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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thank you to the thousands of Scouts, volunteers, parents and community members who donated their time, and food, to this important event.

Together we collected 1.98 million items of food for those in need.

SCOUTS STAND OUT.

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

MISSION

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, citizenship and leadership abilities. Lessons that shape their entire lives.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- Urban/Rural Outreach
- STEM
- Workforce Development

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Last year was certainly one for the record books. Thanks to the incredibly hard work of volunteers and staff, the Greater St. Louis Area Council crossed over year-end traditional membership growth at the end of November. This milestone included 10,489 new youth members since the start of our fall campaign. It also marked the first time in my 37-year career that I've witnessed a council reach their previous year-end membership by the end of November.

This brings tremendous promise to our future because it says that SCOUTING IS GROWING! That means *more* children benefitting from the Scouting program and *more* children learning the values, character and leadership skills to be successful later in life. This is how Scouts Stand Out.

I'm also excited to welcome the Lincoln Trails Council (LTC). On January 1, 2019, LTC officially became part of the Greater St. Louis Area Council! The newly merged council serves nearly 70,000 youth in 63 counties throughout Missouri and Illinois.

By combining efforts, a unified council will offer better quality programming and service to Scouting families throughout central Illinois. 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 grow and thrive in the years ahead.

Speaking of camp facilities, our staff is busy getting ready for another phenomenal season of summer camp. Be sure to check out our extensive camp offerings in the following pages and visit stlbsa.org/camping to reserve your spot. The adventure and unforgetable memories are things you don't want to miss!

Yours in Scouting,

Ronald S. Green
Scout Executive

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On the cover: *Cub Scouts in Thunderbird District unload Scouting For Food donations at a firehouse. Photo by Ryan Kirchner.*

2019 CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP IS OUT OF THIS GALAXY!

GRIZZLY DAY CAMPS

(for Cub Scouts & siblings)

$115 per participant

Grizzly Day Camp offers multiple sessions, each with its own unique theme. Activities revolve around each theme in crafts and outdoor activities. Leadership is provided by a paid staff, but parents are welcome to attend and participate with their kids.

Before/After Care is available for an additional fee.

Location: Beaumont Scout Reservation

July 8-12: Surf's Up!

July 15-19: Grizzly Olympics

July 22-26: The Great Safari Adventure

July 29-August 2: The Incredible Grizzly Campers

RHODES FRANCE SCOUT RESERVATION

WEBELOS WOODS | July 25-28

For Cub Scouts going into grades 4-5

$95 per Scout/$60 per adult

CUB SCOUT CAMP | June 7-9

For Cub Scouts going into grades 1-3

$70 per Scout/$40 per adult

Financial assistance is available through our campership program.

Find the application at ***cubcamping.stlbsa.org***

FAMILY CAMP

(for Cub Scouts, including Lions, parents & siblings)

$30 per participant

Camp May: June 15-16, June 22-23, July 6-7, or July 13-14

S bar F Scout Ranch: June 29-30, or July 13-14

Camp Lewallen: July 6-7

Camp Joy: June 22-23

Program Areas: Swimming, archery, BBs, crafts, STEM, mud cave (at Camp May), boating (at S-F, Lewallen, and Joy), fishing (at S-F, Lewallen, and Joy), a water park (at S-F), and more!

CAMP EXPO

March 3 | Beaumont Scout Reservation

Experience a morning of day camp and learn more about the many summer opportunities in 2019.

scoutingevent.com/312-2019summercampExpo

***sponsored by Stark Caverns**

Register by April 10 to save $10-20 per Scout!

CUB ADVENTURE CAMP

(for Cub Scouts going into grades 1-5)

$170 per Scout/$70 per adult

Camp May: June 27-30, June 30-July 3, or July 18-21

Camp Warren Levis: June 13-16, June 20-23, June 27-30, July 11-14, or July 18-21

Pine Ridge: July 7-9

ADVANCEMENT: ***Tigers:*** My Tiger Jungle, Sky is the Limit, Tigers in the Wild, Floats and Boats.
Wolves: Call of the Wild, Howling at the Moon, Paws on the Path, Air of the Wolf, Spirit of the Water.
Bears: Bear Claws, Bear Necessities, Fur Feathers and Ferns, Salmon Run, Forensics.
Webelos: Cast Iron Chef, Adventures in Science, Webelos Walkabout, First Responder.
Arrow of Light: Into the Woods, Adventures in Science, Outdoor Adventure.

WEBELOS CAMP

(for Cub Scouts going into grades 4-5)

$170 per Scout/$70 per adult

Camp May: June 23-26, or July 14-17

Pine Ridge: July 11-13

ADVANCEMENT: ***Webelos:*** Cast Iron Chef, Adventures in Science, Webelos Walkabout, First Responder. ***Arrow of Light:*** Into the Woods, Adventures in Science, Outdoor Adventure.

ARROW OF LIGHT CAMP

(for Cub Scouts going into grades 4-5)

$285 per Scout/$85 per adult

Camp May: June 9-14, June 16-21, or July 7-12

Swift Base, S bar F: June 23-28

ADVANCEMENT: Down and Dirty Nova, Shooting Sports Award, Outdoor Adventure, Castaway, Aquanaut, Earth Rocks, Into the Wild.

