

THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

VOLUME 10, ISSUE 2
FEBRUARY 2024

GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February/March 2024

Jan-Feb, 2024	Swimming Skills Center Starts – See Flyer for Details
Feb 4, 2024	NorthStar OA Banquet – Church of Good Shepherd
Feb 17-18	STL After Dark - Venturing
Feb 24, 2024	STEM University – SIU-C
Feb 24, 2024	Pathfinder Klondike - Beaumont
Mar 8-10, 2024	Spring Camporee – Warren-Levis
Mar 16, 2024	STEM University – Lincoln Land College
Mar 16, 2024	NorthStar Pinewood Derby
Mar 22-24	Taste of Venturing - Beaumont

Looking Ahead Beyond March 2024

Apr 8, 2024	Eclipse Fest – Pine Ridge
Apr 12-14	OA Spring Conclave - Beaumont

February 2024 – A Scout is Reverent



A Scout Sunday Prayer

God of Wonder, you have set us out upon the most amazing journey, a trip through worlds undreamed of only a few years and generations ago. You have given us something of your own inventive powers so that we can explore creation, from the outer world of the moon to the inner world of the atom. You have given us “free will” with understanding and imagination through which we can develop and mature. You have given us humor so that we can find mirth in the earth around us and delight in one another’s company. Please forgive us if we do not acknowledge or thank you for your generosity. Having given us all of that, you have set us in this world and have given us a real chance to make something positive of it, of ourselves and of the human community. We cannot see the ending fully of this adventure, but we know that it is your love upholding us step by step. We all falter and fail, but then you graciously enable us rise again. Help us to remember the power of forgiveness and the joy of giving to others. We pray that you will continue to lead us, guide us, and empower us. Amen

Commissioner Corner

Happy February NorthStar!

1st and foremost. GO CHIEFS!!!! (or as some call it, Taylor Swifts boyfriends football team)...should be a great game. 2nd, Happy Valentines to all of you, hope you find time to do something nice for your significant other.

Before you know it, warm weather will be upon us. And as all of you know...can't have Scouting...without Outing. Start making those plans to get those units back outside and out of the confines of the indoors. Its a great place to have leadership and fellowship and who knows, they might even learn a thing or two.

Someone once said, to be successful in business takes three things...Location, Location, Location. Well, Im here to tell ya, to be successful in scouting, takes three things..Recruit, Recruit, Recruit. Spring time is the perfect time to start getting the word out, attending events, hosting your own school night, all kinds of activities to garner interest and most importantly, SIGN THEM UP. Getting a list of names is great but if we don't follow up on those names, its alot of effort wasted and doesn't help our cause to keep Northstar as the greatest district ever in GSLAC!

Thank you for all you do for scouting, if I or any member of my commissioner staff can be of assistance with your unit please don't hesitate to ask!

YIS

Dave Kedge

SM, C3-312-20-2

The Camping Corner



Join Us for the 2024 Klondike!

Our Klondike Campmaster is Isacc Muller from Troop 525 in Maryland Heights. As always, Staff will come from units across the district and there is still time to join our staff.

- Scout Trek: Deep Freeze 9
- Games, Skits, and Yells
- Sled Race
- **For Scout BSA Units and AOL Dens Only.**
- **Points awarded for attending January/February Roundtables & Camping with AOL Scouts!**

The Klondike Manuals are available on the [Pathfinder Website](#).

- Arrow of Light Units must register through a Troop.
 - Need help finding a Unit to camp with? See the [Pathfinder Unit Directory](#) or contact joel.schwartz@shawneelodge.org. **Don't wait – reach out to a Pack or Troop Today!**

Klondike

- **February 24, 2024**
- **Beaumont Scout Reserve – Lane Field**
- **Registration Now Open**

Youth Leadership Opportunity!

Have Scouts interested in being on Staff?

It's not too late. Contact Issac Muller at iasacm713140@gmail.com or Joel Schwartz at joel.schwartz@shawneelodge.org for more information. **Klondike Points Award for Staffing at least one scout per unit.** Staff developments are January 7, 14, 21 and February 4 and 18 at 5 PM (except for February 4, time TBD)

Yours in Scouting,

Joel and Matt

Contact: joel.schwartz@shawneelodge.org

Save the Date

Spring Camporee 2024, March 8-10, 2024 Camp Warren Levis

Fred Schaljo

Activities

District Dinner – I would like to announce that we are looking for staff to help plan the district dinner. If you are interested in being on staff, please contact Rebecca Garrett or Fred Schaljo.

