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SCOUT NIGHTS

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The Cardinals invite all Boy Scouts, their families and friends to enjoy Scout Nights at the Ballpark. Scouts and their guests can enjoy \$14 tickets, and each scout ticket will include a Boy Scouts Cardinals patch!

TUE, APRIL 24 VS. NYM @ 7:15
 THURS, MAY 31 VS. PIT @ 6:15
 WED, JUNE 6 VS. MIA @ 7:15



 cardinals.com/scouts

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- 16 Native American Cultural
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Horsemanship Merit
Badge Skill Center
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Orienteering Festival

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Reunion*
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photo by Bruce Levitt

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The Greater St. Louis Area Council is a BSA District Office.



TRIBUTE TO A LEADER

Throughout my years in Scouting, I've had many experiences and met many great people who I will never forget. I want to tell you about a recent experience with one of those great people that will stay with me forever.

Like many of us, he became a Boy Scout when he was a young boy and was instantly hooked. He went to Scout camp for the first time and loved it. In fact, he kept going back to camp for 50 consecutive summers. He became a Scoutmaster and over the course of 35 years in that position, almost 20 percent of the boys in his troop became Eagle Scouts. Through his years in Scouting, he changed hundreds of lives, maybe even thousands, and through those young men I believe he had a major impact on his community.

When I first met Mark, I'm not afraid to say I was somewhat intimidated by him. He sat at a camp leaders meeting, arms crossed, just staring at me. He looked tough and asked pointed questions. But as I got to know him over the next six-plus years, I got to know his love of Scouting, his camp, and his Order of the Arrow Lodge. They meant the world to him, and he took them seriously. Slowly, we developed a mutual respect through our belief in Scouting, and the importance of summer camp in a boy's life. Then we became friends and eventually close friends.

This fall, Mark informed me that he was battling cancer. As he came to St. Louis for treatments, he would frequently stop by the office to visit, or call to let me know how he was doing. We always discussed camp and the need to preserve each of our Order of the Arrow Lodges. Then, just before Thanksgiving, I received a call from Mark's wife telling me Mark was not going to make it, and that he wanted to see me. On the day he passed away, unable to speak due to his breathing tube, Mark wrote about his concern for Anpetu-We Lodge and Order of the Arrow. Later that week at his funeral, I was in awe at the outpouring of respect from Scouts, leaders, and former Scouts from all walks of life, spanning several decades, there to pay tribute to a simple man from Perryville, Missouri who believed Scouting changed lives and communities throughout southeast Missouri.

Mark reminded me of the power and value of Scouting, the importance of our local leaders, and that our local traditions matter. He set an example that we can all follow.



Thank you for your leadership of the Scouting program.

Yours in Scouting,

Ronald S. Green
Scout Executive



Scouts Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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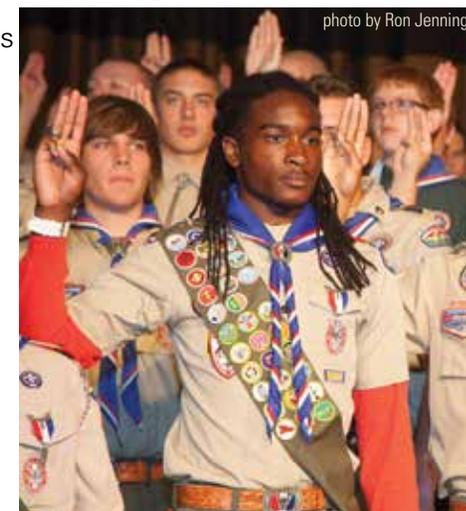
Friends of Scouting Makes A Difference

The Boy Scouts of America develops today's youth into tomorrow's leaders. We do this by creating opportunities for learning and growth that foster and strengthen self-confidence, values, respect for others, character, and leadership abilities. These lessons shape their entire lives.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual giving campaign of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. **The FOS campaign provides nearly 20% of the Council budget every year.** That means nearly a quarter of every dollar in the council budget comes from the generosity of Scouting families, alumni and community supporters. Without this funding, our council could not provide the resources necessary to provide a quality, adventure-filled scouting program.

