September 2012 Roundtable Announcements

In an attempt to further improve the communication in the NKGH District, we will be printing Roundtable Announcements each month. They will be distributed to all leaders who attend and will also be put online and sent out in an email. These are not intended to take the place of attending roundtable, but to give you written announcements that you can take with you so that you don't have to write or remember everything.

If in the future you have something that you want put in the written announcements, please have it to Bryon Haverstick no later than the **last day of each** month for the upcoming month's announcements.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

If your unit has not completed your Journey to Excellence 2011 form please do so ASAP.
Links to the JTE forms can be found here: http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Commissioners/Journey.aspx If you need help with these, please let me know and I can provide some assistance. The goal is for at least 60% of our 90 units to achieve the Bronze Level. These need to be turned in ASAP!

Community Service:
****You should also be logging your Community Service Hours on your myscouting account.****

MONEY EARNING OPPORTUNITY:
The Joplin Chamber of Commerce is looking for a Pack or Troop in or around Joplin that would be willing to commit to cleaning up about a 2 mile stretch of road in Joplin (one mile on a main road and one on side roads) near the Crossroads Business Park on E. 32nd. They would be compensated $200 each time they complete a clean-up (to be completed quarterly) totaling $800 for a year! The unit would likely get a sign from the Adopt a Road Program as well. If you are interested, let Bryon know ASAP!!

Activities

Pack 70 will be hosting the Fall Parent and Pal on September 14 and 15 at Frank Childress Scout Reservation. Information/registration packets are in your roundtable packets and online.
Any current youth and adults that are $15 for youth and $12 for adults and $3 for under 5 years old.
New Scouts and Leaders that register for Scouting after September 1st will receive the early bird rate; $10 for youth and $8 for adults.

We will be offering Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training Friday night at Parent and Pal for those that are interested in taking that training. The more people we have with that training the more confident we are to offer BB Guns, Archery, and Sling Shots at district events like Parent and Pal, Day Camp, etc.

National Jamboree
There are still spots left to go to the National Jamboree. If you are interested in attending or have youth that are interested, there is information at http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org/Council%20News

Commissioner's Staff/District Committee

District Committee and District Commissioner Staff Vacancies

The NKGH District is looking to fill numerous KEY vacancies on our District Committee and Commissioner's Staff. They are listed below, if you would like more information about any of these roles, see Bryon Haverstick ASAP!

Unit Commissioners Training Staff Finance Chairmen

Advancement

Merit Badge Counselor Information

Susan Philliber, District Advancement Chair wants to inform all MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS (or those that want to be) to turn your forms into the Joplin Scout Shop and NOT Springfield. This will allow her to compile a good list of NKGH MB Counselors before they go to Springfield.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT UNITS TURN IN ADVANCEMENT REPORTS IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THE SCOUT SHOP. SCOUTS NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR WHAT THEY ARE ACCOMPLISHING AND THEY CAN'T BE UNLESS A FORM IS TURNED IN. ALL NEW CUB SCOUTS SHOULD EARN THEIR BOBCAT BADGE IN THE NEXT 3 WEEKS!! OUR DISTRICT ADVANCEMENT NUMBERS ARE TRACKING OK, BUT COULD BE BETTER!

Crowder College MBU

November 17 will be our first MBU in our series of three MBU's this year. 14 different MB's will be offered. Registration packets are online. Bolded MB's are Eagle required. Registration cost is $5.00

Crime Prevention/Fingerprinting	**Citizenship in the World**
Dentistry	Computers
Emergency Preparedness	Disabilities awareness
First Aid	**Family Life**
Forestry	Fly Fishing
Geocaching	Medicine
Plant Science	Orienteering

Missouri Southern State University (School of Business Administration) Merit Badge University

December 1st will be our first MBU in the NKGH in some time! Preliminary **merit badges are Law, Salesmanship, American Business, Public Speaking, Personal Management, Communications, and Entrepreneurship.** The cost for the MBU will be $15.

