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2015 Community Service Day



Heart of America Council is hosting a community service DIG DAY on **Saturday, May 9, 2015**.

The North Star District will be leading the way, serving our community with special projects with the Kansas City Parks. Each team coordinator will register a specific area for their team of 10 for Community Service Day. The person who registers will be the Coordinator for that team.

Kick-Off Ceremonies and coordination planning will start at **9:00am on May 9th**. Project operation hours will run from **10:00am until 2:00pm**, or until each individual project is completed. Remember: A Scout is Thrifty.

Therefore, in order to limit the amount of over-time expense for KCMO Parks and Recreations employees, work will start promptly at 10am.

There are SIX locations where Scouts and adults will be planting flower beds. All participants will bring their own sack lunch including drink. We recommend that you bring your own waterless hand cleaner and plenty of drinking water. Please encourage the use of reusable lunch bags and containers.

For more information, go to goo.gl/XJroXr. Also, be sure to log your service hours once the project is completed.

Let's show the community what Scouts and Scouters can do for the community.

2015 Year to Date Advancement Summary:

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|---------------------|-----|-----------------------------|----|
| Tiger:..... | 104 | Tenderfoot:... | 26 |
| Bobcat:..... | 26 | 2 nd Class:..... | 47 |
| Wolf:..... | 113 | First Class:.... | 40 |
| Bear:..... | 174 | Star:..... | 16 |
| Webelos:..... | 132 | Life:..... | 24 |
| Arrow of Light: ... | 107 | Eagle:..... | 9 |

North Star District Calendar

<http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/Calendar.aspx>

April, 2015

- 5 Easter Sunday
- 7 Scoutmaster/Ass't Scoutmaster Training – Part 1, 6:30 p.m., [Avondale United Methodist Church](#)
- 9 District Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., [KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Kansas City, MO](#). Merit Badge Counselor Training, & OA Chapter Meeting. Monthly topic: Trailer Safety.
- 9 Day Camp Walking Leader Orientation – 7:00 p.m., at Roundtable
- 11 OA Rendezvous, 9:00am, [Camp Branch, Smithville Lake](#)
- 11 BALOO Training, 8:00am, [St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion Rd, KCMO](#).
- 11 Skilled Trades Day – Bartle
- 11 Webelos Camp Leader Orientation
- 14 Scoutmaster/Ass't Scoutmaster Training – Part 2, 6:30 p.m., [Avondale United Methodist Church](#)
- 16 Joint District Committee & District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30/7:30 p.m., [Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th Street](#)
- 18 Work Day – Naish
- 24 VOA Awards Banquet
- 24-25 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, 5:00pm, [Kelsey Short Youth Camp, 17980 Collins Rd, Smithville](#)
- 25 Day Camp Walking Leader Orientation – 9:00 a.m., [Park Hill Christian Church](#)
- 25 Webelos STEM – Bartle
- 29 FINAL PAYMENT for Bear Camp & Webelos Camp
- 30 District Realignment Fireside Chat, 7:00 p.m., [KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Kansas City, MO](#).

May, 2015

- 1 & 2 Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience, 5:00pm, [Kelsey Short Youth Camp, 17980 Collins Rd, Smithville](#)
- 1 & 2 Webelos Woods - 5:00pm, [Kelsey Short Youth Camp, 17980 Collins Rd, Smithville](#)
- 1-3 OA Spring Induction Weekend #1 – 5:00pm @ Naish
- 2 Work Day – Naish
- 7 District Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., [KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Kansas City, MO](#). Merit Badge Counselor Training, Life to Eagle Advisor Training, and OA Chapter Meeting. Monthly topic: Long Term Camping (tentative).
- 9 Work Day – Bartle
- 9 North Star District Community Dig Day (see page 5)
- 11 Webelos Camp Leader Orientation
- 14 Joint District Committee & District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30/7:30 p.m., [Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th Street](#)
- 15-17 OA Spring Induction Weekend #2 – 5:00pm @ Naish
- 16 Work Day – Naish
- 25 Memorial Day – Council Office Closed
- 5/29 – 6/1 Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration @ Bartle
- 5/31 – 6/5 NYLT Training Course #1, – [Naish](#) Scout Reservation

June, 2015

- 1-6 NYLT Training Course #2, – [Naish](#) Scout Reservation
- 4 District Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., [KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Kansas City, MO](#). Merit Badge Counselor Training, & OA Chapter Meeting, COR Training.
- 11 Joint District Committee & District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30/7:30 p.m., [Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th Street](#)

July, 2015

NO DISTRICT EVENTS. Every Unit should be camping and having a great summer program for all of their Scouts!!

- 1 Silver Beaver Nominations Due
- 1 OA Vigil Honor & Founders Award Nominations Due
- 16-24 Rotary Camp

August, 2015

- 6 District Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., [KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Kansas City, MO](#). Merit Badge Counselor Training, & OA Chapter Meeting, COR Training.
- 13 Joint District Committee & District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30/7:30 p.m., [Liberty Stake Center, 6751 NE 70th Street](#)

Membership – “PLUS ONE”



Attention Unit Leaders!!

Are there any youth in your unit who have a friend who is not in Scouting? If your answer was NO, then you should probably look again.

Every Scout who is an active member in a unit has a friend who is not in Scouting.

What are these non-Scouters missing? Fun! Adventure! Leadership Skill Development! Camping!! ...and the list continues.

Your challenge is to find that one Scout in your unit and get him to personally invite that friend to come see what Scouting is all about. And, add +1 each and every month.

If every unit can add just one more Scout to their unit this month, then our District will be able to meet our membership goal by the end of the year. LET'S DO IT!!!



Let's Get Our Leaders...



Recruiting is over. But, keeping our Scouting Skills up-to-date is never "over". Spring is right around the corner – a great time to update and refresh you training status.

