



# On The Horizon – April 2024

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## Important Dates at a Glance:

### EVENT:

**April Roundtables:**  
**OA Elangomat Training:**  
**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:**  
**Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide:**  
**Scouts BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:**  
**May Roundtables:**  
**Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service:**  
**New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting:**  
**Spring Wood Badge Course (Session 1 of 2):**  
**Venturing/Sea Scouting Celebration Dinner:**  
**Council Annual Volunteer Recognition Night:**  
**Life To Eagle – Advancement Seminar:**  
**Memorial Day Good Turns:**  
**Swift's Big Kick-Off:**  
**Spring Wood Badge Course (Session 2 of 2):**  
**STEM on CAMPus:**  
**June Roundtables:**  
**June Eagle Boards of Review:**  
**STEM on CAMPus:**  
**Shawnee Lodge OA Camp Service Project Kickoff:**  
**NYLT Session 1:**  
**Larson Park Day Camp:**  
**Venturing/Sea Scouting Summer Camp:**  
**July Eagle Boards of Review:**  
**Grizzly Day Camp – Ready, Set, Grow:**  
**NYLT Session 2:**  
**NYLT Session 3:**  
**Grizzly Day Camp – The Great Invention:**  
**Grizzly Day Camp – Wizards' World of Wonder:**  
**Grizzly Day Camp – Animal Planet Safari:**  
**Millennium Park Twilight Camp:**  
**Merit Badge Make Up Day:**  
**August Roundtables:**  
**August Eagle Boards of Review:**  
**NYLT Weekend Course Weekend 1 (Both weekends required):**  
**Shawnee Lodge Fellowship Festival:**  
**NYLT Weekend Course Weekend 2 (Both weekends required):**  
**SNJS-Kirkwood, Webster, Brentwood School Districts:**  
**September Roundtables:**  
**Popcorn & Coffee Sale Kickoff:**

### DATE:

April 2  
 April 2  
 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  
 May 2  
 May 3 - 5  
 May 7  
 May 11  
 May 16  
 May 17 – 19  
 May 19  
 May 20  
 May 22  
 May 26  
 May 31 – June 2  
 June 1 – 2  
 June 2 – 5 (EIU and SEMO)  
 June 4  
 June 5, 12, 26  
 June 5 – 8 (UMSL)  
 June 8  
 June 9 – 15 (S-F Scout Ranch)  
 June 10 – 14  
 June 23 - 29  
 July 3, 10, 24  
 July 8 – 12  
 July 7 – 13 (S-F Scout Ranch)  
 July 21 – 27 (S-F Scout Ranch Levis)  
 July 15 – 19  
 July 22 – 26  
 July 19 – August 2  
 July 29 – August 2  
 August 3 (Tentative)  
 August 6 (School Night to Join Scouting Kickoff)  
 August 7, 14, 28  
 August 9 – 11 (Camp Warren Levis)  
 August 11  
 August 16 – 27 (Camp Warren Levis)  
 August 29  
 September 3  
 September 3

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<b>September Eagle Boards of Review:</b>	September 4, 11, 25
<b>SNJS-Parkway School District:</b>	September 5
<b>Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion:</b>	September 6 – 8
<b>SNJS-Rockwood School District:</b>	September 12
<b>Fall Fun Rally:</b>	September 20-22
<b>Fall Wood Badge Course (Session 1 of 2):</b>	September 27 – 29
<b>Cub Scout BALOO:</b>	September 28 – 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>**

**April ROUNDTABLES:**

April Roundtable will be at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 "**Eagle Boards of Review Responsibilities Overview**".

**May ROUNDTABLES:**

May Roundtable is *tentatively* scheduled to be held at Schroeder Park, MO 63011, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, gathering at 6:30 pm, and the program at 7:00 pm. The Roundtable theme for all programs will be the very important "**Program Preview**" – this "Do Not Miss" Roundtable is one of the most important Roundtables of the year. Attendees will receive the district calendar of events for the 2024-2025 program year.