Adult Recognitions: Silver Beaver, Golden Sun, District Award of Merit, Wanda Harrold, and Tom Harrison

Nominations for the Silver Beaver and the Golden Sun are due November 1; District Award of Merit Wanda Harrold, and Tom Harrison are due December 11. Nomination forms will be on the website in the next few days and sent via email.

Webelos in the Woods and Trail to Eagle Campout

November 2-4 will be the first Webelos in the Woods/Trail to Eagle Campout. The event will be held at Roaring River State Park in Cassville, MO. Friday night will be Scouts only (Star and Life Rank only) as they learn more about their "trail to Eagle". Saturday morning, Cub Scouts arrive Saturday morning for program, spend Saturday night, program Sunday and then depart. Boy Scouts will serve as the staff for the Cub Scouts program, which is designed to give them a taste of Boy Scouts while working on some Webelos advancement opportunities. The information/registration packet will be available soon. Preliminary cost will be $10 per person.

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Date to Remember:

*****September 17-Show-n-Sell Orders Due*****

*****September 28**-Show-n-Sell Product Pick Up-Cycle Connection/Harley Davidson in Joplin***

*****September 29-Popcorn Sale Begins*****

October 26-Show-n-Sell Returns (NO Chocolate Popcorn Product returns are allowed; only full cases of product can be returned)

October 29-Popcorn Sale Ends and Product Orders and Reward Orders are Due Online by midnight!

November 9-Take Order Product Pick Up-Cycle Connection/Harley Davidson in Joplin

November 29-Payment Due-Scout Shop

The Ozark Trails Council is proud to present University of Scouting 2012. This years University of Scouting will be held in Strong Hall on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO on October 27, 2012.
University of Scouting is a premier supplemental training opportunity for Scout Leaders in any position. These courses are taught by volunteers who've been in your shoes and have lived to tell about it. They've experienced first-hand the workings of units, and can provide advice as well as additional information about the issues that matter to your unit.
This year's University is packed full of top notch classes on a wide variety of subjects. If you've never experienced University of Scouting, this year is a great time to take the plunge and join.
You can use this booklet to help find the courses that you want to take, and plan out your day. If you're brand new and not sure what you want to take, you can select one of the pre-selected course options based on your position. Either way, you are sure to have an excellent day of training. Complete the last page of this booklet and return it to the Council Office in Springfield to register. Early-bird registration ends October 1, 2012. There are NO Walk-Ins allowed. Registration closes on October 19, 2012.
If you have questions, you can contact the Council Office at 417-883-1636.
There will be a lunch break from 12:000 PM to 1:00 PM. So plan on bringing a sack lunch or choose from one of the several local restaurants within walking distance of Strong Hall, or the food court at Plaster Student Union on campus. Make plans now to receive a great day of training, meet some new people, and just have fun. We hope to see each and every one of you there. Find this booklet at http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org/Training

OZARK TRAILS COUNCIL
Presents

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING
OZARK TRAILS COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING
OCTOBER 27, 2012
9 am-4 pm

Come join us for a day of high quality supplemental training for Adult Scout Leaders. All registered Scout Leaders are encouraged to sign up and take part in this fun filled training event. Come learn from people who've been in your shoes, and share ideas with other leaders. It's great fun and you'll learn a lot.
See you there!!

Prepared. For Life.™

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training will be offered at the University of Scouting!! This is needed in order to run a BB, Archery, or Sling Shot range at events like Parent and Pal, Day Camp, etc. The more people we have in the district that is trained the better!

facebook

We have created a facebook page which will also give you updated information. The page looks like this and can be accessed by clicking this link: Nih-ka-ga-hah District Facebook Page or by clicking the page below. "Like" this right away! If you are not on facebook, I suggest taking the leap of faith, trust me, it is addicting. Please do not friend request my personal page which you will see as an administrator on the NKGH page. While there is nothing in my life that would subject me to criticism, I would like to keep my personal friends and comments personal. Anything you want to address with me via facebook you can do via the NK page, that is why it is there; that and to quickly communicate to the district what is going on.

Would you get on an airplane if the lady at the terminal got on the intercom and said, "Welcome to XYZ Air, we'd like you to make yourself comfortable on your flight from Joplin to New York, oh and by the way only 22% of our pilots are trained; best of luck to you in your travels." My guess is your answer is NO!

