### What's Happening Around the Council

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See your district’s events at stlbsa.org.

|        |        |        | **Feast of the Epiphany** |        |        | **CSAW/BSAW** |
|        |        |        | **Al Altare Dei & Pope Pius**<br>applications due |        |        | **Commissioner Conf.**<br>First Aid/CPR/AED Training Intro to Leadership Skills for Crews
|        |        |        | **Venturing Overnight Activity “Climb the Night Away”** |        |        | **University of Scouting** |
|        |        |        | **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**<br>camp & offices closed |        |        | **Scout Sabbath**<br>(through Saturday) |

Camp Card<br>sale begins<br>Catholic awards, Cathedral Basilica, St. Louis

|        |        |        | **FEB 1**<br>University of Scouting • Jan. 24 |        |        | **Valentine’s Day**<br>Den Chief Conference |
|        |        |        | **Scouting’s anniversary** |        |        | **NYLT Staff Development**<br>(through Saturday) |
|        |        |        | **President’s Day**<br>camp & offices closed |        |        | **Map & Compass**<br>Shawnee Lodge Arrowman Experience |
|        |        |        | **Ash Wednesday** |        |        | **CSAW/BSAW**<br>Cub Day<br>- Staff Mtg |
|        |        |        | **Washington’s birthday** |        |        | **CSAW/BSAW**<br>Cub Day<br>- Staff Mtg |
|        |        |        | **Challenge Course & Climbing Requalification** |        |        | **Holy Saturday**<br>camp & offices closed |
|        |        |        | **Daylight Saving Time begins** |        |        | **NYLT Staff Development**<br>(through Saturday) |
|        |        |        | **St. Patrick’s Day** |        |        | **NYLT Staff Development**<br>(through Saturday) |

**Palm Sunday**<br>sale ends

### April

|        |        |        | **April Fool’s Day** |        |        | **Holy Saturday**<br>camp & offices closed |
|        |        |        | **Maundy Thursday** |        |        | **Good Friday**<br>Passover (through April 11) |

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

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

Together, we have a lot to be proud of. In 2014, the Greater St. Louis Area Council:

- led the country in STEM awards;
- collected more than 1.8 million food items during the 30th annual Scouting for Food campaign, the area’s largest one-day food drive;
- honored our country’s service members during the 65th annual Memorial Day Good Turn;
- celebrated 571 young men as they achieved the prestigious Eagle Scout award; and
- welcomed more than 3,000 new Tigers to the Scouting program.

With more than 43,000 total youth members, it takes a great deal of resources and financial support to deliver the Scouting program — programs that simply couldn’t happen without your investment in our Friends of Scouting campaign. Your support helps provide facility upgrades and improved customer service such as the brand new trading post at Camp Lewallen, a new and expanded Scout Shop with BSA Outfitters, online camp and program registration process, and the new dining hall currently under construction at S bar F Scout Ranch.

The youth of our area are depending on us, and I hope you will join me in contributing to this year’s Friends of Scouting campaign. Your contributions will continue the great traditions of the Greater St. Louis Area Council as the finest in America.

Yours in Scouting,

Ronald S. Green

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The latest in council and BSA news…

- **Youth Protection Training** is required for all BSA-registered volunteers and must be taken every two years. Registered volunteers are now notified by email if they have not yet taken Youth Protection Training or their training has expired or will expire in 30/60/90 days. Make sure your email address is up to date!

- **The Silver Beaver Award** is the highest recognition bestowed upon an adult volunteer by a Boy Scout council. Is there someone in your unit worthy of such an honor? For a nomination form, visit the Achievement page at override.org and click on Adult Awards. Nominations are due Jan. 31, 2015.

- **2015 World Jamboree** is this July! Are you registered? Join Scouts from around the world in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan, July 28-Aug. 8. For more information, visit scouting.org/worldjamboree.

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**Celebrate Scouting’s Anniversary!**

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. The founders — and their Scout positions — were William D. Boyce, incorporator; Colin H. Livingstone, president; Daniel Carter Beard, national Scout commissioner; Ernest Thompson Seton, chief Scout; James E. West, chief Scout executive; President William Howard Taft, honorary president; and former President Theodore Roosevelt, honorary vice president and chief Scout citizen.

Every year on Feb. 8, Scouts celebrate the efforts of these men to create a service and development organization for young men.

During February, all units are encouraged to participate in anniversary month activities, such as unit-level activities, district-wide demonstrations, a religious service on either Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath, community service, and public awareness. Ribbons for the unit flag are available for units that hold or participate in an anniversary event.

Visit stlbsa.org for more information.

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**Memorial Day Good Turn**

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers in the Gravois Trail District, along with units from other districts, will perform the 66th annual Memorial Day Good Turn on Sunday, May 24. An American flag 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. Preregistration is strongly recommended. Upon check-in, the unit leader will receive a unit participation ribbon. A Memorial Day Good Turn patch will be available for $3; segment patch is 50 cents.

Registration deadline is May 1. Email g.t.memorialdaygoodturn@gmail.com with the following information: pack, troop, or post and unit number; number of youth and adults participating; same area as in 2014 (yes/no); and contact person with district, phone number, and email address.

