Play Ball!

Star Scout, John Adams, from Troop 261 in Parkville, MO throws out the first pitch at Scout Day at the K.

Self Honored

KU Coach Bill Self is surprised with the Silver Beaver Award at his Annual Boy Scout Golf Classic.

Remembering 9/11

Scouts pause for a moment of silence on the 10th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Pack 3777 Scouts stop by NBC Action News to promote School Night for Scouting.

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Do a Good Turn Daily....

As we all know very well, part of the Scout Oath is “Do a Good Turn Daily”. Of course we never know when or where this opportunity will present itself, but I think it is safe to say not a day goes by that each of us cannot do a “Good Turn” for someone we come in contact with.

Last week I was forwarded an e-mail that originated from University Academy in Kansas City. It was in reference to the tragic shooting death of Samir Clark. After gunfire erupted outside of Samir’s home he jumped into action to protect children inside. Samir was struck by a stray bullet and was killed.

Samir was a graduate of University Academy and an Eagle Scout from the Heart of America Council. Last year Samir was recognized with an Urban Scouting Scholarship presented to him at the Council’s Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. This scholarship was to provide Samir $2,500 a year for up to four years of his college education. Samir had just completed his first year of college and was looking forward to returning to school this fall.

The e-mail I received originated from the University Academy Foundation. Samir’s family did not have the funds needed to cover the funeral and burial expenses, about $10,000. The foundation was working to raise the funds needed and help the family through this very difficult time. After contacting the foundation we learned that they were still $5,000 short.

A call was made to the school and they were informed that the Heart of America Council would cover the remaining expenses for Samir’s burial. A meeting was scheduled and a check was presented to the school/foundation and to Samir’s mother. During the presentation Mrs. Clark said that Scouting was the best thing to ever happen to her son and she remembered fondly his days at the Bartle Scout Reservation. She wished that more inner city youth had the opportunity to participate in Scouting.

The family and spirit of Scouting is everywhere. What was your “Good Turn” today?

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas let me know. I am proud to serve as your Scout Executive.

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

Scouting & Social Media

It’s an exciting time to be part of the BSA for many reasons. One of those is that new communication vehicles now enable Scouts and Scouters to communicate directly with each other about Scouting. Online social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube have made it possible for anyone to discuss Scouting and share stories, photos, videos, and other types of media.

This can be a very positive vehicle for Scouting, but the creation and maintenance of these channels requires forethought, care, and responsibility. For that reason, the Boy Scouts of America has developed guidelines to help you navigate the use of social media channels.

To review the BSA social media guidelines go to www.hoac-bsa.org and click on the council news tab.
From the Commissioner...

Last month, this column dealt with recruitment and in particular School Night for Scouting.

We all know we will continue to bring new youth into Scouting, but 12 months from now, will those youth still be involved in Scouting programs?

Some would say that retention is not one of the roles of the commissioner. This may be technically true in that it’s a well-planned program that helps retain youth. But a commissioner, through their unit visits, can observe the program being offered, the leadership being exhibited, and the involvement and interest of the youth. Our commissioners have a considerable amount of experience and should be able to offer suggestions or tips on how to engage the youth. The commissioner may also see a training opportunity for the leaders, so learning what training is available is important. It has been said that a commissioner visit can “take the pulse” of a unit. Commissioner visits will help you identify potential challenges and ways to address them before it’s too late.

Retention doesn’t happen once or twice a year; it’s a year-round process. Regular visits will help your units provide the best program possible to keep the youth engaged and interested, and therefore remain involved in Scouting.

Thanks, my fellow commissioners, for your dedication to the Scouting programs.

Yours in Scouting
Jim Bernard, Council Commissioner

New Units

Big Muddy
Crew 2675  Odessa VFW Post 5675

Pioneer Trails
Pack 4832  SWC at Metropolitan Missionary
Pack 4834  SWC at St. Mark’s Church
Pack 4835  SWC at Morning Star Baptist Church
Pack 4836  SWC at Derrick Thomas Academy
Pack 4837  SWC at Covenant Presbyterian
Troop 1103  HA KC at Riverview Gardens
Troop 1831  SWC at Zion Grove Missionary Baptist
Troop 1832  SWC at Metropolitan Missionary
Troop 1833  SWC at Swope Parkway Church of Christ
Troop 1835  SWC at Morning Star Baptist Church

Thunderbird
Pack 4413  Belvidere Heights Baptist Church
Troop 1621  First Baptist Church of Peculiar

Council Scouts and Staff Aid in Joplin Relief Efforts

On August 6 hundreds of Scouts, Scout leaders, and staff from the Heart of America Council made their way to Joplin, Missouri to clear debris left by the May 22 tornado. Scouts and volunteers braved the staggering heat to help the Joplin School District ready classrooms and buildings for the coming school year. Projects ranged from clearing debris to mulching to basic cleaning. In total, more than 1,000 Scouts from 7 different states helped in the clean-up efforts with volunteers compiling an estimated 6,000 hours of service to the Joplin community.

Scouts and staff from the Heart of America Council clear the way for change in Joplin.

School Night for Scouting Campaign Going Strong

The 2011 School Night for Scouting Campaign kicked off on August 14 with one single school. Since then, the council has conducted 417 School Nights over an eighteen day period. The campaign is slated to end in late October. With the support of our great coordinators and organizers, over 3,600 new Cub Scouts have been recruited into our Scouting family.

Ryan Watson, the 2011 Council School Night Chairman, has appeared on television with some of our youth promoting recruitment efforts and has conducted one of three planned School Night Conference Calls with our district volunteers. Our School Night Victory Celebration is scheduled for the evening of December 7th. All School Night volunteers are invited to attend so we can congratulate them on a job well done.

Veteran Awards

David Allen
60 year Council

Richard Brack
30 year Thunderbird

Donald Weinstein
50 year Trailhead
Urban BBQ Serves up Food for Funding

On Friday, September 16 more than 400 people made their way to downtown, Kansas City, Missouri to support the Heart of America Council’s 14th Annual Urban Scouting BBQ. More than $21,000 was raised to support the Urban Scouting program which serves at-risk youth in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Since 1998 the Urban Scouting BBQ has raised over $250,000 for Urban Scouting here in Kansas City.

Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders sign autographs as part of the Urban BBQ festivities.

2011 Popcorn Sale Underway

The 2011 Popcorn Sale is well underway. More than 528 Scouting units across the Heart of America Council are currently selling popcorn door-to-door and at store-fronts. The goal this year is to sell $3-million dollars worth of popcorn by the end of October. 70-percent of the proceeds will stay right here in Kansas City to support local Scouting.

One area of emphasis this year is the Online Sale. Please encourage your Scouts to take advantage of this opportunity. This is a simple way for Scouts to sell popcorn to friends and relatives that may not live in the Kansas City area.

In Memory of:

Robert C. Bilsen
DST Systems

Larry D. Bor geld
American Academy of Family Physicians/Scientific Activities Div.

Boy Scout Troop 0299
Ashley and Janice Tatro
Margaret Tatro
Woodard, Hernandez, Roth & Day LLC

Mark D. Boresow
Don and Harriet Boresow

Joseph Cisetti
John and Veronica Cisetti
Mary Cisetti
Stephen and Eileen Ford
Thomas and Kathleen Kinnerly
Michael and Kristina Larkey
Robert and Karen Robinson

Robert M. Davis
Steve and Miriam Spencer

Jay Frederick Frank
Shirley Beiser
Danny Boresow
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Joanne Labelle
A. Wood and Luann McNaughton
David and Doris Schey
Society of Broadcast Engineers
Douglas Spilker

Debbie Grant
Heart of America Council Staff

Ronald L. Henderson
James Riggs

Gerald R. Humbert
VFW Post 10299

Stephen L. Hutinett
Bonnie Barker
B.P.O. Elks Lodge 2088
John and Debbie Borgman
Boy Scout Troop 1341
Steven Clifford
Committee for Youth Development
Kevin and Mary Corbett
James and Lisa Crooks
David Desimone
Gene and Sandra Devaux
Mark and Debra Gotzon
Edward and Mary Grisnik
Daniel and Susan Haggeman
Heartland Fabrications & Machine, Inc.
Ron and Dinah Henderson

Tom and Willene Hinken
Keith and Ann Hoffman
Elwyn and Marguerite Hodge
Mary Howard-Rigaudot
E. Loeta Hunley
Carl and Christine Loftis
Dennis and Barbara Loftis
William Myers
Kenneth and Lisa Norcross
Robert and Jane Paul
Saima Sami
Jack and Laura Selby
Carol Smock
John and Bernadette Septick
Susan Underwood
Forestine Wayland
Pamela Williams
R. Dale Schwab
Louis and Janet Zwillenberg

John A. Thomas
John Haley

William J. Tobler, Jr.
Bruce and Doris Durbin
RC Metro 50 Softball League
Frank and Doris Peterson

Rich Weiland
Heart of America Council Staff

Robert C. Wilson
M. J. George
Dwight and Dottie McGowan
Curtis and Sandra Rafferty
Alph and Laura Shields
Timothy and Lisa Tracy
James Tharman

John A. “Tony” Wolf, Sr.
Bernard Bargfrede
James and Louise Clossick
Kirk Duncan
Robert Justice
John Morris Equipment & Supply Co.
United States Postal Service/Stamp Fulfillment Services
Victor and Kiley Shaw
Michael and Rebecca Webb

In Honor of:

Curtis and Cathy Sisler
Myonca Grey

Gus S. Wetzel II
Julia Cary
Donly Dehn

Michael Haverty to be Honored as the 2011 Distinguished Citizen

Each year the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner honors an individual for making a distinct difference in the fabric of Kansas City. On October 12, 2011, Michael Haverty, Executive Chairman, Kansas City Southern Community Philanthropists will be honored as the 2011 Distinguished Citizen at the Kansas City Muehlebach.

Co-chairs for this year’s dinner are Terry Dunn, President & CEO, JE Dunn Construction and Tom McDonnell, CEO, DST Systems.

Proceeds benefit the many youth development programs of the Heart of America Council. The dinner highlights how our Urban Scouting program provides a positive alternative to develop values and life skills in young people facing difficult socio-economic conditions.
The Heart of America Council is proud to recognize the

2011 Silver Beaver
&
Whitney M. Young Jr.
Award Recipients

All honorees will be recognized at the Council Annual Recognition Banquet on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm at the Downtown Kansas City Marriott. This year’s recognition dinner will be like nothing you’ve seen before. Join us as we recognize our award recipients and for a special tribute to Scouting in the Heart of America Council. Online reservations and opportunities to submit honorariums for our Silver Beaver and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award recipients are available at www.hoac-bsa.org

Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org

In conjunction with the Council Annual Recognition Banquet on November 16, the annual Second Century Society (formerly Heritage Society) will hold a reception prior to the banquet.

All endowment donors are invited to attend this event at the Downtown Marriott at 5:30 pm.

Whitney M. Young Jr.
Award Recipients

Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

October/November 2011
Scouting’s NOVA Award Coming Soon

Starting in 2012 Scouts of all ages will have the opportunity to earn the BSA’s NOVA Award. The NOVA Award program consists of individual activities in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. To learn more about this unique opportunity go to www.scouting.org/STEM

“Scout Outing” with Sporting KC

More than 2,500 Scouts and Scouters made their way to Livestrong Sporting Park on Saturday, August 27 for an unforgettable night of fun. In its second year, this “Scout Outing,” featured a sold out soccer match between Sporting KC and FC Dallas. The evening also included pre-game activities on the plaza, post game activities on the field, an overnight camping opportunity, and even a movie on the stadium’s high-definition big screen.

The event would not have been possible without the help of the ownership group of Sporting KC which includes Eagle Scouts Cliff Illig and Neal Patterson, along with the entire Sporting KC staff. Thank you to everyone that attended and made this event a success.

Local Scouts Attend World Scout Jamboree

By Russ and Ryan Dahl — Troop 201, Red-Tailed Hawk District

This summer, more than 40,000 Scouts from around the world flocked to Rinkaby, Sweden for the 2011 World Scout Jamboree. We joined up with other Scouts from across America to form Troop 70105, a group that consisted of 11 Scouts and 2 adult leaders from the Heart of America Council as well as others from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and California.

