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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 an 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!](#)



SPORTING CLAY INVITATIONAL

Get ready to take aim for a great cause—registration is now open for the Sporting Clays Tournament! Our 2nd Annual event takes place on Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Ravenwood Lodge. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. The Range and Target Activities Committee is planning a FUN event and welcomes your participation!

Whether you're a seasoned shooter or trying it for the first time, you're in for an exciting experience. Whether you put together an entire Team or choose to join us as a Single Shooter you will enjoy a day filled with friendly competition, skill, and camaraderie on our challenging course

Do you own a business or are you looking for a creative way to support Scouting while promoting your Company? If so, consider joining us either as an Event Sponsor or by purchasing a Station Sponsorship sign for \$150. We have multiple ways for you to utilize those marketing dollars while also supporting a great cause.

Please contact:

Ed Eller : ed@kscommercial.com or

Joe Blasko: joseph.blasko@scouting.org

[Register Today!](#)

QUALIFYING EVENT

If your unit has a Scout who attends Summer Camp in 2025 and fails to qualify to earn one of their Range and Target Merit Badges. We invite them to come out August 1 - 3 to FSR for the weekend to work with one of our instructors to complete these requirements.

[Registration opens June 2!](#)

ALL STAR TROOP CAMP

Camp Jayhawk has something for every Scout. From a first time camper to an experienced camper. Mark your calendars with these important dates! We have formed a troop for Scouts that can't make it to other camps because of scheduling conflicts and don't want to be left out. Only 4 spots are left so register today!

[June 15 - 21](#)

Highlights for 2025, Cowboy Action, Action Archery, Two Outpost Adventures, and STEAM Programs. Check out the [Program Guide](#) for more details.

There is so much more information about summer camps and Camp Jayhawk! Jump on over and check it out! [Click Here.](#)

WOOD BADGE COURSE

Wood Badge is an exciting, action packed program designed for councils to provide adult members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their Scouting positions and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

Wood Badge has evolved over the years into the core leadership skills training course for the BSA. The Wood Badge course focuses on strengthening every volunteer's ability to work with and lead groups of youth and adults and is less focused on outdoor skills, which are more effectively addressed in other courses.

The Jayhawk Area Council's wood badge Course will be held September 12 - 14 & October 11 - 12. There is a \$130 Scholarship for the first 30 participants registered.

[Get registered today!](#)



2025 Eagle Scouts



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

Troop

59
165
193

District

Bison
Sojadi
Sunflower

Scout

N. Fewell
J. Roby Williams
G. White

WILD, WILD WEST CUB CAMPS

This fun western themed camp is filling up fast! Registration has been extended to June 6. If you would like to receive a camp t-shirt, you **MUST REGISTER BY JUNE 4! Get Registered TODAY!**

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

Fun with family awaits. A unique camping experience for the entire family at Camp Jayhawk on July 12, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM! There will be open swimming and boating at the lake, fishing at Caterpillar Pond, BB gun and Archery ranges, Cub craft and leather stamping, and you can go on a nature hike and explore! Sounds like tons of fun!

[Get registered now!](#)



Elevate your game on June 23rd at Shawnee Country Club – Great Life.

Complimentary Lunch @ 11:30 AM, Tee Time @ 1:00 PM

[Register Today!](#)

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING UPDATES

Fundraising to support Scouting in the 11-county NE county region is going strong! Thanks to 292 donors, we have raised \$124,878 – helping us reach 52% of our overall campaign goal.

**as of 05.08.2025*

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

DONATE NOW

WELCOME NICK TO OUR COUNCIL

Scout Executive Wayne Pancoast is pleased to announce that Nicholas Thiesen has been hired as the Sojadi District Executive effective May 20, 2025.

Nick Theisen (pronounced Tyson) graduated from ITT Technical with an associate degree in Computer Aided Drafting along with some additional certifications. He currently lives in Post Falls, Idaho and has spent the last ten years working for Buck Knives, Inc.

Nick has a combined 25 years of Scouting experience. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. He has served in numerous volunteer roles including Asst. Scoutmaster, Den Leader and Unit Commissioner. As a commissioner, he has earned his doctorate at the College of Commissioner Science and has most recently served as an Assistant District Commissioner in charge of recruiting. The den he served as den leader recently crossed into a troop. He is a District Award of Merit recipient and has earned the Arrowhead Award, Commissioner's Key and Distinguished Commissioner. This year, he took the inaugural online Commissioner Seabadge.

