

THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May/June 2023

May 7	Valley of Flowers Cleanup Service Project
May 12	North Star District Dinner
May 13	Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service – Mastodon State Park
May 21	Venturing Awards Celebration
Jun 2 – 4	Venturing – Swifts Big Kickoff
July 24 – 28	Cub Scout Day Camp – Florissant KofC Grounds

Looking Ahead Beyond June

July 23	District Cub Day Camp Setup - OA
Sept 22 - 24	50th Fall Fun Rally at Beaumont

Duty to God Moment



Theme: Do A Good Turn Daily

Doing a good turn daily is something Robert Baden-Powell envisioned from the beginning of the Scouting movement as part of one's Duty to God.

To quote Scouting's international founder,

“Religion very briefly stated means:
Firstly— recognizing who and what is God.
Secondly— making the best of the life that He has
given one and doing what He wants of us.
This is mainly doing something for other people.”

The knot below the scroll on the First Class Scout Badge is there as a reminder to do a daily Good Turn. These good turns help other people and are also a reminder that a “Scout is Helpful,” one of the points from the Scout Law.

Being helpful by doing a good turn daily makes our Duty to God come to light.



The
Valley of Flowers
Celebrates:

The *Kentucky*
DERBY

May 5-7, 2023

A Spring Tradition filled with Events and Highlighted by
the Grand Parade and Crowning the Queen.

Join us for a fun weekend!!

Activities for All Ages - Live Music - Food

Vendors/Crafters - Magnificent Parade - Queen Crowning

Visit our website: www.FLORISSANTVALLEYOFFLOWERS.com for more info.



THE CAMPING CORNER

Some items that might require your attention:

Is your troop, pack, or crew registered for summer camp?

How many of your eligible Scouts are going to NYLT?

Scouts that can't go with your unit-Now what?

Scholarships are available for summer camp NYLT, and Wood Badge. See Kauai!

SCOUTING. Org Training for leaders and parents

- Hazardous Weather
- Youth Protection -September 2, 2023
- Safe Defense Swim
- Safety Afloat

DATES FOR YOU CAMPING CALENDARS:

- Fall Encampment- October 6, 7, 8, at Beaumont / Shippey
- Klondike Day only- February 24, 2024 Beaumont
- Spring Camporee March TBD 2024 at Warren Levis

Each unit should have this booklet: [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)- Read the entire book, especially the part on insurance.

Remember you will find OUTING in SCOUTING

Get your Scouts out camping!

*Have a Great Summer,
Fred Schaljo, North Star Camping Chairman*

North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

Who escaped with the Blackbeard's pirate treasure on April 22nd with over 20 minutes to spare? Well, North Star Venturers did, that is who! Members of Crews 2749 and 2921 AND a soon-to-be venturer had a bunch of fun leading to



success. See treasure below ...

Coming up ...

May 21, 2023 - Celebration Event, "Celebrate Like It's 1998!"

Gateway Central Church of the Nazarene, 11703 Old Saint Charles Road, Bridgeton, MO,
Check-in 1:45 pm, Presentation 2-3 pm, Social & Food Trucks 3-4:30 pm

Cost: \$18 (by 5/12), \$22 (by 5/19), \$25 for walk-ins,

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-celebrate23>

June 2-4, 2023 - Swift's Big Kickoff at S-F Scout Ranch

Friday Night: Arrive and hang out at Swift. There will be tents available for you and your unit to sleep in on the various Swift campsites.

Saturday: Trail building, painting, tent leveling, some basic carpentry, beach repair, council ring bench repair, THEN mountain boards, waterfront, boats, games, sports and an evening bonfire with other great evening fun too!

Sunday: Head out to the cliffs and repel or climb.

Bring food, cooking gear, camping gear and join the fun, or just come down Saturday.

Cost: Free!

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-swiftko23>

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

Crews are planning events -

2749: Gaga Ball Tournament, Backyard Fishing Tournament

2921: Slip-n-Slide Kickball

Registration: Coming soon

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

Jerome Flynn

North Star VOA Advisor

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Training Information

Hello North Star District,

I want to apologize again for not being at the last two Roundtables. Unfortunately, a lot of scouting things happen on Thursday. Again, while I was gone, it did not move the numbers much on the Position Specific Training (PST) so over the summer I want to tell everyone to get their training done! Let's show our DE why North Star District is the best.