The World Scout Jamboree was like nothing we’ve experienced before in Scouting. All day, every day we made friends with Scouts from around the world from countries like Sweden, Germany, Finland, Holland, Switzerland and Italy. We got the chance to swim, canoe, cook, sing songs, and play games. Most importantly, we got a chance to learn about other cultures and get to know other Scouts which was an incredible experience.

The next World Jamboree will be in Japan in 2015. You should start making plans now for the adventure of a lifetime.

A bird’s eye view of the World Scout Jamboree

Scouts Gather for a Royal Weekend at the “K”

Over 300 area Eagle Scouts and 3,000 Scouts and Scouters invaded Kauffman Stadium on Sunday, August 7 for the Royal Gathering of Eagles and Scout Day at the K. A big thank you to our sponsors; Sprint for sponsoring the Royal Gathering of Eagles and Scout Day at the K.

The Royal Gathering of Eagles featured the presentation of the Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Award to Jim Heeter, Dr. John Hunkeler, and Michael Merriman.

Plans are already underway for next year’s event. John Heiman from Sprint has been named the chairman for the 2012 Royal Gathering of Eagles.

Council Executive Committee Member, Rick Boeshaar, presents the Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Award to Jim Heeter as part of the Royal Gathering of Eagles festivities

Heart of America Council Scouts officially open Scout Day at the K
Scouts with Disabilities
Camp a Huge Success

Rotary Youth Camp was transformed into “Treasure Island” this summer for 75 lucky campers. Summer camp for Scouts with Disabilities took place August 2 through August 6 in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Campers participated in a wide range of activities and earned merit badges such as Astronomy, Coin Collecting, Oceanography, and Orienteering. Participants were also treated to a field trip to the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation to cool off at the water park and pirate ship.

Thanks to our Camp Director Jerry Usry, our Program Director Jeff Dutzel, and everyone else who served on staff.

2011 Cub Scout Day Camp

Nearly 4,000 Cub Scouts attended thirteen area day camps across the Heart of America Council this summer. Cub Scouts enjoyed activities based around the theme of “Cub-Quest.” Activities included some old favorites like shooting BB guns and bows and arrows. Participants also worked on badges and Cub Scout belt loops, played games, sang songs, learned about nature, and much much more!!

Jamboree 2013:
July 15-24

The Heart of America Council's 2013 National Jamboree Leadership Selection Committee will meet with and interview potential troop and crew leadership at the following district roundtables starting in October.

2012 Camp Draw

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
Saturday, October 22, 2011
Naish Scout Reservation — 1100 Martinek Ln. Kansas City, KS
► 9:00am — All troops

H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
Thursday, October 13, 2011
Heart of America Council Service Center — 10210 Homes Rd. Kansas City, MO
► 6:30 pm — single troops that camped 60-74 Scouts and full-time leaders
► 7:00 pm — single troops that camped 45-59 Scouts and full-time leaders
Saturday, October 15, 2011
Cerner Riverport Campus — 6711 N.E. Birmingham Rd. Kansas City, MO
► 8:30 am — single troops that camped 30-44 Scouts and full-time leaders
► 9:30 am — single troops that camped 15-29 Scouts and full-time leaders
► 10:30 am — single troops that camped 14 or less Scouts and full-time leaders
► 11:00 am — combined troops of any number based on camp and campsite availability

The council contingent will include 3 troops and job descriptions can be found on the Jamboree page of the council web site. The council also has plans for 2 Venturing patrols of 9 youth and 1 leader depending on the interest. For more information go to the council jamboree page at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Activities/NationalJamboree.aspx, or call Alan Sanders, Staff Advisor, at (816) 569-4958, or Gary Cover, Council Jamboree Chair, at (660) 885-6914.

The payment schedule will continue to be the same as past years. The payment for ½ of the balance is due by Wednesday, February 15, 2012 and final payment is due by Wednesday, April 18, 2012 with names of all campers.
2011 Council Venturing Roundtable

On October 8 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Central Camp Dining Hall at Camp Naish, a Venturing Roundtable will be hosted for ALL Venturing Crews to participate in. This will be open to all YOUTH and ADULTS and will serve as a networking event for the Venturing program.

Venturer Earns Top Honor

Mary Vesel, a member of Venturing Crew 2888 in the Northern Tier District, has earned the Venturing Silver Award, the highest award in the Venturing program.

In addition to her latest accomplishment, Mary has also earned four Bronze awards, the Gold Award, and was recognized with the Venturing Leadership Award. She has served as Crew President and was a longtime member of the Bear Camp Staff at the Naish Scout Reservation.

Mary is now a junior at Northwest Missouri State University, where she is majoring in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.

Skilled Trade Work Days

- Saturday, October 22 — H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- Saturday, October 29 — Theodore Naish Scout Reservation

Beginning in October, the Heart of America Council will be hosting Skilled Trade Work Days for adult volunteers, union members, and other adults who want to share their special trade skills with the Scouting program and our Scout Reservations.

Special projects have been developed that require the specialized skills of electricians, carpenters, plumbers, HVAC specialists, roofers, heavy equipment operators, mechanics, painters, and more.

The work days will begin at 8:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided and a special BBQ will be held to celebrate the great accomplishments.

Interested in being a part of this exciting project?

Contact Rick Ledgerwood, Properties Superintendent, at (913) 422-1035.

Wood Badge for the 21st Century

On September 9-11 and September 30-October 2, 64 Scouters took part in the Heart of America Council’s Wood Badge for the 21st Century training course. Wood Badge is designed for adult leaders from all scouting programs. The course helps participants develop a better understanding of the purpose and goals of the Scouting program all while combining teamwork and fun.

