Where To Find Things On The Web

There are some great resources on the web for Scouting in St. Louis.
The Greater St Louis Area Website can be found here: GSLAC Website
The home for Gravois Trail can be found here: Gravois Trail Website
Shawnee Lodge of the Order of the Arrow website can be found here: Shawnee
Or the Facebook page located here: Gravois Trail Facebook
The newsletter can also be seen online at: http://stlbsa.org/gravoistrail/
Contact us at:
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Jerry Fix: jerry.fix@gmail.com

Contact Us!

We're well into Spring now, and Summer is just around the corner. We've got Memorial Day Good Turn, Summer Camp, Day Camp... the list goes on. This is some of the best time of the year for Scouting.

Don’t Forget: Program Preview is Tuesday, June 6th at 7pm (Lindbergh H.S.)

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June 6, 2017 Roundtable Meeting: PROGRAM PREVIEW
Lindbergh H.S. Theater

Upcoming Training Dates:

May 6 & 7 2017
Adult Leader Training Outdoor Skills at Beaumont for Scoutmasters and Asst Scoutmasters.

NYLT National Youth Leadership Training:

Why Should you send your Scouts to NYLT?
Through this weeklong outdoor training, male and female Scouts grow and improve their leadership skills while following the guidelines of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. NYLT is conducted during summer camp.

Scouts earning the NYLT shield are better prepared to interact with adult leaders and face the challenges and demands ahead.

Boy Scouts:
Requirements to attend NYLT, a Scout must be:
• A current registered member of the BSA who has attended long-term Boy Scout camp for a minimum of two years.
• First Class rank of higher.
• Twelve years old.
• A member of a troop whose Scoutmaster has completed the adult Boy Scout Leader Basic Training Course.
• A current or prospective your leader approved by the Scoutmaster.

Venturing:
Requirements to attend NYLT:
• Must meet all of the above but the First Class requirement.

A Scout need only attend one of the weeks to successfully complete the NYLT course. The Scout must be at camp for the entire week to complete the program.

NYLT Course options: (Both options are offered each week)
• Land based
• Pack and Paddle

Land Based:
The land based course is hosted at S-F Scout Ranch. Scouts will learn leadership skills, while improving their camping, fire building, cooking and time management skills.

Pack and Paddle:
The Pack and Paddle course is conducted at the S-F Scout Ranch backcountry on Nims Lake. Scouts will learn the same leadership skills offered at the land based camp plus, practice low-impact camping, hiking, canoeing and learn the proper use of a compass for navigation.

Go HERE for more detailed information on the NYLT program (course dates, requirements, etc)
Development

FOS Pinewood Derby

Essex Industries hosted their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, April 8th at Essex. Cars entered one of three categories: 14 & Under; 15 & Over; or Outlaw.

The first, second and third place trophies were awarded to the top three fastest times in each event. The overall fastest car from all categories raced at The Construction Industry Pinewood Derby at The Moto Museum in April. Attendees also vote for the funniest design, unique design, and most aerodynamic design.

Funds raised at Essex Pinewood Derby are donated to the Friends of Scouting campaign. The event was a success! Thanks to Keith Guller, Deanna Sichra and the employees of Essex!

Re Connect With Scouting

Do you know someone who should or wants to “Reconnect” with Scouting?

This is for individuals not currently involved in Scouting but can hear all about how they can help….pass the word to people not currently involved….but should be…

Tuesday, May 9th
4:00 pm
Trattoria Toscana
11686 Gravois Road, St. Louis, MO 63126
Hosted by Keith Guller, CEO of Essex Industries
RSVP to Deanna Sichra at dsichra@essexind.com or 314-338-8759
**Activites**

**Earth Day**

On Saturday April 22, The Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America partnered with Goodwill for their Earth Day Donation Drive. Scouts from all over the Greater St. Louis Council donned their uniforms and ‘helpful’ spirit then ventured out into the cooler temperatures to accept donations from members of the community. Thankfully the rain stayed away and the sun came out not only warming the volunteers but also warming the hearts of friends and neighbors as some came with cars full of donations.

As a member of the Gravois Trail District, I had the distinct pleasure of working with an amazing group of Scouts who gladly accepted donations ranging from board games and clothing to electronics and furniture at the Gravois Trail District site at Sperreng Middle School. 25 Scouts and parents donated their time, some all day, and 10 units were proudly represented. A special thank you should be given to the parents and adult leaders who encourage these young people to give back to their community by participating in events such as this. It instills a sense of pride in where they come from and an understanding that even just a few hours can make a difference in someone’s life.

Although we did not fill the trailer to its full capacity with donations, I’m sure that the remaining amount was filled with laughter, comradery and the Scout spirit. Thank you to all the members of the community who made donations, and thank you to Goodwill for allowing the Boy Scouts of America to partner with you on this great event.

