



# On The Horizon – January 2024

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## Important Dates at a Glance:

### EVENT:

January Roundtables:  
 STEM Nova Counselor Training:  
 January Eagle Boards of Review:  
 STEM U – SEMO:  
 OKPIK Cold Weather Camping – Meeting 2:  
 Personal Fitness Merit Badge Skill Center:  
 NRA Rifle Instructor Weekend:  
 New Horizons OA Chapter Social:  
 CPR/AED & Wilderness First Aid:  
 STL AFTER DARK – VSOA Lock-in:  
 New Horizons District Recognition Dinner:  
 Scouts BSA Leader Training – In Person:  
 OKPIK Cold Weather Camping – Meeting 3:  
 VSOA Cabinet Meeting:  
 Scouts BSA Recruiting Event:  
 New Horizons Klondike Derby:  
 STEM U – SIUE:  
 Scout Sabbath:  
 New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting and Banquet:  
 February Roundtables:  
 February Eagle Boards of Review:  
 NRA Shotgun Instructor Training Weekend:  
 Scout Sunday:  
 Commissioner Conference:  
 Life to Eagle Advancement Seminar:  
 New Horizons Engineers' Day:  
 STEM U - SIUC:  
 New Horizons District Pinewood Derby:  
 Scouts BSA Leader Training – (Part 1 of 2 -must attend both):  
 College of Commissioner Science:  
 In-Person Cub Scout Leader Training:  
 Council-wide Pinewood Derby:  
 March Roundtables:  
 March Eagle Boards of Review:  
 Scouts BSA Leader Training – (Part 2 of 2 -must attend both):  
 Den Chief Training – Virtual:  
 STEM College – Lake Land College:  
 Taste of Venturing:  
 April Roundtables:  
 April Eagle Boards of Review:  
 Spring Camporee – Solar Eclipse 2024:  
 Shawnee Lodge OA Spring Conclave:  
 Venturing/Sea Scouting Awards Deadline:  
 CPR/AED & Wilderness First Aid Training:  
 Cub Scout BALOO:  
 Scouts BSA Voyageur Program:  
 Scoutbotics:  
 Den Chief Training:  
 May Eagle Boards of Review:

### DATE:

January 2  
 January 2 (Before Roundtable)  
 January 3, 10, 24 (No week 1 this month)  
 January 6  
 January 6  
 January 6  
 January 6 -7  
 January 9  
 January 12 (Beaumont)  
 January 13-14  
 January 18  
 January 20  
 January 20-21  
 January 22 (Beaumont)  
 January 24  
 January 27  
 January 27  
 February 2  
 February 4  
 February 6  
 February 7, 14, 28  
 February 10 - 11  
 February 11 (Check date with your religious institution!)  
 February 13  
 February 21  
 February 24  
 February 24  
 February 24  
 February 25  
 February 29 (Virtual)  
 March 2  
 March 2  
 March 2  
 March 5  
 March 6, 13, 27  
 March 7 (Virtual)  
 March 16 (Virtual)  
 March 16  
 March 22 - 24  
 April 7  
 April 3, 10, 24  
 April 5 – 8  
 April 12 – 14  
 April 15  
 April 19 – 21  
 April 20 – 21 (S – F)  
 April 27  
 April 27 (SLU)  
 April 27 (Camp Warren Levis)  
 May 1, 8, 22

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<b>May Roundtables:</b>	May 7
<b>Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service:</b>	May 11
<b>New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting:</b>	May 16
<b>Spring Wood Badge Course (Session 1 of 2):</b>	May 17 - 19
<b>Memorial Day Good Turns:</b>	May 26
<b>Spring Wood Badge Course (Session 2 of 2):</b>	June 1 – 2
<b>June Roundtables:</b>	June 4
<b>June Eagle Boards of Review:</b>	June 5, 12, 26
<b>Shawnee Lodge OA Camp Service Project Kickoff:</b>	June 8
<b>Larson Park Day Camp:</b>	June 10 – 14
<b>Grizzly Day Camp – Ready, Set, Grow:</b>	July 8 – 12
<b>Grizzly Day Camp – The Great Invention:</b>	July 15 – 19
<b>Grizzly Day Camp – Wizards’ World of Wonder:</b>	July 22 – 26
<b>Grizzly Day Camp – Animal Planet Safari:</b>	July 19 – August 2
<b>Millennium Park Twilight Camp:</b>	July 29 – August 2

===== > SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS < =====

**➔ PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH ALL OF YOUR LEADERS AND PARENTS IN YOUR UNIT, AND HAVE THEM ALL SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THEIR OWN COPY HERE:**

**<http://eepurl.com/Z-9Vr>**

**January ROUNDTABLES:**

January Roundtable will be back at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, gathering at 6:30 pm, and program at 7:00 pm. The joint session Roundtable theme will be “Unit Finance Best Practices”.

**February ROUNDTABLES:**

February Roundtable will at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on February 6<sup>th</sup>, gathering at 6:30 pm, and program at 7:00 pm. The Cub Scout Roundtable theme will be “Training Expo”, and the Den Moments will be a discussion on “Official Ways to Recognize Adult Leaders – Part 1 of 2”. The Scouts BSA Roundtable theme will be announced at the January Roundtable.

**2023-24 Program Guides:**

These guides take you through recommendations on how to best manage Den and Pack meetings, Troop meetings, and Crew meetings for the coming Scouting year. Loaded with information on having a fun Scouting program.

