First Ride.
### What's Happening Around the Council

**Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday**
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See your district’s events at stlbsa.org.

1. **October 1**
   - Fun With Son (through Sunday)
   - Shawnee Lodge Leadership Development (through Saturday)
   - Cub Scout Leader (through Sunday)

2. **Cub Scout Leader**
   - Day One
   - Map & Compass

3. **Cub Scout Leader**
   - Outdoor Experience
   - Commissioner Training CSAW/BSAW
   - Fall Fright Fest

4. **November 1**
   - Daylight Saving Time ends
   - Feast of All Saints
   - Shawnee Lodge Vigil deadline

5. **Election Day**

6. **Emergency Preparedness Summit (through Sunday)**

7. **November 2**
   - Popcorn sale ends
   - Popcorn & Prize orders due
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8. **November 3**
   - Intro to Outdoor Skills (through Sunday)
   - VOA Officer Training (through Saturday)

9. **November 4**
   - Cub Scout Leader
   - Outdoor Experience (through Saturday)
   - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

10. **November 5**
    - Cub Scout Leader
    - Outdoor Experience (through Sunday)
    - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

11. **November 6**
    - Cub Scout Leader
    - Outdoor Experience (through Sunday)
    - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

12. **November 7**
    - Cub Scout Leader
    - Outdoor Experience (through Sunday)
    - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

13. **November 8**
    - Cub Scout Leader
    - Outdoor Experience (through Sunday)
    - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

14. **November 9**
    - Cub Scout Leader
    - Outdoor Experience (through Sunday)
    - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

15. **November 10**
    - Cub Scout Leader
    - Outdoor Experience (through Sunday)
    - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

16. **November 11**
    - Cub Scout Leader
    - Outdoor Experience (through Sunday)
    - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

17. **November 12**
    - Cub Scout Leader
    - Outdoor Experience (through Sunday)
    - Popcorn Blitz Weekend No. 2 (through Sunday)

18. **November 13**
    - Camps closed
    - Scouting for Food bag distribution

19. **November 14**
    - Camps closed
    - Scouting for Food bag distribution

20. **November 15**
    - Camps closed
    - Scouting for Food bag distribution

21. **November 16**
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    - Scouting for Food bag distribution

58. **December 23**
    - Camps closed
    - Scouting for Food bag distribution

59. **December 24**
    - Christmas
    - Camps & Offices closed

60. **December 25**
    - Christmas
    - Camps & Offices closed

61. **December 26**
    - Christmas
    - Camps & Offices closed

62. **December 27**
    - Christmas
    - Camps & Offices closed

63. **December 28**
    - Christmas
    - Camps & Offices closed

64. **December 29**
    - Christmas
    - Camps & Offices closed

65. **December 30**
    - Christmas
    - Camps & Offices closed

66. **December 31**
    - Christmas
    - Camps & Offices closed

67. **January 1**
    - New Year’s Day
    - Camps & Offices closed
Kids are back in school, which means a new Scouting year is upon us. And with it, comes another year of unforgettable experiences and adventures in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

As you are probably aware, on July 27 the National Executive Board of the BSA ratified a resolution that removes the national restriction on openly gay adult leaders and employees. Chartered organizations may select and approve their own adult volunteer leadership — just as they have always done — provided these volunteers meet all leadership criteria and criminal background checks. The change allows chartered organizations to choose adult volunteer leaders based on beliefs consistent with their organizational doctrine. This change allows Scouting's members and parents to select local units — chartered to organizations with similar beliefs — that best meet the needs of their families.

This fall the BSA also begins a new-and-improved Cub Scout program. These new updates are designed to make the Scouting program more enjoyable for the Scouts and easier for leaders to deliver. In the end, we know that boys deserve a program that is fun and full of adventure, and that's exactly what Cub Scouting is. We look forward to seeing how these new adventures in Cub Scouting will help attract and retain Scouts.

A lot of great activities are happening around the council in the coming months. There truly is something for everyone: familiar favorites such as Fall Fright Fest and Pow Wow, and new programs — STEM Day with Ameren and the Rams, Community Emergency Preparedness Summit, and the innovative, co-ed STEM Scouts.

We are grateful for your support of the Greater St. Louis Area Council's life-changing programs and the more than 40,000 youth they benefit. I hope you will help us make this the best year of Scouting yet by inviting every available youth to join the Boy Scouts of America.

Yours in Scouting,

Ronald S. Green
THE ANNUAL POPCORN SALE may end in a couple of weeks, but you still have time to sell!

Selling popcorn is a great way to fund your unit’s annual program. Money raised by units have been used to cover the cost of badges and advancement, special events, and pack and troop equipment. Not only do units benefit from selling popcorn, but these sales also benefit the council by providing better programs and camping facilities.

By selling popcorn, Scouts and Venturers:
- have an opportunity to pay for their Scouting or Venturing program and earn their way to camp.
- can earn cool rewards and even a college scholarship.
- will gain confidence and learn important skills such as goal-setting, teamwork, and public speaking.
- help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for their parents.

