# **Jayhawk eBugler** JANUARY 2025 ISSUE

### CHARTING NEW FRONTIERS

Countdown to the Council Klondike is on! Mark your calendars because the Registration Deadline is Thursday, January 15, at 5:00 pm. After that, any latecomers or extra sign-ups will need to swing by onsite registration on Friday, January 24, at the scenic Perry State Park.

Grab your patrol, join in on the fun and begin your adventure Charting New Frontiers for 2025! Let's make some memories! <u>Register Today!</u>

#### SAVE THE DATE

Aviation Post 8 will be hosting a Swing Dance Fundraiser on February 8, 2025! More information <u>here</u>.

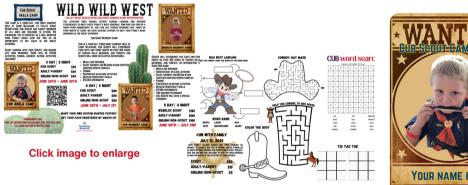
#### SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

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Jayhawk Area Council will be offering Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day on Saturday, March 22, at Falley Scout Reservation. Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day allows Cub Scouts (Tigers -Webelos) an opportunity to learn all about Safety in shooting Sling Shots, Archery & BB's (age appropriate).

There are space limitations of 60 Scouts for per session. We are offering a morning session starting at 8:00 am and activities until 12:00 pm. The afternoon session starts at 1:00 pm and activities run until 4:00 pm.

Registration opens January 30, 2025



#### **BLUE AND GOLD PLACEMATS AVAILABLE**

Attention all Cubmasters and Pack Committee Chairs, the Jayhawk Area Council is offering Blue and Gold placemats for your Blue and Gold Banquets. These placemats are a sneak preview into what Cub Scout Summer Camp is all about. Get ready to have fun in the Wild, Wild West!

These placemats are available to any Cub Scout Pack free of charge. If interested in placing an order, or for more information please contact Tara at the Council office at 785.276.3343 or send an email to: tara.montgomery@scouting.org

NEW THIS YEAR! As a part of the theme get your custom wanted poster if you are registered for camp by March 1st.

## WOOD BADGE AND NYLT

Wood Badge and NYLT Auction Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 1 @ 6:00 pm at the Town & Country Church here in Topeka. Alumni of both programs are encouraged to attend.

Proceeds from the event will fund future scholarships for both of our Leadership programs and future scholarships that will help cover the cost of course fees.

Do you own a business or have a product, service or gift certificate you would like to donate to a good cause? Wood Badge and NYLT Volunteers are seeking items to be used as part of their Dinner and Silent Auction.

Any questions or donations please contact Joe Blasko at 785.276-3346 or email: joseph.blasko@scouting.org.

We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity.

#### **MERIT BADGE TIME!**

Merit Badge University will be held on February 15, 2025, at Washburn University. This event is hosted by the Bison District.

Scouts BSA members will have the opportunity to earn merit badges. New this year: American Heritage, American Business, Photography, Journalism, and Veterinary Medicine.

Some of our returning merit badges include: Chemistry, Cycling, Digital Technology, Disability Awareness, Law, swimming, and more to come!

Those looking to finish Trifecta are encouraged to register to finish! Registration is set to open January 9.

## Congratulations to our 2024 Eagle Scouts!

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Derek A.	46	Bison	Otto H.	92	Pony Express
Kaitlyn A.	12	Bison	Logan L.	77	Pony Express
Zak A.	249	Bison	John L.	71	Pony Express
Quinn B.	175	Bison	Benedict S.	180	Pony Express
Justin C.	13	Bison	Caleb A.	106	Sojadi
Joshua H.	183	Bison	Andrew F.	106	Sojadi
Preston H.	183	Bison	Marthano K.	157	Sojadi
Joseph L.	46	Bison	Caleb M.	165	Sojadi
Aiden L.	175	Bison	Jonathan M.	157	Sojadi
Maguire M.	175	Bison	Blake S.	157	Sojadi
Kale P.	175	Bison	Trace C.	193	Sunflower
William P.	11	Bison	Liam E.	88	Sunflower
Nicholas S.	7	Bison	Kade M.	193	Sunflower
Brayden F.	75	Pony Express	Rylan P.	64	Sunflower
Mario G.	92	Pony Express	Jonah W.	193	Sunflower
Cole G.	77	Pony Express			Cł



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



Free if registered by March 1st

#### 2024 DONOR IMPACT FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As we gear up for the 2025 Friends of Scouting campaign, I want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your support of the Jayhawk Area Council. Here are a few highlights of what we were able to accomplish in 2024, thanks to support from you.