**Cub Scout Program Guide:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4729a25s>

**Scouts BSA Program Guide:**

<https://tinyurl.com/mrtdyudc>

**Venturing Program Guide:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4dphb3ff>

**IMPORTANT** ➔ Changes to the “Guide to Safe Scouting” were made in February 2023 covering “Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse”, “Cub Scout Coordinated Camping Section”, and some additional examples of “prohibited activities”. These changes may impact unit operations and may be found here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>

Additional changes are in effect as of September. Important information may be found in the table of contents in the “Guide to Safe Scouting” here:

<https://nycscouting.org/yptstandards/>

The Greater St. Louis Area Council, B.S.A. is part of **Council Service Territory 5 (formerly National Service Territory 5**, changed to match the latest National BSA Operational Structure & Delivery model). CST-5’s Facebook **Home** page contains a myriad of Scouting resources that many of you might not ordinarily find, so if you are on Facebook, we encourage you to “Like” and “Follow” this important resource: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/924855562032311> Likewise, the Council Service Territory 5’s Facebook **Program** Group contains program resources that may be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/270021481844869>

## =====> COMMISSIONER'S CORNER <=====

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all in the great New Horizons district!

As my term as your district commissioner draws to a close, three years and one global pandemic feel too short a time to have served among such excellent and admirable Scouting families like yours. However, I'm deeply thankful for every meaningful connection made.

Transitioning to the role of district committee vice chair and its responsibilities, I remain committed to making Friends of Scouting presentations, assisting in district events and campouts, and celebrating Millennium Camp's fourteenth anniversary in late July - be sure to bring all your Cub Scouts this year! My ongoing commitments to our council include serving on my seventh NYLT course, celebrating Disco Mud Cave's eighth anniversary at Cub Launch, and providing slingshot shooting experiences for 1,200 youth at Shoot-o-Ree. I'll also continue as the council's Youth Protection champion.

In this final "Commissioner's Corner," I'll emphasize two crucial insights for your unit's success. Firstly, succession planning is about more than just filling a position with the first warm body you can find. It's about creating a legacy of capable, passionate adult volunteers to carry the torch forward. You'll hear experienced Scouting trainers say that you should identify and begin to train your eventual successors on the very day you step into a new role, and they're not wrong.

Secondly, ongoing Scouting training equips adult volunteers with updated skills to guide our youth safely and engagingly. Training also ensures consistent program delivery from your unit to our district, council, and the national council of the BSA. Ultimately and most importantly, trained leaders inspire and empower our Scouts to grow.

Great insights are only useful when put into action. Motivate your unit committee to ensure sustained unit health by establishing long-term succession plans. Fill the official role of pack trainer or establish a troop, crew, ship, or post trainer position on your committee and empower them to impact your unit's training statistics positively. Remember to seek guidance from your well-trained, experienced unit commissioner to bring these initiatives to life.

"That's all, he wrote." The next thirty or so Commissioner's Corners will come from your new, capable district commissioner, Dr. Joe Bradley, followed in three years by Chris Kallaos. I'm proud that these capable and passionate commissioners will carry the flame of Scouting forward in our great New Horizons district. I hope you'll enjoy your time with them as much as I've enjoyed my time with you.

Yours in Scouting,

Timothy J. "Tim" Trace, New Horizons District Commissioner 2020-2023

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## =====> ACTIVITIES <=====

### Slope Days:

Scouting partner **Hidden Valley Ski Resort** offers "Slope Days," an after-school skiing program for kids 7-18.

3, 4, and 5-week programs are offered. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Nick Prainito at [nick.prainito@scouting.org](mailto:nick.prainito@scouting.org) or Guy Harrington at [guy.harrington@scouting.org](mailto:guy.harrington@scouting.org). For more information and pricing visit [hiddenvalleyski.com](http://hiddenvalleyski.com)

### Save The Dates!

#### New Horizons District Dinner:

The New Horizons District Dinner will be held on January 18, 2024, at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011. **We need some volunteers to help with set up at 4:00 pm – Contact Barbara Stretch.** Also, anyone who knows dates regarding the history of New Horizons District or GSLAC is requested to contact Barbara Stretch at [stretchj@prodigy.net](mailto:stretchj@prodigy.net).

**Memorabilia Display:** 5:45 pm

**Doors Open:** 6:15 pm

**Dinner:** 6:30 pm

**Cost:** \$25 early-bird price through December 31, 2023  
\$33 after December 31, 2023

Ticket sales close on January 12, 2024 – **NO WALK-INS**

**Award Presentations:** Immediately following dinner.

**Register Here:** <https://scoutingevent.com/312-nhdinner24>

## **Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday:**

***"A Scout is Reverent"*** is the 12<sup>th</sup> point of the Scout Law. Scouts are encouraged to attend Scout Sabbath or Scout Sunday. All youth are encouraged to complete the religious emblems of their faith.

### **Scout Shabbat:**

**When:** Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, gathering 6 pm, service 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Where:** Temple Israel, located at Ladue Rd. and Spoele Rd. (enter from Ladue Rd. just East of Spoele Rd.)

For more information, visit

<https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/religious-emblems-program/jewish-scouting/>

### **Scout Sunday:**

**When:** Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (note that the date might be different at your religious institution)

## **New Horizons District Pinewood Derby:**

Come try your Pinewood Derby again at the District Pinewood Derby! We will have tons of fun events while you race your derby cards for the coveted District trophy! A Pack Pinewood Derby is one of the highlights of a Cub Scout's year, and the District Pinewood Derby brings Cub Scouts from across the District to have some fun as they race their cars to see who has the fastest car in the District!

