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See your district’s events at stlbsa.org.
A Note From The Scout Executive...

Commit To Excellence

Spring has arrived, and with it comes the opening day of baseball season. All of us who are Cardinals fans are rooting for another World Series Championship. We want the Cardinals to strive for excellence. I feel the same way about Scouting. We are all part of another winning tradition, the Greater St. Louis Area Council and Boy Scouts of America. Together, let’s strive for excellence in Scouting.

Fifty years ago, S bar F Scout Ranch was developed by the Greater St. Louis Area Council and quickly became one of the finest Scout properties in the nation. It set a standard we have never lost sight of. In fact, our strategic plan calls for excellence in all we do — properties, program, training, and leadership.

While we have a lot to be proud of, we must constantly be meeting the needs of today’s youth and their families while being focused on the future. To paraphrase a famous business leader, if the outside world is changing faster than your organization, you need to be concerned.

Here in the Greater St. Louis Area Council, we are working every day to make Scouting more relevant to today’s families with programs such as our nationally recognized STEM initiative, the new dining hall at Camp Famous Eagle, and the new all-terrain-vehicle program at Camp Lewallen. It reminds me of a phrase often used among our staff, “stimulating progress, while preserving the core.” While we make upgrades and improvements to our programs and facilities, it’s never at the risk of losing our core mission: to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

As we talk about excellence in Scouting, it is no secret that Scouts who attend summer camp stay in the program longer. I am asking for your help in ensuring every boy and girl in your packs, troops, crews, posts, and phips participates in one of our great camp experiences this summer. It is part of delivering an excellent Scouting experience. It improves retention, changes lives for the better, and our communities benefit by having more youth with the values instilled by an excellent Scouting program.

Please join me in committing to excellence by getting your Scouts to camp this summer, keeping your training up to date, and keeping your approach to your local Scouting program relevant to today’s youth.

Yours in Scouting,

Ronald S. Green

The latest in council and BSA news...

- **STEM On CAMPus** gives Boy Scouts a summer adventure like no other. p.6
- **Venturing Camp** takes camping to new levels! Choose a week of Survivor Challenge, Historical Reenactment/Shooting Sports, Sea Scout Aquatic Extravaganza, or STEM With International Scouting (camp alongside German scouts!). Sign up for a second week and get a discount. p.14
- **The enhanced Cub Scout program** launches June 1 — new adventures, new handbooks, and more. p.9
- **Want to go to camp for free in 2016?** Enter the #scoutitout contest and you could win a free week of camp and a $500 Scout Shop shopping spree. p.3

ABOUT THE COVER...

Two Boy Scouts run an experiment during STEM University at the University of Missouri–St. Louis last December.

photo by Bruce Levitt
Annual Business Meeting

The purpose of the annual business meeting is to receive annual reports, receive and approve financial reports and statements, transact other business, and elect members-at-large, associate and honorary members, National Council members, regular members of the executive board, and officers of the corporation.

Any proposals to be discussed during the annual meeting must be forwarded in writing by June 1, 2015, to Secretary of the Corporation, Greater St. Louis Area Council–Boy Scouts of America, 4568 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108-2193. Nominations to the executive board should also be sent to the secretary by June 1.

The annual meeting and recognition dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 18. Highlighting the evening is the presentation of the Silver Beaver Awards.

Highest Honors

The Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor that a council can present to an adult volunteer of the Boy Scouts of America. The award is presented to those volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to the Scouting program. Nominations are recommended by the local council and approved by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. At Duffle Bag press time, the newest recipients of the Silver Beaver Award were not selected. Watch for their names to appear on the council website, stlbsa.org, within the next couples of weeks.

Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of these recipients for 2015. The Greater St. Louis Area Council’s Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner takes place on Wednesday, June 18, at St. Charles Convention Center. Check-in is at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Cost of the evening is $35 per person, which includes dinner. Reservations are due June 4.

Visit stlbsa.org for more information.

Newest Eagles Recognized in May

More than 600 Eagle Scouts will be honored for their achievement at the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner on May 6.

Also recognized at the dinner will be Michael and Noémi Neidorff, 2014 Soaring Eagle recipients, for their dedication to the Scouting program. Michael is chairman, president, and CEO of Centene Corporation. Noémi is an artist and philanthropist.

The Eagle Scouts honored will be known as the Michael and Noémi Neidorff Eagle Scout Class of 2014.

Invitations to the recognition dinner were mailed in March. The dinner takes place in the Khorassan Room of the Chase Park Plaza.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than two million young men.


*recipient of Distinguished Eagle Award
This summer, the Greater St. Louis Area Council launches an exciting new social media contest called #scoutitout. This contest is all about sharing your incredible Scouting stories and adventures through social media to earn a chance to win one of three prizes. Each prize winner receives one FREE week of summer camp at a GSLAC property in 2016 plus a $500 gift card to the Scout Shop!

How does it work?
It’s easy to participate in the contest and earn entries. The contest begins on Monday, June 8, and ends on Saturday, Aug. 8. During this time, Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, parents, and volunteers who post a Scouting photo or video on their personal Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram accounts will automatically receive one entry. Participants are limited to one entry per day and all shares must include @stlbsa and hashtag #scoutitout.

Three winners will be randomly selected on Aug. 10.

Win a FREE week at GSLAC Summer Camp + $500 Scout Shop shopping spree

scoutitout.stlbsa.org
Come One, Come All To The Shoot-O-Ree!

