Join our new #ScoutsStandOut campaign
If this fall feels a little like déjà vu, you’re right. At this same time two years ago, we were going through the process of merging with the Lewis & Clark Council. Now, this fall, we are merging with the Lincoln Trails Council (see page 2 for more details).

Here in the Greater St. Louis Area Council, we are blessed to be part of one of the strongest Scouting programs in the nation. With this distinction comes the responsibility to extend our programs to all families who wish to benefit from Scouting. This new opportunity allows for more resources, such as the Greater St. Louis Area Council’s innovative STEM programs (page 7) and state-of-the-art camp facilities, to serve youth in a way that will help Scouting thrive throughout central Illinois once again.

Lincoln Trails joins us just as our program year is kicking into high gear. Believe it or not, our largest event of the year is right around the corner with Scouting For Food on Nov. 17. Not only is it our largest event, but also our most important. Hunger is a real issue for many in our region. In fact, 1 in 6 locally are food insecure. With your help this November, we can work together to fight hunger and feed hope in our communities.

In addition to providing service back to our communities, there are dozens more activities and trainings to take part in over the coming months. Plus, it’s never too early to start thinking about summer camp. Don’t forget to save your unit’s spot for 2019 Boy Scout or Venturer camp, and save the date for Cub Scout camps.

Thank you for being part of the adventure in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

Yours in Scouting,

Ronald S. Green
Scout Executive
HAUNTED HAYRIDES

OCTOBER 19, 20, 26 & 27 | 7-9:30 P.M.
CAMP WARREN LEVIS
$6 PER PERSON

A spooky fun evening for the whole unit, group, or family!

Haunted Hayrides are a spooky good time for children and adults of all ages! Tractors leave every 10-15 minutes and hayrides last approximately 30 minutes. Keep an eye out for goblins and ghouls, and be careful about that noise in the woods...

Register at:
scoutingevent.com/312-2018HauntedHayride

Hayride haunters needed!
We are looking for units that can set up and staff haunting stations during Haunted Hayrides. Units are welcome to camp at no charge and enjoy the amenities of Camp Warren Levis Saturday for unit activities.

Sign up to help at scoutingevent.com/312-Haunting2018.

Visit stlbsa.org/boy-scout-summer-camp

Troops can secure their camp, dates, and campsite by providing an estimated number of attendees and $100 unit deposit.

Summer Camp is the pinnacle of the Scouting year. STEM programs, water sports, high adventure activities, and building Scout skills are just a few highlights of summer camp in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

GOOD TO KNOW: Ozark Adventure is back by popular demand! Details available at stlbsa.org/camping/boy-scout-summer-camp.

Join our staff!
Each summer, we employ hundreds of youth and adults to help us provide a fun, positive experience for campers. To interview for summer camp staff, please come to one of our open interview dates in your Field uniform or business attire and bring a completed application. Applications available at stlbsa.org/camping/camp-staff.

Save Your Spot for 2019 Summer Camp

December 18, 19
December 14
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December 19

Beaumont Scout Reservation
6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr.
High Ridge, MO 63049

Cohen Service Center
335 West Main St.
Belleville, IL 62220

Ritter Service Center
3000 Gardenville Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Southern Illinois Service Center
803 East Herrin St.
Herrin, IL 62948

Photo by Brian Caldwell

Check out these spooky events to add to the Halloween season!

St. Louis and Decatur, Illinois Boy Scout Councils Approve Merger

The Greater St. Louis Area Council and Lincoln Trails Council, headquartered in Decatur, IL, will merge to form one unified council. The merger decision was approved by a vote of each council’s voting membership in September.

The newly merged council, which will retain the Greater St. Louis Area Council name, will serve nearly 69,000 youth throughout 64 counties in Missouri and Illinois. The merger becomes effective operationally immediately and legally on January 1, 2019.