So then why would Johnny Cub Scout's parents feel comfortable sending their Scout to a meeting or an outing if only 30% of OUR leaders are trained. (TRUE STORY)

Training is important and within the next year or so, it will be mandatory that all leaders be trained in their current position or they will not be able to be registered. Training not only keeps the boys safe, but it also ensures that they have a structured, organized, FUN program!

All Cub Scout and Exploring Training can be done online at www.myscouting.org. Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing training must be done in a classroom setting. Our new Training Chair is looking for people to serve on his training staff so that we can provide these trainings more often. Contact Adam Decker if interested: adamnjen94@gmail.com. The timeline for leaders to be trained is as follows:

BY FEBRUARY 2013
All Unit Leaders (Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Varsity Coaches, and Exploring Advisors) must be trained by February 2013 when your unit re-charters. If the unit leader is not trained, their re-charter will not be processed.
*****THE NEXT LEADER TRAINING IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012 AT MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY! *****

BY FEBRUARY 2014
All Direct Contact Leaders (including those from above and including all Assistant Leaders; everyone minus the Committee Chair, Members of the Committee, and Charter Org. Rep) must be trained in their position in order to be re-chartered in February 2014. Those leaders that have not completed training for their position will not be re-chartered. If by dropping these leaders off the charter, the minimum requirement for leaders drops below the required amount, the unit will not be re-chartered.

BY FEBRUARY 2015
All Leaders must be trained in their positions by February 2015's re-charter. This now includes Unit Leaders, Direct Contact Leaders, Committee Chair, Members of the Committee, and Charter Org. Rep. Those leaders that have not completed training for their position will not be re-chartered. If by dropping these leaders off the charter, the minimum requirement for leaders drops below the required amount, the unit will not be re-chartered. To see what the requirements are to be a trained leader go to:
http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org/Training/Adult%20Leader%20Training%20Requirements

Email Database Updates

By now you may have realized that e-mail is the fastest most efficient way to communicate with a large group of people in a quick manner. We are working on enhancing our e-mail database. If you have unit leaders, parents, past volunteers, etc that want to get on our e-mail distribution list, please forward those names, units, and emails addresses to Bryon Haverstick @ bryon.haverstick@scouting.org. It is preferred for those addresses to be in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet for easy sorting.

1. Turn paperwork BY THURSDAY THIS WEEK so that your new scouts don't miss out on the free ice cream provided by Anderson's Ice Cream and Cinnamon Rolls (not to be confused with the new Andy's Frozen Custard on Range Line in Joplin) AND so that you can get signed up for Parent and Pal (remember, your current scouts should be signed up by Aug. 31 to get the early bird rate. Only new scouts get the early bird rate after Aug. 31. Units that try to sign up their entire unit after Aug. 31 will pay late registration rates for the current scouts and early rates for new scouts.

- Incentives: All packs and troops that held a recruitment on September 6 will be entered into a drawing at the October Roundtable for a $100 gift card to Academy Sports. One card for a pack and one for a troop. All units that hold a recruitment will get one free leader at the December 1st leader training at MSSU.

Springfield Scouting Museum: Memorabilia Request

Our upcoming exhibition theme is centered upon Jamboree 2013 to be held at Summit Bechtel Reserve. I'm asking each district to consider providing artifacts for display in the museum. We're looking for collectors to show their past jamboree patches, photos, neckerchiefs, slides and so on, within an assigned museum cabinet. All items will be on loan to the museum and will be returned after the close of the exhibition, which may possibly be this time next year. Please consider passing this message to those scouters in your district that may've jamboree collections and would like to show their wares. I'm the contact for any inquiries. Please have potential names back to me by early November so that I may begin making contact with the interested individuals.

