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MAY 2026 EDITION

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

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NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

We encourage your unit to get registered for NYLT. 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.

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? There are still a couple of spots available to save \$50

IT'S SUMMER CAMP TIME

Is your troop registered for Summer Camp? Don't forget to get registered for Merit Badges. There are many options to choose from. Download your copy of the [2026 Camp Jayhawk Program Guide](#).

Camp Jayhawk has something for every Scout. From a first-time camper to an experienced camper. Mark your calendars with these important dates!

- June 7 - 13 Scouts BSA Session

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

Some important dates to mark on your calendar:

- May 5: Final Payment Due
- May 5: Merit Badge Registration Closes
- May 5: Registration Closes

DINOTOPIA 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. 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? 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. We are also offering Bring a Friend to camp as an option this year. Get registered today.

[June 20](#)

ALL STAR TROOPS NOW FORMING!

Does your unit have an individual Scout or two that may not be able to attend summer camp with his or her troop due to scheduling or location? If so, the Jayhawk Area Council has openings in our "All Star Troop" During June 7-13 session. This is an excellent opportunity for Scouts who either have a conflict or those who prefer camping closer to home.

Camp Jayhawk provides an opportunity for these Scouts to be part of a provisional troop with volunteer experienced adults. The All-Star Troop Scout will have the opportunity to register as an individual, select their merit badges and not miss out on making memories at summer camp in 2026! Get registered here.

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LODGE HOLDS SPRING FELLOWSHIP

Our Order of the Arrow Lodge will be hosting Spring Fellowship on May 1 - 3, 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 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday, May 1, 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](#).

MAY SAFETY MOMENT

As we prepare for summer camp and outdoor adventures, safety starts with being prepared, aware, and proactive. Warmer weather and increased activity bring excitement—but also new risks.

Be Prepared

- Keep a stocked first aid kit nearby
- Ensure all leaders are current with Safeguarding Youth Training
- Review emergency plans and communication procedures

Hydration & Heat Safety

- Drink water consistently throughout the day, and take breaks in shaded areas
- Apply sunscreen (SPF 30+) and reapply often
- Wear hats, sunglasses, and lightweight protective clothing

Safety Thought for the Month:

"A great Scout adventure is a safe Scout adventure. Preparation today prevents problems tomorrow."

DISTRICT PROGRAM PREVIEWS

Attention adult leaders! Join us at your district May Program Preview Roundtable to get a first look at the upcoming Scouting program year, important updates, and key planning information to set your unit up for success. We'll also be sharing exciting details about the rollout of the America250 Campaign and how your unit can be part of this historic celebration. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed, get prepared, and connect with fellow Scouters as we gear up for an incredible year ahead! Get the 26'-27' calendar to plan your program year.



In honor of the United States' 250 anniversary, Jayhawk Area Council invites youth and adult members to commemorate this historic milestone by earning a special 250 Anniversary Patch. This program encourages Scouts to explore our State's history, recognize important figures, contribute to their communities, and reflect on Kansas's place in the story of America.

Sunflower District:

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

Bison District:

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

Sojadi District:

May 14; 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Emporia First United Methodist Church
823 Merchant St., Emporia, KS

Pony Express District:

May 7; 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.

CELEBRATE AMERICA 250

Get ready to celebrate in style! The Jayhawk Scout Shop now features new America250 Campaign items, perfect for showing your Scouting pride during this historic milestone. Stop in to check out the latest additions, including stickers, a water bottle, lapel pin, hat, and an exclusive Council Patch. These limited items are a great way to gear up, represent your council, and be part of the excitement leading up to America's 250th celebration!



Lapel Pen



Stickers



Council Patch



SCOUTS READ SACRED TEXTS WORLDWIDE

Scouting America is promoting "Scouts Read Sacred Texts," a global initiative encouraging Scouts and their families to engage in reflective reading of sacred texts in preparation for the 2026 National Day of Prayer on May 7. Organized by the National Religious Relationships Committee, this program emphasizes literacy, character development, and the Scout Oath's commitment to "duty to God," while respecting individual beliefs.

Key features include:

- A meaningful opportunity for Scouts to connect with their faith.
- Encouragement of about 15 minutes of reading at home or other suitable locations.
- Goals to foster reading, ethical development, and community engagement.

Last year, nearly 6,000 youth logged over 1,400 reading hours, highlighting the initiative's success and global involvement from various countries. Participation is open to all faiths and youth organizations, promoting shared reflection and respect.

[For more information and registration.](#)



**READY, SET,
NOMINATE!**

CALL FOR Nominations

It's not about titles.
It's about impact.

The people who show up.
The ones who solve problems.
The ones who make Topeka better every day.

NOMINATE TODAY!

20 UNDER FORTY

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING: FIRST CLASS CAMPAIGN

The Scouting America program continues to shape future leaders by building character, teaching life skills, and creating unforgettable experiences for youth in our community. Through camping adventures, leadership development, and service opportunities, Scouting provides a foundation that lasts a lifetime.

The Friends of Scouting: First Class Campaign invites families, alumni, and community supporters to invest in the next generation. Inspired by the journey to First Class rank—a milestone that represents growth, commitment, and achievement—this campaign encourages donors to help every Scout reach their full potential.

Your support ensures that local programs remain strong, accessible, and impactful. Contributions help fund camp properties, program materials, leadership training, and financial assistance so that no youth is left behind due to financial barriers. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. By giving to the First Class Campaign, you are not just supporting Scouting—you are helping build confident leaders, responsible citizens, and a stronger community.