Your FOS contribution has meaning:

- materials for exciting programs
- insurance for leaders and participants



Please support Scouting by donating during your unit's Friends of Scouting presentation.

- maintain camp properties for your Scouts and future Scouts
- underprivileged youth have opportunity to join regardless of financial situation
- summer camp fee assistance
- volunteer training
- young people grow into successful adults



2018 CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

View All camp offerings at
CUBCAMPING.STLBSA.ORG

Register by April 2 To Save \$10-20

What's new in 2018?

- We are going all out for STEM! The day camp theme is Weird Wacky Science, and overnight camp will have new STEM-related advancements, including a NOVA Award at Arrow of Light Camp.
- Everyone loves to learn! That's why we have increased our focus on advancements, ensuring more Scouts leave camp with more accomplished.
- Provisional leader option at overnight camps. Scouts who could not go to camp because no parents or leaders could attend can now go under the "Provisional" option on the registration page.



photos by Mike Dreaugh, Christine Hummel and Suzie Redington

Arrow of Light Camp (6 days/5 nights)

Who: Webelos and Arrow of Light

Cost: \$280/\$325 with provisional leadership; \$85 per adult

BR: June 10-15, June 17-22 or July 8-13

Webelos Camp

Who: Webelos and Arrow of Light

Cost: \$165/\$200 with provisional leadership; \$70 per adult

BR: June 24-27, July 8-11 or July 15-18 || **WL:** July 12-15

PR: July 8-10 or July 12-14



Cub Adventure Camp

Who: All levels of Cub Scouts

Cost: \$165/\$200 with provisional leadership; \$70 per adult

BR: June 28-July 1, July 5-8 or July 19-22

WL: June 7-10, June 14-17, June 21-24 or June 28-July 1

Family Camp (formerly Parent & Pal)

Who: All levels of Cub Scouts plus the whole family!

Cost: \$30 per person

BR: June 16-17, June 23-24 or July 14-15 || **CL:** July 7-8

SF: June 30-July 1 or July 14-15



Grizzly Day Camp

Who: All levels of Cub Scouts

Cost: \$110; **Just \$85 for each additional session**

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

June 25—29: Gizmos & Gadgets

July 16—20: Jurassic Camp Grizzly

July 23—27: Guardians of the Grizzly Galaxy

July 30—August 3: Heroes of Mythology

Leadership is provided by a paid staff, but parents are welcome to attend and participate. Before/After Care is available for an additional fee.

Day/Twilight Camp

Who: All girls and boys, Scouts and non-Scouts, entering grades 1-5

More than 30 day and twilight camps occur all over our council footprint in June and July. With a Weird Wacky Science theme, Scouts are sure to have a blast with friends exploring and building in the world of science, while also having fun with activities such as archery, fishing, hiking, games, and crafts! These camps are held during the day or the evening, but do not offer overnight opportunities.

Visit stlbsa.org/cub-scout-day-camps for the full list of camps.

BR = Beaumont Scout Reservation; CL = Camp Lewallen; PR = Pine Ridge Scout Camp; SF = S bar F Scout Ranch; WL = Camp Warren Levis

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP Cost: \$290

Featured Activities:

Rock Climbing | Water Skiing | ATVs | Stand-Up Paddle Boards | Climbing Wall | Fishing | Floating Iceberg Climbing Wall | Huck's Cove Water Park | Mountain Biking | Shotgun and Rifle Shooting

Check out our Specialty Camps!

(leadership provided)

Ranger Outpost Program	June-July
LDS Boys at Famous Eagle	June 11-16
Eagle Trail	July 22-28
STEM Camp	July 22-28
Horse Camp <i>(Boy Scouts & Venturers)</i>	July 29-Aug. 4



What's new in 2018?

