If you have any questions about your unit’s goal or how to receive Free Rank Advancement through 2012 or the $200 camp credit, please contact Chris Rinella at (816) 569-4929.

Scouts from Troop 324 keep repeating Scout Oath
Cub Scout Speedway! (at Paradise Park)

Thank you to everyone that helped make the District Pinewood Derby possible. We had several racers come out to compete. Scouts enjoyed other games and family events at the Park as well.

Special thanks to Jay Ronnberg for chairing the event. Thank you to Paradise Park for hosting the event. It was a fun filled day!

Merit Badge Academy

Thank you to all the volunteers that put on the Merit Badge Academy. Special thanks to Ken Fuenfhausen, Jason Davis, John Monson, and all the staff for helping organize and run the event. The Merit Badge Academy is one of the largest events of the year. Scouts have the opportunity to work on a wide variety of interesting badges, and have a good time in the process. It is one of the highlights of the year.

Spring Recruiting

We’re ready to help your unit grow! Resources that are available in the fall are also available in the Spring. If you are planning a summer program, and would like more boys to enjoy it contact Kathy Ruth at (816) 506-6357 or email at ksruth61@fairpoint.net.

Cub Scout Day Camp

When: June 27 to July 1, 2011
Where: Markey Park, Belton

Cub Scouts of all ages are invited to join us for the week of summer vacation that will be the most fun of all! Just a few of the great things we will be doing during the week are; BB guns, archery (bows and arrows), slingshots, fishing, and much more.

This year our Day Camp Director is John Baker, stl2kc@gmail.com and our Program Director is Kelly Clasen, webeloskelly@aol.com.

See the Thunderbird Day Camp webpage for details: http://hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Thunderbird/DayCamp.aspx. or contact our directors for more information or to volunteer to serve on our staff.

April Calendar

2  Cub Scout Speedway, 9:00 am, Paradise Park
5  Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm, Hickman Mills Jr. High
5  Roundtable, 7:30 pm, Hickman Mills Jr. High
7  Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills, 7:00 pm, Council Service Center
12  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Thomas More
15-16 Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills, 6:00 pm, Troop 300 Cabin, Pleasant Hill

May Calendar

3  Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm, Hickman Mills Jr. High
3  Roundtable, 7:30 pm, Hickman Mills Jr. High
10 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Thomas More
### Venturing Silver Award

Congratulations to Molly Even and Amanda Foster for receiving the Venturing Silver Award. These are the first two youth in the district to receive this award. The Silver Award is the highest award a Venturing youth can receive.

### Program Fair to be Held

#### May 5

Are you looking for new activities to engage your unit in the coming year? All unit leaders are invited to check out our Program Fair at May’s roundtable! Come network with leaders from across the district and gather information on all the upcoming district and council activities and resources to help you plan a stronger program.

### Facebook

The Trailhead District is on Facebook. Join our page as we begin to utilize this to keep you up to date with upcoming events and discussion.

### Webelos Woods

On May 6–7 at Naish Scout Reservation, the Trailhead District will be hosting the Second annual overnight camping weekend for 3rd and 4th grade boys. Activities may include fire building, cooking, archery, BB guns, Webelos Activity Pins, knot tying, and much more! For current information visit the Trailhead activities website at http://hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead/Activities.aspx.

### Investment in Character

The Investment in Character campaign is off and running. Congratulations to Troop 92, 282, Pack 3011, and 3286 for reaching goal and will receive Free Rank Advancement. Also congratulations to Pack 3286 for reaching their Above & Beyond goal. They will receive a $200 credit to camp!

### New District Committee Members for 2011

Welcome our new District Committee Members to our team! Feel free to contact any of them with your questions. (See the list on the left of visit the webpage for contact info) http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead/DistrictLeadership.aspx

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2010 Centennial Quality District

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April Calendar

7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm, Community Covenant Church
9 Community Good Turn Day, 8:00 am, see story above for locations
12 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Principal Financial Group
15-17 Outdoor Leader Skills @Webelo-Ree, Lake Olathe Old Golf Course
15-16 Webelo-Ree, Lake Olathe Old Golf Course
20 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 pm, Sunflower Elementary

May Calendar

5 Info-Ree, 7:00 pm, Holy Trinity Quigley Center
5 Day Camp Leader Training@Roundtable, 6:00 pm
10 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Principal Financial Group
18 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 pm, Sunflower Elementary
21 BALOO Training, 9:00 am, St. Paul United Methodist Church

“Info-Ree” - Program Planning Fair
Thursday, May 5, Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS – 7:00 pm

Join us for the 1st Annual Trails West District “Info-Ree.” Get the latest scoop on upcoming activities and the tools your unit needs to succeed. From High Adventure to popcorn, experts will be on hand to answer your questions. And don’t forget to pick up your unit’s 2012 Program Planning Packet.

Trails West Good Turn Day

Give back to our communities with a day of service. On April 9, the Trails West District will be hosting two community service projects in Lenexa and Olathe, KS. The Olathe project will take place at Cedar Lake and the Lenexa project will take place at Sar Ko Par Park. Times for both projects are 8:00 am – Noon.

To sign-up your unit to participate, contact Skip McGurk at skiptm@greenlightds.com

District Award Winners

Congratulations to all of our District Award winners. Awards were presented at the Trails West District Dinner in January.

