

# THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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## GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **March/April 2023**

<b>Mar. 12</b>	Warren-Levis Service Project - OA
<b>Mar. 17</b>	Spring Camporee Registration <b>DEADLINE</b>
<b>Mar. 18</b>	Pinewood Derby – St. Rose Philippine
<b>Mar. 18</b>	Science Everywhere NOVA – Lake Land College
<b>Mar. 24 - 26</b>	Taste of Venturing @ Camp Warren Levis
<b>Mar 31 - Apr. 2</b>	Spring Camporee – Warren-Levis
<b>Apr. 1</b>	Little Creek Service Hours
<b>Apr. 4</b>	St. Louis County Election Help
<b>Apr. 14 - 16</b>	OA Spring Conclave - Beaumont
<b>Apr. 22</b>	Venturing Escape Room – Contact Jerome Flynn
<b>Apr. 28 - 30</b>	Teen C.E.R.T. Basic Training – Contact John Kavanaugh

### **Looking Ahead Beyond March**

<b>May 7</b>	Valley of Flowers Cleanup Service Project
<b>May 12</b>	North Star District Dinner
<b>May 13</b>	Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service
<b>May 21</b>	Venturing Awards Celebration

# The Commissioner Corner

Happy March Northstar!

As we get more into the spring and warmer months, please take advantage of the warmer weather by getting your scouts OUTSIDE!!! Outings are the life blood of scouting, especially for those newer scouts you've picked up through all your awesome recruitment efforts. For unit meetings, consider having offsite programs (for instance, if you decide to do Auto Maintenance merit badge, see if you have a connection that would allow you to hold that in an actual auto shop somewhere). It helps break up the 'same place, same time' that some programs fall into and the youth tend to get more out of it when they can see real world applications of topics being discussed.

Also, this is a great time to finalize those camping plans and get it booked for your unit. Camping with the unit is probably the best most effective way we can deliver the scouting program to the youth we serve. Check those calendars and secure your dates, things tend to fill up quickly!

Great job on recharter, everyone is in and we are working through a couple of things to get completed but we did an awesome job of getting everything turned into Jane and her crew on time.

As always, if you need anything from me or the commissioner staff, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Dave Kedge  
SM, C3-312-20-2

# Activities

**District Dinner** – The theme for this year is High School Era on Friday, May 12, 2023 place and time to be determined. If you have any pictures for our slide show, we will be collecting them starting in January. Please send district and High School pictures to this link [northstardephotos@gmail.com](mailto:northstardephotos@gmail.com). Please go on line and register the deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 spread the word to your unit,

Also, it is that time of year to nominate someone for our Polaris Award see attached form and it will need to be handed in by April Roundtable.

**Pinewood Derby** – We are also looking for volunteers to help with the pinewood derby if interested please contact Jane Lindstrom at [jflindstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:jflindstrom@yahoo.com) or John Matz at 314-960-4709.



# *Start Your Engines*

***North Star District***

***Pinewood Derby***

Saturday, March 18, 2023

St Rose Philippine Duchesne

3500 St Catherine St, Florissant, MO 63033

Check in Time 8:00 am

Race Time 9:00 am

Cost is \$5.00

SCOUTS NEED TO BE PRESENT WITH THEIR CAR IN ORDER  
TO RACE

YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE AT

<https://scoutingevent.com/312-67731>

# North Star District Pinewood Derby Rules

Remember the focus of this event is not to win at any cost, but for each Cub Scout to  
**DO HIS BEST and HAVE FUN!**

The Cub Scout should have the fun of racing a car he has built from materials in the Pinewood Derby kit. The fastest car in each bracket will run in a Championship bracket. We will judge cars for excellence in several design and craftsmanship areas.

## Race Car Rules

**WIDTH:** Car cannot be more than 2 3/4 inches wide.

**LENGTH:** Car cannot be more than 7 inches long.

**WEIGHT:** Finished car cannot weigh more than 5 ounces. The weight shown on the Official Race Scale is final. All car parts and materials must be firmly attached. To increase the car's weight, add wood or metal only. Do not use liquid of any sort.