- Disc Golf Course
- New STEM Merit Badges: Robotics (all camps), Electricity (Camp Gamble), Game Design (Famous Eagle), Energy (Camp Lewallen)
- Scouts can earn these NOVA Awards: Shoot! (Famous Eagle, Camp Gamble, Camp Joy), Whoosh! (Famous Eagle, Camp Lewallen), Let It Grow! (Camp Gamble)

Each camp has a STEM staff that will help Scouts along their trail to completing NOVA awards.

View All camp offerings at
SUMMERCAMP.STLBSA.ORG

Register by April 2 To Save \$20

VENTURING SUMMER CAMP Cost: \$290

One of only a few summer camp facilities dedicated solely to Venturing Summer Camp, Swift High Adventure Base at S bar F Scout Ranch is truly a unique program for your Venturing Crew but is also open to Explorer Posts, and older Scout Patrols.

Western Week | June 10—16

Outdoor Olympics | June 17—23

In addition to themed activities, campers can experience activities such as:

Rock Climbing | High/Low Challenge Course | Rappelling | Stand-Up Paddle Boards | Sailing Equestrian Programs | Mountain Bike Course | Mountain Boards



BOY SCOUT
& VENTURING
**2018 SUMMER
CAMP**



Second week discount: Attend a week of Boy Scout or Venturer summer camp and get \$100 off a second week of camp (excludes NYLT and Horse camp). Or, get \$50 off a GSLAC camp if you spend a week at another council's camp or high-adventure base.

Family discount: A \$100 family discount is available for siblings who also attend a GSLAC Boy Scout camp.

photos by Jeff Abernethy, Jimmy Bernhard, David Jurke, and James Parker

- **Radical Robotics | March 10 | Lindenwood University:** All youth ages 7-13 can learn basic robotics by building and testing their own robot that they get to take home! Our new robot, the T4 Transforming Solar Robot, can be built four different ways and is totally solar powered.
- **Boy Scout NOVA Day | March 17 | Saint Louis Science Center:** Join experts to earn the Let it Grow NOVA and Animal Science Merit Badge. This exclusive experience in agricultural innovation will have Scouts spending the day working, creating, and problem solving as they learn about agriculture and plant and animal science.
- **Cub Scout STEM Days | March 17 at Vatterott College (Berkeley, MO) | April 7 at Vatterott College (Fairview Heights, IL):** Tigers earn Curiosity Intrigue and Magical Mysteries Adventure, Wolves earn Air of the Wolf Adventure, Bears earn Make it Move Adventure, and Webelos earn (most of) Earth Rocks Adventure.

UPCOMING TRAINING COURSES *stlbsa.org/training*

Challenge Course

A series of outdoor challenges -- beginning with basic group initiative games and progressing to more complicated low-course and high-course activities. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump and think through solutions to a variety of challenges.

- Apr. 25 (BR), May 5-6 — SF

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is advanced training for adult leaders designed to enhance leadership skills and develop more effective Scouters. The Wood Badge program gives participants a greater understanding of Scouting's aims and methods.

- May 18-20 & June 1-3 — BR

YOUTH TRAINING—Den Chief

A den chief is a Boy Scout who assists a Cub Scout den leader at meetings and other Scouting events. They mentor Cub Scouts while acquainting them with the world of Boy Scouting. Perfect course for enthusiastic Scouts who desire a leadership role and are interested in working with younger Scouts.

- March 24 — BR

Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Experience/BALOO

Leaders who plan to take Cubs on overnight camping trips must first take this course. Leaders become familiar with fire building, hiking, nature, and other activities — and then take those skills back to their dens.

- Apr. 28-29 — BR
- May 5-6 — CV

Powder Horn

This outdoor high-adventure course is designed to motivate and prepare adult and youth leaders to provide their unit with a variety of safe high-adventure activities.

