

# THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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## GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**November/December 2023**

<b>Nov 4</b>	University of Scouting
<b>Nov 11 &amp; 18</b>	Scouting for Food
<b>Nov 12</b>	OA North Star Chapter Meeting
<b>Dec 9</b>	STEM University - UMSL
<b>Dec 17</b>	Shawnee OA Winter Banquet – Moolah Shrine Center

**Looking Ahead Beyond  
2023**

<b>Jan 9, 2024</b>	STEM University - SEMO
<b>Jan 13, 2024</b>	Venturing – STL After Dark

## Duty to God Moment

### Celebrating Scout Jumu'ah, Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday in 2024



Baden-Powell suggests in his guide book for scoutmasters, “It is expected that every Scout shall belong to some religious institution, and attend its services”. It is fitting, then, that religious organizations host a celebration in conjunction with the anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America in February to recognize a Scout’s Duty to God. While the exact dates for these celebrations vary by group, they are wonderful opportunities for Scouts to share with their faith communities, the 12th point of the Scout Law -- that a Scout is Reverent. (For Muslim youth, Scout Jumu’ah is the first Friday following February 8. In 2023, Scout Sabbath was celebrated on February 10 and 11. Many Christian scouts celebrate Scout Sunday on the Sunday that falls before February 8.)

For some, these celebrations include extensive involvement by Scouts in the planning and/or participation in a worship service. Scouts could also attend a service in full uniform and perhaps be recognized by their community with any religious awards they have earned. The key is to coordinate with the leaders of the religious community to create an event that is in harmony with its customs. Scouts can also use these occasions to express their appreciation, a formal “thank you” for the support provided by their faith community, especially when it is the unit’s chartering organization.

It is not too early to start planning your Scout Sunday celebration now. February will be here before you know it!

## Commissioner Corner

Greetings once again North Star!

As the holidays approach, it offers a time to be thankful, to reflect on all the blessings our families have and to spend time with loved ones. It also offers opportunities for scouting to do some good for the community. Please don't forget that we have scouting for food coming up this month, it's a very important food drive (which originated right here in St. Louis), that helps our local food pantries with approximately ½ a year of supplies. A lot of less fortunate people, maybe even folks you know, depend on these places to survive so, as scouts, and to 'help other people at all times', we need to do the best job we absolutely can.

Another idea for your units... take them to do some caroling at a local residential center or a veteran's home. Those folks could really use it especially at the holidays as they don't get to see their loved ones on a daily basis or sometimes have no family at all. It definitely brightens their holidays and allows for our youth to do a good turn for those around them.

If you are in need of some training, we have UOS coming up this Saturday, at Webster University, sign-ups are still available on the council website.

As always, if you or your unit need anything from the commissioner staff or myself, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

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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**

- Scouting For Food Nov. 11 – bag distribution day
- Scouting For Food Nov. 18 – bag collection day
- Swimming Skill Center January 6-February 10, 2024



## OA UPCOMING EVENTS

### Nort Star Chapter Meeting

**When: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – 4pm**

**Theme:** Turkey Bowl and Pie Fest

**Where:** Church of the Good Shepherd, 7380 Howdershell Rd.

**Details:**

- Come join your fellow Brothers for a fun bowling game using a frozen turkey as the ball.
- Please bring a pie to share with everyone.
- Shaving cream pies will be available for purchase to pie the officers.

### Winter Banquet

**When: December 17<sup>th</sup> – doors open at 4pm**

**Where:** Moolah Shrine Center, 12545 Fee Fee Rd

**Details:**

After a dinner with Brothers from across the lodge, the program will begin with the annual Lodge Business Meeting. The Lodge Officers will share updates on exciting programs going on in the Shawnee Lodge. The evening will conclude with the callout of the 2024 Vigil Honor Class.