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**Ideas For Celebrating**

- Conduct a service project for your chartering organization in thanks for its support of Scouting.
- Create Scout birthday cards or handcrafted items to display in school cases, store windows, etc.
- Hold a special flag-raising ceremony at a school or religious organization or other high-profile location in your community.
- Make a presentation or appearance at a worship service or chartered organization event.
- Request a mayoral proclamation.

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**photo by John Paul Halford**

**photo by Ron Jennings**
Earn Your Way To Summer Camp.

Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers can reduce their out-of-pocket expense for summer camp through the Camp Card program. This risk-free program is simple. Units order cards at stlbsa.kintera.org/2015campcard. They then earn a 50 percent commission ($2.50) for each $5 Camp Card sold between Feb. 1 and March 31. Any unsold Camp Cards are returned to the council on or before March 31 with no penalty.

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

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

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

Learn more at campcard.stlbsa.org.

How many Camp Cards do you need to sell to earn FREE camp?*

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*This chart is intended as a guide to help Scouts set a goal for Camp Cards and is based on fees paid by March 2.

Order your Camp Cards by Jan. 10! stlbsa.kintera.org/2015campcard
In February 2014, the Boy Scouts of America introduced the Mining in Society merit badge. This STEM-focused merit badge covers the history of mining and the status of mining in the 21st century, introduces Scouts to modern mining careers, and explores the safety of mining.

A group of Scouts from southern Illinois wasted no time in earning the new merit badge, quickly fulfilling the requirements last September. The two-day workshop was organized by Dr. Joseph Hirschi, a member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration’s Content Development Team that established the merit badge requirements — and wrote the handbook.

On day one of the workshop, Scouts spent the morning studying important minerals and how they are used. The also learned, “if it can’t be grown, it has to be mined.” The point really hit home when the boys discovered how even the pizza they ate for lunch is a product of the mining industry. In fact, mining operations exist all around us no matter if we live in a big city or rural area.

After lunch, the Scouts were outfitted with hard hats, cap lamps, and gloves before entering Rend Lake College’s simulated mine tunnels. Here they constructed a crib, a wooden structure used to support the mine roof; and a stopping, a concrete block wall used to control mine ventilation air. The boys also received training on how to wear a self-contained breathing apparatus used by mine rescue teams in an emergency. They each wore one while traversing an escape route through the simulated mine.

One week later the boys arrived at Knight Hawk Coal Company’s Prairie Eagle mine complex for day two. This portion of the workshop included a tour of underground, surface, reclamation, and preparation plant operations at the complex. The Scouts were trained on mine hazards and personal protective equipment. Most importantly, they were shown the personnel tracking system that would monitor their whereabouts while they were underground — their next stop.

The group traveled three miles into the Prairie Eagle underground mine where they saw all of the highly mechanized equipment used to produce coal.

The tour continued with a visit to the highwall miner and the Black Hawk surface mine. Reclamation operations in practice all around the mine property were pointed out throughout the tour. The mine tour ended with a visit to the preparation plant where rock is “washed” out of the coal before shipment to the marketplace.

This two-day workshop was sponsored by the Illinois Mining Institute and hosted by Rend Lake College’s Coal Mining Technology Department and Knight Hawk Coal Company.

photos & content for this article provided by Dr. Joseph Hirschi
Happy Retirement!

Congratulations goes to Myron Lofton and Joan Casey — each retired last November after successful tenures.

Myron spent 37 years working for the Boy Scouts of America including the last 13 here in St. Louis.

He began his professional Scouting career in the National Capital Area Council, Bethesda, Md., in 1977 as a district executive. He was subsequently promoted to what today is a district director position, then to Field director and later to director of Exploring. Following a successful tenure in the nation’s capital, Myron was promoted to director of Field Service in the Detroit Area Council in Michigan.

He joined the Greater St. Louis Area Council as director of Field Service in 2001.

Here in St. Louis, Myron presided over several years of membership growth and was an important member of the management team as he led the council’s largest department. Many current and former staff members have benefitted from his advice and leadership over the past several years.

With 49 years of service, Joan is one of the longest-serving staff member in the council’s history.

Her career began as a field secretary when the St. Louis Area Council was in the Arcade building off Olive Street in downtown St. Louis. She had held positions in nearly every department in the council including assistant to the Camping director, assistant to the Program director, Trust Fund assistant, public relations assistant, Finance assistant, and Development assistant.

Of all the positions held with the council, Joan’s favorite was being the assistant for Scout Executive Russ Hart.

Her impact on the lives of the people with whom she worked and the Scouts she served will not be forgotten.

Safe Scouting

The October 2014 Guide To Safe Scouting electronic updates included a new sentence in Section IV Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use and Abuse: “This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems which simulates tobacco smoking.”

Be sure to share this information with your leaders.
Einstein Dinner Honors 100+ Scouts

Scouts gathered under the stars to be honored with the prestigious Supernova Award for their in-depth exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Einstein Recognition Dinner honored more than 100 Scouts from the Greater St. Louis Council at the Saint Louis Science Center Planetarium in November. The Supernova Award requires each Scout to design and complete a STEM-related research project.