How often can you spend a day shooting BB guns or shotguns, launching things from a catapult, and trying your hand at archery? And there are even more marksmanship activities!

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and their siblings are invited to the annual Shoot-O-Ree on Saturday, May 2, at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Activities are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and participants can stop by at any time and stay for as long as they like.

Shooting activities are designed according to age group:
- Cub Scouts — archery, BB guns, marshmallow shooters, rubber band shooters, sling shots, water balloons, and more.
- Boy Scouts and Venturers — archery, catapults, handguns, shotguns, rifles, and tomahawk throwing.

All participants receive a safety briefing and shooting instruction. Cub Scouts and their same-age siblings should have an adult partner present throughout the day.

Cost is $10 per Cub Scout, $15 per Boy Scout and Venturer; siblings pay same-age rate. Snacks and lunch are available for an additional cost.

At last year’s Shoot-O-Ree, Cub Scouts fired bottle rockets.

The Shoot-O-Ree is a “rain-or-shine” event. Check the weather forecast for the day and dress appropriately.

Visit shootoree.stlbsa.org for more information and to register.

Skilled Tradesmen Workday

Do you have skills in carpentry, painting, roofing, etc.? Then we want you!

We’re looking for volunteers who can offer a skilled trade to provide improvements to The Ranch. In addition to labor, we’re also looking for supply donations.

Contact Rich Panosh at rich.panosh@scouting.org to sign up or donate!
What's In the News?

**SbarF Fishing Day**
Grab your rod and reel and head to The Ranch for the annual Scout & Adult Fishing Day on May 2.

Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers are invited to enjoy a day of fishing on Nims Lake — for free.

Reservations are due April 24. To register, visit scoutandadultfishing.

For more information, contact David Goddard at 314.368.6916.

**Venturing Dinner**
The final Silver Awards and the new Venturing Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit Awards will be presented at the annual recognition dinner on May 28.

The Silver, Bronze, and Gold awards retire this year, with the new above-mentioned awards taking their place.

Also to be presented at this year’s dinner are the following awards: Venturing Ranger, Quest, TRUST, Sea Scout Quartermaster, Venturing Leadership, and Venturing Servant Leader. The VOA Outstanding Service Award rounds out the presentations.

The dinner is at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

Visit venturing.gslac.org to register.

**Ranch History Book**
2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the dedication of S bar F Scout Ranch. Commemorating the celebration is a book outlining the history of The Ranch — with plenty of pictures.

“And Hills To Roam” can be purchased at the Camp staff Reunion and Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion in September, and thereafter by order through the council.

**Do A Good Turn For Memorial Day**
Club 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 will be placed at each veteran’s grave at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery following a solemn procession at 12:30 p.m. and 30-minute ceremony honoring deceased military personnel.

Check-in and onsite registration is from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in front of Building 24 on the Missouri National Guard Base adjacent to the ceremony. Upon check-in, the unit leader receives a unit participation ribbon. A Memorial Day Good Turn patch is available for $3; segment patch is 50 cents.

Preregistration is strongly recommended. Registration is now done online at gravoistrail.kintera.org/memorialdaygoodturn. A confirmation email will be sent with specific information for the unit.

**North Star Welcomes New District Director**
Claude Bond joins the Greater St. Louis Area Council April 1 as North Star District’s district director.

He brings six years’ experience serving both urban and suburban districts in the Chicago area. As a district executive and senior district executive, among his responsibilities was management of 30 part-time paraprofessionals. He earned recognition as one of the “Top 50 Youth Serving Executives in the Central Region” on two occasions.

Claude is a native of St. Louis, and he was recently inducted into the Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis Alumni Hall of Honor.

**Find out what your district has planned for 2015-16!**

**PROGRAM PREVIEW**

| May 30  | Egyptian |
| June 1  | Pathfinder Thunderbird |
| June 2  | Boone Trails Gravois Trail New Horizons Osage Shawnee Sioux |
| June 4  | Cherokee Kaskaskia North Star Ozark Trailblazers River Trails |

**Photo by Ron Jennings**
STEM And NOVA Days Are Around The Corner

Once again, Mad Science brings expertise and experiments to Cub Scout STEM Day on April 11 at Webster University. Cubs and Webelos can work on Astronomy and Weather belt loops.

To register, visit scoutingevent.com?cubscoutstemdayWU2015.

Boy Scouts, don’t miss the STEM spin on program from the Saint Louis Science Center. At Boy Scout NOVA Day on April 18, Scouts can work on the “Start Your Engines” Technology NOVA award and Electricity merit badge.

To register, visit scoutingevent.com?boyscoutnovaday2015.

Check out other STEM workshops at stem.stlbsa.org.

STEM On CAMPus Is A New Summer Camp Experience

Boy Scouts can enjoy 21st century-style camping in this STEM-based summer camp, with campus dorm living for three cool nights at Southeast Missouri State University, Laferla Hall.

Program sessions feature merit badges or NOVA awards. Extracurricular fun happens each evening — ropes course, team-building games, and more. University faculty and staff will facilitate the activities associated with STEM merit badges and NOVA awards.

Check-in is Tuesday evening, June 2, and check-out is Friday night, June 5.

Cost is $195 per Scout and $75 per adult leader, with eight meals provided. Scouts can come with their troop or alone and be a part of a provisional troop. Registration closes one week prior to camp start.

Visit scoutingevent.com?STEMonCAMPus to learn more.