Add some fun to your Blue & Gold banquets with our FREE Cub Scout camp placemats! These pieces provide families with all of our summer camp offerings. Order at stlbsa.org/cub-scout-camp-unit-toolbox.

Register For Cub Scout Summer Camp at

cubcamping.stlbsa.org

CUB SCOUT DAY & TWILIGHT CAMPS

For Cub Scouts going into grades 1-5 | $65-80 per Scout (prices vary by camp)

District	Dates	Name of Camp, Location	Time
New Horizons	June 3-7	Larson Park, Webster Groves, MO	9 AM—3 PM
Boone Trails	June 3-7	STEM: Knights of Columbus, Cottleville, MO	5—8:30 PM
Thunderbird	June 10-13	Tower Grove Stone Pavilion, St. Louis, MO	5:30—8:30 PM
St. Clair	June 10-14	O'Fallon Sportsman Club Day Camp, Lebanon, IL	9 AM—4 PM
Shawnee	June 10-14	Elks Park, Chaffee, MO	M-Th, 9 AM—3 PM, F 3-8 PM
Railsplitter	June 12-14	Space Games: Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park, Decatur, IL	9 AM—4 PM
Boone Trails	June 13-15	Wilderness Adventure Camp, Wentzville, MO UMC	Th-F, 5—8:30 PM
			Sa, 9 AM—5:30 PM
Gravois Trail	June 17-20	Bee Tree Park Fishing, St. Louis, MO	5:30—8:30 PM
St. Clair	June 17-21	Belleville Bicentennial Park, Belleville, IL	5:30—8:30 PM
Kaskaskia	June 17-21	Camp Vandeventer Day Camp, Waterloo IL	9 AM—4 PM
Cherokee	June 17-21	Kennett Scout Hut, Kennett, MO	9 AM—4 PM
Pathfinder	June 17-21	Deer Creek Park, Maplewood, MO	9 AM—4 PM
Egyptian	June 20-22	Pine Ridge Scout Camp, Makanda IL	8:30AM—4 PM
Cahokia Mounds	June 24-28	Edwardsville Sportsmans Club, Troy, IL	9 AM—4 PM
Gravois Trail	July 8-11	Simpson Park Shooting Sports, Valley Park, MO	5:30—8:30 PM
Shawnee	July 8-12	Jackson/Cape Girardeau, MO	8 AM—3 PM
River Trails	July 8-12	Festus Day Camp, Festus, MO Elks Lodge	M-Th, 9 AM—4 PM
			F, 1:30—8 PM
Black Gold	July 8-12	Camp Joy, Carlyle, IL	5:30—8:30 PM
Ozark Trailblazers	July 8-12	MAC Twilight Camp/Mineral Area College, Park Hills, MO	5:30—8:30 PM
New Horizons	July 8-12	Castlewood State Park, Ballwin, MO	9 AM—4 PM
Sioux	July 10-12	Poplar Bluff, MO Twilight Camp, New Covenant Church	5:30—8:30 PM
Boone Trails	July 15-19	McNair Day Camp, St. Charles, MO	9 AM—3 PM
New Horizons	July 15-19	Millennium Park, St. Louis, MO	6—9 PM
Egyptian	July 18-20	STEM Camp, Zion United Church of Christ, Marion, IL	8:45 AM—4 PM
River Trails	July 22-26	Arnold Day Camp, Arnold, MO Elks Lodge	9 AM—4 PM
Council	July 22-25	Camp Nova (STEM), Beaumont Scout Reservation, High Ridge, MO	5:30—8:30 PM
Osage	July 22-26	Union, MO Day Camp	9 AM—2 PM
Osage	July 22-26	Sullivan, MO Evening Camp	5:30—9 PM
North Star	July 22-26	Florissant, MO Knights of Columbus	9 AM—4 PM
Piasa Bird	July 22-26	Camp Warren Levis, Godfrey, IL	TBD
Cherokee	July 25-27	Sikeston, MO	Th, 12—5 PM
			F-Sa, 9 AM—5 PM
Black Gold	July 29-Aug. 2	Camp Joy, Carlyle, IL	5:30—8:30 PM
Piasa Bird	July 29-Aug. 2	Staunton, IL Sportsmans Club	9 AM—4 PM

Register by April 10 to save $10-20 per Scout!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PROVIDES CRITICAL PROGRAM FUNDING

Last August, Armohn L. received the opportunity of a lifetime.

Thanks to a Boy Scouts of America camping scholarship, Armohn traveled 13 hours to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota for a weeklong excursion. There, he explored acres of pristine lakes, winding rivers and dense forests — quite the change from his Bellefontaine Neighbors neighborhood.

Armohn cherishes his Scouting experience, but his mother, LaTonya L., said she is the one who's most grateful for the Scouts.

"I've seen such a positive change in Armohn's life since he started Scouting," she said. "He's matured so much."

It's no secret that financial burdens can limit a child's ability to participate in activities like Scouting. That's why the BSA developed a Program Outreach Initiative to enable all kids to participate in Scouting, regardless of their location, background or economic circumstances. Friends of Scouting helps eliminate socioeconomic barriers to camps, transportation and registration fees.

In addition to outdoor activities, the Boy Scouts of America offers kids access to priceless resources, like career mentorship and STEM skills. That's why Superintendent Dr. Art McCoy of the Jennings School District said he's committed to sending hundreds of kids each year into Scouting programs.