“STEM disciplines are at the heart of AT&T’s business, and we understand how essential they are becoming to every business and the growth of our economy,” said John Sondag, president of AT&T Missouri.

“AT&T’s commitment to education and STEM is as much a part of our legacy as our future, and we’re proud of our work with the Greater St. Louis Area Council to help inspire local Scouters to explore and develop STEM skills.”

Under the direction of Sondag, who is also council STEM chairman, the council has become a leader in STEM programs and activities.

STEM continues to be a popular topic in education as its role remains critical to our nation’s economic future. Through partnerships with many local businesses such as AT&T, Ameren, Boeing, Microsoft, Monsanto, and Sigma Aldrich, the council has been able to offer dozens of fun and exciting activities related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The programs serve as a great way to expose youth to new opportunities and help them develop the STEM skills critical for the competitive world marketplace.

The following Scouts from the Greater St. Louis Area Council earned the Supernova Award this year:

Colby Logan Ackley, Boone Trails · Stephen C. Alexander, Boone Trails · Bruce Bailey, Osage · Evan Michael Bailey, Boone Trails · Garrett Andrew Balk, New Horizons · Zachary Barrett, Pathfinder · Andrew Joseph Barrow, Boone Trails · Tyler Micheal Belina, Boone Trails · Ethan Edward Besowshek, Boone Trails · Emmett Bellow, Osage · Jack John Robert Beyer, Boone Trails · Calvin James Blaser, New Horizons · Andrew James Boden, Gravos Trail · Vanik Nathan Bright, Boone Trails · Justin David Burski, Boone Trails · Andrew Busch, Osage · Max Evan Bushway, Boone Trails · Craig Alan Butler Jr., Boone Trails · Bryan Christensen, New Horizons · Christopher Colletti, New Horizons · Michael Colletti, New Horizons · Antonio Gianni Dicamp, New Horizons · Kevin Donovan, Osage · Preston Douglas, Osage · Ethan Richard Duree, Boone Trails · Caleb Duttlinger, New Horizons · Ethan Joel Elder, New Horizons · Sam Ennis, Osage · Gabriel Evers, Osage · Brandon Fisher, Gravos Trail · Aidan Gildehaus, Osage · Logan Gildehaus, Osage · Bradley Glass, River Trails · Matthew Glass, River Trails · Alexander J. Gore, Boone Trails · Garrison Gralike, Gravos Trail · Kody Bradley Gurlen, Boone Trails · Andrew Noah Hall, Boone Trails · Austin Ray Hall, Boone Trails · Drake Haskell, Osage · Malachi Hayes, Osage · Devin Heimann, Osage · Dominic Heimann, Osage · Austin Helms, Osage · Colin James Henkel, Boone Trails · Michael Lee Herman, Boone Trails · Rylan William Hillyer, Boone Trails · Hunter H. Hoane, Egyptian · Max Joseph Hollensbe, Boone Trails · Calvin Walter Holschen, Boone Trails · Joseph Samuel Horn, North Star · Lucas Howland, Osage · Luke Reagan Hudson, Boone Trails · Noble Garrett Hudson, Boone Trails · Katherine Hufker, Gravos Trail · Amos Kamper, Osage · Caleb Kamper, Osage · Kolton Anson Kehoe, Boone Trails · Joshua Mason Kranz, Boone Trails · David Edward Kruse, Boone Trails · Alex Kuelker, Osage · Christian Kuelker, Osage · Dakota Kuekel, Osage · Jack Ladig, New Horizons · Jaden Alexander Lake, Egyptian · Wesely Lauderdale, Osage · Zackery Lauderdale, Osage · Michael Laurentius, New Horizons · Noah Lieberman, New Horizons · Leo Paul Lombard, New Horizons · Maxwell Christopher Look, Boone Trails · Patrick Andrew Lynch, Boone Trails · Lamont Anthony Martin, North Star · Gavin McFall, New Horizons · Maxwell Wallace Melching, New Horizons · Joshua Meyer, Osage · Jesse Allen Moore, Boone Trails · Nicholas Moore, Osage · James Lewis Morrison, Boone Trails · Zachary Muller, New Horizons · Samuel Arthur Niemand, North Star · Dylan James Nordmann, Boone Trails · Alex Noronha-Hyde, New Horizons · Riley Todd O’Neal, Boone Trails · James Daniel Orsund, Boone Trails · Daniel O’Sullivan III, Pathfinder · Sebastian Joe Pfefferkorn, Boone Trails · William Phillips, Osage · Nikolas Pinkstaff, New Horizons · Alexander James Renkey, Boone Trails · William Rix, Egyptian · Hendrick Kreisel Ross, Boone Trails · Connor Thomas Ross, Boone Trails · Arthur Edwin Rowold, Pathfinder · Savonte Brian Seep, Boone Trails · Rylan Shnodgrass, Osage · Adithya Sreearameni, Boone Trails · Adam Michael Steiner, Boone Trails · Jack William Stover, Boone Trails · Mason Stromlund, Boone Trails · Brayden Surratt, River Trails · Zachary Ivan Swayne, New Horizons · Bradley Michael Taylor, North Star · Nicholas Terrence Taylor, Boone Trails · Reese Taylor, River Trails · Logan Tucker, Osage · Adam Vancil, Osage · Matthew VanVoorren, New Horizons · Matthew Blake Wardington, Boone Trails · Jacob Thomas Welsh, Boone Trails · Jackson Wyciskalla-Webb, River Trails · Tristan Wyciskalla-Webb, River Trails · Joshua Yn, New Horizons · Sean Michael Zink, Boone Trails · Ethan Robert Zink, Boone Trails

