

District News



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School Night Coming to an Elementary School Near You!

During the months of August and September, the Heart of America Council will conduct its new "School Night for Scouting" Fall Round-Up program in a manner that will positively affect more youth, families, schools and communities than ever before.



Some of the benefits your Cub Scout pack will enjoy with the new School Night plan are:

- More boys will join.
- More parents will be recruited to serve as leaders.
- Your leaders will be trained in their new positions right away.
- Your new Cub Scouts and their families can participate in a top-notch overnight family camping activity right away.

Here are some specific components you can also expect from this year's School Night:

- A visit to every school superintendent and elementary school principal by your BSA staff to rollout the plan.
- A "Boy Talk" in every possible elementary school classroom where we are allowed to conduct them. These classroom visits to potential Cub Scouts are:
 - o Scheduled and implemented by your local BSA staff.
 - o Conducted the day before the actual School Night.
 - o Opportunities to send a School Night flyer home with each boy.
- "School Nights" organized and run by district-wide volunteer teams at every elementary school and include:
 - o A district volunteer Coordinator to run that night's program.
 - o A uniformed district volunteer Organizer who works with the participating pack(s) and assigns the boys to the packs and dens.

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Lee's Summit Boy Scout Earns 121 Merit Badges

On Monday, March 27, 2006 at Lee's Summit Christian Church, Eagle Scout, Austin Marlin, received his 121st merit badge out of 120. He earned both Nuclear Science and Atomic Energy as Nuclear Science replaced Atomic Energy to accomplish this goal.

Austin is a member of Boy Scout Troop 1220 in Lee's Summit, Missouri and a Junior at Lee's Summit North High School. He aspires to go to West Point for his



Eagle Scout, Austin Marlin

future education and hopes his background as an Eagle Scout will assist in this endeavor. He currently has three Bronze, three Gold and two Silver Palms which are awarded for earning the additional merit badges. Austin received his Eagle in December of 2003 which requires a minimum of 21 merit badges and then proceeded to earn the remaining 100 during the last two years. This put into practice the life skill of goal setting and achievement that young people learn as they participate in Scouting advancement programs.

As a Scout, Austin has demonstrated his leadership ability as a Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Troop Scribe, Troop Quartermaster and currently serves as a Troop Instructor working with new Scouts helping them learn their basic skills.

Other highlights includes his trips to Okpik the Northern Tier High Adventure winter program in Northern Minnesota, the Dou-

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- o Adult leader recruitment. Before we even accept the youth applications, we'll ensure every den has the necessary leadership.
- o Youth and adult leader application forms and registration fees collected that night and officially registered right away with the BSA.
- Cub Scout Leader Training
 - o Implemented by district training teams.
 - o Conducted in every district, every Saturday (and in some cases on weeknights) during the month of September.
 - o Aimed at training new leaders right away.
- Cub Scout Family Campouts
 - o An overnight event for every new Cub Scout and his family.
 - o Take place in every district at the end of September/early October.
 - o Engages families and provides adventure early on in the Scouting experience.

While the district leadership organizes the School Nights, the Cub Scout pack leadership naturally plays a vital role.

Cub Scout Pack's Role in School Night:

- Assign a pack School Night Representative to communicate with the district School

Night team.

- Coordinate with the district leadership which elementary school the pack will participate at on School Night.
- Conduct a "Back to the Pack" summer meeting prior to School Night for all returning Cub Scouts (late July/early August).
- Communicate with the School Night Coordinator any unique needs/interests of the pack that School Night might help meet (prior to School Night).
- Participate in your district-wide School Night Kickoff (August).
- Ensure pack leadership attends School Night to receive applications and greet new leaders and new Cub Scouts!



More information will be provided by your district School Night teams. Be sure to read about School Night in upcoming issues of the Adventures in Scouting newspaper, as well as at your district's May Planning Fair.

