Adventures in Scouting

“A Scout is Brave”

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The History of Scouting in the Heart of America

A Series by Andy Dubill

Our First Scout Executive - Colonel T. W. Goldin

On August 10, 1910 there was a gathering of city fathers in the YMCA's new building at Tenth and Oak. This meeting would mark the formal beginning of the Scouting program in the “Heart of America”. The YMCA had played an important role in introducing and supporting the fledgling Boy Scout organization in different parts of our country and Kansas City would prove to be the same.

Presiding at this organizational meeting was Colonel Cusil Lechtman, the commanding officer of the Kansas City Regiment of the Missouri State Militia. R.L. Flynn, the Boys’ Work Secretary of the local YMCA organization gave an enthusiastic explanation of the new Boy Scout program that had been founded early that year. Flynn was very excited about the possibilities that Scouting had for the youth of Kansas City. Colonel Lechtman, as the presiding officer for the meeting immediately called for men from the group of twenty-five who were in attendance to volunteer to organize troops. Several men jumped to their feet and volunteered. The first who was chosen was seated near the front of the group. He was Charles A. Barrett who would become a Scoutmaster in 1910 and continue to spend fifty-eight active years in support of the Scouting organization.

Others quickly followed: William M. Rhodes, K.B. Olson, E.J. Knapp, Archibald Gould, C.B. Reynolds, A.R. Strother, Paul E. Kendall, Charles Vining, D.T. Mervine, L.C. Bradshaw, C.S. Bishop and Jo Zach Miller, III. With so many enthusiastic volunteers ready to support this new organization, Scouting was ready to move forward in Kansas City at a rapid pace.

On September 13, 1910, the Kansas City Council adopted its first official Boy Scout uniform: a flannel khaki shirt, khaki knee pants, black stockings, black shoes and a broad-brimmed hat. This would work until the official Scout uniforms became available in the area.

On October 15, 1910, the Kansas City Boy Scout organization was chartered with the following as charter members: J.A. Bales, Mayor Darius Brown, Patrick Connor, J.E. Duncan, R.L. Flynn, Colonel T.W. Goldin, W.E. Griffin, Paul Kendall, Colonel Cusil Lechtman, Jay M. Lee, Jo Zach Miller, III, Dr. F.C. Neff, C.B. Reynolds, C.W. Sass, F.L. Severance, Louis W. Shouse, A.B. Strother, C.M. Vining, A.J. Watson and B.L. Welch.

It was announced in the newspapers in early 1911 that Colonel T.W. Goldin had taken charge of the Boy Scout organization in Kansas City. He was a very interesting individual as he had been an Indian scout for General George Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn and had been commissioned to carry a message to the General just before the battle began. Goldin was in his mid fifties in 1911 and had a ruddy complexion due to all of the time he spent in the out of doors during his life. He appealed to the young boys because of his bearing as a soldier and his previous experience as an Indian fighter. At his first meeting with seventy Scout recruits, he regaled the group with stories of the battle and his Indian fighting experiences. He realized at the time that he could fascinate the youth with stories about Indian fighting, but realized that was not the way to encourage Scouts to join the BSA in Kansas City.

Goldin had recently visited Oklahoma where he had surveyed the Scout organization in Oklahoma City and other cities in the state. He expected to begin the work of building the Kansas City Scout group into one of the best in the country. He was pleased that since the BSA had begun in Kansas City in September of 1910, ten independent boy organizations had amalgamated into the BSA. At the time Goldin took initial command of Kansas City’s council, one thousand of the necessary two thousand dollars had been raised from friends of Scouting to hire him as the permanent leader of the new Scouting organization.

Scouting was on the way in the Heart of America!

If you have Scouting History questions or suggestions for future articles, please email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.
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Investment in Character - Scouting’s Next 100 Years Begins With You

Investment in Character is our annual fundraising campaign that provides the financial resources required to continue to deliver a quality Scouting program to the 46,000 youth members of the Heart of America Council. While the work for the 2011 campaign has been underway since the fall, the campaign officially kicks off in January and ends in June.

Everyone with an interest in Scouting is encouraged to participate. Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venture crews are asked to schedule a family Investment in Character campaign presentation at activities or meetings when family members will be attending. Pack Blue & Gold banquets, troop Courts of Honor are ideal times to schedule presentations. An Investment in Character volunteer will take a few minutes to explain how Scouting is funded, talk about the programs and facilities available, and give those who are interested an opportunity to contribute.

Why Investment in Character?

Investment in Character provides more than 26% of the council revenue. The council derives income from a number of other sources. The fees that are charged to attend camps and activities provide 48%, revenue from the popcorn sale and the council’s endowment provides 17%. The United Way of Greater Kansas City along with 6 other area United Way agencies are a declining source of financial support currently provide 8.6% of the council’s income.

The Heart of America Council invests in young people. We allocate 84% of our revenue to provide program services to our units and their chartering organizations. That far exceeds the not-for-profit standard for funding allocation. The United States Better Business Bureau Standards for Charitable Accountability sets a benchmark of 65 cents of every dollar be spent on program. 4.5 percent is spent on general administrative costs and 8.5% is spent on fundraising expenses.

Help us change tomorrow by making a difference today.

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Council Investment in Character Campaign Cabinet Named

The campaign cabinet for the 2011 Investment in Character has been named and the campaign kickoff date has been set for January 26th 2011. Our campaign has 3 divisions designed to provide everyone from the Scouting families to the corporate board presidents an opportunity to contribute.

The overall Investment in Character Chair is John Martin, a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. John is also a member of our council Executive Board.

Leading the other divisions of the Investment in Character campaign are Tom W. Johnson, Senior Vice President and Trust Officer of Brotherhood Bank and Trust and Bill Esry, President and CEO of Blue Ridge Bank and Trust, will chair the board division of the 2011 Investment in Character Campaign.

Jonathan Kemper, chairman of Commerce Bank will chair this year’s Patron Luncheon, centerpiece for our community campaign and the 3rd division of our campaign. The community campaign is designed to reach people in the communities throughout the council who have an interest in Scouting. This includes community business leaders and individuals whose lives have been positively affected by Scouting.

The 2011 Council Investment in Character cabinet is committed to reaching everyone who has contributed in the past and to adding new donors necessary as we build for the future. Every gift in the 2011 Investment in Character campaign is crucial to our success.
Our sale’s success in 2010 was due to the hard work of our district and unit Popcorn Kernels. The gross sales for the campaign topped $2.7 million.

This year 491 units participated in the sale. The top selling item by container was Caramel Corn with 30,888 containers sold. The top selling item by retail dollars was the 18 Pack of Unbelievable Butter at $403,380.