"I know that when a child has a caring, loving, capable and committed adult as a role model, it changes the trajectory of that child's life so they can be a leader," said McCoy.

Research from Harris Interactive and Tufts University shows that the Boy Scouts of America transforms kids in ways other activities simply cannot. However, these life-changing opportunities can't be covered by membership fees alone.

"To ensure that kids like Armohn continue to receive the same skills, lessons and memorable experiences as any other Scout, we rely on the generosity of donors who share our vision," said Green. "We can bring Scouting to more kids than was ever possible in the past — but we need your support to do so."

After all, Armohn is eagerly awaiting his next summer excursion.

PLEASE SUPPORT SCOUTING BY DONATING DURING YOUR UNIT'S FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATION.

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.

OR GIVE ONLINE AT STLBSA.ORG/GIVE

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Summer Camp

Boy Scouts/Scouts BSA & Venturing

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.

Swift High Adventure Base

For Venturing Crews, Explorer Posts, and older Scout Patrols. Individuals (provisional) are also welcome to attend!

- Challenge courses & climbing
- Horseback riding
- Sailing
- Dancing
- Off-camp excursions
- Mountain boarding
- Tubing & skiing

June 9-15: Adventures of the Past
July 14-20: Adventures of the Future

SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Famous Eagle
Camp Gamble
Camp Joy
Camp Lewallen
Rhodes-France Scout Reservation
Swift High Adventure Base

Leadership Training & Specialty Camps *(page 8)*

Camp Joy

- Human Foosball
- Sailing
- Shooting Sports
- STEM Area
- Climbing and Challenge Course Activities
- Canoeing, Rowing, Standup Paddleboards
- Choose Your Own Adventure Day
- Pioneer cooking

Sessions offered June 9-15, June 16-22, June 23-29

Camp Famous Eagle, S bar F Scout Ranch

- Water sports
- Fishing
- 16,000 sq. ft dining hall
- STEM merit badges, Nova awards
- Horsemanship
- Huck's Cove Water Park
- Voyageur first-year camper program
- Provisional camping

Sessions offered June 16-22, June 23-29, June 30-July 6, July 7-13, July 14-20

Camp Gamble, S bar F Scout Ranch

- Water sports
- Fishing & Fly Fishing
- Patrol method cooking
- STEM merit badges, Nova awards
- Horsemanship
- Mile Swim
- Huck's Cove Water Park
- Voyageur first-year camper program

Sessions offered June 9-15, June 16-22, June 23-29, June 30-July 6, July 7-13, July 14-20, July 21-27

Camp Lewallen

- ATVs
- New Climbing Complex
- St. Francois River floating
- Mt. Logan overnight treks
- Cooking competitions
- Renowned First-Year Camper Program

Sessions offered June 9-15, June 16-22, June 23-29, July 7-13

Rhodes-France Scout Reservation

- BSA Lifeguard training
- Horsemanship
- Pistol shooting
- Pathfinder first-year camper program
- Baden Powell Patrol Award
- Duty to God
- Trailblazers

Sessions offered June 16-22, June 23-29, July 7-13

Earn Your Way To Camp

The 2019 Camp Card sale runs Feb. 8-April 5.

Scouts can sell camp cards, loaded with discounts at area businesses, to earn money that can be used for summer camp, equipment, registration fees, or other Scouting activities.

The program is risk free as all unsold cards can be returned before April 5 without penalty.

Each card sells for $10 which means Scouts keep $5 for every card sold.

Sign up at campcard.stlbsa.org.

Photos by Ron Jennings

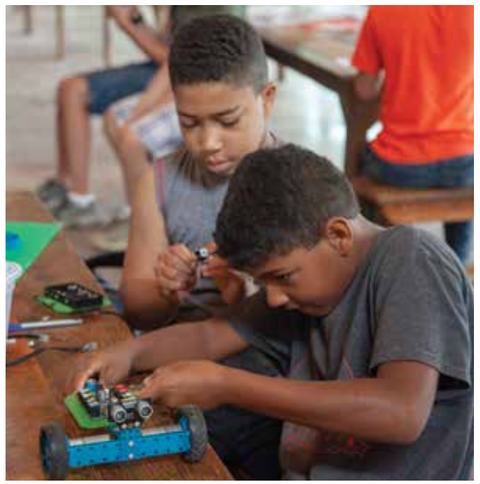
Camp Discounts

Early Bird Deadline
Save $20 if paid in-full by 4/10/2019.

2nd Week Discount
Attend a week of Scouts BSA or Venturer summer camp and get $100 off a second week of camp (excludes National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Kodiak, 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 Scouts BSA or Venturing summer camp.

Discounts must be applied before paying in-full. Please contact the camping department at 314-361-0600 or camping@stlbsa.org.



Ozark Adventure

Back by popular demand!

- 9-day trek
- Covers 40+ miles on land & water
- Explore S-F and the Ozark Trail
- Designed for 7-12 person crews (14 years +)
- Preparation is a must!

6 trek dates available June-July

Catholic Adventure

Grow in your faith during an exciting week at camp.

- Merit badges
- Water sports
- Horsemanship
- Daily faith-based programs

June 23-29 at Camp Famous Eagle

Kodiak Challenge

Trek-based leadership experience.