The popcorn sale supports our Scouting program by reducing expenses for Scouting and Venturing families and providing funding for packs and troops to carry out their activities. No other fundraiser supports the entire council paying for needed camp equipment, resources, programs, training for leaders, and much more.

Visit for more info, the product line, commission structure, and details about the FREE camp incentive!

popcorn.stlbsa.org

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OCTOBER 10\3:30-10 P.M.

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Carpooling is encouraged. Sorry, no walk-ins accepted. Expect to spend 2 hours to finish your Fright Fest experience. Groups begin every 30 minutes.

A CUB SCOUT EVENT —
PARENTS & AND SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME!
On September 11, 1965, six Scouts stood in the pouring rain to raise the flags at S bar F Scout Ranch. The flag ceremony — performed by Alan Henderson, Phil Parker, William Stockho, Terry Pogue, Gary Appel, and Tim Larson — represented the official dedication of S bar F Scout Ranch.

Five decades later, five of those same Scouts returned to that spot, this time to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of The Ranch. Gary Walling filled in for the late Tim Larson, who passed away on Jan. 1, 2005. Walling was the Shawnee Lodge Order of the Arrow outgoing lodge chief in 1965 and was also present at the dedication of The Ranch.

This year, S bar F Scout Ranch celebrated its 50th anniversary in conjunction with Camp Staff Reunion Weekend Sept. 4-6. More than 550 people registered for the event — by far the largest attendance of any camp staff reunion. The weekend was filled with fun activities, food, and campfires.

The campfire program on Saturday evening had an extra-special purpose this time. With a bugle playing in the background, Henderson, Parker, Stockho, Pogue, Appel, and Walling completed the flag retirement ceremony. After folding the flags, the men passed the stars and stripes on to six current camp staffers: Jonathan Rolfi, Amy Borgstede, Kenny Edgar, Grant Krull, Ross Munroe, and Emmanuel Porter.

“It was saying ‘you guys are now the next generation,’” said Dennis Hart, chairman of the Camp Staff Reunion and 50th anniversary celebration. “[The next generation] is responsible for maintaining the quality of camp staff, ensuring the traditions of camp staff are continued, and the caring for the property is continued.

“We also expect at the next anniversary of The Ranch, when there is a camp staff reunion celebrating 100 years, those six will be there to hand off the flags again.”

— Terry Pogue
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Welcome Our Newest Staff

**R.J. Crunk**
R.J. Crunk has joined us as chief development officer. He comes to us with more than 21 years of experience with the United Way of Greater St. Louis where he had a proven track record of successful fundraising, program development, and marketing and branding. R.J. was responsible for the overall strategy and execution of the community-wide campaign that hit record totals for the nine years in which he served as senior vice president of Resource Development. He started as an entry-level fundraiser and worked his way to the lead position for the overall United Way campaign.

More recently, R.J. was vice president of External Relations for Mid-America Transplant Services and executive director of the newly formed MTS Foundation, which distributed more than $1 million in its first year of funding opportunities under his direction.

**Regina A. Knapp**
Gina Knapp has assumed the role of chief financial officer for the council. In this role, she oversees all financial functions of the council, including strategic financial planning and analysis, budgeting, accounting, and internal controls.

Gina recently relocated to St. Louis from Kansas City, Mo., where she was vice president of Finance and Administration at Camp Fire National Headquarters. Prior to Camp Fire, Gina served as the business manager, Urban Entrepreneur Partnership, Inc., at the Kaufman Foundation, senior analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and senior accountant at State Street.

**Stephen M. Hammonds**
Steve Hammonds comes to us as director of Support Services after serving in that role for more than 20 years in the Westchester–Putnam Council, Hawthorne, N.Y.

During his tenure there, Steve gave leadership to camp property development and maintenance, as well as all phases of camp operations, council programs, activities, training, and advancement, and all other aspects of council business and support operations.

Steve also served as a district executive and Camping director in the Valley Forge Council, Wayne, Pa., and Program director in the predecessor council to the Jersey Shore Council.

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**Scouting Memorabilia Association presents**

The 27th Annual Greater St. Louis Scout Memorabilia Show & Trade-O-REE

**Nov. 20 & 21**  
Friday 5-11 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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**2016 SUMMER CAMP**
**ONLINE REGISTRATION**
**OPENS OCT. 15**
**9 A.M.**!

camping.stlbsa.org
Robots Get Radical!

Spend a crazy day of robotics fun on Saturday, Nov. 7. At Radical Robotics, kids can learn about and operate several different types of robots, play robot games, and build their own robot to take home.

Radical Robots takes place from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Anheuser-Busch Academic Center, Maryville University, 650 Maryville University Dr., St. Louis, 63141. It is for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and siblings ages 7 to 13.

Fee is $38 per youth, which includes a robot kit ($29.95 value) for the event plus additional materials. Kids can take home their robot at the end of the event.

Registration closes on Oct. 31, the early bird price ends Oct. 24, with the price rising $2 afterwards. Late registrations or walk-ins will not be accepted.

For more information, visit stem.stlbsa.org.

