



On The Horizon – March 2024



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Important Dates at a Glance:

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
Scouts BSA Leader Training – (Part 1 of 2 -must attend both):	February 29 (Virtual)
College of Commissioner Science:	March 2
In-Person Cub Scout Leader Training:	March 2
Council-wide Pinewood Derby:	March 2
March Roundtables:	March 5
March Eagle Boards of Review:	March 6, 13, 27
Scouts BSA Leader Training – (Part 2 of 2 -must attend both):	March 7 (Virtual)
Veterinary Medicine Merit Badge Clinic:	March 11 <u>OR</u> 19 (only 1 visit required)
Den Chief Training – Virtual:	March 16 (Virtual)
Taste of Venturing:	March 22 – 24
2024 Spring Shoot-O-Ree:	March 23
STEM College – Lake Land College:	March 23
Shawnee Lodge Service Project: Clean up Forest Park:	March 23
April Roundtables:	April 2
OA Elangomat Training:	April 2
April Eagle Boards of Review:	April 3, 10, 24
Spring Camporee – Solar Eclipse 2024:	April 5 – 8
Shawnee Lodge OA Spring Conclave:	April 12 – 14
Venturing/Sea Scouting Awards Deadline:	April 15
CPR/AED & Wilderness First Aid Training:	April 19 – 21
Cub Scout BALOO:	April 20 – 21 (S – F)
Scouts BSA Voyageur Program:	April 27
Scoutbotics:	April 27 (SLU)
Den Chief Training:	April 27 (Camp Warren Levis)
May Eagle Boards of Review:	May 1, 8, 22
Scouts BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:	May 3 - 5
May Roundtables:	May 7
Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service:	May 11
New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting:	May 16
Spring Wood Badge Course (Session 1 of 2):	May 17 – 19
Venturing/Sea Scouting Celebration Dinner:	May 19
Life To Eagle – Advancement Seminar:	May 22
Memorial Day Good Turns:	May 26
Swift's Big Kick-Off:	May 31 – June 2
Spring Wood Badge Course (Session 2 of 2):	June 1 – 2
June Roundtables:	June 4
June Eagle Boards of Review:	June 5, 12, 26
Shawnee Lodge OA Camp Service Project Kickoff:	June 8
NYLT Session 1:	June 9 – 15 (S-F Scout Ranch)
Larson Park Day Camp:	June 10 – 14
Venturing/Sea Scouting Summer Camp:	June 23 - 29
July Eagle Boards of Review:	July 3, 10, 24
Grizzly Day Camp – Ready, Set, Grow:	July 8 – 12
NYLT Session 2:	July 7 – 13 (S-F Scout Ranch)
NYLT Session 3:	July 21 – 27 (S-F Scout Ranch Levis)
Grizzly Day Camp – The Great Invention:	July 15 – 19
Grizzly Day Camp – Wizards' World of Wonder:	July 22 – 26
Grizzly Day Camp – Animal Planet Safari:	July 19 – August 2
Millennium Park Twilight Camp:	July 29 – August 2

Merit Badge Make Up Day:	August 3 (Tentative)
August Roundtables:	August 6 (School Night to Join Scouting Kickoff)
August Eagle Boards of Review:	August 7, 14, 28
NYLT Weekend Course Weekend 1 (Both weekends required):	August 9 – 11 (Camp Warren Levis)
Shawnee Lodge Fellowship Festival:	August 10
NYLT Weekend Course Weekend 2 (Both weekends required):	August 16 – 27 (Camp Warren Levis)
SNJS-Kirkwood, Webster, Brentwood School Districts:	August 29

===== > 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>

March ROUNDTABLES:

March Roundtable will be at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on March 5th, gathering at 6:30 pm, and program at 7:00 pm. The Cub Scout Roundtable theme will be "101 Pack Meeting Ideas" and the Den Moments will be "Unofficial Ways to Recognize Adult Leaders - Part 2 of 2". The Scouts BSA Roundtable subject will be "Advancement".

April ROUNDTABLES:

April Roundtable will be at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on April 2nd, gathering at 6:30 pm, and program at 7:00 pm. The Cub Scout Roundtable theme will be "*Changes to the Cub Scout Program*" and the Den Moments will be "What do I do about Cubs who've missed Den Meetings". The Scouts BSA Roundtable subject will be "Council Properties & Available Activities".

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 ➔ Keep up to date with the "Guide to Safe Scouting" 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/>

Updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 Program Year become effective June 1, 2024, and are listed under Advancement below.