Open to:

- Youth 14 years or older
- Must complete the Introduction to Leadership Skills course for their unit type.
- May attend individually or with your troop or crew.

July 21-27 at Swift High Adventure Base

NYLT

Best youth leadership training in the BSA– retains and empowers youth!

- Open to Scouts & Venturers
- Land-based and Pack & Paddle experiences
- SCOUTS MUST BE 14 YEARS OLD, First Class, have 2 week-long camp experiences, and SM approval

Rhodes-France Scout Reservation March 29-31 & April 5-7

Camp Sakima June 9-15, June 16-22, or July 7-13

Leadership Training & Specialty Camps

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Horse Camp

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

- Improve riding skills
- Swimming,
- Skeet shooting
- Climbing tower & rope courses

July 28-August 4 at Beaumont Scout Reservation

STEM Week

- 50+ STEM Merit Badges!
- Nova Programs
- STEM partner exhibits
- New Invention Lab with laser engraving, 3D printing, and much more!

July 21-27 at Beaumont Scout Reservation

STEM on CAMPus

- College experience– dorms, dining hall, classes
- STEM badges & Novas

June 2-5 at SEMO
June 5-8 at UMSL

Ranger Program

Come as a unit or individually.

- Open to Scouts and Venturers 14 years +
- Merit Badges
- Trail Cooking
- Challenge Course
- Backpacking
- Homesteading
- Black Powder Shooting
- Blacksmithing
- Archaeology

6 trek dates available at S bar F Scout Ranch

Eagle Trail

Prepare for the Life-to-Eagle process.

- Eagle-required Merit Badges
- Water skiing
- Rock climbing
- Horseback riding

July 21-27 at Camp Famous Eagle

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News & Notes

STEM

1. STEM University | February 16 | SIUC
STEM has had yet another successful STEM University season with events at UMSL, SIUE, and SEMO! There is still one more event to join in on the fun at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). STEM University is a full day event for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA focused on earning STEM-based advancements and NOVA Awards. Scouts visit a university, work with experts and professors in the field to complete advancements, and participate in fun, hands-on educational activities.

2. GlobalHack Competition
On October 13, Scouts Owen P., Anurag V. and Nick H. participated in the GlobalHack VII youth Design Challenge. This team of three, sponsored by Booz Allen Hamilton, built an app that would address a relevant social issue to work towards a change. Not only did they work together to build this app, but they won 'most impactful app'! Congratulations Scouts on your awesome accomplishment!

3. Radical Robotics | March 9
ALL YOUTH are welcome to attend a morning of fast-paced, engaging technology and engineering with the Mad Science Scientists. Attendees will learn basic robotics by building and testing a brand-new robot that they get to take home!

4. STEM Days | April 6
Vatterott College- Northpark
Vatterott College- Fairview Heights
With the help of Mad Scientists, Cub Scouts and all youth ages 6-10 will enjoy cool experiments and hands-on projects. The program will be focused on earning specific STEM-based Adventure Belt Loops/Pins within the Cub Scout advancement program.

5. Scouts BSA NOVA Day | March 16
Saint Louis Science Center
Scouts BSA NOVA Day gives Scouts the opportunity to explore cool exhibits, learn from expert instructors, and earn the Nova Award, Splash! Scouts will spend the day working, creating, and problem solving as they learn about STEM topics.

Learn more about STEM programs at: stem.stlbsa.org scoutingandstemgreaterstlouisarea stemandscoutingstl

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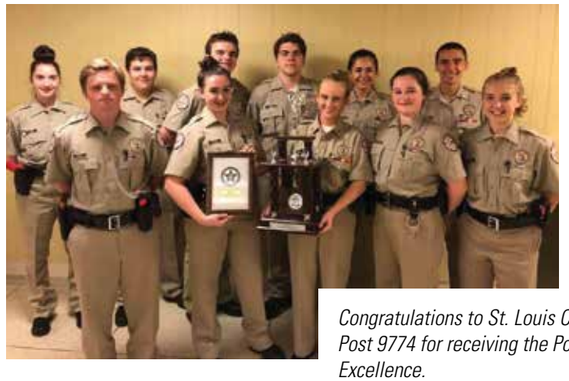

Congratulations to St. Louis County Police West County Post 9774 for receiving the Police Department Award of Excellence.

Ready to get started?

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

Aviation
Black Gold
Mt. Vernon Outland Airport

Business
St. Louis City/County
Edward Jones

Emergency Management
St. Louis City/County
St. Louis County Emergency Management

Engineering
St. Louis City/County
Boeing
The Engineers Center
Essex Industries

Fire and EMS
St. Louis City/County
Black Jack Fire Department
Hazelwood Fire Department
Monarch Fire Department
Northeast Ambulance & Fire Protection District

Metro East Illinois
East Alton Fire Department
Edwardsville Fire Department
O'Fallon Fire Department
O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS

Boone Trails
Lincoln County Ambulance
Lincoln County Fire Protection District #1

Osage
Washington Volunteer Fire Department

Egyptian
Williamson County Fire Protection District
Lake Egypt Fire Protection District
Zeigler Fire Department