By combining efforts, a unified council will offer better quality programming and service to Scouting families in the Lincoln Trails Council which has been financially stressed and faced declining membership over the past several years. This new opportunity allows for more resources, such as the Greater St. Louis Area Council’s innovative STEM programs and state-of-the-art camp facilities, to serve youth in a way that will help Scouting thrive throughout central Illinois.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council, which has seen membership growth in each of the last two years, had 66,757 youth participate in its programs last year while the Lincoln Trails Council served 2,149 young people.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council, headquartered in St. Louis, MO, is one of the largest and most diverse councils in the United States with more than 116,000 youth and 21,000 adult volunteers in 1,200 service units. The Greater St. Louis Area Council is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Each November, thousands of Scouts head out to local neighborhoods to collect food donations for those in need during our annual Scouting For Food drive. Last year, the Greater St. Louis Area Council’s Scouting For Food campaign, the largest single-day food drive in the Boy Scouts of America, provided more than 1.6 million meals for those in need.

How It Works
The campaign is launched on “Bag Distribution Day” when Scouts distribute 1 million plastic bags to area neighborhoods. The Scouts return to residences one week later, “Bag Collection Day,” to retrieve the bags filled with donated non-perishable food items. Collection day is accomplished through the help of thousands of Scouts, parents, and volunteers.

In the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, the items are sorted and boxed at area firehouses before heading to the St. Louis Area Foodbank for distribution. Outside of the city and county, the donated items are taken directly to food pantries.

Within 48 hours of the Scouts’ collection, donations are on pantry shelves ready to feed the hungry.

Best Practice Tip
Somebody way back when had the brilliant idea of dividing up our map into sections that make sense depending on the number of houses and the terrain.

After the Scoutmaster and the SPL give the instructions, the group breaks up into smaller groups, usually dens or patrols. We hand out a color-coded map based on the age and the size of the group. The Tigers usually get the smallest map with the easiest terrain while the older Boy Scouts are charged with canvassing the bigger streets. We purchased some safety vests about two years ago for visibility. We have more maps than groups so we ask that when a group is done, they come back for another map until everything is completed. This prevents the smaller Cub Scouts from getting too tired out. For food pickup, we ask the groups to pick up the same neighborhoods they canvassed during bag drop off.

We have used this map system for years and have added sections when new houses are built.

Mike P.
Committee Chairman, Troop 721

2017
BY THE NUMBERS

- 2 million items of food collected
- 1,624,272 meals provided to the hungry
- 1 million bags distributed
- 600+ food pantries stocked
- 42 tractor trailers

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Upcoming

Radical Robotics
October 27 | De Smet Jesuit High School
ALL YOUTH are welcome to attend a morning of fast-paced, engaging technology and engineering with the Mad Science Scientists. Learn basic robotics by building and testing your own T4 Transforming Solar Robot that you can take home! Thank you to De Smet Jesuit High School for sponsoring & hosting the Spring 2018 Radical Robotics event!

Scoutbotics
October 27 | Parks College St. Louis University
For youth ages 11-17 interested in robotics and looking for an engaging and challenging opportunity. Participants can earn the Robotics or Programming Merit Badge while building their very own Gobbit+ robot that they can take home (a $110 value!).

STEM News & Notes
STEM had another exciting summer filled with workshops, events, and camps. We kicked off our summer schedule with STEM on CAMPus at Southeast Missouri State University and University of Missouri-St. Louis. Boy Scouts earned up to six advancements or NOVA awards per camp while experiencing the college lifestyle.

In July, STEM took over Camp May and Cub World at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Boy Scouts attended a week-long STEM camp earning not only advancements, but experiencing some incredible evening activities and demonstrations from partners such as the St. Louis County Police, U.S. Navy, and the Boeing Company. On the other side of Beaumont, Cub Scouts enjoyed four evenings of Twilight Camp. With the help of awesome STEM partners like AT&T, Daugherty Business Solutions, Cahokia Mounds, and Center for American Archeology, Cub Scouts earned the Tech Talk and Uncovering the Past Nova Awards.