**WHEEL PLACEMENT:** The car body must be at least 1 3/4 inches wide at the axles. It must clear the ground by at least 3/8 inch. The wheelbase (distance between front and rear axles) may not be changed. The four wheels, two on each side of the car, must be placed such that the car will straddle the lane guide and maintain all four wheels in contact with the surface of the track

**WHEELS AND AXLES:** Use only Official Scout Grand Prix wheels and axles. You may polish the axles. You may lightly sand the wheels to remove the molding seam on the tread. No other wheel changes are allowed. You may not use bearings, washers or bushings.

**SPRINGING:** The car may not ride on any type of springs.

**DETAILS:** Details such as Steering Wheel, Driver, Decals, Painting, and Interior Details are okay. The finished car with details must meet the maximum length, width and weight rules. Cars with **wet** paint will not be accepted.

**ATTACHMENTS:** The car must be free-wheeling with no starting devices.

**LUBRICATION:** Use dry powdered graphite ONLY in designated areas. You may not use any other lubricant, especially oils and silicone sprays.

**INSPECTION:** Each car must pass inspection by the Official Inspection Committee before it may compete. The Inspectors will disqualify any car not meeting these rules. Any adult or Scout may appeal the findings of the Inspectors to the Race Committee Chair-person, whose decision is final.

# Race Ground Rules

**GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND BEHAVIOR ARE EXPECTED.** Race Officials may ask anyone not following this rule to leave.

The Grand Prix Pinewood Derby is open to all Cub Scouts in North Star.

All brackets are double-elimination. This means that each car must lose twice before leaving the Derby.

A car that jumps off the track or interferes with another car is moved to a different lane and the heat run again. If it happens again, the car loses the heat.

If a car breaks down, the Scout is allowed five minutes to fix the car. Then Officials will run the heat again. If the car cannot be fixed in five minutes, it loses the heat. If this loss is the cars first and the Scout can fix the car before the start, it may run in its next scheduled heat.

Only Race Officials are permitted inside the track area.

## Race Procedures

### Scouts must be present in order to race their car.

Each Scout must bring his car to the Inspection Table. If the car fails to meet any rules, the Inspectors tell the Scout the exact problems. The Scout may change the car to meet the rules.

After inspection, Official Scorers register the cars. The Official Scorers set-up and maintain the race brackets and tell the Official Starters which cars run in each heat.

After registration, Scouts place their cars on the Starters' Table. Scouts may not handle their car again unless fixing the car as allowed in Ground Rule 5.

**Do not take a car off the Starter's Table for any reason.**

The car whose nose is first over the finish line is the winner. If two of the three Official Judges can't agree on a winner, Officials will run the heat again. Judges tell the Official Scorers which car wins each heat.

Officials present racing awards at the end of each bracket. Design awards are presented after the Championship bracket.

# Thank you for being a part of our Grand Prix Pinewood Derby.

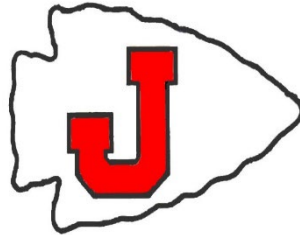
# NORTH STAR CLASS ACTS



HAZELWOOD CENTRAL



CARDINAL RITTER  
COLLEGE PREP



PROVISO WEST  
HIGH SCHOOL



1958  
ENGAGE. PERSIST. ACHIEVE.



NORTHWEST CLASSEN  
KNIGHTS



 **North Star Class Acts**  
**2023**  
**District Dinner**

**Date :** Friday, May 12, 2023

**Location :** Ferguson Community Center  
1050 Smith Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63135

**Time :** 5:00-9:00 p.m.

**Cost :** \$20 per person if purchased by April 21, 2023  
\$25 per person from April 22-28, 2023  
Cut off date to purchase tickets is the 28th  
**NO WALK INS AT THE DOOR!!!!**

**Please dress like your Senior year in High School!!!**

We would like a copy of everyone's graduation picture to show on the slide show. You can send it to:  
[northstardephotos@gmail.com](mailto:northstardephotos@gmail.com) Please include your High School and Graduation Year. This is also the link to send your district pictures to.

**No alcohol will be provided but you may bring your own into the event!!!**



## The Camping Corner

**Spring Camporee** - March 31<sup>st</sup>., April 1<sup>st</sup>., and 2<sup>nd</sup>. At Camp Warren Levis. The deadline to register is 16 days away. The 17<sup>th</sup>. Of March. As of tonight, we don't have anyone registered. Go online and register. NOW !!!!!

