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!

Scouts in the News
Jacob Dozier will be publically recognized 10 October for earning the BSA Medal of Merit. Jacob saved the life of a relative implementing the Heimlich Maneuver that he had learned as part of his Boy Scout training. You never know when your Boy Scout skills will be required in real life.

Honor Flight
We will have our second Honor Flight at Williamson Airport to honor our local WW II and Korean War veterans on 17 October from their return flight from Washington D.C. Scouts should be in Class A uniform. We are looking for 40 Boy Scouts to serve as escorts. Contact Chris Webb.

Scouting for Food
It’s coming up November 11 and 18. Plan now to contact your local food pantry and get your entire unit and community involved. We will order bags in October and distribute them in November. Contact Reed Bigelow

Woodbadge
Kudos go to Chris Webb and his staff for hosting the GSLAC Woodbadge activity. It was two weekends packed full of scouting adventure. And now those leaders who attended are ready to put those ideals learned into action.
**Scout Expo**

Over 100 scouts participated in activities as part of the Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days. Activities/Exhibits included a Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Shelter Box Emergency Display, Sea Scouts Ship and overnight camping.

**Fun With Son**

The Dark Side of pine Ridge Moon. We have two weekends planned for cub scouts at Camp Pine Ridge On October 6-7 and 13-14. This could be a scary fun weekend, and your first opportunity to see what a cub scout overnight is all about. Contact Amy or Ray Grove or the Herrin office to register and for t-shirt sales.

**Popcorn Sales:**

Popcorn sales are in full swing. By now you should have your order forms and information.

Some important dates to remember

Pick up “Take Order” – November 9
Invoices due – November 25

**5th Annual Southern Illinois MBU**

31 merit badges will be offered. The cost is $5 per attendance; $5 for a badge, and $5 for lunch. It will be held at the Carterville junior high school. Registration will begin 9 September. Register at the Herrin office. For further info contact Reed Bigelow

**Sea Scouts**

Ship 77 set sail back in time as they visited the Nina and the Pinta in Cape Girardeau. If you are interested in joining this crew, contact Bill Eckers or Mark Beyke.

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.

**Upcoming in our GSLAC Community**

**Honor Flight**
17 October
Williamson County Airport

**GSLAC Town Hall Meeting**
24 October 7 Pm
Southern Illinois University
Lawson Hall, Room 101
Carbondale

**MBU**
4 November
Carterville

**STEM University**
4 November
Edwardsville SIUE

**Scouting for Food**
11 & 18 November

**Life to Eagle Seminar**
2 December

**Say HI to our new Herrin office Staff member**

Jennifer Kaufman

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