Polaris Award – Please see attached the Polaris Award nomination form. We would need at least 6 nominations. Please have them by March Roundtable.

Pinewood Derby – We are also looking for volunteers to help with the pinewood derby. If are interested, please contact Rebecca Garrett.

Swimming Skills Center – The Swimming Skill center is at Hazelwood West High School.

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 @ [stlbsa.org/North Star District](https://stlbsa.org/NorthStarDistrict)
by Jan 5 at midnight

Walk-ins welcome



JOIN. ENGAGE. LEAD.

CLICK HERE TO CONTINUE YOUR ADVENTURE!



PINEWOOD DERBY

MARCH 16, 2024



CHECK-IN 8AM

RACE STARTS 9AM



ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE SCHOOL
3500 ST CATHERINE ST, FLORISSANT, MO 63033





Join us for

A Night

In Margaritaville

DATE AND LOCATION - TBA

NOW SEEKING STAFF

First staff meeting
January 14, 2024,
2 PM

St Louis Bread Co- Florissant, MO





Upcoming Events

February 2024 to April 2024

Northstar Banquet

NS Banquet will be on Sunday February 4th from **3pm-5pm** (note time change for funeral) at Church of the Good Shepherd. This year's theme is Movie trivia. Come on out and test your knowledge on some of your favorite movies. Watch your emails and Facebook for more info information. Register at link below:

<https://scoutingevent.com/312-2024nschapterbanquet>

Spring Conclave

Spring Conclave will be at the usual location, at Beaumont Scout Reservation. There will be service projects, Inductions, and ceremonies. Come support your fellow brothers and mark your calendars for April 12th through the 14th.

Dues

Dues are now open. They are \$12 or \$60 for a season pass. Get yours on the Shawnee Lodge website today.

More Information



shawneelodge.org/upcoming-events/



SHAWNEE LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

@Shawneelodge51



North Star Family Friends of Scouting 2024 Campaign



SCOUTS STAND OUT.

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Family Friends of Scouting preparations for 2024 campaign.

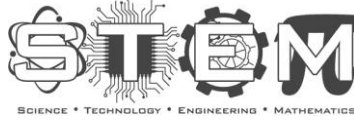
The 2024 campaign will run during the 2024 calendar year. The best dates will be January through April. We are requesting packs, troops and crews to provide the dates (and time and location) of their Blue and Gold banquets or Courts of Honor, etc. We are ready to take this information at the February roundtable. When you are ready to provide know your dates, please send the information to Jim Schneider (jschneider8@gmail.com/ home 314-921-6686. google voice 314-669-5939), Jerome Flynn (jmf41862@yahoo.com) or Kaua'i Johnson (Kauai.johnson@scouting.org).

2024 results: Thank you North Star. North Star pledges has reached \$5,287, which is 25% of its 2024 family friends of scouting goal.

Thank you, North Star.

Jerome Flynn, North Star Family FOS chairman

Jim Schneider, co-chairman



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

STEM Universities

- SIUC – 24 February 2024
- Lincoln Land College – 16 March 2024

8 April 2024 (Less than 100 days) – Eclipse Fest

- <https://www.eclipse-bsa-2024.com/>
- [2024 Pine Ridge Eclipse Fest registration in open](#) - \$25 per camper or staff

1 March – Next roundtable

- I will hold STEM training for all those that expressed interested in being a Unit STEM Coordinator, Nova Counselor, or Supernova Counselor

District STEM Challenge

Scouts in District Earned:

- **Nova Awards**
- Supernova Awards
- **STEM based Merit Badges**
- STEM Star Patches

Note:

Items in bold have already been met for 2024.

Scouts in District Attended:

- STEM Council Events
- STEM Vendor Workshops

We need 10 by end of October to reach gold status.

District hosted STEM Events

District had STEM trailer visits

District recruited Unit STEM Coordinators

District held STEM Training sessions

District STEM Chair Volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a STEM event

District STEM Chair Volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a STEM camp

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

314-616-4592

alan.kreppert@sbcglobal.net

North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

Our North Star VOA officers are:

President - Precious Bolade (Crew 2749)
Vice President Administration - Gabe Blamey (Crew 2921)
Vice President Program - Amelia Bazzell (Crew 2749)
Vice President Communication - Kip MacDonald (Crew 2749)

The Venturing year is underway. Greater St. Louis Area Council committees have started planning for the following activities and events:

STL After Dark(**Re-scheduled**), February 17-18, 2024, 6:45 pm to 7:00 am

Saint Louis Area Food Bank, 70 Corporate Woods Dr., Bridgeton, MO
6:45 pm-7:45 pm, tour and service, free