- April 26-29 — BR

Want to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses for summer camp? Or need to purchase a new uniform? Help fund your Scouting program through the Camp Card sale and Popcorn sale.

Money raised by units through fundraising can be used to cover the cost of advancement recognition, registration fees, Scout equipment, and summer camp.

FUND YOUR
SCOUTING
ADVENTURES

CAMP CARD SALE

The Camp Card sale, which offers discounts at local businesses, ends April 7. Scouts earn \$2.50 for each \$5 Camp Card sold. Any unsold cards can be returned before April 7 without penalty.

Register to sell Camp Cards at
campcard.stlbsa.org

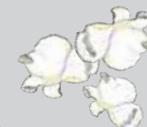


Each Scout selling 50 or more cards receives a patch. Scouts who sell 200 or more cards receive a \$25 Scout Shop gift card. Top 2 sellers receive a Samsung Tablet!

NEW POPCORN VENDOR

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Pecatonica River Popcorn for the 2018 sale.

- Tins are Back!
- New incentive/prize program for Scouts!
- Great gourmet flavors, true premium products
- Online selling



Details regarding fall kickoff trainings and FREE unit tasting kits to follow in the coming months.

Be sure to check for the latest updates regarding the fall popcorn sale at www.stlbsa.org/popcorn.



NYLT Helps Scouts Develop Their Own



Photos by Chad Deschane

Patrick (second from left) on staff at National Youth Leadership Training.

2018 NYLT Schedule

- June 10–16, Boy Scout Only
- June 17–23, Boy Scout and Venturing
- June 24–30, Boy Scout and Venturing
- July 8–14, Boy Scout Only
- July 15–21, Boy Scout and Venturing

All courses take place at S bar F Scout Ranch.

Cost: \$270

- Send two Scouts more than in 2017, \$25 off per scout.
- Send three Scouts more, \$35 off per scout.
- Send four or more Scouts, \$50 off per scout.

NYLT Pack & Paddle

The Pack & Paddle course is conducted in the S bar F Scout Ranch backcountry and on Nims Lake. In addition to developing leadership skills, attending Scouts and Venturers practice low-impact camping, hiking, canoeing, and learn the proper use of a compass for navigation. Pack & Paddle follows the same NYLT syllabus.

Scouting is famous for acronyms. Spend just five minutes talking with a Scouter and you'll likely hear things like OA, DE, YPT, IOLS, Jambo-okay, not technically an acronym but Scout-speak nonetheless.

As summer approaches, there's another acronym that becomes more common- NYLT, or National Youth Leadership Training. This week-long training course helps Scouts and Venturers grow and improve their leadership skills. It's highly touted in the Scouting world as one of the best leadership courses for youth, and it occurs every summer in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

"What separates NYLT from other places is it sets such a strong foundation for your

SAVE THE DATE



stlbsa.org/earth-day

Earth Day

Donation Drive
Saturday, April 21



Donors can drop off donations to a number of area locations designated by MERS Goodwill and the Boy Scouts. All items will be accepted free of charge. Participants will receive a tax receipt for their donation. All efforts to recycle used goods keep material out of landfills and help MERS Goodwill stores generate revenue to advance the Goodwill mission and programs.

leadership style on how you cultivate it," said Patrick Siemonsma, a 2013 NYLT graduate and member of Troop and Crew 52. "That's not to say other leadership courses don't do that, but to me, NYLT is unique in that it really kind of tailors to everybody. Participants get out of it what they put in."

Those who know Patrick today might be surprised to learn that the outgoing 17-year-old used to be a quiet and reserved kid.

"Before NYLT, Patrick was kind of a shy, quiet guy," said Patrick's dad, Doug. "He earned merit badges and went camping, but he was never much of a leader. He was just getting through it. He knew being an Eagle Scout was important, but he never

really understood the leadership part of it."

"I had no clue NYLT would have such an impact on Patrick," Doug revealed. "It was a life-changing event for him. It's potentially a life-changing event for any kid."

