

Jayhawk eBugler

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

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BISON DISTRICT IS OFF TO THE RACES

We will be taking over the West Ridge Mall on Friday April 11th starting at 5pm. Cub Scouts are encouraged to bring their pinewood derby cars and race against all the other Cub Scouts in the District! All Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts and Ships are encouraged to register for a table at no charge. Set up a fun game for scouts and mall patrons, promote your unit and their activities, and engage with the community! Reserve your table today for free and Cub Scouts \$5 will register your car for the race!

[Registration open now!](#)

DISTRICT DINNER

Every year each district has a dinner to recognize volunteers and previous years Eagle Scouts from their district. Every district dinner is different and sure to be a good time.

Sunflower District Dinner: April 3, 2025

Thanks to generous donations it is free to attend. Please [RSVP](#) today to ensure we have the proper amount of food!

Please submit award nominations to [Matt Woodward](#) by March 22.

Not sure which district your pack or troop is in check [here](#).



The OA Spring Fellowship, being held on May 2 - 3, it is open to all members of the OA as well as those prospective members that have been elected by their troop or crew as Ordeal Candidates.

This event is a mixture of fun, fellowship, and candidates completing their Ordeal and Brotherhood levels as members of the Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge.

BISON PET CARE ACADEMY

Saturday May 31st at First Lutheran Church, come and earn some of our pet themed Merit Badges! 4 fantastic Merit Badges will be available all based around animals. Earn Dog Care, Pets, Animal Science, or Veterinary Medicine in the K-State Mobile Unit with KSU Vet Med College. Save the date!

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!

SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

Join us for Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day on Saturday, March 22, at Falley Scout Reservation! This exciting event offers Cub Scouts (Tigers - Webelos) the chance to learn about safety while shooting with slingshots, practicing archery, and using BBs, all tailored to their age group.

Please note that there is a limit of 30 Scouts per session. We have a morning session from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and an afternoon session from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Don't forget, registration closes on March 19th! Be sure to [sign up](#) today!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025 COUNCIL DINNER

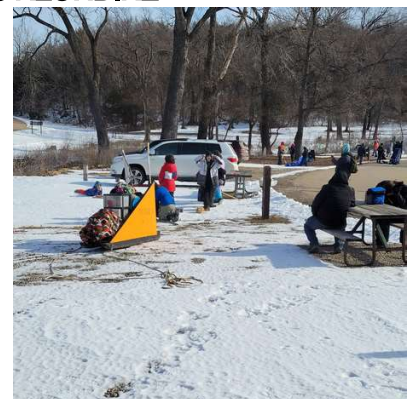
As we move into a new year of Scouting, let us reflect on several accomplishments in 2024 thanks to the dedicated Scouts, leaders, volunteers, and of course parents - we couldn't do it without you! On Saturday February 8, 2025 Jayhawk Area Council had the honor of recognizing Joe Pils, Troop 180 of Marysville and Carl Richardson, Troop 157 of the Sojadi District with the Silver Beaver. We were pleased to honor the 2024 Tim O'Shea Eagle Class. For more pictures from the dinner and to view the Eagle Project Video of all of our 2024 Eagles go [here](#).



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025 KLONDIKE

On January 25-26 the 2025 Council Klondike at Perry State Park was such a success as Scouts began Charting New Frontiers. More than 250 adults and Scouts in attendance. It was cold and snowy following the historic blizzard the blew through Kansas. If you were not in attendance you missed out on so much fun!

Get your plans together and your teams to participate in the 2026 Klondike that is already being planned. You don't want to miss out on another opportunity to test your skills, learn teamwork and compete on different courses with different skill levels. To see more images from the event check out our council [facebook](#) page.



NYLT 2025 COURSE

National Youth Leadership Training will take place May 25-30 at Falley Scout Reservation. Get your Scout registered today for this premier youth leadership training.

Registration is already open, get on over and [register](#)! What are you waiting for? Want to save money? Save \$50 if you register before March 27, 2025

SUNFLOWER/PONY EXPRESS SPRING CAMPOREE

Mark your calendar and save the date! Sunflower/Pony Express District Camporee will take place on March 28-30 at Falley Scout Reservation.

Get your crew together for outdoors with fishing, target sports, disc golf and dutch oven cook-off competition. Get [registered today](#)!

BALOO/IOLS TRAINING

DUTY TO GOD

National day of prayer will take place on May 1. Scouts Read Sacred Texts is a worldwide invitation to Scouts designed to inspire them to set aside some time to read a sacred text from their religion. This process helps Scouts to practice their duty to God.

Now is a good time to consult your religious leader or have a family discussion about which portion of the text might be good to read on that day.

Grab your pack or troop and plan out a special time to get together and read some sacred text and practice our duty to God. To order patches or for more information please go [here](#).

WOODBADGE/NYLT AUCTION UPDATES

Our Wood Badge/NYLT Auction Dinner was held on March 1. We had close to eighty people in attendance. Joe Kirkwood and his team put on a fabulous meal, and Chaz Havens did a phenomenal job as our auctioneer.

Thanks to the generosity of these donors we were able to raise over \$5,000 to benefit both Scholarship programs. We salute our donors for helping to make this happen and wish to congratulate all of our awesome volunteers for all of their hard work.