photo by Bruce Levitt
More than 30,000 youth benefit from the positive impact of Scouting in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. These young men and women receive valuable training and skills that will help them grow into adults who respect their family, community, religion, country, and self. However, these important programs cannot happen without your support.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual giving campaign of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. The yearly cost to provide programming and services for one Scout is $189. But the lifetime value is priceless.

Your Friends of Scouting investment provides:
- Funds for more than 220 district and council Scouting events.
- Help in maintaining more than 8,000 acres of our four council properties.
- More than 620 camperships and registration assistance for 2,900 families in need.
- Training for 2,097 adults and 406 youth.
- Accident and general liability insurance.

The annual FOS campaign provides 23 percent of the council budget. That means nearly a quarter of every dollar in the council budget comes from the generosity of Scouting families and community supporters. The success of Friends of Scouting is vital to ensure that funding will be available to provide a quality Scouting program.

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

Go beyond the badge. Find out what you can do to support Scouting. stlbsa.org/giving
Adventure Drives New Rank Advancement Program For Cub Scouts

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

New Cub Scout content will be broken into a series of “adventures,” which Cub Scouts experience while working on a badge or rank. They may participate individually and as part of their den. Each rank will require seven den-based adventures, including a family-based “Duty to God” adventure. The first rank to earn will remain Bobcat.

Thirteen additional elective adventures will be available for members of the den to earn, typically through three den meetings.

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

Under the new program, Cubs may earn Arrow of Light before achieving Webelos rank. This eliminates the past issue of some boys being too young to join a troop and too old to complete the full requirements for Arrow of Light.

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

All levels of Scouting and Venturing are joining together to share the Scout Oath and Law. Cub Scouts will retain the current Cub Scout motto, sign, salute, and handshake; the Cub Scout Promise is retiring.

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

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

Squash Those Winter Blues With Spring Leader Training

Do dreary skies and cold weather make you wish you were back at summer camp with your unit?

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

Many districts offer basic leader training sessions for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, and Varsity Coaches in conjunction with roundtables, all day on a Saturday, over several evenings, or on a weekend. For scheduled dates, visit your district’s page at stlbsa.org. You are also welcome to attend training held by other districts.

Also check out the online training opportunities at scouting.org/training.aspx from the comfort of your own home! Offerings include basic leader training and supplemental training such as Planning and Conducting a Safe Scout Outing and Bullying Awareness.

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

Trained Leaders Share Their Knowledge

University of Scouting will update your skills and help you provide a fantastic program to your Scouts.

As a trained leader, you share your knowledge with the Scouts in your unit, helping them become better Scouts and future leaders. University of Scouting gives you the tools and the skills.

There is something for everyone at University of Scouting, whether you are new to Scouting or just need a refresher course. Some sessions are open to youth as well as adults.

Ten colleges make up University of Scouting: Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Commissioners, High Adventure, Leadership, Technology, Trainers, Venturing, Youth Leadership, and Special Needs. Youth Leadership College offers 11 sessions to guide Scouts into leadership roles within the unit, the Order of the Arrow, and beyond.

New topics this year range from real-world solutions and dealing with challenging Scouts to serving rural areas and becoming a STEM mentor. A full schedule with course descriptions is available at the website listed below.

University of Scouting is only weeks away! Discounts are available — youth and adults can save $10 if paid by Jan. 10 or $5 by Jan. 22.

Special Needs College Gives You More Tools

Every unit likely has at least one Scout with special needs, which includes autism, attention deficit disorder, Asperger’s Syndrome, asthma, diabetes, hearing or visual impairment, and many other conditions.

During Special Needs College at the University of Scouting, learn about the tools available to you to help your Scouts with disabilities succeed.

Topics include rank advancement, running a successful camping program, managing Scouts’ behavior, and creating plans for personal growth and success in the Scouting program. Special Needs Scouting committee members will be on hand for a panel discussion to answer questions and provide further resources.

Visit scouting.event.com?2015UniversityofScouting to register.

University of Scouting
January 24 at Fox High School
745 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, 63010

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT scouting.event.com?2015UniversityofScouting

Training And Advancement Director Selected

Anthony Fouts has been promoted to the position of Training & Advancement director.

In this position, Tony oversees training of adults and youth as well as advancement programs for all Scout levels. Additionally, he supports the council’s National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program, which is regarded among the best in the nation.

Tony is a product of the strong Scouting program in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. An Eagle Scout from Troop 412 chartered to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Otto, Mo., he served on Camp Lewallen staff for seven years as a Scout. In 2013 and 2014, he served as summer camp director of Camp Lewallen.

Prior to his promotion, Tony was the district executive for River Trails District.
Stay Safe & Warm When You Camp In Winter

There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most challenging of outdoor adventures.