Swan Klenke, Troop 780

**Camping**

**Camporee (or not...)**

Thanks for all of your patience with the cancelation of Spring Camporee. We probably dodged a major disaster.

Many of us lived through Camp Sunkin and Hillsboro fairgrounds. Those Camporees were not fun but miserable. Plus unsafe. We likely would have gotten to Camp Lewellan, set up camp, got miserably wet Friday night, then evacuated Saturday morning. That area got almost 7 inches of rain through Friday. The large amount of road closings and flash flooding has confirmed our decision to cancel. Thanks to Patrick Meehan for all of his hard work putting together this event.

**Summer Camp**

Please **DO** camp promotion within your troops, packs, and crews. When asked what part of scouting is your favorite. Most scouts say camping. Solidify your scouting program by taking the kids to summer camp, day camps, high adventure

**Membership**

**Summer Time**

As we finish off the school year I hope everyone stays connected and active in Scouting throughout the summer months. Stay safe and we’ll see you in August for another packed year of pure fun.
Memorial Day Good Turn

This is a reminder about the GSLAC Memorial Day Good Turn Event

As usual, the annual Memorial Day Good Turn is well represented by Gravois Trail Scouts and Venturers. St Louis and Southern Illinois communities get to see the character of our Scouts.

For more than six decades, approximately 4,000 Scouts have gathered at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery prior to Memorial Day to decorate each of the 190,000 graves with an American Flag. The tradition, entering its 68th year, is one of the longest running Memorial Day events within the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouts honor those who served our country by raising the American Flag and then lowering it to half-mast as Scout buglers play “Taps.” Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle Scout- the highest rank in Scouting- during the past year serve as the color guard. Scouts and leaders then decorate each grave in the cemetery with a small American Flag.

It takes just two hours for Scouts to place more than 280,000 flags, which are provided by the cemetery.

In 1866, Jefferson Barracks was established as a national cemetery and today is one of the oldest interment sites of the National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

For information on where to meet, how to register and other details, go HERE
Family Camps allow Scouts to spend the night over the weekend at one of our properties sharing the fun of the outdoors with mom, dad, and Cub Scout-aged siblings! Every camp has BB guns, archery, swimming, hiking, and fun in the sun!

- **Camp May at Beaumont (High Ridge, MO):** Enjoy swimming in the pool, exploring the cave, playing on the pirate ship, and much more at this St. Louis metro camp!
  
  June 17-18, June 24-25, July 8-9, and July 15-16

- **Camp Lewallen (Silva, MO):** Conquer the brand new bouldering wall, catch your first fish, and enjoy the best dining hall program and customer service that Boy Scouts has to offer!

  June 24-25

- **Camp Famous Eagle at S bar F Scout Ranch (Knob Lick, MO):** Zip line and water slide into the lake at our Huck’s Cove Water Park! Boulder to the top of Castle Rock, and go exploring in a canoe!

  June 24-25 and July 8-9

$40 per participant, or $120 for a family of four. Meals, tents, and program supplies are provided.
Join us for these upcoming fishing events!

- **Fishing Pre-Summer Camp Workshop**: May 6, May 21  
  (see reverse side for more details)
- **Scout and Scouter Fishing Day**: May 20 | S bar F Scout Ranch
- **Fish-O-Ree**: June 3 | Forest Park Hatchery

stlbsa.org/activities/fishing
Boy Scouts can attend these events to satisfy fishing and fly fishing merit badge requirements:

**Cabela’s Hazelwood Store:** May 6 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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**Camp Joy:** May 21 | 9 a.m.-Noon

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2017 St. Louis Memorial Day Scout Good Turn
Help Honor our War Veterans
Sunday, May 28th

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Scouters are invited to help place over 7000 Flags on the Graves of our War Veterans

Youth will be performing a brief ceremony at each Grave Site for a more meaningful experience.

Pre-registration will help us to get everyone out the doors promptly at 8:30am in route to your assigned cemetery. Preregistration is requested, not required.

Free Breakfast Provided for Participants

Sponsored by:
Jewish War Veterans and the Jewish Relations Committee of the Greater St. Louis Area Council of the B.S.A.

Registration Starting at 7:00am
Free Breakfast Beginning at 7:15am
Pre-registrants may arrive as late as 7:45am
Departure Meeting 8:15 - 8:30
Departure to Cemeteries at 8:30am
Past Years have Finished by 11:30am

Members of all religions encouraged to participate.

Pre-registration forms available at: https://stlbsa.org/activities/other-activities/faith-based-events/jewish-scouting/
Please e-mail registration form or questions to Steve Sobelman at: smsobelman@gmail.com

NOTE:
MEETING LOCATION CHANGE !!

