

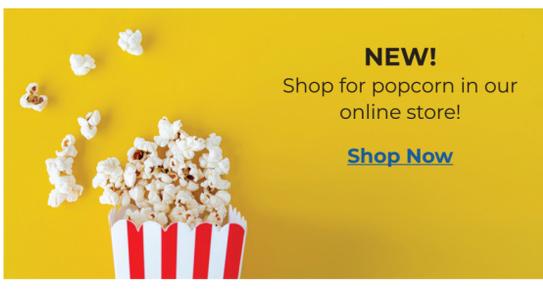
The Digital Duffle Bag

A twice monthly digital magazine for Scouting families.



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POPCORN SALE

It's Popcorn Season! Scouts can take orders until October 28. Plus, all Scouts have the ability to sell popcorn through our online ordering system. This process requires no face-to-face selling and popcorn is shipped directly to buyers.

Scout benefits:

- ▶ A turn-key program and easy-to-sell product
- ▶ Sales support local Scouting
- ▶ Supports membership dues, camping programs, equipment
- ▶ Built-in prize program with great bonus prizes
- ▶ Helps teach Scouts the responsibility and value of earning their own way, goal setting, budgeting, handling rejection, perseverance, gaining confidence, and salesmanship
- ▶ Earning a merit badge— Personal Management, Communications, Public Speaking, American Business

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

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On Saturday, Nov. 14, thousands of Scouts will deliver more than 1 million blue Scouting for Food bags. They will return Nov. 21 to collect the bags full of donated food (canned fruits, veggies, soups, tuna, chicken, and pasta sauce, and meals in a box, such as hamburger helper, are most needed).

Last year, Scouting for Food provided more than 1 million meals for the needy!

Residents who do not receive a bag can take canned food donations to any Goodwill store location Nov. 22-28, mmer camp.

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD VIRTUAL DRIVE

People need help putting food on their table now more than ever. All monetary donations will be donated to the St. Louis Foodbank and Operation Food Search.

To donate, text "SCOUTFOOD" to 91999.

\$1 Donation = 4 Meals



Nagel Round Up

Head on out to Beaumont Scout Reservation on Oct. 24 for our first Nagel Round UP! We will have fun for the whole family with trail rides, pony rides, wagon rides, barn tours, grooming station, showmanship display by Crew 2720, tractor rides, bon fire and s'mores, family photo opportunity and much more!

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Cub Scout Leader (Virtual) Training

We are holding a live virtual Cub Scout Leader training session on Nov. 9 and 11. Attendance at both classes is required to receive class credit.

This is a required training for all den leaders and den leader assistants, cubmasters, assistant cubmasters, committee chairs and committee members.

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EARN A NOVA FROM HOME
NOV. 7, 2020 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE
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LIVE STREAM

(Virtual) STEM University

Participants will take part in digital classrooms with leaders guiding Scouts through hands-on activities provided in a kit. To keep youth engaged throughout the day, Scouts will take part in "at-home challenges" that will get them up and away from their computers during scheduled breaks. This year Scouts can work on the Up & Away Nova plus a merit badge.

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Intro To Outdoor Leader Skills

This hands-on program gives scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters a practical introduction to the patrol method and teaches many practical outdoor skills

The training will consist of two parts:

1. Virtual training November 23 and 30
2. Outdoor skills training December 5.

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FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

HELP KEEP SCOUTING STRONG IN OUR AREA

As you plan your program for the upcoming year, please include a Friends of Scouting Presentation between November and April. An ideal time is a meeting where most parents are present, like a Pack Blue & Gold Dinner or Troop Court of Honor.

To provide the best Scouting program requires a significant investment. Friends of Scouting helps secure the operating funds to provide the many services offered to support your unit's program such as training, insurance, membership recruitment, program help, advancement materials, camping facilities and programs, Council and District activities.

[SCHEDULE YOUR PRESENTATION](#)



Einstein Recognition Ceremony

This event is our annual opportunity to recognize our local Scouts' accomplishments in STEM as well as STEM volunteers and sponsors. This year we are going virtual! In addition to a virtual ceremony, sponsored by Great Rivers Confluence Foundation, an engaging program will guide in an escape room-style challenge featuring Scouts helping Einstein navigate through videos, games, and STEM websites while solving puzzles and locating clues. Scouts will have the entire week of November 16 to work through the Einstein Escape Room on their own time. The final clue will give participants access to the Zoom link to the virtual Awards Ceremony on Friday, November 20 at 6:30pm.

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Scouts BSA Voyageur Fall Workshop

We have an action-packed event designed to help first-year Scouts along their advancement trail and enjoy some of the fun activities available at camp. Join us October 24 at Beaumont Scout Reservation for Map and Compass, Fire Building, First Aid, and Knots and Lashing instruction. Scouts will also try their hand at shooting sports! Don't miss this chance to have an awesome day at camp while completing many Scout through First Class rank requirements! Hurry, registration closes October 22!

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Wilderness & Remote First Aid

This 16-hour course is designed for those who go into areas beyond the reach of urban EMS. It is required for units going to BSA National High Adventure Bases and is recommended for back country camping, hiking, canoeing, or other high adventure activities. We are offering a course each month November-April.

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Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Experience

Cub Scout leaders can join us Dec. 5 at Beaumont Scout Reservation to learn the basics of Cub Scout camping. Due to COVID guidelines, we can host 30 people. The training will be completed in one day and there will be no camping. The training will be fun, educational, and safe!

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S bar F Fall Ranger Program

Come experience the back country of "the Ranch" in the Fall by taking part in the Fall Ranger Program November 27-29.

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Mobile STEM Trailer

The Mobile STEM Trailer is coming to a camp near you! Get your family's reservation today. Three time slots to choose from and only \$10 for your entire group. Don't miss this fun with robots, 3D pens, microscopes, and rocket launchers!

Beaumont Scout Reservation- October 24, 31 and November 7

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Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training is available this fall through our live online classes Nov. 7 and Dec. 9. Youth Protection Training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and must be taken every two years.

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See What's Going On This Fall

We have dozens of safe activities happening this fall to keep your kids Scouting

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The COVID Experience Online Auction

During the month of October
This event will replace an in-person event normally held annually in the fall in Madison County, IL.

It is a distinctive event with unique experience-type auction items you wouldn't normally see at other auctions - you DON'T want to miss it!

Text Experience20 to 76278 to bid!

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Online Experience Auction

Our annual Experience Event has a different look this year. Due to COVID-19, our exclusive auction items are available for online bidding from October 9 through November 2. Check back often for new and exciting items!

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News & Notes With Scout Executive Ron Green

Council Scout Executive Ron Green appeared on Something Extra with Lisa Nichols. Tune into this special podcast episode to hear about Ron's time in Scouting and upcoming council priorities.

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Scouts Team Up For Conservation Project

Wildwood's Watershed Erosion Task Force (WETF) was formed 15 months ago to address issues from watershed erosion and the ongoing damage caused by frequent flooding. Recently, the task force partnered with New Horizons District for to help with conducting assessments and conditions of detention basins in the city.

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Text To Join

Now, joining the Boy Scouts of America is as easy as getting out your smartphone! This fall, potential members can text JOINSOUTS to 31996 to receive an application for joining the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

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Use Social Media To Spread Scouting Awareness

Want to help spread the good word about Scouting? We've compiled a list of messages and images you can use on your personal social media accounts.

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Fall Planning Guides

Loaded with virtual meeting ideas and requirements that can be done safely, these guides show you how to adapt to our new normal while still enjoying a fun Scouting program.



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