**NOTE: This event is open to ALL Cub Scouts in the New Horizons District, regardless of a Scout's placement at their home Pack's race!**

**Date:** Sunday, February 25, 2024, from 9 am to 12 pm

**Location:** Parkway Southwest Middle School, 701 Wren Ave., Ballwin, MO 63021

**Pricing:** Early discount price: \$15 (Ends February 11, 2024, at 11:59 pm)

Regular price: \$25 (Registration ends Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 11:59 pm)

**Register here:** <https://www.scoutingevent.com/312-24derby>

## **Trivia Night:**

The New Horizons Trivia Night benefits Friends of Scouting and we're looking forward to resuming this fun night for 2024. Volunteers are needed to join the Trivia Night committee - please contact Christine Berg Thomas at [CBerg1771@aol.com](mailto:CBerg1771@aol.com) if you're interested in joining the planning committee.

===== > ADVANCEMENT < =====

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**The Council office has moved to accept only Scoutbook or Internet Advancement Forms. This will help ensure records are recorded correctly and timely:**

An electronic or paper copy of the Advancement Report from Scoutbook or Internet Advancement must be presented to the Scout Shops when purchasing Rank Awards and Merit Badges as these are restricted items. The Advancement Report should have the wording "SCOUTBOOK Advancement Sync with BSA National Database" at the end if it is a paper copy.

## **Conservation Good Turn Award:**

Another of the awards our Scouts (all programs) and Scouters (yes, scouters) can earn is the Conservation Good Turn Award which is described here: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-good-turn/>

This award is eligible for Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturing Crew Members, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and the adult leaders of these programs. The Certificate Application may be found on the page referenced above.

**Updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 program year were recently posted here:**

<https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-cub-scouts/> and additional information is here: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2023/11/16/three-things-from-the-cub-scout-program-update>

## Cub Scout Resources:

Are you looking for some great resources for advancement for all levels of Cub Scouts? Check out the Cub Scout Toolbox for ideas for dens and individuals working on Cub Scout ranks and achievements.

<https://stlbsa.org/resources/resources-toolbox/cub-scouts-toolbox/>

While you are checking out resources, updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 program year were recently posted here: <https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-cub-scouts/>

## Cub Scout Advancement Workshops:

\*NEW\* Cub Scout Advancement Workshops!

We will be offering Cub Scout Advancement Workshops to help supplement dens to achieve their rank advancement.

All future workshops will be listed here: <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> -> Cub Advancement Workshops

For information on Merit Badges visit:

<https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> and click on **Merit Badge Skill Centers**

## SCOUTS BSA REQUIREMENTS UPDATES:

There are updates to the Scouts BSA Advancement program that become effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. There are minor changes to the Scout and Star ranks (#6). Note that the Cyberchip has been phased out and Scouts should use the Personal Safety Awareness training at:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/>

Scouts BSA will no longer have to wait 3 months between Eagle Palms – they will have to earn 5 additional merit badges and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

All of the changes are detailed below, including information on major and minor changes to merit badge requirements:

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Advancement-Program-Updates-2024.pdf>

## MERIT BADGES:

### MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:

Did you know that slightly more than 60% of all Merit Badge Counselors are trained???

Each merit badge counselor is **required** to complete the following online training (in addition to Youth Protection Training):

- SCO\_471 Advancement
- SCO\_472 Aims and Methods of Scouting
- SCO\_474 Introduction to Merit Badges
- SCO\_486 What is a Merit Badge Counselor

The courses can be found at <https://my.scouting.org/>

The Eagle Scout rank process is described in detail at:

<https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/> and click on the blue box “NEW HORIZONS EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATES”

Eagle Boards of Review: **The Eagle Boards of Review continue to need additional reviewers! Week 1 is suspended for January but returns starting in February! A big thank you to Cynthia Pavelka, our outgoing Week 1 Coordinator, and please welcome Matt Smith who will be replacing Cynthia starting in February.** Please contact John Klos at [klos41@msn.com](mailto:klos41@msn.com) or (636) 227-0075. In the unlikely event that we need to return to virtual reviews or need to do a remote review for someone in college, we need a few more reviewers with computers (sound, video & microphones).

Eagle Boards of Review will be held **IN-PERSON** continuing at Parkway United Church of Christ! Masks may be required by Parkway UCC based on current COVID infection rates.

January 10, 24

February 7, 14, 28

March 6, 13, 27

April 3, 10, 24



May 1, 8, 22

June 5, 12, 26

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Scouts will still be required to submit their paperwork *in advance* which helps the reviewers to better help our Scouts. *Please use the Eagle Project Workbook fillable PDF below and email it when requested to the appropriate weekly coordinator.*

Links to the most current **Eagle Scout Project Workbook** can be found at this link (***please do not search the Internet or you will likely find an out-of-date version***):

→ <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>

The most current **Eagle Scout Application** can be auto-populated from Scout Book by clicking on “Eagle Scout Application”. The latest version of the fillable PDF may also be found here (***please do not search the Internet or you will likely find an out-of-date version***): [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/512-72822c-Eagle-Scout-Application\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/512-72822c-Eagle-Scout-Application_WEB.pdf).