Kaskaskia
Chester Fire Department
Sparta Fire Department
Marissa Fire Department

River Trails
Rock Community Fire Protection District

St. Clair
Beckemyer Wade Fire Department

Cherokee
Fire and Ambulance Rescue Assoc. of Kennett

Health
St. Louis City/County
Christian Hospital
St. Anthony's Medical Center
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Barnes Jewish Hospital

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Black Gold
Crossroads Community Hospital Mt. Vernon
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Bethalto Police Department
Collinsville Police Department
Edwardsville Police Department
Metro East Cadets of Policing
O'Fallon Police Department
Swansea Police Department
Troy Police Department

Boone Trails
O'Fallon Police Department
Wentzville Police Department
St. Charles Police Department
Warrenton Police Department
City of Troy Police Department

Osage
Cuba Police Department
Washington Police Department

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217.429.2326

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335 West Main St., Belleville, IL 62220
618.234.9111

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4568 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108
314.361.0600

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803 East Herrin St., P.O. Box 340
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OS

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Eagle Easel

Eagle Scouts from mid-August through mid-December.

Boone Trails
Cadence Allen, Troop 8560

Big Muddy
Tori Brummer, Troop 7044
Nathan Murphy, Troop 7133

Black Gold
Jack Goostree, Troop 127
Braden Price, Troop 281
Marshall White, Troop 103

Boone Trails
Jared Aldrich, Troop 506
Aaron Apple, Troop 856
Samuel Atienza, Troop 858
Nathaniel Beattie, Troop 853
Ethan Becher, Troop 984
Alexander Boltralik, Troop 997
Matthew Brooks, Troop 390
Grant Buchheit, Troop 35
Jacobb Dearing, Troop 984
Aidan Dill, Troop 35
Ethan Duke, Troop 30
Maxwell Duvenick, Troop 911
Ronald Fluhr, Troop 984
Austin Frazier, Troop 984
Nicholas Genovese, Troop 858
Caleb Hansen, Troop 957
Justin Kehoe, Troop 873
Trent Kirks, Troop 975
Shane Kirks, Troop 975
Sean Lavere, Troop 997
Patrick Lynch, Troop 984
Jordan Milewczik, Troop 72
Jace Nielsen, Troop 356
Alexander Pape, Troop 760
Grant Smith, Troop 72
Nathan Sneller, Troop 975
Jared Strickland, Troop 351
Carson Weaver, Troop 72

Cahokia Mounds
Vincent Andrade, Crew 2039
Trent Baima, Troop 1091
Evan Dunning, Troop 1216
Garrett Korte, Troop 1043
Kaiden Lemken, Troop 1038
Brian McCullar, Troop 1093
Jacob Mitchell, Troop 1226
Nicholas Thompson, Troop 1091
Matthew Vollmar, Troop 1031
Luke Voss, Troop 1034
Trevor Welsh, Troop 1216

Jacob Wineinger, Troop 1226
Jonathan Worthen, Troop 1030

Cherokee
Jordan Geary, Troop 4059
Landon Hahs, Troop 4025
Gavin Stoner, Troop 4041

Egyptian
Cade Cruse, Troop 7042
Dalton Fitzpatrick, Troop 7014
Jeremiah Traiteur, Troop 7156

Gravois Trail
John Barnard, Troop 725
Andrew Boden, Troop 776

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

Dr. Thomas George

Ronald Green

Richard McClure

Less than five percent of Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Less than one percent of Eagle Scouts are bestowed the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, an award that recognizes Eagle Scouts who have distinguished themselves within their field and have a strong record of voluntary service to their community.

Congratulations to recent Distinguished Eagle Scout Award honorees from the Greater St. Louis Area Council: Dr. Thomas George, Ronald Green, and Richard McClure.

This award is granted to Eagle Scouts who, after 25 years, have distinguished themselves in their life work and who have shared their talents with their communities on a voluntary basis.

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) was established in 1969 to acknowledge Eagle Scouts who have received extraordinary national-level recognition, fame, or demonstrated eminence within their field, and have a strong record of voluntary service to their community. It is NESA's highest honor.

Ethan Budge, Troop 111
Gavin Cain, Troop 661
Troy Dalton, Troop 776
Richard Eppel Jr, Troop 169
Clayton Gansner, Troop 331
William Helfrich, Troop 777
Nicholas Hilmes, Troop 826
Cameron Horosewski, Troop 111
Benjamin Horosewski, Troop 111
Nathan Humphrey, Troop 776
Ryan Janson, Troop 671
Luke Kiefer, Troop 725
Luke Kotcher, Troop 824
Joshua Kuehnle, Troop 165
Baker Merris, Troop 725
Sterling Smith, Troop 3
Joseph Soete, Troop 25
Brennan Weber, Troop 648
Nicholas Wendl, Troop 165

Kaskaskia
Zachary Bollman, Troop 30
Liam Brauer, Troop 323
Lukas Grohmann, Troop 320
Frank Irovic, Troop 323
Tyler Lewis, Troop 327
Jarrett Lung, Troop 320
Caleb Lung, Troop 320
Blake Roider, Troop 357
Ethan Sturm, Troop 357

