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

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LOOKING FOR AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE, OR A WEEKEND CAMPOUT? FALLEY SCOUT RESERVATION HAS YOU COVERED!

Falley Scout Reservation offers a great selection of activities for youth and adults in the Scouting program. It offers excellent Scout camping facilities as well as program opportunities for all ages. Among the activities offered are: aquatics, field sports, fishing, nature programs and much more. If you are looking for a unique spot to host your next business meeting or retreat, consider Falley Scout Reservation. We offer non-Scouting related activities throughout the year. Both camps are available for rental during spring, fall, and winter. With over 340 acres of property, we have something for everyone! Contact us 785.354.8541. For more detailed information check us out [here](#) or to make a reservation click [here](#).

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Registration is now open for NYLT, and we encourage your unit to get registered. All Scouts BSA must be at least 13 years old, at least First Class rank, and complete Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops. Venturers & Sea Scouts must be 14 (or 13 and have completed 8th grade) and complete Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships. It is recommended that Venturers or Sea Scouts have at least one year of camping experience.

Get your Scout prepared to earn the Silver Arrow. The Silver Arrow Award is specific to Jayhawk Area Council. This award is to encourage Scouts to use the leadership skills they have learned during the course to make an improvement to their unit.

National Youth Leadership Training will take place May 31 - June 5 at Falley Scout Reservation. Get your Scout registered today for this premier youth leadership training.

Click [HERE](#) to get registered today!

Join the Fun!

Our Order of the Arrow Lodge will be hosting this year's Spring Fellowship on May 2 - 4, at Falley Scout Reservation (FSR). This event is open to all members of the Order of the Arrow as well as those prospective members that have been elected by their troop or crew as Ordeal Candidates. The Spring Fellowship is primarily focused on service and preparing FSR for summer camp.

Plan to arrive at FSR between 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday, May 2, and check in at the Welcome Center. Clean up should end around 11:00 AM Sunday morning.

For more information or to get registered go [here](#).

WILD, WILD WEST CUB SCOUT CAMPS

AKELA CAMP

This camp is a three-day, two-night campout held in Camp Delaware at Falley Scout Reservation. Are you prepared for the wild, wild west? We encourage you to register as a den or as a family and put the outing back in Scouting. There will be two sessions this year for this amazing camp.

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

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

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 28 - July 1](#)

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

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

[June 28 - July 2](#)

FUN WITH FAMILY DAY CAMP

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](#)

ALL STAR TROOPS NOW FORMING!

Does your Unit have an individual Scout or two that may not be able to attend Summer Camp in 2025 with his or her Troop due to scheduling or location? If so, the Jayhawk Area Council has openings for two All Star Troops that are now forming. This is an excellent opportunity for Scouts who either have a conflict or those who prefer camping closer to home.

Since it is important to give Scouts a summer camp experience, Camp Jayhawk is providing an opportunity for these Scouts to be part of an All-Star troop in camp. The All-Star troop is a provisional troop with volunteer adult leadership of Scoutmaster-experienced adults. The Scout will have the opportunity to register as an individual Scout, select their Merit Badges and not miss out on making memories at summer camp in 2025!

[June 15 - 21](#) Scouts BSA Session

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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](#).

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING UPDATES

Fundraising to support Scouting in the 11-county NE county region is going strong! Thanks to 276 donors, we have raised \$120,710* – helping us reach 50.3% of our overall campaign goal. (*AS OF 4.17.25)

Investments in Friends of Scouting stays local to support quality programs such as summer camps, fun weekend activities, outreach programs, expansion opportunities assistance to scouting families, youth and adult training opportunities, camping and supporting facilities.

The next two months are a critical time to ensure we have the funds needed to support our youth with quality programs. Help us wrap up before summer with a WIN!

Will you join us and our donors that are making a difference by making your 2025 donation?

DONATE NOW

20 READY, SET, NOMINATE BY MAY 23!

We know that communities are made stronger when they support and value their talented young professionals. The Top 20 Under 40 award allows the Topeka community to invest in this talent by recognizing the outstanding work of young professionals in our community.

By nominating someone to receive a Top 20 under 40 award, you are providing valuable acknowledgement of their work, as well as encouragement to continue making a difference in our community.

Think of influential young professionals you know that are working hard to make a difference in Topeka and Shawnee County. They may be your friends, coworkers, neighbors, or attend your church. Nominations can be submitted [here](#).

DISTRICT PROGRAM PREVIEWS

Attention Pack and Troop Adult Leader's you are invited and encouraged to join our May Program Previews. Get the 25'-26' calendar and your program year.