Helpful **Life to Eagle Resources:** The PDFs of the “Eagle Boards of Review – Roundtable Overview PPT” and “Life to Eagle PPT” may be found here under “Life to Eagle Resources”: <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/>

## **Save the dates!**

### **Scouts BSA Merit Badge Skill Centers**

#### **Personal Fitness Merit Badge Skill Center:**

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8:00 am – 2: 00 pm

Location: Beaumont Scout Reservation, bring a sack lunch and complete the prerequisites

Cost: \$7

More info (including prerequisites) and sign-up:

<https://scoutingevent.com/312-PersonalFitnessMB>

### **Life to Eagle – Advancement Seminars:**

#### **February LTE Advancement Seminar:**

**When:** February 21, 2024, 7 pm **IN PERSON!**

**Where:** Parkway United Church of Christ, 2841 N Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131

**Registration required:** Please register by February 9<sup>th</sup> here: <https://forms.gle/zeGT8xUqKoxtdqkc8>

## **Eagle Projects – at Babler Park:**

The Parkway-Rockwood Babler Outdoor Education Center has several projects that would make great Eagle Scout Service Projects. Interested Life Scouts should contact Heather May, Babler Outdoor Education Center Supervisor at 636.458.3048 to make an appointment to review potential projects. (Scouts need to have an adult with them on the phone or when visiting Babler for Youth Protection compliance.)

## **John F. Bild Eagle Scout Project Grants:**

The **Eagle Scout Association of Greater St. Louis, Inc.** (St. Louis Eagle Scout Association) may grant Life Scouts working on an Eagle Scout Service Project money to fund their project. Applicants must have received project approval from the District Eagle Scout Board of Review. Grants typically range from \$50 to \$200. The application process, application form, and directions for applying for a grant may be found here: <http://www.stlesa.org/Eagle-Project-Grants>

For other **Advancement** questions see the “**Guide to Advancement**”: <https://www.scouting.org/advancement>.

For the latest **Advancement News**, visit: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/May-June-2023-Advancement-News.pdf>.

Ruben Brill, New Horizons Advancement Chair, [jrb179@gmail.com](mailto:jrb179@gmail.com)



## =====> STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) <=====

### Upcoming STEM Universities:

STEM University is a full-day event for Cub Scouts (Wolf, Bear, Webelos, & AOL) and Scouts BSA, focused on earning STEM-based advancements and NOVA awards.

Scouts will get to visit a University, work with STEM experts, and participate in fun, hands-on educational activities.

### See below for locations and dates:

- STEM U - SEMO - January 6, 2024
- STEM U - SIUE - January 27, 2024
- STEM U - SIUC - February 24, 2024
- STEM College - Lake Land College - March 16, 2024

For more information visit: <https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/>

Not getting enough STEM in St Louis? How about getting some STEM @ the Summit? July 12-14, 2024 will see the return of this national program for Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and adult Scouters.

Visit <https://www.stematsummit.org/> for all the details, and add a trip to West Virginia to your summer plans.

Other than **Supernova medals** which are only available at West Pine, all **Nova patches and pins** can be purchased at any local Scout store or through Gateway Traders [gatewaytraders.org](http://gatewaytraders.org).

For the third consecutive year, **New Horizons has been recognized as a Gold STEM District!** Thank you to the Scouts earning awards, and the leaders mentoring and organizing events!

The New Horizons STEM Committee is seeking STEM coordinators in each pack, troop, and crew. If you are one, please let us know. If your unit doesn't have one, let us know how we can help you identify one.

For all your STEM questions, contact Lisa Balbes ([lisa@balbes.com](mailto:lisa@balbes.com)) or Teresa Colletti ([tacolletti@att.net](mailto:tacolletti@att.net)).

## =====> DEVELOPMENT/ENDOWMENT <=====

Check out **endowment opportunities** at: <https://stlbsa.org/give-now/>

### Friends of Scouting:

Request your unit's 2024 FOS presentation now by using this form: <https://forms.gle/hjzRzVT5RrCB3bUU9>

As we kick off the 2024 FOS campaign, we are looking for people to join our staff as Crew Chiefs and Trailblazers. Crew Chiefs work behind the scenes and help schedule FOS presentations. Trailblazers visit with units to make presentations about Friends of Scouting. Either position is a great way to be involved in Scouting at the District level and would make a great Wood Badge ticket.

To join the staff or for questions regarding Friends of Scouting, contact Ted Slap at [tedslap@yahoo.com](mailto:tedslap@yahoo.com) or Guy Harrington at [guy.harrington@scouting.org](mailto:guy.harrington@scouting.org)

### Coffee Subscriptions:

Love coffee as much as we do? Avoid the grocery store and get 2 bags of ground or whole-bean coffee delivered to your door every month. Coffee is normally priced at \$20 per bag. Save 15% on the price per bag with a 12-month subscription to help fund the Scouting Adventure! **#ICanDoThat!**

#### Prices:

3-month subscription: \$38.00 per month

6-month subscription: \$36.00 per month

12-month subscription: \$34.00 per month

Order your coffee at: <https://gatewaytraders.org/collections/gslac-coffee>

## =====> TRAINING <=====

### Training Awards:

Training Awards have been updated with revised requirements. We should all start using these immediately.