This fundraiser allows Scouts to play a part in supporting their unit’s yearly program plan and helps to teach about being thrifty, the 9th point of the Scout Law. By following the plan and conducting a kick-off for their Show-N-Deliver and Take Order sales, many of our units earn enough to provide for all of their activities during the year. It’s a great way to ensure that you don’t need to do more than one fundraiser during the year.

The council portion of the sale helps to maintain our camping facilities while keeping camping and activity fees as low as possible. This sale is a winning situation for all involved.

Congratulations on an outstanding job! Your work will pay off in great Scouting programs for the youth members of our council!

### Top 10 Units in the Council

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### Top Council Salesmen

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2011 Cub Scout Day Camp
“Cub Quest”

The following is the complete schedule for day camps offered by the Heart of America Council for the 2011 camping season. Unit leaders may contact these volunteers or your district executive for more information regarding your district’s camp, or to volunteer to serve on staff.

The Day Camp fee is $50.00 per Scout through April 6, 2011. On April 7, 2011, the fee is $65. For any new Cub Scout recruited after that day or new Tiger Cubs who finished their kindergarten year in 2011 and join Scouting in June, the cost will be $50.00. Scouts that are added at camp will be charged $70.00.

| Cub Scout Day Camp Information for 2011 - “Cub Quest” |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| **District** | **Contact Person** | **Dates** | **Location** |
| Big Muddy | Michelle Stilwell, (816) 820-2179 huntress@hrshadiws.com | June 6-9, 2011 | Ray County Fairgrounds Richmond, MO |
| Blue Elk | Jeff Dutzell, (816) 805-7964 jdutzel@sbcglobal.net | July 11-15, 2011 | American Legion Farm Blue Springs, MO |
| Kaw | Chris Bowling, (913) 660-2165 dacamp@yahoo.com | June 27- July 1, 2011 | Naish Scout Reservation Bonner Springs, KS |
| Lone Bear | Jim Houk, (660) 525-1089 Jhouk_1@charter.net | June 13-17, 2011 | Artesian Park Clinton, MO |
| North Star | Melinda Combs, (816) 505-0383 glassgirl@kc.rr.com | June 13-16, 2011 | Platte County Fairgrounds Tracy, MO |
| Northern Tier | Dave Sultz, (913) 381-7824 Dsks123@aol.com | June 13-17, 2011 | City of Shawnee’s Riverfront Park Shawnee, KS |
| Pelathe | Alfred Cramer, (785) 856-1122 Alfred.bsa@live.com | June 6-9, 2011 | Douglas County Fairgrounds Lawrence, KS |
| Pioneer Trails | Andrea Gray, (816) 361-4968 Krystal211@yahoo.com | TBA | 40 Acres and a Mule Kansas City, MO |
| Red-Tailed Hawk | Doug Westerhaus, (913) 829-2863 dwesterhaus@gmail.com | June 13-16, 2011 | Old Olathe Golf Course Olathe, KS |
| Thunderbird | John Baker, (816) 808-9010 Stl2kc@gmail.com | June 27- July 1, 2011 | Markey Park Belton, MO |
| Trailhead | Pat Harvey, (913) 205-4178 pharvey@everestkc.net | June 6-10, 2011 | City of Shawnee’s Riverfront Park Shawnee, KS |
| Trails West | Bill O’Conner, (913) 302-8549 Bill20117@yahoo.com | June 6-9, 2011 | Old Olathe Golf Course Olathe, KS |
| Twin Rivers | Shelly Atterbury, (913) 731-3450 shellyatterbury@yahoo.com | June 6-9, 2011 | Miami County Fairgrounds Paola, KS |

**Philmont Campership Opportunities**

If you or someone you know is going to Philmont in 2011, including The Heart of America Council Contingent, there are a limited amount of Camperships available to our Council. Please fill out a 2011 campership application and return it to the Camping Department.

For more information please contact Leslie Staack at lstaack@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4963. The campership application can be found on the council website at www.hoac-bsa.org, located under “Resources and Forms.”

**OKPIK - Northern Tier High Adventure**

Scout troops and Venture crews are invited to participate in the OKPIK cold weather camping program. Winter is a great time to be in the outdoors. There are numerous weekends throughout the winter that are still available. For more information go to: www.ntier.org .

**IPOD Found at Bartle - Is it Yours?**

Found: an IPOD in the parking lot between Lone Star and Sawmill campsites. Scouter would like to return it to its rightful owner. Contact Stephen Wolf at stephenlewolf@hotmail.com to provide a description and to make arrangement for its return.
Camping and Program

Do you want to go to camp?
Do you have a Scout in your troop that cannot attend camp with your troop, yet wants to go to camp? The Order of the Arrow is hosting a provisional Scouting unit at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation June 19-25, 2011. Contact Laura Campbell at (816) 569-4928 for information on how to sign-up.

Camp Payments
The first 2011 Boy Scout camp payment is due February 16, 2011. This payment should be ½ of your unit’s balance. If you have any questions regarding your unit’s Confirmation and Billing statement please call the Council Service Center at (816) 569-4928. Remember it is the Scout motto to “Be Prepared”, so don’t wait until the last minute.

MOS Tribal Council Recomendations Due
Service as a member of Mic-O-Say’s tribal council is an important camp leadership responsibility. While this responsibility is not given as recognition for past service, it is nonetheless reasonable, that an individual’s talents, abilities, dedication to, understanding of the Scouting principles and loyalty to the values and educational experiences of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, be examined to help determine the likelihood of success in this service role.

All tribal council recommendations are due to the Council Service Center by March 1, 2011. Recommendations should only be the official form that can be found on the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources or forms or at the council service center. These forms will also be distributed at the February roundtables. If you have further questions please call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4928.

OA Dues
Tamegonit Lodge dues are now due. You may pay your dues online at www.hoac-bsa.org or you can print off a renewal form on the council website to be mailed in. Make sure to include your current membership level when you renew your membership.

OA Spring Inductions
2011 Spring Inductions are April 29 - May 1, 2011 and May 13-15, 2011. Registration information is available online, at roundtables, and in the Spring Torchbearer. If you were inducted as an Ordeal member last spring, now is the time to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood.

OA High Adventure Opportunities
High Adventure opportunities exist for those Arrowmen that would like an opportunity to attend Philmont to serve on the OA Trail Crew. Experience a wilderness voyage at Northern Tier or experience an ocean adventure at the Florida Seabase. For an application visit the OA High Adventure website at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. Both of the programs are held during the summer of 2011. You must be 16 years old by the time you start the program but not yet 21.

Webelos Resident Camp
Webelos Draw for the 2011 camping season will be held January 22, 2011. Specific times and locations have been mailed to Cubmasters and committee chairs.

