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

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FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge will host their Fall Fellowship October 3-5 at Falley Scout Reservation.

The Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship 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 year's event will be a mixture of fun, fellowship and candidates completing their Ordeal and Brotherhood levels as members of the Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge. We will also be electing Lodge and Chapter officers.

[Registration Is now Open!](#)

MERIT BADGE TIME!

It's that time! Are you registered to attend 2025 Merit Badge Day on November 8, 7 AM - 5 PM at Washburn Tech located at 5724 SW Huntoon Road, Topeka, Ks.

Some of the merit badges being offered include Automotive Maintenance, Electricity, Electronics, Plumbing, Trifecta (Personal Management, Family Life, Personal Fitness), Welding and NEW merit badges this year include Engineering, Robotics, and wood work and more.

You don't want to miss this one! Classes are filling up!

[Registration is now open!](#)

ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

Do you want to know more about what's going on and where to go for information? Go to your District Roundtable for all Scout Leaders! These are open to all registered adult leaders interested in learning more about Scouting in your district.

Each Roundtable includes short training topics and lively discussions with peers from other Packs and Troops. This is the best place to get ideas for your upcoming unit programming. Most leaders will walk out of this meeting with an entire month of ideas planned out. The cost is free and the return is immeasurable.

Mark the calendar for November Dates coming soon:

[Bison](#) - November 6

[Sunflower](#) - November 6

[Pony Express](#) - November 6

[Sojadi](#) - November 13

DOES YOUR SCHOOL OR CHURCH HOST A TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT?

We all know that kids are looking for the best treats when they are out trick or treating. How cool would it be if you had the coolest treats ever?

Consider using this as a recruitment opportunity for your pack or troop. You can create fun treats for your Scouts to pass out. Get creative and have fun! Ask your District Executive for fun recruiting information.



NYLT REGISTRATION GOES LIVE OCTOBER 1ST

Are you prepared for an **EPIC** experience? "NYLT" is the premier youth training course for Scouts BSA and Venture youth leaders that will take place May 24-29, 2026. It provides the skills that youth leaders need to be successful in both their Scouting roles and in life.

Do you have an extraordinary youth in your troop or crew? Scoutmasters and crew advisors should be receiving a letter requesting nominations for prospective candidates to enroll in the program. All are encouraged to nominate at least 2-3 prospective candidates for an opportunity to participate in this prestigious program.

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

[Register October 1st!](#)

WEBELOS WOODS

ATTENTION 4TH & 5TH GRADERS

Are you interested in continuing the Scouting trail? Webelos Woods is the place to be, October 17-19 at Falley Scout Reservation.

Hosted by Sunflower District all Webelos, Arrow of Light Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. This experience is designed to prepare your Scout for transition into Scouts BSA by allowing them to meet and learn from experienced Scouts.

[Registration Now Open!](#)

WELCOME!

The Jayhawk Area Council is pleased to welcome Caleb Gray as the Pony Express District Executive. His responsibilities include membership, fundraising, and program support for Marshal, Nehama, Potawatomie and portions of Wabaunsee counties.

Caleb is an Eagle Scout currently residing in Sabetha, KS. He has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 48 in Prairie Grove, Arkansas and Troop 77 in Sabetha, Kansas. As a youth in Arkansas, he was active in the Order of the Arrow Lodge receiving his Vigil Honor. He served two summer camps as staff; Camp Orr in the Westark Area Council and our own Falley Scout Reservation.

COWBOY ACTION & SHOTGUN GAMES

Saddle Up for Cowboy Action & Shotgun Fun! Scouts, get ready to step into the Wild West! Join us at Falley Scout Reservation on October 25 for an action-packed Saturday of Cowboy Action Shooting and Shotgun Games presented by Range & Target Sports.

You'll learn the skills of sharpshooting, safety, and marksmanship, all while channeling your inner cowboy (hat optional but highly encouraged).

What's in Store:

- Cowboy Action Shooting experience
- Shotgun target games
- Firearm safety instruction from certified experts
- Tons of high-adrenaline fun!

This event is for Scouts 14 and older looking to challenge themselves and try something exciting and new. Register as a unit and make it a camping event (*Regular camp reservation fees apply*) or come as an individual on Saturday for all the fun!

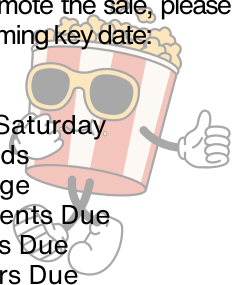
[Register Today!](#)

ATTENTION POPCORN KERNELS

Our 2025 Popcorn Sale is off to a solid start. As we continue to promote the sale, please be mindful of this upcoming key date:

October 25

- Popcorn Super Saturday
- Popcorn sale ends
- Product Exchange
- Pre-Order payments Due
- Top Seller Forms Due
- Final Take Orders Due



INTRODUCING TOPEKA'S TOP 20 UNDER 40 CLASS

The Jayhawk Area Council is pleased to announce the 2025 Class of Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 – a signature fundraising event to benefit Scouting in the 11-county Northeast Kansas region. [Register](#) to join us in celebration of these young leaders and influencers on November 13 at the Maner Conference Center – Sunflower Ballroom. 5:30PM / Reception, 6:30 PM/ Dinner and Program.