Special considerations for winter camping are:

1. **Qualified Supervision.** It is vital that a leader be an experienced winter camper with strong character and common sense.

2. **Equipment.** Be completely outfitted for cold weather. Equipment should be checked to ensure good condition for the activity and proper maintenance while in use. Scouts should be adequately clothed, and blankets should be a suitable quality and weight.
   - **TIP:** Use alkaline batteries in flashlights, as standard batteries deteriorate quickly in cold weather.
   - **TIP:** Encourage youths to wear brightly colored clothing so they are more visible during severe weather.

3. **Physical Fitness.** Scouts should be suitably fit for the activity. Periodic rests while building snow caves and engaging in other strenuous cold-weather activities will help prevent accidents and overheating.
   - **TIP:** Pulling a load over snow on a sled or toboggan is generally easier than carrying a backpack.

4. **Buddy System.** Having Scouts paired aids in monitoring each other’s physical condition and observation of surroundings and circumstances.

5. **Planning.** Safe activities follow a plan that has been conscientiously developed. In winter, plan to cover no more than 5 miles per day on snowshoes or 10 to 12 miles on cross-country skis. Allow ample time to make it to camp at the end of the day.
   - **TIP:** Always bring a bit more food, water, and clothing than what you think you’ll need.

6. **Safe Area.** Leaders should determine whether an area for winter camping is well-suited and free of hazards.
   - **TIP:** Always test the thickness of ice before venturing any distance from shore. The ice should be at least 3 inches thick for a small group.
   - **TIP:** Look for dead branches hanging in the trees overhead.
   - **TIP:** Avoid ridge tops and open areas where wind can blow down tents or create drifts.

7. **Weather Check.** Weather conditions, potential hazards, and the appropriate responses should be understood and anticipated. Go to www.scouting.org/training for Hazardous Weather training.

8. **Burning.** Never use flames in tents, teepees, or snow shelters. This includes burning any solid, liquid, gel, or gas fuel; using features of tents or teepees that support stoves or fires; and use of chemical-fueled equipment and catalytic heaters.

9. **Discipline.** Rules are effective only when followed. All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for a safe winter camping experience. Applicable rules should be discussed prior to the outing and reviewed for all participants when leaving for the winter campout.

For comprehensive winter camping preparation information, visit ntier.org/BeforeYouArrive_OKPIK.html.
Camping

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

Scouts will learn valuable life skills and make lifelong memories while enjoying camping and the great outdoors. During their week at camp, Scouts can choose to take part in hiking, nature study, shooting sports, and merit badge centers that take advantage of the camp setting. Aquatics feature swimming (including instruction), canoeing, kayaking, motorboating, sailing, stand-up paddleboarding, waterskiing, and the Mile Swim. Huck’s Cove at S bar F Scout Ranch consists of two water slides, a zip line, rope swings, and more.

Locations: S bar F Scout Ranch & Camp Lewallen

Cubs/Webelos Overnight Camp
Parent & Pal is an excellent first-camping experience for Cubs Scouts and their parent (both parents are welcome). Highlights of the weekend include archery, BB guns, campfire, canoeing, and swimming. Webelos can spend three days and two nights at mini-camp or a full week exploring nature, learning Scoutcraft skills, and shooting BB guns. Archery, swimming, and more round out the activities.

New this summer are Bear/Wolf Camps. For three days and two nights, Scouts are exposed to overnight camping and will enjoy hiking, swimming, learning outdoor skills, campfires, and more while working on activity badges.


Cub Day Camp
During daytime or twilight camps over two to five days, Cubs partake in crafts, nature study, shooting sports, and more. Some camps focus on specific activities such as STEM and shooting sports.

Locations: Each of the council’s 15 districts holds at least one day/twilight camp within its geographical area.

Grizzly Camp
Weeklong Grizzly Camp for Cub Scouts and Webelos adds another week this year to offer four sessions — each with its own theme. Activities revolve around each theme in crafts and outdoor activities.

Location: Cub World, Beaumont Scout Reservation

Camp For Venturers & Explorers
This summer’s unique camps for crews and posts are Venturing Outdoor Survivor Challenge, Shooting Sports & Historical Reenactment, Sea Scout Aquatic Extravaganza, and Catholic Adventure Week. The standard Swift program includes climbing, rappelling, horseback riding, skiing, tubing, challenge course, and more.

New this year is STEM* Week With International Scouting, during which a Scout troop from Germany will be in attendance.

Location: Swift Base at S bar F Scout Ranch

Speciality Camps
Speciality camps based at S bar F Scout Ranch include Catholic Adventure Week, Eagle Trail Camp, STEM* Camp, and the Ranger Program. Horse Camp is available for a week at Nagel Base, Beaumont Scout Reservation.

National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) for Boy Scouts and Venturers provides a week of opportunities to enhance leadership skills while living by the Oath and Law in the outdoors. Visit training.stlbsa.org for more information on NYLT.

*STEM = science, technology, engineering, mathematics

Visit camping.stlbsa.org for more information and to register.
SUMMER CAMP IS THE HIGHLIGHT!

Pick your camps and register now!
SUMMER CAMP IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF A SCOUT'S YEAR!