Wood Badge participants gather for the warmth and friendship of Scouting.
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Lexington United Methodist Church,  
1211 S. 13 Highway Lexington, Missouri 64067

4 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
Lexington United Methodist Church,  
1211 S. 13 Highway Lexington, Missouri 64067

6 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Lexington United Methodist Church,  
1211 S. 13 Highway Lexington, Missouri 64067

22-23 Camporee, Check-in begins at 4:00 pm  
Ray County Fairgrounds,  
1013 West Royle Street, Richmond, MO 64085

November

1 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Lexington United Methodist Church,  
1211 S. 13 Highway Lexington, Missouri 64067

1 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
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11 Popcorn Distribution

The 2011 Big Muddy Camporee promises to be a truly unique experience. This year the activities will take place under the cloak of night making the various activities even more challenging. Please have your unit contact Kim Edney to help staff some of the events at 816-517-9249 or kimberly.edney@yahoo.com

Units should preregister for this event by October 11th
When: October 22-23 2011 Check in at 4:00 on the 22nd
Where: Ray County Fairgrounds
Cost: $8.00

Details: This is going to be an OVERNIGHT CAMPOREE with the activities starting at 7:00 PM and running through the night.

Big Muddy Royal Gathering of Eagles

On August 7, 206 Scouts and Scouters from the Big Muddy District turned out to watch the Royals slip past the Detroit Tigers 4-3. 30-percent of the district was in attendance to cheer on the boys in blue.

Investment in Character

Thank you for your support of the 2011 Investment in Character Campaign. Your generous contributions allowed the district to help 42 Big Muddy Scouts receive the opportunity of a lifetime, a summertime camping experience. Keep in mind that the 2012 campaign is right around the corner. Please take the time to schedule a date for your 2012 presentation.

District Training

All unit leaders must be trained in order to stay on your unit charter.

Many of the trainings are offered online at www.myscouting.org. If you are new to my scouting you must first set up a new account. Once registered, select the elearning tab and begin your training. Courses are also offered in a classroom setting.

Training

Cub Scout Training
Saturday October 8th 2011, 9:30 am  
9:30 am— Youth Protection  
11:00 am — This is Scouting  
1:00 pm — Cub Scout Leader Specific  
Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 S. 13 Highway Lexington, Missouri 64067

Trainings may also be scheduled by contacting Mary Martens at 816-776-3082 or mrmart1@hotmail.com

Boy Scout Training
Training opportunities are also available for Boy Scout leaders.

If your Troop would like to schedule a training session contact Jim Snyder at (816) 263-3120 or jamesnyder@hotmail.com

Day Camp 2012

The dates for the Big Muddy Cub Scout Day Camp are set! Start making plans to attend the 2012 Big Muddy Day Camp June 4th-7th at Dyer Park in Odessa.

Catfish Tournament

Due to the extremely high river levels, the Big Muddy Catfish Tournament has been postponed until the spring of 2012. An exact date will be determined shortly.

Contact Steve Graver with questions at 660-229-4013

Tournament prizes for first ($1,000) second ($500) and third ($250) place will be awarded.
Training

Look for the training report in your recharter packet that was passed out at the October Roundtable. If you or any member of your unit are in need of training please visit [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org) and go to the Blue Elk Training page for the most up to date list of available trainings.

Trainings are also offered online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)

- Fast Start
- This is Scouting
- Youth Protection (including the Venturing version)
- ALL Cub Leader Positions
- Troop Committee Challenge

Camporee 2011

“Launching a New Century of Scouting”
October 7 - 8
American Legion Farm, 499 Legion Road, Blue Springs, MO
- Friday night-Saturday afternoon
- You may arrive beginning at 3 pm Friday to unload and get set up. Camporee will conclude late afternoon on Saturday.
- Cost is $9/person after October 6th and a $25 unit registration fee.
- For more information on Camporee:
  - [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org) then go to the Blue Elk activities page
  - Kerry DeHaan, Activities Chair. 210-4043 or the_dehaans@yahoo.com

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Important Popcorn Dates

Be sure to list these important popcorn dates on your unit calendar.

- October 28th Sale ends
- October 31st Orders and Return forms are due
- November 11th-12th Final Order distribution
  - Tingle Flooring, 2615 NE Hagan Rd. Lee’s Summit, MO 64064 (Strother Road Exit)
- Contact our popcorn team with any additional questions:
  - Tom Frasher, District Popcorn Chair, 797-3815
  - Karen Moorman, Popcorn Vice Chair, 795-8761
  - Ed Rieck, Distribution Chair, 796-8113
Exploring Officers

Exploring Division Program Chairman  Joel Johnson  (913) 915-3480
Health & Medicine Exploring Chairman  Joy Hobick  (816) 404-7107
Science & Technology Chairman  Larry Taber  (816) 458-3020
Division Director  Lisa Thomas  (816) 569-4972
lisa.thomas@scouting.org

Contact Information
Your post or group is important to us. While we visit with all advisors, lead teachers, and principals regularly, we are available to address your needs and concerns as they arise. Please contact Lisa R. Thomas, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at (816) 569-4972 or lisa.thomas@scouting.org, or Ross Pfannenstiel, Field Director, at (816) 569-4964 or ross.pfannenstiel@scouting.org

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

TO ALL EXPLORER POSTS!!!!

VERY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS EXPLORER POST LEADERS!

TO:   All Exploring Advisors and Adult Leaders
DATE:  November 1, 2011
SUBJECT:  2011 Online Post Renewal becomes active

Mark your calendars. This will be the first day that you can go on-line to start your renewal paperwork. Please make sure all of your new youth applications are turned in prior to that, so they will be on your renewal.

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Thanks to consumers who purchase this item, Trail’s End ships popcorn to the U.S. Military on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America.