Russ Lewis 417.889.4940 or jrlewisjr@juno.com

Dates to Remember from September-December

Roundtable/OA/VOA Meeting-September 11 Granby LDS Church 7 PM

Fall Parent and Pal-September 14-15, Childress

Trainer's EDGE Training-September 15 (NECESSARY IF YOU WANT TO BE A TRAINER)

OA Section Conclave-September 14-16

OA Fall Encampment-September 21-23

Commissioner's Staff Meeting-September 18, 7 PM Childress

Order of the Arrow Fall Encampment-Sep. 23-25

Popcorn Sale Begins-September 29-October 29 (see popcorn section for popcorn sale dates)

District Committee Meeting-October 2, 7 PM Childress

Order of the Arrow Vigil Weekend-October 5-6

*******Roundtable/OA/VOA Meeting-October 9 CAMP CHILDRESS 7 PM*****-Dutch Over Cook Off**

Boy Scout and Webelos Outdoor Leader Trainings-October 12-13

BALOO Training (Outdoor Training for Cub Scout Leaders)-October 13

Commissioner's Staff Meeting-October 16, 7 PM Childress

Webelos in the Woods/Trail to Eagle Early Bird Registration Deadline-October 19

Springfield Extravaganza-October 20

University of Scouting-October 27 (providing Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training)

Webelos in the Woods -November 3-4

Trail to Eagle-November 2-4

Crowder College MBU Early Bird Registration Deadline-November 2

District Committee Meeting-November 6, 7 PM Childress

Commissioner's Staff Meeting-November 6, 7 PM Childress

Roundtable/OA/VOA Meeting-November 13 Granby LDS Church 7 PM

Crowder College MBU-November 17

MSSU MBU Early Bird Registration Deadline-November 20

Leader Training Registration Deadline-November 21

Leader Training-December 1 (at MSSU MBU)

District Committee Meeting-December 4, 7 PM Childress

Commissioner's Staff Meeting-December 4, 7 PM Childress

Roundtable/OA/VOA Meeting-December 11 Granby LDS Church 7 PM (Pot Luck Holiday Dinner)

Wanda Harrold, Tom Harrison, and District Award of Merit Nominations Due-December 11

Friends of Scouting Presentation Dates Due-December 11

2012-2013 Nih-Ka-Ga-Hah District Dates

****only events that need to be registered for are listed. A fell list can be found on the website or in the printed calendars.**

September 2012

14-15 Fall Parent and Pal

October 2012

5 VOA Fall Fun Shoot Early Bird Reg. Deadline
19 Webelos in the Woods Early Bird Reg. Deadline
19 Life to Eagle Campout Early Bird Reg. Deadline
20 VOA Fall Fun Shoot

November 2012

2 Crowder College MBU Early Bird Reg. Deadline
3-4 Webelos in the Woods Campout
2-4 Trail to Eagle Campout
16 **Missouri Southern State Univ. (School of Business Administration) MBU Early Bird Reg. Deadline-New Event**
17 Crowder College MBU
21 Leader Trainings (11/30-12/1) Reg. Deadline
30 Leader Position Specific Training*

December 2012

1 Missouri Southern State Univ. (School of Business Administration) MBU -New Event

January 2013

11 Adult Recognition Early Bird Reg. Deadline
26 Adult Recognition Dinner

February 2013

1 Klondike Derby Early Bird Registration Deadline
8 Greenbush MBU Early Bird Reg. Deadline
8 Leader Trainings (2/15-16) Reg. Deadline
12 Re-Charter Packets Due (assuring TOP LEADER is trained: Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Varsity Coach, and Exploring Advisor; PLUS, ALL leaders have program appropriate Youth Protection Training within the last 2 years)
15-17 Klondike Derby
15-16 Leader Position Specific Training*
23 Greenbush Merit Badge University-Girard, KS

March 2013

1 Beltloop-a-Palooza Early Bird Reg. Deadline
16 3rd Annual Beltloop-a-Palooza

April 2013

5 Rendezvous Early Bird Reg. Deadline
5 Leader Training Registration Deadline
12 Spring Parent and Pal Early Bird Reg. Deadline
12-13 Leader Position Specific Training*
19-21 KS-MO Fur Company Rendezvous
26-27 Spring Parent and Pal

May 2013

1 Cub Scout Day Camp Early Bird Reg. Deadline
3 Pinewood Derby Early Bird Reg. Deadline
18 Pinewood Derby
18 Venturing Recruitment Day

June 2013

6 Cub Scout Day Camp Late Registration Deadline
20-22 Cub Scout Day Camp

*Note: A portion of the leader trainings may or may not be held on the Friday before. More information will be disseminated as we get closer to the event.