Bookmark the North Star Training webpage at www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/Training.aspx. Check it often for updates. It is the MOST CURRENT listing of training classes in the District.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- **Cub Scout Leader Training**
 - **BALOO training** – 8:00am, [St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Vivion Rd, KCMO](#)
 - **Webelos Leader Outdoor Experience** – 5/1 & 5/2, [Kelsey Short Youth Camp](#)
- **Boy Scout Training**
 - **Scoutmaster/Ass't Scoutmaster Training – Part 1** 4/7 at [Avondale United Methodist Church](#)
 - **Scoutmaster/Ass't Scoutmaster Training – Part 2** 4/14 at [Avondale United Methodist Church](#)
 - **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** – 4/24 & 4/25 at [Kelsey Short Youth Camp](#)
- **Life to Eagle Advisor Training – May Roundtable**
- **Chartered Organization Rep Training** – at November Roundtable, or by appointment

If you have any questions, please contact **Jeff Tyler** at jstyler2015@icloud.com or at **816-505-2015**. Also, be sure to visit the National training web site and check out the new training sections. If you have any questions, let Jeff know.

On-line training links:

- **Cub & Scout Youth Protection training (2 year expiration)**
- **Venturing Youth Protection training (2 year expiration)**
- **Cub Scout Leader Job Specific training (Cubmaster, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Den Leader, Pack Trainer and Pack Committee)**
- **Weather Hazards (2 year expiration)**
- **Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and Climb On Safely (all 2 year expiration)**

DEN CHIEF Training at

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Youth/DenChiefTraining.aspx>



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Brian Streich** for being named **Scouter of the Month** at the North Star District **March 2015** Roundtable.

Brian is a long-time volunteer to Scouting. Thanks, Brian, for all you do for the program.

Webelos Woods 2015

WE'RE BACK!! The North Star Webelos Woods event is returning this Spring, and you are invited to come out for the fun and excitement.



Webelos Woods will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, May 1st & 2nd**, at [Kelsey Short Youth Camp](#), Smithville, Lake. Check in is from **4:00pm to 6:00pm** Friday evening.

Webelos Woods is a fun competition for all Webelos Scouts. Basic Scouting skills will be put to the test at each of the stations. Examples include knot tying race, fire building, and First Aid. There will be a camp fire with skits. This is a great program that brings the "outing" into Scouting.

More information will be sent to all Cub Scout Packs about Webelos Woods; so be on the lookout for handouts at each Cub Scout Roundtable. Also, check for program updates at www.hoac-bsa.org/north-star-activities, or call **Kyle Fulbright** at **816-569-4982**.

Hey, Boy Scout Troops..... This is a great way to help out -- and get to know those Webelos Scouts that will be looking at bridging over into your unit next year. Helping out shows those Webelos what your unit is all about. We need your help to make this a fun outing for all of those Webelos who will be the new Scouts joining your Troop in the next two years.

Mini-Camp Registration - 2015



The Heart of America Council has some of the best summer camping programs around. Many of those featured programs are also available throughout the year through the Mini-Camp programs at Camp Naish.

There are four programs offered this Spring, and five in the Fall. Each of these day-long Mini-Camps offers your Scouts an opportunity to experience many of the programs they will find during the summer – but with a personal flair.

For more information about these programs along with how to register, check out goo.gl/jSkf54. Here, you will find everything you need for your Scouts to have a great outdoor experience. Don't miss it!!



Boy Scout Camp Leader Orientation



Going to Bartle this summer? Just about every Scout Troop will be there.

The Scout motto says to “Be Prepared.” One way to be prepared for a summer of fun at Bartle is to attend one of the orientation sessions that the Council holds each spring. At

these sessions, you will receive the new Leader’s Guide and Program Guide, as well as learn about all of the changes that are coming for the 2015 camping season.

Whether you are going to the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation or the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, you need to make sure you have all of the information necessary to ensure your unit is completely prepared.

Meetings that presented the program at both of the camps have already been held. Were you there??

If not, the HOAC has created just about any document that you may need to help you deliver a quality camping program to your unit. Check out the information at www.hoac-bsa.org/camping-resources. Scroll through the web site at either the Bartle or Naish entries, and download the document that you are looking for.

To find out more about summer camp, be sure to check out www.scoutcamping.org. Click on the Boy Scout Camping link. If you can’t find the information you are looking for, call **816-942-9333** and ask for the Camping Department.

Get prepared for a summer of fun and excitement!! Make sure your unit puts the “OUTING” in Scouting.



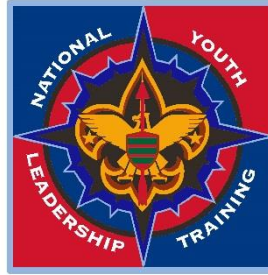
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Venture Crew



NEWSFLASH: GIRLS ALLOWED!

National Youth Leader Training



National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) is an intensive, seven-day outdoor training experience for young men and women in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of troop youth leaders. The course is conducted by the Heart of America Council Training Committee using the Junior

Leader Training Conference outline, approved by the Boy Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of NYLT is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program; to give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities; to give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other troops; to create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at it's best; to enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster; and TO HAVE FUN!

Each conference participant must be enrolled in a Venturing Crew or a Boy Scout Troop and be at least a First Class Scout, 13 years old and currently filling a leadership position in the unit or likely to assume one soon. They must also be proficient in basic Scouting skills.

The conference is intended to strengthen the relationship between the junior leader and his Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster or one of his assistants is expected to attend the final day's leadership commitment conference.

There will be two courses running simultaneously; one with a starting date of **Sunday, May 31, 2015** and ending Friday, June 5, 2015; and the other course with a starting date of **Monday, June 1, 2015** and ending June 26, 2015. NYLT will be held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation.

For more information, check out <http://www.hoac-bsa.org/nylt>, or call the HOAC Council office at 816-942-9333. Courses are filling up quickly, so register now!!