STEM U Takes Scouts To New Levels

Mark your calendar for STEM University — Dec. 19 at University of Missouri-St. Louis and Jan. 9 at Southeast Missouri State University.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers get hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at each STEM U. Plus, they can work on STEM-related merit badges and NOVA awards. Skills learned at STEM U help prepare youth for the competitive world marketplace.

Visit stem.stlbsa.org for more information and to register.
On July 10, the St. Louis Business Journal released its 30 Under 30 Class of 2015. In scanning this year’s class, the Greater St. Louis Area Council was pleasantly surprised to see one of its own on the list! Eagle Scout Nick Hugeback was selected from nearly 500 nominations.

The 30 Under 30 list is comprised of young professionals who are doing big things and considered up-and-comers in the community and their careers. Nick took some time out of his busy schedule to share stories about his Scouting career and professional career.

Q: How old were you when you joined Scouting? What pack and troop were you in?
I was 7 years old when I started as a Tiger cub, with the goal of becoming an Eagle Scout like my dad. I joined Pack and Troop 615 sponsored by St. Norbert Church in Florissant, Mo.

Q: When did you earn your Eagle rank?
In February 2000. I was 14.

Q: Most memorable Scouting story?
My 10-day backpacking trip through the back country of New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch. It was an awesome experience that was action-packed with rock climbing, camping on old Indian burial grounds, summiting mountains, blacksmithing, making your own .30-06 rounds and shooting them, going to a lumber jack camp with spar pole climbing, and hiking down the famous Tooth of Time Ridge back to base camp.

Q: What do you do at Paric? How long have you been with the company?
I am a senior project engineer at Paric Corporation, a general contractor and construction management company. I am constantly taking on the challenge of figuring out how to build buildings better and faster. In one year, I estimated $343 million of commercial construction projects, ending the year with the biggest accomplishment in my career: leading our bid team to win The Arcade Building renovation in downtown St. Louis. This was an extremely large and complicated $80 million renovation of a 500,000-square-foot building containing apartments and space for Webster University. After leading the preconstruction process, I have remained on the construction team helping lead it to a successful completion later this year.

I started with Paric in 2007 as an intern.

Q: How did you become interested in engineering?
Growing up, I wanted to be an architect like my dad, who is also an Eagle Scout. In high school, I had a couple physics classes taught by a really enthusiastic teacher, Mr. Bender, who made it fun and interesting to learn. Going into college, I chose to pursue an architectural engineering degree since this would allow me to get an education related to both professions that interested me.

During college, I worked as an intern doing architecture, then decided to try construction management for a couple summers. Through school and my internships, it became apparent that the engineering side of my mind was more dominant and a career in construction would allow me to play an active role with architects, engineers, developers, and subcontractors. Being in the middle of every part of how a building goes together is really exciting.

Q: How have your experiences in Scouting helped you in your career?
Scouting allowed me to experience and do a wide variety of things — it’s amazing how many skills you develop. All those experiences and skills allow you to connect with people easier. Whether it be learning how to operate a small sailboat, shoot a shot gun, fish, swim a mile, tie the right knot or simply show up to a camping trip prepared for anything. Along with all these experiences and learning how to be prepared, the opportunities and training to lead other people in Scouts gave me self-confidence and experience to continue to lead groups of people to successfully construct buildings. Leading others is something you really have to do in order to get better.

Scouts gave me numerous chances to learn and develop the skills to properly organize, plan, and lead many events.

Q: Would you recommend Scouting to parents and their kids? If so, why?
I would absolutely recommend Scouting to parents and their kids. If I had to re-live my childhood and could only choose one activity to be involved in, it would be Scouting. Scouting teaches you how to be prepared for any situation, lead other people, and gain a wide variety of skills and experiences that build strong character.

Q: If a young man is struggling with whether or not he wants to continue in the Scouting program and achieve Eagle, what would you tell him?
You really have to want it. It is not an easy accomplishment, but it’s something that will stick with you and set you apart for the rest of your life.

If you do achieve Eagle, it’s something that will make you very proud. I know a few people who were really close, but stopped short of Eagle and they tell me that is one thing they really regret not finishing.
**Fall Training At-A-Glance**

**Leader Outdoor Experience**
- Oct. 10-11 — Beaumont Scout Reservation
- Oct. 17-18 — Camp Lewallen

**Intro to Outdoor Skills**
- Oct. 16-18 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

**VOA Officer Training**
- Oct. 16-17 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

**Leave No Trace Trainer Course**
- Oct. 24-25 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

**Pow Wow**
- Nov. 7 — Seckman High School

**Okpik Cold Weather Camping**
- Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 9 & 16-17 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

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**Be Prepared For Outdoor Adventure**

Are you planning to take your Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip? First, you need Leader Outdoor Experience (LOE) training.

Don’t be terrified of the unknown — this course will prepare you for your den or pack’s next outdoor adventure!

This training is open to all leaders within the pack including Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos leaders as well as Cubmasters. Learn about camp facilities, basic cooking and camping skills, and find great resources for your den. Upcoming courses are Oct. 10-11 at Beaumont Scout Reservation or Oct. 17-18 at Camp Lewallen.

