# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## April 2020

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## PLANNING AHEAD

## May 2020

(all dates tentative due to pandemic)

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A belief in boys that will make you want to invest yourself and your time on their behalf.

A zeal focused upon one point – the boy’s happiness through his formative years — “A happy boy is a good boy, a good boy is a good citizen.”

An immense faith in Scouting as the program that will best serve to mold our youth into fine men.

A realization that to the boys Scouting is a game – to you, a game with a purpose: Character building and Citizenship training.

A knowledge that to your boys you are Scouting. “What you are speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say!”

A steadfastness of purpose to carry out a planned program with energy and perseverance, patience and good humor.

A willingness to submerge yourself and make boy leaders lead and grow through an effective application of the Patrol Method.

A desire to advance in Scoutmastership by making use of training offered and material available on the subject.

A readiness to work hand in hand with home, church, sponsoring institution, school, Local Council, National Council for the good of the individual boy and the community as a whole.

A love of the outdoors in all its phases and a vision of the hand that created it.

With that, be safe, and see you in the virtual world.

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Hello April!

**Upcoming Events**

This year, Earth Day is on April 22, 2020. While the “Stay at Home” order is in place, you can be kind to Earth by recycling at home! Many, if not most, communities have a recycling service available. If not, collect your recyclables and hold on to them until it is safe to deliver them to your favorite recycling center. Stay Safe!

**Community Service Opportunity**

For this month, I am going to ask that you stay at home and stay safe. As I stated above, you can help your community by recycling at home.

**NOW HIRING!!**

Would you like to be part of a great group of people who put together our District Dinner? It’s a fun job and the pay is great! Pay is based upon the amount of fun you have. 😊 Please let me know if you would like to help.

NEXT, I am looking for one, possibly two people to be fire house coordinators for Scouting for Food. Since I have taken over as Activity Chair, I will no longer be coordinator for the Hazelwood Firehouse on Lindbergh. Last year we were unable to use one of the Florissant firehouses because of their construction. I’m hoping we will be able to use them this year. In any event, please let me know if you would be willing to help.

Yours in Scouting,

Glenda Thorne

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Greetings from your Camping Chair!

We are all disappointed that we can’t meet. We are all ready to get back to camping. We will soon! Just do your part and keep social distancing!

If you haven’t heard, Spring Camporee is CANCELLED. We are attempting to reschedule it for next spring with the same theme and campmasters. Stay tuned!

As of right now, Summer Camps will be held as scheduled. Be sure to get your camping fees paid. If COVID-19 causes summer camp to be cancelled, refunds will be issued.

Next, ScoutFest is still on as scheduled! It will be October 2-4. Registration is OPEN. You should register at www.scoutfest2020.com. Units should log into unit account or use the ‘lookup’ feature with the registration number that was created during pre-registration last fall. Early bird registration is thru July 15 and will save you $10/person. You MUST register by August 15th to reserve a spot. Cub packs who are camping overnight must partner with a troop from our District but they should register under their own Unit. There was a question regarding tent stakes’. The rule is tent stakes must be 10” or shorter but there may be a few locations where tent stakes will be prohibited due to sprinkler systems. Last month, I included info on the Program. If you have any questions, let me know.

We will need LOTS of volunteers for staff for ScoutFest. I was hoping to have a district staff meeting soon and that was delayed due to pandemic. If stay-at-home orders get extended, I will schedule a virtual staff meeting. If you would like to help, please contact me at tmatteoni@ymail.com or call me at 314-226-3458.

~Tony Matteoni
Upcoming Opportunities for Catholic Scouts and Catholic Units

BRINGING CATHOLIC CUB DAY TO YOU!: Originally scheduled for Saturday April 18, Cub Day has been adapted for home use. The adapted program will be open to any youth from the Archdiocese. Full program information will be posted this week here: www.catholicscoutingstl.org/cubday.