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- Over $22 million returned to local Scouting
- Over 2 million pounds of product shipped

Exploring in action across the Heart of America Council
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

Kaw Officers

District Chair: Bruce Coleman  (913) 422-3040
District Commissioner: Brett Doolittle  (913) 908-2786
District Director: Julian Rivette  (816) 569-4947 julian.rivette@scouting.org
District Executive: Jose Romero  (816) 569-4973 jose.romero@scouting.org
Activities Chair: Tim Rhodes  (913) 669-3441
Advancement Chair: Rob Sloop  (913) 422-0583
Boy Scout Roundtable: Mike Klingele  (913) 441-6256
Camping Chair: Susan Rodgers  (913) 351-1470
Cub Scout Roundtable: Judi Klingele  (913) 441-6256
Eagle Board of Review: Vacant
Family Chair: Nils Erikson  (913) 250-0347
Finance Chair: Vacant
Membership Chair: Dana Carter  (913) 299-6302
Public Relations Chair: Calvin Mayfield  (913) 488-5635
Relationships Chair: Rob Richardson  (913) 573-5750
Risk Management Chair: Sandy Patrzykont  (913) 963-4288
Training Chair: David Bornn  (910) 286-3863
Venturing Chair: Vacant

Training: (Direct Contact Leaders)  94.3%
Investment in Character: 88.9%

October

6  District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse St. Bonner Springs, KS
6  District Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse St. Bonner Springs, KS
7  District Camporee
   Ft. Leavenworth Scouting Area, Ft. Leavenworth, KS
13  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
    Cabelas, 10300 Cabelas Dr. Kansas City, KS
21  Outdoor Adult Leader Training (IOLS/OLSWL)
    Camp Naish, 1100 Martinek Ln. Kansas City, KS
    Clarks Fork & South Camp Dining Hall

November

3  District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse St. Bonner Springs, KS

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   Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 W. Morse St. Bonner Springs, KS
10  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
    Cabelas, 10300 Cabelas Dr. Kansas City, KS

School Night for Scouting

Thank you to everyone who participated in the School Night for Scouting recruitment efforts in the Kaw District! Our goal is to bring in at least 600 new scouts this fall. If there are schools we did not recruit at, please contact Julian Rivette at 816-569-4947 or Julian.Rivette@scouting.org, or Jimmy White at 913-772-0247 or jimmywhite@kc.rr.com.

KAW District Outdoor Adult Leader Training

This is one of the greatest trainings offered through the council and it’s open to all districts! David Bornn, Nils Erickson and their team are leading a training session specifically for Scoutmasters/Assistant Scoutmasters, and Webelos Leaders preparing for Cub and Boy Scout Leadership. This training will be offered October 21-23, 2011 at Camp Naish (Clarks Fork), 1101 Martinek Ln, Kansas City, KS.

For questions, contact Nils Erickson at nils.erickson@us.army.mil or David Bornn at david.bornn@us.army.mil.

Cub Family Campout

This year’s Cub Scout Family Campout was held on September 23 at Camp Naish.

A big thank you goes out to David Bornn for his outstanding leadership of this event. New and existing Scouts and their families got the chance to experience camping at one of the premiere camps in the region. We hope to continue to grow this event for 2012.

Kaw Officers

Special recognition goes out to Troop 169 and their Scoutmaster, Bill Brown, for their cleanup efforts in Joplin, MO.

In August, the troop from Basehor, KS helped clear tornado debris at school buildings and helped prepare temporary classrooms for the school year. The Troop’s good deed was also featured in the Basehor weekly newspaper. Thank you to Bill and Troop 169 for your service to the community.

Save the date:

• October 7-8 Camporee
• October 21-23 IOLS/OLSWL

Scouts and leaders from Troop 169 in Basehor, KS make a difference in Joplin, MO.
Lone Bear Officers

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Training: 85.4% (Direct Contact Leaders)

Investment in Character: 102.9%

Check out Lone Bear District, BSA on Facebook!!!

October

1 - 2  **Cub Scout Family Campout**  
Lowry City Corn Maize

4  **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
Clinton Scout Center, 808 Augusta St. Clinton, MO 64735

11  **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
Clinton Scout Center, 808 Augusta St. Clinton, MO 64735

14 - 16  **Fall Camporee**  
Strother Free Trappers, 1390 S.W. 200th Rd. Holden, MO

18  **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
Golden Corral, 1520 Ohio St. Clinton, MO

November

1  **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  (Recharter Packets Distributed)  
Clinton Scout Center, 808 Augusta St. Clinton, MO 64735

8  **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
Clinton Scout Center, 808 Augusta St. Clinton, MO 64735

15  **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
Golden Corral, 1520 Ohio St. Clinton, MO

Fall Recruitment

Thank you to all of our district volunteers who helped make the 2011 School Night for Scouting Campaign possible. Thanks especially to Jim Houk, our School Night Chair, for his time and dedication.

Fall Camporee

Black powder, archery, tomahawks, primitive cooking, native crafts, Mic-O-Say attire workshop…sound like fun? Then Camporee is for you.

- October 14 – 16
- $6
- Strother Free Trappers, 1390 S.W. 200th Rd., Holden, MO
- Limited space is available so [preregister today!](http://www.hoac-bsa.org)

Cub Scout Family Campout

All Cub Scouts and family members are invited to join the fun. The Cub Scout Family Campout includes camping, fun activities for the entire family, an evening snack and Saturday breakfast.

- October 1 – 2 (New Date!!!)
- Lowry City Corn Maize — [http://www.themaize.com/map/usa/missouri](http://www.themaize.com/map/usa/missouri)

Recharter 2012

- Packets will be distributed at the November Roundtable
- Training for the online recharter process will be offered at the November Roundtable
- Please come prepared with your Friends of Scouting presentation date
- Charters are to be turned in by the December Roundtable

Pack 4237 from Butler, MO pitches in to help in the recovery effort in Joplin, MO. The Pack collected pet supplies for the hundreds of stranded pets in the aftermath of the devastating tornado.

Get Your Copy Today!

Available at the Council Service Center or at [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org)
1 North Star District Camporee Chairman, Tim Helton, is assembling a great volunteer team to run the Camporee. If you are interested in helping out, stop by Roundtable and talk to Tim, or e-mail him at timhelton@peoplepc.com. He would be happy to make sure you are part of the great team that is planning the 2011 Fall Camporee.