The following is the **estimated** costs for the events based on 2011/2012 events. Final costs will be on the event registration forms for each event to be made public when the information packet becomes available.

****Costs below are subject to change.****

Leader Trainings	$5/person
Parent and Pal (Fall and Spring)	$10/person
Fall Fun Shoot	$10/youth
Crowder College MBU	$10/youth
Adult Recognition Dinner	$15/person
Life to Eagle Campout	$7/person
Merit Badge Univ.	$25/youth
Klondike Derby	$6/person
Beltloop-a-palooza	$10/youth
Rendezvous	$6/person
Pinewood Derby	$3/youth
Cub Scout Day Camp	$35/youth

Nih-Ka-Ga-Hah District Event Registration Procedures (only NKGH District events, not Council events)

The 5-P's: These procedures are being put into place because the volunteers that are providing our programs want to put on a great program for your youth and the only way that we can do that is to operate in a 5-P manner:
Prior **P**lanning **P**revents **P**oor **P**erformance. If your unit operates in the same manner, our events will run a lot smoother and will allow our event staffs to better prepare for the event.

Dates for events will be available by/at May Roundtable for the upcoming program year (August-July) for calendar building purposes, on the district website, in printed program calendars, in emails, posted at the Joplin Scout Shop, and in the handouts at Roundtables.

Information packets for events will be out 60-90 days prior to the event on the district website, in emails, posted at the Joplin Scout Shop, and in the handouts at Roundtables.
Information will include location, program schedule (sometimes tentative), fees, and contact information.

Registrations deadlines:
Early Bird Registration: Two weeks prior to the event on Friday at 2 PM (base fee)
Late Registration: Thursday just before the event at 2 PM. (base fee +50%)
Walk-Ins: A "walk-in" is considered someone that registers the Friday before an event or on Saturday of the event (base fee +100%)
Only registrations that are in by the <u>Early Bird Deadline</u> are guaranteed to get a patch at the event.
Newly formed units or newly registered youth, after an Early Bird Deadline, would be exempt from the appropriate late fees

Example 1 (left calendar): Crowder College MBU Saturday November 17th. Early Bird Deadline is November 2nd.

Example 2 (right calendar): Fall Parent and Pal September 14-15 Early Bird Deadline is August 31st.

Fees:
<u>Fees for events are based on the budget for the event. All events are budgeted to break even.</u>
<u>If you register for an event after the Early Bird Registration Deadline, you will pay a late registration fee of 50% of the Early Bird Registration fee. If you register as a "walk-in" (a "walk-in" is considered someone that registers the Friday before an event or on Saturday of the event) will pay a late registration fee of 100% of Early Bird Registration fee.</u>

To ensure that your registration is in by the Early Bird Deadline mail the registration **3-5 days prior** to the deadline (to the Joplin Scout Shop at 2702 Richard Joseph Blvd. Suite 113 Joplin, MO 64804) or drop it off at the Joplin Scout Shop remembering that we are open on Monday and Tuesday 12-6 and Thursday and Friday 10-2.

<u>IT IS NOT RECCOMENDED to register for Nih-Ka-Ga-Hah District Events near a deadline at the Springfield or Rolla offices. Inter-office mail does not run daily and it is imperative for registrations to get to the Joplin Scout Shop in a timely manner.</u>

Refunds: Refund requests should be made within 30 days, per Council policy, of an event by completing the council refund request form found on the Council website at www.ozarktrailsbsa.org in the Resources and Forms section. These should be turned in to the Joplin Scout Shop for consideration. The District Director/Executive will determine whether a refund is granted. The requestor will be notified whether their request has been granted or not. The Council Refund Policy (stated on the form) will be followed with regards to the refunding of the money.