**Scoutmaster's** please bring you SPL to the March 2nd Roundtable. Our Camp Masters, Caleb Otte and Braden Matz will answer your SPL's questions and give your troop any final information. As soon as our opening is completed, they will be the first Scouts on the agenda. So, SPLs can leave to go home or stay if they wish. Deadline to register for Spring Camporee Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>. No late registrations or walk ins.

### **Winter Activity Klondike**

The Pathfinder District had invited North Star to participate in their one-day Klondike. We want to thank troop 749 and pack 343 for attending.

**2024 High Adventure Camps** - Registration is now open.

### **Hot off the Press:**

North Star Fall Encampment is October 6,7, and 8 2023 at Beaumont. Mark your calendars now.

[fredschaljo@yahoo.com](mailto:fredschaljo@yahoo.com)

Cell 314-402-0095

## OA UPCOMING Spring Conclave



## EVENTS

When: April 14-16, 2023  
Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Ordeal candidates called out in 2022 who have not yet completed their Ordeal are invited to do so at this event. Brothers who are interested in sealing their membership in the Order by completing the Brotherhood Honor can do so at this event. The 2023 Shawnee Lodge Vigil Honor class will be recognized at a special ceremony on Saturday evening.

## Service Projects

Mark your calendar for these Chapter service projects:

### Warren Levis Service project

Sunday March 12 10am

We will be maintaining trails and removing brush from the shooting ranges. This project is a great opportunity for the Chapter to give back to Ranger Jim for all his support when we use the camp for OA, District and Council events.

### Valley of Flowers Fairground clean up project/May Chapter meeting

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 8am-11am Knights of Columbus Grounds

We will be cleaning up trash from the previous night of the fair around 11am we will have some lunch and go over the chapter business. This will count as a service project and Chapter meeting towards your Brotherhood requirement, if you attend the entire event.

### Day Camp Set up

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm-4pm Knights of Columbus grounds

We will be helping set up for the District's Cub Day Camp

This will count as a service project towards your Brotherhood requirement.

## LODGE One Day of Service

Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> more info to follow.

## Chapter Membership Dues

Your Chapter Membership is now due. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Dues not only help the Lodge but also your Chapter hold fun activities throughout the year. Dues affect the number of Vigil members are Chapter is able to elect. Dues help keep our Ceremonial teams running.

Membership is \$10 a year, what a bargain to belong to the best service organization in Scouting. If you want to attend all of the upcoming Lodge events this year, then consider the Season Pass for \$51. This covers the fee for Spring Conclave, Fall Reunion, Brotherhood Bash and Lodge Winter Banquet. Please pay your dues at [shawneelodge.org](http://shawneelodge.org)  
If you earned your Ordeal or Brotherhood in 2022 you will not have to pay dues in 2023.

If you need any more information, feel free to reach me at [Jennifer.kedge@shawneelodge.org](mailto:Jennifer.kedge@shawneelodge.org)

Yours in Scouting,

*Jen Kedge*

NS OA Chapter Adviser

# North Star Family Friends of Scouting 2023 Campaign



## **IMPORTANT: Family Friends of Scouting Celebration dates (presentation dates) needed.**

We still have a few packs, troops and crews that have not yet confirmed a Family Friends of Scouting date. Please provide the dates (and time and location) of their Blue and Gold banquets or Courts of Honor, etc once they are known, and the sooner, the better. All celebrations really should occur before school breaks for the summer.

## **Donors still needed**

Over the past years, Friends of Scouting has made more mobile/online giving options available. Individuals are encouraged to donate now. Without the unit specific URL, an individual donor can use the district URL or QR code below. Click on Unit to find their pack troop or crew page, and then, click the 'Make a Donation' button. For individuals designating the North Star District, instead of a unit, can go straight to the 'Make a Donation' button.