**2023-24 Program Guides (New ones should be available at the May Roundtable):**

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 14 Councils that make up **Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5)**, 1 of 16 Territories across the US. **CST 5** covers the states of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska as well as southern Illinois, and western Iowa, and beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, covers 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,

As a District, we are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers. This program would not work if it were not for you who contribute to our Packs, Troops, Crews, and beyond.

Four of our members have recently been selected for the Silver Beaver Award: Amanda Vogt, Michael Hulsizer, Ted Slap, and Tim O'Donnell. One of our members has been selected for the Silver Antelope Award: Lisa Balbes. We are so proud of their contributions.

None of us work for recognition, but we do like to feel valued. How often do you recognize the volunteers in your Units? It doesn't have to be a formal recognition like a square knot award or a plaque. An email, a text, a post on Facebook, a mention in your unit newsletter—these are all great ways to show appreciation. Make sure your fellow leaders know how much they mean to your Unit!

Yours in Scouting,

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

### **Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide:**

**When:** May 02, 2024, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (*local time zones*)

**Where:** Worldwide, beginning with the Far East Council, Trans-Atlantic Council, then Councils in the Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific, and Hawaiian time zones. (Locally, Salem Methodist Church in Ladue will be hosting Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and Muslim Scouts to broadcast via Zoom).

**What:** The *Scout Oath* begins "I will do my best to do my Duty to God..." and the 12<sup>th</sup> point of the *Scout Law* is "A Scout is Reverent". Scouts will simultaneously read their portions from the Catholic Bible, Protestant Bible, Torah, and Quran in 15-minute intervals until the sacred texts of their faith community are read in full. Participate from home with your family by reading any portion of your family faith's Sacred Texts. Or ask a faith leader in your community to have a group of Scouts in your faith come together at your own faith location.

<https://buff.ly/49DeXzs>

For questions or comments, please don't hesitate to email [help@stlbsa.org](mailto:help@stlbsa.org) or [gslacrrc@gmail.com](mailto:gslacrrc@gmail.com)

### **Council Annual Volunteer Recognition Night:**

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition a Scout council can bestow on an adult volunteer leader. The award is presented to those volunteers who have provided noteworthy service that impacts the lives of youth and who have made outstanding contributions to the Scouting program. Nominations are recommended by the local council and approved by the BSA National Council. Please join us at the Council Annual Volunteer Recognition Night as we recognize 23 recipients, including the following New Horizons Scouters:

**Amanda Vogt   Ted Slap   Michael Hulsizer   Tim O'Donnell**

**When:** May 20, 2024, Cocktail hour/heavy hors d'oeuvres 6:00 pm, Program 7:00 pm

**Where:** UMSL – Touhill Performing Arts Center, 1 Touhill Circle, St. Louis, MO 63121

**Cost:** \$42 (Ad "Shout Outs": \$15 – 1 line, \$25 – ¼ Page, \$50 – ½ Page, \$100 – Full Page)

**Registration:** <https://stlbsa.org/calendar/> -> Annual Recognition Night

### **Memorial Day Good Turns:**

#### **Jewish Committee on Scouting's Memorial Day Good Turn for Jewish War Veterans:**

**What:** For more than 40 years, the Jewish Committee on Scouting has assisted the Jewish War Veterans by placing flags on the graves of Jewish War Veterans. The Good Turn will place a total of over 8,500 flags on graves located at 8 different Jewish Cemeteries. Scouts of all ages and faiths are welcome!

**When:** Sunday morning, May 26, 2023, 9:00 am

**Detailed information:** Check out the event flyer and sign-up PDF here:

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

## Gravois Trail's Memorial Day Good Turn at Jefferson Barracks:

**What:** Approximately 5,000 Scouts will be decorating the graves at Jefferson Barracks hosted by the Gravois Trail District. This is the 75<sup>th</sup> year for this event.

