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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!](#)

### STOMP INTO ADVENTURE!

This summer, Cub Scouts are traveling back in time for the ultimate prehistoric adventure at Camp Delaware in Falley Scout Reservation! Welcome to Dinotopia, a world where dinosaurs and humans live, learn, and explore together. From roaring campfire fun to epic outdoor adventures, every day is packed with excitement, discovery, and memories waiting to be made.

Get ready to stomp, roar, explore, and create memories that will last long after the dinosaurs disappear. Registration is open—don't miss your chance to experience the adventure of Dinotopia!

#### Akela Camp

A three-day, two-night family-style adventure perfect for younger Scouts and their families. Explore the world of Dinotopia together through outdoor activities, camp fun, and prehistoric excitement.

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

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

#### Webelos Resident Camp

Designed especially for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts, this five-day, four-night adventure gives Scouts the chance to build confidence, learn outdoor skills, and experience the excitement of longer-term camping.

[June 14 - 18](#)

#### Cub Scout Resident Camp

This four-day, three-night camp experience is open to youth entering 2nd through 5th grades. Scouts will enjoy BB guns, archery, fishing, swimming, nature hikes, campfires, and opportunities to earn elective rank adventures while making new friends and unforgettable memories.

[June 14 - 17](#)

#### Fun with Family

Looking for an affordable family adventure? Fun with Family Day Camp is a one-day outdoor experience open to Cub Scouts, siblings, parents, guardians, and leaders. This year, Scouts can even Bring a Friend to join the fun!

[June 20](#)

### NEED THE KIDS OUTSIDE? LET THEM GROW SOMETHING!

Looking for a way to get the kids outside, away from screens, and doing something productive? The Gardening Merit Badge is the perfect hands-on adventure for Scouts who are ready to dig in and grow something great.

Scouts will learn how plants grow, how to care for a garden, and why sunlight, soil, and water all matter. Along the way, they'll build responsibility, patience, and real-life skills while spending time outdoors and helping around the house or yard.

Best of all, they'll get to see the results of their hard work—whether it's flowers blooming, vegetables growing, or simply the pride of creating something with their own two hands.

The Gardening Merit Badge is more than earning a patch. It's fresh air, life skills, and a chance for Scouts to grow right alongside their garden.

### POWER UP YOUR MERIT BADGES

Get ready for an unforgettable summer adventure at Merit Badge Immersion at Falley Scout Reservation! Join us July 7–9 for three days packed with hands-on learning, skill-building, and exciting merit badge opportunities including Art, Automotive Maintenance, Bird Study, Bugling, Disc Golf, Signs, Signals and Codes, and many more! Whether you're working toward advancement or exploring new interests, this is the perfect chance to learn valuable skills and work toward your goals. Save the date — registration opens soon!

### GOT A KID THAT LIKES TO BAKE?

Food Network is looking for the most talented TEAMS of Siblings, cousins and friends to compete to be the best Bakers in the country! Do you think your kids are born to bake? If so, this is the perfect show for them! They are looking for kids between the ages of 8 - 14 who want to put their baking skills to the ultimate test!

Submissions will only be accepted from parents.

[Apply now!](#)

### HOOKING SCOUTS ON SKILLS FOR LIFE

Angling Educators play a vital role in introducing Cubs and Scouts to the rewarding world of fishing. Through hands-on instruction, they teach essential skills while helping youth connect with the outdoors in a fun and meaningful way. Fishing programs enhance camp experiences and boost attendance and excitement while serving as a valuable tool for recruiting new members, retaining current Scouts, and re-engaging those who have stepped away.

Beyond Scouting, Angling Educators gain lifelong skills they can enjoy and share for years to come. By teaching fishing, they're not just passing on a hobby—they're helping build confidence, connection, and a lasting love for the outdoors. The upcoming Angling Educator Course is open to participants 14 years of age and older and will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams. Participants must attend both sessions to complete the course. Register Today!

Online Angling Educator course:

[July 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM](#)

[July 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM](#)

## TEE OFF? TAKE AIM? BOTH? ALL FOR SCOUTING!

The Jayhawk Area Council, Scouting America invites you to be part of two exciting fundraising events that support local Scouting programs while bringing the community together for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition.