For more information, visit training.stlbsa.org.

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**Annual Training Makes Better Leaders**

**Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow**
- Saturday, November 7 | Seckman High School

Are you a new den leader? Are you a long-time Cubmaster looking for new ideas? Then Pow Wow is for you!

Cub Scout leaders from all over the council and country gather to teach, share, and learn. Potential leaders and interested parents are welcome too.

Hands-on classes allow you to learn by doing. Other sessions cover the “nuts and bolts” of running a pack including money matters, online rechartering, challenging parents, advancement and awards, and Webelos transition. Specific training has been designed for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos leaders — as well as Cubmaster and committee member.

**University of Scouting**
- Saturday, January 23 | Fox High School

Calling all leaders, commissioners, Venturers, and Boy Scouts! University of Scouting has the training you need.

Sessions are divided by category: Boy Scout College, Commissioners College, Cub Scout College, High Adventure College, Leadership College, Special Needs College, STEM College, Technology College, Trainer College, and Venturing College. Many colleges are open to Scouts as well as adults.

Red Cross First Aid Training is also offered as a two-hour course covering the basics of first aid along with CPR, soft-tissue injuries, and broken bones.

Visit training.stlbsa.org for more information and to register for Pow Wow and University of Scouting.
Fewer than 100 Honor Medals are awarded each year, on average, in the Boy Scouts of America. This prestigious award is earned by youth or adult leaders who have demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self.

On May 28, 2014, John “Jack” McClain and a friend were swimming in the Huzzah Creek at the Huzzah Valley Campground. Previous days’ rain had risen the level of the creek and substantially increased the current. While Jack was swimming, he noticed a young girl attempt to cross the creek carrying a lawn chair. The current caught the chair, which drug the girl in to the current and in to deeper water. She was struggling to keep her head above water and was calling for help.

Seeing her distress, Jack immediately swam over struggling against the current. He was able to reach out a hand, which the young girl grabbed. He then swam until he could stand and pulled her towards the shore, where his friend assisted with getting her out of the water.

Jack, a Life Scout in Troop 351 sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Church, was invited to speak about his heroic act during a Greater St. Louis Area Council board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17. Following his speech, and unbeknownst to Jack, he was presented with the Honor Medal.

Jack credits the lifesaving and first aid training he received through the Boy Scouts for his ability to act quickly and remain calm in a dangerous situation. He has also earned the Swimming merit badge, which he believes helped in his ability to rescue the girl.

“I try to live the Scout Oath and Law every day, “said Jack, a freshman at De Smet Jesuit High School.

“Scouting has taught me a lot of valuable skills. I feel like I am a better person and I know how to do the right things, thanks to the values that Scouting and my parents have taught me.”

Celebrating Jack McClain’s accomplishment are (from left) Louis B. Eckelkamp III, council commissioner; Terri McClain, Jack’s mother; Jack; L.B. Eckelkamp Jr., council vice president; Jim Turley, council vice president; Larry McClain, Jack’s father; Letty McClain, Jack’s grandmother; and Chip Crow, Jack’s Scoutmaster.
O.A. Lodges Meet For Fellowship

The two Order of the Arrow lodges in the Greater St. Louis Area Council hold their banquets in December to celebrate the passing year and make plans for the year to come.

Anpetu-We Winter Fellowship Banquet is Sunday, Dec. 6, at Knights of Columbus, 29745 US 61, Scott City, 63780. Plans for the next year will be discussed and recognitions for the past year will be given to various Arrowmen.

Shawnee Lodge Winter Banquet is Sunday, Dec. 20, at Machinists Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton, 63044. Gathering starts at 4 p.m. The lodge will conduct its annual business meeting and report on the 2015 Section Conclave. The evening’s highlight is the naming of Vigil Honor candidates. Deadline for nomination is Nov. 1.

For more information, visit anpetu-we.org and shawneelodge.org.

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Use GSLAC Camp Facilities Year-Round

Summer camp may be over, but the fun keeps on going! The Greater St. Louis Area Council has rentable equipment and offerings of fun activities for Scout units, families, and friends to enjoy all year long. With choices from mountain bikes to stand-up paddleboards, kayaks to GPS devices, and tree houses to sailboats, there’s something for everyone. Scout units, family, and friends are all welcome!

Visit the Activities/Events page at stlbsa.org for the fee schedule and outdoor opportunities beyond summer camp.
Join Summer Camp Staff And Give Scouts The Time Of Their Lives

What are you doing next summer? Why not spend it at camp! Get paid to enjoy plenty of sun, exercise, and good food while helping campers have fun and learn new skills.

Camp staff provides a great opportunity for youth to broaden Scouting contacts, improve leadership skills, and serve the thousands of Webelos, Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and leaders who attend our camps.

Approximately 150 high-school and college students work on our summer camp staff. Scholarships for college can be earned by staff who have completed high school and are enrolled as full-time undergraduate or graduate students. Scholarships start at $250 for staff who work one summer, increasing to $1,250 for those who have worked five or more summers.