As a member District within the Greater St Louis Area Council, we are 1 of 11 Councils that make up Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5), 1 of 16 Territories across the US. Territory 5 covers the states of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska as well as southern Illinois and western Iowa. On April 1 our Territory will expand to 14 Councils and cover nearly all of Colorado & Wyoming.

For much more information please follow and share the following two CST 5 Facebook Group Pages:

1. BSA Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5) with 300+ members

For general information about accomplishments and accolades across CST 5, from the individual to units, to districts, councils, and programs please join BSA Council Service Territory 5 (NST 5) Homepage:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/924855562032311>

2. Council Service Territory 5 Program with 400+ members

For Program specific information please join the Council Service Territory 5 Program:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/270021481844869/>

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

Dear New Horizons Scouters,

Do you know who your Unit Commissioner is? Do you know why Commissioners exist? Commissioners have been around since the BSA was started, and we exist to serve you and your Units! Contrary to urban legend, we aren't spies sent in from the Council to infiltrate your Units and learn every detail. Do we like to visit your Units? Yes! We're long-time Scouters who love to see the successful things that you do. Do we sometimes ask questions about your Units? Yes! We want to help provide you with resources that you might not even know you need! Do we send secret details about your budgets or finances or other activities back to the Council? Nope, not one bit!

Your Unit Commissioner may reach out to you in the coming months to gain a more comprehensive understanding about your Unit. Take some time with them, and let's all work together to give the best possible program that we can to our youth!

Yours in Scouting,

Joseph P. "Joe" Bradley, MD, New Horizons District Commissioner
joseph.bradley@icloud.com 314-809-1068

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

Council-Wide Pinewood Derby:

Council Pinewood Derby - **Celebrating 71 years of pinewood car racing!**

Join us on the morning of Saturday, March 2 at World Wide Technology Raceway for a council-wide competition and other fun. Sponsored by the generosity of WWT Raceway Gives:

For all Cub Scouts, and a league for Scouts BSA and Venturing to compete! Don't miss this grand time!

The Pinewood Derby is one of the highlights of a Cub Scout's year and a great memory for older Scouts.

This event will bring Scouts from across the council to have some fun as they race their cars to see who has the fastest one.

This event is open to ALL Cub Scouts in the Council, regardless of a Scout's placement at their home Pack's or District race.

Fee is only \$5 per car to enter; all spectators are free. Please register by February 23. Youth under 18 must be in the care of an adult.

Sign up information may be found here: <https://stlbsa.org/calendar/> -> COUNCIL-WIDE PINEWOOD DERBY

2024 Spring Shoot-O-Ree:

The Shoot-O-Ree is open to registered Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers. *Scout-age siblings may participate too.*

Cub Scouts and Cub Scout-age siblings should have an adult partner present throughout the day.

- **Cub Scouts:** BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots, water balloons, rubber band shooters, marshmallow shooters, and more!
- **Scouts BSA, Venturers, Explorers:** Tomahawk throwing, shotguns, rifles, and archery!
- All registered and paid participants will receive a wristband and a punch card for access to Shoot-O-Ree activities.
- Lunch will not be provided, but please feel free to bring sack lunch or other ways to have lunch to stay for the fun.
- Just a few reminders and details regarding the event:
 - This event is not a drop-off/pick-up event, meaning parents/guardians/unit leaders must attend with the scouts.
 - Don't forget to bring water bottles and closed-toe shoes. While rain is hopefully not in the forecast, the event will occur rain or shine.

When: March 23, 2024, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Cost: Cub Scouts - \$10; Scouts BSA - \$15; Venturing - \$15; Explorer - \$15

Non-Scout (K-5th grade) - \$10; Non-Scout (6th – 12th grade) - \$15

Registration and more info – (registration open until March 22nd at noon):

<https://stlbsa.org/calendar/> -> SHOOT-O-REE

New Horizon 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 1st 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 10th, 2024 – June 14th, 2024, 9 am – 3 pm

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

Cost: \$90 for the week

Registration: **SEE BELOW**

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 1st 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 29th, 2024 – August 2nd, 2024, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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

Cost: \$75 for the week

Registration: **SEE BELOW**

More information and registration for These Cub Day Camps: <https://stlbsa.org/camps/cub-scout-day-camps/>

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

******IMPORTANT******

The Cub Scout Advancement program is changing!! Updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 program year were posted here:

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-announced/#:~:text=Cub%20Scouts%20Awards%20will%20be,officially%20on%20June%201%2C%202024>

with more information here:

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2023/11/16/three-things-from-the-cub-scout-program-update/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=DM85064&utm_medium=email&utm_content=

BSA has a monthly live chat on Fridays that may be helpful: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/cubchatlive/>

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 1st, 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/>

Merit Badge Counselor Renewals:

Starting this year, the Council will no longer be managing Merit Badge Counselor renewals at the Council level. The January invitation to renew will not be sent as in the past.