We closed out the season with the second annual STEMfest at Pole Position Raceway. Youth raced around the ¼-mile track and participated in hands-on activities from our partners. Through these events, we brought STEM to more than 500 youth!

STEM was also an important part of almost every camp this summer! Scouts earned Robotics and Space Exploration Merit Badges, played with slime at Weird Wacky Science day camps, and earned Nova Awards. Thank you to all of the volunteers, partners, and sponsors who made the summer a huge success.

STEM Events

Einstein Dinner
November 16 | St. Louis Zoo
Join us for our 4th annual recognition dinner to honor our local Scouts’ accomplishments along with STEM volunteers and sponsors. Scouts who have earned a Supernova Award should turn in their work by October 31 in order to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Saint Louis Zoo for a night filled with celebration and STEM!

STEM University
November 3 | Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
December 15 | University Missouri-St. Louis
January 5 | Southeast Missouri State University
February 23 | Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
STEM University is a full day event for Cub Scouts and Boy scouts focused on earning STEM-based advancements and Nova Awards. Scouts visit a university, work with experts and professors in the field, and participate in fun, hands-on educational activities. More information at stlbsa.org/stem/stem-university.

Learn more about STEM programs at: stem.stlbsa.org scoutingandstemgreaterstlouisarea stemandscoutingstl
Nominate An Exceptional Scouter

Know a volunteer who has provided noteworthy service to Scouting and the community? Nominate them for the Silver Beaver Award!

This award is the highest honor a Boy Scout council can bestow on an adult volunteer. Each year, we recognize a class of Silver Beaver recipients during the council’s annual recognition dinner.

Visit stlbsa.org/council-annual-meeting for a nomination form. Deadline is January 31.

Check out our specialty camps for a whole new take on summer camp!

Ranger Program
(For Scouts & Venturers 14 or older, or in their 4th summer of camp)
Activities include black powder shooting, challenge courses, wilderness survival skill practice, and blacksmithing. Scouts live in outpost camps and carry all equipment necessary for camping. The Ranger Program is also great preparation for Philmont.

Eagle Trail
Work on Eagle-required merit badges and learn about the Life-to-Eagle process while still enjoying summer camp activities.

STEM Week
Work on a Nova award and merit badge each day while experiencing incredible STEM programming and exhibits in the evening.

Horse Camp
Learn how to care, groom and ride a horse while also enjoying traditional camp activities.

Catholic Adventure Week
Live and grow in your faith while working towards religious awards.

We Have Summer Camps For Cub Scouts Too!
Save The Date For These Summer Adventures!
cubcamping.stlbsa.org

Boy Scout Summer Camp Lineup

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CUB ADVENTURE CAMP
Best For: All Cub Scouts
Webelos/Arrow of Light: Cast Iron Chef, Aquanaut, Build It, Webelos Walkabout, Into the Woods
CM: June 27-30, June 30-July 3, July 18-21
WL: June 13-16, June 20-23, June 27-30, July 11-14, July 18-21
PR: July 7-10
SB: TBD

ARROW OF LIGHT CAMP
Best For: Cub Scouts going into grades 4-5 fall 2018
Advancement: Nova Wild, Shooting Sports Award, Build It, Outdoorsman, Aquanaut, Into the Wild, Earth Rocks
CM: June 9-14, June 16-21, July 7-12

WEBELOS CAMP
Best For: Cub Scouts going into grades 4-5 fall 2018
Advancement: Cast Iron Chef, Aquanaut, Build It, Webelos Walkabout, Into the Woods
CM: June 23-26, July 14-17
PR: July 11-14

FAMILY CAMP
Best For: All Cub Scouts and their siblings and families
Program Areas: Swimming, archery, BBs, crafts, STEM, mud cave (Camp May), boating (S-F & Lewallen), fishing (S-F & Lewallen), & water park (S-F)
CM: June 23-26, June 30-July 3, July 18-21
WL: June 13-16, June 20-23, June 27-30, July 11-14, July 18-21
PR: July 7-10
SB: TBD

GRIZZLY DAY CAMP
Best For: All Cub Scouts.
Grizzly Day Camp offers multiple sessions, each with its own unique theme. Leadership is provided by a paid staff.
All sessions take place at Beaumont Scout Reservation.
June 24-28
July 15-19
July 22-26
July 29-August 2

DAY/TWILIGHT CAMPS
Best For: All Cub Scouts
More than 30 day & twilight camps take place all over our council territory. These camps range from 3-5 days or evenings but do not offer overnight opportunities.