Awards Central: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/> - Describes ALL Awards

Revised Forms: <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> - scroll to the bottom (Training Awards)

For more information or questions, contact Malcolm Bliss at [malcolmb bliss@prodigy.net](mailto:malcolmb bliss@prodigy.net)

### On-Line Training:

Position-specific training is available at <https://my.scouting.org> as well as a myriad of skill-based virtual offerings (watch for Digital Duffle Bag emails). Take advantage of this time to review and complete your position-specific training. Remember, the Scout Motto is "Be Prepared" and trained adult leaders are prepared and ready to support our programs now and in the future.

### Your District Training staff is available to answer any questions you might have:

- Venturing – Chris Ford - [cfordmo@gmail.com](mailto:cfordmo@gmail.com)
- Cub Scouts – Ed Wilhelm - [edwilhelm@yahoo.com](mailto:edwilhelm@yahoo.com)
- Scouts BSA – Sophie Craft - [sophiecraft@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiecraft@hotmail.com)
- New Horizons District Training Chair – Malcolm Bliss – [malcolmbilss@prodigy.net](mailto:malcolmbilss@prodigy.net)

### Training Tip:

- Looking for a New Year's Resolution? Get trained for your position!
- Trained adult leaders report less stress and an improved understanding of the program.
- If you want to help deliver the promise of Scouting for youth, get trained!

Questions? Contact Malcolm Bliss at [malcolmb bliss@prodigy.net](mailto:malcolmb bliss@prodigy.net)

Common sense tells us that training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. The knowledge and confidence of a trained leader are quickly sensed by others. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, and a whole lot more. Trained leaders provide the best possible experience for our Scouts!

**Address any additional questions regarding Training to Malcolm Bliss, New Horizons Training Chair,** [malcolmb bliss@prodigy.net](mailto:malcolmb bliss@prodigy.net). For further Training information and resources, please see <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/> and click the blue bar "New Horizons District Training".

### Youth Protection Training and Hazardous Weather Training:

All new and currently registered leaders must complete the updated YPT training which is **required** for all BSA programs for an adult to register with your unit. It is available online 24/7 at [www.scouting.org/youthprotection](http://www.scouting.org/youthprotection). While YPT certification is good for 2 years, please encourage all leaders & parents to take YPT yearly, as there are periodic updates and additions to the training and unit re-charters require all registered leaders to have up-to-date Youth Protection to be on the charter! Likewise, Hazardous Weather Training is also required.

### Virtual Youth Protection Training:

Our council continues to offer Youth Protection training using Zoom. It's the same content as the video course on [my.scouting.com](http://my.scouting.com), but it is presented in a virtual classroom with a live instructor. This is a great option for participants who prefer more interaction or have trouble with the website.

You may register for this course at <https://stlbsa.org/training/youth-protection>

#### 1. DATES TBD

Adult volunteers and youth required to train for staff positions may attend any of these sessions. Non-members may also attend. Have them email Tim Trace at [tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com) for info.

### Save the Dates:

#### Cub Scout Position-Specific Training:

- **Cub Leader Training:**
  - When:** Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8am-Noon- In-Person
  - Where:** Electric Controls Company - 13633 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO 63045

Register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-71135>

## Scouts BSA Position-Specific Training:

- **Scouts BSA Indoor Training:** Saturday, January 20, 2024, 8 am-Noon - In-Person - Parkway United Church of Christ - 2841 N Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131 <https://scoutingevent.com/312-scoutsbsaleadertraining>
- **Scouts BSA Indoor Training (virtual):** Thursdays, February 29 and March 7, 2024, 7 pm-9 pm - Virtual (Must Attend Both Sessions to Receive Credit) <https://scoutingevent.com/312-ScoutsBSA>

## Den Chief Training:

- Saturday 03/16/2024, 9 am-Noon Virtual
- Saturday 04/27/2024, 9 am-Noon (Staff 7 am-12:30 pm) - In-Person Camp Warren Levis - Swaim Lodge)

***If your schedule does not let you attend training, LET US KNOW. We can schedule training on dates that work for YOU!!***

## NYLT 2024 Courses:

National Youth Leader Training is a six-day course that delivers training in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on the immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ leadership skills much faster.

### NYLT Week-Long Course Dates:

- Session 1:** June 9 – 15, 2024 (S-F Scout Ranch)
- Session 2:** July 7 – 13, 2024 (S-F Scout Ranch)
- Session 3:** July 21 – 27, 2024 (Camp Warren Levis)

### NYLT Weekend Course Dates (Both weekends required):

August 9 - 11, 2024 and August 16 – 27, 2024 (Beaumont Scout Reservation)

Information and registration for all the courses coming soon: <https://stlbsa.org/training/nylt/>

**If your Scout has previously attended NYLT, then please read on for a fantastic opportunity.**

**Attending NYLT** prepares Scouts for Leadership in the Troop and beyond.

**Staffing NYLT** will take those Scouts to a new level... it is absolutely an incredible experience where they can hone their leadership skills, make new friends, and give invaluable service to others.

So whether your Scout attended this past Summer, the Summer before, or before that, consider applying to serve on NYLT Staff.

So what do they need to do?

- Complete the attached NYLT Youth Staff Application - <http://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2024-youth-staff-application.pdf>. It must be signed by their Parent and their ScoutMaster. After signing, I would recommend scanning/copying.
- Once the application is completed, please schedule an interview by going to <https://scoutingevent.com/312-NYLT24> and selecting the appropriate date/location. Interviews are in person (12/19) and Virtual (12/20).

See <https://stlbsa.org/training/nylt/> >> NYLT STAFF for more details.

Start your journey now!