For Program Preview the Training table will have a list of the folks and the PST that they need to take. In addition, I will have a listing of what training class the abbreviations mean. Come take a look and see if you are one of those on the list.

Below is a copy of the dashboard as of 5-2-23 that I look at to check on the district's training status. As you can see, our YPT pie chart has a little more red in it than I would like. There are a couple of folks that are not YPT trained. I have a list of those folks as well. Trained leaders can always be improved. Call me if you cannot figure out what you still need to complete even though it is shown within your my.scouting.org account.

Council provided Training.

Youth Protection Training:

May 13th | 12:30 pm |
May 18th | 7:00pm |
June 14th | 7:00pm |
June 17th | 12:30 pm |

Intro to Outdoor Skills:

Beaumont IOLS Course | May 12 -14 2023 |
Rhodes France IOLS Course | June 15-16 |
Beaumont IOLS Course | October 06-08 2023 | Registration coming soon
Camp Lewallen Course | November 04 2023 |

NYLT Summer Courses:

June 11-17 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
June 18-24 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
July 9-15 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
July 23-29 – Camp Warren Levis
Weekend course: August 18-20 and August 25-27

Wood Badge:

Spring Course April 28-30 and May 20-21 | Beaumont

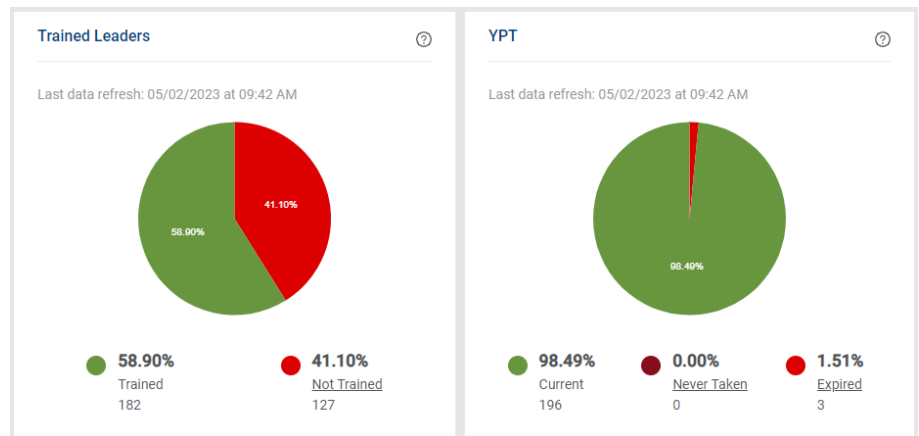
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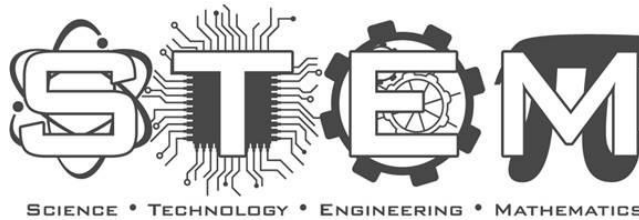
Council | Cub Scout Leader Training | May 13, 2023
Council | Cub Scout Leader Training | June 17, 2023

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

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Kessler
North Star District Training Chairman





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

All scout shops now have Nova Awards and Pie Pins. Please make sure the kids receive the awards they have earned.

Summer Camps: Registration open for all 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

Training:

- Virtual Nova Counselor Training – 17 May @ 7 PM via Zoom
 - Contact Alan Kreppert for zoom link and further details
- Supernova Training – STEM Training Team will to come to Roundtable to teach

Social Media:

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

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

YouTube -> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLomHx8lnOFuXLb8zBDxHDQ>

Reminder:

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

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OA UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Conclave Ceremony Make-up

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

When: Saturday May 13th

- Ordeal ceremony will begin at 6:30pm - Meet at Lane Pavillion parking lot at 6pm
- Brotherhood ceremony 8pm - Meet at Lane Pavillion parking lot at 7:15pm Hike will begin at 7:30pm

Elsewhere Elections

If your Troop will be attending Summer Camp anywhere besides S-F, you will need to hold an elsewhere election in May. You should have received an email from the Lodge with a link to schedule an elsewhere election. Please do this as soon as possible, so we can have a chapter representative attend the election. These elections must be completed before June.