Spring Webelos STEM Weekend



Webelos STEM Weekend is back at Bartle April 25-26. All participants will enjoy a STEM (science,

technology, engineering, and math) themed program that will include robotics, geocaching, chemistry and more. Scouts will also experience traditional camp favorites like shooting sports, climbing and slingshots.

Cost is only \$30. Space is limited, so register today at goo.gl/dkqtfM.

What Did YOU Learn From the March CubCast?

The launch of the new Cub Scout program scheduled for June 1st is fast approaching.

Feeling less than prepared? The CubCast team hears you. That's why in the March 2015 edition, the hosts and their guests discuss how Cubmasters and den leaders can get ready for the new Cub Scout program.



Ken King is a volunteer from the Three Fires Council in St. Charles, Ill., and was a member of the task force that conceived and designed the new Cub Scout program materials that will be released in May and become active on June 1, 2015.

On the March 2015 CubCast (which is about 14 minutes long), King discusses many items regarding the new Cub Scout program. Here are seven items you will learn from this CubCast:

7. The program materials debut May 1.

That'll give you plenty of time to check out the actual materials you'll use with your Cub Scouts. "Pick up a copy of the youth handbook that you'll be working with and the den leader guide that you'll need and spend some time reviewing," King says, "because the den leader guide will map out how to deliver a den meeting in great detail."

6. The new Cub Scout program will cost the same (or maybe less).

"The number of adventure loops required is approximately the same as the number of academic and sports loops that are earned by boys right now," King says. "The new program won't be appreciably different, and some calculations suggest it will be a little bit less than what it is right now."

5. You won't need a ton of extra materials.

You "don't need to buy additional resources — things like the Group Meeting Sparklers, the Cub Scout Songbook, (and) the How-to Book of Cub Scouting," King says. "They're all still available as extra resource materials, but everything is contained in one single den leader guide."

4. Overall pack meeting structure will look the same.

You'll "be familiar with it," King says. You've "had experience with pack meetings but, some things we've developed to help them be more successful is we have a team that's putting together new pack meeting plans." So it's the same, only a lot better.

3. There are more opportunities for immediate recognition.

Cub Scout-age boys love instant recognition. That's been a standard at den meetings, and now it's more true at pack meetings, too.

"There's also more opportunities for recognition during pack meetings," King says, "depending on how the pack wants to organize that, boys can be recognized consistently, which will encourage them to be involved in the pack meetings and bring their families in to celebrate their successes."

2. The transition from old to new is actually really easy.

"Starting on June 1, if you're a new Tiger, a Wolf, Bear, or starting the Webelos program, just use the new program materials that are in the handbooks and materials," King says. "They're designed to make it easy to use, and when they finish their current level of program, they can just step into the next step without any problem."

1. Boys working on Arrow of Light can use new or old.

"Boys that'll be working on their Arrow of Light" later this year have two choices, King says. "They can keep using the current program, or they have [the additional option](#) that they can apply some of their previously earned Webelos-level recognitions and their activity badges; some of those can be used for advancement in the new system."

This list is just the beginning. Hear the full CubCast [here](#). Or read it [here](#).



ArrowTour

ArrowTour is one of many programs and initiatives that comprise a year-long celebration of the Order of the Arrow's centennial anniversary. In the summer of 2015, four delegations of youth Arrowmen will travel to council camps and Scouting events to bring our national centennial experience to Scouts, Arrowmen, and communities throughout the country.

ArrowTour will provide opportunities to reflect, connect, and discover the Order's Centuries of Service, both past and future.

On June 20, 2015, ArrowTour will be at The Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Details are being finalized at this time. For more information, check www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities often. Come on out and be part of the fun and excitement.

A Little Fun...

Ever thought that the English language was a little bit on the goofy side? Check this out: goo.gl/rWi2HD. Enjoy.

Comments From Our District Chairman



Greetings, North Star!

Not long ago, it seemed as if winter would never end. Now Easter is behind us, spring is here for us to enjoy and can you believe it, summer is a few short weeks away!

Summer is an important time for our Scouting program in

many ways. There are activities for all our units including Day Camp for cubs and Summer Camp for scouts. Planning for these started last fall with camp draws and leader assignments. But, now is the time to make sure that all Scouts have the opportunity to attend. We want to make sure that as many Scouts as possible participate in these activities - because they are such an important part of Scouting.

Now is also the time to plan additional activities for your units during the summer. We all know how busy it is with family activities, summer sports, school activities, and everything else that goes on. It is too easy to let our scouting programs "take a break" after day or summer camp with the intention of regrouping in the fall, but if we do our scouts can lose interest. When that happens membership and retention suffer. Spring recruiting programs are designed to offer our activities to those who missed fall sign-ups and want to participate during the summer, but it is up to us as leaders to see that the summer months are active and busy for all scouts, new and old.

Summer is also a good time for planning, particularly for scouts. A summer campout is a perfect time to let the scouts design their program for next year. Leaders need to know what the scouts like, and sometimes the scouts need some direction in choosing activities that fill advancement needs as well as being fun. Planning needs broad participation and all the distractions of summer can make it hard to focus on scouting. By getting your units off in a retreat setting, you can form the solid base for an excellent year of scouting.

Before you know it, fall recruitment will be here, and summer is the best time to start planning ahead for back to school nights. This is a great time to recruit new adults as well, but with Tiger Cub Leaders we need to start sooner. In too many cases we have parents who are willing, but without prior scouting experience it is too much to ask of them without an opportunity to learn and train first. Try to identify potential Tiger Den Leaders during the summer so they can be ready to go when the boys are.

As a unit leader, don't be afraid to ask for help and ideas. Roundtable is a great time to meet with your peers and see what they are doing. Your Unit Commissioner is another resource, if they don't know the answer to a question they can find someone who does. Our District Executives and the staff at the council office are professionals trained in scouting programs and are also always ready to help.

To all those involved in scouting in the North Star District, keep up the good work. I thank you for your time and hard work.