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Enhance Your Skills

**INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)**

October 26-28
Beaumont Scout Reservation

Along with Scoutmaster Specifics, this course is required of all direct leaders registered in Boy Scout Troops to be considered “trained.”

- Builds and expands on concepts and themes from Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training.
- Provides a full understanding of how the patrol method operates.
- Become comfortable working with and instructing Scouts.
- Increased level of confidence taking Scouts outdoors safely.

**LEAVE NO TRACE**

November 2-3
Camp Vandeventer

This session will teach unit leaders the principles of Leave No Trace Camping.

Leave No Trace is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics education program. The principles of Leave No Trace are not rules: they are guidelines to follow at all times.

**SUPER SATURDAY TRAINING**

December 1
Beaumont Scout Reservation

This training is for any Scout leader looking to get leader-specific trained or just wanting to refresh their knowledge.

Cub Scout leaders will be trained in all position and Boy Scout leaders will be trained in Scoutmaster and Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills.

**University of Scouting**

January 26 | Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scouters. Many required BSA trainings are offered, but University of Scouting focuses more on the wide variety of non-required trainings that can enable your ability to deliver an outstanding program.

Whether you are a new Scouter or a long-time veteran of the program, you will find relevant courses that help you become a well-rounded Scouter capable of supporting a quality program.

This is an event filled with fun, fellowship, and learning. There are courses for leaders of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers as well as Commissioners, youth Den Chiefs, committee members, and interested parents and adults.

Through the many trainings offered, our Council’s most experienced Scouters have the chance to share tips and information to make your position in Scouting more exciting and to help you provide the best available program for the youth in your community.

**Wood Badge Course Scholarship**

Like many volunteers, Becky Fisk was selfless and tireless in her dedication to the Boy Scouts of America. Wood Badge, in particular, was near and dear to her heart as she spent a decade in various roles for the training course. Becky passed away in 2014, but her passion lives on through the dozens of Scouters she guided through Wood Badge.

In honor of Becky’s devotion to Scouting, a scholarship fund has been set up in her name to help those with financial hardships to participate in Wood Badge training. Applicants can receive funds that cover up to half the cost of course fees.

Access the application at stlbsa.org/training/adult/wood-badge.
Nathaniel Bahan is just like any other Scout. He goes camping with his troop, works on merit badges, and gives back to the community with service projects.

What many people don’t realize is that Nathaniel was born with cerebral palsy, a neurological disorder that affects movement, motor skills, and muscle tone. For Nathaniel, it affects his left side motor skills. Though he sometimes wears braces on his legs to help him walk, he has never let his disability get in the way.

“He doesn’t know any limits,” said Nathaniel’s mom, Kathleen. “He doesn’t limit himself on his disability. He doesn’t look at it as a disability.”

Nathaniel first joined Scouting as a Tiger, following in the footsteps of his older brother, Matt.

“We became a Scouting family when [Nathaniel’s] older brother was in second grade,” explained Kathleen. “The reason we did is because I was a middle school teacher, and the kids that I saw in my room at the time, as an eighth-grade teacher, the boys that were what I wanted my boys to become, were Scouts.”

In addition to Scouting, Nathaniel keeps a full schedule with church youth group, serving as a student mentor, and playing percussion—in his high school marching band.

“It’s something when you see the kid who has trouble walking carrying the drum major’s stand across the field,” said Kathleen. “It almost looks mean like, ‘Why are they making that kid do that?’ Well, that kid wants to do that!”