As of March 2024, National will be assuming the renewal functions for membership status. National will send MB Counselors an email about 60 days before the merit badge counselor position expires asking Counselors to renew their merit badge counselor position. For the majority of our merit badge counselors that will be around early May aligning with the merit badge counselor position expiration date.

Effective August 1, 2023, anyone becoming a merit badge counselor who is not registered in a unit or district must pay the \$25 annual fee. If you are not a member of a unit or a district Member at Large you will need to pay your annual fee at the time of renewal.

Please keep your email address up to date on your BSA membership account as National does not sync with our directory. National will use the email address you have attached to your membership account.

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! Matt Smith who will be replacing Cynthia starting in February.** Please contact John Klos at 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.

March 6, 13, 27

April 3, 10, 24

May 1, 8, 22

June 5, 12, 26

July 3, 10, 24

August 7, 14, 28

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.

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

Merit Badge Skill Centers: <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> -> MERIT BADGE SKILL CENTERS

Life to Eagle – Advancement Seminars:

May LTE Advancement Seminar:

When: May 22, 2024, 7 pm **IN PERSON!**

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

Registration required: Please register by May 10th here: <https://forms.gle/s3mHRksNifvqcXMa8>

Veterinary Merit Badge Clinics:

Fox Creek Veterinary Hospital, a 2024 merit badge sponsor, will be hosting Veterinary Merit Badge clinics.

When: Monday, March 11, 2024, **OR** Tuesday, March 19, both at 7 PM.

Attendance is only needed on either date to earn the badge.

Location: 14309 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011.

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

===== > 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 College - Lake Land College - March 23, 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.

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) or Teresa Colletti (tacolletti@att.net).

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

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

Friends of Scouting:

Request your unit's 2024 Family Friends of Scouting presentation now by using this form: <https://bit.ly/FOS-2024>

Unit Leaders should kick-off their unit's Family FOS fundraising by making their personal contributions now. Use this link: <https://bit.ly/GiveFOS24> Select the “Units” tab and search for your unit.

For questions regarding Friends of Scouting, contact Ted Slap at tedslap@yahoo.com or Nick Prainito at nicholas.prainito@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 Mike Edler at pk310cm@gmail.com

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
- Cub Scouts – Ed Wilhelm - edwilhelm@yahoo.com
- Scouts BSA – Sophie Craft - sophiecraft@hotmail.com
- New Horizons District Training Chair – Mike Edler – pk310cm@gmail.com

Training Tip:

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!

Questions? Contact Mike Edler at pk310cm@gmail.com

Address any additional questions regarding Training to Mike Edler, New Horizons Training Chair, at pk310cm@gmail.com. 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. 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, 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 for info.

Save the Dates:**Cub Scout Position-Specific Training:**

- **Cub Leader Training:**
 - When:** Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8 am-Noon- In-Person
 - Where:** Electric Controls Company - 13633 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO 63045
 - Register here:** <https://stlbsa.org/training/cub-scout-leader/> -> UPCOMING TRAININGS
- **LOE/Baloo – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation**

Spring Courses

April 20-21 | S-F Scout Ranch

May 4-5 | Camp Warren Levis

Registration - <https://stlbsa.org/training/> -> SUPPLEMENTAL & OUTDOOR SKILLS -> BALOO

Scouts BSA Position-Specific Training:

- **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://stlbsa.org/training/scouts-bsa-leader/> -> UPCOMING SCOUTS BSA LEADER TRAININGS
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:** Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5, 2024. More information and sign-up are available here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/outdoor-leadership-skills/>

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 (S-F Scout Ranch)

NYLT Weekend Course Dates (Both weekends required):

August 9 - 11, 2024 and August 16 – 27, 2024 (Camp Warren Levis)

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

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**
 - Sunday, March 17, 2024 from 9am - 12pm at Beaumont
 - Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9am -12pm at Beaumont
 - Register here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/shooting-sports/> -> CUB SCOUT RANGE-MASTER TRAINING
- **NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting, Basic Instructor Training & NRA Shotgun Instructor Course**
 - Saturday, February 10th, 2024, 8 am to Sunday, February 11th, 2024, 7 pm (S-F)
- **NRA Pistol Instructor Training (TBD)**
- **Range Safety Officer Training**
 - Saturday, March 3rd, 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 3rd, 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.