Yours in Scouting...

[Ted Wilson](#)

---North Star District Chairman

Fundraising Opportunity

Could your unit use some more money? If so, here is an opportunity that you should consider.

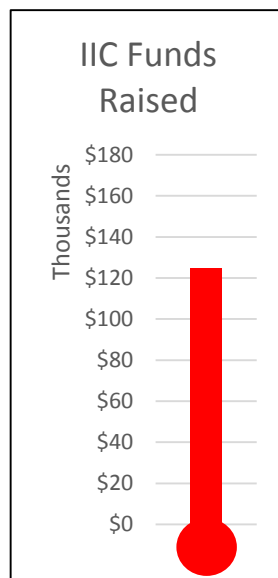


The Happy Rock Antique Mall in Gladstone is offering a booth to any unit who is interested in making some additional money. The Antique Mall will be hosting an outdoor flea market starting on April 18th, and will be run on the third Saturday between April and October. Set up time starts at sunrise till 7:30am, and the event runs from 8:00am until 2:00pm.

How can you make money? The official way is to sell Scout Popcorn – the official product that the Heart of America Council supports. To get the product under the "Show and Sell" program, you will need to coordinate with **Jonathan Geiger** at jonathan.geiger@scouting.org. He will help you secure the product.

Oh, by the way, while you are selling the popcorn, you can also promote your unit and see if you can sign up some new Scouts for your unit.

If you are interested in making additional money for your unit, contact **Robert Grantham** at **816-517-3542**, or at vinentphoto@kc.rr.com.



District Realignment

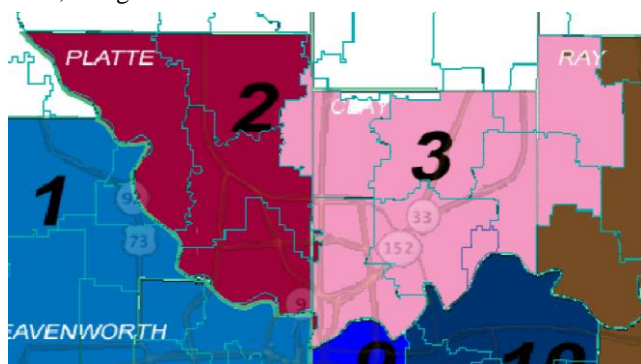
The Heart of America Council is committed to creating the best possible Scouting experience for our youth and volunteers. As part of the council's 2012-2016 strategic plan, a task force was assembled to review the alignment of our districts. The task force, made up of eleven council volunteers, was charged with determining if the council's current district alignment was providing the best service possible to our Scouts and leaders and to gauge our ability to effectively serve more youth within our communities.

After an extensive seven month review, the task force created a "draft" proposal of their findings. That proposal was presented to the Council Executive Committee on March 26, 2015 and it was approved. The final plan will be put before the Council Board of Directors for a vote this June. A copy of the full plan is on the council website. You can go directly to the site by clicking on the link below.

www.hoac-bsa.org/district-realignment-proposal-2015-03-31

In advance of the June Board of Directors Meeting, the Council will be hosting a series of Fireside Chats throughout the Council. Fireside Chats are open to any district or unit volunteer and will serve as informational sessions as well as forums to allow volunteers to ask questions about the current proposal.

The image here shows the proposed boundaries for the two new districts. They are broken down primarily along county lines, using school district boundaries.



This proposal will have profound ramifications for the North Star District, and every volunteer in the District needs to take the time to understand what is being proposed and how it will affect them.

There are four Fireside Chats that the Council will hold to define and discuss this proposal, as well as give volunteers an opportunity to ask questions. One of these sessions is in our District at the KCMO Police Academy (the same location as Roundtable) on **Thursday, April 30th, at 7:00pm**. The other sessions can be found at the web site listed above.

This is important to the life of the North Star District. Every volunteer needs to understand what is being proposed, how it will affect them, and how it will affect how Scouting is delivered to the youth in the Platte and Clay county regions. Your involvement is important.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will district names be changed? If so how will they be chosen?

A: The Johnson County Districts, North Star, and Thunderbird have significant changes to their boundaries and district names will be changed. In addition, new districts have been formed within Johnson county, as well as the splitting of Thunderbird and North Star Districts. New district committees will select new names and submit them to the VP of Operations for approval prior to August 30, 2015.

Q: What will happen with programs that are currently being planned for fall, including fall camporees, Cub Family Campouts, adult leader trainings, etc.?

A: All programs that are on the "legacy district" calendar for 2015 can still happen through the legacy districts. A review of the 2016 calendar needs to happen prior to September 30 so that updates to the 2016 calendar can be made and communicated to the units.

Q: How will this affect the 2015 Investment in Character Campaign?

A: The goal is to have 2015 IIC campaign wrapped up by the May 27 Victory Celebration, with all campaigns completed and no later than June 30. The campaigns will be complete prior to the implementation of the new Realignment Plan.

Q: How will 2016 goals Investment in Charter Goals be set?

A: Starting July 1, past prospects/donors will be moved into new the district structure and the history for new districts will be formed. Goals will be set off that history. The council strategic plan calls for 7% increase in IIC annually.

Q: How will 2015 popcorn sale be affected?

A: The 2015 popcorn sale will be supported by the "new" district structure and goals set accordingly based on history.

Q: How will redistricting affect 2015 Day Camp?

A: It will not. Most day camps happen in June, prior to the implementation of the Realignment Plan. For those districts whose day camp is in June, the "Legacy District" structure will still support day camp.

Q: How will this affect the 2015 and 2016 Budget?

A: 2015 events and activities will still be supported under the "Legacy District" budgets. The 2016 budgeting process will be supported by the new district structure.

Q: What will the 2016 District Dinners and District Award of Merits look like?