Listed on the left are the 2011 Webelos camp sessions. Any registered Webelos Scout (including third grade graduates) may attend Webelos Camp. Webelos Camp is held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, and is a three-day, two-night experience. The program contains separate activities for first and second year Webelos.

The cost to attend Webelos Camp this year is $120.00 per Webelos Scout and $120.00 per full-time leader. This fee covers the cost of all patches for Scouts, program supplies, participation awards, meals, lodging, and insurance. Please note camp T-shirts are NOT included in the Webelos camp fee. Like day camp and Bear Camp, you must register to attend camp as a pack, not individually. Additionally, adults attending Webelos Camp (full or part time) must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Webelos Resident Camp Sessions for 2011

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Bear Resident Camp for 2011

The Heart of America Council Bear Camp sign-up is being conducted online. There is a link on the Council website, www.hoac-bsa.org. The on-line registration will be available until Bear Resident Camp has met its predetermined capacity. Each session holds a maximum of 230 participants. The fee for the 2011 Bear Camp will be $65.00 per person (youth or adult). If reservations are made by February 4, 2011 the discounted fee is $50.00. To make a reservation on or after February 5, you must e-mail Terri O’Neal at toneal@bsamail.org. For a full definition of fees, refunds, and non-refundable deposits, as well as further information, please visit the website.

If you recruit a new Scout into Cub Scouting after February 4, 2011 to attend camp, the fee will be $50.00. A copy of the youth application will be necessary to receive the reduced rate.

Bear Resident Camp is designed as a one-on-one camping experience. Therefore every youth attending camp must have 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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Wood Badge Training - 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 9-11 for the classroom session. The second weekend dates are September 30 – October 2 for the outdoor session. Registration forms and additional information are available on the Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org.

There are still a few slots left in this course! This year’s participants should attend the pre-course meeting to be held at the Council Service Center.

For more information contact Leslie Staack at lstaack@bsamail.org.

Flag Ceremonies

Scouting units are asked to participate in flag ceremonies from time to time by local groups and at sporting events. Please keep in mind that you are representing not only your chartering organization, the Heart of America Council but also the Boy Scouts of America. Please take some time and practice before the big day. If you are not sure how or what to do you can check out the Cub Scout Den and Pack Ceremonies book. Chapter 4 is all about how to display and handle the flag. So next time a group asks your pack or troop to open their event with a flag ceremony you will be ready to go.

2011 Rotary Camp

The Heart of America Council is proud to offer Boy Scout Rotary Camp in 2011, a camp designed for special needs Scouts. Rotary Camp will take place from Monday, August 2 to Friday, August 6 at the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee’s Summit, MO.

Since Rotary Camp has a 1 to 1 ratio of campers to staffers, we are in need of Scouts and leaders ages 15 and over to serve on staff. The primary position needed for Rotary Camp is unit staff, where you work 1 on 1 with a camper for the entire week, and see them through all aspects of the camp.

It is a very rewarding experience to serve on Rotary Camp staff, and exemplifies the ideals of a model Scout. Camp staff applications are available the council website, www.hoac-bsa.org, or at the Council Service Center.

If you have a special needs Scout in your troop that would benefit from a long term camping experience, Boy Scout Rotary Camp may be the right camp for them.

For more information regarding Rotary Camp, please contact Gordon Corcoran at 816-569-4741 or gcorcora@bsamail.org.
Council Calendar

February
1 Horsemanship Committee Meeting
2 Council Day Camp Meeting
5 Bartle Work Day
6 Scout Sunday
8 COPE Climbing Staff Meeting
9 Council Camping Committee Meeting
9 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
12 Scout Sabbath
15 Risk Management Committee Meeting
16 D.O.E. Committee Meeting
17 OA LEC Meeting
19 Campmaster Training
19 Naish Work Day
19-20 Area 5 VOA Conference, Naish
21 Scout Office and Scout Shop Closed
22 Council Commissioners’ Meeting
23 Council Activities Committee Meeting
26 Council International Committee Meeting
28 Council Executive Committee Meeting

March
1 MOS Tribal Council Recommendations Due
2 Council Day Camp Meeting
2 Horsemanship Committee Meeting
5 Bartle Work Day
5 Commissioner College
5 COPE/ Climbing Visitation Team Training
8 Bartle Camp Leader Orientation - East
9 Bartle Camp Leader Orientation - North
9 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
10 West Ambassador's Meeting
10 Bartle Camp Leader Orientation - West
11-13 Mini Camp Weekend, Naish
12 Naish Boy Scout Leader Orientation
12 Naish Work Day
13 VOA Meeting
23 Council Training Committee Meeting
23 D.O.E. Committee Meeting
25-27 Mini Camp Weekend, Naish
25 Philmont Shakedown
25-27 Cope Instructors Training
26 Truman Library Merit Badge Program
29 Assistant Council Commissioner Meeting
29 Council Membership Relations Meeting
30 Family Investment in Character Report Meeting
30 Powderhorn Committee Meeting

Kenn Miller - New Scout Executive

On February 1, 2011, Kenn Miller joins the Heart of America Council staff as our new Scout Executive.

A professional with the Boy Scouts of America for over 26 years, Kenn started his career as a district executive in the Northeast Illinois Council, Highland Park, Illinois. After successfully serving two districts, he was promoted to field director. Kenn moved to Louisville, Kentucky to serve as Director of Field Service. In his first Scout Executive position he led the Black Swamp Area Council, Findlay, Ohio and later became the Scout Executive for the Greater Cleveland Council. In October 2008 Kenn joined the Central Region staff as the Deputy Regional Director.

An Eagle Scout, Kenn worked through college on summer camp staffs. He later served for several years as the Reservation Director for a two-camp operation in northern Wisconsin. Kenn is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, has served on Wood Badge staff, taught numerous training courses at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico and the Boy Scout Center for Professional Development in Texas.

Kenn has been a Rotarian for more than 20 years and served for two years as the program chair for the Downtown Cleveland Rotary Club. He is also active in his church, serving as an usher and on the church’s capital campaign committee.

A native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Kenn is a graduate of the American Humanics program at Salem College, Salem, West Virginia earning a degree in Youth Agency Administration. He is married with three children, two girls, ages 21 and 19, and an Eagle Scout son, age 18.

Outside of Scouting he enjoys camping and wilderness canoeing, having paddled over 1,000 miles. He also likes to play golf and shoot sporting clays.

Missouri State University - Eagle Scout Scholarship

Missouri State University has many donor-funded scholarships for students who are involved in specific organizations. They have an Eagle Scout Scholarship that has been established in honor of Mrs. Betsy Cox and the Taylor Health Center staff. It is awarded annually to a full-time student in good academic standing with a public affairs background. To qualify you must have earned the Eagle Scout Award.

If you have any questions, you can contact Andrew Garton, Missouri State University Foundation Scholarship Coordinator, by e-mail at AndrewGarton@missouristate.edu or by phone at (417) 836-4143.