Being a kid isn’t always easy, but Kathleen firmly believes that Scouting has helped Nathaniel overcome the additional challenges cerebral palsy has thrown his way.

“Through his ability to learn how to be a leader through Scouting, he translates that into school and everyday life,” explained Kathleen. “I think those friendships he has made through Scouting, and the Scouts seeing him as a leader, that does carry over into school. So, kids that might not be familiar with Nathaniel and might wonder, ‘Why does that kid walk differently?’ When they get to know him, and when his personality is out there, I think they are very accepting. And I think that those character traits and those leadership skills, he’s learned through Scouting.”

Two years ago Nathaniel wanted to further strengthen his leadership skills so he attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) for a week during the summer.

“NYLT was a great experience,” said Nathaniel. “I learned how to form relationships with people I’ve never met before and start working with them right off the bat. I learned leadership skills that I took back to my troop as well as communication skills that I use in my personal life in school.”

The experience was so transformational for Nathaniel, that he eagerly sought out a staffing position last summer, so he could pass along the knowledge and enthusiasm to other Scouts.

Naturally, mom had a few doubts, even fears, as she dropped her son off for NYLT.

“You just worry because things are harder for him,” Kathleen said. “But he doesn’t see it as harder. He just sees that, ‘This is what I have to go do.’ And that’s exactly what I want for him. So, the emotions can be a little bit of being scared for his safety, but also just the pride and amazement of what he can do.

“So all my mom fears, he just overcomes those all on his own. He doesn’t want special consideration.”

Kathleen further proved this point when she shared one of her favorite memories from Nathaniel’s Scouting journey. As the two were packing for a kayak trip, Nathaniel proudly explained a new rope and knot invention to his mother.

“He says, ‘Mom, I made this so if the first-year Scouts get tired, I can tie them to my kayak, and I can pull them,’” Kathleen says with a smile. “Now A) he was a first-year Scout. B) I’m worried that he’s going to get tired because really, only one arm is doing most of the work. And C) I’m pretty sure he made it because he thought I was going to get tired, and he was going to need to save me!”

“But that’s Nathaniel. He’s always thinking about how to help someone else. Those first-year Scouts, he was going to make it better for them even though he was one of them.”

In Scouting, Nathaniel has found a community that sees past his cerebral palsy and accepts him for exactly who he is. That’s not always the case for his life outside of Scouts.

“Don’t give people with cerebral palsy limitations,” said Nathaniel. “Treat them like others. I wish other people would see me as my personality and myself and not my CP. This isn’t a problem with my friends and my troop, but sometimes people who don’t know me avoid me.”

Although that might be a tough reality for some, Nathaniel is prepared to overcome it stating, “Scouting has taught me to never give up on anything I put my mind to and to always keep building relationships with people.”

It’s these lessons and life skills that show Kathleen the true impact of Scouting.

“I love that Scouting has really given him a place to shine whereas other events might overlook him.”

In 2015, Nathaniel was named the Illinois State of the Year Scout. Through his ability to be a leader through Scouting, he translates that into school and everyday life, explained Kathleen. “I think those friendships he has made through Scouting, and the Scouts seeing him as a leader, that does carry over into school. So, kids that might not be familiar with Nathaniel and might wonder, ‘Why does that kid walk differently?’”

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2019 NYLT Staff Interview Schedule
Saturday, December 1—Herrin Service Center
Saturday, December 8—Belleville Service Center
Saturday, December 15—Cape Girardeau Service Center
Tuesday, December 18—Beaumont Scout Reservation
Wednesday, December 19—Beaumont Scout Reservation

Application available at stlbsa.org/training/youth/national-youth-leadership
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HERE'S HOW TO JOIN IN:

1. In the Current Status line of the tag, write the merit badge or adventure your Scout is working on now or what they want to work on next.
2. In the Future Status line, write down their future goal that ties into that merit badge or adventure.
3. Take a picture of your Scout(s) with their tag and share it with your friends and family through your favorite social media channel (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)
4. Don’t forget to use the hashtag #ScoutsStandOut. You might even see your Scout on our page!

