This is OUR District Newsletter. This is just the tip of the iceberg of the scouting events and activities that are available. Check out our Facebook group page and GSLAC web site for information to a host of so many other scouting activities ongoing every month. If you see something you are not aware of, don’t hesitate to ask!

**Eclipse**

Plan now to attend the GSLAC Eclipse celebration to be held at Pine Ridge 18-21 August this Summer. We are currently full, but you can get on a waiting list. Contact Chuck Weise. Also look to review your merit badge and NOVA assignments. There is still space for Cub Scouts at Camp Ceder Point. If your Unit is interested in earning the Eclipse Participation patch - let Beverly know so that she can have them ordered. This is not an item that will not be stocked in the Herrin Shop and they will go fast. Let her know ASAP if you want them ordered.

**Upcoming Events**

- **August 3**
  Popcorn Meeting
  The Pavilion, Marion

- **August 15**
  District Committee Meeting
  6:30 Herrin office

- **August 18-21**
  Eclipsefest
  Pine Ridge and Ceder Point Campgrounds

- **August 23**
  Eagle Board
  LDS Church Johnson City

- **September 5**
  District Roundtable
  7:00 PM Zion Church, Marion

- **September 23-24**
  Scout Expo
  9-4 Hunting and fishing Days, John A Logan College, Carterville

- **Oct 6-7 and 13-14**
  FUN with SON
  Pine Ridge

**Scout Expo**

As part of the Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days at John A Logan College, Carterville, IL, the Egyptian District will present our own Scouting Expo with Activities/Exhibits for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers to include: Pinewood Derby (Open to all inside), Inflatable Obstacle Fun, Raingutter Regatta, Shelter Box Emergency Display, orienteering Scavenger Challenge, Sea Scouts Ship and overnight camping. Contact Reed Bigelow

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**Popcorn Sales:**
Don’t miss our Popcorn sales meeting at the Marion Pavilion on 3 August. We are going back to selling Trails End popcorn with Tins. Popcorn sales will begin in October, so be ready.

**The Eagles Corner:**
There were no new Eagle Scouts in July, but several are close and working on their projects.

**Pine Ridge Camp Update**
Behind the scenes there have been many changes to Camp Pine Ridge this year. The trading post has been updated and now accepts credit cards. We now have 6 additional hot water showers. A permanent water pier has been added to the waterfront. Several hiking trails have been cleared. And a new pavilion has been installed. A Big Thank You goes to Ranger Jamie and also to the many scouts who volunteered to make it happen.

**The Eagles Corner:**
Our latest Eagle Scout is Kane Konkel, Troop 16 of Herrin. Congratulations!

**Exploring**
Williamson County Fire Protection District was proud to have sent 4 of our Explorers up to the Explorer/Cadet Fire College at University of Illinois Champaign.

If you would like to purchase this non-official patch for our District and wear it on your right shoulder, the cost is $5. Contact: Reed Bigelow.

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