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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 February 21 starting at 10. 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 \$5 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 and Cub Scouts \$10 will register your car for the race! **Registration closes Friday February 20.**

[Registration open now!](#)



START YOUR ENGINES!

Get ready for an exciting day of racing fun! The Sunflower District Pinewood Derby will be held on March 21 at Falley Scout Reservation, bringing together Cub Scouts from across the area for a day of friendly competition and adventure. All Cub Scouts are welcome to participate, with an entry fee of \$5 per car. For those looking to push the limits, the Outlaw Class will also be open for \$10 per car. Check-in and weigh-in will take place from 8:00 to 9:15, so be sure to arrive early to get your car ready to race. The races kick off promptly at 9:30, so don't be late! Come join the fun, test your creativity and craftsmanship, and see which cars cross the finish line first in this classic Scouting tradition.

[Register Today!](#)

SCOUT NIGHT WICHITA THUNDER

Scout night for the KC Mavericks VS Wichita Thunder @ Intrust Bank Arena is Friday March 20. Get your unit together and have a chance for a post game photo on the ice. [More Info here.](#)

SCOUT DAY AT THE K

Scout Day at the K returns on Sunday, April 12 as the Kansas City Royals take on the Chicago White Sox in a early AL Central Division Showdown. For more information or to order individual tickets, please contact the Heart of America Council or [Click Here!](#)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2026 COUNCIL DINNER

As we move into a new year of Scouting, let us reflect on several accomplishments in 2025 thanks to the dedicated Scouts, leaders, volunteers, and of course parents - we couldn't do it without you! Saturday, February 7, Jayhawk Area Council had the honor of recognizing Charles "Chaz" Havens and Matt Woodward with the Silver Beaver, Dani Esman with North Star Award. We were pleased to honor the 2025 Peter Vincent Eagle Class. For more pictures from the dinner go [here](#) and to view the Eagle Project Video of all of our 2025 Eagles go [here](#).



DISTRICT DINNERS

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

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.

Bison District Dinner: March 12

This dinner is \$25 and Free for Eagle Scouts. [Register Today!](#)

Sunflower District Dinner: April 9

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 [Mark Hinds](#) by March 10.

SUNFLOWER SPRING CAMPOREE

Grab your calendars and circle that date! The Sunflower District Camporee is blasting off from March 27 - 29 at Falley Scout Reservation and is open to all Scouts BSA.

Prepare for a whirlwind of geocaching, space adventures, and a galaxy of fun! Don't miss out, [register now!](#)

Questions?? Contact [Peter Seddon](#)



The OA Spring Fellowship, being held on May 1 - 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. Mark your calendar and save the date.

NYLT 2026 COURSE

National Youth Leadership Training will take place May 24 - 29 at Falley Scout Reservation. Get your Scout registered today for this premier youth leadership training.

Registration is already open, don't delay [register](#) today! What are you waiting for? Want to save money? Save \$50 for the first 28 Scouts registered! Scholarship applications close on February 23!

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Get ready to build confidence in the outdoors! Join us April 24-26 at Falley Scout Reservation for an immersive Wilderness First Aid Course designed for Scouts, leaders, and outdoor enthusiasts. This hands-on training will prepare you to respond to medical emergencies when help is not immediately available, covering essential skills such as patient assessment, environmental emergencies, wound care, and evacuation procedures. Whether you're planning high-adventure activities or simply want to be better prepared on the trail, this course is a must. Registration is now open—[secure your spot today!](#)

DINOTOPIA CUB SCOUT CAMPS

Get ready to stomp, roar, and explore at Cub Scout Camp: This summer, Scouts will journey back to a land where dinosaurs and humans live, learn, and play together in harmony. From fossil digs and prehistoric crafts to dino-sized games and outdoor adventures, every day will be packed with excitement, discovery, and larger-than-life fun. Scouts will build new friendships, test their bravery on epic quests, and uncover ancient secrets hidden around camp.

