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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a high school student with a passion for American Government? This magical opportunity might just be your calling! The NRA Youth Education Summit is set for July 22 - 27, 2025, in the heart of our nation's capital.

Embark on a quest for college scholarships, showcasing your leadership prowess, teamwork spirit, debate skills, and active engagement throughout the week.

Applications for 2025 are now open. [Click here to unveil more details.](#)



COUNCIL KLONDIKE

Council Klondike will be Charting New Frontiers! Much like the fervor of the 1800's during the gold rush, we are introducing thrilling skills competitions for your patrol to vie for one of the three skill level courses.

Gather your patrol and get registered today to meet us at Perry State Park on January 24 - 26, 2025.

[Registration Now Open!](#)



WOOD BADGE AND NYLT AUCTION DINNER

The Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training Auction Dinner will take place Saturday, March 1, 5:00 PM, Town & Country Church in Topeka. All alumni of both programs are encouraged to participate in this gathering.

The proceeds raised from this event will serve as a beacon of support, lighting the path for scholarships for future courses. We now graciously welcome donations for our silent auction.

If you wish to donate an auction item, please reach out to Joe Blasko via email or by calling 785-276-3346.

AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

The Council Advancement Committee seeks nominations for the esteemed accolades honoring exceptional leadership and service: the Silver Beaver Award, Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award, William H. Spurgeon III Exploring Award, Venturing Leadership Award, and Sea Scout Leadership Award.

We invite you to nominate your dedicated Scout Leaders, volunteers, and scouting friends in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the world of Scouting.

Kindly submit your nominations by **December 15** to the Jayhawk Area Council or fill out nomination forms [here](#).



COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER

It's that time of year once more, when we gather to honor our Eagle Scouts and celebrate remarkable achievements for 2024. Jayhawk Area Council Recognition Dinner will take place Saturday, February 8, from 6:00PM - 8:00PM.

Join us in honoring our 2024 Eagle Scout Class. Sit back and enjoy an evening of recognition as we pay tribute to our worthy council volunteers, including the prestigious Silver Beaver Award, the pinnacle of volunteer accolades.

All 2024 Eagle Scout parents, keep an eye out for an invitation to attend and be recognized as part of the Eagle Scout Class of 2024.



GET YOUR PLACEMATS TODAY

It's time to explore your inner scientist with Jayhawk Area Council Cub Scout Camp. In 2025, the theme is Invention Convention. This year we are going with the same theme to get our Scouts excited about camp for 2025. Blue & Gold Placemats are now available. We can get them printed for you by putting in an order with [Tara](#).

COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE 25' - 26'

Council President Tim O'Shea has appointed Executive Board Member Aaron Scott as the Nominating Committee Chair. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers, executive board, members-at-large, and advisory board members for consideration at the council annual meeting to be held February 8, 2025.

The Executive Board is the governing body of the Jayhawk Area Council charged with carrying out the mission of Scouting America to serve youth in our service area. All board members are elected for one-year terms. The board is comprised of individuals from varying professions, backgrounds, and geographic locations.

Anyone wishing to propose an individual to serve on the executive board can submit that recommendation to [Aaron](#). Please include background information on the individual and why you feel they should be considered. Provide your contact information for further follow-up should it be necessary. Please do not inform the prospective individual in advance. The Jayhawk Area Council Bylaws has a limit to the number of executive board members and the committee weighs multiple factors when considering candidates.

Nominations must be received by January 15, 2025 to allow time for appropriate consideration. Nominations received after that date will be considered by the committee at a later meeting.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that the Office and Scout Shop will be CLOSED from November 25 - 30 for Inventory and Thanksgiving celebrations. We will resume regular hours on December 2.

Additionally, the Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from December 24 & 25. The Scout Shop will also be closed on Saturday, December 28. Thank you for your understanding!



CHECK OUT THE NEW PINEWOOD DERBY KITS! GET YOUR KITS ORDERED TODAY!



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HELP WANTED!

Do you enjoy participating in events held out at the Falley Scout Reservation? If so, please consider filling out a Camp Staff Application for 2025 and becoming a part of the team. Interviews will be held December 18, 2-5 PM and December 19, 3-6 PM.

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.](#)



Effective September 27, 2024, all Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships who provide unit-level sponsored/planned range and target activities must have at least one registered unit leader 21+ years of age take the Range Activity SAFEty online training available on my.scouting.org.

This individual must be present at the range during the range and target activity(s). Participating in this training will help ensure a unit understands Scouting America's range and target activities policies.

Here is the easiest way to access it:

- Log on to my.scouting.org
- Select My Training
- Select Scouts BSA
- Click on the catalog link on the top navigation bar
- Sort by most recent

For now, Range SAFEty will be first training listed after you sort.

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

COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The Jayhawk Area Council will hold its Annual Business Meeting on February 8, 2025 at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center on Washburn University campus. The meeting will begin at 4:00 PM and last until all formal business has been conducted. Key topics include passing of required annual resolutions and election of the new slate of officers, board members, members at large and advisory board members for the 2025-26 term.

Voting members include Chartering Organization Representatives of Jayhawk Area Council units, current Jayhawk Area Council Members at Large and Executive Board members, and any national council board members residing in the Jayhawk Area Council.

2025 SAVE THE DATES

As we anticipate the exciting possibilities that next year will bring, numerous activities and opportunities await in the world of scouting. There will be training options available for both leaders and Scouts, along with enjoyable events designed for Scouts of all ages! Keep an eye out for all the upcoming events scheduled for 2025.

Council Annual Recognition Dinner
February 8

Wood Badge/NYLT Dinner
March 1

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Safety Day
March 22

Washburn Merit Badge Day
February 15

Emporia Friends of Scouting Breakfast
March 12

Sunflower/Pony Express Camporee
March 28 - 30



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.

Upcoming Dates - for latest information - www.jayhawkcouncil.org

DECEMBER 2	FINAL POPCORN PAYMENT DUE
DECEMBER 14	CAMP STAFF INTERVIEW
DECEMBER 19	CAMP STAFF INTERVIEW
DECEMBER 24-25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICES CLOSED
DECEMBER 28	SCOUT SHOP CLOSED
JANUARY 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICES CLOSED