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Scouts in Uniform climb for only $10 after 4 pm! (Rentals not included)

(Reservations required for groups of 8 or more)

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SbarF Dining Hall Nears Completion

Last fall, the Greater St. Louis Area Council broke ground on a new 16,000-square-foot dining hall and central commissary at S bar F Scout Ranch. Seven months later, the structure has made significant progress and is on schedule to be completed in time for 2015 summer camp.

Located at Camp Famous Eagle, the dining hall will seat more than 400 campers, double as a storm shelter and program shelter during inclement weather, and serve as a commissary for all four camps on The Ranch (Camp Gamble, Camp Famous Eagle, Camp Sakima, and Swift Base).

Troops continue to have the option for patrol cooking, giving Scouts more options at camp. The dining hall also allows more time for programming and transforms The Ranch into a year-round program facility.

New At Camp Lewallen: Ride ATVs This Summer

Youth-size ATVs arrived at Camp Lewallen last month for the new All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety and Training Program beginning this summer.

Held in conjunction with the ATV Safety Institute and Polaris, this program is for Boy Scouts ages 14 and older. During the course, Scouts learn how to safely and properly operate and maintain an ATV as well as participate in trail rides.

Cost for the ATV Program is $25. It is offered Monday through Friday during camp in two sessions: 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m. Safety gear is provided.

JOIN YOUR FELLOW BOY SCOUTS FOR SCOUT NIGHTS AT THE BALLPARK

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BOY SCOUT NIGHT

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To purchase, visit cardinals.com/scouts or call 314-345-9000
Spring Showers: Watch Out For Lightning Risk

In many parts of the country, Scouting activities in the outdoors will be at risk to thunderstorms and lightning-strike potential. In a thunderstorm, there is no risk-free location outside.

Be prepared for your outdoor adventure by knowing the weather patterns of the area. Weather patterns on the Florida coast differ greatly from the mountains of New Mexico and the lakes of Minnesota or the rivers of West Virginia. In addition to patterns, monitor current weather forecasts and conditions of the area you plan to visit and modify your plans as needed.

The National Weather Service recommends that when the “Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! The only completely safe action is to get inside a safe building or vehicle.” When a safe building or vehicle is nearby, the best risk-reduction technique is to get to it as soon as possible.

Move quickly when you first hear thunder, see lightning, or observe dark, threatening clouds developing overhead. Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear the last rumble of thunder before resuming outdoor activities.

To reduce risk when no safe building or vehicle is nearby:

- Avoid open fields, the top of a hill, or a ridge top if camping, hiking, etc., far from a safe vehicle or building.
- Spread your group out 100 feet from each other if possible.
- Stay away from tall, isolated trees, flag poles, totem poles, or other tall objects. If you are in a forest, stay near a lower stand of trees.
- Set up camp in a valley, ravine, or other low area if you are camping in an open area — but avoid flood-prone areas. Remember, a tent offers NO protection from lightning.
- Stay away from water, wet items (such as ropes), and metal objects (such as fences and poles). Water and metal are excellent conductors of electricity.
- Drop anchor in a small boat if you cannot get back to land to a safe building or vehicle and get as low as possible. Large boats with cabins — especially those with lightning-protection systems properly installed — or metal marine vessels offer a safer but not risk-free environment. Remember to stay inside the cabin and away from any metal surfaces.

If lightning strikes, be prepared to administer CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) so that you can tend to lightning victims quickly — they do not hold an electrical charge. Take anyone who is a victim of a lightning strike or near-strike to the nearest medical facility as soon as possible, even if the person appears to be unharmed.

For additional information on lightning and weather services, visit noaa.gov.

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"Two Kinds Of Shelter"

- Safe Building — one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls, and floor, and has plumbing or wiring. Examples of safe buildings include home, school, church, hotel, office building, or shopping center.
- Safe Vehicle — any fully enclosed, metal-topped vehicle such as a hard-topped car, minivan, bus, truck, etc. If you drive into a thunderstorm, slow down and use extra caution. If possible, pull off the road into a safe area. Do NOT leave the vehicle during a thunderstorm.

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"Sign up now for our S.T.E.M. Programs specifically designed for Cub Scouts."

Our new program for 2015 introduces kids to Aerodynamics, Racing Safety & Technology.

All kids must be at least 6 years old and 48” tall to drive the karts. The Program costs $20 per child and includes a race, Cub Scout belt loop and diploma.

Visit PolePositionRaceway.com/St-Louis to see available dates and to register.

314-925-7545
8800 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63119
Cubs Now Have More Adventures Than Ever!

For the past three years, hundreds of volunteers have been working to make the new Cub Scout program more dynamic and exciting for today’s youth and families. The program officially launches June 1.

Cub Scouts will earn their ranks through a series of adventures, with seven adventures required for rank advancement. In addition, boys may earn additional adventure loops for each rank level. The term “belt loop” has been changed to “adventure loop.” Boys working on Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks will earn “adventure pins.”

In May, “Tiger Cubs” becomes simply “Tiger” with a new logo. This puts the rank more in line with the other single-animal ranks: Wolf, Bear, Bobcat.

Some of the new Cub Scout adventure loops and pins are Tigers in the Wild, Earning Your Stripes, Howling at the Moon, Motor Away, Bear Necessities, Super Science, First Responder, Scouting Adventure, Engineer, Moviemaking, and Aquanaut. Cubs can begin earning them on June 1.