A: This will be the first "District Event" based on the new district structure. Each new district will hold its Annual Meeting in December/January to elect a new district committee. Those officers will be installed at the district dinner. Award of Merit Recipients will be voted on by the new district's advancement and recognition committee. 2015 JTE will be based on new district alignment adding in IIC results from Legacy District alignment (The Council will appropriately allocate IIC revenue at that time.)

Eagle Scout – UPDATE!!



The North Star District Advancement Committee has announced an update to the Eagle Scout Board of Review (BOR) process. All Troop Advancement Chairmen, Scoutmasters, and Troop volunteer leaders who are actively involved in helping Life Scouts develop and execute an Eagle Scout Service Project need to be aware of these updates.

Due to continuing issues with Units not having all the documentation required and signed when an Eagle Scout Board of Review is scheduled (which results in the BOR being postponed), the North Star District will start a new process starting May 1st.

All Scouts requesting an Eagle Scout BOR must return to a District Roundtable with all required documents stated below in the checklist. NOTE: This checklist will be provided to the Life Scout at the time that their Eagle Scout Service Project is reviewed AND approved by a member of the North Star District Advancement Committee.

Once the Eagle Scout candidate has returned to Roundtable and presents all of the approvals and documents, then a BOR can be scheduled by Bill Moberly or John McBurney. This procedure brings the North Star District closer in line with most of the other Districts in the HOAC.

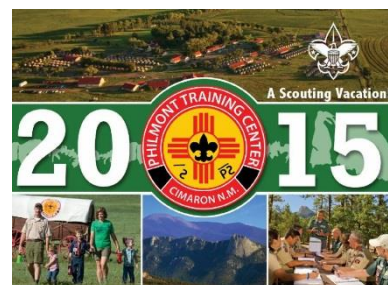
Steps required by the Scout after Project Proposal approval, before Board of Review:

1. Final Plan must be completed prior to starting project. Provide a step-by-step description of how project will be completed based on the approved project. Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook No. 512-927 May 2014 or later must be used. Step by step to include:
 - a. Material Lists with costs.
 - b. Tools required and used.
 - c. Safety Issue.
 - d. Etc.
2. Finance-How is project financed? A completed fundraising form if needed.
3. Review Final plan with Beneficiary before starting actual work.
4. After project completion, complete Service Project Report.
 - a. How project was completed (in what order).
 - b. Any changes required from proposal and why.

- c. Before, during and after photographs of project.
5. Final Proof of Completion (Signature of Beneficiary & Unit Leader).
6. Spreadsheet completed (other side) showing number of participants by category.
7. Complete Eagle Scout Application and take to Council office for review and signature, Scout, Unit Leader and Committee Chair must sign prior to review by council office. (Normally a Unit Leader will Take to Council).
8. Mail Reference letters (with return envelopes) addressed to Unit leader, Committee Chair, or Advancement Chair.
9. In preparation for board of review, prepare and attach to the Eagle Scout Rank Application a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations, during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service.
10. Return to roundtable for review of these items by District Advancement team. Once approved, the Scout can have his leader call Bill Moberly or John McBurney for a guest chairman so a Board of Review can be scheduled (phone numbers provided at time of approval).

2015 Philmont Conferences

If you are reading this article, you believe in the Scouting program. You are also probably looking for something more that will give you the information to help you deliver a more rewarding Scouting program to the youth in your Den, Pack, Patrol, Troop, or Crew.



The Philmont Training Center is just that “something” that you are looking for. PTC is the the ultimate training experience for you and the whole family. You will receive world-class training from some of the top volunteers and professionals in the nation. And... your family will have the opportunity to experience everything that Philmont has to offer.

For the most fun learning experience you will ever have, check out the Philmont Conference center at goo.gl/6mUWjg. You will want to go back year after year.

“A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of the credit.”

--Arnold H. Glasgow, author, 1905-1998

C7 Bo Qui Rendezvous

Chapter 7, your North Star District OA Award Winning chapter, invites ALL Scouts, Scouters, family and friends to a weekend of fun at the 4th Annual Rendezvous!

All Scouts who have been elected by their peers within their units will start the process to become Ordeal members within the Order of the Arrow. Additionally, individuals who have continued to provide cheerful service to Scouting and their community will receive additional recognition during this event.

Highlighting this event will be a series of fun activities for everybody, starting at **9:00am** on Saturday morning, **April 11th**. The event will conclude with a campfire at 7:00pm where the Call Out will take place.

Units are encouraged to camp out Friday night, making this your April campout for the month. Contact Camp Branch to set up your campout.

Activities will include a host of outdoor games, Trader's Row, demonstrations, and more.

This event will take place at [Camp Branch, Smithville Lake](#). For more information, contact **Tyler**, the Chapter Chief at t.money4412@gmail.com, or **Barry Loughrige** at barry100@loughrige.com. Come on out and see the Order of the Arrow in action.



Introducing Scouting Wire



In March, the Boy Scouts of America launched Scouting Wire – the official web site offering Scouting news, along with updates for volunteers and professionals.

ANOTHER WEB SITE TO CHECK you ask??

Yes. BUT, this one is worth your time. Time was put into this web site to make it user friendly and easy to find topics that are of interest TO YOU!! In this age of information overload, you can apply filters that don't apply to your role in Scouting. That way, you don't have plow through pages and pages of unnecessary information.

Scouting wire is organized into eight categories:

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| Activities | Leadership |
| Finance | Marketing |
| Fundraising | Training |
| High Adventure | Recruiting |

Scouting Wire isn't a one-way street. You will have plenty of opportunity to submit feedback, share ideas and ask questions. Be sure to sign up for the weekly digest.

Go to scoutingwire.org. The sign-up process is simple.

Scout Day at the "K" - 2015



Sunday, April 19 is Scout Day at the "K". We are anticipating a record crowd of more than 100 Scouts and Scout families.

WE WANT YOU TO BE PART OF THE ACTION!!

Game tickets are only \$8.00 if you register by **March 13th**. The price includes a commemorative 2015 Scout Day at the "K" patch. After March 13th the price rises to \$10.00.

