

FAMILY DUFFLE BAG

The Race Is On.





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Let's Go To Camp!

A boy joins Scouting. What's the first thing he thinks about? Camping! Make sure the boys in your unit get the summer adventure of a lifetime at one of our premiere camps.

And don't forget about Explorers and Venturers!

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What's more exciting than a Pinewood Derby?
photo by Bruce Levitt



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► COUNCIL CALENDAR

February

- 1 Camp Card sale begins
Catholic awards,
Cathedral Basilica,
St. Louis
- 6 Scout Sabbath
- 7 CSAW/BSAW
- 8 Scouting's anniversary
- 16 President's Day –
offices & camps closed
- 23 Wood Badge dinner
- 28 Map & Compass
Training
O.A. Shawnee Lodge
Arrowman Experience

March

- 1 Challenge Course &
Climbing Recertification
- 7 CSAW/BSAW
- 8 Daylight Saving Time
begins
- 21 Den Chief Conference
Orienteering Festival
- 28 Catholic Cub Day
Venturing Road Rally
- 31 Camp Card sale ends

April

- 3 Good Friday – offices
closed
- 10 O.A. Anpetu-We Spring
Reunion
O.A. Shawnee Lodge
Spring Conclave
- 11 Cub Scout STEM Day
Pioneering Kit Training
Tipi Training
- 18 CSAW/BSAW
- 22 Challenge Course
Training
- 24 Boy Scout Leader
Training
- 25 Cub Scout Leader
Outdoor Experience

Welcome To Scouting!

As we begin 2015, let me wish you a happy and fulfilling new year. We are extremely grateful for another successful year here at the Greater St. Louis Area Council thanks to more than 12,000 dedicated volunteers. Your commitment and talents continuously help make our council one of the best in the nation.

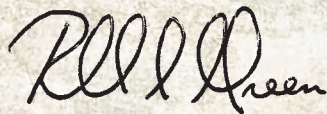
As a council, we have a lot to be proud of. In 2014, the Greater St. Louis Area Council led the country in STEM awards, honored our country's service members during the 65th annual Memorial Day Good Turn, celebrated 636 young men as they achieved the prestigious Eagle Scout award, introduced more than 3,000 new Tiger Cubs to the Scouting program, and collected more than 1.8 million food items during the 30th annual Scouting For Food campaign, the area's largest one-day food drive.

At any given time, there are dozens of activities, trainings, and events happening all over GSLAC. Our quarterly magazine, the *Duffle Bag*, is your go-to source for the latest and greatest news about local Scouting. Plus, you'll learn about some of the unique things our units are doing in our Scout feature stories.

This *Family Duffle Bag* is just a taste of what you'll find in the full version. If you're interested in receiving the *Duffle Bag*, sign up online at stlbsa.org/about/news to have it sent to your home for just \$6 a year. You can also view the online version of current and past issues.

Lastly, if you have a great Scouting story to share, tell us about it by emailing pr@stlbsa.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Ronald S. Green, Scout Executive

Merit BEYOND

SCOUTING IS

a fun and exciting time for young people. They have the opportunity to go on adventures, help other people, and learn new skills while hanging out with friends and making new ones.

As levels or ranks are completed along the Scouting trail, Scouts earn awards for the achievements they unlock. They earn badges for things such as participating in Scouting for Food, learning how to adFAMILYster first aid, learning how to cook, and even learning about their community.

These are life lessons that have helped millions of Scouts grow into successful, community-minded adults.

Last year, more than 47,000 youth benefitted from the positive impact of Scouting in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

Did you know: The \$24 annual Scouting registration fee goes directly to the national office of the Boy Scouts of America. Dues collected by a Scout unit stays with the unit to help pay for supplies, advancements, and other activities. None of that money goes to help the Greater St. Louis Area Council provide quality programs.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual giving campaign of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. In the coming weeks, FOS speakers will visit your unit to share with you Scouting's needs. We ask our Scouting families, alumni, and community for the support to fund this vital program.



Funding from this campaign provides valuable training for your Scout's leaders, improvements to camp properties — such as the Cub World renovations and new Pine Ridge Scout Camp shower house completed last spring — and the program supplies utilized by our members.

Your tax-deductible gift to the Greater St. Louis Area Council provides direct funding for Scouting's life-changing programs that program fees alone do not cover.

Please help keep Scouting strong in our area by contributing to the 2015 Friends of Scouting campaign.

These are merits beyond the badge.