Cortland Bolles - New Naish Director

Effective January 16, 2011, Cortland Bolles will become the Program Director/Naish Scout Reservation Director for the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America. He will also serve as the professional advisor to Tamegonit Lodge, Order of the Arrow.

Cortland started his Scouting career in the Heart of America Council in 2001 as a district executive. Since 2007, he has served with distinction as a district director in St. Paul, MN.

In addition to earning his Eagle Badge in 1991, he has been recognized with the Vigil Honor and the OA Distinguished Service Award.
Investment in Character

As you all know, Investment in Character is an essential part of funding the operations of the Big Muddy district as well as the council. As beneficiaries of the services that these funds provide, 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.

Training

Most of you are aware the training initiative by the council to train all of our adult volunteers. As we enter in the third year of this endeavor it will be important that all of our leaders seek what training they need for their position. Fortunately, for us all leaders required to take training can obtain that through some online courses. For questions regarding training please contact Mary Martens at (816) 776-3082.

Big Muddy District Dinner

The Big Muddy District Dinner will be held on February 5th, 2011 at John Knox Village East in Higginsville, MO. The cost is $17.00 a person and all Eagle Scouts are free. For more information go to http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Libraries/Big_Muddy_Documents/BM_District_Dinner_Flyer_2011.sflb.ashx .

Big Muddy Klondike Derby

The Big Muddy Klondike Derby was held on the weekend of January 21-23 at Concordia City Lake. On Saturday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Scouts had a great time working their Scout skills at the stations. The weather was cold but everyone had a great time. Thanks to Rob Hemme and the staff for providing us with a great time!
Investment in Character
As we all know the Scouting program would not exist without the financial support of its members. Your unit should already be signed up to have an Investment in Character presentation, if you are not signed up call Brian Bentrop at 569-4918 to get a presentation date scheduled.
Units, working with the District Family Chair and district executive, can set their own goal this year. If you have not yet done so, please contact Brian Bentrop at (816) 569-4918.

Klondike Derby
Thank you to John Fitzgearld’s and his staff for putting on a great Klondike!

Cub Scout Day Camp will be a Cub Quest
Join us on our Cub Quest July 11-15 at the American Legion Farm. Check the website and roundtable for forms and more information on Walking Leader Training.
The cost of day camp is $50 up through April 7. Starting on April 8, the prices goes up to $65 so be sure to sign up early!

District Dinner
Thank you to Jim Beachner and his committee for all of their hard work putting together the February 5 District Dinner.

Training
This is the final year of our “All Leaders Trained” initiative. When the 2012 recharter comes around every person in your unit will need to be trained in their position. This includes the 18-20 year olds away at college and those in the military. Training is offered in every district, online and at camp. If you are unable to attend a Blue Elk training date check the Heart of America Council website for other district’s training dates. You may request a copy of the training your leaders have at any time, just contact your executive.
Kaw District Klondike Derby

Thank you to all the Scouts and Scouters who made out the Kaw District Klondike Derby. A special thanks to Tim Rhodes and his crew for their hard work. It was a great day for the Klondike in a return to Lakeside Speedway. The snow made it exciting.

For those of you that weren’t able to make it this year, you missed an exciting event. So, once again, thanks to all who came out to show their support for the Kaw District Klondike Derby.

Training

Kaw District strives to offer the best Scouting program possible to our Scouts. An important aspect of running a good program is trained leaders. Training helps you understand what resources are available to help you run an outstanding program. Trained leaders are able to keep Scouts in the program longer.

This winter there are many opportunities for all of our leaders to get the necessary training. This will be particularly important for those leaders just starting their exciting Scouting adventure. Also, an important fact is that every direct contact leader has to be trained for 2011.

Investment in Character

Our annual fundraising campaign is a fast and successful drive. You definitely want to be a part of it! So far, you have helped us raise more than 50% of our 2011 Family Investment in Character goal. If you haven’t already done so, it is very important to contact Nils Erickson or Julian Rivette, jrivette@bsamail.org to set up a presentation date. Do not miss this opportunity to give back to Scouting.

District Recognition Dinner

Thanks to all who made the Kaw District Dinner an outstanding success. The food was good the company was great and Clausie Smith (Mayor of Bonner Springs) gave a great presentation on Scouting. We also recognized the Kaw District Award of Merit recipients and end of the year award winners. Congratulations to those people that received the awards.

The district is successful because of all the special work that you, and those like you, do. A special thanks to Rob, David, Tim and their crew who made the night special at Cabela’s.

Webelos to Boy Scout Transition Tips

February is Blue and Gold month and also the time for Webelos to cross over. If you would like help in preparing your Webelos for graduation into Boy Scouts we would love to help. Several troops in the Kaw District are hosting Webelos dens for meetings or campouts. They are showing them what to expect when they become Boy Scouts. If you need more information about the Webelos to Scout transition, contact Julian Rivette (816) 569-4947, or Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967.

Graduating Webelos Scouts represents 80% of our new Boy Scouts membership. It is important that troops work closely with their feeder packs. Extend an invitation to go camping or attend one of your troop meetings. This invitation gives the new boys a chance to meet the Scouts already in the troop. This helps the Webelos develop the desire to join your troop.

If you need help working with your pack, contact Julian or Dusty. We will gladly help with your recruitment and provide accurate contact information. This is one of the most important steps in keeping these young people involved and benefiting from Scouting.
Charters!!
As you all know, charters were due by the end of January. Thank you to all units who ensured timely completion. For those units that still need to complete their charters, please contact Josh Morales, Senior District Executive ASAP to avoid dropping your charter.

Investment in Character
Leaders, contact Rick House ASAP to schedule your annual Investment in Character presentation. We’d like to speak to everyone in person before we start following up with phone calls. We know that it’s not our favorite thing but our campaign success is vital to the health of our scouting program’s success. Last year we were the first district to make our goal. Let’s work together to get there 2 years in a row!

Check Us Out on Facebook
Look for “Lone Bear District, BSA” on Facebook for updates and district information.

District Dinner
Mark your calendars for February 8 at 6:00 pm for our annual recognition dinner. This year the dinner will be located at the Elks Building on the square in Clinton. Don’t forget to turn in nomination forms for the Award of Merit. For those who may not know, these awards recognize people who have given exceptional service to Scouting in the Lone Bear District. Special thanks to Ronda Weinman and Jon Cerda for their time and effort making this a success.

Roundtable
The Lone Bear District roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month (except July) at the Clinton Scout Center. Roundtable meetings are a gathering of Scouters held once a month. This is an opportunity for you to get information on a variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout leaders and Cub Scout leaders. All leaders are encouraged to join us to learn more about serving today’s youth.