Interviews for 2016 summer camp staff take place Dec. 22 in St. Louis and Cape Girardeau, and Dec. 23 in St. Louis and Herrin, Ill. Times are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in St. Louis (MacArthur Service Center), 3 to 8 p.m. in Cape Girardeau (Ritter Service Center), and 3 to 5 p.m. in Herrin (Southern Illinois Service Center).

Camp Registration Starts Oct. 15

Mark your calendar to get up early to pick your 2016 Summer Camp! Online registration begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Summer camp is where Scouts gather once a year to make lifelong friends and memories while experiencing the great outdoors and developing valuable lasting skills.

Visit camping.stlbsa.org on Oct. 15 to register for one or more camps.

Holi-DAY Camp Offers Winter Fun

Parents wanting to get some last-minute holiday shopping done or looking for something to keep the kids busy during winter break can sign up their Scouts and siblings (ages 7-11) for Holi-DAY camp this winter. Kids will enjoy crafts, cookie decorating, and other themed projects.

Two sessions are available at Beaumont Scout Reservation: Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30. Camp is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Registration opens in late October at stlbsa.org.
The Sweet 16 Of BSA Safety Applies To All Activities

As fall weather sets in, many folks head outside to enjoy the cooler temperatures. Whether you’re out enjoying a Scouting activity or spending time family and friends, keep the following general safety rules in mind. These 16 safety points, which embody good judgment and common sense, are applicable to all activities.

[1] Qualified Supervision. Every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care. The supervisor should be sufficiently trained, experienced, and skilled in the activity to be confident of his or her ability to lead and teach the necessary skills and to respond effectively in the event of an emergency.

[2] Physical Fitness. The supervisor should receive a complete health history for youth participants in any potentially strenuous activity. This health history may come from a health-care professional, parent, or guardian. The supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate potential risks associated with individual health conditions.

[3] Buddy System. The long history of the “buddy system” in Scouting has shown that it is always best to have at least one other person with you and aware at all times of your circumstances and what you are doing in any outdoor or strenuous activity.

[4] Safe Area or Course. A key part of the supervisor’s responsibility is to know the area or course for the activity and to determine that it is well-suited and free of hazards.

[5] Equipment Selection and Maintenance. Most activity requires some specialized equipment. The supervisor should check equipment to determine whether it is in good condition for the activity and make sure it is kept properly maintained while in use.

[6] Personal Safety Equipment. The supervisor must assure that every participant has and uses the appropriate personal safety equipment. For example, activity afloat requires that each participant properly wear a life jacket.

[7] Safety Procedures and Policies. For most activities, common-sense procedures and standards can greatly reduce any risk. These should be known and appreciated by all participants, and the supervisor must assure compliance.

[8] Skill Level Limits. Every activity has a minimum skill level, and the supervisor must identify and recognize this level and be sure that participants are not put at risk by attempting any activity beyond their abilities.

[9] Weather Check. The risks of many outdoor activities vary substantially with weather conditions. Potential weather hazards and the appropriate responses should be understood and anticipated.

[10] Planning. Safe activity follows a plan that has been conscientiously developed. Good planning minimizes risks and also anticipates contingencies that may require an emergency response or a change of plan.

[11] Communications. The supervisor needs to be able to communicate effectively with participants as needed during the activity. Emergency communications also need to be considered in advance for any foreseeable contingencies.

[12] Permits and Notices. BSA tour permits, council office registration, government or landowner authorization, and any similar formalities are the supervisor’s responsibility when such are required.

[13] First-Aid Resources. The supervisor should determine what first-aid supplies to include among the activity equipment. The level of first-aid training and skill appropriate for the activity should also be considered.

[14] Applicable Laws. BSA safety policies generally parallel or go beyond legal mandates, but the supervisor should confirm and assure compliance with all applicable regulations or statutes.

[15] CPR Resource. Any strenuous activity or remote trek could present a cardiac emergency. BSA strongly recommends that a person trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) be part of the leadership for any BSA program.

[16] Discipline. No supervisor is effective if he or she cannot control the activity and individual participants. Youth must respect their leaders and follow their directions.
American Legion Selects Eagle Scout Of The Year

Jacob Jennemann, of Boy Scout Troop 922 sponsored by The American Legion Post 111 in Shrewsbury, Mo., was recently named 2015 American Legion Department of Missouri Eagle Scout of the Year.

A member of the Order of the Arrow, Jacob earned his Eagle in November 2011 and has since earned 15 Eagle Palms for a total of 111 merit badges. Putting in a total of 262 hours, Jacob’s Eagle Scout project involved constructing eight wolf houses for the Endangered Wolf Center.

Jacob is also very active in his community. He is a member of the Sons of the American Legion, has completed training for Eureka’s Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), and participates annually in Missouri Operation Clean Stream.

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Centers are in the metropolitan St. Louis area unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit the Achievements page at stlbsa.org.