Wood Badge Spring Course:

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

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Wood Badge Fall Course:

When: September 27-29, 2024, **AND** October 19-20, 2024 (Both weekends required)

Where: S-F Scout Ranch

Sign up here for both course: <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 a Merit Badge Counselor?
 - Answer. Login to 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 >> Menu >> My Training >> Scouts BSA >> Merit Badge Counselor - less than 35 minutes
 - Still Other Options - contact your District Training Chair (Mike Edler - pk310cm@gmail.com) or District Advancement Chair (Ruben Brill - jrbrill@sbcglobal.net) to discuss.
- Question. Where can I get further assistance?

Answer. Contact your District Training Chair (Mike Edler - pk310cm@gmail.com) or District Advancement Chair (Ruben Brill - 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!

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) for more information.

2024 Annual Membership Fee Update:

Effective April 1st, 2024 the BSA **will eliminate the \$25 one-time joining fee** for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting! The membership fee structure is as follows:

- **\$85/yr.** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (**\$5 increase**)
- **\$65/yr.** for all adult volunteers (**\$5 increase**)
- **\$30/yr.** for Scoutreach (**No change in fee**)
- **\$25/yr.** for Merit Badge Counselors (**No change in fee** – applies only to MB Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- **\$50/yr.** for Exploring participants Youth & Adults (**No change in fee**)
- **\$100/yr.** unit renewal/affiliation fee (**No change in fee**)
- **\$15/yr.** for Scout Life magazine (**No change in fee**)
- Excludes Council Program Fees

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

- Your Unit Commissioner
- Joe Bradley, District Commissioner (joseph.bradley@icloud.com)
- Nick Prainito, District Executive (Nicholas.Prainito@scouting.org)

=====> 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:

Why should a Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship go to a District Camporee?

- Makes the outing easier for Units Leaders. The activities are already planned and run by the Camporee Committee.
- Participants can see other Units. They can discuss ideas and see how others run an outing.
- Provides Leadership opportunities for Scouts. Either on Camporee staff or providing leadership in their own Unit at Camporee.
- Promotes Scouts BSA (Troops) to Cub Scouts (Packs) by the Cub Scouts being involved in a camporee with Troops.
- Provides activities that many Units could not provide for their Scouts on their own.

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.

The link to information and registration: <https://stlbsa.org/calendar/> -> "SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND CAMPOUT"

2024 Fall Camporee

October 4 - 6, 2024

Beaumont Scout Reservation

Save the date. More information will be coming.

2025 Spring Camporee

April 25 – 27, 2025

Will be held at the many scout camps in the Council.

This Spring Camporee will be hosted and organized by the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Most of the resources and activities at the disposal of the Council will be available. This will be a great opportunity to interact with other Units from the far reaches of our Council and to, possible, attend a Scout Camp you have not visited before.

More details to follow when provided by the Council.

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

New Horizon 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 1st 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 10th, 2024 – June 14th, 2024, 9 am – 3 pm

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

Cost: \$90 for the week

Registration: **SEE BELOW**

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 1st 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 29th, 2024 – August 2nd, 2024, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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

Cost: \$75 for the week

Registration: **SEE BELOW**

Greater St. Louis Area Council 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 2nd - Animal Planet Safari

Camps run from 9 am to 4 pm daily.

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

More information and registration for **ALL**** Cub Day Camps:** <https://stlbsa.org/camps/cub-scout-day-camps/>

ORDER OF THE ARROW

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

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

New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter News:

We hope all members had a great time at the Chapter Banquet. The evening had some great food from Smokee Mo's BBQ, magic and sword swallowing from Oh My Gosh Josh at Circus Kaput, and we concluded with recognizing our **Distinguished Arrowmen - Declan Hennessey, Sydney Thurmond, and Craig Dahlgren**. Please congratulate them if you see them.

We have a special upcoming service opportunity for arrowmen. As the brotherhood of cheerful service, this is one you should try and attend. Plus, it counts towards your brotherhood. On Sunday, March 23rd, we will be heading out to Forest Park to help make the crown jewel of our region shine! We are going to work on picking up debris at the park. We'll meet at the park beginning at 8:45 am and will work till noon. The officers will be cooking some hot dogs with chips for lunch. Prizes will be available for the most trash collected, etc. We will also offer elangomat training during lunch for those interested. Additional information such as starting location will be sent out in the near future. Save the date to help out Forest Park!

