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SCOUTING NEWS FOR THE MONTH PRESENTED BY THE JAYHAWK AREA COUNCIL, BSA

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WHAT IS JAMBOREE?

What's a Jamboree? It's not just camp. National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends and fellowship for Scouts twelve years old or older with hands-on adventure that takes you places you never thought you'd go and challenge you to try things you never thought you could.

It's the beginning of your own hero's journey that will challenge you to go farther than you ever thought possible. You'll reach deeper and lift yourself higher to become the best version of yourself.

Scouting's flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It's a gathering of tens of thousands of Scouts, leaders, and Jamboree Service Team members that showcases everything that is great about Scouting America.

National Jamboree is the best of Scouting rolled into ten days of friends, fun and adventure! You won't want to miss out, get ready to Face the Challenge and sign up to attend the Jamboree! More info [here](#).

MAKE SOMEONE SMILE

The Bison District would like to invite all Scouts to make someone smile for the holidays. Now that holiday season is upon us there are many without family or friends to share the holidays.

Meals on Wheels is requesting Holiday Greeting Cards. We would like to invite your Scouts to make cards and brighten someone's day for the holidays. Meals on Wheels is building 2,000 bags and you can help fulfill this request.

In order for us to make this happen we ask that you turn in all cards to [Kurt](#) by Friday November 22. He will deliver them to Meals on Wheels.

SCOUTS AND POLITICS

The time has come to discuss participation in political events. As a reminder, it is ok to present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; however, you should retire after the ceremony and not remain on the speakers' platform or in a conspicuous location where attendees or viewers could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support. In addition, photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or with BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind.

RECHARTER IS COMING

Keys to a successful Recharter is:

- Start early - Get prepared!
- Identify a recharter champion.
- Finish Membership inventory.
- Check YPT Aging Report.
- Create a plan to collect fees.

Avoid the common mistakes....

- 1.) Missing Signature on Criminal Background Check Authorization Form. (Last Page Adult Application)
- 2.) Missing/Expired Youth Protection Training. (Required for all over 18)
- 3.) Missing Key 3 Approval.
- 4.) Missing Adult Applications or incorrect fees collected. ([See Fee Structure here.](#))

Remember..

Youth that has turned 18, will need YPT and Adult Application with Background Check Authorization.

Recharterers are due January 24, 2025

ATTENTION POPCORN KERNELS

Our 2024 Popcorn Sale is off to a solid start. As we continue to promote the sale, please be mindful of this upcoming key date:

October 26

- Popcorn Super Saturday
- Popcorn sale ends
- Product Exchange
- Pre-Order payments Due
- Top Seller Forms Due
- Final Take Orders Due



Let's make a strong finish! As popcorn is coming to an end, do you have a Top Seller?? Keep pushing! It's not too late to reach that goal!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a high school student interested in American Government? This opportunity may be for you! The NRA Youth Education Summit will take place July 22 - 27, 2025 in the nation's capital.

Compete for college scholarships based on leadership skills, teamwork, performances in debates, and participation throughout the week. Applications for 2025 are now open. [Click here for more details.](#)

MERIT BADGE TIME!

Are you registered to attend 2024 Merit Badge Day on November 2, 7AM - 5PM at Washburn Tech located at 5724 SW Huntoon Road, Topeka, Ks.

Merit badges being offered include Automotive Maintenance, Drafting, Electricity, Electronics, Plumbing, Trifecta (Personal Management, Family Life, Personal Fitness), and Welding. We also have First Aid/CPR for adult leaders during this event.

As of this printing we have over 100 Scouts registered! Space is limited, so register before its full. You don't want to miss this one!

[Registration is now open!](#)

UNIT LEADER RESOURCES

Do you want to know more about what's going on and where to go for information? Go to your District Roundtable for all Scout Leaders! These are open to all registered adult leaders interested in learning more about Scouting in your district.

Each roundtable includes short training topics and lively discussions with peers from other packs and troops. This is the best place to get ideas for your upcoming unit programming. Most leaders will walk out of this meeting with an entire month of ideas planned out. The cost is free and the return is immeasurable.