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/STLMO/team/NorthStar>



## **What unit will be first?**

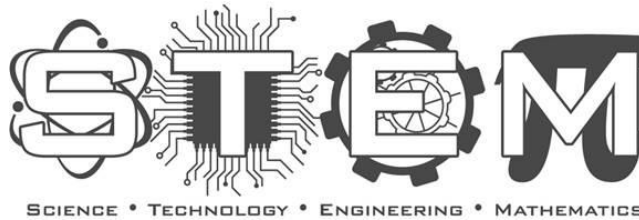
As of the last report that I've received, none of our units have reached their goal yet. Donate now to help your unit reach their goal!

Help your North Star district reach the 50% benchmark prior to March benchmark meeting.

Thank you, North Star.

*Jim Schneider*

Jim Schneider  
North Star Family FOS chairman  
(home) 314-921-6686.  
jschneider8@gmail.com



## Upcoming Events: <https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/>

STEM University's

- 18 March 2023 – Lake Land College (Science Everywhere Nova)
  - Online registration is live. No walk-ins allowed.

## Social Media:

Facebook -> <https://www.facebook.com/GSLACSTEM>

Instagram -> <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/stemandscouting/>

YouTube -> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLomHx8InOFuXLb8zBDxHDQ>

## Summer Camps:

- STEM on CAMPus – Open to Scout BSA
  - EIU June 4-7
  - SEMO June 4-7
  - UMSL June 7-10
- STEM CAMP – Open to Scout BSA
  - Camp May July 16-22
- Camp Nova 'Twilight Camp' – Open to Cubs Scouts and Kids of Cub Scout Age
  - Cub Word July 17-10

## Reminder:

STEM is fun and easy to implement in any unit. Reach out to me if you need help.

Alan Kreppert – North Star District STEM Chair

314-616-4592

[alan.kreppert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alan.kreppert@sbcglobal.net)

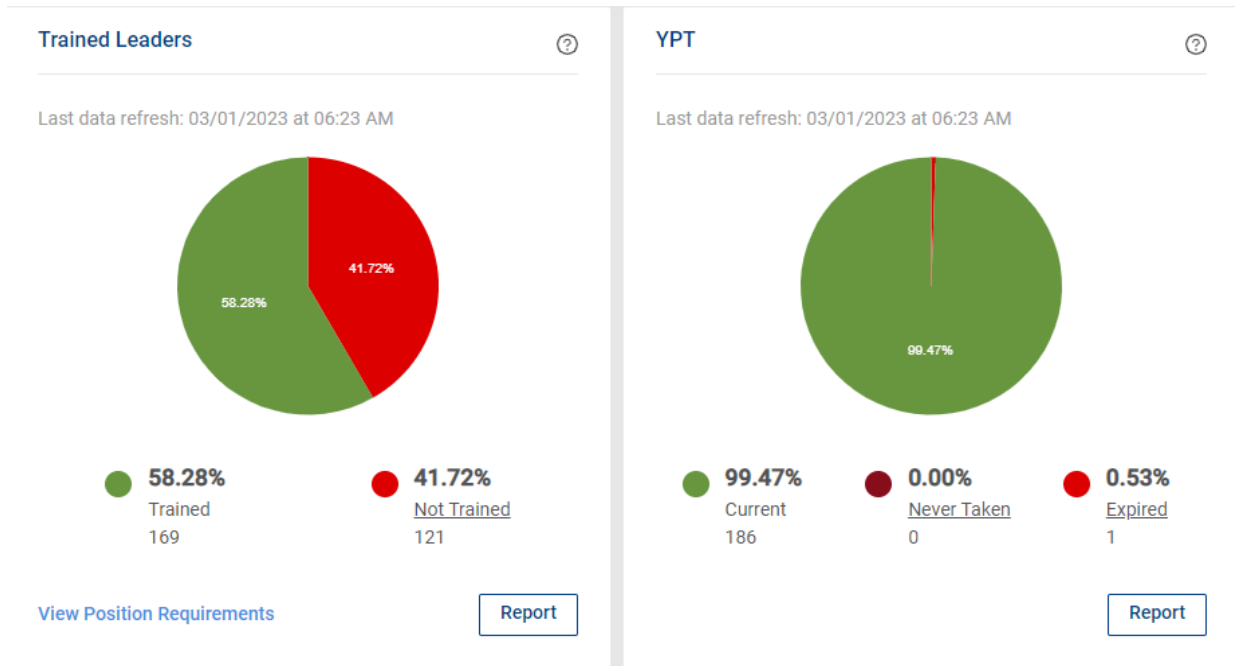
# Training Information

Hello North Star District,

I want to apologize again for not being at Roundtable. I am currently driving to Amarillo, TX for my wife's niece's wedding. Again, while I am gone, I want to tell everyone to get their training done!