While the Academics and Sports program is retiring, many of the activities popular in that program have been integrated into the new adventure program. The new activities are designed to incorporate character development, participatory citizenship, personal fitness, outdoor adventure, and leadership development.

Handbooks and key leader resources will be available in Scout Shops and as ebooks via Amazon.com on May 1. Insignia will roll out by the end of June.

For the latest information, presentation materials, and webcasts explaining the new format, visit scouting.org/programupdates.

Venturing Updates Program In 2015

The Venturing program has defined three age categories for membership: youth (ages 14-17), adult participant (ages 18-20), and adult member (age 21+).

Adult participants and members are required to complete Venturing Youth Protection Training every two years and must fill out an adult application.

As with Boy Scouting and Cub Scouting, Venturing has adopted the Scout Oath and Law. The Pillars of Venturing continue to be adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service (ALPS). Venturing activities are classified in tiers according to the amount of preparation and planning required. These tiered activities feature into the program’s award structure. Crews also have access to new training courses in mentoring as well as goal setting and time management.

For more information on the Venturing program, visit the Venturing page at stlbsa.org or venturing.gslac.org.

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Where It All Started...

In 1961, part of the Mine La Motte domain in Knob Lick, Mo., was acquired for the St. Louis Area Council—Boy Scouts of America with the help of the St. Joseph Lead Company and Elmer A. Jones, along with an initial gift of the Stix, Baer & Fuller Company by Arthur B. Baer. The next year, Scout Executive Russ Hart committed to the purchase of 3,800 acres for what would become S bar F Scout Ranch on the St. Francois/Madison county border.

For the next 50 years, The Ranch would continue to grow in size and offerings for campers. Traditional activities have endured: canoeing, hiking trails, horseback riding, outpost camping, rock climbing, shooting sports, and swimming. The adventure continued with the addition of challenge courses, Huck’s Cove, kayaks, rappelling, sailboats, and waterskiing.

Hundreds of thousands of Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and their adult leaders have camped at S bar F Scout Ranch in the last 50 years. More than 10,000 are expected to come to The Ranch this summer — many for the first time, but it won’t be their last!

How can you celebrate The Ranch’s anniversary? If you were on the camp staff of any of our camps, come to the Camp Staff Reunion Sept. 4-6! Email gslacalumni@gmail.com to receive the latest reunion information, and “like” and follow the GSLAC Camp Staff Alumni Group on Facebook.

Staffing The Camp.

Eagle Scout Michael Long-Brown is just one of the friendly faces Scouts will see this year at summer camp. Michael, a member of Grand Towers District Troop 26 chartered to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, has been a Scout since 2007 and this year will mark his fourth-straight summer working on camp staff at Camp Lewallen.

It is a place that holds a very dear spot in his heart because without it, he claims, he never would have achieved Eagle. His positive experience attending Camp Lewallen gave him the drive to reach Scouting’s pinnacle. Not only that, but summer camp offers Scouts the perfect opportunity to earn several merit badges toward achieving the Eagle rank. Read on to learn more about Michael and summer camp in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.
What was your first year on camp staff?
2012.

What will your responsibilities be at camp this summer?
I hopefully will be a trading post manager because that is something I really wanted to do last year but didn’t get a chance to do. Last year, I was a Scoutcraft counselor as well, and I taught Pioneering and Basket Weaving.

What other camp staff duties have you had?
My first year, I was a dining hall steward for the first week, and then spent the remainder of camp in the Ecology Area where I taught Mammal Study and Nature merit badges. Last year, I was a Scoutcraft counselor as well, and I taught Pioneering and Basket Weaving.

I can’t explain it. It’s something you have to experience for yourself.

For Scouts coming to camp, what is your best piece of advice?
Come ready to have fun. There’s plenty there for Scouts to do.

What is your most memorable summer camp experience?
As a camper, my favorite experience was at Camp Gamble. My troop was having a really bad week. The staff came over and they played games with us, talked to us, and tried to help us have a better time. They really turned things around for us, and we had a great time by the end of the week.
photos by Christine Hummel, Ron Jennings, Ryan Kirchner, and Bruce Levitt or from council archives

Get your commemorative book at the Camp Staff Reunion!
Sign up for one of our camps this summer.
Become part of history!
SUMMER CAMP DATES & FEES

Cub Scouts

Camp Famous Eagle, S bar F Scout Ranch
Parent & Pal ................................................................. $40
June 27-28 July 11-12

Camp Gamble, S bar F Scout Ranch
Parent & Pal ................................................................. $40
June 27-28 July 11-12

Camp Lewallen
Bear Camp ...................................................... $140 $155
July 29-31
Parent & Pal ................................................................. $40
June 27-28
Webelos Mini-Camp ............................................... $140 $155
July 19-21 July 22-24
Wolf Camp ................................................................. $140 $155
July 26-28

Camp May, Beaumont Scout Reservation
Bear Camp ...................................................... $140 $155
July 5-7
Parent & Pal ................................................................. $40
June 27-28 July 11-12 July 25-26
Webelos Mini-Camp ............................................... $140 $155
June 28-30 July 8-10 July 19-21
July 22-24
Webelos Week Long Camp ................................ $260 $275
June 14-20 June 21-27 July 12-18
Wolf Camp ................................................................. $140 $155
July 1-3

Pine Ridge Scout Camp
Webelos Mini-Camp ............................................... $140 $155
July 12-14 July 16-18