Need help thinking of something to say with your picture? Here are some examples to help get you started:

(Scout’s name) is working towards his/her astronomy merit badge because he’s/she’s determined to be the first person to visit Mars. #ScoutsStandOut

Look out (location ie. Tower Grove South), (Scout’s name) is looking to be your Fire Chief in 2045! #ScoutsStandOut

Toasters beware, (Scout’s name)’s ready to tackle the big bots. #ScoutsStandOut

With your help, we can show the world that Scouting goes beyond fun — it’s about preparing leaders for the future.
BSA will make Scoutbook free for everyone beginning Jan. 1, 2019

It’s a bit like learning there’s enough Dutch oven peach cobbler for everyone to have seconds.

It seems too good to be true, but you will absolutely take it.

The BSA announced that it will make Scoutbook subscriptions free to all BSA units beginning Jan. 1, 2019. Units that already use Scoutbook won’t be charged when they renew their subscription on or after Sept. 1, 2018.

Scoutbook is the BSA’s online unit management tool and helps Scouts, parents and leaders track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail.

Previously, units paid a small annual fee — up to $1 per Scout per year — to access Scoutbook’s powerful features, which are accessible on any device. By making Scoutbook free for everyone, the BSA can drive program consistency and deepen our movement’s engagement with youth and adult leaders.

The move means everyone can enjoy what more than 1 million users already know: Scoutbook can improve your Scouting experience.

What does this mean for existing Scoutbook users? How will this affect the future of Scoutbook? Here’s what you need to know.

How will subscriptions/renewals work in 2019 and beyond?

• Units with a current Scoutbook account: When they need to renew their subscription this fall, they will not pay any renewal fees, effective Sept. 1, 2018.

• Units without a current Scoutbook account: They can begin their free Scoutbook unit subscription on Jan. 1, 2019.

Will existing users get a refund?

No. There are no plans to reimburse anyone who has previously paid for a Scoutbook subscription. This change applies only to any new Scoutbook subscriptions effective Jan. 1, 2019, or later — and to any renewing Scoutbook subscriptions that would normally be paid between Sept. 1, 2018, and Dec. 31, 2018.

What if a current Scoutbook unit needs to add more Scouts this fall?

Let’s say your pack has a 75-Scout subscription with 15 open slots. You expect to recruit well over that number this fall. Can you add Scouts to your subscription when/if that happens?

Yes, if you have a current Scoutbook subscription, after Sept. 1, 2018, you can renew your subscription (if needed) or add more youth to Scoutbook at no cost.

What should units that don’t currently have Scoutbook do this fall?

Scoutbook will be free to all units beginning Jan. 1, 2019.

In the meantime, watch for the release of Scoutbook Lite for all units later in 2018. This free online tool will provide a slightly different user experience from the full Scoutbook, but it will help your unit track advancements for all your youth members.

How will Scoutbook free this fall?

Scoutbook will only continue to improve. The BSA IT and Member Care teams will continue to support Scoutbook with their timely service and quality resources. Scoutbook performance enhancements have been implemented regularly over the years, and its performance is continually monitored.

Where can I get more information about this change in Scoutbook?

Contact Scoutbook.support@scouting.org

Read more at blog.scoutingmagazine.org

What is Exploring?

Exploring is a co-ed career exploration program for students ages 14-20 (or 13 and completed eighth grade). The program pairs students directly with local companies and organizations where they gain real-life opportunities to experience many career choices.

Ready to get started?

Find an Explorer Post in your area from the list below or contact stl.exploring@scouting.org.
Memorial Tribute Fund

Tributes received through August:

In memory of...