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ble H Ranch in New Mexico, which is an extension of the Philmont Scout Ranch programs and an expedition for a week at the Florida Sea Base. These trips to these three high adventure bases earned him the Triple Crown Award. Locally, Austin has attended summer camp at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in Oseola, Missouri.

**Council-Wide School Night Kickoff
Now two dates to choose from!**

- Wednesday, June 14th, 2006, 1:00 p.m., H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
- Thursday, June 15th, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Scout Service Center, 10210 Holmes Road

The council-wide School Night for Scouting Kickoff is for the key district School Night leadership and will be conducted on the two different dates/times/locations (participants just attend one) noted above. The district participants should include: District Chairman, District Commissioner, District School Night Chairman, District Cub Leader Training Chairmen, District Executives, and selected council officers.

District	School Night Orientation Date	School Night Orientation Time	School Night Orientation Location - FOR DISTRICT WORKERS ONLY -	School Night Kickoff Date	School Night Time	School Night Location - FOR CUB SCOUT PACK LEADERSHIP & DISTRICT WORKERS -	Family Campout Date	Family Campout Location
Big Muddy	25-Jul	7:30 PM	Lexington United Methodist Church	1-Aug	7:30 PM	Roundtable - Lexington United Methodist Church	29-Sep	Ray county Fair Grounds (Location Pending)
Blue Elk	27-Jul	7:00 PM	St. John LaLande Catholic Church, 805 NW R.D. Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO	10-Aug	7:00 PM	Beacon Heights Community of Church, 19402 Holke Rd, Indep.MO	Oct 6-7	American Legion Park, Post Road 499 & 40 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO
Kaw	1-Aug	7:00 PM	Rehms Park Baptist Church	10-Aug	7:00 PM	St Martins Lutherans Church	Sep 29-30	Camp Naish Cub World
Lone Bear	1-Aug	7:00 PM	Clinton Scout Center, 808 Augusta, Clinton, MO	1-Aug	7:00 PM	Clinton Scout Center, 808 Augusta, Clinton, MO	Sept 29-30	Knob Knostrer State Park/Clinton Conservation Area (2 Locations)
North Star	2-Aug	7:30 PM	Barry Christian Church	9-Aug	7:30 PM	Barry Christian Church	Sep 29-30	Kelsey Short Youth Camp
Northern Tier	2-Aug	7:00 PM	Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Drive (Tentative)	8-Aug	7:00 PM	Shawnee United Methodist Church, 10700 Johnson Drive (tentative)	29-Sep	Shawnee Riverfront Park
Pelathe	1-Aug	7:00 PM	Scout Cabin 55	10-Aug		First Baptist Church, Lawrence, KS	Sep 29-30	Camp Bromelick, Lawrence, KS
Pioneer Trails	2-Aug	7:00 PM	HJ's Activity Bldg, 6425 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO	9-Aug	7:00 PM	HJ's Activity Bldg, 6425 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO	29-Sep	Mulkey Square, 1300 Summit, Kansas City, MO
Red-Tailed Hawk	1-Aug	7:00 PM	Advent Lutheran Church, 151 & Quivira	5-Aug	9:00 AM	Aldergate United Methodist Church, 15315 W 151st	Oct 6-7	Lake Olathe, 135 th pass K-7, Olathe, KS
Thunderbird	3-Aug	7:00 PM	Scout Service Center	10-Aug	7:00 PM	Scout Service Center	Sep 29-30	TBA
Trailhead	1-Aug	7:00 PM	Christ Church	8-Aug	7:00 PM	Christ Church	Sept 29-30	Camp Ernst
Trails West	3-Aug	7:00 PM	Community Covenant Church, 155700 W 87th Pkwy, Lenexa, KS	8-Aug	7:00 PM	Community Covenant Church, 155700 W 87th Pkwy, Lenexa, KS	29-Sep	TBA
Twin Rivers	25-Jul	7:00 PM	United Methodist Church, Paola, KS	3-Aug	7:30 PM	United Methodist Church, Paola, KS	Sept 29th	Lake Miola, Near Paola, KS