Boy Scouts

Camp Famous Eagle, S bar F Scout Ranch
Boy Scout Summer Camp* ........................................ $260 $275
June 21-27 June 28-July 4 July 5-11
July 12-18 July 19-25 July 26-Aug. 1
Aug. 2-7

Camp Gamble, S bar F Scout Ranch
Boy Scout Summer Camp* ........................................ $260 $275
June 14-20 June 28-July 4 July 5-11
July 12-18 July 19-25 July 26-Aug. 1
Eagle Trail Week ................................................... $270 $285
Aug. 2-7

Camp Lewallen
Boy Scout Summer Camp* ........................................ $260 $275
June 14-20 June 21-27 July 12-18
July 5-11 July 19-25 July 26-Aug. 1

Venturers

Swift Base, S bar F Scout Ranch
Sea Scout Aquatic Extravaganza ................................ $270 $285
June 28-July 4
Shooting Sports & Historical Reenactment ........... $270 $285
June 21-28
STEM With International Scouting
(German Scout troop in attendance) ..................... $270 $285
July 5-11
Venturing Outdoor Survivor Challenge ................ $270 $285
June 14-20

Boy Scouts & Venturers

Camp May, Beaumont Scout Reservation
STEM Week* .......................................................... $270 $285
July 26-Aug. 1

Nagel Base, Beaumont Scout Reservation
Horse Camp .......................................................... $275 $290
Aug. 2-8

Swift Base, S bar F Scout Ranch
Catholic Adventure Week* ....................................... $280 $295
July 12-18

Ranger

S bar F Scout Ranch
Ranger Program* .................................................. $270 $285
June 14-20 June 21-27 June 28-July 4
July 5-11 July 12-18 July 19-25
July 26-Aug. 1

Adults

Bear Camp, Webelos Mini-Camp, Wolf Camp .............. $55
Boy Scout Summer Camp, Eagle Trail,
Ranger Program, STEM Week, Venturing camps,
Webelos Week Long Camp ........................................ $80
Catholic Adventure Week ........................................ $90
Parent & Pal .......................................................... $40

For more about summer camps and registration, visit camping.stlbsa.org.
Cub Scout Day Camp
(Twilight camps are held in the evening.)
The following camps were scheduled at Duffle Bag press time. Dates and/or locations are subject to change. Check for updates at camping.stlbsa.org.

Boone Trails District
June 8-12 McNair Park, St. Charles ....................................................$65
June 15-19 Lincoln County, Old Monroe – Twilight ................................$65
June 15-19 Wentzville United Methodist Church, Shooting Sports – Twilight ..................................................$65
June 22-25 Cottleville, STEM Camp – Twilight ........................................$65

Egyptian District
June 18-20 Pine Ridge Scout Camp ..........................................................$60
June 25-27 STEM Camp, Adams School ..................................................$80

Gravois Trail District
June 23-25 Simpson Park, Fenton – Twilight ...........................................$65
July 21-23 Oakville, Bee Tree Fishing – Twilight .....................................$65
July 27-29 Webelos – Twilight .................................................................$65

Kaskaskia District
June 15-17 Pine Ridge ...............................................................................$50

New Horizons District
June 1-5 Blackburn Park, Webster Groves .............................................$65
July 13-17 Millennium Park, Creve Coeur – Twilight ...............................$65
July 20-24 Kirkwood Park .......................................................................$65

North Star District
June 8-12 St. Ferdinand Park, Florissant ................................................$65
June 10 Knights of Columbus Park, Florissant .......................................$65
July 20-23 St. Louis Community College–Florissant Valley, STEM Camp ..................................................................................$65

Osage District
June 22-26 Washington Fairgrounds .......................................................$65
July 27-31 Sullivan Fairgrounds – Twilight ..............................................$65

Ozark Trailblazers District
June 4-6 St. Genevieve ...........................................................................$40
July 6-10 Mineral Area College – Twilight ..............................................$60

Pathfinder District
June 8-12 St. Ann Park – Twilight ............................................................$50
July 20-24 Deer Creek .............................................................................$60

River Trails District
June 15-19 Arnold Elks ..........................................................................$65
July 6-10 Crystal City/Festus Elks ..............................................................$60
July 20-22 Herculaneum, Shooting Sports – Twilight ............................$60
July 27-29 Northwest – Twilight ..............................................................$55

Shawnee District
June 22-26 Chaffee Elks Park .................................................................$60
July 20-24 Cape/Jackson .........................................................................$65

Thunderbird District
June 15-18 Forest Park, Fishing – Twilight .............................................$65
July 27-30 Tower Grove Park – Twilight ..................................................$65

Grizzly Camp at Beaumont Scout Reservation
June 22-26 Mud Bug ..................................................................................$100
June 29-July 3 Nature Gone Wild ............................................................$100
July 6-10 Things That Go! .....................................................................$100
July 13-17 Science Madness .................................................................$100

Join The Grizzly Camp Staff
Looking for some extra spending money this summer? A limited number of paid positions at Grizzly Camp are available for youth (ages 17-21) and adults. Staff must be registered members of the BSA, thereby completing a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training. Contact the Activities Department at 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895 for more information.
Local Sea Scout Joins Elite Group

The Quartermaster Award goes to the young adult who attains the highest rank in Sea Scouts. Consider it the Sea Scouting equivalent of an Eagle Scout award — only perhaps rarer.