Fish & Wildlife Management
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 25, S bar F Scout Ranch

Fishing & Fly Fishing
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 25, S bar F Scout Ranch

Pets
9 a.m.-noon, Dec. 5, Humane Society of Missouri, 1201 Macklind Ave., 63110

Rock Climbing & Rappelling
Saturdays & Sundays, Upper Limits Rock Gym, 1304 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701

Scuba Diving
6 p.m., Nov. 18, Y-iki Divers West County, 13001 Olive Blvd., 63141

Disabilities Awareness, Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, First Aid, Safety, Search & Rescue, Wilderness Survival
offered at the Community Preparedness Summit Nov. 6-8, Beaumont Scout Reservation (see page 16)

Centers are in the metropolitan St. Louis area unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit the Achievements page at stlbsa.org.
The Community Emergency Preparedness Summit focuses on learning how to assist in the event of an emergency and/or natural disaster, be prepared to assist their families and emergency services, and respond to any situation effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

Students will be taught how to put out small fires, treat the three medical killers and provide basic medical aid, search for and rescue victims safely, assist people with special and functional needs, and collect disaster intelligence to support first-responder efforts.

Topics covered include:
- Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Search & Rescue Operations
- Team Organization & Incident Command Structure
- Terrorism
- Disaster Psychology
- Access, Functional, & Special Needs Considerations

In addition, the following merit badges can be earned during the summit: Disabilities Awareness, Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, First Aid, Safety, Search & Rescue, and Wilderness Survival. All requirements can be met during the weekend's training.

The summit takes place at Beaumont Scout Reservation on Nov. 6-8 and is open to leaders, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and Sea Scouts. The first class begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

Cost is $95, which includes training materials, emergency backpack, and Saturday night Cracker Barrel. All participants should eat dinner prior to arriving at Beaumont on Friday. Campers are responsible for other meals.

For more information on the summit and supplemental training, contact Mary April at 314.402.5559 or mary.april@scouting.org, or Mark Rosenblum at 314.680.0791 or mark.rosenblum@outlook.com.

To register, visit scoutingevent.com?disasterstrikes.

On Saturday, during the Community Emergency Preparedness Summit, supplementary training for staff and volunteers is offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Infant/Child/Adult CPR, AED, and First Aid/Red Card training are provided to only the first 50 staff and volunteers signing up. Cost for this is $35 for a 2-year certification, and it is only available to the staff and volunteers — no registered students can sign up for this if doing the weekend training program. Materials and certification cards are included in the cost.
We recognize the following young men who recently achieved Scouting’s highest rank:

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Learn About Stamp Collecting At 17th Annual Workshop

Held in conjunction with the St. Louis Stamp Expo, the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop on Saturday, April 2, provides a unique opportunity to meet stamp dealers and collectors, view 3,000 pages of philatelic exhibits, attend seminars, and more. The workshop is open to Scouts who have already formed stamp collections as well as those just starting to collect.

The $5 registration fee covers admission to the Stamp Expo and the Souvenir Expo Cover. Registration deadline is March 20.

Scouts may stay after the workshop is completed until the Stamp Expo closes at 6 p.m. Field uniform is required.

For more information, contact David Whitney at 314.553.1925 or dcwklw@yahoo.com, or visit “Merit Badge Skill Centers” on the Advancement page at stlbsa.org.
ALL MIXED-UP GAME.

Write out the 12 points of the Scout Law. Cut each word into a strip and insert each one into a separate balloon. You should have 12 balloons, each with a strip inside. Blow up the balloons and place them in a large basket or bag. Divide Cub Scouts into two teams and line them up next to each other with the basket of balloons between them.

Mark a starting and finish line. Each boy selects a balloon, runs to the finish line, sits on the balloon to pop it, retrieves the paper inside, then runs back to his team and tags the next Scout to go. Once all of the balloons have been popped, the den leader calls “Fix!” and the Cub Scouts then work together to get themselves into the correct order for the Scout Law. Have each Scout read his line, then have them all recite it together.

Note: If you have more than 12 boys in your den, include lines from the Cub Scout motto in separate balloons. If you have fewer than 12, have the Scouts go twice or have others fill in.

New Leader? What Do You Do?

Your son just signed up for Cub Scouting. And you agreed to be a den leader. Now, what do you do?

Fortunately, the Greater St. Louis Area Council just published a guide for new den leaders. This guide contains checklists, tips, ideas, and other information to start you on the path to being a good leader.

Topics covered include preparing for your first den meeting, games and meeting activities, Cub Scout activities and camping, resources, training, and information about the responsibilities of the Cubmaster and the committee.

Also included are the Bobcat requirements. Bobcat is the first rank a Cub Scout earns upon joining.

Participating in Scouting with your son will be one of the most rewarding times of your life!

Visit training.stlbsa.org and for resources and to download a copy of the Guide for New Den Leaders.
Earn Your Way To Camp By Selling Camp Cards

What kid doesn’t want to go to summer camp! Selling 2016 Camp Cards can help every Cub Scout, Webelos, Boy Scout, Venturer, and Explorer earn his or her way to camp. There are even prizes for the top sellers.

Camp Cards offer discounts at several retailers in your area. Last year’s retailers included Six Flags, BassPro Shops, Papa John’s, Firestone Complete Auto Care, Sonic, Sport Clips, Shop ‘n’ Save, Hibbett Sports, Moe’s Southwest Grill, Country Mart, Rally’s, Plaza Tire Service, Subway, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Smoothie King, and Denny’s.

