

THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October/November 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
Oct 21	STEM Scoutbotics – St. Louis University Parks College
Nov 4	University of Scouting
Nov 11 & 18	Scouting for Food

**Looking Ahead Beyond
October 2023**

Dec 9	STEM University - UMSL
Dec 17	Shawnee OA Winter Banquet – location TBD

Duty to God Moment



Pointing in the Right Direction

The fleur-de-lis is a familiar symbol in the Scouting movement. Even outside of Scouting, the fleur-de-lis can be found in a variety of places: medieval heraldry, military insignia, and even community and sports logos.

The fleur-de-lis is also used on the face of a compass to indicate the cardinal direction of North. Without a reference, a compass is useless! By using the fleur-de-lis on the compass, scouts know how to orient a map to their surroundings, and to discover what direction they need to go to reach their desired destination.

A Scout's Duty to God serves in a similar way. When Scouts attend to their Duty to God, they use their faith to orient their life accordingly.

As Scout leaders, we need to remind Scouts about their Duty to God. Lord Baden-Powell is quoted as saying, "[w]e never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it." By encouraging Scouts to reflect on their own religious beliefs, we are reminding them to orient their lives based on those beliefs.

FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Have you tried the pizza at **Pirrone's**?

Did you see that new **Mission Impossible** movie?

Have you thought about being a part of **Scouting**?

Yep, it's that easy. As we enter October as a recruitment month, it's time to start doing just that. Just like we love talking about our favorite restaurants and our favorite shows, it's just as easy to talk to someone about being a part of Scouting. Maybe it's as a youth, maybe it's as an adult. Either way we can talk to people about how much we enjoy Scouting and how easy it is for them to try it out. Our enthusiasm with the Scouting experience can be the one thing that gives them the idea to try it out. Tell them your story, tell them about a favorite event, and tell them about how it can affect the future of youth in our area. Maybe they have a specialty that can benefit the district. Maybe they were a Scout at one time and are just itching to get back into the program. Don't miss an opportunity to talk about **Scouting** – it's a good month to do just that! By the way, Pirrone's and the new MI movie are well worth checking out!

Kevin McClain, DC
District Chairman, North Star District

From the Commish

Greetings Northstar!

As we head into the fall season, please utilize this opportunity to get out and about with your units. Fall weather and the leaves turning provide some great opportunities for your youth to get outdoors and experience all nature and the area has to offer. Just because the weather is getting colder doesn't mean we stop outings! Think about the kinds of things your youth want to do over the winter months, talk to your youth leadership and get those activities planned! It keeps them engaged during the cold winter months and helps you put on the best program you can.

Don't forget scouting for food coming up in November, America's largest one day service project, please make sure your unit is signed up to participate and grab every donation we can get our hands on, folks need it more than ever these days!

Recruitment, we are off to a solid start, but we need to keep pushing, there are literally tons of youth in the north county area who are not served by scouting and would really benefit from our program, so if you haven't already, please contact your local school or churches where your unit is near and set up a recruitment event with them.

As always, if me or any member of the commissioner staff can do anything to assist you, please don't hesitate to ask, we are here to serve you the leaders of the units and the youth you serve.

YIS

Dave Kedge
SM, C3-312-20-2

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 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

- 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



Hello North Star!!

The 2023 Fall Camporee is this weekend! We are very excited to see all of you there, because our amazing team of staff has worked hard to put together an exciting and different program for all of you!

Earliest arrival is at 4pm, Friday the 6th. There will be multiple camporees going on so it is important to know that we are at Shippy Field.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow! Be sure to bring weather appropriate gear and clothing. It is supposed to be much cooler this coming weekend.

- Claire Robinett -
For Fred Schaljo!



OA UPCOMING EVENTS

Brotherhood Bash

When: October 21st

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

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

Nort Star Chapter Meeting

When: November 12th

Where: TBD

Time: TBD

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

North Star Chapter News

Meet Your North Star Chapter Officers of 23-24



Hello, my name is Caleb Otte and I am your new North Star Chapter Chief. This year I plan to improve our events and communication.



Hello my name is Aiden Ham and I am your new First vice this year I strvive to help as much around the chapter as I can.



Hello I'm Braden Matz and I am your new second vice and this year I would like to have more people attend Ceremonial Team and make it fun



Hello, I am Zachary Kessler and am your new chapter secretary. As the secretary for the year, I plan on updating you on chapter and lodge activity, as well as keeping you posted on service opportunities.

Upcoming Events

***November 12th - North Star Chapter Meeting
Theme - Turkey Bowling & Pie Fest.
Bring a pie and some cash so you can PIE THE
OFFICERS!! The place and time will be announced in
October.***

***December 17 - Shawnee Lodge Winter Banquet.
More info coming in November***

North Star Eagle Board Information & Dates

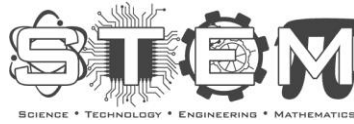
- Sunday, October 15th Eagle Board starting at 1:00pm at Florissant Valley Branch Library, 195 New Florissant Rd., Florissant, MO 63031
- Sunday, November 26th Eagle Board starting at 1:00pm at Florissant Valley Branch Library, 195 New Florissant Rd., Florissant, MO 63031
- Sunday, December 10th Eagle 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

- Cub Scout – Waitlist only
- Scout BSA – Includes earning the Robotics Merit Badge – Spots still available

20 October 2023 – Seiler Drone Experience – Beaumont

- UMSL – 9 December 2023 – 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.

Annular Eclipse <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2023/>

- 14 October 2023 – Next one will not be visible in the US until 2039
- Annular is when the moon is farthest from Earth covering the sun.
- Missouri will only see a partial eclipse
- MUST use solar glasses or pinhole camera's to view. Eye damage will occur otherwise.
- "Ring of Fire" will be visible in southwestern states

Advanced Planning:

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

- <https://www.eclipse-bsa-2024.com/>
- Start planning now as spots will fill up quickly.
- Activities are being planned for the weekend at Pine Ridge and S-F, and maybe Lewelen.

Social Media:

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

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

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

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

Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate the 50th Fall Fun Rally and the 25th anniversary of Venturing! It was a great weekend with more than 575 Venturers, Sea Scouts, older Scouts, Advisors and volunteers in attendance. They were all kept busy with more than 125 activities from trainings to zip lines, from slip'n slide kickball to car shows and from a giant cake to pistols. It was a great party and thanks to all who made it possible.



See you next year: September 20-22, 2024 for the 51st annual Fall Fun Rally!

We have new North Star Venturing Officers Association officers, elected during the Fall Fun Rally. Please welcome our new North Star VOA Officers!

President - Precious Bolade (Crew 2749)

Vice President Administration - Gabe Blamey (Crew 2921)

Vice President Program - Amelia (Mia) Bazzell (Crew 2749)

Vice President Communication - Kip MacDonald (Crew 2749)

Up next, VOA officer training October 13-14 at Beaumont.

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