In December 2014, Katie Bruton of Osage District Ship 5454, chartered to American Legion Post 297, became just the 37th Scout in the nation to earn the Quartermaster Award.

To earn the Quartermaster Award, a Sea Scout must conduct a Quartermaster Service Project as well as demonstrate special skills and complete four electives, among other requirements. The skills are anchoring, boat handling, environment, marlinspike seamanship, navigation rules, piloting, safety, swimming, and weather. Electives are selected from boat maintenance, drill, electricity, engine, navigation, piloting, radio, rigging, sailing, and yacht racing crew.

Katie’s service project was to design, build, and execute the construction of podiums for Immaculate Conception Grade School in Union, Mo. Katie and the volunteers who contributed to completing the project put in 322 total hours of service. The podiums are made of light wood with dark trim, each complete with two shelves, a top that lifts up for easy access to the top shelf, four rotating wheels for easy maneuvering, and a dark oak cross on the front.

In addition, she earned the Small-Boat Handler Award, Qualified Seaman Award, and the Long Cruise Award with one bar.

Also involved in Venturing, Katie is a member of Crew 2783, chartered to Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church, and currently is the Central Region Area 3 Venturing president.
We recognize the following young men who recently achieved Scouting’s highest rank:

**Boone Trails**
- Zachary Brissos, Troop 533
- Casten Clausner, Troop 533
- Dustin Costin, Troop 853
- Andrew Farley, Troop 949
- Kaleb Fox, Troop 977
- Justin Hackmann, Troop 856
- Gerald Harris, Troop 853
- Ryan Hoppe, Troop 853
- William Hultz, Troop 628
- Jonathan Jansen, Troop 391
- Elijah Kelly, Troop 976
- James King, Troop 997
- Brian Kruse, Troop 918
- Matthew Lauer, Troop 351
- Jacob Lepski, Troop 763
- Branton McCain, Team 6952
- Zachary Nauman, Troop 353
- Erik Nielsen, Troop 853
- Thomas Officer, Troop 72
- Benjamin Orlet, Troop 628
- Nathaniel Phelan, Troop 857
- Connor Pisczek, Troop 984
- Trey Reinheimer, Troop 857
- Michael Schiermeier, Troop 613
- Joshua Schlegel, Troop 760
- Ian Slueter, Troop 757
- Adam Sindecuse-Hayden, Troop 533
- Jordan Spriggs, Team 6973
- Connor Stahl, Troop 975
- Cameron Statham, Crew 2970
- Korey Tallevast, Troop 972
- Maxx Teson, Troop 853
- Benjamin Vineyard, Troop 35

**Cherokee**
- Cooper Grant, Troop 59
- Dakota Miller, Troop 323
- Christopher Palmer, Troop 41

**Egyptian**
- Clyde Boswell, Troop 42
- Cody Hargis, Troop 156
- Carl Hirschi, Troop 3
- Jacob Staley, Troop 42
- William Ziehm, Troop 42

**Grand Towers**
- Charles Barker, Troop 98
- Robert McRath II, Troop 5

**Gravois Trail**
- Matthew Baker, Troop 111
- Iain Bennett, Troop 61
- Nicholas Blaes, Troop 752
- Jeffery Burke, Troop 584
- Robert Croxton, Troop 25
- George Diehl III, Troop 645
- Kasey Duneman, Troop 331
- Adrian Fedorko, Troop 116
- Vincent Fedorko, Troop 116
- Ian Fyfe, Troop 824
- Nathan Henson, Troop 752
- Ian Hilmes, Troop 826
- Samuel Holaway, Troop 826
- Ronald Hutson, Troop 824
- Andrew Irvine, Troop 646
- Justin Kauffmann, Troop 824
- Douglas Kullman, Troop 752
- Thomas Larson, Troop 116
- Joseph Laster, Troop 777
- Jacob Linek, Troop 646
- Tyler Lucarz, Troop 826
- Chad Mange, Troop 586
- David Marlette III, Crew 2648
- David Mueller, Troop 826
- Andrew Parshall, Troop 200
- Charles Pierceall, Troop 648
- Tyler Robinson, Troop 780
- Dustin Rolfe, Troop 580
- Charles Rouse, Troop 777
- John Ruprecht IV, Troop 580
- Nicholas Sondernam, Troop 169
- Nathan Wash, Troop 721
- Kurt Wilson, Troop 584
- Neal Wiseman Jr, Troop 331
- Wesley Wride, Troop 3