OND THE BADGE

In 2014, your Friends of Scouting investment:

- Funded more than 220 district and council Scouting events.
- Repaired and renovated the playground equipment at Beaumont Scout Reservation.
- Provided 30 new mattresses for year-round use at Pine Ridge Scout Camp.
- Provided 30 new tents and 6 new kayaks at Camp Lewallen.
- Provided 70 new tents and replacement poles at S bar F Scout Ranch.
- Maintained more than 8,000 acres of four council-owned properties.
- Provided more than 620 camperships and registration assistance for 2,900 families in need.
- Provided leadership training for 2,097 adults and 406 youth.



photo by Ron Jennings

speaking of merit...

MERIT BADGE SKILL CENTERS FOR BOY SCOUTS



Citizenship in the World Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, 11645 Benham Rd., 63136



American Labor Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Electrical Industry Training Center, 2300 Hampton Ave., 63139



Horsemanship March 12, 7-8 p.m.; March 14, 21, & 28, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Nagel Base, Beaumont Scout Reservation, Interstate 44 & Antire Rd., 63049



Stamp Collecting March 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Renaissance St. Louis Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Rd., 63134



Pets April 18, 9 a.m.-noon, Humane Society of Missouri, 1201 Macklind Ave., 63110



Law June 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Old Courthouse, 11 North 4th St., 63102

For more information, visit the Achievements page at stlbsa.org.

STEM Leads The Way

What is the buzzword of the decade? STEM, which stands for science, technology, engineering, mathematics. These four words hold the future for our youth.

STEM University is just one way in which the Greater St. Louis Area Council helps build skills and prepare Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers for

adventures in Scouting and beyond. Scouts will find STEM at summer camp, at themed activity days, and within their unit's program.

Past and current activities include Microsoft Badge Workshops, Cub programs at Pole Position Raceway and Bricks 4 Kidz, STEM universities for everyone, and events at the St. Louis Science Center and Monsanto.

See what STEM is all about at [stem.stlbsa.org!](http://stem.stlbsa.org)

STEM University: University of Missouri—St. Louis photo by Bruce Levitt (above); Southeast Missouri State University photo by Ron Jennings (left)



Scouts Honor Fallen Military During Good Turn

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers in the Gravois Trail District, along with units from other districts, will perform the 66th annual Memorial Day Good Turn on Sunday, May 24. An American flag is placed at each veteran's grave at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery following a solemn procession and ceremony at 12:30 p.m. honoring deceased military personnel.

Registration deadline is May 1. Email g.t.memorialdaygoodturn@gmail.com with the following information: pack, troop, or post and unit number; number of youth

and adults participating; same area as in 2014 (yes/no); and contact person with district, phone number, and email address.



Let's Go To Camp!

Earn Your Way To Summer Camp.

Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers can reduce their out-of-pocket expense for summer camp through the Camp Card program. This risk-free program is simple: Earn a 50 percent commission (\$2.50) for each \$5 Camp Card sold between Feb. 1 and March 31. Any unsold Camp Cards are returned to the council on or before March 31 with no penalty.

Below, one of the 2015 Camp Cards



Units are encouraged to use Camp Card funds to ensure every Scout can attend summer camp, but money can also go towards items such as new uniforms or equipment.

Vendors on the 2015 Camp Card* include Bass Pro Shops, Country Mart, Denny's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Firestone, Hibbett Sports, Little Caesars, Moe's Southwestern Grill, Papa John's, Plaza Tire Service, Rally's, Shop 'n' Save, Six Flags, Smoothie King, Southern Illinois Miners Baseball, SportClips, and Subway.

* There are three versions of the Camp Card. Not all vendors appear on each card. Cards will contain vendors relevant to each area — metropolitan St. Louis, southern Illinois, and southeast Missouri.



Learn more at campcard.stlbsa.org.

SUMMER CAMP IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF A SCOUT'S YEAR!



BOY
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STEM CAMP

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CAMP



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COVE



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DAY CAMP



SHOOTING
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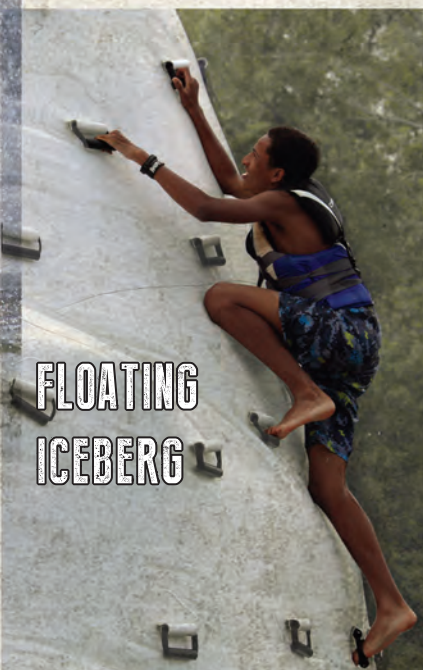
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*Earn your own way to camp
by selling Camp Cards! see p.7*

camping.stlbsa.org

FLOATING
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GRIZZLY CAMP



Pick your camps and register now!

photos by Christine Hummel, Ron Jennings, Bruce Levitt

What Do Kids Do At Camp?