LONG RANGE PLAN PILLARS APPROVED!

At their February meeting, the Executive Board of the Jayhawk Area Council approved five pillars that will be the foundation of our Long Range Strategic Plan. They are: Exceptional Experiences, Revitalize the Brand, Relevant Programs, Financial Stability, and Talent Development.

These five pillars were formed after input from over 20 fireside chats across the council that have already been conducted. Additional fireside chats will be taking place along with a council-wide survey to help the committee formalize the objectives under each pillar and the strategies for achievement. Be sure to attend your district's May Program Preview where the plan's overview will be shared with all in attendance.

Thanks to everyone who has provided input so far and thanks in advance to those who will be participating at future fireside chats.



2025 EAGLE SCOUTS



Congratulations to all the Scouts that has earned the rank of Eagle so far this year. We are all very proud of you!! Its not to late to earn this prestigious rank!!

Troop	District	Scout
13	Bison	H. Diederich

WILD, WILD WEST CUB SCOUT CAMPS

AKELA CAMP

This camp is a three-day, two-night campout held at Camp Delaware at Falley Scout Reservation. Are you prepared for the wild, wild west? We encourage you to register as a den or get with the family and come out for a get away into the great outdoors. There will be two sessions this year for this amazing camp.

Session One: [June 28th - 30th](#)

Session Two: [July 5th - 7th](#)

CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

Cub Scout Resident Camp is a four-day/three-night camping experience. It is open to youth in the second thru fifth grades and their leaders or parents. Cub Scout Resident Camp is open to earning four elective rank adventures along with other activities including BB, archery, fishing, nature hikes, swimming, as well as a campfire program.

[June 28th - July 1](#)

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

Webelos Resident Camp is a five-day/four-night camping experience that will allow your Webelo Scout to learn new things, meet new friends and experience fun in the outdoors. Open to all Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts.

[June 28th - July 2nd](#)

FUN WITH FAMILY

Looking for something low key to do with the Family without breaking the budget? Fun with Family is a day camp experience open to all Cub Scouts, their adult leaders, guardians and/or siblings. Click [here](#) to learn more and get registered.

[July 12th](#)

Each Scout who has registered and paid a minimum of \$50 Deposit by 3/31/2025 at midnight will receive a reusable cup and one free slushie at camp and custom wanted poster as a keepsake reminder of camp. This promotion does not apply to adult attendees. If a Scout cannot have a slushie due to dietary, medical or other concerns, a beverage or snack substitute will be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

2025 HIGHLAND GAMES

Get ready to unleash your inner Highland warrior! Join us for our annual adventure in the true highland fashion, where we'll battle it out in classic Scottish games for the ultimate bragging rights and our fabulous traveling trophy!

Rally your Sept, unite your Clan, and gear up for some epic individual challenges and team showdowns. Mark your calendars for April 25-27 at Falley Scout Reservation!

Don't dawdle - [Register](#) now and let the games begin!

PASSIONATE ABOUT FISHING?

Are you passionate about fishing, working with people, or being outside? If so, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' Certified Angler Instructor Program is perfect for you! Prophet Aquatic Research & Outreach Center (PAROC) is excited to host this training, and we're looking to gauge interest from those who would like to participate.

PAROC is located on the campus of Emporia State University. Go here to find out more about [PAROC](#) or sign up below to receive updates and further information!

[Certified Angler Instructor Training Interest Form](#)



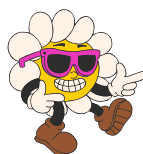
Did you know you can sprinkle some extra love on Scouts just by adding Jayhawk Area Council to your rewards card? Every time you shop at Dillons, you're not just filling your cart, you're also filling up campership funds for youth to experience the great outdoors! It's as easy as pie—just shop like you usually do, and it won't cost you a dime!

Now, picture this: if all our families got on board and chose Jayhawk Area Council as their donation buddy, we'd be rolling in the dough! So, hop on your [account](#) and give Jayhawk Area Council a shout-out today!



UPCOMING DATES - GO TO JAYHAWKCOUNCIL.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

- MAR 22 CUB SCOUTS SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY
- MAR 28-30 SUNFLOWER SPRING CAMPOREE
- APR 3 SUNFLOWER DISTRICT DINNER
- APR 12-13 BALOO/IOLS TRAINING
- APR 18-20 OFFICE CLOSED—GOOD FRIDAY
- APR 25-27 BISON SPRING CAMPOREE
- APR 26 EMPORIA STATE MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY





INTRODUCING THE NEW
**MULTISPORT
 MERIT BADGE**

Check out the NEW items that we have available in the Scout Shop. We have the new Scouting America elastic belt with matching water bottle harness. Two different designs on the stainless steel tumblers. We also have new Eagle Scout Congratulation cards, 115 year hat, belt buckle, world crest and large patch set. We also have Scouting America Patches available. New merit badge pamphlet and badges, and so much more! Stop by the Scout Shop 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!

Open M-F 9:00 - 5:30 and on Saturdays from 9:00 - 1:00. We also ship orders. If interested , Call (785) 354-0291.