Take a peek at the 2025 Honorees. You may know someone!!!

Jaron Caffrey - Director of Workforce and Health Care Policy – Kansas Hospital Association
Kaylee Champagne - Interior Designer – HTK Architects
Jake Holly - Associate Attorney – Foulston Siefkin LLP
Chelsea Huston - Community Outreach Director - Woolly Farms Foundation
Madeline Lambing - Associate Director of Leadership Experiences and Lecturer – Washburn University
Jolie Lippitt - Founder & CEO P&V Consulting & Advocacy Group
Benton McGivern - Hospitalist – Stormont Vail Health
Danielle J. Martin - Founder & CEO – Authentic Media
Charles Morgan - Connection and Belonging Manager - BCBSKS
Laura Nichols - Associate Principal – Topeka Public Schools
Laura Pederzani - Executive Director – Arcare, Inc.
India Yarborough - Founder & CEO – Local Lens PR
Damon Shore - Continuous Improvement Engineer – Mars Wrigley

Fatima Perez-Luthi - Founder & CEO of The Grind Coaching & Consulting and Agency Owner of Luthi & Associates – American Family Insurance
Cassidy Roberson - Director of Customer Experience & Partner – Schendel Lawn and Landscape / Green Pest Solutions
Billy Skrobacz - Chief Retail Operations Officer – Capitol Federal Savings Bank
Connor (CJ) Smith - Financial Reporting Accountant – Advisors Excel
Jessie Stonebraker - Special Investigator & Response Team Specialist – Kansas Department for Children and Families
Zachary Surritt - Business Development Director – R&S Maintenance Services
Alicia Walker - Executive Director – Community Action, Inc.; Founder – HEARTS: Helping Empower Adolescents Reject Thoughts of Suicide

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS!

Are you passionate about adventure? COPE is seeking enthusiastic volunteers like you! The Falley Scout Reservation is set to launch the High COPE adventure course, and we need YOUR help! If you're interested, please reach out to Kurt at Kurt.Garner@scouting.org or call 785-409-0608.

KEY SAFETY MOMENTS FOR HALLOWEEN

Safe Travel:

- Always use sidewalks and crosswalks when possible.
- Walk on the side of the road, facing traffic.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street and to avoid darting out or crossing between parked cars.

Costume Safety:

- Ensure costumes are fire-resistant, fit well, and are not so long that they cause tripping.
- Avoid masks or accessories that obstruct vision.

Stranger Safety:

- Only visit houses that are well-lit and familiar.
- Remind children to stay with their group and not enter a stranger's home or car.

Treat Inspection:

- Inspect all treats and discard anything that is unwrapped or looks suspicious.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

Year-End giving is approaching for the "Friends of Scouting" campaign supporting the Jayhawk Area Council. Donors contribute not just to agencies but to foster Citizenship, Character, and Duty to Country in youth. Some aim to impact the environment or uplift the community through service. Currently, 366 donors have raised \$144,174 towards a \$200,000* goal for Scouting in Northeast Kansas. ! *as of 9/8/25

Thank you for your support!

Give [online](#) today!



GET READY FOR SPOOKY FUN AT THE SCARE-O-REE!

Attention all ghouls, goblins, and Scouts! The Bison District Scare-o-ree is sneaking up and you've got a VIP invite! Swing by on Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1 at Falley Scout Reservation for two nights of spine-tingling trails. This isn't your run-of-the-mill Scout shindig—it's a Halloween escapade bursting with thrills, chills, and maybe a few ghostly giggles!

Don't miss the kid-friendly haunted trail on the evening of November 1st!

Everyone's welcome—Scouts and the public—so round up your pals! Grab a flashlight, don your eeriest costume, and get ready for a hauntingly fantastic time on the trails. No need to be spooked—we're just here to have a blast! \$5 for Scouts, \$10 for the public.



Scout Shop Corner

For up to date information on Scout Shop Follow us:



Scout shop will be closed Saturday, September 27. We will be out at camp for Cub Adventure Day!

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 in weekly!! 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 - 5:30 Saturdays 9 - 1. You can also call in an order to have shipped to you. Call (785) 354-0291.

Upcoming Dates - for latest information -
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OCTOBER 11-12
OCTOBER 17-19
OCTOBER 24-25
OCTOBER 25
OCTOBER 31
OCTOBER 31-NOV 1

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