Boy Scouts Overnight

S bar F Scout Ranch & Camp Lewallen



- aquatics — canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, swimming*
- climbing
- fishing
- hiking
- merit badges
- nature study
- Scoutcraft
- shooting sports
- water carnival

**The Ranch offers a floating iceberg climbing wall, motorboats, rope swings, sail boats, water slides, waterskiing, and zip line.*

Parent & Pal

Cub Scouts Overnight

Beaumont Scout Reservation, Camp Lewallen, Pine Ridge Scout Camp

- activity badges
- archery & BB guns
- campfire
- canoeing
- nature
- Scoutcraft
- swimming

Cub Day Camp

various locations

- crafts, games, nature study, shooting sports, STEM

Grizzly Camp

Beaumont Scout Reservation

- theme-related activities:

Week 1 — Mud Bug

Week 2 — Nature Gone Wild

Week 3 — Things That GO!

Week 4 — Science Madness



National Youth Leader Training

S bar F Scout Ranch

Boy Scouts & Venturers: enhance leadership skills while living by the Oath and Law in the outdoors

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Camp For Venturers & Explorers

S bar F Scout Ranch

theme weeks including challenge course, climbing, horseback riding, rappelling, tubing, waterskiing, & more:

- Venturing Outdoor Survivor Challenge
- Shooting Sports & Historical Reenactment
- Sea Scout Aquatic Extravaganza
- Catholic Adventure Week
- STEM Week With International Scouting (Scout troop from Germany)

Specialty Camps

S bar F Scout Ranch

- Catholic Adventure Week
- Eagle Trail Camp
- Ranger Program
- STEM Camp

Nagel Base, Beaumont Scout Reservation

- Horse Camp

What Can You Do Year-Round?

Just because summer camp is over doesn't mean Scouts and units can't still enjoy all of the great programs the council has to offer! The Greater St. Louis Area Council offers a variety of fun activities for Scout units, families, and friends to enjoy all year long!



Family cabins, mountain bikes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, sailboats, and GPS devices are available to rent at The Ranch. Campsites, camporee fields, treehouses, and adirondacks at one or more of our camps provide a fun off-season camping experience. Don't forget about horseback riding and hayrides at Beaumont.

Activities include Challenge Course, rock climbing and rappelling, hiking, orienteering, and more.

There's something for everyone!

Visit stlbsa.org/activities/camping/ rsvp for the fee schedule and more information.

Did You Know...

Exploring offers career exploration programs for young men and women ages 14-20. Participants join a specific program based on their career interests and gain hands-on experience and career insight from professionals in their chosen field.

Exploring offers experiences in a variety of career fields. Try one or try them all!

Arts & Humanities | Aviation | Business | Communications
 | Engineering | Fire Service | Health | Law Enforcement |
 Law | Science | Skilled Trades | Social Services

Visit stlbsa.org/programs/exploring to learn more!

Exploring

A Program for Career Education





photo by John Paul Halford

News You Can Use

Log Your Service Hours

A service project is a special Good Turn that puts Scout spirit into action. Projects can take many forms such as community cleanup, repairing a place of worship, improving a wildlife habitat, or organizing a recycling effort. Report all service hours to earn points for the Journey to Excellence program. Log your hours at stlbsa.kintera.org/communityservice.

Be Safe While Scouting

There is magic to camping in winter, and it is one of the most challenging outdoor activities. Special considerations for winter camping are qualified supervision, equipment, physical fitness, buddy system, planning, safe area, weather check, burning, and discipline. Visit ntier.org/BeforeYouArrive_OKPIK.html for details on winter camping preparation.

Meet International Scouts

Have you made plans to attend the world jamboree? Join Scouts from around the globe at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree July 28-Aug. 8 in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan. Visit scouting.org/worldjamboree for more information.

Get the latest news in local Scouting at stlbsa.org

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The *Duffle Bag* is available by subscription or as a PDF, downloaded for free from the NEWS page at stlbsa.org. Archived issues and a subscription request are also available on the NEWS page.