2 Fall Recruiting

All of the School Night for Scouting events are over, but that doesn't mean that recruiting stops. Recruiting is a year-long process. Units are encouraged to hold “Ask a Buddy” events several times throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to invite their friends to join them in the Scouting program.
**Northern Tier**

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### Training:

- **(Direct Contact Leaders)** 87.1%

### Investment in Character:

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#### November

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  - Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Road

- 3 Roundtable, 7 pm
  - Overland Park LDS Church, 7100 Hadley Rd.
  - Includes OA Chapter Meeting and Merit Badge Counselor Training

- 10 District Commissioner Meeting, 7 pm
  - Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 7230 Quivira Road

- 15 Cub Position Specific Training, 6:00 pm
  - St. Paul United Methodist Church, 7740 Lackman Rd. Lenexa, KS

- 17 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
  - Lenexa LDS Building, 7845 Allman Rd. Lenexa, KS

### District Dinner

Recognition is a key part of the Scouting program. The district recognizes dedicated adult volunteers at the annual District Dinner. Nominations for District Award of Merit and Outstanding Leader Nominations are due no later than December 1st. No late nominations will be accepted. For questions about District Dinner please contact Stephanie Ogan, District Activities Chairman, at stephanieogan@yahoo.com. Nomination forms can be found at: [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/Activities.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthernTier/Activities.aspx)

### Training

Every boy deserves a trained leader and NOW is the time to get your leaders trained! All leaders, including committee members and Chartering Organization Representatives, must be fully trained by December 31, 2011. Fully trained means completing Youth Protection, This is Scouting, and Job Spe-

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### School Night for Scouting

A huge thank you to the many volunteers that dedicated their time to recruit almost 300 new Cub Scouts this fall. A big thank you to all the unit presenters, Greg Ogan, School Night Chairman, and Todd Martin, Membership Chairman, for all their leadership and guidance.

### Inclement Weather Policy

As we move into the colder months the district has in place a inclement weather policy for district meetings and events. Cancellations will be posted on the front page of the District’s Webpage by noon of the event/meeting.

### Facebook

The Northern Tier District is on Facebook. Join our page and stay up-to-date on upcoming events and discussions. Feel free to share your own Scouting updates and photos.
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Pelathe Officers

District Chairman        Frank Wright        (785) 594-3006
District Commissioner    John Harman         (785) 331-7384
Senior District Executive Randy Kidder        (816) 569-4954

Activities Chair         Richard Rawlings    (785) 865-6306
Advancement Chair        Mark Gleeson        (785) 841-2334
Boy Scout Roundtable     Alfred Cramer       (785) 331-9269
Camping Chair            Chris Golledge      (785) 842-4120
Cub Scout Roundtable     Natalie Archer      (785) 727-0153
Eagle Board of Review    Rich Bailey         (785) 842-0842
Family Chair             Scott Gates         (785) 832-8537
Finance Chair            Dale Denning        (913) 383-1950
Membership Chair         Keith Wood          (785) 841-7208
Relationships Chair      Schuyler Bailey     (785) 841-2328
Public Relations Chair   Cindy Lynn          (785) 550-1593
Risk Management Chair    Tom Volek           (785) 865-5685
Training Chair           Eric Muetz          (785) 550-9511
Venturing Chair          Audrey Taylor       (785) 749-5722

Training: (Direct Contact Leaders)

93.4%

Investment in Character: 102.7%

October

6 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
7-9 Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills Training 2 of 2, 6:00 pm
   Camp Bromelsick
20 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Troop 55 Cabin, 4120 Clinton Parkway
21-23 Fall Camporee and Webelos Woods
   Camp Bromelsick

November

3 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
3 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
   First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS
17 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
   Troop 55 Cabin, 4120 Clinton Parkway

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Investment in Character

Make plans to include a short presentation on Investment in Character at a winter Court of Honor or at another unit meeting in January, February, or March. Investment in Character not only raises needed funds, but also serves to educate Scouting families about how Scouting is funded on a council level. You will be contacted by one of our volunteer presenters to make arrangements.

Popcorn

October is the big month for our sale. Take time to swing through the neighborhood a second time. Thanks to Natalie Archer, our District Popcorn Chair, and her team for a great start to this year’s campaign. If you have any questions give her a call at (785) 727-0153 or email at brittanddiansmom@yahoo.com.

Cub Scout Family Campout

Our September 25 Cub Scout Family Campout at Camp Bromelsick was a great success. New and old Cub Scouts and their families had a great time. Special thanks to Chris Golledge and Troop 60 for putting this year’s event together.

Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic

Nearly 100 golfers from more than 20 local companies gathered on an outstanding August afternoon to support Scouting by playing in the annual Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic.

Special thanks to our title sponsors Perceptive Software, Clinical Reference Laboratory and Gene Fritzel Construction for their leadership. Other local businesses supporting the event include: Capitol Federal Savings, Intrust Bank, Blue Ocean Consulting, Black Hills Energy, Lawrence Bank, Optimist Club, University Photography, O’Malley’s Beverage, First Management, Luminous Neon, Capital City Bank, Milliard Management, Pella Windows, Laird Nollar, Glaziers and others.

Participants practice leave no trace at the Bill Self Boy Scout Golf Classic

Where Kids and Cows Always Have Fun

Everyone Loves a Field Trip

Scouts of all ages will enjoy a behind-the-counter, guided tour of the inner workings of Adams Dairy Bank. How does that little container get from inside the bank out to the vehicle in the drive-thru? How much change is in that bag of coins? All these mysteries will be solved.

Get this official patch when your unit tours Adams Dairy Bank.

To learn more, or to schedule your group tour of Adams Dairy Bank, call Katie Jackson at 816.655.3333.

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Get this official patch when your unit tours Adams Dairy Bank.

To learn more, or to schedule your group tour of Adams Dairy Bank, call Katie Jackson at 816.655.3333.

Tours start Saturday, September 17 and are every other Saturday until May 12, 2012.
2012 Investment in Character Campaign

Preparations are underway for the upcoming 2012 Investment in Character Campaign. Please look at your unit calendars for the best time to have a brief presentation. Troop Court of Honors and Pack Blue and Gold Banquets are ideal opportunities to have a volunteer presenter visit. Your support will allow us to provide better events and activities for all our Scouts. To schedule a presentation contact District Executive Mike Farrell at (816) 569-4950 or michael.farrell@scouting.org.

