

THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August/September 2023

Aug 12	OA Fellowship Festival @ Beaumont – 12pm – 3pm
Aug 13	Fall Camporee Staff Meetings (every Sunday 6:30pm @ Good Sheppard, on Howdershell
Sep 8 - 10	OA Fall Reunion @ SbarF
Sep 22 – 24	Venturing – Fall Fun Rally
Weekends	Fall Wood Badge Session -- 9/29 to 10/1 & 10/14 to 10/15 @ Pine Ridge
Sep 29 – Oct 1	Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) @ Beaumont
Sep 30 – Oct 1	LOE/BALOO @ Rhodes France

Looking Ahead Beyond September 2023

Oct 6 - 8	Fall Camporee @ Beaumont
Oct 14 - 15	Cub Fright Feast @ Beaumont
Oct 14 - 15	LOE/BALOO @ Beaumont
Oct 21	OA Brotherhood Bash @ Beaumont
Nov 11 & 18	Scouting for Food
Dec 17	Shawnee OA Winter Banquet – location TBD

Duty to God Moment



Theme: A Scout is Reverent

Robert Baden-Powell once said, “[d]evelopment of [one’s] outlook naturally begins with a respect for God, which we may best term Reverence.

Reverence to God and reverence for one's neighbour and reverence for oneself as a servant of God, is the basis of every form of religion.”

We see reminders of our Duty to God in various symbols used in Scouting, too.

Whether it’s the symbols that make up the First Class Scout Badge, a religious knot, or other religious awards on a Scout’s uniform, these symbols remind us that a Scout is Reverent.

But we must remember that we are symbols too. As leaders, we must set an example by planning to include thoughtful acts of reverence at unit outings, such as a prayer at meal times or a mini interfaith worship service. In addition we have a duty to encourage our scouts to attend scheduled religious services at camporees, summer camp, and in their own houses of worship.

The Commissioner's Corner

Greetings from the Commish.

Welcome back ladies and gentlemen! Hope everyone had a great and fun filled summer with your units! Time to rev things up with program and getting the word out to recruit new folks to join our awesome program. We have several recruitment events coming up throughout the month of August and September, so, please if you are able, have some representation at one of these for your unit. But most importantly, please plan now to host a recruitment event for your unit later this summer/fall. There is a multitude of young people in the north county area and every one of them could benefit from our amazing program. If you need assistance setting something up, please reach out to your unit commissioner or one of the key three for the district and we will be happy to assist you.

Lots of awesome activities coming up this fall for both district and within council for you and your units to take part in, please make sure you are taking advantage of these opportunities and sign up early for them. They are a great enhancement to your program and get you out and about scouting!

Looking forward to the 23-24 scouting season, let's spread the word about scouting and get our units stocked with fresh participants who can benefit from everything scouting has to offer. If I or any member of my commissioner staff can assist you, as always don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks for all you do for scouting

Dave Kedge
District Commissioner.

FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Recruitment will be a top priority this fall as the North Star District has several events on the calendar to promote Scouting in our area. Help will be needed at those places as well as getting all of these new Scouts set up with their new units. Kauai, our District Exec, and the membership team have been meeting on how to best utilize these events to get Scouting in our area bigger and more exciting once again. So, have your Packs and Troops ready to receive these eager young people and get them involved right away. Get your plans in place to welcome them and get them started on the Scouting path. All the best to our Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts, and Leaders for a great Scouting year.

- Kevin McClain, DC
- District Chairman North Star District

Camping Chair Corner



It's that time again! As summer comes to an end, we can finally focus on this year's Fall Camporee! It will be held at Beaumont on October 6-8, so mark your calendars. Your Campmasters, Claire Robinett and Colin Ray, have come up with the theme of "NORTH STAR COUNTY FAIR"! So, get ready for some good old-fashioned, small-town fun! Registration information is to come soon. Be sure to get your troops excited for this camporee!

Every successful camporee is nothing without its great staff! Please help us and take part in staffing this camporee! Our first staff meeting will be August 13th, 6:30pm at the Church of the Good Shepard off Howdershell Road, we look forward to seeing both youth and adults help make this a great Camporee!

If you have questions, feel free to contact Fred Schaljo or myself!