## Save the Dates:

### Shooting Sports Training Opportunities

Become a certified instructor and/or range safety officer for firearms and archery so you can bring your Scouts to the range and become a merit badge counselor for rifle, shotgun shooting, and archery. Several courses, dates and registrations are listed here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/shooting-sports/>:

- Cub Scout Range Master Training
  - Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9 am to 5 pm (Pineridge)
  - Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9am to 3 pm (Beaumont)
- NRA Basics of Rifle Shooting, NRA Basic Instructor Training & NRA Rifle Instructor Course

- Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8 am to Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7 pm (Beaumont)
- NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting, Basic Instructor Training & NRA Shotgun Instructor Course
  - Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8 am to Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7 pm (S-F)
- NRA Pistol Instructor Training (TBD)
- Range Safety Officer Training
  - Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 8 am to 6 pm (Beaumont)
- Chief Range Safety Officer Training (TBD)
- USA Archery Level 1 Training (requires an online course to be completed in advance)
  - Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 9 am to 3 pm (B-R)

## **Wood Badge Courses for 2024:**

Wood Badge is advanced training for adult leaders in Scouting designed to enhance contemporary leadership skills and develop more effective Scouters. The Wood Badge program gives participants a greater understanding of Scouting aims and methods while developing true Scout Spirit. It is anticipated that all people who complete Wood Badge training will continue to work actively in the Scouting program to further the aims and methods of Scouting.

**When:** May 17-19, 2024, **AND** June 1-2, 2024 (Both weekends required)

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

Sign up coming soon – watch for information here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

## **Did you know that less than 30% of all Merit Badge Counselors are trained???**

There is no reason for this given how simple it is. So, if you are a registered Merit Badge Counselor and are untrained take some time to get trained.

Merit Badge Training FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions).

- Question. How do I know if I am trained as Merit Badge Counselor?
  - Answer. Login to [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). In the upper right-hand corner, you should see a silhouette. Click on that and then My Profile. On this page you should scroll down and see all positions you currently are registered for. It will also show your training status, marked with the miniature Trained Strip.
- Question. Where / How can I receive training?
  - Answer. There are multiple options:
    - Online - login to [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) >> Menu >> My Training >> Scouts BSA >> Merit Badge Counselor - less than 35 minutes
    - Still Other Options - contact your District Training Chair (Malcolm Bliss - [malcolmbloss@prodigy.net](mailto:malcolmbloss@prodigy.net)) or District Advancement Chair (Ruben Brill - [jrbrill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrbrill@sbcglobal.net)) to discuss.
- Question. Where can I get further assistance?
  - Answer. Contact your District Training Chair (Malcolm Bliss - [malcolmbloss@prodigy.net](mailto:malcolmbloss@prodigy.net)) or District Advancement Chair (Ruben Brill - [jrbrill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrbrill@sbcglobal.net)).

## ===== MEMBERSHIP =====

Get the year off to a great start by recruiting more scouts into your Troop, or by referring a scout to join another unit! Troops with Scouts attending Parkway Central Middle School will be hosting a recruiting event at the school on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. More details will be available soon, but pencil this in on your calendar now!

Are you enthusiastic about seeing new youth join Scouting? Do you know someone who is? The NH District Membership Committee is in search of a dedicated Scouter to lead the Membership Committee. Contact Nick Prainito, District Executive ([nicholas.prainito@scouting.org](mailto:nicholas.prainito@scouting.org)) for more information.

The Membership Committee continues to track each unit against several metrics to ensure a healthy and vibrant program. Please review the document linked below and update any information for your unit. District leadership will use this document to determine how best to partner with your unit going forward:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KVcAk6tVR-XOvShglt3sRRGfo7iTL4WE/edit#gid=405586443>

For further information or clarification, please contact any of the following:

- Your Unit Commissioner
- Tim Trace, District Commissioner ([tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com) - before January 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Joe Bradley, District Commissioner ([joseph.bradley@icloud.com](mailto:joseph.bradley@icloud.com) – after January 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Chris Kallaos, Interim District Membership Chair ([chrisk.bsa@outlook.com](mailto:chrisk.bsa@outlook.com))

===== > CAMPING/ORDER OF THE ARROW < =====

### \*\*\*CAMPING\*\*\*

All the information about District Camping, Order of the Arrow Camping, Venturing Camping, Cub Scout Day Camps, and Summer Camp is in one spot on the New Horizons Website:

<https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-camping/?654651>

### UPCOMING DISTRICT CAMPOREES & CAMPING EVENTS:

#### 2024 Klondike Derby

January 27

##### Beaumont Scout Reservation

Join other Scouts from both the New Horizons and Boone Trails Districts for a day of fun winter/snow activities. The Klondike is a one-day event on January 27 and is open to Webelos, Arrow of Light, and Scouts BSA Scouts. This will be a day of merit badges, challenges, activities, and the Klondike Sled Race. (All age appropriate.)

Troops - start getting your sleds ready for the Klondike race. Do you need ideas or plans for a sled? Google "Klondike Derby Sled".

You can camp the entire weekend or just join us on Saturday.

Troops- you can make this your cold weather campout.

The price is \$15, which includes the event patch, program materials, Saturday lunch (if registered before January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024), and Klondike activities (shotgun extra charge).

The manual (including all the details) and registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-2024klondike>

#### 2024 Spring Camporee

##### Solar Eclipse – 2024

April 5 – 8 (Friday – Monday)

##### S-F Scout Ranch

An amazing solar eclipse will be visible from near your home again. Join us at S-F Scout Ranch for a weekend of eclipse related activities (including STEM activities) capped off by the Solar eclipse on Monday.