There will be a Royal Gathering of Eagles, The Outfield Experience, and a Pre-Game Scout Parade. These are special events and you don't want to miss them.

For more information on the Royals as they defeat the Oakland A's, or for more information about this great event, including how to register, check out goo.gl/ZmQ3GX. Don't miss it!!

Investment in Character Campaign



The Heart of America Council's Investment in Character campaign is in FULL SWING— and the North Star District needs for everyone to get involved.

The overall IIC goal for the District is \$179,000. As of 4/7/15,

Scouters in the District had pledged a total of \$124,813. This is 69.7% of our way towards our goal.

Many units still need their IIC presentation. Please call **Kyle Fulbright** at **816-569-4982** and let him know when one can be set up.

Meeting the funding goals of our District helps ensure that we are able to deliver a strong Scouting program to our youth. Increasing participation within the unit is something that everybody needs to focus on.

Positions of Responsibility

The new Honor Guard patch is available for Boy Scouts. The new patch is to be worn on the right sleeve, not the left, because it, like the Musician patch, is not a "position patch." After clarifying that "serving in the Honor Guard doesn't count as a position of responsibility needed for advancement", one is left to ask, "What does count?"

The answer can be found in the Guide to Advancement, and Boy Scout Requirements book where it explains that for Boy Scout troops, the position of responsibility patches that may count toward rank and go on the left sleeve are "patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, Venture patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, bugler, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, troop webmaster, or Leave No Trace trainer." Note, however, that only those positions specified in the most recent edition of the *Boy Scout Requirements* book may count toward a Scout's Star, Life, and Eagle position of responsibility requirements.

Advancement is one of the eight Scouting methods used to help a youth develop and grow, and positions of responsibility are part of that process. Unit leaders should strive to align a Scout's strengths and skills with a position of responsibility that enables him to grow while serving the needs of his troop. A Scout's developmental needs will more likely be successful when he receives guidance, support, and coaching from his unit leaders in fulfilling these requirements (*Guide to Advancement*, topic 4.2.3.4.4).

For example, a 17-year old Eagle Scout candidate who is very active in sports, school, community, and church, may not need to be selected as the troop's senior patrol leader to develop his leadership skills. On the other hand, a 12-year old Scout may have very different needs and exhibit significant growth and responsible behavior by serving in a position everyone counts on such as troop librarian.

Furthermore, unit leaders do not have the authority to require Scouts to hold a specific position of responsibility to advance to a particular rank. For example, a Scout cannot be required to serve as senior patrol leader to obtain the Eagle Scout rank (*GTA*, 4.2.3.4.1). The senior patrol leader position is actually elected by all members of the troop, and each troop can determine its own schedule of elections for this position.

A Scout could hold a number of different positions to fulfill the position of responsibility requirement, as long as the total time adds up to the time required. Depending on the Scout's personal journey, these positions may not necessarily be consecutive (*GTA*, 4.2.3.4.2).

Speaking of reviews, remember that advancement is a tool used to help a boy grow, and thoughtfully assigned positions of responsibility can and will help the Scout to develop into the man we hope he will become. Now isn't that what we're all about?

SET Training Exercise – Oct 3rd



The North Star District will be participating in a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) training exercise on Saturday October 3, 2015.

A SET exercise involves the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), the National Traffic System (NTS), which is a message-handling service of amateur radio, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and others.

Its primary purposes are to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of these and other groups in providing emergency communications, and to demonstrate amateur radio to the public.

In our area these SET's are conducted with the Kansas City Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council (MECC), the local Police and Sheriff's departments as well as coordination with other city, state and national authorities.

North Star is unique in that it is the only Boy Scout District in a MECC organization anywhere in the country. We are unique too in that we have an abundance of Amateur Radio operators willing to give another hour of their week to both Scouts and Ham Radio. This year, a part of the SET called an "inject" has been designed around a Scout activity. This does not require another camp out, or unit meeting, or even your units awareness unless you want it to. But it is a great time for an individual or your entire unit to earn the Emergency Preparedness merit badge, to teach your Cubs how to handle themselves in an emergency, or to show Crew members the importance of Emergency Preparedness in their day to day lives.

Keith Kaiser is spearheading this effort, and is in need of some volunteers for the following; merit badge counselors for both Radio and Emergency Preparedness, other Amateur Radio operators both adult and youth and any one else who would be interested in participating that weekend in the SET.

The longer term goal is to actually set up a Radio Scouting Committee made up entirely of Scouts and Scouters from the Heart of America Council. If you are interested in helping or participating with either the new club or the SET exercise, please contact Keith as soon as possible at kcsouter@gmail.com, or find him in the District Mall at Roundtable. Breakouts of the SET Training Exercise will be held at both the April and May Roundtables.



Silver Beaver Award



Just a quick reminder that the deadline is fast approaching for the Silver Beaver Award. All applications must be turned into the Council office no later than **July 1st**.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition the Heart of America Council can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to registered volunteer Scouters or civic leaders for noteworthy service to youth.

The application can be found [HERE](#) or at www.hoac-bsa.org. This award is given out only once each year. So, don't miss the deadline.

Coming Soon – Council Alumni Association

Looking to stay connected to Scouting? The Heart of America Council's new Alumni Association will soon connect Scouters with people and programs across the Kansas City area. Members will receive exclusive invites to special alumni events and access to our secure alumni directory.

Those who join will also get the inside scoop on what's happening in Scouting with our members-only newsletters.

There will be several Alumni Association groups to join: Eagle Scouts, Camp Staff, Mic-O-Say, Order of the Arrow, Heritage Society, and others. Keep an eye out for how to join this spring.

For more information, check out www.hoac-bsa.org/alumni.



Scout Strong Challenge



Saturday, May 16, is the 3rd annual SCOUTStrong Half Marathon and 5K. This event will begin at [Sporting Park](#) and will finish on the track of the [Kansas Speedway](#) at the track's finish line. The post race party and the awards will take place under the grandstands of the Speedway.