Whether you prefer the golf course, the sporting clay range, or both, there's an opportunity for everyone to get involved! Gather your team and enjoy an afternoon on the course while supporting the mission of Scouting America. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome for a day of networking, camaraderie, and community impact, or you could register as a team or join as a single shooter and enjoy a day filled with fun, skill-building, and fellowship. Whether you're a seasoned shooter or trying sporting clays for the first time, this event promises an exciting experience on a challenging course designed for all skill levels. Both events are open to the public, and participants are welcome to attend one or both events!

**Golf Classic**  
Monday, June 15, 2026  
Cypress Ridge Golf Course  
11:30 AM Check-In & Lunch  
1:00 PM Tee Time

**Annual Sporting Clay Event**  
Saturday, August 15, 2026  
Ravenwood Lodge  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Lunch Served 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Looking for a creative way to promote your business while supporting local youth? Businesses and individuals can sponsor either event individually or maximize their impact through our Dual Event Sponsorship Package. Dual Event Sponsorship is \$250 and includes recognition at BOTH events, great exposure to community leaders and supporters and a powerful way to support Scouting programs across Northeast Kansas. Your support helps provide life-changing leadership development, outdoor adventures, and character-building opportunities for youth throughout the Jayhawk Area Council.

Questions or Interested in Sponsoring?

### GOLF CLASSIC CONTACT

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Join us and help make a lasting impact through Scouting. Registration Now Open for Golf Classic and will open soon for Sporting Clays Invitational. [More Info Here.](#)

## PUSH LIMITS. BUILD CONFIDENCE.

We are excited to announce that the COPE Course is reopened, and we can't wait to welcome Scouts back for adventure, teamwork, and unforgettable fun!

Older Scouts are always searching for the next big challenge, and COPE delivers. Open to Scouts ages 13 and older, as well as adult leaders, COPE combines exciting outdoor adventure with leadership and team-building in a way that keeps everyone engaged. Whether your unit joins for a weekend session or participates during a longer program opportunity, COPE is designed to challenge Scouts while creating memories they'll talk about long after camp ends.

From Initiative Games and Low COPE activities to the excitement of High COPE elements, Scouts will climb, balance, problem-solve, and work together in ways that build confidence and strengthen friendships. It's fun, fast-paced, and one of the best ways for a unit to grow stronger as a team.

Leaders can join in the experience or sit back and enjoy watching their Scouts encourage one another, face challenges, and celebrate successes together. Focus on the 8 Principles of COPE: Communication, Planning, Teamwork, Trust, Leadership, Decision Making, Problem Solving, and Self-Esteem — all while having an incredible time outdoors.

### 2026 COPE Dates

June 19–20, 2026  
August 1–2, 2026

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

[Kurt Garner](#) ☎ 785.276.3349

Get your unit together and come see why COPE is one of the most exciting team-building experiences Scouting has to offer! Visit our [page](#) for more info or to register. Don't forget to check out our [Facebook Group](#) and watch as we update you about our further progress.

## SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING RENEWAL REMINDER

Families and Scouters, keeping our youth safe remains our top priority. As part of that commitment, Scouting America has updated its Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) program, which now requires annual renewal beginning this May.

If you or a leader in your unit completed the training last year, the renewal process may be quick and simple. Many will be eligible for a short refresher course followed by a test. Passing renews your certification for another year, while those who do not pass will be guided through the full training.

This month, many leaders across the Jayhawk Area Council—and nationwide—are due to renew at the same time. Because of this, we encourage all Scouters to complete their training early to avoid delays or system issues.

Families can help by checking in with their unit leaders and encouraging timely renewal. Together, we can ensure a safe and prepared Scouting experience for every youth.

Thank you for your continued commitment to safety in Scouting.