**Kaskaskia**
- Michael Solano, Crew 4248

**New Horizons**
- Joshua Adams, Troop 848
- Praveen Bagavandoss, Troop 783
- Peter Binder, Troop 313
- Austin Blaylock, Troop 456
- Daniel Breckenridge, Troop 792
- Austin Brot, Troop 456
- Matthew Brown, Troop 782
- Blake Buehrer, Troop 387
- Peyton Buehrer, Troop 387
- Zachary Christensen, Troop 864
- Cole Ciesla, Troop 601
- Loren Cottam, Crew 2864
- Patrick Donahue, Troop 680
- Brian Flint, Troop 787
- Ryan Fogerty, Troop 751
- Christopher Foley, Troop 677
- Adam Gass, Troop 603
- Aditya Gokhale, Troop 572
- Matthew Halsted, Troop 752
- Kyle Holmes, Troop 783
- Nathaniel Jackson, Troop 314
- Conor Kelly, Troop 335
- Christian King, Troop 750
- Benedict Kinnison, Troop 809
- James Kirtley, Troop 677
- Kyle Kulik, Troop 677
- Eric Lewis, Troop 627
- Jared Lovemark, Troop 456
- Brian Mackenzie, Troop 313
- Andrew McCarthy, Troop 352
- William Meirink, Troop 624
- Michael Murphy, Crew 2601
- Michael Murphy Jr., Troop 685
- Benjamin Neary, Troop 631
- Erik Noble, Troop 641
- Tyler Passig, Troop 323
- Samuel Peterson, Troop 677
- Joshua Reiter, Troop 567
- Nathan Rosner, Troop 782
- Anthony Ruffner, Troop 801
- Austin Ryder, Troop 792
- Andrew Schaper, Troop 603
- Kurt Schueddig, Troop 357
- Hayden Seidel, Troop 677
- Kenneth Stanfield, Troop 529
- James Stennes, Troop 782
- Joshua Sumner, Troop 314
- Joseph Suntrup Jr, Troop 597
- Tyler Trebing, Troop 751
- Raymond Waidmann III, Troop 792

**North Star**
- Cameron Brooks, Troop 921
- William Bump, Troop 942
- Michael Clark, Troop 271
- Aaron Francis, Troop 749
- Spencer Martin, Troop 740
- Andrew Metz-White, Troop 942
- Sean Ulrich, Troop 829
- Sean Warren, Troop 713

**Osage**
- Nicholas Belker, Troop 433
- Samuel Dean, Troop 443
- Ukko Devos, Troop 442
- Benjamin Ehlenbeck, Troop 359
- Robert Halsted, Troop 439
- Dustin Haring, Troop 442
- Drake Kamp, Troop 351
- Colton Lutz, Troop 439
- Drake Raftery, Troop 439

**Ozark Trailblazers**
- Caleb Brady, Troop 247

**Pathfinder**
- David Braude, Troop 21
- Abhay Cashikar, Troop 344
- Walter Deitzler, Troop 493
- James Malloy, Troop 283
- Thomas Malloy, Troop 283
- Matthew Napier, Troop 283
- Joseph Rater, Troop 11
- Jacob Reese, Troop 525

**River Trails**
- Garrett Bohler, Troop 460
- Noah Decker, Troop 426
- William Holbrook, Troop 557
- Matthew Knibb, Troop 892
- Spencer LaBen, Troop 406
- Joshua Leach, Troop 892
- Brian Mathis, Troop 484
- Seth Slotterback, Troop 419
- Steven Swiney, Troop 892

**Shawnee**
- Gavin Brown, Troop 5
- Dalton Newell, Troop 210
- Jacob Thompson, Troop 210

**Sioux**
- Trevor Asher, Troop 329
- Benjamin Dachs, Troop 58

**Thunderbird**
- Evan Carr, Troop 181
- Brennan Dizdar, Troop 52
- Aidan McCormick, Troop 179
- Gregory Niven, Troop 62
- Jacob Peacut, Troop 4
- Michael Rancilio, Troop 281

**MERIT BADGE SKILL CENTERS**

**Scuba Diving**
- April 9, 6 p.m., Y-kiki Divers West County, 13001 Olive Blvd., 63141

**Motorboating**
- April 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Swift Base, S bar F Scout Ranch, Hwy. 67, 63651

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

For more information, visit the Achievements page at stlbsa.org.
Mom And Son Find New Experiences In Scouting

Erica Karraker grew up in a family of all girls and didn’t know what to expect when she joined Cub Scouting with her son Kaleb last spring.

“My husband was a Scout as a kid and remembered doing pinewood derby, camping, and learning to shoot, and all that fun stuff,” said Erica. “Kaleb is very much an outdoors kind of kid, so we knew it was going to be right up his alley.”

Though new to the program, Erica jumped right in, even signing up to be an assistant den leader with Boone Trails District Pack 972, chartered to Living Lord Lutheran Church.

“I like to know what’s going on,” Erica said of her desire to sign on as an assistant leader. “I’m very involved in our church, in our kid’s school; and [Scouting] is just an extension of my son and I wanted to be involved.”

Over the course of the year, Erica and her son enjoyed countless activities with their pack. The unit went on camping trips, participated in the Shoot-O-Ree, went ice skating, toured a fire station, and are currently getting ready to do a radio station tour.

“It seemed like the pinewood derby was really exciting for the kids,” recalled Erica. “Anything that’s hands-on and something they can do themselves, they really enjoy.”

Although her first-grader has only been in Scouting for a year, she already sees some of the growth and positive changes inherent of the program

“He has a lot more confidence in doing outdoors things,” Erica said. “The Shoot-O-Ree was really good for him. Getting outdoors and being exposed to different things that he doesn’t necessarily get from mom, like shooting, campfires, and fishing. Those kinds of activities just have given him confidence that he is wanting to do more and more on his own.

“I’ve had some friends of mine that want to get their kids in Scouts but their biggest concern is time. ‘How much of my time is going to be consumed by Boy Scouts?’ A lot of these boys are also in basketball, baseball, soccer, and other things. My response to them is, you get out of it what you put in. If you want to be busy, you can be. If you want be involved in the camps and the outings and the pack meetings, you can be involved as you want.”

Wood Badge Can Make You A Better Leader

Leadership is a big part of Scouting. Adults lead Scouts in their units; Scouts lead other Scouts. Leadership skills learned in Scouting carry through to everyday life.