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HUCK'S COVE

CUB DAY CAMP

FLOATING ICEBERG

GRIZZLY CAMP
SUMMER CAMP DATES & FEES

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| 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, 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 in the Spring Duffle Bag and at camping.stlbsa.org.

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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.

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
‘Sash Patch’ Honors Order Of The Arrow Centennial

Through December 2015, Arrowmen in good standing with the BSA, their local council, and their Order of the Arrow (O.A.) lodge will be able to commemorate the Order of the Arrow centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award (ASA).

This award, which some are referring to as “the sash patch,” will be recognized as one of the few patches that have ever been approved by the national Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on an O.A. sash.

The purpose of the Arrowman Service Award is to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the O.A. The award will have three categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration.

As Scouting’s national honor society, the O.A. thrives on the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Through our Obligation, it is imperative that we continue to “be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.” Together, through the completion of the ASA, Arrowmen can build an even stronger foundation for our organization’s commitment to service and propel the O.A. into the next century of service. All Arrowmen are encouraged to work towards the fulfillment of the ASA.

For more information, visit oa-bsa.org and click on Centennial Update.
We recognize the following young men who recently achieved Scouting’s highest rank:

**Boone Trails**
Zachary Allison, Troop 628
Alexander Baumer, Troop 674
Derek Book, Troop 674
Andrew Brisette, Troop 628
Ian Broeder, Troop 72
Thomas Gallagher, Troop 628
Matthew Gilmore, Troop 957
Ben Jamison, Troop 970
Patania Justin, Troop 857
Daniel Kuhn, Troop 757
Grant Morey, Troop 533
Patrick O’Loughlin, Team 6962
Richard Powell III, Troop 507
Alexander Pueschel, Troop 949
Brett Reinhardt, Troop 911
Matthew Rhoaides, Troop 351
Bryan Ritchey, Troop 984
Phillip Schiff, Troop 533
Nathan Shirrell, Troop 957
Andrew States, Troop 957
Logan Thumore, Troop 977
Brendan Thornhill, Troop 390
Hayden Waid, Troop 984
Chad Walker, Troop 957
Sean Walker, Troop 957
Joseph Yallaly, Troop 35

**Cherokee**
Luke Blanton, Troop 41

**Egyptian**
Noah Beyke, Troop 77
Quentin Shaw, Troop 85
Nicholas Teckenbrock, Troop 85
Kenneth Weber, Troop 85

**Gravois Trail**
Michael Bassett, Troop 776
Nicholas Berron, Troop 161
Thomas Blackwell Jr., Troop 116
Ryan Blechle, Troop 647
Tyler Blechle, Troop 647
Sean Branham, Troop 121
Erik Dickmann, Troop 217
Joseph Fuglsang, Troop 824
Joseph Ghormley, Troop 586
Joseph Kaufmann, Troop 777
Michael Neuhoff, Troop 161
Gabriel Poteet, Troop 25
Matthew Rath, Troop 645
Isaac Simon, Troop 646
Ryan Thibodeau, Troop 25
James Twillmann, Troop 824
Nathan Walk, Troop 586

**Kaskaskia**
William Brandenburg, Troop 66
Joseph Kaze, Troop 151

**New Horizons**
Corey Beveridge, Troop 601
Dhruv Bohra, Troop 603
Jerome Bredahl, Troop 456
Urban Cornett, Troop 323
Ryan Dolniak, Troop 782
Peter Driscoll, Troop 496
Hayden Floretta, Troop 677
Sterling Fuller, Troop 802
Timothy Garden, Troop 313
Ian Greenwood, Troop 677
Mark Hughes, Troop 981
Ethan Hughey, Troop 456
Treyton Jacobus, Troop 387
Zachary Janicki, Troop 601
Brendan Krause, Troop 801
Dalton Loos, Troop 677
David Mendonsa, Troop 496
Benjamin Morgan, Troop 805
Andrew Piskulich, Troop 677
Benjamin Rado, Crew 2597
Hayden Rosenthal, Troop 677
Sterling Scanlan, Troop 787
Chase Scanlan, Troop 787
Justin Schaefer, Troop 848
Jeremy Schmich, Troop 750
Kevin Schulte, Troop 313
Jack Sullivan, Troop 313
Jonathan Trout, Troop 601
Omkar Venkatesh, Troop 572
Benjamin Williams, Troop 496
Jackson Winters, Troop 750
Garrett Worley, Troop 601
Spencer Yu, Troop 802
William Zempel, Troop 314

**North Star**
Ethan Kiel, Troop 749

**Osage**
Trevor Beuke, Troop 443
Connor Gisburne, Troop 439
Paul Rice, Troop 363

**Ozark Trailblazers**
Jacob Bannister, Troop 417
Logan Comfort, Troop 417
Drew Marler, Troop 423
Zachary Scroggs, Troop 471

**Pathfinder**
Nicholas Buescher, Troop 49
Kyle Dunsford, Troop 283
Brandon Etz, Troop 25
Cole Gieseking, Troop 21
Parker Kelly, Troop 283
Daniel Kuehl, Troop 344

**River Trails**
Samuel Alexander, Troop 419

**Shawnee**
Jason Anello, Troop 210

**Sioux**
Brandon Feverston, Troop 60

**Thunderbird**
Roman Davis, Troop 52
Andrew Everingham, Troop 62
Sean McCormick, Troop 179
Nicholas Perryman, Troop 500

**Wright Brothers Fly High**
Jason Wright (left) and brother Bennett Wright (right) became the eighth and ninth Eagle Scouts, respectively, in their immediate family. The boys’ grandfather, Dr. Theodore Meiners (center), is the family’s first Eagle Scout.