**Contact me if you need any training and we will come up with a plan for you.**

Below is a copy of the dashboard I look at to check on the district's training status. YPT numbers look great as they should be due to the stiff requirement to have 100% YPT trained adults upon re-charter. Trained leaders could be improved.



Yours in Scouting,

Paul Kessler  
North Star District Training Chairman

## North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

Joey Johnson (North Star VOA President) and Matt Smith (North Star VOA VP Program) are helping to plan the following events:

### **March 24-26, 2023 - Taste of Venturing at Camp Warren Levis**



Taste of Venturing will be a day event with camping both on Friday and Saturday nights as part of your registration. Food for the weekend will be provided by your individual units. Whether your unit comes for the weekend or just for the day, its going to be an action packed weekend of fun at Warren Levis! Camping check in starts at 5pm on Friday night with an evening movie and check out is by 11am on Sunday.

Event is open to youth 14 years and older or 13 and in the 8th grade (start your recruiting now).  
Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-tov2023>

**Event fee is \$20 through Sunday, March 19, then \$25 after, including walk-ins.**

### **April 22, 2023 - NORTH STAR ESCAPE ROOM, Hosted by North Star Venturing Officer's Assoc.**

**What?** Pirate Treasure - You are captured by the infamous Captain Blackbeard.

Find and steal the Captain's legendary treasure and escape!

**Where?** Escape on Main, 340 N Main Street, Suite 205, St. Charles, MO

**When?** 11:30 am to 12:45 pm

**Contact?** Jerome Flynn, 314-435-9007



### **Upcoming Events**

**May 21, 2023 - Celebration Awards**

**June 2-4, 2023 - Swift's Big Kickoff**

**September 22-24, 2023 - 50th Fall Fun Rally at Beaumont**

More details will be provided as time marches forward and details are ready to be published.

Jerome Flynn  
North Star VOA Advisor  
[jmf41862@yahoo.com](mailto:jmf41862@yahoo.com)







# 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.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside 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.
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).

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District approval

Council approval



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# NORTH STAR DISTRICT SPARK PLUG AWARD 2022



The Spark Plug Award is an award for an individual in a Pack, Troop, Crew or Post who through their constant efforts, is a driving force in their unit. It is an award for those who may otherwise never be recognized at the district level for their contributions to their units. If you feel someone in your unit is deserving of such an honor, please take the time to nominate them.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Must be a currently registered leader
- 2) Must be Basic Leader Trained in their current position
- 3) One nomination per unit
- 4) Please accompany the nomination with a brief description of the nominee and why he/she deserves this award (use a separate sheet if needed)
- 5) **Must attend the District Dinner** to receive the award

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY April 6 (Roundtable)**

**QUESTIONS: Georgia Schaljo [gschaljo@yahoo.com](mailto:gschaljo@yahoo.com)- 314-401-8652**

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Type \_\_\_\_\_ Unit# \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position \_\_\_\_\_

Will attend District Dinner Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Return nomination forms by May 5, 2022**

**Email or mail it to: Georgia Schaljo [gschaljo@yahoo.com](mailto:gschaljo@yahoo.com) or 1460 Pepperhill, Florissant, MO 63033**

**Nominations received after the deadline cannot be accepted!!!**



## NORTH STAT DISTRICT SPOUSE RECOGNITION AWARD



The Spouse Recognition Award is for the spouse whose support and hard work has made all the things you do for scouting possible. This award is to thank your spouse for all they do to keep things running at home. This award is for spouses not registered as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

Please write a letter to the committee explaining why your spouse deserves this recognition. The Awards will be given at the District Dinner.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY May Roundtable-  
April 6)

QUESTIONS: Georgia Schaljo [gschaljo@yahoo.com](mailto:gschaljo@yahoo.com)

Email or mail to:  
Georgia Schaljo [gschaljo@yahoo.com](mailto:gschaljo@yahoo.com) or 1460  
Pepperhill, Florissant, MO 63033

Nominations received after the deadline cannot be  
accepted!!!