**Registration:**

Please register at [shawneelodge.org](http://shawneelodge.org)

Early Bird before Nov. 19 \$25 -- after \$32 until Dec 6th

**Registration Deadline Dec 6<sup>th</sup>! – No tickets available at the door**

**Please remember to pay your Dues.** The NS Chapter relies on dues to help run the chapter efficiently and dues affect the number allowed for Vigil Nominees.

### **2024 Lodge Dues**

Regular Annual Dues - \$12

Season Pass - \$60

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

*Yours in Scouting,*

*Jan Kedge*

*NS OA Chapter Adviser*

# North Star Family Friends of Scouting

## 2023 Campaign, preview 2023/2024



### **Donors still needed for 2023**

The North Star Family Friends of Scouting campaign is currently at 93%, with about \$1600 still remaining for our \$24,000 goal. Units, whether they have made their unit goal or not, might help us reach our district goal (and council goal) when families from their unit make a first or new pledge for this year's campaign. The campaign helps our area with camperships, properties, outreach, training, insurance, professional staff, recruitment and more.

### **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.

We will soon start work on the 2024 campaign, and ask units to schedule their presentations at a Court of Honor, Blue and Gold, or meeting where families are in attendance.

Thank you, North Star.

*Jim Schneider*

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## **North Star Eagle Board Information & Dates**

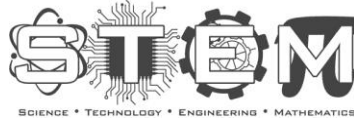
All upcoming Eagle Boards of Review will be held starting at 1:00pm at Florissant Valley Branch Library, 195 New Florissant Rd., Florissant, MO 63031

- Sunday, November 26th
- Sunday, December 10th
- Sunday, January 21st
- Sunday, February 18th
- Sunday, March 17th
- Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Life to Eagle Seminar
- Sunday, May 19th
- Sunday, June 16th

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/>

### STEM Universities

- UMSL – 9 December 2023
  - Registration is live for both Cub Scout and Scout BSA through 1 December
  - Cub Scout Nova - 123 Go
  - Scout BSA Nova - Shoot! + 17 other STEM related merit badges
- SEMO – 6 January 2024
- SIUE – 27 January 2024
- SIUC – 24 February 2024
- Lincoln Land College – TBD

### Einstein Recognition Dinner @ Living Word at the St. Louis Zoo

- 17 November 2023
- 3 North Star Cub Scouts will be recognized for completing the Dr. Charles Townes Supernova award

### Workshops

- Oceanography Merit Badge @ St. Louis Aquarium – Multiple Dates
- Engineering Merit Badge @ Schneider Electric – 2 December 2023
- Art & Graphic Arts Merit Badges @ Craftsman Inc. – 2 December 2023

## 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 Lewallen.

## 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.

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# **North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News**

North Star VOA officers completed Venturing and Sea Scout Officer Association officer training October 13-14 at Beaumont. They have put together tentative plans for recruiting events for which they will provide further details soon.

Our North Star VOA officers are:

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)

Now that the Venturing year is underway, Greater St. Louis Area Council committees will start detailed planning for the following activities and events:

**STL After Dark, January 13, 2024 - Half Lock-In, Half Behind the Scenes Tours**

[scoutingevent.com/312-dark24](https://scoutingevent.com/312-dark24)

**Taste of Venturing, March 22-24, 2024 - Weekend of fellowship and activities**

[scoutingevent.com/312-tov2024](https://scoutingevent.com/312-tov2024)

**Celebration Dinner, May 19, 2024 - Annual recognition dinner**

[scoutingevent.com/312-cele24](https://scoutingevent.com/312-cele24)

**Swift's Big Kickoff, May 31-June 2, 2024 - Improve our favorite summer camp and have fun**

[scoutingevent.com/312-swiftko24](https://scoutingevent.com/312-swiftko24)

**Sea Scout Ball, August 3, 2024 - Evening of food, dance and water sailing**

[scoutingevent.com/312-ball24](https://scoutingevent.com/312-ball24)

**Fall Fun Rally, September 20-22, 2024 - Huge weekend of fun**

[fallrunrally.org](https://fallrunrally.org)

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