Each Camp Card sells for $5, with $2.50 commission going to your unit. Units are encouraged to use these funds to ensure that every Scout can attend summer camp. Money earned through Camp Cards can also go towards items such as new uniforms, advancement patches, or equipment.

The sale begins Feb. 1. Units can participate in the Camp Card program risk free — unsold Camp Cards can simply be returned to a council service center by March 31.

Tell your leader today you want to sell Camp Cards!

Buder Library Hosts Free Puppet Show & Workshop

A puppet performance and a puppet-making workshop are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Buder Branch of the St. Louis Public Library, 4401 Hampton, St. Louis, 63109.

Tom Bonham Puppet and Marionette Productions performs “90 Seconds — Puppet Stories” at 10:30 a.m. with 45 puppets of various types in stories such as “Little Orphant Annie,” “Wynken, Blynken, and Nod,” “The Creation,” and “Jabberwocky.” Michelle and Stan Guilick lead a “Build Your Own Jabberwock Puppet” workshop at 11:30 a.m.

This free event is sponsored by The Puppet Guild of Greater St. Louis with financial assistance from the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis.

For more information, email rsvp@puppetguild.org, call 314.252.0051, or visit shows.puppetguild.org.

SCOUT SCRAMBLE!

Unscramble the letters to form words found in this Duffle Bag.

1. GHRITF ______________________________
2. ONROH _______________________________
3. ELAGE _______________________________
4. PORCNOP _____________________________
5. CRTEAHERR ___________________________
6. AEIMLRMO __________________________
7. AERSSRPEPDEN ______________________
8. COTIOSRB __________________________
9. PEIALPRGNL __________________________
10. OCLLINCEGT __________________________
11. PWOSRKHO __________________________
12. REJEBMOA ___________________________
13. TISLIEICFA __________________________
14. EROSITNGTIAR ______________________
15. NKKOLDEI __________________________
16. SGINUOCT __________________________
17. IIIECVATST __________________________

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1. FRIGHT
2. HONOR
3. EAGLE
4. POPCORN
5. RECHARTER
6. MEMORIAL
7. PREPAREDNESS
8. ROBOTICS
9. COLLECTING
10. COLLECTING
11. WORKSHOP
12. FUEL
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15. KLONDIKE
16. SCOUTING
17. ACTIVITIES
18. EXPLORING
19. EXPLORING
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NOTES: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leader roundtables are held monthly on the… [1] first Tuesday; [2] first Monday; [3] first Thursday. Meeting dates may be adjusted for holidays. Visit your district’s web page for the latest updates on meetings and other events.
**Memorial Tribute Fund**

Honor a friend or relative with a lasting gift to the Boy Scouts of America. Donations to the Memorial Tribute Fund are a gratifying way for individuals, businesses, or groups to remember special friends. Tributes are suitable for memorials or special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or holidays.

All funds received in the Memorial Tribute Fund are held in the St. Louis Boy Scout Trust of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, with the earnings supporting Scouting in perpetuity.

Your tribute will benefit the youths of our communities forever.

For more information about ways to support Scouting or include Scouting as part of your estate planning, contact R.J. Crunk at 314.256.3010, 800.392.0895 or rj.crunk@scouting.org. Donations can be made online at stlbsa.org.

Received through August:

**In memory of...**

**Alan W. Benson** — Jim A. Syler  
**Cliff Manlove** — Baker Implement Company  
**David Turner** — Virginia Moellenhoff  
**Jere P. Strobl** — Monsanto Matching Gift Fund; Donald E. Lang

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**CORRECTION**

This listing was incorrectly displayed in the Summer Duffle Bag. It should read:

**In memory of...**

**William J. Lamprecht** — Becky Welday; Craig E. Riley, D.P.M.; Don Higgins; Greg A. Falk; Jack E. Tejcek; Jamie J. Lamprecht; Jeff K. Tilford; Joseph A. Burleski Jr; Lee W. Falk; Richard B. Welday III

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**United Way Improves Lives**

A gift to the United Way helps people — one in three people in our community each year.

The United Way partners with more than 170 local agencies that help people throughout our region. From basic needs to health issues, youth development to senior care, United Way funds quality agencies that provide measurable, positive programs to build a healthier, stronger community.

The United Way of Greater St. Louis’ allocation to the Greater St. Louis Area Council is the third-largest of the United Way allocations. Approximately one out of every five dollars spent on our Scouting program comes from the United Way. The council is especially grateful to those people who give to both the United Way and Friends of Scouting. However, when asked to contribute to the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the council respectfully requests that you do not designate your gift to go toward the Greater St. Louis Area Council. The council asks you to support the overall mission of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, which includes our council.

Last year, United Way volunteers allocated more than 90 cents out of every dollar to support programs and services to solve problems in greater St. Louis.

Your contribution is critical. It’s a way for you to combine the power of your gift with others to help thousands of your neighbors.
Show Us How You’ve Enhanced Scouting’s Image!