Roundtable can do you no good if you do not come and see what it is all about or stay for the program. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information. For more information, contact Kathy Cooper at (660) 647-5868 or kcooper@cdsinet.net.
2011 North Star Key Leadership

District Chair
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District Commissioner
Mike Cash (816) 645-3237

District Director
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Advancement

Each year the North Star District is a consistent leader in advancement in the Heart of America Council. Advancement Chairman John McBurney and his team work hard with all Life Scouts who are working on their Eagle Award, making sure that each project fulfills all of the requirements. However, Each unit’s advancement chair, along with each troop and pack committee work diligently all year long making sure that each Scout has the opportunity to advance through the Scouting program. This year’s numbers are impressive.

Cub Scout
Tiger Cub .......... 347
Bobcat ............. 530
Wolf ............... 357
Bear ............... 359
Webelos .......... 278
Arrow of Light ...... 213

Boy Scout
Tenderfoot .......... 215
Second Class ...... 177
First Class......... 176
Star ................. 143
Life ................ 140
Eagle ............... 153

Investment in Character

We’re in the midst of the 2011 Investment in Character Campaign to raise money for the best youth serving program in the country… Scouting. We are working to get every unit to have a Family Investment in Character presentation. If your unit has yet to schedule a presentation, please take a look at your unit calendar and decide on the best time to have a brief presentation. Troop Courts of Honor and pack Blue and Golds are ideal opportunities. If those are already past, just let us know. A volunteer presenter will take just a few minutes to tell the Scouting story and give families an opportunity to decide how they can best support the Scouting program.

Thanks in advance for your crucial financial support of Scouting. To schedule a presentation contact District Executive, Mike Farrell at mfarrell@bsamail.org or (816) 569-4950.

Scouter of the Month

Congratulations to Raul Salmon for being named Scouter of the Month at the North Star District December, 2010 Roundtable. Raul is a long-time Scouting volunteer. He just finished serving the North Star District as our District Commissioner.

Thanks Raul, for outstanding service to the North Star District.

Let’s Get Our Leaders Trained

We are now 2/3’s of the way through the council training initiative. In 2011, all registered leaders must be trained for their position. Through the years, the national Scout office has gone to great lengths to get many of the training classes offered via the Internet. This is a convenient way to take the training in the comfort of your home. However, some training classes can only be taken when offered by the district or council training teams. You are encouraged to review your current position within the unit and work with your unit trainer to ensure that your training applies to your position.

If there are any questions, please contact one of the district professionals, they can help you understand what training you need. District Training Chairman Jeff Tyler, along with his Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing training staff, stand ready to “GET YOU TRAINED.”

Be sure to visit the national training website and check out the new training sections. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Tyler, at 816-505-2015 or jstyler@kc.rr.com. Additional information along with dates for upcoming sessions can be found at the North Star training webpage at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/Training.aspx.
District Dinner

District Dinner will be held on Saturday February 5, 2011 at Old Shawnee Town Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this very important salute to our district’s outstanding volunteers and programs. Gathering begins at 6:00 pm and the dinner begins at 6:30 pm. This recognizes the achievements of Northern Tier’s leaders in 2010. The cost for the dinner is $23 per person. District Awards of Merit and Outstanding Leader Awards will be presented at this time. To register for this event please visit: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/Activities.aspx.

Pinewood Derby

On March 26, Northern Tier District will hold its annual District Pinewood Derby. Pack winners are invited to join us to see whose car is the fastest in all of Northern Tier District. This will be a lot fun and we look forward to seeing you there. We will have an open category, no holds bar, race after all the races. The event will be held at Lakeview Village 9000 Park Street in Lenexa. Visit the district webpage under activities to download the registration form.

Cub Day Camp

Day camp is here and the theme is Cub Quest. Now is the time to start planning for day camp. We will hold day camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 13-17. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, Day Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824, Lorri Kearns, Program Director at (913) 583-1011 or Kathryn Rajala at (816) 569-4913. Mark your calendar for a Day Camp Coordinator Meeting on March 30 at 7:00 pm. The location is yet to be determined.

Investment in Character

We are currently working hard to get every unit in Northern Tier District scheduled for an Investment in Character presentation. We only have a few left to schedule! You can help us make our goal this year by scheduling your presentation now! Many units have already had their presentation and are very close to making their goal for free rank advancement. To help out with this campaign and schedule your unit presentation now, contact Bruce Harken, Family Investment in Character Chairman, at bruceharken@yahoo.com or Kathryn Rajala at krajala@bsamail.org. Keep track of your unit’s progress by visiting the district home page by clicking on the link: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier.aspx. Scroll down till you see the Friends of Scouting page.
Investment in Character

Scott Gates is working hard to reach out to everyone in the Pelathe District and give them the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of youth in the Heart of America Council. Please fill out a pledge card and send it into the council office.

Every unit should hold a presentation at one of their meetings (typically Blue and Gold Banquets or Courts of Honor). Thank you in advance for everyone’s support to the Scouting program!

Webelos Graduation

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. 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.

Training

Every youth signed up for Scouts deserves a “Trained Leader”. Please make sure you are being trained for the position you hold within your Unit. Please checkout our website to find out when the trainings are taking place: www.hoac-bsa.org.

Cub Day Camp

Cub Scout day camp will be held June 6 - 9 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Alfred Cramer and Karen Lewis are working together to put together another great program. As we get closer to day camp be looking for more information at roundtables! Here is a note from our day camp Program Director, Karen Lewis asking for your help:

Hello everyone!

My name is Karen Lewis and I am the program director for Cub Scout Day Camp.

The staff and I are busy planning camp activities for this coming year and need to fill just a few more positions to make our planning team complete. I would like to have these positions filled before the end of January and need your assistance!

The open positions are: Craft Coordinator, Cooking Coordinator, BB Range Master, Youth Staff Coordinator, Assistant Program Director

These positions will be responsible for coordinating the activities in their respective areas and assisting with oversight of the junior staff in their charge. These coordinator positions are an excellent opportunity for the Scouter who works primarily with older boys and girls to have some fun and share their expertise.

We are also beginning to take applications for Junior and Youth Staff, so please share this opportunity for service and leadership hours with the boys and girls of your BSA troops, Venturing crews and Explorer posts. Youth must be at least 14 years of age to participate at camp as Junior Staff and 16 as Staff and is a great resume builder for summer camp staff applications.

Our district has a strong history of wonderful events due to the assistance of imaginative and dedicated volunteers. Please consider the opportunity to help us make Cub Quest 2011 another successful event for Pelathe District in 2011 and contact me today!

Karen Lewis

Great Job Pelathe Scouts and Scouters

I am really proud of our Pelathe Scouts and Scouters!