Come to the November Roundtable to get a jumpstart on recharter that is due January 24, 2025

Mark the calendar for November dates coming soon:

Bison & Sunflower - November 7
Sojadi - November 14



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AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

The Council Advancement Committee is seeking nominations for the following awards for distinguished leadership and service: Silver Beaver Award, Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award, William H. Spurgeon III Exploring Award, Venturing Leadership Award and Sea Scout Leadership Award.

Please consider nominating your Scout Leaders, volunteers, and friends in recognition for their service to Scouting. For more information and forms please click [here](#).

*Nominations are due **December 16.***

THANKSGIVING HOURS

Just a reminder that the Office and Scout Shop will be CLOSED November 25 - 30 for Inventory and Thanksgiving. We will reopen normal business hours on December 2.

TAX EXEMPT FORMS ARE EXPIRED

As of October 1, all tax exempt forms have expired. If your unit does not have an updated form on file with the Scout Shop, you will no longer be able to receive tax exempt status. In order to do tax free shopping you MUST submit new forms immediately.

Thank you for your attention to the matter. If you have any questions contact [Larry](#) at the Scout Shop.



Scout Shop Corner

For up to date information on Scout Shop Follow us:



The Jayhawk Area Council Scout Shop located at 1020 SE Monroe in downtown Topeka invites you to stop in and make a purchase or two for your Scout. Lots of new items coming in weekly!! We carry uniforms, t-shirts, accessories, camping equipment, and much more for the new Scout all the way to the Eagle Scout.

Open M-F 9 - 5:30 Saturdays 9 - 1. You can also call in an order to have shipped to you. Call (785) 354-0291.

NYLT STAFF INTERVIEWS

National Youth Leadership Training is the premier youth leadership training course for Scouts BSA and Venture youth leaders. It provides the skills that youth leaders need to be successful in both their scouting roles and in life.

NYLT staff interviews will take place at the Rolley Scout Service Center from 9AM - 12PM on Saturday October 19 & November 16. Be Prepared!

HELP US RE-LAUNCH COPE IN THE SPRING OF 2025!

Due to a generous donor, the Jayhawk Area Council will begin the process of re-tooling its COPE course at Falley Scout Reservation. To keep our timeline moving, it is important we identify a core group of individuals who have an interest in helping us staff the course. If you are a Scout or Scouter at least 16 years old and would like to participate, please join us for an informational meeting Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30PM.

If you know of an individual with a passion for high adventure or someone who might be interested in helping us re-launch our COPE course please reach out to:

Dan Wentling, Vice President of Program
@kscowboy29@hotmail.com

Joe Blasko, Council Program Director at
785-276-3346
@joseph.blasko@scouting.org

CUB ADVENTURE DAY 2024



Thank you to all Scouts, volunteers, and parents who attended 2024 Cub Adventure Day. We Hope you all had a blast!

We had over 320 Scouts attend for fishing, shooting sports, handy crafts and leather work. We look forward to seeing all of you in 2025!



SUNFLOWER

DEN LEADER TRAINING

You are cordially invited to join Sunflower District Roundtable taking place November 7, at Second Presbyterian Church of Topeka. We will have a session specifically for NEW den leaders. We will cover lesson plan ideas, Cub Scout games and any other topics we can cover in a hour to get you properly up to speed to being a successful Den Leader. Click [here](#) for location address and contact information.

HELP WANTED!

2025 SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Do you enjoy participating in events held out at the Falley Scout Reservation? If so, please consider filling out a Camp Staff Application and becoming a part of the team.