Editorial Policy: Articles on Scouting events and community events offering a value to Scouts are always welcome. Firm deadlines are Dec. 1 for the winter issue, March 1 for the spring issue, June 1 for the summer issue, Sept. 1 for the fall issue. The *Duffle Bag* staff reserves the right to edit all articles and decide if submitted articles are appropriate for the newsletter.

Advertising: The *Duffle Bag* is distributed to more than 4,500 adult Scout leaders in the council's geographic boundaries (city of St. Louis and St. Louis County, 26 surrounding counties in eastern and southern Missouri, and 10 counties in southern Illinois).

For more information on advertising, contact Christine Dieckmann, christine.dieckmann@scouting.org, 314.256.3030, or Christine Hummel, christine.hummel@scouting.org, 314.256.3036.

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Adventure Drives New Rank Advancement Program

Exciting things are in store for Cub Scouting this year with improved activities and easier-to-understand advancement procedures.

New Cub Scout content will be broken into a series of “adventures,” which Cub Scouts experience while working on a badge or rank. They may participate individually and as part of their den.

Webelos’ first-year core adventures will include cooking, hiking, fitness, and emergency preparedness, with second-year core adventures of aquatics, camping, citizenship, and preparing to move into Boy Scouts.

New handbooks are being



Proposed covers for the new handbooks in the Cub Scout program

developed by a volunteer task force with input from parents, adult leaders, and Cub Scouts themselves.

Cub Scouting remains focused on family as well as character development, citizenship, personal fitness, outdoor skills and awareness, and leadership and life skills.

Get the latest scoop on Cub Scout program updates at scouting.org/programupdates.

Squash Those Winter Blues With Spring Leader Training

Dreary skies and cold weather make you wish you were back at

summer camp with your unit?

A good program doesn't stop at the end of summer. Trained leaders provide quality activities to their Scouts all year long. Make sure your training is up to date!

Many districts offer basic leader training sessions for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, and Varsity Coaches in conjunction with roundtables and at other times. Visit your district's page at stlbsa.org. You are also welcome to attend training held by other districts.

You can also train in the comfort of your own home! Check out the online training opportunities at scouting.org/training.aspx.

Trained leaders exhibit a knowledge and confidence that is picked up by people around them. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be!



Scouter Receives As Much As He Gives In 80 Years

Sandy Silverstein first joined Scouting as a Cub Scout when he was 10 years old — and he has been with it ever since!

This past fall, Sandy received the rare 80-Year Veteran Award for his long-tenured service to youth. As one might imagine, he has served in just about every position imaginable on the Cub level, Boy Scout level, summer camps, etc.

“What I enjoy most is seeing the changes in youngsters, those that stay with the program,” Sandy said. “Watching them overcome the problems that are inherent with adolescence. There is tremendous satisfaction watching the boys grow up and having their dreams come true. Many have accomplished quite a bit in life.

“Letting a young man find his way, become adjusted to growing and maturing, recognizing their responsibility as an individual. This has all been a great source of pride.”



Troop 11

Irondale Reservation Camp, 1938

top row: Max Feld, Ely Glass, Sid Goldenberg, **Sandy “Bozo” Silverstein**, Ben Weintraub, Jerome Klaven, Ed Bierman, Al Berger, Howard Schiffer, Sam Racowsky

bottom row: Norman Tama, Stanley Kwiatek, Frank Solomon, Bill Gordon, Floyd Rubenstein, Ronald Rosen, Marvin Blum, Nathan Friedman

photo courtesy of Sandy Silverstein

CUB SCOUTS!

BOY SCOUTS!

VENTURERS!

AND

SIBLINGS TOO!

**Join us at Beaumont Scout Reservation
on May 2 for the 2nd Annual Shoot-O-Ree!**

For Cubs — BB guns, archery, sling shots, water balloons, rubber band, shooters, marshmallow shooters, and more!

For Boy Scouts & Venturers — tomahawk throwing, handguns, catapult launching, shotguns, rifles, and archery.

Activities run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Scouts can stop by at any time and stay as long as they like. Cost is \$10 per Cub Scout, \$15 per Boy Scout & Venturer (same-age cost for siblings).

Snacks and lunch are available for purchase.

Register today!

shootoree.stlbsa.org

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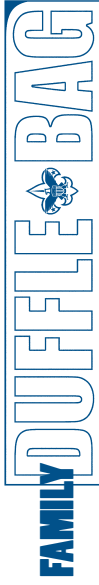
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