[Join us today. Give. Lead. Inspire.](#)

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING – BIG CHANGES FOR MAY

Last year, Scouting America changed their Youth Protection Training to Safeguarding Youth Training. With that change in the program, they also moved from every two-year retraining to an annual renewal. Beginning in May, that new system goes fully into effect.

With the new renewal format, if you completed the new Safeguarding Youth Training last year, you will have the option to take the Refresher Course for this year. There will be a short video updating you on any changes and you will then go to the test. If you pass the test, then you are renewed for another year. If you do not pass the test, you will then be directed to re-take the full course.

Many of our volunteer leaders were in between this transition last year. If you are one of the over 400 volunteers from the Jayhawk Area Council that fall into this category, then you should have received an email from us letting you know it is time to renew your training. This is occurring all across Scouting America so you can imagine about how many volunteers nationwide will be taking the new training this May.

You are strongly encouraged NOT to wait until the end of May to renew this training. We anticipate a lot of system issues handling the volume of individuals that will all be trying to complete the training at the same time. Be sure to get yours done early!



Trail's End REWARDS

EARN 4X WITH CREDIT
4 POINTS PER \$1 CREDIT & ONLINE SALES

1 POINT PER \$1 CASH SALES + **3 BONUS POINTS PER \$1 FOR CASH TO CREDIT***

PLUS
 1 bonus point per \$1 for Heroes And Helpers*
 Earn ADDITIONAL bonus points for achieving sales levels below

NEW
 Earn points on sales between levels!
 With 100% credit sales, Scouts claim when ready!
 Each point = \$0.25 in gift cards, maximum of \$600 in sales is required for Rewards earning to begin.

CLAIM GIFT CARDS FOR ADVENTURES, FUN & GEAR!
 Pick one or more: Amazon Gift Card, Propper, Mastercard, and others!

WHY IS CREDIT IMPORTANT?
 70% of U.S. retail is credit – yet Scouts are only 10% credit from consumers. That's a missed opportunity, because consumers spend 14% more with credit – helping Scouts hit goals 14% faster.
 It's not handling cash is safer for Scouts, Parents, and Leaders, and credit means Scouts, Packs/Troops, and Councils get paid faster.

DOWNLOAD THE TRAIL'S END APP* TO START EARNING

Here's what Scouts earn with all credit sales:

SALES LEVEL	BASE POINTS (#POINTS PER \$)	LEVEL BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	# REWARDS	WHAT YOU COULD GET
\$36,000*	360,000	+ 235,000	= 595,000	53,500	Family Vacation
\$18,000	180,000	+ 140,000	= 320,000	\$2,000	High Adventure
\$7,500	75,000	+ 70,000	= 145,000	\$1,200	Canoe
\$4,000	40,000	+ 30,000	= 70,000	\$600	Gaming Console
\$4,000	36,000	+ 2,000	= 38,000	\$350	Day Camp
\$3,000	30,000	+ 15,000	= 45,000	\$275	Hiking Backpack
\$2,000	20,000	+ 3,000	= 23,000	\$70	Drone
\$1,500	15,000	+ 1,000	= 16,000	\$70	Camping Tent
\$1,000	10,000	+ 500	= 10,500	\$45	Video Game
\$600	6,000	+ 100	= 6,100	\$25	Water Bottle

*Earn additional 45,000 bonus points for every \$6,000 sold above \$36,000

IT'S POPCORN TIME!!

Your Jayhawk Area Council is gearing up for another great Fall Product Sale, and it is time for your unit to start making plans. Begin thinking about who your unit kernel for the sale will be.

There are some slight changes to the product lineup for 2026 and there are incentives for units that did not sell last year to help boost your sales. Trails End is already setting up storefront time slots for our units to claim, and we are working on our special youth incentives for top sellers. This is a great way to fund your entire year's Scouting program.

More information will be provided at the District Program Previews in May and we will have our Council-Wide Kick-off on July 23. You will definitely want to make sure you are in attendance for that night. Food will be provided. Once the location for our kick-off is confirmed, registration will open. Keep an eye out for it in the next newsletter.

For units that sold last year, register your unit's commitment for the Fall sale by going to your Trails-End site and completing the commitment to sell. If you don't know your unit kernel, that is fine. Those changes can be updated later. If you are a new unit or a unit that did not sell last year, go to this link and you will see the incentive program for new selling units and you can commit to participate though that same link.

We are excited to get the Fall Product Sale started!

PS. If you have a Scout that needs to raise fund to attend summer camp, we have some limited product of popcorn and meat sticks available for sale. We can consign out some product for them to sell. Commission will be 50%, no prizes but, it will help that Scout get to camp. Just contact Tara for more information.



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 23 the Scout shop will be closed Saturday's for the summer, May 16th will be the last Saturday before summer hours take affect.** You can also call in an order to have shipped to you. Call (785) 354-0291.

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

- MAY 1-3 OA SPRING FELLOWSHIP
- MAY 7 SUNFLOWER/ BISON/ PONY EXPRESS PROGRAM PREVIEW
- MAY 8-9 COPE
- MAY 14 SOJADI PROGRAM PREVIEW
- MAY 24-29 NYLT
- MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICES CLOSED
- JUNE 7-13 SCOUTS BSA CAMP