

# Jayhawk eBugler

## FEBRUARY 2025 ISSUE

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

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### WOOD BADGE/NYLT AUCTION DINNER

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](mailto:joseph.blasko@scouting.org).

We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity.

### DO A GOOD TURN DAILY

On Friday, January 3, the Jayhawk Area Council delivered nearly 100 cots from the Falley Scout Reservation, also known as Camp Jayhawk, to three warming stations in Topeka - Let's Help, Fellowship HI-Crest Church, and True Vine Missionary Church.

"Each year, the Jayhawk Area Council is pleased to provide this support to those in need of a warm place to stay," Scout Executive/CEO Wayne Pancoast said. "The third point of the Scout Law is 'Helpful' and we teach each of our Scouts to 'Be Prepared' for all situations. Our cots are not used during the winter, so it just makes sense to put them to use where needed."

The loan service, held in partnership with United Way of Kaw Valley, marks the third year that we have provided aid during severe weather conditions.

### 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
- Veterinary Medicine

#### Some of our returning merit badges include:

- Chemistry
- Cycling
- Digital Technology
- Disability Awareness
- Law
- Swimming
- and so much more!

Those looking to finish Trifecta are encouraged to register to finish!

Looking for an overnight option? We got you covered. Choose our lock-in option during registration to stay on the Washburn Campus at Whiting Field House this option also includes breakfast.

[Get Registered Now!](#)

### SAVE THE DATE

Bison District Dinner will be March 6. Save the date and stay on the lookout for more details coming soon!

### DISABILITY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Scouts with Disabilities Awareness Task Force will be hosting two workshops for Scouters and parents who want to positively impact youth with special needs in their units. Trainings will include interactive class work and general discussion. To RSVP click on the location that interest you.

February 8: [Independence, Mo](#)  
February 22: [Lawrence, Ks](#)

### TRAINERS EDGE

Let's get prepared for the Trainer's Edge course to take place on April 12th, 8:00am - 4:00pm at Rolley Service Center, 1020 SE Monroe St., Topeka. The purpose of this course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. It is meant to supplement the practice offered through Wood Badge and NYLT staff development, with a focus on the participant, while aiding the level of skill a trainer brings to the staff experience.

This training is open to all adult Scouters and youth Scouts. We highly recommend all camp staff to participate in this FREE training.

[Get registered today!](#)



### Scout Shop Corner

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 soon! With pinewood derby time here, you can visit the online Scout Shop to put in your order for all things pinewood. Check out the [online shop](#) now!

Open M-F 9:00-5:30 and on Saturdays from 9:00-1:00. We also ship orders. If interested in having an order shipped or ready for pickup please call (785) 354-0291 or email [Larry](#).



**[CHECK OUT THE NEW PINEWOOD DERBY KITS! GET YOUR KITS ORDERED TODAY!](#)**

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### FLEX YOUR CIVICS KNOWLEDGE

The Topeka Chamber of Commerce and Forge Young Talent are partnering with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to host a nonpartisan civics competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities by participating in the National Civics Bee. Students from Shawnee County\* in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are encouraged to participate. Middle Schoolers from all over the county will flex their civics knowledge for a chance to win recognition and cash prizes. Finalists will be invited to Washington, DC to compete in the National Civics Bee® National Championship in Fall 2025.

If your Scout is interested in participating, go to the Chamber's [Civics Bee Page](#) for more information including the link to the essay guide.

The deadline is Tuesday, February 4 at 10:59 PM (local time). For additional information and support, check out:

[National Civics Bee Essay Guide](#)  
[Student Flyer](#)  
[National Civics Bee Contest Rules](#)

\*The promotion above was provided by the Topeka Chamber of Commerce and refers to Scouts living in Shawnee County. You can still participate in the National Civics Bee if you reside outside of Shawnee County by going to the National Civics Bee website link above. You may want to check with your local chamber of commerce before submitting.



### SCOUT SUNDAY 2025

On February 2, this special day honors the dedication of youth and adult members to the Scouting program. This Sunday will kick off the anniversary week of scouting.

Don't forget to stop at the Jayhawk Scout Shop to pick up your patch today!

### 2025 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING BREAKFAST

To kick off the Friends of Scouting Annual Campaign, several Council and District level events and worker campaigns will be held to garner support of Scouting in our 11-county Northeast Kansas region. Table hosts will be extending invitations at the Council and District level to attend the events.

Topeka Friends of Scouting Breakfast  
February 28, 7:00AM – 8:00AM  
Maner Conference Center – Sunflower Ballroom

Contact: [Kelly Potter](#) 785-276-3341

Emporia Friends of Scouting Breakfast  
March 12, 7:00AM – 8:30AM  
Clint Bowyer Community Building  
Contact: [Ian Lamb](#) 785-276-3345

Sunflower District Community Events  
Perry – Date and Location TBD  
Contact: [Joe Blasko](#) 785-276-3346

Sojadi District Community Events  
Burlington – Date and Location TBD  
Osage City – Date and Location TBD

Each District will launch worker campaign initiatives that offer local businesses, community leaders and families the opportunity to support the Scouting movement in their area. Interest in volunteering? Contact your District Executive to learn more.



### SCOUTING GIVES

There are many ways to support Scouting in your area! [Check out](#) how you can help!



### CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Jayhawk Area Council, 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.

### RANGE SAFETY OFFICER

The Jayhawk Area Council, Scouting America, seeks to develop new Certified Range Safety Officers who possess the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential to organizing, conducting, supervising and safely operating Target and Range activities. Join us on Saturday, February 22, 8:00am - 5:00pm at Falley Scout Reservation for this training course.

This Course is designed to prepare experienced shooters to perform the basic duties of a Range Safety Officer (RSO). RSO's ensure that the users of a Range follow the Range Regulations in order to reduce property damage and personal injury.

[Register Now!](#)

Questions, please email [John Young](#) or call at 620.341.7315.

### SCOUT DAY AT THE K

Scout Day at the K returns on Sunday, Sunday, April 27th as the Kansas City Royals take on the Houston Astros in a pivotal early season series. For more information or to order individual tickets, please contact the Heart of America Council or [Click Here!](#)

### BALOO/IOLS

#### TRAINING NOW OPEN

Are you registered for the upcoming Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation or Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills on April 12-13? This is a training that ALL adult leadership should take that are going to be doing outdoor activities with Scouts. [Registration](#) is open so get on over to the registration and get registered today!



### Upcoming Dates- [jayhawkcouncil.org](http://jayhawkcouncil.org) for more details

Feb 2 - 8 Scout Anniversary Week  
Feb 8 Council Annual Recognition Dinner  
Feb 13 Sojadi District Dinner  
Feb 15 Washburn Merit Badge University  
Feb 22 Range Safety Officer Training  
Feb 28 Topeka Friends of Scouting Breakfast  
March 1 Wood Badge/NYLT Dinner Auction  
March 12 Emporia Friends of Scouting Breakfast  
March 22 Cub Scout Shooting Sports