Service Projects

Mark your calendar for these Chapter service projects

Valley of Flowers Fairground clean up project/May Chapter meeting

Sunday May 7th 8am-11am Knights of Columbus Grounds

We will be cleaning up trash from the previous night of the fair around 10:30 am 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.

Following this event, please join us in the Valley of Flowers parade as we represent Northstar Scouting.

Day Camp Set up

Sunday July 23rd 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.

If you need any more information feel free to reach me at Jennifer.kedge@shawneelodge.org

Yours in Scouting, Jen Kedge
NS OA Chapter Adviser

Activities

Big Thank You District Dinner Committee

Delores & Rebecca Garrett

Sue Polis

Fred & Georgia Schaljo

Donna Yarbrough

Jane Lindstrom

Retha Taylor

David Bump

Kevin McClane

John Otte

Without all these wonderful scouters we would not have such a great District Dinner. You have all given countless hours to help us make this event such a great success and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I can't wait to see everyone at the dinner on May 12, 2023.



Dates: July 24th - 28th (5 Days)

Location: Florissant Knights of Columbus

Camp Details:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 4:00pm Bring your favorite wild Lunch Daily!

Activities: Wildlife scavenger hunts, Summer time wild games, shooting sports and much more!

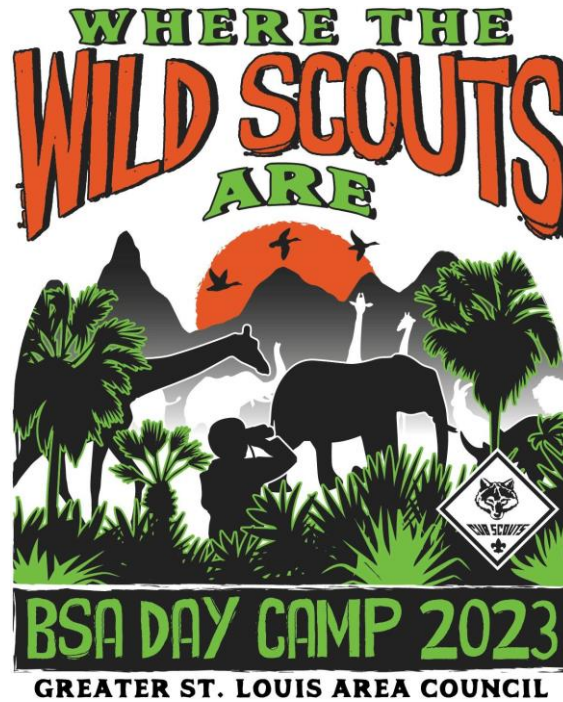
Additional Information Direct Contact:

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More information and summer camps at STLBSA.ORG



DAY CAMP STAFF NEEDED!



Open Positions for Adults and Youth!

Adults Positions: STEM Supervisor, Field Sports Supervisor

Youth Positions: Shooting Sports, Scoutcraft, STEM, Den Chiefs and more!

Work for the week or for a couple of days, no help is too little. Contact Rachel Tran:

tran.rachelm@gmail.com or 217.493.3531

UPCOMING STAFF MEETINGS:

1. May 21
2. June 4
3. June 25
4. July 2
5. July 9
6. July 16
7. July 23 - Set-Up! 1-4pm at Knights of Columbus
8. JULY 24-28TH DAY CAMP HAPPENS!

BSA Swim Skills 2024



When: January 6-February 10, 2024 (Saturdays)

Where: Hazelwood West High School Pool
1 Wildcat Ln St Louis, MO 63042

Cost: \$10 per participant

Sessions: 9-10:30 Lifesaving & Swimming Merit Badges
10:45-11:30 Learning to Swim
11-12:30 BSA Lifeguard
11:45-12:30 Learning to Swim

Register online @ stlbsa.org/northstardistrict

by Jan 6 at midnight

Walk-ins welcome



JOIN. ENGAGE. LEAD.

CLICK HERE TO CONTINUE YOUR ADVENTURE!

Council Up Coming Activity Dates

- Mom & Me September 22 – 24 CWL
- Cub Launch October 7 Beaumont & other locations
- Fall Fright Fest October 14 Beaumont
- Spookoree October 13-15 Rhodes France
- Scouting For Food Nov. 11 – bag distribution day
- Scouting For Food Nov. 18 – bag collection day

Cub Scouts Cub Scout Conservation Adventures and Awards Make the World a Better Place.