Wood Badge is advanced training for adult leaders 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.

The Wood Badge course is held on two weekends, and attendance is required at both. The next course is at Beaumont Scout Reservation on May 15-17 and May 29-31. The pre-course session is April 25 — an orientation meeting to take care of administrative tasks and meet the staff. The fall course takes place Aug. 14-16 and Aug. 28-30 at Camp Lewallen, with the pre-course on July 11.

Course fee is $275. A $25 discount applies to the fall course if paid by June 30. Fee assistance is available through the Becky Fisk Wood Badge Scholarship; application deadline is the pre-course meeting.

Participants must have completed basic leader training (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer) prior to Wood Badge.

For more information and to register, visit woodbadge.stlbsa.org.
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting and powerful weeklong program aimed at preparing Boy Scouts and Venturers with leadership skills and experience they can use to lead themselves and others. The skills they learn are very helpful on their trail to becoming an Eagle Scout, and have positive impacts on their lives outside of Scouting.

To attend NYLT, a Scout or Venturer must be:

- a current registered member of the BSA who has attended long-term Boy Scout camp or Venturing Camp for a minimum of two years.
- First Class rank or higher (not required of Venturers).
- at least 12 years old.
- A member of a troop or crew whose Scoutmaster or Advisor has completed his or her position-specific adult Basic Leader Training Course.
- a current or prospective youth leader recommended by the Scoutmaster or crew leader.

NYLT weeks are June 14-20, June 21-28, July 5-11, July 12-18, and July 19-27 (Venturers) at S bar F Scout Ranch.

For more information, contact Tony Fouts at anthony.fouts@scouting.org or 314-361-0600 or 800-392-0895.

Register online at scoutingevent.com?2015NYLT.
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notes: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leader roundtables are held monthly on the... 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 Kevin Litt at 314.256.3010, 800.392.0895 or kevin.litt@scouting.org. Donations can be made online at stlbsa.org.

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Free Rank Advancement

Congratulations to the following units who earned FREE rank advancements for achieving their 2015 Friends of Scouting goal! Don’t see your name on the list? Contact your district executive to find out your unit’s FOS goal.

Boone Trails — Pack 3628, Troop 351, Troop 857, Troop 975
New Horizons — Pack 3387, Pack 3639, Pack 3848, Troop 310, Troop 352, Troop 492, Troop 505, Troop 631, Troop 782, Troop 792, Troop 803, Troop 848
Osage — Crew 2448, Troop 433, Troop 465
Pathfinder — Pack 3055, Pack 3102, Pack 3285, Pack 3412
River Trails — Pack 3552, Troop 412, Troop 413
Shawnee — Crew 4005, Crew 4116, Crew 4205, Pack 16, Pack 051, Troop 155
Thunderbird — Pack 3103
Show Us How You’ve Enhanced Scouting’s Image!

**Beacon Award**

- **Boone Trails**
  - **Crew 2351** — helped put together 2,051 boxes so that Knights of Columbus-Harvester could deliver full turkey meals to needy families in St. Charles County area
  - **Pack 948** — assembled Christmas stockings for distribution to soldiers through USO at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport
  - **Troop 353** — planted more than 1,100 flower bulbs throughout Weldon Spring City Park
  - **Troop 768** — helped put together 2,051 boxes so that Knights of Columbus-Harvester could deliver full turkey meals to needy families in St. Charles County area

- **Gravois Trail**
  - **Pack 647** — collected more than 300 stuffed animals for donation to local police department, who uses them on calls involving children
  - **Troop 200** — carried banner and flag for Gold Star Mothers in Veterans Day Parade

- **North Star**
  - **Troop 739** — participated in Hazelwood School District PTA founder's day celebration

- **Pathfinder**
  - **Pack 516** — assisted at St. Ann Church Fish Fry helping it become zero-waste event

**CORRECTION**

The Order of the Arrow photo in the Winter 2015 Duffle Bag was incorrectly labeled. It should have read:

*New Order of the Arrow officers are sworn in.*
*photo by Don Dotson*

The Duffle Bag staff regrets this error.
Brick Plaza Is The ‘Hart’ Of The Ranch

Russell J. Hart served the St. Louis Area Council as Scout executive from 1959 to 1980. By the end of the 1950s, with the postwar baby boom, he saw the need for expanding the camping experience.

Irondale Camp Reservation was nearing the end of its usefulness, and there was no room for growth at Lion’s Den. Beaumont Scout Reservation had reached its limits with surrounding suburbs. Another camp was needed.

During Russ Hart’s tenure, S bar F Scout Ranch was developed and continues to be updated to meet the needs of today’s Scouts. The Russell J. Hart Scout Law Plaza at The Ranch was created to help support the maintenance and future development of S bar F. Russ died in 2010, but not before he saw the brick plaza completed in his honor.

Keep the memory of Russ Hart alive and preserve the foundation of Scouting by supporting the Hart Scout Law Plaza. Bricks can be inscribed up to three lines, 14 characters per line.

For more information and a brochure, call 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895.

Donations to the Russell J. Hart Scout Law Plaza become a part of the permanent endowment of the Greater St. Louis Boy Scout Trust Fund. Your contributions benefit camp maintenance now and for the future.

“As I see it, camping is the heart of Boy Scouting.”
— Russ Hart

Scouts take to the trees at Swift Explorer Base in August 1994.

photo by Joe Gosney

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- Ties & Trails: $620
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