I received a recognition award on behalf of our Pelathe District Scouts from the City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation for our Community Good Turn Burroughs Creek Trail Landscape Project. This is the Tom Wilkerson Teamwork Award which is granted annually.

The program states that “Teamwork is the ability of individuals to work together cooperatively towards a common goal. It is the ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives, creating an environment promoting communication, trust, cooperation and mutual respect. Teamwork places team goals above one’s personal goals.”

In the nomination of our Scouts, Crystal Miles, Horticultural Manager, wrote, in part:

“Over 180 volunteers came on May 8, 2010 to plant 300+ trees and shrubs and donated 3 hours of work, totaling over 540 hours of labor. The event also served as the official Arbor Day Planting ceremony for the Tree City USA program. The scouts and parents brought many of their own tools, and did a terrific job working together to get the plants in the ground, watered and mulched all along the mile and half trail."........"Thank you as well from the Parks and Recreation".

In addition to doing a great community project, we also wanted to achieve positive recognition for the Scouting program and to put our “face on the map”. We have met that goal and more. There has not yet been a day when I go by the Burroughs Creek Trail that I do not see someone, usually several people, walking, jogging or biking on what our Scouting community has been a part of creating.

Again a great job and thanks for all that you are doing for our youth.

Tom Sheely

Pelathe

District Events

February

3  District Dinner  First Baptist Church, 7:00 pm
20  District Committee Meeting  Troop 55 Scout Cabin, 7:00 pm

March

6  Commissioner Staff Meeting  First Baptist Church, 6:30 pm
6  Roundtable  First Baptist Church, 7:00 pm
12  Pinewood Derby  Burgess Scout Cabin, 1024 Kasold Drive, 8:00 am
17  District Committee Meeting  Troop 55 Scout Cabin, 7:00 pm

2011 Pelathe

Key Leadership

District Chair  Frank Wright  (785) 842-3553
Vice Chair  Glen Sharp  (785) 760-3656
Vice Chair  Keith Wood  (785) 841-7208
District Commissioner  John Harman  (785) 331-7384
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2011 Pelathe

Key Leadership
2011 Pioneer Trails
Key Leadership

District Chair
Larry Tyrl   (913) 825-4660
District Vice-Chair
Morgan Olander  (913) 649-6388
District Vice-Chair
Gary Williams  (816) 358-4895
District Commissioner
Tom Holley   (816) 942-1297
District Director
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Senior District Executive
Jay Ritter   (816) 569-4946
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District Executive
William Torres  (816) 569-4965
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Annual District Dinner

The Annual Pioneer Trails District Awards Dinner is right around the corner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, February 5, at 6:15 pm, at Colonial Presbyterian Church (9500 Wornall). The district dinner is an evening of fellowship and recognition for all of the adult volunteers in the Pioneer Trails District.

This year, the district is honoring 8 deserving Award of Merit winners: Julie Bustamante, Stephen Cosgrove, Stephen Cutelli, John Freshnock, Phillip Lanyon, Justin Stanley, Douglas Warrens, and Lamar Wilson. Other awards to be presented at the dinner include “Of the Year,” Pioneer, and Mad Drummer Awards.

Visit the Pioneer Trails District Website for registration information: http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Activities.aspx. We hope to see you there!

Merit Badge Academy

The 2011 Merit Badge Academy will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Hogan Preparatory Academy (1221 E Meyer Blvd). The Merit Badge Academy provides Scouts with an opportunity to earn a wide variety of merit badges. Prerequisites are required before taking certain merit badge classes, so be sure to read the merit badge requirements thoroughly before attending the Merit Badge Academy. The fee for this event will be $5 per Scout.

For registration forms and the requirements for the merit badges being offered, visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Advancement.aspx.

For questions or for more information, contact Pat Parks, District Advancement Chair, (816) 523-6382 or salutar1@att.net.

Investment in Character

The 2011 Investment in Character campaign is in full swing. Units are encouraged to participate in the Investment in Character campaign to help support the Heart of America Council. Funds raised help to maintain council camps and facilities as well as provide many underprivileged boys the opportunity to participate in Scouts through financial assistance.

If your unit hasn’t scheduled a presentation for 2010, contact David Johnson at (816) 213-6350 or dhjlaw@live.com to set a day and time. Presentations are usually done at unit events, such as Blue and Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor.

Thank you to those units who have already held presentations this year.

Training

We just began the last phase of the training initiative implemented by the Heart of America Council in 2009. In 2011, all committee chairs and committee members need to be trained for their position. This is the requirement for the 2012 recharter. All direct contact leaders will still need to be trained before they can register with the unit. In addition, no new application for any registered adult position will be accepted without a Youth Protection Training certificate.

For more information, visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Libraries/Training_Documents/TRN_Registered_Leader_Training_Initiative_2009.sflb.ashx, or call Leslie Staack at the council office, 816-942-9333.
2010 District Award of Merit Recipients/Outstanding Leader Awards

It is our privilege to recognize the 2010 District Award of Merit recipients:

- Doug Machamer 201
- Michael Samms 201
- Tim Shipley 315

The following individuals were selected for the District Outstanding Leader Awards by their peers for outstanding service to Scouting in the Red-tailed Hawk District:

- **Scoutmaster**
  - Ed Edmundson 201
  - Rick Teeters 182
  - Greg Wiens 85
  - Barry Dolan 85
  - Marcus Adinolfi 222
  - Brad Fountain 222
  - Greg Baugh 201

- **Assistant Scoutmaster**
  - Jason Kibikko 3316
  - Jeff Smith 3250
  - Lisa Cunningham 3240
  - Linda Dunning 3420
  - Ginger Feather 3476
  - Kristi Olge 3202
  - Jeff Parrish 3476

- **Assistant Cubmaster**
  - Jason Kibikko 3316
  - Jeff Smith 3250
  - Lisa Cunningham 3240
  - Linda Dunning 3420
  - Ginger Feather 3476
  - Kristi Olge 3202
  - Jeff Parrish 3476

- **Cubmaster**
  - Cliff Ogle 3202
  - Robert Meier 3250
  - Kevin Gibson 3086

- **Committee Chair**
  - Ed Edmundson 201
  - Jason Kibikko 3316
  - Susan Lux 85

- **Committee Chair**
  - Ken Brown 201
  - Scott Gordon 37
  - Lance Hodges 222
  - Gordon Harton 122

- **Committee Member**
  - John Georgoulis 201
  - Tim Halpin 85
  - Doug Davidson 222
  - Lynn Winegar 784

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**District Pinewood Derby**

Get ready to race! The Red-tailed Hawk District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, March 5 at Olathe Christian Church. This year will feature an Open Class in addition to the top three racers from each Pack. If your Pack plans to participate in the District Pinewood derby, please register your Pack even if you do not know which boys will be your representatives yet. Questions? Contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974. Payment can be mailed to the HOAC office at 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO, or they can be turned in at the February or March Roundtable. Account#1-6801-405-20.