-Claire Robinett-
For Fred Schaljo



OA UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship Festival

When: August 12th, 12-3, chapter meetings at 3:30

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation, around the Emerson Center

Who: All Arrowmen, including new inductees

What: Join your fellow brothers for an afternoon of fun activities! Enjoy shooting sports, the climbing tower, the pool, the STEM Trailer, carnival games, and refreshing root beer. There will be lunch at the event for about \$5. You can also get a custom event print for any t-shirt that you bring to the event. Registration is available at <https://forms.gle/ZRi61jnvY2FWJr816>. All brothers, including newly inducted members, are welcome to come to this great event.

Fall Reunion

When: September 8-10

Where: S-F Camporee field

The Fall Reunion is the biggest event that Shawnee Lodge puts on each year! 1,000+ Arrowmen will be in attendance as we induct new members into our Order, witness Arrowmen seal their membership in our Order, and much more. Register at <https://shawneelodge.org/fall-reunion/> Early bird registration ends August 26th @11:59 pm

Brotherhood Bash

When: October 21st

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Registration opening soon. Activities include: open program, seminars, training, and competitions.

Winter Banquet

December 17th Location TBD

Vigil Nominations Due Nov. 1 Forms can be found at

<https://shawneelodge.org/vigil/>

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

Yours in Scouting,

Len Kedge

NSOA 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.

Jane Lindstrom

Please congratulate the following Scouters on receiving our special district rewards.

POLARIS AWARD RECIPIENTS

John Matz

Larry Robinett

Sarah Scott

SPARK PLUG AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kevin McClain

Geno Ruiz

Steven Scott

Robert Smith

SPOUSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Rebecca Johnson

Lori Kreppert

Samantha Matz

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
11:45-12:30 Learning to Swim

Register online @ <https://scoutingevent.com/312-74268>
by Jan 6 at midnight
Walk-ins welcome

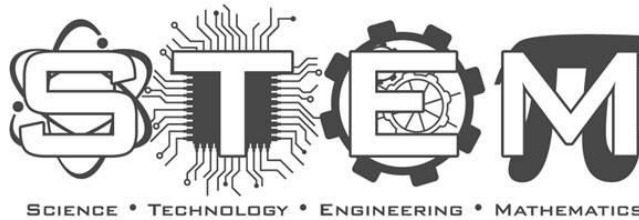


JOIN. ENGAGE. LEAD.

CLICK HERE TO CONTINUE YOUR ADVENTURE!

Council and District 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
- Swimming Skill Center January 6-February 10, 2024



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

Advanced Planning:

8 April 2024 – The next total solar eclipse will pass through Missouri and Illinois.

- Start planning now as spots will fill up quickly.
- The STEM team will be at Pine Ridge and S-F with activities planned.
- Current signup is to reserve camping spots for that day.

Recruiting Night Ideas:

Paper Rockets: <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/learn/project/make-a-straw-rocket/>

Training:

- If you would like to be trained as a Nova or Supernova Counselor, please let me know. The STEM team is willing to come to our Roundtable to train people.

Social Media:

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

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

YouTube -> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLomHx8InOFuXLb8zBDxHDO>

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

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North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

With fond memories of summer camp at Swift and a trek at Philmont, North Star Venturing is looking forward to the next year of activities.

Coming up ...

50th Annual Fall Fun Rally
September 22-24, 2023



'Party in the BSA'
Beaumont Scout Reservation

for Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers and Older Scouts (High School). Over the course of the weekend more than 150 activities, programs, trainings, gatherings, and displays will be held. Spanning shooting sports to STEM, climbing to Sea Scouts, Venturing Trainings to evening parties, Exploring events to First Aid Challenges, the weekend has something for everyone. The event is planned by the Greater St. Louis Area Council Venturing and Sea Scout Officers' Association and is put on by units and volunteers who give of their time to put on an amazing event.

Fall Fun Rally includes non-stop activities

North Star Crews are planning events -

2749: Gaga Ball Tournament,
Backyard Fishing Tournament



2921: Slip-n-Slide Kickball



Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-FFR2023> with more Fun Fun Rally information to be found at www.fallfunrally.org.

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