All new Scouts were able to attend Cub Adventure Day camp free for a day of activities, campfire programs and fun! We handed out 300 plus handbooks for given as a welcome gift to new Scouts thanks to a bequest. New units were formed in Coffey, Shawnee, Greenwood, Lyon, and Osage counties. The Emporia Fire Department started a Firefighting Explorer Post to join our Fire Post at Topeka Fire Department, the Topeka Police Department Police Post and our Aviation Post at Billard Airport, the oldest, continually operating Aviation Post in the country.

We were pleased to partner with Topeka Center for Advance Learning & Careers (TCALC) to hire Culinary Arts students as our camp cooks. Not only did we have the best food any summer camp has had, but these young students also developed their skills in culinary arts while participating in everything our summer camp had to offer.

Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity. Your contributions have been instrumental in helping us continue our mission to support Scouting in our 11-county Northeast Kansas region.

We wish you a warm and joyous holiday season with your loved ones.

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#### **READY FOR NYLT?**

National Youth Leadership Training is the premier training course for Scouts BSA and Venturing youth. It provides the skills that youth leaders need to be successful in Scouting roles and in life.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must *BE*, what they must KNOW, and what they must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a quest for the meaning of leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course that will take place May 25 - 30, 2025 at Falley Scout Reservation. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol team outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application. Space is limited and course fills up fast so <u>register</u> now!

#### **OA WINTER BANQUET**

All Arrowmen & their families to join us for the Annual OA Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge Winter Banquet, January 11, at 6:00 PM, at Mater Dei Parish Hall located at 1114 SW 10th St in Topeka. Help us to recognize the Lodge and its members for all of the hard work they have done over the past year.

We will also be hosting our annual silent auction to support Lodge programming throughout the year.

#### Get Registered now!

#### Spring Recruitment is around the Corner!

One of the great things about Scouting Programs, is that they can recruit themselves in non-traditional recruiting seasons. When you wear your Unit's T-Shirts while performing a Community Service Project, picking up trash or attending a community wide function you are letting your neighbors know the BSA is here and local Scouting is alive and thriving. Seize the opportunity.

#### COUNCIL DINNER ON THE HORIZON!

Join us for our Council Annual Recognition Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Washburn University. This event is open to all Scouters, the 2024 Eagle Scout Class, and their parents.

Together, we will celebrate the remarkable achievements of the 2024 Eagle Scout Class and pay tribute to our exceptional council volunteers, including the coveted Silver Beaver Award, the pinnacle of distinction for those who serve within the council.

#### ATTENTION ALL DIRECT CONTACT LEADERS

As we move over into the winter months and start seeing inclement weather, this is a great time to update your Hazardous Weather Training. This is required training for ALL Direct Contact Leaders and must renewed every two years.

Training can be done when you are available because it is completely online. Simply log into <u>my.scouting.org</u> and visit the training section to take the course.

Many Scouting programs take place in the outdoors. This training discusses how to manage risks from the weather to our Scouting families. Let's be proactive and get 100% trained by January 20.

## CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Jayhawk Area Council, BSA promotes camping and does not want any Scout, to miss the opportunity to attend a summer time camping program offered by our Council due to financial hardship.

The Campership Program is designed to aid Scouting families in these circumstances. (1st time applicants will be given priority consideration.)

Campership Assistance Forms are available in the Literature Kiosk located in the Scout Shop or online. All forms must be signed by the Unit Leader/Chair and submitted to the Scout Office no later than April 1.



#### Upcoming Dates- jayhawkcouncil.org for more details

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Jan 11	OA Winter Banquet			
Jan 24 - 26	Council Klondike at Perry State Park			
Jan 24	Unit Recharters Due			
Feb 2 - 8	Scout Anniversary Week			
Feb 8	Council Annual Recognition Dinner			
Feb 15	Washburn Merit Badge University			
March 1	Wood Badge/NYLT Dinner Auction			