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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 2021

September 2	Roundtable/Commissioner's Meeting
September 6	LABOR DAY
September 8	O.A. Chapter Meeting Challenge Course Instructor Training
September 10	Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion (September 10-12) Back Country Leadership Skills Training (September 10-12)
September 14	Horsemanship Merit Badge
September 16	Committee Meeting Horsemanship Merit Badge
September 18	Wood Badge Fall Session (September 18-19) Challenge Course Instructor Training (September 18-19) Super Science at Discovery Playhouse Pioneering Merit Badge – Virtual
September 21	Horsemanship Merit Badge
September 23	Horsemanship Merit Badge
September 24	Mom & Me (September 24-26) Fall Fun Rally (September 24-26)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 2021

October 1	Fun with Cub (September 1-3)
October 7	Roundtable/Commissioner's Meeting
October 8	Fall Encampment – Beaumont (October 8-10)
October 9	BALOO/LOE Fall Session (October 9-10) Climbing Tower Instructor Training Pistol Competition Fall Den Chief Conference - Virtual
October 11	COLUMBUS DAY

October 13	O.A. Chapter Meeting
October 15	Spookoree (October 15-17) Section C-3B Conclave (October 15-17)
October 16	Special Needs Awareness Training Air of the Wolf at Discovery Playhouse Scouts BSA Voyageur Fall Workshop - Beaumont
October 17	Challenge Course and Rock Climbing Instructor Re-Qualification
October 21	Committee Meeting
October 22	Haunted Hayrides (October 22-24)
October 23	BALOO/LOE Fall Session (October 23-24)
October 24	Challenge Course One Day Orientation
October 29	Haunted Hayrides (October 29-30)
October 31	HALLOWEEN



District Commissioner's Desk

By Max Thorne
District Award of Merit

This award is presented to Scout leaders active in the District who have given distinguished service to youth in and out of Scouting. This is the highest award given to Scouters at the District level. The award is available to Scout Leaders who render service of an outstanding nature.

Requirements

- A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of Scouting, or both.
 - **Note:** The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
- Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
- The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district, division, and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

Can you think of someone that the district should recognize? Someone that does a lot for a unit or the district? If so, then nominate them this year. Nothing better than to be recognized by your fellow scouts.

See the form and start gathering the information you will need. Also recommended to have several letters from folks that can talk about the worthiness of the nominated scouter. Official announcement should be out shortly.

Max Thorne

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NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.
To avoid possible disappointment,
please do not advise nominee in any
way of your action in his or her behalf.

_____ Council
_____ District
_____ Unit

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify)
_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award	_____ Silver Beaver	_____
_____ Cubmaster Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Cub Scouter Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commis- sioner Service Award	
_____ Scouter's Key		

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

_____ Date of nomination

_____ Name of person making nomination

_____ Position in Scouting

_____ Contact number

GENERAL INFORMATION

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

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3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

District approval

Council approval



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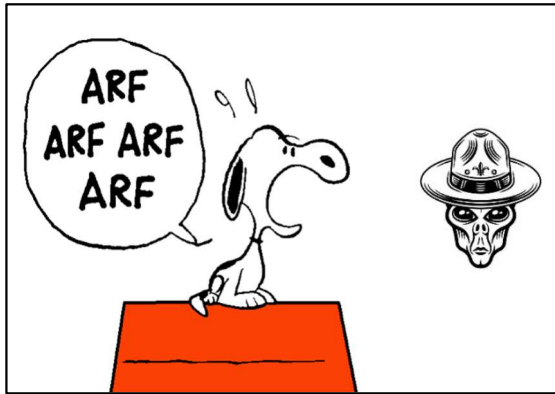


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Greetings from your Camping Chair!



GET REGISTERED FOR FALL CAMPOREE!!

Our Campmasters: Grant Marzucco and Claire Robinett Staff along with their staff are busy getting ready for the 2021 Fall Camporee to be held at Beaumont Scout Ranch on Lane Field between October 8-10. The theme is "Remember the Basics: Escape the Aliens".