United Hebrew Congregation
13788 Conway Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63141

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Please e-mail registration form or questions to Steve Sobelman at: smsobelman@gmail.com
For more than six decades, Scouts have been decorating graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with an American flag to honor veterans for Memorial Day.

Scouts of all ages are invited to participate in the 68th annual Memorial Day Good Turn, hosted by the Gravois Trail District. Check-in runs from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in front of Building 24 on the Missouri National Guard Base adjacent to the ceremony. The procession from the National Guard Base to the cemetery will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Register at stlbsa.org/memorial-day-good-turn
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Course Dates
June 11 - 17
June 11 - 17 (Camp Vandeventer)
June 18 – 24 (Boy Scouts & Venturers)
June 25 – July 1
July 9 – 15
July 16 – 22 (Venturing only)

Pricing
• $255 if paid in full by April 2
• $275 if paid in full by June 2
• $290 if paid in full after June 2

scoutingevent.com/312-2017nylt
NYLT 2017

Course Requirements

• A current registered member of the BSA who has attended long-term Boy Scout camp for a minimum of two years
• First Class rank or higher
• At least twelve years old
• Member of a troop whose Scoutmaster has completed the adult Boy Scout Leader Basic Training Course
• A current or prospective youth leader recommended by the Scoutmaster

*Venturing participants must meet all of the above but the First class rank requirement.

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*Course takes place at S bar F Scout Ranch except where noted.

NYLT Staff

Already attended NYLT? Consider applying for staff for next Summer and share your knowledge and skills with other Scouts. An application and information available at stlbsa.org/training/youth/national-youth-leadership.

Incentives

• Send two Scouts more than in 2016 and receive $25 off per scout.
• Send three Scouts more than in 2016 and receive $35 off per scout.
• Send four or more Scouts than in 2016 and receive $50 off per scout.

Pack & Paddle

The Pack & Paddle course is conducted in the S bar F Scout Ranch backcountry and on Nims Lake during the NYLT courses. Attending Scouts develop leadership skills, practice low-impact camping, hiking, canoeing and learn the proper use of a compass for navigation.

All participants must stow food, crew gear, shelter, personal items and any other essential equipment in their packs. It’s important to remember, that when selecting equipment, this is a physically demanding course.

Pack & Paddle requirements

• Meet all NYLT requirements
• Be 14 years of age by date of summer camp
• Pass the BSA swim test (swim 100 yards using strong strokes)

FEES

NYLT and Pack & Paddle

☐ $255 if paid in full by April 2
• $275 if paid in full between April 3 and June 1
• $290 if paid in full between June 2 and start of camp

Save by paying early!

scoutingevent.com/312-2017NYLT
Wood Badge is advanced training for adult leaders in Scouting designed to enhance contemporary leadership skills and develop more effective Scouters. The Wood Badge program gives participants a greater understanding of Scouting aims and methods, while developing true Scout Spirit.

**Spring Course: C3-312-17-1**
Beaumont Scout Reservation, High Ridge, Mo.
Fri., May 19, 7:30 a.m. – Sun., May 21, 5:30 p.m.
AND
Fri., June 2, 7:30 a.m. – Sun., June 4, 5:30 a.m.
Course Director: Steven Smith
314.393.1368 | steven.smith.2112@gmail.com
REGISTER: scoutingevent.com/312-2017springwoodbadge

**Fall Course: C3-312-17-2**
Pine Ridge Scout Camp, Makanda, Ill.
Fri., Aug. 25, 7:30 a.m. – Sun., Aug. 27, 5:30 p.m.
AND
Fri., Sept. 8, 7:30 a.m. – Sun., Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m.
Course Director: Chris Webb
618.513.4219 | christophertroop7156@gmail.com
REGISTER: scoutingevent.com/312-2017fallwoodbadge

**Fall Course: C3-312-17-3**
Camp Vandeventer, Waterloo, Ill.
Fri., Sept. 8, 7:30 a.m. – Sun., Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m.
AND
Fri., Oct. 7, 7:30 a.m. – Sun., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.
Course Director: Cory Reeves
618.623.8584 | coreyreeves@originfirst.com
REGISTER: scoutingevent.com/312-17vanwoodbadge

**Course Fee**
$260 if paid in full 30 days before the respective course’s Pre-Course Meeting
$285 if paid in full less than 30 days prior to course.

A $50 non-refundable deposit may be submitted with the application to hold a spot in a course until full payment can be made.

stlbsa.org/training/adult/wood-badge
Prepare for an adventure traveling through time!

Mom & Me family camp will take you and your mom (or guardian) to destinations in ancient times through the future — without leaving Illinois!

Mark your calendar now!

Cost is $100 per pair before August 21; late fees apply thereafter. Additional Scouts are $40.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!