If you are interested in participating in this great event designed to showcase how STRONG Scouts can be, be sure to check out www.scoutstrongchallenge.com. Challenge your friends and fellow Scouters to participate. The more friends you bring along, the better.

Oh, by the way, it is also great fun. **Remember, if it's not fun, then it's not a Scouting event!!**

VOA Annual Spring Banquet



All Venturing Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend the 2015 Venturing Officers Association Annual Spring Banquet on **April 24th, 2015**. The banquet will be held at Breakpointe Community Church, [10001 W. 88th Street, Overland Park, KS](#). Dinner starts at **7:00pm** and the cost is only **\$20**.

Come join in the fun and fellowship as the VOA recognizes the 2015 VLA recipients, new VOA staff, and the 2014 recipients of the Silver, Ranger, TRUST and QUEST awards.

For more information, check out goo.gl/jOS8yF. Registration deadline is April 20th.



HELP!! Philmont Health Lodge Training Event

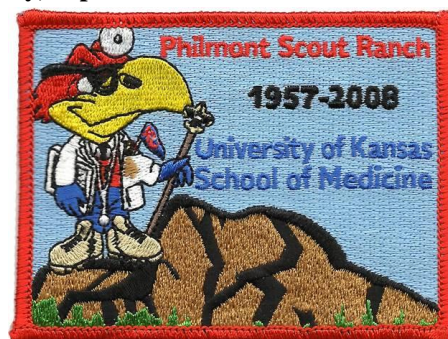
Did you know that KU Medical Center and Philmont have a special relationship? Well, they do. KU Med staffs the Philmont Health Lodge each summer with people who take care of all of the medical needs of the Scouts and Scouters who enjoy the Philmont experience.

The Johnson County Community College EMS department and the KU School of Medicine are conducting a Philmont Health Lodge training event for the 24 medical students who will be staffing the Health Lodge this summer.

AND, they need your help!!! On the weekend of **April 18-19**, there will be a training event where they need 40 volunteers to act the role of sick and injured crew members, Rangers, and Philmont staff. This training event is designed to be as realistic as possible with all medical care simulated.

The training event is **Saturday, April 18th**, from 7:30am to 5:00pm, and on **Sunday, April 19th**, from 7:30am to 1:00pm. The event will be held at the [JCCC main campus](#).

If you are interested in being a volunteer, contact **Bob Parker** at **913-469-8500, ext. 4204**, or on his mobile at **913-406-6937**. Meals are provided.



This is a great opportunity to help those who give up their entire summer to take care of us while we are at Philmont.

Special Help For Day Camp Needed

Each year, hundreds of Cub Scouts in the North Star District come to Day Camp for FUN. And, the number one FUN attraction is the action sports ranges – BB Gun, Archery, and Slingshot.



One unfortunate part of this is that these ranges can't operate all by themselves. Dedicated and passionate volunteers are needed to run these ranges.

Every action sports range in Scouting must be operated by a certified Field Sports Range Master. These individuals have taken the time to go through the necessary training ensuring that every range is operated in a safe manner.

SAFETY is paramount in all of our ranges.

If you have a passion for any of these field sports and would like to help make sure that Day Camp stays the #1 summertime FUN event, then we need you to step up and sign up for training.

Cub Scout Field Sports Range Master certification training will be held on **Wednesday, April 29th**, at the HOAC Service Center, [10210 Holmes Road, KCMO](http://www.hoac-bsa.org). The class starts at 6:30pm and will run until 9:30pm.

For more information, contact District Day Camp Chairman **Jennifer Moyer** at jennmoyer@gmail.com, or at **817-915-2449**, or **Dave Timpe**, the HOAC Shooting Sports Director at dtimpe@kc.surewest.net, or at **913-226-3566**.

Scout Law in Action!!



I was at a recent Troop meeting when a Scout experienced a sprained ankle during one of the Patrol games.

Two Scouts went in for help and another stayed with him. Soon one of his leaders and an

older Scout named Brandon came out.

Brandon assessed the situation, provided first aid and assisted in carrying the Scout to the car before his parents took him for treatment. Upon reaching the car, Brandon asked the Scout and his parents if he could pray for him.

Brandon demonstrated all points of the Scout Law, Oath, Motto and Slogan in less than 5 minutes.

This one act showed me how much our values and program impact young men and women in the North Star District.

Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures to shape our future leaders like Brandon!

Yours in Scouting!!

---[Trey Miller](mailto:Trey.Miller@scouting.org)

North Star District Director

Order of the Arrow Activities

There are plenty of activities going on this fall with the Order of the Arrow. The Bo Qui chapter in the North Star District would like to remind all Arrowmen of the upcoming events and activities.

➤ **OA Rendezvous**

- April 10-11, 2015.
- Call-Out Ceremony on April 10th.

- There will be Shotgun Shooting.
- Arrowmen are encouraged to come to the Chapter meeting to help plan and staff this event.

➤ **Elections**

- Every unit is requested to schedule an Election with the Chapter.
- All Arrowmen are encouraged to join an Election team to help run an Election.

➤ **Lodge Activities**

- Induction Dates
 - May 1-3 at Camp Naish
 - May 15-17 at Camp Naish
 - August 14-16 at Bartle
 - August 28-30 at Bartle
- Plans are underway for the Winter Banquet. The Lodge is looking for energetic Arrowmen to get engaged to run the Banquet.

All Arrowmen are encouraged to pay their 2015 Dues now. This will get you current for the year and provide you access to all of the Lodge and Chapter activities.

For more information, check out <http://www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow>, or send an e-mail to **Barry Loughrige** at barry100@loughrige.com, or at **816-200-6553**.



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Day Camp Notes



Two months. TWO SHORT MONTHS!! Before you know it, Day Camp will be here. Here are some items of interest that you need to be paying attention to – NOW!!