Sunflower District:

May 1; 7 PM - 8:30 PM @ Second Presbyterian Church of Topeka, 210 NW Menninger Rd, Topeka, KS

Bison District:

May 1; 7 PM - 8 PM @ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3611 SW Jewell Ave, Topeka, KS

Sojadi District:

May 8; 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Emporia First United Methodist Church, 823 Merchant St., Emporia, KS

Pony Express District:

May 1; 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Wamego School District Office, 1008 8th St, Wamego, KS

We look forward to preparing for our Ideal Year of Scouting and summer activities.

CUB SCOUT SHOOTING SPORTS



On March 22, Falley Scout Reservation hosted approximately 60 Cub Scouts at the annual Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day. The day was full of hands-on activities to practice archery, BB gun shooting, and slingshot shooting allowing Cub Scouts an opportunity to learn all about shooting in a variety of environments. A fun time was had by all!

BISON PET CARE ACADEMY

Saturday May 31 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!



JAYHAWK SCOUT SHOP IS HAVING A SPRING CLEARANCE SALE! MAY 17, 2025 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM STOP IN AND CHECK IT OUT!



Swing into action on June 23 at Shawnee Country Club, GreatLife, for the Golf Classic where golfing dreams take flight! You've been amazing supporters, gathering teams and sponsoring holes, and we can't wait to see you again. Join us for a hearty lunch at 11:30 AM and hit the greens at 1 PM sharp!

Do a little birdie dance and spread the word! Encourage your friends, family, or even your co-workers to register, play, or sponsor this epic event.

[Register Now!](#)

MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

To impact membership growth, Scouting America must focus on Supporting Unit Leaders and provide them with the information, tools, and support they need to execute our world-class programs.

Scouting America's 2025 organizational goals to enhance performance, drive growth, and ensure we continue to deliver exceptional value to units and members include a "Satisfaction Index" goal. The goal metric for determining if we are improving in this area comes from the Voice of the Scout Unit Leader Council/District satisfaction score.

Why use the Unit Leader Council/District satisfaction score as our national metric? Unit leaders drive retention and recruitment through the quality of the program they provide to youth. Voice of the Scout will help us better understand what support unit leaders need to be more satisfied in their leadership role. An unhappy, unsupported leader cannot lead to their fullest potential.

Once per quarter, email invitations are sent to a quarter of the population of Cub Scout parents, Scouts BSA parents who have children under 14, Scouts BSA youth who are 14 or older, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Unit leaders/advisors. Voice of the Scout emails come from noreply@scouting.org, with the name "Voice of the Scout" in the invitation. Please add the above address to your "safe sender" list so that the survey will not go to your spam folder.

We strongly encourage you to consider completing the survey. If our council has at least 100 responses, we will receive a council-specific report that will help us with our long-range strategic planning. Your input is critical!



SUNFLOWER SPRING CAMPOREE

The Sunflower District held their Spring Camporee on March 28 – 30 out at Falley Scout Reservation. 60 Scouts and Unit Leaders participated in activities such as fishing, disc golf, range and target activities and everyone had a good time. The Sunflower District Committee would like to thank all those volunteers who assisted in the planning and execution of this event. If you have an interest in helping us plan future district events, please contact:

Matt Woodward, District Chair
or
Ben Olson, District Commissioner



USA ARCHERY LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION

On Saturday, May 31, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm the JAC Range & Target Activities Committee will be hosting a USA Archery certification at Falley Scout Reservation. If your unit has an individual that enjoys Archery and would love to get certified to help us teach others please get signed up today.

To complete the requirements for this certification, students must successfully pass the USA Archery Level 1 Instructor Certification online course. There will be additional focus on teaching classes related to Scouting America, including Cub Scout belt loops and Scouts BSA merit badges. Questions regarding this course:

Please contact: Brenden Feldt

Running short on time and need to make an order request from Jayhawk Scout Shop? We just rolled out a new way to place your order online! Click the image and it will take you to the order page! Give it a try today!



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. New Handbooks have arrived stop in and get yours today!

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 9:00 - 5:30. **Starting May 24 the Scout shop will be closed Saturday's for the summer.** You can also call in an order to have shipped to you. Call (785) 354-0291.

UPCOMING DATES - FOR LATEST INFORMATION - WWW.JAYHAWKCOUNCIL.ORG

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| MAY 1 | SUNFLOWER/ BISON/ PONY EXPRESS PROGRAM PREVIEW |
| MAY 2-4 | OA SPRING FELLOWSHIP |
| MAY 8 | SOJADI PROGRAM PREVIEW |
| MAY 26 | MEMORIAL DAY OFFICES CLOSED |
| MAY 31 | USA ARCHERY LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION |
| MAY 31 | BISON DISTRICT PET ACADEMY |
| MAY 31-JUNE 5 | NYLT |
| JUNE 15-21 | SCOUTS BSA CAMP |
| JUNE 23 | GOLF CLASSIC |
| JUNE 28-JULY 2 | CUB SCOUT CAMPS |