New Horizons
Christopher Addison, Troop 300
Joseph Beck, Troop 685
Grant Bellchamber, Troop 313
Jacob Billhartz, Crew 2685
Jacob Bush, Troop 505
Thomas Byrne, Troop 981
Duncan Clipp, Troop 300
Joshua Cudney, Troop 371
Nicholas Dolson, Troop 783
Thomas Domian, Troop 313
Mark Duffie, Troop 792
Lucas Dunbar, Troop 496
Kyle DuPerrett, Troop 603
Brady Dyess, Troop 387
Hayden Eckstein, Troop 505
Alexander Edelen, Troop 623
Elijah Edwards, Troop 787
Connor Fitzgerald, Troop 677
Jared Goudsmit, Troop 313
Eaton Gowan, Troop 301
Trey Hacala, Troop 677
Luke Hakanson, Troop 843
Jared Hallahan, Troop 567
David Huber, Troop 685
Daniel Johnson, Troop 387
Cole Johnson, Troop 567
Chase Johnson, Troop 623
Andrew Jordan, Troop 314
Ryan Korte, Troop 750
Rahul Kunta, Troop 792
William Launsby, Troop 387
Michael Laurentius, Troop 623
Justin Lombard, Troop 627
Alexander Luter, Troop 603
Nolan Mank, Troop 300
Zachary Mason, Troop 301
Jarred McCormick, Troop 529
Steven Mueller Jr., Troop 750
Gerald Obermeyer, Troop 623
Ajit Perla, Troop 677
Adam Rosenbaum, Troop 677
Sean Segasture, Troop 361
Aidan Sengupta, Troop 677
Daniel St. Louis, Troop 627
Christian Stephens, Troop 805
Daniel Thompson, Troop 597
Sean Walsh, Troop 922
Andrew Wasinger, Troop 624
Zane Yates, Troop 631
Joshua Yn, Troop 631

North Star
Dominic Cannady-Lindner, Troop 921
Jonathan Kennedy, Troop 921
Zachary Pierson, Troop 740
Jack Rennekamp, Troop 940
Byron Sides, Troop 829
Faze Thomas, Troop 940

Osage
Kyle Bales, Troop 434
Robert Bira, Troop 433
Timothy Boehlein, Troop 433
Jacob Horn, Troop 442
Isaiah Knotts, Troop 329
Miguel Long, Troop 477
Garrett Nagle, Troop 434
Riley Nagle, Troop 434

Ozark Trailblazers
Samuel Gamble, Troop 480
Carter Klusmeyer, Troop 483

Pathfinder
Brian Cheng, Troop 21
Devon Climer, Troop 48
Chandler Donaldson, Troop 21
Nicholas Ertle, Troop 283
Devin Ford, Troop 493
Jonathan Gillooly, Troop 49
William Grace, Troop 21
Caleb Grothoff, Troop 954
Alexander Kleitz, Troop 954
Gabriel Krumrey, Troop 493
Gage McGinnis, Troop 493
Joshua McNeary, Troop 283
Jacob Palmer, Troop 49
Nicolas Schilders, Troop 344

Piasa Bird
Cole Budde, Troop 91
Norman Carnaby, Troop 34

River Trails
Joseph Bradley, Troop 897
Kyle Cicero, Troop 894
Joshua Dacus, Troop 419
Carl Lee, Troop 547
Jacob McFerran, Troop 372
Grant Mort, Troop 535
Conner Mort, Troop 535
Ethan Prichard, Troop 557
Jacob Schoemake, Troop 474
Jacob Sherrill, Troop 557
Logan Soest, Troop 553
Christian Sweeney, Troop 501

Shawnee
Austin Arnzen, Troop 4011
Caden Baird, Troop 4222
Alex Brickhaus, Troop 4155
Colby Bunger, Troop 4008
Trent Deppe, Troop 4250
Levi Fortner, Troop 4250
Benton Keran, Troop 4008
Zachary Koch, Troop 4008
Cameron Mejean, Troop 4002
Noah Mejean, Troop 4002
Taylor Roth, Troop 4008
Devin Sandin, Troop 4311

Sioux
James Kalata, Troop 4200

St. Clair
John Bohn, Troop 39
Galen Bowers, Troop 85
Patrick Bramble, Troop 46
Johnathan Clayton, Troop 44
Benjamin Dalman, Troop 94
Justin Fritch, Troop 225
Peyton Hobart, Troop 35
Nikolas Houston, Troop 699
John Lloyd, Troop 46
Dylan McCormick, Troop 94
Reece Olive, Troop 57
Benjamin Reinhardt, Troop 529
Braden Schnarre, Troop 52
Kris Scully, Troop 57
Matthew Thompson, Troop 6

Thunderbird
Samuel Beckerle, Troop 62
Luke Enright, Troop 4
Justin King, Troop 4
John Mersinger, Troop 179
Marcus Sullenger, Troop 281

Extensive Conservation Efforts Lead To Hornaday Award

Conservation and the Boy Scouts of America have been partners for a long time. Camping, hiking, and respect for the outdoors are a part of the Scouting heritage. Requirements for advancement from Tenderfoot through Eagle Scout rank call for an increasing awareness and understanding of the natural sciences and conservation.

The William T. Hornaday Awards program was created to encourage and recognize truly outstanding efforts undertaken by those who have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

James Karslake of Troop 344 was recognized last fall for his efforts in addressing invasive species located in Kirkwood Park.