**Red-Tailed Hawk District Events**

**February**
- 3 **District Roundtable**, 7:00 pm
  - College Church of the Nazarene
  - Cunningham Family Life Center 2nd floor
- 5 **Merit Badge Forum (session 3)**
  - California Trail Junior High School, 1:00 pm
- 5 **Red-tailed Hawk District Dinner**
  - LDS Church, 15915 W. 143rd Street, 6:00 pm
- 10 **Commissioner’s Meeting**, 7:00 pm
  - Colonial Presbyterian Church
  - Quivira Campus

**March**
- 3 **District Roundtable**, 7:00 pm
- **COR Training**
- **Merit Badge Counselor Training**
  - College Church of the Nazarene
  - Cunningham Family Life Center 2nd floor
- 5 **District Pinewood Derby**
  - Olathe Christian Church
  - 1115 S Ridgeview Rd., 9:00 am
- 10 **Commissioner’s Meeting**, 7:00 pm
  - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
  - Colonial Presbyterian Church
  - Quivira Campus
February 1 Commissioner Meeting
Hickman Mills High School
9010 Old Santa Fe Rd., 6:30 pm

1 Roundtable
Youth Protection Training
Hickman Mills High School
9010 Old Santa Fe Rd., 7:30 pm

8 District Committee Meeting
St. Thomas More
11822 Holmes Road, 7:00 pm

12 District Recognition Dinner
The Armacost Museum
4200 E 135th Street, 5:00 pm

March 1 Commissioner Meeting
Hickman Mills High School
9010 Old Santa Fe Rd., 6:30 pm

1 Roundtable
Youth Protection Training
Hickman Mills High School
9010 Old Santa Fe Rd., 7:30 pm

8 District Committee Meeting
St. Thomas More
11822 Holmes Road, 7:00 pm

26 Merit Badge Academy
Hickman Mills High School
9010 Old Santa Fe Rd., 9:00 am

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 ksruth61@fairpoint.net.

Cub Scout Speedway
Join us on April 2 for our spring Cub Scout event at Paradise Park. Come on out and race your Pinewood Derby car for the championship title for Thunderbird District. Other activities at a discounted rate to scouts include both indoor and outdoor activities. Indoor activities include Children’s Edutainment Center games, Foam Factory, bumper cars and rock wall etc. Outdoor activities include go carts and miniature golf.

Registration is limited to 200 participants so register ASAP! Don’t miss it!!!!!! Contact Jay Ronnberg for more info: (816) 678-2511. Email: scoutdad124@hotmail.com. Check out www.hoac-bsa.org for more registration and race information.

Merit Badge Academy
March 26 will be our annual Merit Badge Academy. Check the Thunderbird Activities site for class availability, prerequisites and registration information. Contact Ken Feuenfhausen for more information: pointedgreenrock@aol.com. (816) 529-2971

Annual District Awards Banquet
The following individuals will be recognized at the annual district recognition banquet. Congratulations for this tremendous achievement! Join us on February 12, 2011 to help celebrate their achievement.

Silver Acorn
Mark Schneider
Craig Dalrymple
Suzanne Freeman
David McCaughey
Kelly Clasen
Marty Tippin
David Botts
Michael Brown
Tom Studer
David Odneal
Barb January
Ed Stoll
Phil Spitznagle
Ernestine Davis

Silver Oakleaf
Kim Brenneke
Stephanie Bass
Kristy McAlister
Michelle Donahoe
Huong Worley
Megan Hobbs

Award of Merit
Robert Borgelt
Kim Hein
Steven Lancaster
Pete Loughlin
Jason Pink
Roy Christy

The Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the Year will be announced at the banquet.

2011 Thunderbird Key Leadership

Chair
Brent Worley (913) 484-5766

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Charlie Huffman (816) 941-0993

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Steve York (816) 668-3346

Vice-Chair Program
James Freeman (816) 668-1422

Vice-Chair Support
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Ross Pfannenstiel (816) 569-4964

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2011 Trailhead
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District Executive
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Investment in Character for 2011

Please help continue to make Scouting affordable and available to everyone. It is time to make sure that your unit is signed up for an Investment in Character presentation. If you have not already signed up your unit for this year, now is the time. Presentations only take 5 minutes and should be scheduled for either your troop Court of Honor or pack Blue and Gold. You can sign up at roundtable or contact Wayne Floyd at wayne.floyd@sprint.com.

Training for 2011

Thank you for all of your hard work. Currently all top leaders and direct contact leaders are trained. The next step will be for all committee members to be trained for 2012. These trainings can all be done online at myscouting.org. For all other trainings, visit the Trailhead training page at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/Trailhead/Training.aspx.

To request a current training roster or to verify records please contact Jenna Murphy at jmurphy@bsamail.org or Matt Specht at mspecht@bsamail.org.

District Award of Merit & Outstanding Leader Awards

Congratulations to Michelle Foster, Bob Kakareka and Lawson Rener on receiving the District Award of Merit at the Trailhead District Adult Recognition Event on January 22. The District Award of Merit is the highest award a volunteer Scouter can receive from a district. The awards did not stop there, congratulations to all of the recipients of the Trailhead District Outstanding Awards. Thank you to Lawson Rener, chairman of the District Dinner event for putting together another wonderful evening.

Cub Scout Day Camp: Cub Quest

Everyone loves an adventure, and this year, we will "do our best" to take your Cubs on a Quest! Day Camp is for all Cub Scouts on June 6-10 at Shawnee Riverfront Park (K-7 and 43rd St.). Cub Scouts get the chance to participate in archery and bb gun ranges, crafts, a zip cord and much more fun. Look for more information on day camp on the website at http://hoac-bsa.org/thdc.cfm.

Registrations for early bird payments are due at the April roundtable.

Webelos Woods

On May 6-7 at Camp Naish, the Trailhead District will be hosting the 2nd annual Webelos Woods 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.

For questions, contact event Chairman, Brian Miles- milesbd@gmail.com.
2011 Trails West
Key Leadership

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District Commissioner
Keith Neuman   (913) 541-8362
District Executive
Matt Armstrong   (816) 569-4978
marmstro@bsamail.org

Roundtables
Roundtable is held the first Thursday of the month at the Holy Trinity Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS 66215. All Scout leaders are encouraged to attend. Come to stay current on all the latest district news, learn new scouting skills, and catch up with fellow Scouters.

Merit Badge Counselor Training is offered at 6:30 pm along with the Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting and Eagle Scout Project Reviews at 7:00 pm.