We DO need more staff. If you have a youth or adult that can help, send them to our staff meetings held on Sunday nights at 7pm (Sept 12, 19, & 26...no meeting Labor Day Weekend) in the St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Scoutroom on Parker Road.

Registration is open on GSLAC's website on the North Star page or at <https://scoutingevent.com/312-2021NSFallCamporee> Cost is \$15 for those attending overnight. Please take note of the registration deadline of September 24 which is 2 weeks prior to the event. No late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted.

If you have questions, please contact me!

~Tony Matteoni
314-226-3458



PS...for all of you who like to plan long-term:

- Winter Klondike will be held jointly with the Pathfinder District at Beaumont Scout Ranch near Shippey on Saturday only, February 12, 2022.
- 2022 Spring Camporee will be April 1-3 at Warren Levis.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September Roundtable Edition

Find us online at stlbsa.org



SCOUTS STAND OUT.

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Our Service Centers:

BSA Outfitters Metro East
5205 N. Illinois Street (Route 159) | Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Central Illinois Service Center
262 West Prairie Ave. | Decatur, IL 62523

MacArthur Service Center
4568 West Pine Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63108

Ritter Service Center
3000 Gordonville Rd. | Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Southern Illinois Service Center
803 East Herrin | Herrin, IL 62948

Our Camps:

Beaumont Scout Reservation—High Ridge, MO
Camp Lewallen—Silva, MO
Camp Warren Levis—Godfrey, IL
Pine Ridge Scout Camp—Makanda, IL
Rhodes France Scout Reservation—Pana, IL
S bar F Scout Ranch—Knob Lick, MO

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CUB SCOUTS: stlbsa.org/cub-scouts-calendar

Mom & Me

Sept. 24-25 | Camp Warren Levis

This weekend camp for Cub Scouts and their moms (or guardians) is jam-packed with activities and outdoor adventure. Enjoy camp favorites like archery, BB guns, hiking, arts and crafts, games, and much more! Every year has a unique and fun theme that ties into the event shirts, crafts, and games.

Cub Launch

September 18 | Camp Warren Levis

September 25 | Foundation Park (Centralia, IL)

Jackson City Park (Jackson, MO)

October 2 | Beaumont Scout Reservation

Monroe County Fairgrounds (Waterloo, IL)

O'Fallon Sportsmen's Club (Lebanon, IL)

Rhodes France Scout Reservation

Wentzville UMC (Wentzville, MO)

Spend the day with the whole family doing all the things Cub Scouts love to do! BB gun shooting, Archery, Hike the Bobcat Trail (learn what you need to know to get your Bobcat badge!), and STEM demonstrations and activities are just a few of the exciting things available.

Spook-O-Ree

Oct. 15-17 | Rhodes France Scout Reservations

Enjoy family camping while exploring the Magic & Mysteries at Rhodes France Scout Reservation! A fun-filled weekend may have you enjoying trick-or-treating, a 'haunted' hike, amateur radio, obstacle course, BB guns and archery, human foosball, gaga ball, soccer darts, soccer billiards, mini-golf, and more!

Fall Fright Fest

Oct. 16 | Beaumont Scout Reservation

Start the event with a storyteller who sets the scene, encounter the haunted forest, walk through the pirate ship, explore the fort, and then end your walk with homemade slime and receive a goody bag full of treats!

Haunted Hayrides

Oct. 22, 23, 29 & 30 | Camp Warren Levis

Haunted Hayrides is a spooky good time for children and adults of all ages! Each hayride ride lasts about 20 minutes, showing

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stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar

Fall Fun Rally

Sept. 24-26 | Beaumont Scout Reservation

Fall Fun Rally includes non-stop activities for Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Older Scouts (high school). It is a unique event where the main focus is fun! More details at fallfunrally.org.

Pistol Competition

Oct. 9 | Rhodes France Scout Reservation

(Explorers, Venturers, and Sea Scouts only)

Put your shooting skills to the test! When not on the range competing, there will be sporting arrows, slack-line, law enforcement displays, airsoft range and more!



