

Media Release

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Ribbon cutting for The Koch Scouting Center

Ribbon cutting for the new Koch Scouting Center, located at 3247 N. Oliver (west of Rainbows United) will be held on Thursday, October 17th at 4:00 p.m. The new Council Service Center supports more than 13,000 Scouts and their families and volunteers throughout the 30 counties served by the Quivira Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Brad Bechtel, Council President of the Quivira Council shared, “We’re excited to see this final component of our “*Delivering the Promise*” Capital Campaign come to fruition. Through the support of countless donors, we’ve made significant improvements and upgrades at both of our camps which have resulted in an increase in program and attendance. The new Council Service Center has room for trainings and meetings, is easily accessible with ample parking and the expanded Scout Shop offers a wide variety of equipment, training materials and program items”.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will include Scouts and leaders of the Quivira Council and comments from representatives of Koch Industries, Schafer Johnson Cox and Frey and Dondlinger and Sons Construction as well as City of Wichita Councilman James Clendenin.

“We appreciate the support of Koch Industries and all of our donors in making our new Council Service Center become a reality,” said Mike Johnson, Scout Executive of the Quivira Council. “Their support will have a lasting impact on the youth of our community for generations to come”.

The 14,000-square-foot building will house the organization’s administrative offices and its 24 employees, a retail store and meeting rooms. The single-level space will be about 35 percent larger than what the organization has now. Following the program, open house and facility tours will be held from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Donors to the Koch Scouting Center include Koch Industries, Robert Gutru, Grant Stannard, the Garvey Family Foundation, Intrust, Cox Communications, Lattner Family Foundation, Spirit AeroSystems, Star Lumber Goebel Family Foundation, Lee Phillips, Brad and Dawna Bechtel, James and Constance Hess, Doug Scott, Thornton Anderson, Sam and Marilyn Williams, Joseph and Donna Bunk, Charles and Shelby Steincamp, Troy Hantla, Jim Reilly, Doug and Tina Neff, James Grier, Steve English, Thomas and Sara Steele and Jim and Sharon Hand.

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