Cub Scout Family Campout and Camporee

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Cub Scout Family Campout and Camporee! This year’s Cub Scout Family Campout was held September 30 through October 1 and Camporee lasted until October 2. A big thank you goes to Carol De Feo and Ed Mulik for their great leadership and help with this event. New Scouts got a taste of the fun that we have at our District events. We hope you see you next year!

Training

The fall is the perfect time to get trained. Whether you are a new leader, a returning leader who never got trained, or a trained leader who wants a refresher course, we have the training for you. Check the calendar below for leader training dates for this fall. For more information, visit the Pioneer Trails District Training Page http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/PioneerTrails/Training.aspx. To schedule a training session for your unit contact David Penner at dpenner@everestkc.net or (816) 444-2379.

School Night for Scouting

The District’s School Night for Scouting recruitment campaign went great this year! We all worked hard on getting the word out to new Scouts to join the best youth program around. This wouldn’t have gone as smoothly without the leadership of John Freshnock, Michael Grimaldi and Tom Holley. Thanks to these three volunteers and to the countless hours of others who helped out.
**RED-TAILED HAWK**

**November**

3 **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**  
College Church of the Nazarene, 2020 E. Sheridan, Olathe, KS 66062  
Includes Charter Distribution, OA Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project Reviews, Merit Badge Counselor Training

10 **District Committee/Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
Colonial Presbyterian Church, 12501 W. 137th St. Overland Park, KS

16 **Annual Council Recognition Banquet, 6:30 pm**  
Downtown Kansas City Marriott, 200 W. 12th St. Kansas City, MO

17 **Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm**  
Colonial Presbyterian Church, 12501 W. 137th St. Overland Park, KS 66221

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**School Night for Scouting**

The Red-Tailed Hawk membership team wishes to thank all District Coordinators, Organizers and Pack Representatives for their job on School Night for Scouting. This is a great time of the year to follow up with families you know that have been involved with football or soccer and extend an invitation to those youth that may have missed out on the opportunity to join Scouting. Great emphasis is put on recruiting youth when school starts, but it should be a 12-month practice to see that each youth in our community has an opportunity to join Scouting.

**Popcorn**

The popcorn sale is now full swing! As you already know, your sale is important in so many ways to the Scouting program. Below is a Popcorn schedule for October and November.

**Schedule:**

- **Popcorn Sale Ends**  
  October 28, 2011
- **Popcorn Return Form due to Council**  
  October 31, 2011
  (at 10:00 pm. Return orders CAN NOT be entered on line)
- **Final Popcorn Distribution**  
  November 11, 2011
  (3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
- **Final Popcorn Distribution**  
  November 12, 2011
  (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
- **Final Payment Due**  
  December 5, 2011

**Training**

Every youth deserves a trained leader, and your unit’s charter is going to be due in just a few months. Be proactive and make sure all of your adult leaders are trained as we enter the recharter process. All Cub Scout training can be found online at www.scouting.org, but for more information on trainings in your neighborhood go to [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Trainings.aspx](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/Trainings.aspx).

Not sure which courses you need? Need to register for a training course? Want to find out about other training opportunities in Johnson County? Visit [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org) and go to the Red-Tailed Hawk Training Page. For more information contact Chris Foote, Red-Tailed Hawk Training Chair at 816-835-4796 or Chris Rinella (816) 569-4929, chris.rinella@scouting.org.

**Cub Family Campout/Camporee**

Mark your calendars for October 14-16, 2011 for the annual Camporee/Cub Family Campout. Plan to join all your fellow Scouters from Red-Tailed Hawk as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our district. The location will be at the old Lake Olathe Golf Course with an emphasis on emergency preparedness. More information is available at [http://rthscouting.org/camporee.html](http://rthscouting.org/camporee.html). You won’t want to miss this event!
November

1 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
Hickman Mills High School Library, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO

1 District Roundtable, 7:30 pm
Hickman Mills High School, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO

5 University of Scouting
Hickman Mills High School, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd. Kansas City, MO

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

Camporee
The 2011 Thunderbird District Fall Camporee will be held October 7 - 9 with the theme “Wakinyan Shu-Tan-Ka”. This Camporee is based on the Customs and Traditions of the Native American Indian and their way of life. The Camporee setting will be along the theme of an Indian Village. Please turn in registration and payment to the Scout office or at the October Roundtable.

Go to www.hoac-bsa.org for more details and registration information.

For questions, contact Pete Zibers: 816-686-1649, zibers@att.net or Kris Krahenbuhl: 816-589-8035, kkrahenbuhl@comcast.net.

Save the date:
- October 7th, 8th, 9th — Camporee
- November 17th — Recharter turn-in

School Night for Scouting
The bulk of our School Nights for Scouting are now complete. Thank you to all Packs for their time and effort in making all of our school nights a success. Thank you also to our district volunteers for helping with presentations, organizing dens, etc. A big thank you goes out to Barb January, our School Night for Scouting Chair, who organized volunteers, communicated with packs, distributed fliers, and ensured that our School Night Campaign was a huge success.

Cub Scout Family Campout
What a great event! We hope that those who came out had a great time! Thank you to the campers and to Laura Crotty and her staff for delivering a great event to our new recruits.

Recharter 2012
It’s that time of year again and the Thunderbird District recharter turn-in night is scheduled for November 17. Be on the lookout for locations and more information.

2012 Investment in Character
Planning and preparation is currently underway for the 2012 Investment in Character Campaign.

If your unit has yet to schedule a presentation, please contact Bob Borgelt at (816) 304-0047 or BobB76@kc.rr.com.

We look forward to another successful Investment in Character Campaign in the Thunderbird District.
20 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm  
Emmanuel Baptist Church,  
10100 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

22 Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Training, 9:00 am  
Indian Creek Community Church,  
12480 S Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS

November

3 District Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
Jewish Community Center,  
5801 W. 115th St. Overland Park, KS

3 OA Chapter Meeting, Merit Badge Counselor  
Training, Eagle Project Reviews, 7:00 pm  
Jewish Community Center,  
5801 W. 115th St. Overland Park, KS

10 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Atonement Lutheran Church,  
9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

10 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Atonement Lutheran Church,  
9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

15 Cub Position Specific Training: 6:30 pm  
St. Paul United Methodist Church,  
7740 Lackman Rd. Lenexa, KS

17 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm  
Emmanuel Baptist Church,  
10100 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

19 Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Training, 7:30 am  
Trinity Lutheran Church,  
5601 W 62nd St. Mission, KS

Training

Now is the time to get your leaders trained! All leaders, including committee members, must be fully trained by December 31, 2011. Fully trained means completing Youth Protection, This is Scouting, and Job Specific Training for your position. Many trainings can be done online at www.myscouting.org. For a complete list of training opportunities throughout Johnson County this fall go to www.hoac-bsa.org and the Trailhead Training Page.