Patrick's Scouting experiences also helped Doug realize something important about himself.

"When I get to be too much of a parent, Patrick reminds me to give him some space. I was trying too hard to make him successful, and I needed to let him be successful on his own. The Scouting program allows for that if you just let your kid do it."

Read the whole story at stlbsa.org/news.

FAMILY SCOUTING

Offering Iconic BSA Programs to Girls and Boys

Last fall, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America approved welcoming girls into its Cub Scout program beginning in 2018. Then, in 2019, the BSA will begin delivering a Scouting program for older girls that will enable them to advance and earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

In August 2018, an existing chartering organization may choose to serve girls or remain an all-boy pack. When creating a new pack, a chartered organization may form an all-boy pack, an all-girl pack, multiple packs or a pack of girl dens and boy dens. Cub Scout dens will be single gender — all boys or all girls.

Learn more at scouting.org/familyscouting

HOW WILL IT WORK?

 Cub Scout Pack  All-Boy Den  All-Girl Den

Cub Scouts
Ages 5-10 (for grades K-5)

All Boy Cub Scout Pack

Boys and Girls Cub Scout Pack

All Girl Cub Scout Pack



"Older Scouts"
Ages 12-17 (for grades 6-12)



Boy Scout Program



Older Youth Program

Girl Program (coming in 2019)

Allows organizations to identify the options that work best for their communities

Allows flexibility for chartered partners

Allows us to introduce Scouting to more families

Allows boys and girls to learn and grow at the pace that is unique to their development

The Greater St. Louis Area Council is divided into 20 districts, covering the geographical area of the city of St. Louis, 26 surrounding counties in eastern and southeast Missouri, and 25 counties in southern Illinois.



BIG MUDDY DISTRICT
bigmuddy.stlbsa.org | serves Illinois counties of Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Perry, Pulaski, & Union



BLACK GOLD DISTRICT
blackgold.stlbsa.org | serves Illinois counties of Clay, Jefferson, Marion, Washington, Wayne, & part of Clinton



BOONE TRAILS DISTRICT
boonetrails.stlbsa.org | serves Missouri counties of St. Charles, Lincoln, & Warren (except parts in the Washington School District)



CAHOKIA MOUNDS DISTRICT
cahokiamounds.stlbsa.org | serves parts of Illinois counties of Bond & Madison



CHEROKEE DISTRICT
cherokee.stlbsa.org | serves Missouri counties of Dunklin, Mississippi, Pemiscott, New Madrid, & parts of Scott & Stoddard



EGYPTIAN DISTRICT
egyptian.stlbsa.org | serves Illinois counties of Franklin, Hamilton, Saline, & Williamson



GRAND TOWERS DISTRICT
grandtowers.stlbsa.org | serves city of St. Louis, Missouri, north of Interstate 44



GRAVOIS TRAIL DISTRICT
gravoistrail.stlbsa.org | serves south St. Louis County, Missouri, in the school districts of Affton, Bayless, Hancock Place, Lindbergh, Mehlville, & Fenton area of Rockwood



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NORTH STAR DISTRICT
northstar.stlbsa.org | serves Missouri school districts of Ferguson-Florissant, Hazelwood, Jennings, & Riverview Gardens



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ozarktrailblazers.stlbsa.org | serves Missouri counties of Iron, Madison, Renolds, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, & Washington



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pathfinder.stlbsa.org | serves Missouri school districts of Clayton, Ladue, Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Normandy, Pattonville, Ritenour, & University City



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rivertrails.stlbsa.org | serves Jefferson County, Missouri, school districts of Crystal City, DeSoto, Dunklin, Festus, Fox, Grandview, Hillsboro, Jefferson R-7, Northwest, Sunrise, & Windsor



ST. CLAIR DISTRICT
stclair.stlbsa.org | serves parts of Illinois counties of St. Clair & Clinton



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