**MERIT BADGE SKILL CENTERS**

- **Truck Transportation** Jan. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., United Van Lines, (Unigroup), 1 Premiere Dr., 63026
- **Chess** Jan. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., 63108
- **Citizenship in the World** Jan. 31 & Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, 11645 Benham Rd., 63136
- **American Labor** Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Electrical Industry Training Center, 2300 Hampton Ave., 63139
- **Stamp Collecting** March 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Renaissance St. Louis Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Rd., 63134
- **Pets** April 18, 9 a.m.-noon, Humane Society of Missouri, 1201 Macklind Ave., 63110

For more information, visit the Achievements page at stlbsa.org.
**Climb The Night Away Plus More**

What could be better than climbing all night? How about a movie, karaoke, games, slacklining, squeeze box, food, and more and more…?

The Greater St. Louis Area Venturing Officer Association invites all Venturers, Explorers, and Sea Scouts to come together for an overnight of too many activities to list. It’s a night of fellowship and making new friends.

Arrive at the lock-in by 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, at Upper Limits West County Gym and depart Saturday morning at 5:30.

Upper Limits West County Gym is at 1874 Lackland Hill Pkwy., St. Louis, 63146, off Lackland Road west of the Page Avenue and Lindbergh Boulevard intersection.

Your crew may have the opportunity to get belayers certified so that you can come back to the gym for a crew activity at another time!

Cost is $30 per person; after Jan. 6, $35 per person. All participants must bring a signed current Part A & B medical form. Participants younger than 18 must have an Upper Limits waiver, signed by a parent, which is available through the link below. Wear comfortable clothing and don’t bring a lot of personal stuff.

For more information and to register, visit venturing.kintera.org/climbthenightaway.

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**New VOA Officers**

Venturing Association Officers for 2014-15 are (left to right) Louis Sinn, V.P. of Program; Chris Mausshardt, president; Alton Hervey, V.P. of Administration; and Chris Harmon, V.P. of Communication. At far right is Jeff Abernathy, council V.O.A. advisor.

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**TRAINING**

**University Of Scouting’s Venturing College**

Venturing advisors and youth can pick from 13 classes at University of Scouting on Jan. 24. Ranging from one hour to all day, these courses cover topics such as the nuts and bolts of Venturing, how to start a crew, how to put new life into a struggling crew, team building, personal safety, and committee challenge.

The all-day Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews is taught by youth leaders to their crew members, with the support of the crew advisor. This course is a requirement for participation in Kodiak and for youth working on the Discovery Award.

For more information, visit the University of Scouting page at training.stlbsa.org.

**Training Expanded For Venturing**

For the new Venturing award structure, Venturers must complete these training courses:

- Goal Setting/Time Management (now available)
- Project Management (coming soon)
- Mentoring (coming soon)

For more information, visit scouting.org/training/youth.

There is now training for crew advisors and crew committee. Training syllabi for Venturing Advisor Position Specific and Crew Committee Challenge can be found at scouting.org/training/adult.

Keep current with all program changes at scouting.org/programupdates.
A Klondike Is More Than A Race In The Snow

In the Klondike Gold Rush of 1896-99, successful prospectors relied on teamwork and good decision-making. Boy Scouts follow the same path in district Klondike derbies. The best derbies incorporate traditional Scouting skills into fun competitions. Stations around the field test patrols’ skills in areas such as Scoutcraft, using a compass, firebuilding, and first aid. Points are awarded for completed tasks. Scouts, instead of dogs, pull their sleds loaded with gear from station to station.

Klondikes are often theme-based, such as 2013’s Alaskan Adventure in the Gravois Trail District. Station activities are tied into the theme.

Sled plans are available at media.scouting.org/boyslife/workshop/sledplans.pdf. Requirements and rules are specific — sleds must be built by Scouts.

Check with your leader or district executive to find out the date of your district’s Klondike derby.

Cubs Have Their Own Derbies

While Boy Scouts are racing in winter-time Klondikes, Cub Scouts are inside racing pinewood derby cars. Pinewood derbies have been a tradition in the Cub Scout program dating back to 1953.

Cubs and Webelos, with adult supervision, make their own cars to specifications of length, width, wheel clearance, weight, and clearance above the track. Shape and creative design is left up to the Scout!

Check with your leader about pack preliminary races and your district’s pinewood derby.

Some districts include a best-of-show competition for cars that are built only for show and not within racing specifications.

WORD SEARCH

Circle the words listed below. Words appear straight across, backword straight across, up and down, down and up, and diagonally.