School Night for Scouting

A huge thank you goes out to the many volunteers who dedicated their time to recruit almost 400 new Cub Scouts this fall. Thanks to Trailhead School Night Chair, John McCabe, for his hard work and effort to make sure every boy had the opportunity to join Scouting!

A Week in the Bahamas  

By Kit Strange, Crew 2257

This past summer, I had the opportunity to go to the Bahamas with my Venturing Crew 2257. We got to live on a sailing boat for a week, learning to sail the boat by day and sleeping under the stars by night. For me, this was my first time in the ocean, so every day came with a variety of new experiences.

My week in the Bahamas was the best week of my whole life. I got to see so many new things, experience different adventures, and most importantly, learn to sail a boat! I can't believe I got this opportunity to travel out of the country and live on a boat for a week. All in all, I'd say it was a pretty good week, a week I'll never forget.

Facebook

The Trailhead District is on Facebook. Join our page and stay up-to-date on upcoming events and discussions. Feel free to share your own Scouting updates and photos.
8 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Principal Financial Group,
7300 W. 110th St. Overland Park, KS

16 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm
Rising Star Elementary,
8600 Candlelight Lane, Lenexa, KS

Camporee 2011 “The Amazing Race”

Thank you to all the hard working volunteers who made the “Amazing Race” one of the best Camporees ever! A special thank you goes out to Kevin Kennedy, Matt Bacon, and Todd Whiteley for masterminding the event.

146 Scouts and over 50 leaders took on our nighttime course from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am. Scouts competed in rifle shooting, archery, C.O.P.E., tomahawk throwing, fire building, first aid, orienteering, water games, and more. The event ran late into the night and ended with a movie in our outdoor theater. “Chris Cakes” served up fun for breakfast and the winning patrols were awarded special Amazing Race t-shirts. This was truly an amazing event!

Trails West Fall Training Calendar
- 10/13/11 — Cub Scout Leader Training
  6:30 pm, Fellowship Bible Church
  16900 Waverly Rd. Gardner, KS
- 10/22/11 — Scoutmaster/ASM Training
  9:00 am, Indian Creek Community Church
  12480 S. Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS
- 11/15/11 — Cub Scout Leader Training
  6:30pm, St. Paul UMC
  7740 Lackman Rd. Lenexa, KS

To pre-register for these training courses contact the Trails West Training Chairman, Rob Adams, at rob@adams-r-us.name

For a complete listing of training courses offered in Johnson County go to www.hoac-bsa.org and the Trails West Training Page.

Trick-or-Troop 2011

Find out what Trails West Boy Scout Troops are all about at the 2nd Annual Trick-or-Troop. Join us on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 pm at Rising Star Elementary, 8600 Candlelight Lane, Lenexa, KS.

Packs: Bring your Webelo Scouts and their families to learn more about area Boy Scout troops. Come and set up troop visits and meet our local troops. Remember, to earn the Arrow of Light, a Webelo must attend at least one Boy Scout Troop meeting. Packs may arrive between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm for this free event.

Troops: Plan to arrive and set up your display at 6:30 pm. Bring items that you would like to show like: pictures, display boards, camping gear, etc. You may also want to bring your 12-month calendar.

If your troop would like to participate, please contact: Lowell Teague 913-568-4943 or lteague@preconic.com

Recharter 2012

The Trails West Recharter Kickoff will take place at the November Roundtable. Join us and pick-up your unit’s recharter packet. Units should also bring their 2012 Investment in Character presentation date and a record of your Journey to Excellence goals for this year. There will also be an on-line recharter training session at roundtable to answer any questions about the process.

For questions please contact Jason Bledsoe 816-569-4984 or jason.bledsoe@scouting.org

Scouts settle in for the show at the Trails West Camporee
**Training**

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**School Night for Scouting**

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped recruit almost 200 new Cub Scouts in the Twin Rivers District this fall. A big thank you also goes out to all the Presenters, and to Leslie Staack, our School Night Chairman, for her leadership and guidance.

**Camporee 2011**

Get ready for the Twin Rivers 2011 Camporee. Join us the weekend of October 14-15 at St. Philippine Duchesne Park in Centerville, KS. Sharpen up on your survival skills and be prepared for adventure with our theme of “Emergency Preparedness.”

**Recharter 2012**

Recharter is the annual time of year when we renew each members’ registration. The recharter packets will be available for pick up on November 3 at Roundtable at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria, Paola, KS. Each unit MUST have a representative in attendance. An orientation will be available to update you with any changes and the procedures for completing the recharter process.

**Facebook**

The Twin Rivers District is on now Facebook. Join our page to stay up-to-date on all that's happening in the Twin Rivers District.
Congratulations to the 2011 Vigil Honor members of the Order of the Arrow

YOUTH
- Sean Bodendistel
- Brett Mason
- James McDonald
- Sam Nicol
- Randall Park
- Ian Schartz
- Nathan Strentz

ADULTS
- Rob Koudelka
- Ben Wake
- Tom Ward
- Michael Thompson
- Matt Gettys
- Ray Graskemper
- April Hale
- John Harman
- Mary Kilkenny
- Michael Samms

YOUTH
- Joshua Cole
- Joe DeVader
- Jacob Hubert
- Jack Karsten
- Michael Thompson
- Ben Wake
- Tom Ward
- Matt Gettys
- Ray Graskemper
- April Hale
- John Harman
- Mary Kilkenny
- Michael Samms

ADULTS
- Dean Carlson
- Justin Dealy
- Alan Sanders
- Tom Sherman
- Robert Stockedell
- Rich Weiland
- Rodney White