Camping
Now is the time to start thinking about spring and summer camping opportunities. Mark your calendars for April 15 and the Webelo-Ree 2011. This is a great event that will help your Bears and Webelo I’s prepare for their transition into Boy Scouts. Also on the horizon is the 2011 Trails West Cub Scout Day Camp June 6 through June 9 at the Lake Olathe Golf Course.

And don’t forget about Webelos, Bear and Boy Scout Resident camping this summer. Check out http://hoac-bsa.org/Camping.aspx for more information.

Training
Every Scout deserves a trained leader and the Trails West District training team is gearing up for another busy year. If you are a new leader or have taken on a new Scouting role there is a training session for you.

Visit http://hoac-bsa.org/Districts/TrailsWest/Training.aspx for the latest Trails West training schedule and let’s make sure all of our leaders are TRAINED!!!

Investment in Character
The 2011 Investment in Character campaign is officially underway. Our goal is to have 100% of the units in the Trails West District participate. If you have not scheduled your presentation contact Ed Prince, Trails West Family chair at eprince@kc.surewest.net or Matt Armstrong, (816) 569-4978 or at marmstro@bsamail.org with the dates a presentation can be made to your unit.

Merit Badge Counselor Training
Starting in February, Merit Badge Counselor Training will no longer be offered at roundtable. Instead, the training will be traveling to troops monthly throughout the district. Join us at the February roundtable for the updated schedule.
Twin Rivers Merit Badge College
The 2011 Twin Rivers Merit Badge College will be held on February 5 and 19 at Osawatomie High School. Scouts must attend both sessions, do prerequisite work (if any) and homework (if any) between sessions to earn the badge. Pre-registration is required by February 3 and the registration form is available from Arlin Prothe, on the website, or at roundtable. For answers to your questions contact Arlin Prothe at (913) 259-2718.

Youth Protection Training is a Must
All adult leaders must be Youth Protection trained. Registered adult leaders must have taken Youth Protection within the last two years and any new adult leaders must take the training before they can register.
Youth Protection training is available on-line anytime by going to the Heart of America Council website at www.hoac-bsa.org click in the programs tab, click on the Training tab, and then click on the appropriate course link. Be sure to have your membership number handy and always print a hard copy of your Certificate of Completion at the end of the course.

Twin Rivers District Dinner
The 2011 Twin Rivers District Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm on March 12 at the American Legion Hall in Paola. This is our annual opportunity to come together and recognize the outstanding adult volunteers we have in Twin Rivers. The fee for the dinner is $14.00 a person if paid before February 26, after that it is $16.00 and $20.00 per person at the door. We are still working on a menu but, it sounds like it is going to be GOOD! Registration forms are available from Anita Pace, on the website or at roundtable.

For answers to your questions contact Anita Pace at (913) 709-6661.

Nominations for the District Awards
Nominations for deserving adult volunteers to be recognized at our annual District Dinner are now being accepted. There is a lot of hard Scouting work going on, most of it behind the scenes. Don’t let those people who work so hard and put in so much personal time go unrecognized! There are nomination forms and descriptions of the awards on the website or at roundtable for the following district awards: District Award of Merit, Distinguished Service Award, Special Service Award.

Nominations should be made as soon as possible but, must be made by February 10 at the latest.

Family Investment in Character
That time of year is upon us again, the time of year where we raise the money necessary to fund the program that we all enjoy. Remember that on average, it costs the council about $140.00 per Scout per year to deliver program to our sons. We respectfully invite everyone to contribute something and help us reach our goal this year.

Each unit will be asked to have a presentation and every family will be contacted and asked to make a gift. Please help us reach our goal by making a personal gift, being positive and helpful during the presentations, assisting the unit Investment in Character coordinator in contacting all of the families in the unit, and reminding everyone of the benefits of Scouting and everything the district and council does to assist the units in delivering program to the boys.

Gifts great or small are welcome.
2011 National Law Enforcement Leadership Academies

The Drug Enforcement Administration
June 25 - July 2; Location: Washington, DC

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
July 2 - July 9; Location: Washington, DC

The U.S. Marshals Service
July 9 - July 16; Location: Washington, DC

The U.S. Army Military Police
July 9 - July 16; Location: Fort Leonard Wood, MO

The U.S. Secret Service
July 17 - July 23; Location: Washington, DC

During the summer of 2011, Law Enforcement Explorers will have the unique experience of participating in the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies. The National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee will select thirty Explorers for each Academy. Explorers will list their top five Academy choices and the Committee will make the Academy assignments for the selected Explorers. Each Explorer must complete the application (see note below) and submit a statement of “What Law Enforcement Exploring Has Meant to Me”. The applicant must be a current participant of Law Enforcement Exploring for no fewer than 12 months.

The Academies will feature programs on the dynamics of leadership, physical training, and law enforcement practices. The Academies will begin with a group meeting on the arrival date. All Explorers will be assigned a roommate and will be housed in the Marriott Crystal City, Quantico, or Fort Leonard Wood.

Program
For the FBI, DEA, US Marshals Service, and Secret Service Academy, participants will personally pay for transportation to and from Washington, D.C. (Ronald Reagan National Airport). In addition, the participants will pay an administration fee of $275.00 to the National Law Enforcement Exploring Office. For the U.S. Military Police Academy, participants will personally pay for transportation to and from (Lambert-St. Louis International Airport) and the participants will pay an administration fee of $100 to the National Law Enforcement exploring Office. Explorers attending the academies in Washington, DC will be expected to cover costs for some of the meals. Explorers arriving early or staying late will be responsible for early/late costs and chaperones. Also, spending money and uniform costs are the participant’s responsibility.

Each Explorer must bring one and preferably two post dress uniforms.

Application Process
The completed nomination form with the appropriate certifications must be RECEIVED, not postmarked, in the national office no later than February 4, 2011. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Each application will be reviewed by a selection process using law enforcement executives composed of members of the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee.

Note: Go to www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement
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John Robert Starr

John Robert Starr, age 47, died at Kansas City Hospice House on January 22, 2011. John was an Eagle Scout, Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Vice Chairman of Pioneer Trails District of Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America. John was a member of the Executive Board Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, Chairman for the Lone Bear Capital Campaign, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 16, Webelos Leader and Cubmaster of Cub Pack 16.

He is survived by his parents, Phil and Barry Starr, of Longboat Key, Florida, and Kansas City, Missouri; his brother, James Philip Starr, of Kansas City, Missouri and 3 children, John Lewis Starr, Elizabeth Phillips Starr, and James Robert Starr, all of Overland Park, Kansas; and his grandmother, Martha Jane Phillips Starr, of Fairway, Kansas.

The Family asks that you consider making a contribution to the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, or H Roe Bartle Staff Scholarship endowment or Pembroke-Hill School or your favorite charity. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at www.stineandmcclure.com.