James conducted scientific research, evaluating eight different soil types and followed the growth of purple coneflowers and asters for 70 days. This research generated more than 15,000 data points and was given a blue ribbon at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair and two special awards/college scholarships.

James' research lead him to plant 100 native perennial pollinator plants. He then developed his plan, identifying needed resources required for such a project. This included human resources, equipment, tools, plant selection and procurement, financing, safety, and most importantly, his role as a leader.

Forty people contributed 400 hours of work under the leadership of James resulting in an estimated value of about $9,000 in volunteer labor for this project.

At press time, James was recently approved for a second Hornaday Award!

Thank you to Michael Brand for contributing this story.

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Cooking
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Electricity
Electro-Core

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Be A Merit Badge Sponsor For A Year!

Help guide youth in positive directions by becoming a merit badge sponsor.

Sponsors receive exclusive sponsorship for one calendar year. Your company banner will be displayed at Boy Scout Summer Camp, and your logo and name recognition will appear on our website and Facebook pages, as well as in our newsletter. You also have the opportunity to host merit badge clinic(s) at your location.

For more information or to become a merit badge sponsor contact mark.schuermann@scouting.org.

Memorial Tribute Fund

Listed are tributes received through mid-December:

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 rj.crunk@scouting.org.

In memory of...

Ted L. Arens — James Green

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Terry Brandt — Dennis & Pat Abeln, Larry & Peggy Eckert, Fred & Janet Grams, Dolores & Ken Reichardt, John Porges

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Ann Steck — Anonymous

Donald A. Weiland — Joseph Burleski

In honor of...

Thomas J. Trebing — Deana Kay Dulle

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	years
James O'Neal	60
Joseph Shaver	20

A course scholarship is available.

Access the application at
stlbsa.org/training/adult/wood-badge.

WOOD BADGE COURSE

The Wood Badge program gives adult leaders a guided tour through the entire Scouting program. In the end, this course will not only help graduates lead more successful units, but they'll learn tools that can be applied in life, family and work.

Learn more about Wood Badge at our upcoming dinner:

February 25 at Beaumont Scout Reservation

Spring Course:
May 17-19 & May 31-June 2
Beaumont Scout Reservation

SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS TRAINING

April 6 | 8 a.m.-Noon

Camp Warren Levis

Register at scoutingevent.com/312-2019SpecialNeedsAwarenessTraining

This new training offers something for all ages. Adults will hear from professionals in the fields of Special Needs and Education to learn how to provide the best services for every Scout. There will also be educational activities for Cub Scouts and Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge for Boy Scouts.

NOSTALGIA CORNER

Outdoor Learning.

Wood Badge participants during a course in 1998.

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

Be Prepared. For Scouts BSA.

Do...
...**ONLY** use official Boy Scouts of America (BSA) materials, which are located on the BSA Brand Center.

Don't...
...compare the BSA programs to Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) programs.

Do...
... remember girls who will be in Scouts BSA will be members of the Boy Scouts of America.
Never use the word "girl" before "Scouts." This includes fliers, in conversation, social media, etc.
Do say:
- *Join Troop 123 for girls.*
- *Our church has a boy troop and is forming a girl troop.*
- *Join the BSA. Find a troop for girls near you at BeAScout.org.*

Do...
...refer all questions about GSUSA programs to the local GSUSA council or GirlScouts.org.

Do...
...refer ALL media inquiries (TV, radio, newspapers, online) to the BSA PR team by email at **pr@scouting.org.**

Do...
...remember that the BSA and GSUSA are separate organizations. If those around you say or suggest otherwise, politely correct them!

Don't...
...use names, programs, marks, logos, or images of the GSUSA or combine them with those of the BSA.

Do...
...share your passion for the BSA. We believe the BSA offers the best program for youth, but we also believe it's important for youth to be involved in whichever programs they feel are the best fit for them.

SCOUT ME IN

A Scout is Courteous

The Boy Scouts of America applauds the work of the GSUSA in service to our nation's youth and is committed to respecting the organization's rights and programs.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

www.Scouting.org/FamilyScouting

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2019, THE PROGRAM FOR OLDER YOUTH WILL BE NAMED SCOUTS BSA.

Scouts BSA is the same iconic program with a name that welcomes young men and women to the adventure of Scouting.

The BSA will continue to build the future of Scouting with Scouts BSA, as we deliver character and leadership, and offer a path to the rank of Eagle Scout for boys and girls.

To provide opportunities for older youth to participate in Scouts BSA, chartered organizations have options. They may offer both a boy troop and a girl troop – linked together under their administration – or they may elect to offer only a boy troop or a girl troop.

For more information and Frequently Asked Questions, visit stlbsa.org/programs/recruitment.

One of the characteristics of Scouting—for over a hundred years—is that no matter when you join, however long you stay, or the rank you attain, the Scouting experience prepares you for life. And for some, the pinnacle of their Scouting experience is achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout. The policies of the BSA indicate that, except in extraordinary circumstances, a youth desiring to achieve the rank of Eagle must do so before the youth's 18th birthday. This will continue to be our policy.

It is in the interests of the entire BSA, and in fact our nation, that all girls who join the BSA in 2019 should have an opportunity to earn their Eagle Scout rank should they diligently and promptly complete all requirements.

