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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September/October 2023

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
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
Oct 21	STEM Scoutbotics – St. Louis University Parks College

Looking Ahead Beyond October 2023

Nov 11 & 18	Scouting for Food
Dec 9	STEM University - UMSL
Dec 17	Shawnee OA Winter Banquet – location TBD

Duty to God Moment



GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL

Twelfth Point - Religious Emblems

The twelfth point of the Scout Law is a very important part of Scouting - A Scout is Reverent. Learn more about religious emblems. This event will take place on September 28, 2023 at 7 pm *online. This Zoom event is open to all Scouts, parents, and volunteer leaders.

The 30 minute seminar will get you started in pursuit of the religious emblem for your faith.

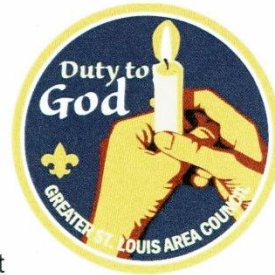
A special patch will be awarded with every earned emblem in 2023-2024.

Sign up for this event at <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/religious-emblems-program/> or scan the QR code.

For more information, please contact 314-361-0600 or ben.brennecke@scouting.org

Theme: A Scout is Reverent

* A Zoom web link will be emailed to each participant prior to event.



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.

FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S DESK

"IT'S THE SAME MEETING EVERY TIME..."

Have you ever gone to a restaurant that you went to as a kid and thought, "wow, it's just like it used to be back in the day!" However, have you ever been to an old motel and thought, "they haven't updated this place since I was a kid..." Same reaction, different scenario.

Scout meetings, outings, events can be similar. It can be the same thing every time. But, if it works and everyone responds to it then it's great. On the other hand, if you keep doing the same thing over and over and it's NOT working, then you have a problem. Remember to evaluate your meetings, the agendas, the activities, the songs/skits or even how you deal with camping/hiking. Make sure it's relevant for the times. Make sure it's relevant to newer advancement requirements. Make sure a majority of the people are enjoying being there and enjoying the content of the event.

"Variety is the spice of life", so they say. "It ain't like it used to be in the old days", so they say. "Hey, that's what I was looking for", we hope they say! Just be sure your unit/organization is doing all that it can do to make sure they are reaching everyone's needs, and as much of their likes as possible. If you find that you aren't getting the responses you need and need some help, as your Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner. Maybe look online to see what other Scout groups are doing around the council or the country. Spice it up a little if needed. Have a great month of Scouting everyone!

Kevin McClain, DC
District Chairman, North Star District

Activities

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

We are looking for staff to help in the pool area. Any Scouts that have the swimming merit badge and lifesaving badge.

Please have call Sarah Scott at 314-650-8690 for details.



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

Camping Chair Corner



Hope you all are excited about this upcoming camporee! Our campmasters; Claire Robinett and Sebastian Thomas among the wonderful team of staff, have been preparing to make this one of the best camporees yet! This October 6-8, join us at Beaumont Scout Reservation and bring you Webelos! We have prepared many fun games and stations, including our webelo-friendly BB gun shoot-off!

Registration is open now and closes September 22, two weeks before the camporee. Check the North Star website! We will not accept any submissions later than September 22, so sign up fast!

Do you want to staff but feel like you missed your opportunity? Well, fear not because we still need staff and would love to have you! Not only youth, but Adults too! Please consider joining our staff!! Not only would we be happy to have you, but we need more help for this camporee to run! Staff meetings are every Sunday, 6:30 p.m. at the Luthern Church of the Good Shepard off of Howdershell Road.

I look forward to seeing your troops at the Camporee and some new faces on our staff!

- Claire Robinett -
For Fred Schaljo!



OA UPCOMING EVENTS

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,

Jon Kedge

NSOA Chapter Adviser

North Star Eagle Board Information & Dates

Hi, my name is Debbie Huber, I'm the new Eagle Board chairperson. I wanted to share information regarding the upcoming Eagle Boards! They will be held on Sundays.

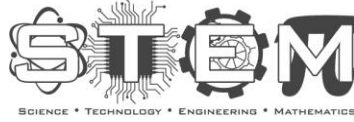
- Sunday, September 17th Eagle Board and Life to Eagle Seminar starting at 1:00pm at St. Marks United Methodist Church 315 Graham Rd., Florissant, MO 63031
- Sunday, October 15th Eagle Board starting at 1:00pm at Florissant Valley Branch Library, 195 New Florissant Rd., Florissant, MO 63031
- Sunday, November 26th Eagle Board starting at 1:00pm at Florissant Valley Branch Library, 195 New Florissant Rd., Florissant, MO 63031
- Sunday, December 10th Eagle Board starting at 1:00pm at Florissant Valley Branch Library, 195 New Florissant Rd., Florissant, MO 63031

2024 dates will be announced after October 1st.

Scouts that want to schedule a board can reach me at 314-960-4842.

Thank you,

Debbie Huber



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

21 October 2023 – Scoutbotics – St. Louis University Parks College

- Scouts will learn about robotics
- Cub Scout Coding Workshop
- Scout BSA Robotics Workshop – Includes earning the Robotics Merit Badge
- Limited Spots available

STEM Universities

- UMSL – 9 December 2023
- SEMO – 6 January 2024
- SIUE – 27 January 2024
- SIUC – 24 February 2024
- Lincoln Land College – TBD

17 November 2023 - Einstein Recognition Dinner

- Living World at the St. Louis Zoo
- Supernova applications due to council by 31 October. I need them by 26 October.

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/UCLomHx8lnOFuXLb8zBDxHDQ>

If you need any assistance implementing STEM into your program, please let me know.

Alan Kreppert – North Star District STEM Chair

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North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

The biggest event of the Venturing and Sea Scout year is just around the corner ...

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



'Party in the BSA'
Beaumont Scout Reservation

Fall Fun Rally includes non-stop activities 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.

North Star Crews are planning events -

2749: Gaga Ball Tournament,
Backyard Fishing Tournament



2921: Slip-n-Slide Kickball
Rocketry Demo



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

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