Adventrue
Arrowmen
Beaumont
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Centennial
Cub Day Camp
Engineering
Grizzly

Jamboree
Mathematics
Order of the Arrow
Parent and Pal
Pine Ridge
S bar F Scout Ranch
Science
Technology
Webelos

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Service Centers

You can conduct all your council and district business at any of these service centers:

MacArthur Service Center
4568 West Pine Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108-2193
314.361.0600
toll-free: 800.392.0895
fax: 314.361.5165
directly serves these districts:
  Boone Trails
  Grand Towers
  Gravois Trail
  New Horizons
  North Star
  Osage
  Pathfinder
  River Trails
  Thunderbird

Ritter Service Center
3000 Gordonville Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703-5008
573.335.3346
toll free: 800.335.3346
fax: 800.269.7978
directly serves these districts:
  Cherokee
  Ozark Trailblazers
  Shawnee
  Sioux

Southern Illinois Service Center
803 East Herrin St., P.O. Box 340
Herrin, IL 62948-0340
618.942.4683
toll-free: 888.942.4863
fax: 618.942.2367
directly serves these districts:
  Egyptian
  Kaskaskia

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L.B. Eckelkamp III, Council Commissioner
Ronald S. Green, Scout Executive
Andrew V. Zahn, Deputy Scout Executive/COO

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Christine Dieckmann, Director of Marketing & Communications

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Kim Blumenberg, Activities Director
Tony Fouts, Training & Advancement Director
Tom Kroenung, STEM Program Director
John Snipes, Camping Director

Field Department:
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Jamie Lamprecht, Team 2 Field Director
Jared White, Team 3 Field Director
Mary April, Director of Exploring/Learning for Life

Joshua Bollam, Gravois Trail District
Ben Brennecne, Boone Trails District
Jonathan Cartner, New Horizons District
Mike Dineen, Sioux District
McFarlane Duncan, North Star District

Ken Etter, Osage District
Charles Floyd, Grand Towers District
Khary Floyd, Grand Towers District
David Galvin, Egyptian District
DeMarcus Huddleston, Kaskaskia District

William Humphrey, Pathfinder District
Nick Johnson, Boone Trails District
Ryan Kirchner, Thunderbird District
Zoran Lazic, River Trails District
Julie Monken, Learning for Life/Exploring

Scott Phelps, New Horizons District
D’Angelo Ramos, Cherokee District
Suzie Redington, Gravois Trail
Geoffrey Vandiver, Shawnee District
Amanda Webb, Pathfinder District

John Wright, Ozark Trailblazers District

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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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- Hugh Ritter — Gene & Marcia Byrd
- Richard N. Rogers — Paul Brockland
- Paul Seligson — Mr. & Mrs. Lou Heyman

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- Tracy Stemler ..............5 years
- Christopher Keese .......10 years
- Gerald Rechek ..............10 years
- Matt Volk ..................10 years
- Michael Testa ..............15 years
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- Terry Grogan ..........20 years
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- Ryan Hetz .................30 years
- Michael Brand ............35 years
- Suzan Thomas ..........40 years
- Max Thorne ..............40 years
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- Thomas Waller ..........45 years
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- Kevin Lowe Sr. ..........50 years
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It comes as quite a surprise to many donors that, after all the years of making gifts to the Greater St. Louis Area Council, there is a way for them to get back money from the council.

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For more information about gift annuities, contact Kevin Litt at kevin.litt@scouting.org.
Show Us How You’ve Enhanced Scouting’s Image!

The Beacon Award — a ribbon for your unit’s flag — was established in 2008 as a new initiative to show the community what Scouting is all about. To find out how your unit can earn a Beacon Award, visit the website listed below. The following units recently performed an activity that enhances Scouting’s image. For more information on Beacon Awards, visit stlbsa.org.

**Boone Trails**
**Pack 395** — painted 17 picnic tables for city of Troy parks department
**Troop 754** — Eagle Scouts served as color guard for Veterans Day memorial service at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in St. Charles

**Egyptian**
**Pack 5** — handed out cold water and wet towels to runners/walkers in 5k walk/run during city’s annual homecoming; walked in parade

**Gravois Trail**
**Pack 780** — participated in Operation Clean Stream along Meramec River in Fenton

**Osage**
**Post 2415** — cleaned up past site of fire department radio base station, which was overgrown with brush and vines, to help make it more usable for storage

**Thunderbird**
**Pack 103** — participated in service day at Hope United Church of Christ spreading mulch and cleaning up grounds; also planted tree to celebrate peace

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Scouter Receives As Much As He Gives In 80 Years

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

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

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

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

Sandy has faithfully served the Scouting Community for 80 years. He has been an excellent role model not only for Scouts, but other volunteers as well. Sandy has always been very dependable and a supportive member of Troop 11, Temple Israel, as a committee member. He is active in the community, as well, as a member of the Shriner’s. He is responsible for Shriner’s Hospital being available as a meeting place for our district committee and commissioner meetings. This recognition is well deserved.”

— William Humphrey, District Director, Pathfinder District

Troop 11 poses for a group photo at Irondale Reservation Camp in 1938.

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

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

photo courtesy of Sandy Silverstein
Brotherhood

New members are inducted into the Order of the Arrow.  
photo by Don Dotson

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