Early Bird Registration deadline is April 10th. The costs is \$60. Any registration after that date is \$70.

If you have any girls who are interested in participating in the FV Girls camp, there are only a handful of spots available. Once gone – that’s it.

Be sure to get Health Forms turned in to Jennifer Moyer at any of the Roundtables. Taking care of all of your paperwork now eliminates problems when Day Camp starts.

There will be fast track training for adults who will be Walking Leaders at the April Roundtable. This is a great refresher course for adults who have attended Day Camp before. Complete training sessions will be announced once the dates and locations have been finalized.

There is still a big need for volunteers. Without your help, we can’t put on a great program for our Cubs. Volunteers are needed to help put on a great program. If you are a Scout age 14 or older, your help will allow the event to deliver a more robust program to Bears and Webelos. Applications are available online at <http://www.hoac-bsa.org/north-star-day-camp>. Click on the Youth Staff Application link.

Spring Recruitment

Spring is finally here and it is a great time to recruit new Cub Scouts for your Pack.

Join the Fun!



In May, boys currently in the Kindergarten program in all of the school districts will be crossing over into 1st grade. This makes them eligible for the Tiger Cub program. All new Tigers can attend Day Camp.

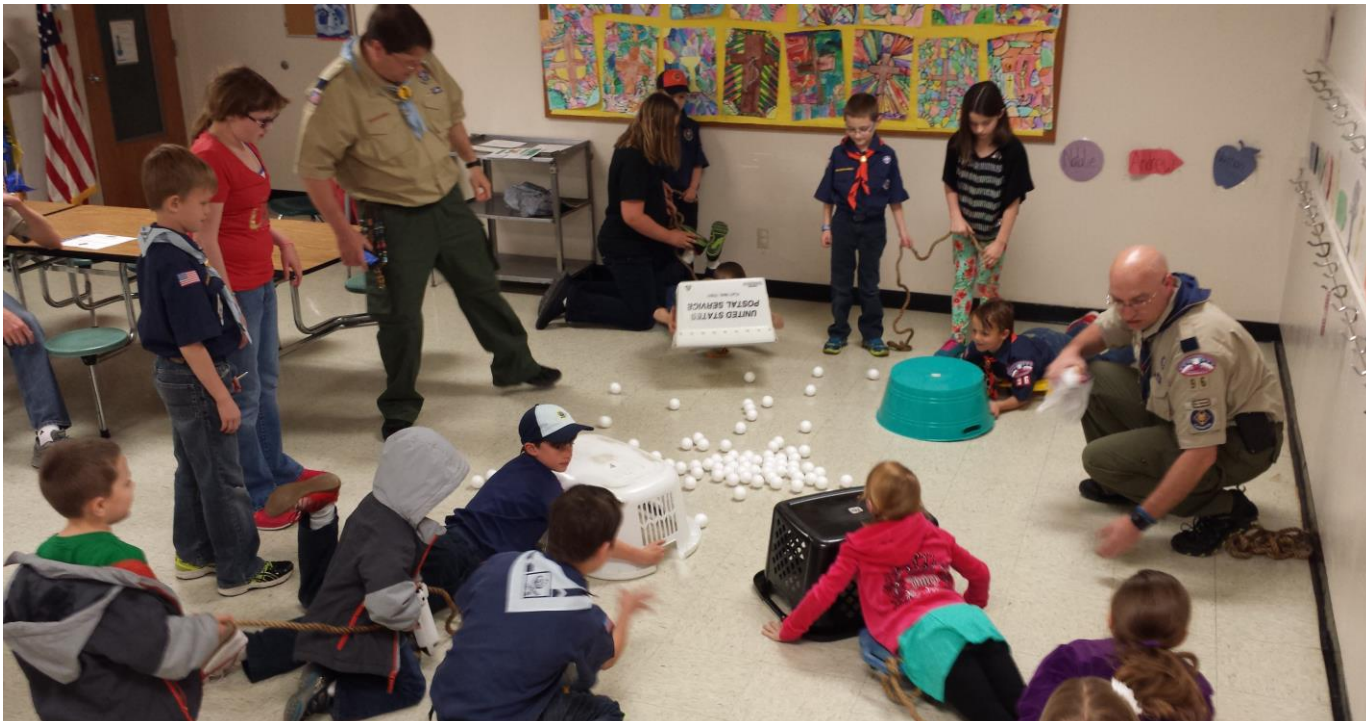
The Council has Great Summer programs ready for you to take advantage of and invite new Boys to join Cub Scouts. Make one of these council events your recruitment day or plan your own. If you are interested in recruiting youth to your unit this spring, be sure to contact **Kyle Fulbright** at the Council office at Kyle.Fulbright@scouting.com, or at **816-569-4982**.

Now is the time to invite youth to experience the FUN that Scouting has to offer.

Your Polaris Editor.....



Pack 96 – Having Fun Playing Hungry Hungry Hippos



Here Ye, Here Ye

By Royal Decree

De Olde North Star District

Requests the Attendance of

All Pages (1st Grade to Webelos) at the

Knights in Training

Day Camp

Shall be Held June 8-11, 2015

Lords . . .

TRAINING FEES SET FORTH

Early Page fee before April 10th, 2015: \$60

After April 10th, 2015: \$70

At Training Registration: \$75

New Pages (Scouts): \$60

... and Ladies

We are excited to Announce

A new group to Day Camp - FV Girls!

WHO ARE FV GIRLS?

Girls going into 1st grade through 13 years old.

They will have their own Den Home set-up and

They will go through the programs just like the Cub

Scouts. Space is limited to 30 girls. A parent or

Guardian must be at camp each day the FV girl is.



- Cost before April 10, 2015: \$60
- After April 10, 2015: \$70
- Final date to register is May 7th, 2015. (There will be no registration after this date or registration at camp.)

Day Camp Royal Court

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