Angela Breidenbach — Stephen R. Kappel, Donald E. Welge
Bob Little — Allen Heininger, Mary Ann Koetting
C. Robert Wells — John P. McDonell
Cole J. Duffell — Ryan Bricker
Donald A. Weiland — J.E. Tejcek
Douglas Wilen — Thomas Barto, Kim Braun, Linda Hagen, Andrew Ruffy, Carol & Rex Thomas, Phoenix Commercial Properties
Guy Richardson — Butler County Missouri Bar Association
Hershal McKinney — Joe Ziegler
James “Skip” Davis — Amanda Heidemann

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. Your tribute will benefit the youths of our communities forever. 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. Donations can be made online at stlbsa.org/give.

For more information about ways to support Scouting or include Scouting as part of your estate planning, contact R.J. Crunk at 314.256.3010, 800.392.0895, or r.j.crunk@scouting.org.

Tribute Fund

Memorial

Supporting Scouting For Generations To Come

Jim Reid learned a lot from Scouting. Two of the most important lessons he came away with were leadership and responsibility. He says any youth, regardless of whether they attain Eagle, can be successful in life if they learn these two traits.

And don’t forget about goal setting. According to Jim, “Without setting goals, how could you possibly know what you hope to accomplish?” Jim definitely had goals, and he set out to achieve them.

Jim is the owner of MP Industries, Inc., Recon Development, and Artist House, and he isn’t shy about crediting the Scouting program and his leaders for much of his success. In fact, he’s so thankful that he recently decided to make a significant gift to the Greater St. Louis Area Council endowment that will change the lives of many Scouts.

The 30th Annual Greater St. Louis Scouting Memorabilia Association presents

The 30th Annual Greater St. Louis Scouting Memorabilia Show & Trade-O-Ree

November 14 at 6:30 p.m. // Marquette Building, 338 Broadway, Cape Girardeau

Who are Scouting Alumni?

Anyone positively and personally impacted by the Boy Scouts of America including former youth members, family members of Scouts past and present, Wood Badge alumni as well as community leaders and millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting in their communities every day.

There is no cost to attend. Bring your family and friends.

RSVP by November 9 to Mark Schuermann at mark.schuermann@scouting.org or (314) 256-3032.

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Veteran Awards

VETERANS

George Dickinson ...........70
James Barbee ..............55
Richard Dorsey ..........50
Ronald Jennings ..........50
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George Ripplinger ..........30
Judith White ...............30
Frankie Williams ..........30
Charles Dombek ...........25
John White ..................20

Susan Bussen — The First Tee, David Merz, John & Yvonne Renz
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Sam English — Deborah English

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RECYCLE YOUR BOY SCOUT ITEMS!
To donate Scout items for our auctions or for information about the event, contact John H. Remelius 314-353-3285 or jhremo@hotmail.com

Profits from donated items are given to the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Check us out at www.smascouting.org

A 63-year veteran of Scouting, Jim earned his Eagle at age 14. He proudly remembers when Russ Hart, Greater St. Louis Area Council Scout Executive from 1959-80, presented him with his Eagle medal. Jim was Ordained as a Scoutmaster in 2010, where he was resolute in keeping the unit boy-led as the program intended.

Jim believes it is his duty to give back to the Boy Scouts of America, and he would love to see Scouting do for others what it has done for him and his son.

As a planned giving donor to the Greater St. Louis Area Council, you can use your giving to achieve personal goals, enhance your financial security, and to help shape the future of Scouting.

For more information about the planned giving programs of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, please contact Jim Nolan at (314) 256-3032 or James.Nolan@scouting.org.
United Way Builds Happier, Healthier Local Community

United Way membership is critical to the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Our allocation from United Way of Greater St. Louis is used for general operations as well as to support programs such as STEM education and financial assistance for youth who could not otherwise participate in the Scouting program.

In addition to funding our organization, United Way of Greater St. Louis funds more than 170 health and human service agencies throughout the 16-county region surrounding and including St. Louis. The United Way of Greater St. Louis helps one in three people in our region annually.