District Award of Merit – Lowell Teague & Todd Whiteley
Pioneer Award – Christine O’Connor
Service Award – Rob Adams
Outstanding Den Leader – Deanna Tillet (3089) & Emily McBee (3087)
Outstanding Committee Chair – Kim Jackowski (3089) & Ed Prince (181)
Outstanding Cubmaster – Tom Laughlin (3084)
Outstanding Scoutmaster – Matt Bacon (487)
Outstanding Asst. Scoutmaster – Mike McMullen (522) & Tom Chaffin (83)
Outstanding Crew Advisor – Mike Denning (2088)
Outstanding Commissioner – Jim Hanus
Outstanding District Committee – Bob Middendorf

Webelo-Ree 2011

Friday, April 15 – Saturday, April 16
Lake Olathe Old Golf Course (Santa Fe & Wardcliff)

Cost: $10

Webelo-Ree is an overnight camping adventure that introduces your Bear and Webelos Scouts to the excitement of the Boy Scout program. Join us for a weekend of fun activities, demonstrations and plenty of outdoor excitement. Register at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/Activities.aspx.

Day Camp 2011 “Cub Quest”

When: June 6 – 9, Lake Olathe Old Golf Course (Santa Fe & Wardcliff)
Cost: $50 if paid by April 6.

Pack Coordinator and Walking Leader Training

Thursday, May 5, Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS, 6:00 pm

More Information: Bill O’Connor 913-302-8549 or billoconnor7@yahoo.com Or http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/DayCamp.aspx
## Twin Rivers

### District Officers

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**Training**

It will soon be time to register for the 2011 Cub Scout Day Camp will be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola June 6th through June 9th, 2011. This year’s theme in Cub Scout Quest. Don’t let your Cubs miss out on a single minute of the FUN!

For questions contact;

**Day Camp Director**

Paul Harris
harris_paul@interstatebrands.com
(913) 905-4200

**Day Camp Program Director**

Aida Thompson
aida.thompson@gmail.com
(913) 871-9414

### Journey to Excellence

The BSA’s new Performance Recognition Program that replaces the Centennial Quality Unit program is called “Journey to Excellence”. The forms to set goals and track progress toward them are available on-line or from your unit commissioner.

Please get with your unit commissioner as soon as possible to set your unit’s goals so that you can improve the program for the Scouts in your unit.

### 2011 Merit Badge College

The 2011 Merit Badge College was held in February at Osawatomie High School with 29 Scouts attending. The Scouts worked on the Art, Crime Prevention, Fire Safety, and First Aid Merit Badges.

Thank you to Brock Guernsey, Bob Stegner, and Patty Trull for serving as counselors and to all of the leaders and parents who got the boys where they needed to be.

### 2011 District Dinner

The annual district awards dinner for the Twin Rivers District was held on March 12 at the American Legion Hall in Paola, Kansas. At the dinner the following Scouters were recognized for their service to youth in our district;

**District Award of Merit**

- Charles Atterbury
- Galen Critchfield

**Distinguished Service Award**

- Cheryl Brunk
- Kevin Leslie
- Sarah Lovesee
- Tom Love

**Special Service Award**

- Anita Guernsey
- Thomas Haus
- Paul Moss
- Wil Salazar
- Matt Walburger

Congratulations to our award recipients and all of our hard working Scout leaders.

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*Art merit badge at the 2011 Merit Badge College*
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.

Late Post Renewals

Attention all Explorer Post that have not turned in your renewal paperwork, they are 60 days past due. It is critical that your paperwork be turned in as soon as possible. Please call or email me so that I can help you to get your paperwork turned in. There is still time, but you have to act now. Call Lisa Thomas at (816) 569-4972 or email at lithomas@lflmail.org.

Keep in Touch

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 lithomas@lflmail.org.

Updates for our Newsletter

We would like to hear about what you are doing with articles and pictures. In the newsletter, we offer an abundance of information, but it is a lot of fun to see what the other posts and groups are doing out there. If you have a great story to tell of an adventure, activity, or exciting event, send it in or email me your story with pictures and we’ll try to get it in to the newsletter.

Scholarship for Explorers

There are a number of scholarships available on the website for Exploring. Surf to http://exploring.learningforlife.org/ to find out more.

Here is one example:

International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation Explorer Scholarships

The foundation coordinates a yearly scholarship program, made possible by generous contributions from corporations and companies throughout the country. The Volunteer Firemen’s Insurance Services has provided the funding for two $500 scholarships for fire service Explorers.

The scholarship’s objective is to assist Explorers in pursuing a career in the fire sciences or any related academic program.

Qualifications

Any fire service Explorer who is an active member of a state, county, provincial, municipal, community, industrial, or federal fire department and who has demonstrated proficiency as such a member is eligible to apply.

Other criteria are as follows:

1. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior in May or June of the year in which application is made.
2. The school selected by the applicant must be an accredited public or proprietary institution.
3. The applicant must furnish his/her academic record (transcript when possible).
4. Recommendations must be received from each of the following (no relatives): post Advisor, high school representative (principal or academic adviser), and community representative.
5. The applicant must write a 250-word essay about why he/she feels qualified to receive the scholarship.
6. The applicant must submit a black-and-white glossy photo (such as a passport photo) for publicity purposes in the event of selection

Deadlines

All completed applications must be approved by the local Learning for Life representative and submitted by July 1 to Learning for Life.

Applications should be sent to

International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation Explorer Scholarships Learning for Life, S210 P.O. Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015-2079