Upper Limits, 8:30 pm-7:00 am

8:30 pm - Registration

9:00 pm-1:00 am Open Climbing — COMPLETE WAIVER ONLINE

Multiple top rope climb sites and other climbing themed events
pizza and soda served

1:00 am - National Parks Presentation, Video Games, Movie,

Board Games, Large games like Nine Square in the Air, Other Fun Games

7:00 am - Depart Upper Limits

Cost - Climbers (Youth or Adult)

\$38 if registered through January 8, 2024

\$39 if registered through January 12, 2024

\$40 if registered at the door

Non-Climbing (covers pizza and other activities):

\$10, \$12, \$15 (youth, same dates as above)

\$7 (adults)

scoutingevent.com/312-dark24

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

Theme: Super Heroes

scoutingevent.com/312-tov2024

Celebration Dinner, May 19, 2024 - Annual recognition dinner

scoutingevent.com/312-cele24

Swift's Big Kickoff, Saturday, June 8, 2024 - Improve our favorite summer camp and have fun

scoutingevent.com/312-swiftko24

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

scoutingevent.com/312-ball24

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

www.fallfunrally.org



Jerome Flynn
North Star VOA Advisor
jmf41862@yahoo.com



NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.
To avoid possible disappointment,
please do not advise nominee in any
way of your action in his or her behalf.

_____ Council
_____ District
_____ Unit

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify)
_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award	_____ Silver Beaver	_____
_____ Cubmaster Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Cub Scouter Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commis- sioner Service Award	
_____ Scouter's Key		

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

_____ Date of nomination

_____ Name of person making nomination

_____ Position in Scouting

_____ Contact number

GENERAL INFORMATION

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

District approval

Council approval



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079
<http://www.scouting.org>

#33720C



7 30176 33720 3

33720C

2014 Printing

Florissant Rotary Scholarship

The Florissant Rotary Club has for many years funded and administered a scholarship program for students in our service area. This scholarship is in the amount of \$2,000.00 paid for one year to the accredited college, university or vocational school the student chooses to attend. While this scholarship has a minimum GPA requirement for eligibility, it is not primarily an academic scholarship. The criterion for selection does not include financial need. Instead, it is targeted at students who have demonstrated excellence in service to their community. We encourage all students that are eligible and have an excellent record of community service to apply.

Eligibility

1. The applicant must live or attend high school in the service area covered by the Florissant Rotary Club. This area is defined as the geographic boundaries of the Ferguson-Florissant or Hazelwood School Districts. Students that attend private or parochial schools but reside within the stated boundaries are eligible as well.
2. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. The applicant must have significant community service experience..
4. The applicant cannot be related to any current or honorary member of the Florissant Rotary Club.

Application Requirements

1. The applicant must completely fill out the enclosed application.
2. The applicant must submit a copy of an official transcript to confirm the minimum GPA requirement (2.5/4.0).
3. The applicant must submit 2 letters of recommendation.

MAIL TO (ON-LINE APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED)

Rotary Club of Florissant
1650 Shackelford
P.O. Box #1188
Florissant, MO 63031 - 0188

INCLUDE

Application
Transcript
Letters of recommendation (2)

MUST BE MAILED and received by March 22, 2024 (Postmark of March 22, 2024 will be accepted).

Successful applicants will be contacted by the committee during the first part of April 2024. The scholarships will be awarded at the April 16th luncheon meeting of the Florissant Rotary Club. Scholarship recipients are expected to be present to accept the scholarship.

Florissant Rotary Club Scholarship
Application

Please type or clearly print all information. All information contained herein is confidential and will be used only by the scholarship committee to make decisions regarding scholarship awards. If all information does not fit within the provided space please feel free to make attachments.

Student Name: _____

Student contact phone number: _____

Student address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Name of high school currently attending: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

I have applied to the following accredited College, University or Vocational School
(name of school and complete address)

I have been accepted at the following accredited College or University (name of school and complete address)

What is your interest or probable major: _____

Please provide the names and contact information for your two references

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

List all community service that you have provided (volunteer, youth, civic, religious or other community service related experiences)

Activity	Responsibilities	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List all school related activities you have participated in while attending high school (sports, music, theater, clubs, NHS etc.), and any other academic related recognition you have received in high school.

List any work experience that you have had in the past three years: _____

Mail this application, along with your two letters of reference and official transcript to -

Rotary Club of Florissant
1650 Shackelford
P.O. Box #1188
Florissant, MO 63031 - 0188

This organization does not discriminate against any person based on age, gender, race, creed, national origin, or physical or mental disability.