AKELA CAMP

This camp is a three-day, two-night adventure held at Camp Delaware in Falley Scout Reservation. Are you ready to explore the enchanting world of Dinotopia? We encourage you to register as a group or bring the family for an unforgettable journey into this prehistoric paradise. There will be two sessions this year for this extraordinary camp.

Session One: [June 14 - 16](#)

Session Two: [June 27 - 29](#)

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 14 - 17](#)

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 14 - 18](#)

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.

[June 20](#)



UPCOMING DATES - GO TO JAYHAWKCOUNCIL.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

FEB 27 - MAR 1	COUNCIL KLONDIKE
MAR 7	WOOD BADGE/NYLT REUNION DINNER
MAR 12	BISON DISTRICT DINNER
MAR 13 - 14	COPE
MAR 21	SUNFLOWER DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY
MAR 27 - 29	SUNFLOWER DISTRICT CAMPOREE
APR 3	OFFICES CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY



Fishing is the third most popular activity among Scouts, but many lack opportunities to participate. The Angler Educator Course is a four-hour training for Scouters and Scouts aged 15 and older, taught by certified instructors. It prepares leaders to teach fishing skills and organize fishing events for their units. Participants learn age-appropriate fishing techniques and best practices for teaching. Graduates can:

- Teach Cubs and Scouts effective fishing skills.
- Share their knowledge for lifelong enjoyment.
- Enhance attendance at camps with fishing options.
- Aid in recruiting and retaining Scouts.
- Support Jamboree staff efforts.

Don't miss the opportunity to take this online zoom course for only \$10, March 4 and March 11 from 6 PM - 8 PM.

Questions?

[David Myers](#) or

[Joe Skop](mailto:Joe_Skop_fishing@alamoareascouting.org) - fishing@alamoareascouting.org

HIGHLAND GAMES: ARE YOU READY TO COMPETE?

Get ready for strength, spirit, and a whole lot of fun at the Annual Highland Games hosted by the Bison District! Join us April 17-19 at Camp Bromelsick in Lawrence, Ks for a weekend packed with exciting competitions, team challenges, and unforgettable Scout camaraderie. From thrilling feats of skill and endurance to high-energy contests, there's something for everyone to jump into and enjoy.

Whether you're competing for bragging rights or cheering on your unit, the Highland Games promise adventure, laughter, and memories that will last all year. Registration is now open—rally your team and [sign up today!](#)

🔥 ADVENTURE AWAITS AT 🔥 FALLEY SCOUT RESERVATION!

This summer, get ready for an unforgettable week of adventure, friendship, and growth at Falley Scout Reservation from June 7-13! All Scouts BSA members are invited to experience the excitement of summer camp packed with hands-on learning, outdoor challenges, and nonstop fun.

Scouts will have the opportunity to earn a variety of merit badges while exploring new skills and advancing on their Scouting journey. From aquatics and shooting sports to nature programs and field activities, there's something for everyone. And we're excited to announce that the Low COPE Course is back up and running—ready to challenge Scouts to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership in a whole new way!

Don't have enough Scouts in your unit to attend camp? No problem! Individual Scouts are welcome to join our All-Star Troop, where they'll be placed with experienced leaders and fellow campers to ensure they don't miss out on the summer camp experience.

Whether you're aiming to rank up, try something new, or just make lifelong memories around the campfire, Falley Scout Reservation is the place to be this June.

Spots are filling fast—talk to your unit leader and [register today](#). We'll see you at camp! 🌲



JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP

The James E. West Fellowship honors individuals who contribute at least \$1,000 to their local council's endowment fund. This contribution is meant to complement their annual Friends of Scouting support and is classified as a permanently restricted gift, meaning only the interest generated can be utilized, while the principal remains intact.

Currently, there are 97 James E. West Fellowship members within the Jayhawk Area Council, with a goal set in the Long Range Plan to reach 100 members by the end of 2026. During our Council Recognition Dinner on February 7, we celebrated the addition of five new members who joined the James E. West Fellowship this past year: George Austin, Lucky DeFries, Tim O'Shea, Kelly Potter and Kenny Woodward. Congratulations to all!



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.