Your unit can earn the Beacon Award — a ribbon for your unit’s flag — by performing civic service, providing an honor guard for ceremonies, or completing other activities that positively displays the Scouting program to the general public.

Examples are:
- a uniformed color guard for a civic ceremony, such as a parade or other public event.
- a flag raising and/or flag retirement ceremony; leading the Pledge of Allegiance at a public meeting.
- service to an outside organization, such as staffing an information booth at a county fair or assisting with logistics at a community event.

Submit a photograph of your Scouts in action at the event being good representatives of the BSA. Scouts should wear as complete a uniform as they possess, unless the event calls for work clothes.

The Beacon Award was established in 2008 as a new initiative to show the community what Scouting is all about. The award is limited to one per unit, per year.

Gravois Trail
Pack 61 — completed annual service project repainting U.S. map on playground at Oakville Elementary School

New Horizons
Troop 805 — cleaned 7 miles of Meramec River, collecting approximately 1-2 cubic yards of trash, during Operation Clean Stream

Ozark Trailblazers
Troop 417 — performed flag ceremony on behalf of AmVets Post 48, lead DeSoto Independence Day Parade with honor guard

River Trails
Troop 561 — participated in DeSoto Memorial Day honors with flag ceremony, performed flag retirement ceremony on behalf of AmVets Post 48, lead DeSoto Independence Day Parade with honor guard

For more information or to find out how your unit can earn a Beacon Award, visit stlbsa.org/awards.
Okpik Prepares Campers For Winter Wonderland

What could be more exhilarating than camping in wintertime? The crisp fresh air. Snow-covered hills. Hot chocolate or coffee brewing over the campfire.

Okpik cold-weather camping training enables leaders to extend their unit’s outdoor camping season to a full 12 months.

The Okpik cold-weather program teaches Scout leaders how to be comfortable and safe while camping in cold weather. These unique skills are delivered in a safe environment and culminates in a 24-hour outdoor overnight session that tests new-found skills while enjoying Scout fellowship and competition.

This is not a survival skills session. It is an opportunity to learn about how winter camping can be fun and exciting — and enjoyable! The program takes place in a troop setting, where each participant is assigned to a unique cold-weather patrol.

Four troop meetings are mandatory for graduation, with the fourth session being a weekend outdoor overnight adventure. Topics of instruction include cold-weather dress, first aid, menu, and equipment.

The course is open to all registered adult leaders, and to youth who meet the following requirements:

- Must be 14 years old.
- Achieved First Class rank or higher by Oct. 1, 2015.
- Have long-term camping experience.
- Obtain Scoutmaster’s approval.

Venturers may participate with the same requirements, minus the First Class rank.

The Okpik program’s first three sessions are scheduled for Dec. 5 and 19* and Jan. 9. The overnight session is Jan. 16-17. All sessions take place at Beaumont Scout Reservation.

*Note: The Program Guide incorrectly listed the second session as Dec. 12.

Okpik was created by the BSA’s Northern Tier High Adventure Bases at the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minn. The word Okpik — pronounced OOk’ pick — is Inuit for Snowy Owl.

2016 SUMMER CAMP ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 15 AT 9 A.M.!
Live Scouting’s Adventure
At 2017 National Jamboree

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend the 2017 National Jamboree.


Ron Gjerstad, a Scouter with more than 25 years of experience, has been appointed by Scout Executive Ron Green to represent GSLAC as our council contingent leader.

Registration can be completed online at bsajamboree.org. A My.Scouting username and password are required. Visit My.Scouting.org if you don’t have a My.Scouting account and follow the directions to create one. The My.Scouting account must be in the name of the person attending the jamboree and will be linked to his/her current, active BSA membership number.

Check jamboree.stlbsa.org often for payment schedule and details. Scouts and families should begin saving now for this memorable trip. All costs have not been set, but plan on approximately $2,000 total.

Scouters interested in serving as contingent leaders should apply online at summit.scouting.org and submit a résumé to Tony Fouts, jamboree staff adviser, at the MacArthur Service Center by mail, 4568 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108; or email, anthony.fouts@scouting.org.

Adults not selected during the interview process may apply for jamboree staff-at-large positions.

For more information, contact Ron Gjerstad at rongjerstad@buchheitonline.com; or Tony Fouts at anthony.fouts@scouting.org or 314-256-3124.

Tentative Timeline

- **Now** — interested Scouts, Venturers, potential troop leaders, and youth and adult staff register online. Scouts and Venturers go through the local, regional, and national approval process.
- **Late 2015/Early 2016** — troop leader candidate interviews conducted and leaders selected.
- **Spring 2017** — jamboree troop meetings with Scouts and adult leadership take place.
- **July 2017** — troops depart for jamboree.

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Summer To Remember.

Troop 33 poses for a group photo during the 1957 National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa.

Scouts had been camping in the park since the 1910s, and national jamborees were held at Valley Forge in 1950, 1957, and 1964.

*photo from Ron Evans*

Do you have a memory or photo to share? Send your favorite memories to christine.hummel@scouting.org.
You never know who will lend a hand for tug-of-war at Fall Fright Fest.

photo by Christine Hummel