It is time to register for the Spring Conclave! Season Pass info will be out soon. The registration link is listed below. Lastly, the unit Key 3 should keep an eye on their email over the next 6 weeks for an email from the lodge regarding elsewhere elections. These are needed if the unit will be attending summer camp anywhere other than S-F Ranch. The email will give units an opportunity to request three dates in May for chapter officers to come by your meeting and conduct elections. Reach out if you have any questions.

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/>

New Horizons Chapter Service Opportunity (District Pinewood Derby)

When: Sunday, February 25th

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:

Service Project: Clean up Forest Park:

When: March 23, 2024, 8:45 am

Where: Forest Park (members – watch for an email regarding location)

Elangomat Training:

When: April 2, 2024, 6:15pm

Where: Manchester United Methodist Church – right before Roundtable

2024 Shawnee Lodge Spring Conclave:

When: April 12-14, 2024

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Information and sign-up: <https://shawneelodge.org/spring-conclave/>

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 Fellowship Festival and Chapter Meeting:

When: Saturday, August 10, 2024

Where: Beaumont

2024 Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion:

When: September 6-8, 2024

Where: S-F Scout Ranch

2024 G7 Section Conclave

When: October 4-6, 2024

Where: Camp Drake (Hosted by Illini Lodge 55)

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. Several youth from our chapter are heading to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in July. The lodge is offering a **limited edition backpatch** celebrating the GSLAC Camps which were used by Shawnee Lodge including Irondale, Sakima, Gamble, Famous Eagle,

Beaumont, and Swift. You can order one of these patches and help our youth attend NOAC at the following link:

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

We need you! **Consider running for a chairman or officer position in the New Horizons chapter!** You can self-nominate or nominate a scout from your unit. Talk to the officers for more info. Nominate at:

<https://forms.gle/rakZB4YbM8rB9ahe8>

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>

Shawnee Lodge will be hosting the 2025 G7 Section Conclave on September 27-29, 2025. Location TBD. We will need all hands on deck to make this a great event!

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

2022-2023 New Horizons Venturing Officers:

President	VP of Administration	VP of Program	VP of Communication	VSOA Advisor
DRAKE KELLEY	SOFIE STRUPP	JAKE EDLER	ZÖE SCHULTZ	DENNIS DELANEY

djdelaney55@gmail.com

Crew Advisors and youth: Please attend the **Roundtable** on January 2nd 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:

Taste of Venturing:

- It is a weekend full of activities and a great weekend for new/prospective members including Shooting sports - rifles, pistols, and more, Climbing - crate stacking, bouldering wall, Lake Activities, STEM fun, Silk Screening. This event is open to all Venturers and Scouts BSA Scouts aged 14 or 13 and are in 8th grade (great recruiting opportunity) and older!
- March 22nd, 2024, at 5 pm CDT to March 24th, 2024, at 12 pm CDT
- Location – Camp Warrant Levis
- Registration: <https://stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar/> -> "TASTE OF VENTURING"

Venturing & Seas Scouting Celebration Dinner:

- Annual dinner recognizing those who have achieved awards in Venturing and Sea Scouting
- May 19, 2024
- Registration: <https://stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar/> -> "VSOA CELEBRATION EVENT"

Swift's Big Kickoff:

- Kick off the summer by prepping Swift Base: As always, the beginning of every June we help with some set-up for Swift down at S-F. We create and clean up trails, pull out docks, level tent frames, and do any other jobs that need to be done. This is a fantastic way to get service hours!
- May 31 -June 2, 2024 – Cost: Free
- Signup information: <https://stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar/> -> "SWIFTS BIG KICKOFF"

Swift Base Week:

- Venturing Summer Camp: Home to Venturing Summer Camp, Swift is full of adventure every week: Rock Climbing, High/Low Ropes Challenge Course, Water Skiing, Mountain Biking, STEM Activities, Mountain Boarding, Tubing, and Rappelling. Join other Venturers, Sea Scouts, and older Scouts for a week of high adventure fun and exciting evening programs.
- June 23-29, 2024
- Registration: <http://swift.stlbsa.org>

51st Annual Fall Fun Rally:

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

Follow us on **Facebook** at "New Horizons District Venturing" and **Instagram** at "NH_Venturing"

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

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

New Horizons District Executive:

District Director: (Vacant)

District Executive: Nick Prainito, 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**”