Conservation Advancement Adventures is a wonderful way to learn about our environment and take care of the places we will visit over the summer break, potentially including a locally held day camp. Did you know that there are even three awards Scouts can earn by accomplishing this with a few extra steps – **the Cub Scout World Conservation Award, the Conservation Good turn Award, and the Messenger of Peace Award.**

The Adventures that Dens can select to work on to encourage conservation and taking care of the planet are:

Tiger:

- My Tiger Jungle (Required Adventure)
- Tigers in the Wild (Required Adventure)

Wolf:

- Call of the Wild (Required Adventure)
- Paws on the Path (Required Adventure)
- Air of the Wolf (Elective Adventure)
- Spirit of the Water (Elective Adventure)

Bear:

- Fur, Feathers, and Ferns (Required Adventure)

Webelos:

- Webelos Walkabout (Required Adventure) Arrow of Light:
- Outdoor Adventurer (Required Adventure) Webelos Electives
- Castaway
- Into the Wild
- Into the Woods

World Conservation Award

The World Conservation Award provides another opportunity for individual youth members to “think globally” and “act locally” to preserve and improve our environment.

This program is designed to make youth aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment.

Applications for this award are available at the council service center.

The World Conservation Award can be found here:

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/worldconservation/>

It has many of the required Adventures and a few more steps that Scouts may be able to complete at Cub Scout day camp, such as constructing a bird feeder if they are a Bear.

Messenger of Peace Award

<https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/>

There is even an international award Cub Scouts and other Scouts across the globe can earn called the Messenger of Peace Award and it has a patch that can be purchased for completing the Inspire, Learn & Decide, Do, and Share process and followed by the unit leader logging in the project.

This can be earned at all levels of Scouting for conservation efforts in your community through projects and then sharing about those projects. It is the perfect time of year to get inspired to use the Cub Scout Advancement program and awards for Cub Scouts and families to learn how to take care of the environment around them and to think about the greater environment beyond where we live.

Conservation Good Turn

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-good-turn/>

Ideas beyond the Adventures and Awards can be found in many places and Scouts can earn a Conservation Good Turn Certificate for participating.

A Conservation Good Turn certificate is available at the council service center for units that participate and report on their efforts.

A Conservation Good Turn patch is also available for purchase at the council service center to recognize individual youth and adult members who participate in a meaningful conservation project.

Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts Cub Scouting conservation projects could involve the entire Cub Scout pack, or one den, plus adult leaders and family members.

Hands-on projects help Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts realize that everyone can do things to care for the environment. Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts participating in the Conservation Good Turn can also meet some advancement requirements.

Suggested projects include, but are not limited to:

- Plant grasses, trees, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion.
 - As a den or pack, adopt a park. Remove litter and garbage from a favorite neighborhood recreation area or park.
 - Organize or participate in a recycling program in your neighborhood, or visit a recycling center.
 - Arrange a natural resources awareness program. Invite natural resource professionals such as wildlife biologists, soil conservationists, foresters, or conservation officers to speak to your pack.
 - Participate in a beach or waterfront cleanup. Record the items collected and determine the possible harmful effects to wildlife. With youth participation, develop a plan to educate the public about the dangers posed to wildlife.
 - From a local, state, or national organization that is concerned about environmental protection, obtain suggestions for den and pack projects to improve the environment.
 - As a den or pack, visit a public utility to learn about the wise use of resources, and become involved in programs offered by utilities to help consumers conserve resources.
- Contact the camp ranger or BSA local council property superintendent for information about camp needs and plans. Establish a nature trail, plant vegetation, or carry out other needed projects as requested by the camp ranger.**

North Star Family Friends of Scouting

2023 Campaign, and 2023/2024 Program Preview



Donors still needed for 2023

We would like all of the families in our packs, troops and crews to consider helping the cause in our council's annual fundraiser. Not everyone can donate at the same levels as others can, but they should consider a donation because every small donation helps. The campaign helps our area with camperships, properties, outreach, training, insurance, professional staff, recruitment and more.

We have several units that have met their 2023 Family Friends of Scouting goal, several more are very close.

For 2023/2024

We are looking for some responsible adults to be trailblazers, or phone callers. We are looking for the Family Friends of Scouting Co-Chairman for 2023/2024. Please volunteer.

Thank you, North Star.

Jim Schneider

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