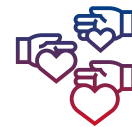
There are a wide variety of positions available. Depending on your interests there are always options available. No experience? There is a job for you! [Click here for more information.](#)



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NOVEMBER 7	POPCORN FINAL ORDER DISTRIBUTION
NOVEMBER 7	SUNFLOWER ROUNDTABLE
NOVEMBER 7	BISON ROUNDTABLE
NOVEMBER 8-9	OA RETREAT
NOVEMBER 14	SOJADI ROUNDTABLE
NOVEMBER 14	20 UNDER 40 DINNER
NOVEMBER 25-30	OFFICES CLOSED



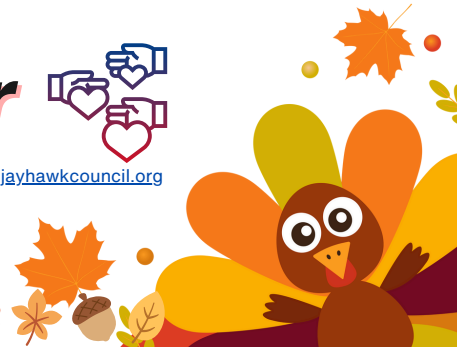
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2025 DISTINGUISHED CORPORATE CITIZEN AND DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

Members of the Distinguished Citizen Selection Committee will meet in December to select recipients of the 2025 Distinguished Corporate Citizen and Distinguished Citizen award. The 2025 Distinguished Citizen recipients to be announced in March 2025.

20 UNDER 40

November 14, 2024

5:30 PM / Reception 6:30 PM / Dinner & Program

Maner Conference Center - Sunflower Ballroom

Register to attend Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 banquet. Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 – a signature fundraising event to support Scouting in our 11-county NE Kansas region, recognizes 20 young influencers and leaders who are making significant contributions, both professionally and personally, to make Topeka a better place to live, work and play!

GIVING TUESDAY

DECEMBER 3, 2024

A stronger future is being built through Scouting in the actions our youth and volunteers take each day. Acts of care, love and understanding of others, nature and Duty to God extend outward – whether it's offering a kind smile to a stranger, a helping hand through service to others, or an hour of one's time simply by giving back – these acts have a way of becoming part of something much greater.



The Jayhawk Area Council's Golf Committee is gearing up for the 2025 Golf Classic, an event that has long raised funds for the Council's Outreach Programs for at-risk populations through after school, summer and Career and Financial Readiness programs. Date, time and location to be announced in January 2025.

Since the inaugural class in 2010, 301 young leaders have been chosen who emulate the core values of character and leadership taught in Scouting. We'd like to recognize past honorees who currently serve on the Jayhawk Area Council Executive Board:

- Brandon Aldridge - Class of 2018
- Vince Cox – Class of 2018
- Jared Holroyd – Class of 2010
- Angel Romero – Class of 2011
- Jared Rudy – Class of 2017
- Aaron Scott – Class of 2017

As we approach the holiday season, how can you become part of something much greater? Consider joining others who cherish the values of Scouting through charitable actions and contributions on Giving Tuesday. Whether it's a \$10.00 or \$1,000 gift, by joining together as a Scouting Family you will make a significant impact on the lives of others.

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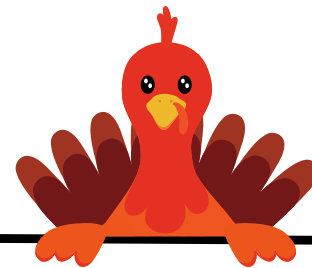
On September 20th, the Jayhawk Area Council Scout Office and Falley Scout Reservation welcomed 18 volunteers from Prairie Band Casino & Resort and BNSF as part of the United Way of Kaw Valley Nancy Perry Day of Caring. This community event was started by United Way of Greater Topeka in the name of Nancy Perry, who served as their leader for 24 years until she retired in 2007. This year, the day of service connected 1,047 volunteers from various Topeka-area agencies to complete projects around the community. This service to others resulted in an economic impact of \$140,088.60 (Independent Sector Volunteer Value Rate of \$33.45 / hour).

Please join us in celebration of the 2024 Class and the event's 15th Anniversary by registering [here](#).

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Donate to "Friends of Scouting" campaign to support programs of the Jayhawk Area Council to foster Citizenship, Character, and Service to Others of youth in the 11-county Northeast Kansas Region.

Give [online](#) today!



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Check out the Council's [Facebook](#) to view highlights from the day!