## 2026 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	District	Scout
173	Sunflower	JH. Myers
175	Bison	C. Tillotson
71	Pony Express	K. Ganstrom
193	Sunflower	A. Meyer
249	Bison	B. Miller
175	Bison	B. Herrman
92	Pony Express	J. Stinson
180	Pony Express	R. Clemo
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Lapel Pin



Stickers



Council Patch



## 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!

## YOUR ONE-STOP HUB FOR SCOUTING RESOURCES!

Looking for an easier way to stay connected and organized throughout the Scouting year? Our new Resources Page was created with leaders and families in mind! This convenient online hub gives parents and leaders one central location to find and print important information for upcoming events and activities across the council, including 26-27 Council Calendar and event flyers.

We've also made it easier than ever to follow along with the exciting America250 Patch Program. Families and leaders can quickly access requirements, updates, and supporting materials to help Scouts participate in this historic celebration. Whether you're planning your next adventure, promoting an event, or looking for important dates, the [Program Preview Resources Page](#) is designed to save time and help keep your unit informed and prepared all year long. Be sure to bookmark the page and check back often as new resources, flyers, and program materials are added throughout the year!

## GET OUTSIDE AND EXPERIENCE THE 12TH ANNUAL YOUTH DAY!

The Jayhawk Area Council is excited to help share information about the 12th Annual Justin Corbet Shooting Sports Foundation "Youth Day" sponsored by the Justin Corbet Foundation and Freddy's Steamburgers. This exciting community event is designed to introduce youth and families to the outdoors through hands-on activities, outdoor experiences, and shooting sports in a safe and welcoming environment. Best of all, there will be FREE activities for kids ages 6-16 making this the perfect opportunity for youth to try something new, build confidence, and enjoy the outdoors.

June 6, 2026  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
For more information, please contact:  
Ravenwood Lodge  
785.256.6444  
or visit the [Justin Corbet Foundation](#)

*Please note: We are simply sharing this community opportunity for families who may be interested in participating.*

## TURN SNACKS INTO SCOUTING ADVENTURES

2026 is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever with Popcorn AND Meat Sticks! That's right—two great products, more opportunities to sell, and even more ways to help your unit have a successful Scouting year. Whether you're a seasoned Kernel, a new leader, or a parent ready to jump in, now is the perfect time to get prepared for a fun and profitable sale season.

Join us at the Ideal Year of Scouting Fair and discover tips, tools, ideas, and resources to help make your unit's fundraiser a success. Learn how popcorn and meat stick sales can help fund camping trips, activities, advancements, and unforgettable adventures for your Scouts.

And did we mention... a meal will be provided? Come hungry and ready to get energized for the upcoming sale season!

[Register today](#) and let's make this year's sale the biggest one yet!



Ideal Year of Scouting Fair  
July 23  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Second Presbyterian Church  
210 NW Menninger Rd  
Topeka, KS 66617

## MILITARY WAIVER FEE INTRODUCED

Scouting America will begin offering a military discount on National registration fees starting June 1, 2026. This discount applies to online registrations only and includes Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard members. A military verification process will be part of the registration system to confirm eligibility. Please note that the discount applies only to the National fee portion of registration.

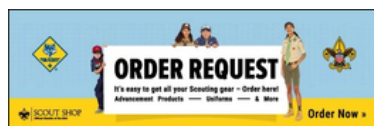
National is currently working on screenshots and step-by-step visuals of the online registration process from the user perspective. These materials will be shared in the coming days once finalized. Additionally, units should be aware that the membership lapse period will officially end on December 31, 2026. Make sure your families register on time.

More info on the military waiver fee can be found [here](#).



### 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. America250 items are now available. Get your Scouting swag 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.** You can also call in an order to have shipped to you. Call 785.354.0291.



**UPCOMING DATES - MORE INFORMATION:**  
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MAY 31 - JUNE 6	CAMP STAFF WEEK
JUNE 7 - 13	SCOUTS BSA CAMP
JUNE 15	GOLF CLASSIC
JUNE 14 - 16	CUB SCOUT AKELA CAMP
JUNE 14 - 17	CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP
JUNE 14 - 18	WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP
JUNE 19 - 20	COPE
JUNE 20	FUN WITH FAMILY DAY CAMP
JUNE 27 - 29	CUB SCOUT AKELA CAMP #2