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Anpetu-We Fall Reunion

September 10-12 | Camp Lewallen

anpetu-we.org

Nisha Kittan Fall Reunion

Bag Distribution Day—November

Each November, thousands of Scouts return to their homes for the annual Scouting For Food drive. The campaign, the largest single-day food collection drive in the world, is a

How It Works

The campaign is launched on "Bag Day" and continues for one week later, with a goal of collecting one million pounds of food. The collection day is accomplished through

STEM: stlbsa.org

Super Science for Bears

Sept. 18 | Discovery Playhouse

The program will be focused on earning the Super Science award. Scouts will participate in Adventure Belt Loops within Cub Scout

Air of the Wolf

Oct. 16 | Discovery Playhouse

Air of the Wolf is one of the Wolf Cub Scout adventures. For this adventure, Wolves learn about the importance of teamwork and leadership. They will learn about the importance of teamwork and leadership. They will learn about the importance of teamwork and leadership.

Scoutbotics

Oct. 23 | SLU-Parks College

Cub Scout Coding Workshop: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Scouts BSA Robotics Workshop: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
A cool day of robotic ingenuity! Cub Scouts will learn about the importance of teamwork and leadership. They will learn about the importance of teamwork and leadership. They will learn about the importance of teamwork and leadership.

Scouts BSA youth will learn about robotics and their own shadow line-tracing robot at the event. They will learn about the importance of teamwork and leadership. They will learn about the importance of teamwork and leadership.

STEM University

Nov. 6 | Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Dec. 11 | University of Missouri-St. Louis

TRAINING: stlbsa.org/training	DATE	LOCATION
Back Country Leadership Skills	Sept. 10	S bar F Scout Ranch
Shooting Sports-Rifle Instructor Training	Sept. 18–19	Camp Lewallen
Challenge Course Instructor Training	Sept. 8 Sept. 18	Beaumont Scout Reservation S bar F Scout Ranch
BALOO/LOE	Oct. 9–10	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Climbing Tower Instructor Training	Oct. 9	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Special Needs Awareness Training	Oct. 16	Virtual Program
Shooting Sports-Shotgun Instructor Training	Oct. 16–17	Camp Lewallen
Challenge Course & Rock Climbing Instructor Re-Qualification	Oct. 17	Beaumont Scout Reservation
BALOO/LOE	Oct. 23–24	Rhodes France Scout Reservation
Challenge Course One Day Orientation	Oct. 24	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Wilderness First Aid	Nov. 5–7	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Intro to Outdoor Skills	Oct. 23–24	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Intro to Outdoor Skills	Oct. 23	Camp Lewallen
Wilderness First Aid	Ded. 3–5	Camp Warren Levis
Shooting Sports-Basic Instructor Training	Dec. 11	Beaumont Scout Reservation

ADVANCEMENT: stlbsa.org/advancement-awards

Eagle Trail Workshop

Dec. 27–29 | Virtual Program

Jump start your journey along the trail to Eagle with these workshops! The workshop is a unique experience where Scouts work with counselors on three Eagle-required badges and the Life-to-Eagle process Monday—Wednesday from 5:30–8:30 p.m.

SCOUTS BSA & VENTURING 2022 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

stlbsa.org/camps/scouts-bsa-venturing-summer-camp

Monday, September 13 at 9 a.m.

Registration for 2022 Scouts BSA and Venturing Summer Camp opens on Monday, September 13 at 9 AM. At this time, troops and crews may select the week, camp, and campsite they plan to attend. Please be prepared with an approximate number of youth and adults to enter while registering. These numbers can be adjusted later. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at this time. Individual payments, campership applications (financial assistance), and merit badge registration will begin on January 3, 2022.