Accordingly, after carefully considering recommendations from stakeholders, the National Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America has approved temporary transition rules regarding extensions for youth, both boys and girls, over 16 but not yet 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout award.

Youth 16 years of age or older, but not yet 18, on February 1, 2019 who register as members of Scouts BSA on or before December 31, 2019, may request extensions to complete the Eagle Scout Award requirements after they turn 18 years of age. Requests for extensions must be received no later than thirty (30) days after turning 18 years of age. Extensions must be in writing by submitting the designated form to the National Service Center and the form must be received no later than January 7, 2020. Only the National Council may grant extensions. The actual extension will be based upon the individual's registration date and age at the time of the request and will provide not more than twenty-four months from the date of initial registration to complete all requirements.

Scouting For Food,

the largest one-day food drive in the Boy Scouts of America, took place Nov. 17 as thousands of Scouts throughout the St. Louis metro area, southeast Missouri, and southern Illinois canvassed neighborhoods collecting food donations. The drive accumulated 1,970,766 items of food that stocked local food pantry shelves just in time for the holidays.

Thank you to our 2018 sponsors: MERS Missouri Goodwill, Great Clips, & Raising Cane's.

Photos by Bruce Levitt

SCOUT SHOP LOCATIONS & HOURS

The National Supply Group of the Boy Scouts of America operates four Scout Shops within the Greater St. Louis Area Council:

ST. LOUIS LOCATION
4568 West Pine Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
314.454.1652 • fax: 314.454.0656
M-F 8:30am-5pm;
closed SA & SUN

WEST COUNTY "BSA OUTFITTERS"
13347 Manchester Rd.
Des Peres, MO 63131
314.984.0014 • fax: 314.984.0036
M-TH 9am-7pm; F 9am-6pm;
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CAPE GIRARDEAU
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Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
573.339.7900 • fax: 573-339-9582
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M-F 9am-5:30pm; SA 10am-3pm;
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262 W. Prairie Ave.
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217.429.2326 • fax: 618.222.1637
M-F 8:30am-5pm;
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Scout supplies and uniforms also available at additional retailers. Check scoutstuff.org for locations.

What's Happening Around the Council

* = multiple-day event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					February 1	2 Council Coordinated Operating Committees Meeting - St. Louis
Scout Sunday 3				7	*Scouting's Anniversary* 8 Scout Sabbath Camp Card sale begins	CSAW/BSAW 9 Southeast Missouri Eagle Scout Court of Honor
10				*Valentine's Day* 14	NYLT Staff Development - BR* 15 Wilderness Remote First Aid Training - BR*	STEM University - SIUC 16 Central Illinois Scout Shop open
17	*Presidents' Day* 18 *camps & offices closed*	19	20	21	22	Venturing STL Adventure 23 Map & Compass Training - BR
24	Wood Badge Informational Dinner - BR 25 2020 Philmont lottery deadline	26	27	28	**March 1**	2
Camp Expo-BR 3 Challenge Course & Climbing requalification - BR Illinois NESA Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner	4	5	*Ash Wednesday* 6	Horsemanship MB Skill Center 1 of 4 - BR 7	8	CSAW/BSAW 9 Horsemanship MB Skill Center 2 of 4 - BR Protestant Religious Awards Recognition - BR Radical Robotics - TBA
Daylight Savings begins 10	11	12	13	14	NYLT Staff Development - BR* 15 OA Cultural Weekend - WL*	Boy Scout Nova Day - St. Louis Science Center 16 Horsemanship MB Skill Center 3 of 4 - BR RF work day
St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19	*First day of spring* 20	21	Wilderness Remote First Aid Training - CV* 22	Horsemanship MB Skill Center 4 of 4 - BR 23
24	25			28	Certified Angling Instructor Training - WL* 29 NYLT 1 of 2 - RF* Taste of Venturing - WL*	Orienteering Festival - BR 30
31	**April 1**			4	Camp Card sale ends 5 NYLT 2 of 2 - RF* OA Shawnee Lodge Spring Conclave - BR*	Catholic Cub Day 6 Cub Scout STEM Day - Vatterot College Fairview Heights & Northpark Special Needs Awareness Training - WL
7	8			11	NYLT Staff Development - BR* 12 OA Anpetu-We Lodge Spring Reunion - PR*	RF work day 13
14	15			18	*Good Friday* 19 *Passover begins* *camps & offices closed*	*Holy Saturday* 20 *camps closed*
Easter Sunday 21 *camps closed*	*Earth Day* 22	23	Challenge Course training orientation meeting - BR & Belleville Service Center 24	25	BALOO/LOE Training - BR* 26 NYLT Staff Development - BR* OA Nisha Kittan Lodge Spring Fellowship - CJ*	*Passover ends* 27

BR = Beaumont Scout Reservation; CG = Camp Gamble; CJ = Camp Joy; CL = Camp Lewallen; CM = Camp May; CV = Camp Vandeventer; FE = Camp Famous Eagle; PR = Pine Ridge Scout Camp; RF = Rhodes-France Scout Reservation; SB = Swift High Adventure Base; SF = S bar F Scout Ranch; WL = Camp Warren Levis

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As of January 1, 2019, Lincoln Trails Council officially became part of the Greater St. Louis Area Council! The newly merged council serves nearly 70,000 youth in 63 counties throughout Missouri and Illinois.

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).*