This event is being organized by the Council. I will post that link when it is available.

#### Cub Scout Day & Twilight Camps:

##### Larson Park Day Camp:

For girls and boys, Scouts and non-Scouts, ages 6 (or those entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024) to 11.

NOTE: All campers entering kindergarten and/or 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the Fall must be accompanied by an adult partner.

Healthy, fun outdoor activities include Archery, BB guns, slingshots, fishing, hiking, STEM, and games.

**When:** June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9 am – 3 pm

**Where:** Larson Park, 2 Denver Place, Webster Groves, MO 63119

**Cost:** \$90

Registration coming soon!

##### Grizzly Day Camps at Beaumont:

Grizzly Camp is a unique camp that offers four weeks with four different themes! Each week is full of shooting sports, swimming, hands-on nature activities, and a trip to MUD CAVE! Scouts will need to bring a lunch each day camp is in session. We encourage parents to participate with their children the week they are attending camp, but parent supervision is not required at this camp. Please note that an adult partner is required for all youth entering the 1st grade in the fall of 2023.

## 2024 Dates and Themes:

- July 8-12 – Ready, Set, Grow!
- July 15-19 – The Great Invention
- July 22-26 - Wizards' World of Wonder
- July 29-Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> - Animal Planet Safari

Camps run from 9 am to 4 pm daily.

**Cost:** \$125 for first week; \$105 for each additional week

**More information:** <https://stlbsa.org/camps/cub-scout-day-camps/>

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/312-78615>

## Millennium Park Twilight Camp:

For girls and boys, Scouts and non-Scouts, ages 6 (or those entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024) to 11.

NOTE: All campers entering kindergarten and/or 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the Fall must be accompanied by an adult partner.

Healthy, fun outdoor activities include Archery, BB guns, slingshots, fishing, hiking, STEM, and games.

**When:** July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**Where:** Millennium Park, 2 Barnes W. Drive, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

**Cost:** \$75

Registration Coming soon!

## 2024 Fall Camporee

**October 4 - 6, 2024**

### Beaumont Scout Reservation

Save the date. More information will be coming.

Scouts - want to have some fun and go camping? Help organize the District Camporees. These outings are planned and run by Scouts throughout the District. It's fun, you learn invaluable leadership skills, and you don't have to cook your meals or clean up.

Contact Ken McGohan at [Kenmcgohan@msn.com](mailto:Kenmcgohan@msn.com)

## \*\*\*ORDER OF THE ARROW\*\*\*

### 2023-2024 New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers & Advisors:

Chapter Chief	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chief	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief	Secretary	Chapter Advisor	Associate Advisor
NOAH HUTCHINSON	TEDDY GUIDRY	BRANDON FISHER	GUS GERSTENECKER	MIKE HULSIZER	MARVIN ALEXANDER

**Congratulations to the New Horizons OA members who were selected to receive the Founders Award:**

Matthew Caldwell      Ethan Coble

**Congratulations to the New Horizons Vigil Candidates announced at the Shawnee Lodge Winter Fellowship Banquet:**

Gregory Caldwell      Emily Mausshardt      Declan Hennessey      Noah Hutchinson

### New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter News:

We have a great **Chapter Social** coming up on Tuesday, January 9th from 7-8pm at Culver's (14444 Manchester Rd, Manchester, MO 63011). New members can come by and meet fellow arrowmen and officers and learn more about the chapter. We will also be discussing how you can help out and staff at the New Horizons Klondike Derby (1/27). Bring \$16 in cash if you plan on staffing. Bring additional money if you want to purchase any food (burgers, shakes/ice cream).

Our **Chapter Banquet** is on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Bonhomme Presbyterian Church (14820 Conway Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63017). Registration will begin at 4:30pm. Dinner will be at 6pm and will include (Fried Chicken, potatoes, salad, etc). Entertainment will be Circus Kaput (Comedy, Magic, and Mental Mayhem). Distinguished Arrowman Award will be presented. The banquet will count as a chapter meeting towards brotherhood. The price is still being finalized. Look for an email with registration info in the near future.



Are you an Ordeal member? It is not difficult to get your Brotherhood. You need to be active for 6 months after your ordeal, attend a chapter meeting (our next one is 2/4), attend a lodge event (e.g., Lodge Winter Banquet), and participate in a Lodge-approved service event (e.g., we will have two in the Spring before the Conclave). You also need 6 days/nights of camping since your ordeal. Lastly, you need to look over the study guide for questioning at the Spring Conclave and turn in your rededication pledge. All of that can easily get completed in time to receive your Brotherhood at the Spring Conclave. More info at: <https://shawneelodge.org/brotherhood/>

You can also follow us on social media. You can follow us on **Twitter**: @NewHorizonsOA, **Instagram**: nhchapteroa, **Facebook**: New Horizons Order of the Arrow.