Catholic Adventure Week: Catholic Adventure week information is here: www.catholicscoutingstl.org/CAW. This could still be an opportunity for troops, or for individual scouts as members of a provisional troop over the June 21-27 week at Famous Eagle. Transfer over to Catholic Adventure Week can be done with no additional charge.

2020 Encounter Weekend: This weekend event at Beaumont is September 18th weekend. Watch the website for future opportunities to signup. Begin now to make plans for troop, crew, or individuals to attend or staff this weekend. Please contact Jim Schneider or Carol Casolari for High School or Adult Staff.

Website refresh: The www.catholicscoutingstl.org website is on the verge of a website refresh. Watch the site for the new look, feel, and content.

Thank you, and God bless you.
St. George, pray for us.

Jim Schneider
Catholic Committee on Scouting-BSA rep to North Star
314-921-6686
2020 Family Friends of Scouting status: We narrowly missed our March 31st goal of 50%, coming in at 48.5%, even after we missed several presentations due to social distancing guidance.

Sooner rather than later: While respecting that families may have been impacted by covid-19, we are asking those that can, to make their donations sooner rather than later. We hope that the units who have not had presentation will reschedule, but we understand this may not occur in the near term. Therefore, we are asking your families that are able, to make their donation sooner so that the funds become available for use, especially if there is an increase in financial assistance requests. You may have seen the email/letter on March 24th from Matt Wagner, the council friends of scouting chairman (volunteer), emailed by Megan Selck, the council Director of Development (professional) under the subject line: “We rely on the generosity of people like you who share our vision.” As Matt Wagner suggested, “If you are able, we are hoping you will make your donation sooner than later so that we can assure there is no interruption for programming when quarantines and social distancing is over.”

Online donations: Even where a presentation could be rescheduled, for your families that are able to donate sooner, please make them aware of the opportunity for online donations at https://stlbsa.org/donate. Texting MACARTHUR20 to 91999 links to the same underlying site. We can make the donor premiums available through the units, if requested.

I plan to reach back out to the units providing resources and talking points so that they, in turn, can reach out to their families. We also plan to reach out personally to offer some families and alumni another opportunity to give back.

I hope that if we are able to get a larger number of people to donate, whether reaching out to current scout families, or even alumni, we will be able to come together as North Star does so often to hit that goal. I know that North Star has a lot of strength and resiliency. Be safe, stay healthy, and keep working the program with your units. Remember to support your family and community too during this extremely difficult time.

Thank you, and God bless you.
St. George, pray for us.

Jim Schneider
Family FOS chairman
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the units that participated in the 2019 North Star District Pinewood Derby. And for St Peters UCC for sponsoring our Pinewood Derby this year. But most of all to my staff that attended my meeting and did a great job in setting up the venue and working hard on the day of the race.

Delores Garrett          Sue Polis
Debbie Huber            Fred Schaljo
Jen Kedge               Georgia Schaljo
Mike Kost               Laurie Wild-Schulze
Zach Lloyd              Mark Wilbur
                        Glenda Thorne

We had a total of 17 Scouts and 3 adults participated this year.

Thank you Troop 942 for setting a concession stand for our scouts and parents.

Last but not least our District Key Four.
Rick Dorsey, District Chairman          Max Thorne, District Commissioner
Joshua Ramsy, District Director        Darryl Day, District Executive

And the winners are:

**Divisions Winners**

**Lions**
1st Place Jaylen Tobias Pack 3551  
2nd Place Anthony Donaldson Pack 3551

**Tiger Cub**
1st Place Kenny Leflore Pack 3739  
2nd Place Drake Tran Pack 3739

**Wolf/Bear**
1st Place Xyon Neal Pack 3551  
2nd Place Sean Krepart Pack 3739

**Webelos**
1st Place Jadon Font Pack 3743  
2nd Place Kaden Tran Pack 3739  
3rd Place Quade Evans Pack 3551

**Grand Finally Winner**
Noah Politowski Pack 3797

**Adult Winner**
Braden Matz Pack 3739

**Best Design**
Jocelyn Thomas Pack 3797