2022 SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 13!

**TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A GREAT
SUMMER ON OUR SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP
PAGE @ STLBSA.ORG**



1. RESERVE YOUR SPOT Starting September 13

- Select which camp your Troop wants to attend
- Select your week of camp
- Select your campsite
- Enter estimated # of youth and adults
- Submit \$100 non-refundable deposit



2. REGISTER INDIVIDUAL SCOUTS January 3 - Start of Camp

- Enter names of each Scout attending camp
- Setup Parent Portal option for parents to enter payments and register their scout(s) for Merit Badges
- Apply payments to individual Scouts - Fees will be announced later this Fall
- Remove unused youth and adult slots



3. SELECT MERIT BADGES January 3 - Start of Camp

- Scouts that are current with the Payment Schedule may register for Merit Badges through the Troop registration or Parent Portal.



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SCOUTS STAND OUT.

QUESTIONS?

camping@stlbsa.org or 314-361-0600

REGISTRATION FAQs

DO YOU HAVE A LOTTERY FOR CAMP?

No. During the "Deposit Phase," troops select their camp, campsite, and week of camp on a first-come-first-serve basis. The registration site unlocks at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 13, 2021. Troops are encouraged to register for camp by December 31, 2021. Please visit the [Scouts BSA Summer Camp](#) page for a list of available weeks for each camp.

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY SCOUTS WILL ATTEND CAMP?

That's ok! We know that numbers can be hard to estimate 9+ months from camp. We ask that troops estimate their attendance based on current troop membership, anticipated crossover Webelos, and any planned recruitment activities. We do not hold a set number of spots in reserve for each troop.

HOW DO I APPLY DISCOUNTS UPFRONT?

Sibling and multi-camp discounts should automatically apply in the registration system, assuming last names and addresses of applicable campers are matching. If you need assistance with discounts, contact the Camping Department at camping@stlbsa.org

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal gives parents the ability to enter payments and register for merit badges for their scout(s). The Scoutmaster will need to activate the Parent Portal.

WHAT IF THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM SAYS MY PREFERRED WEEK IS ALREADY FULL?

All camps have a maximum capacity. This helps camp operate safely, have adequate equipment onhand, and provide Scouts a great program. If your first week choice is unavailable, please consider a different week. Weeks that occur later in the summer are oftentimes less-crowded and give Scouts even more program opportunities!

<https://stlbsa.org/camps/scouts-bsa-venturing-summer-camp/>

ADVANCEMENT DID YOU KNOW

1. Online Scoutmaster conferences are OK but not preferred. Covid gave us one thing...a smarter way to meet and communicate.

2. The definition of a 'month' is just that a month. I am glad that got clarified. The advancement guide states that, "a month is a month regardless how many days it has. It is not defined as 30 days or four weeks. Feb. 2 up to Aug. 2, or Aug. 31 up to Feb. 28 (or 29 if a leap year) are examples of six-month periods. Six months does not mean 180 days."

3. Alternatives to merit badge 'blue cards' allowed. Blue cards aren't going anywhere, but the latest Guide (section 7.0.0.2) encourages councils and units to use other innovations — such as Scoutbook or computer-generated spreadsheets — to track advancement, if they wish.

4. Here is some more guidance on what to do when merit badge requirements change.

Scouts and Scouters have long known that the best place to find the most current merit badge requirements is at

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>. So when do we switch??? If a scout has been working on the badge, they may continue with the old requirements. Once new or revised requirements appear on that page, any Scout **beginning** work on a merit badge must use the requirement as stated there.

5. Eagle Scout boards of review can occur up to 24 months after the 18th birthday. Unless an extension is granted (section 9.0.4.0), all requirements for the Eagle Scout rank must be completed before the Scout turns 18 — with one big exception. The Eagle Scout board of review may occur after the Scout turns 18. (After all, we shouldn't punish a young person if the adults on their board take several months to schedule a time to gather.) An Eagle Scout board of review may occur, without special approval, up to 24 months after a Scout's 18th birthday. See "Boards of Review Must be Granted When Requirements are Met," 8.0.0.2. Even if there are some concerns that requirements have not been fulfilled, the Scout is entitled to a board of review.

6. Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit are now ranks, not awards. This change brings Venturing in line with Scouts BSA, where Eagle Scout is the highest rank, and Sea Scouts, where the highest rank is Quartermaster.

7. Venturing board of review decisions must be unanimous!!!! Section 8.0.5.4 of the Guide to Advancement stipulates that board of review decisions for the Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit rank must be unanimous. The 2019 version, only a majority vote was required, with the chair casting the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

8. Sea Scout 'bridge of review' now called 'board of review'. Sea Scouts, like Scouts BSA members and Venturers, participate in a sit-down conversation with three to six adults to discuss their progress and goals in the program. This gathering was previously called a "bridge of review." In the 2021 Guide to Advancement, this is now called a "board of review," bringing the language in line with Scouts BSA and Venturing. Courts of honor in Sea Scouts are still called "bridges of honor."

9. Process for Eagle Scout time extensions modified. The 2021 Guide simplifies and clarifies section 9.0.4.0, which outlines the "tests" that a Scout must meet to qualify for an extension that allows them to earn the Eagle Scout rank up to six months after turning 18. And these are:

-->The member joined or rejoined (or became active again after a period of inactivity) in time to complete all requirements before turning 18.

-->Through no fault or choice of the Scout, "an unforeseen circumstance or life-changing event with severe consequences has come to exist that now precludes completion of the requirements before the deadline."

-->"The circumstance is beyond the control of the Scout, could not have been anticipated or planned for, and was not or cannot be resolved in time to complete the requirements."

10. Guidance for Cub Scouts who are home-schooled or educated in nontraditional ways. In situations like those found in home-schooling or non-traditional education, where youth are working at grade levels that may not correspond to their ages, Cub Scouts should work on the rank that relates to their age, rather than their grade. When doing so, take the joining requirements for Scouts BSA into consideration to avoid completing the Arrow of Light too long before meeting the minimum age requirement for Scouts BSA.

11. Index revamped on the 2021 Guide to Advancement!!!! The guide is not meant for a continuous read but as a reference as needed when situations arise. A good index is invaluable.

The following was taken in parts from Bryan Wendell's article in *Bryan on Scouting*.

The 2021 Guide to Advancement is located at
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Kessler

North Star District Advancement Chair

TRAINING



Northstar is at 51.1%, which is almost a 10% increase this year. Thank you for your efforts. Please continue to complete your online training modules, listed under the myscouting.org site, click on 'my training' and then on 'requirements' which will show you what you still need to complete. I want to push for 60% by the end of September. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at sm.fall2020@gmail.com and we can discuss.

ASM/Committee member training, dates will be forthcoming, we will attempt to do in person provided covid protocols allow it, should have those dates in the sept nugget

EVERY youth deserves a trained leader....

Dave Kedge
SM, C3-312-20-2

DISTRICT DINNER THANK YOU

I know we are several months past the District Dinner, but I would like to thank all who made it possible.

Thanks to:

Sue Polis, who put the program together.

Delores Garrett who made the bouquets and set up the stage.

Roxie Tiek who contacted the Eagle Scouts and gave out the certificates.

Retha who gave out the Spark Plug Awards.

Jane Lindstrom and her committee, who selected the Polaris winners, and Jane who presented them.

The North Star O.A. officers, who presented the colors and helped with the Polaris presentations.

Mark Wilbur who put together the Year in Review video.

Phil Bump who ran the video.

Catering to You for a great meal and beautiful set up.

Our new district Chairman, Dr. Kevin McClain, who supported us and bought an ad.

Everyone who came for an enjoyable Superhero Dinner.

Our District Director, Josh Ramsey, who helped put everything together.

Those who bought ads to help fund our dinner: Toni Matteoni, STS Car Care, Pack and Troop 551, Kate Kavanaugh, Cannoli's Restaurant and Bar, Amore Pizza, Dr. Kevin McClain. Please pick up a flier and support these businesses.

If you would like to serve on a committee for the wo21 dinner, please let Glenda Thorn know.

Georgia Schaljo, 2021 District Dinner Chairman