## **2024 Shawnee Lodge Dues:**

The cost of dues, set by the Lodge Executive Committee will be \$12 for 2024. This price must be paid by every member that would like to stay active. **NOTE: You do not owe dues for 2024 if you completed your Ordeal at the 2023 Fall Reunion or earned Brotherhood at any point in 2023.** A 2024 Season Pass (\$60) is available that covers your 2024 Dues, admission to the 2024 Spring Conclave, 2024 Fall Reunion, and 2024 Winter Fellowship Banquet. Note that meals at the Spring Conclave and Fall Reunion are not included in the Season Pass but can be added when you register for these events. **Pay your dues here:** <https://shawneelodge.org/register/>

## **Upcoming OA Events:**

### **New Horizons Chapter Social**

**When:** Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time/Where:** 7-8 pm at Culvers (14444 Manchester Rd, Manchester, MO 63011)

More Information: Stop by and learn more about the OA. Meet other arrowmen and chapter officers. Learn more about staffing opportunities for the District Klondike (1/27). Bring \$16 cash if you are thinking about staffing to cover your registration, food, and a staff knit hat.

### **New Horizons Chapter Banquet**

**When:** Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time/Where:** 4:30 pm Registration; 5:00 pm Dinner; 5:45 pm Entertainment; 6:30 pm Meeting

**More Information:** This is a chapter meeting that will count towards brotherhood. Typically, the event will begin around 5 pm with a dinner followed by entertainment, a short business meeting, and hearing more about upcoming chapter events. Plus, we will be recognizing our Distinguished Arrowmen. Lastly, we often have a fun fundraising opportunity involving a pie in the face of our officers and advisors.

### **New Horizons Chapter Service Opportunity (District Pinewood Derby)**

**When:** Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time/Where:** 9 am – 12 pm at Parkway Southwest Middle School (701 Wren Ave, Ballwin, MO 63021).

**More Information:** The sign-up sheet will be available in the near future. This event will count towards brotherhood.

## **Save the Dates:**

Are you tweaking your troop calendar? Don't forget to plan for the following Order of the Arrow Events:

### **2024 Shawnee Lodge Spring Conclave:**

**When:** April 12-14, 2024

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

### **2024 Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service:**

**When:** May 11, 2024

**Where:** TBD

### **2024 Shawnee Lodge Summer Camp Kickoff Service Project:**

**When:** June 8, 2024

**Time/Where:** 9 am-4 pm (includes lunch) at Famous Eagle Dining Hall

### **2024 Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion:**

**When:** September 6-8, 2024

**Where:** S-F Scout Ranch



More information for the above events will be available at <https://shawneelodge.org/>

## Arrowmen Opportunities:

The 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be at the University of Colorado in Boulder July 29-August 3rd. We had a great time last summer at NOAC and the next one looks great. You can find more information about NOAC at: <https://oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac> Shawnee Lodge has started planning. You can sign up and pay your \$100 deposit at: <https://shawneelodge.org/2024-noac/>

The Chapter is also looking for ceremonialists. This is a great way to become more comfortable with public speaking and an excellent way to better understand the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Interested scouts can sign up at <http://shawneelodge.org/ceremonysignup>

===== > VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING (over 14 or completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 21) <=====

## 2022-2023 New Horizons Venturing Officers:

<b>President</b>	<b>VP of Administration</b>	<b>VP of Program</b>	<b>VP of Communication</b>	<b>VSOA Advisor</b>
<b>DRAKE KELLEY</b>	<b>SOFIE STRUPP</b>	<b>JAKE EDLER</b>	<b>ZÖE SCHULTZ</b>	<b>DENNIS DELANEY</b>
				<a href="mailto:djdelaney55@gmail.com">djdelaney55@gmail.com</a>

**Crew Advisors and youth:** Please attend the **Roundtable** on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm (gathering at 6:30 pm) and please encourage other youth in your Crew to attend. **Note: We are back at Manchester United Methodist Church.**

## Save the dates:

### STL After Dark:

- Half lock-in, half behind-the-scenes tours
- January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8:00 pm – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00 am (Meeting time might be earlier)
- Location - Carondelet YMCA, 930 Holly Hills Ave., St. Louis, MO
- This is a **UNIT**-organized activity – all youth attending must be under the supervision of their unit leadership.
- Approximate cost - \$30, **watch for more information here:** <https://scoutingevent.com/312-dark24>

### Taste of Venturing:

- A weekend full of activities and a great weekend for new/prospective members
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 5 pm CDT to March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12 pm CDT
- Location – Camp Warrant Levis
- Registration opens January 1, 2024 at the link below
- <https://scoutingevent.com/312-tov2024>

### Venturing & Seas Scouting Celebration Dinner:

- \* Annual dinner recognizing those who have achieved awards in Venturing and Sea Scouting
- \* May 19, 2024

### Swift's Big Kickoff:

- \* Kick off the summer by prepping Swift Base
- \* June 1, 2024

### Swift Base Week:

- \* Venturing Summer Camp
- \* June 23-29, 2024
- \* <http://swift.stlbsa.org>

### 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Fun Rally:

- \* Shame on you if you missed the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fun Rally! Make plans to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> FFR!!
- \* September 20-22, 2024

Follow us on **Facebook** at “New Horizons District Venturing” and **Instagram** at “NH\_Venturing”

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=====> DISTRICT CONTACTS/CALENDAR <=====

**New Horizons District Committee contacts:** <http://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/> under “**HELPFUL INFORMATION**”

**New Horizons District Executive:**

**District Director:** Guy Harrington, [guy.harrington@scouting.org](mailto:guy.harrington@scouting.org)

**District Executive:** Nick Prainito, [nicholas.prainito@scouting.org](mailto:nicholas.prainito@scouting.org)

**The New Horizons District Calendars for 2022-23 and 2023-24 are available here:**

<https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/>

Expand the blue box “**NEW HORIZONS DISTRICT CALENDARS**”