Nick is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has served on the honor guard and held numerous roles including Grand Knight. He is excited to join the Jayhawk Area Council.

ATTENTION POPCORN KERNELS!



It's that time of year again to prepare for popcorn! Let's go out for a big bang this year! Meat Sticks and Popcorn! What a great year for fundraising!

Let's get all the Kernels and Leaders together and join August District Program Previews for training and to ensure your unit has a successful sale!

CHALLENGING OUTDOOR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Jayhawk Area Council is proud to be bringing back our C.O.P.E. Program for our older scouts. Starting this summer units can sign up for our fall August 8-9 date for a fun Low C.O.P.E. experience.

Coming this spring we will have more weekends as well as opening more elements including sections of our High Course!

PROJECT
C O P E



CLIP INTO
ADVENTURE

2025 - 26 DATES

August 8-9
March 13-14, 2026
May 8-9, 2026
June 19-20, 2026

If your unit is interested in signing up for any of these sessions, please contact:

[Kurt Gamer](#)
785-276-3349

UPCOMING DATES - FOR LATEST INFORMATION WWW.JAYHAWKCOUNCIL.ORG



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BISON PET CARE ACADEMY

Saturday May 31, at First Lutheran Church the Bison will be holding a Merit Badge Day and Community Event. In the morning 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. Also in the morning for our Cub Scouts we will be offering the Critter Care Elective Adventure for our incoming Bear Scouts.

From 1-5pm we will be hosting a Community Event with lots of local animal specialist vendors. Troop 175 will be hosting a concession stand on site for the event so come out and show them some support!

[Registration](#) is now open for merit badges!

WHAT IS JAMBOREE?

What's a Jamboree? It's not just camp. National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends and fellowship for Scouts 12 years old or older with hands-on adventure that takes you places you never thought you'd go and challenge you to try things you never thought you could.

It's the beginning of your own heroes' journey that will challenge you to go farther than you ever thought possible. You'll reach deeper and lift yourself higher to become the best version of yourself.

Scouting's flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It's a gathering of tens of thousands of Scouts, leaders, and Jamboree Service Team members that showcases everything that is great about Scouting America.

National Jamboree is the best of Scouting rolled into 10 days of friends, fun and adventure! You won't want to miss out, get ready to Face the Challenge and sign up to attend the Jamboree! More info [here](#).

If this sounds like something your Scout would be interested in contact [Joe Blasko](#).

JUNE 8 - 14
JUNE 15 - 21
JUNE 23
JUNE 28 - 30
JUNE 28 - JULY 1
JUNE 28 - JULY 2
JULY 5 - 7
JULY 13

CAMP STAFF WEEK
ALL STAR TROOP CAMP
2025 GOLF CLASSIC
CUB SCOUT AKELA CAMP
CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP
WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP
CUB SCOUT AKELA CAMP #2
FUN WITH FAMILY DAY CAMP

SCOUTING AMERICA LAUNCHES ENHANCED SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

Scouting America has unveiled a new comprehensive Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) program, reinforcing its unwavering commitment to creating the safest possible environment for young people. This updated training represents a significant step forward in Scouting America's multi-layered approach to youth protection.

The new training is mandatory for all registered adult volunteers and has been developed with insights from leading experts in child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. It incorporates the latest strategies for recognizing, responding to, and preventing various forms of abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

Key Features of the Updated Training:

- **Comprehensive Focus:** Our new Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training) program reflects the more comprehensive nature of the training and its focus on safeguarding youth from all threats.
- **Inclusive Content:** The training covers a wide range of topics, ensuring volunteers are well-informed about potential risks and best practices for youth protection.
- **Annual Refresher Courses:** Recognizing the ongoing need for education and awareness, Scouting America will now require annual refresher courses, estimated to take 15-20 minutes, to keep youth protection knowledge current.
- **Alignment with Best Practices:** Scouting America regularly consults with experts to ensure its policies and training reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and prevention techniques in the field of youth safety.
- **Focus on Prevention:** The training emphasizes proactive measures to prevent abuse and create a culture of safety within Scouting.

Your existing Youth Protection Training remains valid until its expiration date, at which point the new Safeguarding Youth Training will be required.

Scouting America's proactive approach to youth safety underscores its dedication to providing a secure and enriching environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. The launch of this enhanced Safeguarding Youth Training demonstrates a continuous effort to adapt and improve safety measures, ensuring the well-being of all Scouts remains the top priority.



ALL NEW ITEMS



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 items arriving soon! New keychain backpack, lanyards and belt loop back pack. Get your Scouting swag.

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.