United Way is in the midst of its 2018 fundraising campaign. The council asks you to support the overall mission of the United Way, which includes our council. Your contribution is critical. It’s a way for you to combine the power of your gift with others to help thousands of your neighbors.

For more information, visit helpingpeople.org.

Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide Recall

The Boy Scouts of America announced a voluntary recall of Cub Scout neckerchief slides sold between February 2018 and August 2018. The affected products include the orange Lion, red Wolf, green Bear and blue Webelos slides. The slides were sold at local Scout Shops, authorized BSA distributors and online at scoutshop.org. About 110,000 slides are affected.

The Tiger slide is not involved in the recall. Neither are Boy Scout neckerchief slides or any neckerchief slide sold before February 2018.

No injuries have been reported as a result of the affected slides, and the BSA has identified and fixed the problem that led to the recall. The recall was prompted by the discovery that the paint on the surface of the colored portion of the slides may contain levels of lead above limits set by the federal government.

Families with a recalled slide should stop using it immediately. They’re entitled to an exchange or refund, even if they no longer have a receipt or the original tag.

More information available at scoutshop.org/product-recall.

Camp Joy Provides Summer Memories For Special Needs Troop

Every summer since 1987, special needs Troop 334 from Red Bud, Illinois has spent a week at Camp Joy. It was a promise Eileen Williams made all those years ago with founding Scoutmaster Jim Brandon and one she continues to keep to this day with the help of her husband, Gary, and many other dedicated volunteers.

The troop functions just as any other unit with regular meetings and campingouts and attendance at as many Order of the Arrow events as they can make. However, summer camp has always been a favorite for the Scouts. Their participation at summer camp has become a favorite for other units too.

“We always go first week to Camp Joy,” said Gary. “But we have units that start asking in April, ‘Are you guys coming to camp,’ or ‘How many guys are you bringing to camp?’ We have different units that will camp with us on our campsite because they want to spend that week with our guys. They would invite us over for their campfires and things like that. These guys give more and teach more than what they learn, but they also come and have a great week at camp.”

Although the Scouts of Troop 334 have different physical and mental abilities, Eileen sees to it that they are treated just like any other kid.

“We don’t really expect them to be treated any differently,” explained Eileen. “When the counselors in camp would ask, ‘How do I approve merit badges?’ You approve them based on their ability. You can’t just look at them and say they all don’t get it or I already signed off on it because they’re just there. We’re not looking for that. We want them to learn something.”

Life Scout Eugene H. has been to every summer camp since 1987. Now in his sixties, he often tells Eileen that his goal is to complete his Eagle. So he can retire.

The council special needs committee is designed to offer support, training and resources to help Scouts and units be more successful. To access special needs resources, including committee contact information, visit stlbsa.org/programs/special-needs-scouts.
Sue Lindstrom was a great supporter of Scouting. The mother of our Council Registrar, Jane Lindstrom, and former manager of the West Pine Scout Shop, Sue was involved in Scouting for nearly 35 years. Although Sue passed away on June 17, 2018, her memory will live on thanks to a Venturing Summit Project.

Ally Both, a Venturer with Crew 2921 chartered to Barrington Elementary School PTA, recently constructed a new Summit Trail and Rain Garden at World Bird Sanctuary. Ally dedicated the rain garden to Sue Lindstrom in honor of her service to Scouting.

The trail was designed to connect four other trails together allowing hikers to complete a circle around the Sanctuary. The rain garden was built from large stones and plants with the purpose of stopping water overflow from spilling onto the trail. Ally completed the work with the help of nearly 100 people who spent a combined 500 hours of service on the project.

Inflatable Fun.

Venturers enjoy an inflatable sports competition during Fall Fun Rally in 1998.

Do you have a memory or photo to share? Send your favorite memories to christine.rasure@scouting.org.

Photos by Ron Jennings, Bruce Levitt and Bob Vogt.
The Greater St. Louis Area Council supports sustainability of forests. The Duffle Bag is printed with the environment in mind: Endurance Gloss Cover — certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Husky Offset Text — certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).