**When:** Sunday, May 28, 2023

**Registration:** 10:30 am – 11:30 am at Beaseley Elementary School

**Cost:** Commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Day Good Turn Patch - \$4, Segment Patches - \$1

**More information:** Visit <https://stlbsa.org/calendar/> -> Memorial Day Good Turn at Jefferson Barracks

## 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 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=](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.

### **Logging "Service Hours":**

When your youth and adults do community service, please be sure to log those hours using Scoutbook so that they may be rolled into the Council total – all service hours are totaled for the Council and then at the national level and are reported to Congress during the Boy Scouts of America's Report To The Nation every spring. Each hour of Volunteer Time is currently valued at \$31.80 Per Hour!

### **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) – the online training takes less than an hour:

- 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.

Already effective, 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](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.

**April 3, 10, 24**

**May 1, 8, 22**

**June 5, 12, 26**

**July 3, 10, 24**

**August 7, 14, 28**

**September 4, 11, 25**

**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**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> here: <https://forms.gle/s3mHRksNifvqcxMa8>

## **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) <=====

## **STEM on CAMPus:**

STEM on CAMPus is a unique “camp” experience where Scouts BSA get a taste for college life! Sleep in the dorms, eat in the dining halls, and have fun each evening with a variety of activities including campus rec center nights! Scouts have the opportunity to earn up to 6 Merit Badges or NOVAS at each camp. Sign up for two camps and save!

**When:** June 2 – 5, 2024, Eastern Illinois University

**When:** June 2 – 5, 2024, SEMO

**When:** June 5 – 8, 2024, UMSL

More information and registration are coming soon:

<https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/> (Summer Programs)

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).

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 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.

Congratulations to the following Units who have met their 2024 Friends of Scouting goal and earned FREE rank advancement badges for a year:

- Packs 319 and 888
- Crews 2313 and 2627
- Troops 303, 313B, 313G, 325, 456, 601, 623, 631, 641, 677G, 792, 803, 809, and 809G

For questions regarding Friends of Scouting, contact Ted Slap at [tedslap@yahoo.com](mailto:tedslap@yahoo.com) or Nick Prainito at [nicholas.prainito@scouting.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 – Mike Edler – [pk310cm@gmail.com](mailto:pk310cm@gmail.com)

### **Training Tip:**

Training shows new leaders how to do their jobs and allows for an interchange of ideas with more experienced leaders. Every Scout deserves qualified, trained leaders who will provide the best program possible, the way it is intended. Trained leaders ensure that the goals of Scouting are met. All Scout leaders need training to help them understand the aims and purposes of the Scouting program, to improve their ability to work with youth and other leaders, to learn Scouting skills, and to learn how to plan an effective Scouting program.

Questions? Contact Mike Edler at [pk310cm@gmail.com](mailto:pk310cm@gmail.com)

Address any additional questions regarding Training to Mike Edler, New Horizons Training Chair, at [pk310cm@gmail.com](mailto: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](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:**

- **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:**

- **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 04/27/2024, 9 am-Noon (Staff 7 am-12:30 pm) - In-Person Camp Warren Levis - Swaim Lodge). More information and sign-up are available here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/den-chief/>

**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**
  - Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9am -12pm at Beaumont
  - Register here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/shooting-sports/> -> CUB SCOUT RANGE-MASTER TRAINING
- **NRA Pistol Instructor Training (TBD)**
- **Chief Range Safety Officer Training (TBD)**

**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 courses: <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](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 (Mike Edler - [pk310cm@gmail.com](mailto:pk310cm@gmail.com)) 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 (Mike Edler - [pk310cm@gmail.com](mailto:pk310cm@gmail.com)) 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!

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.

## **2024 Annual Membership Fee Update:**

Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:joseph.bradley@icloud.com))
- Nick Prainito, District Executive ([Nicholas.Prainito@scouting.org](mailto: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, possibly, attend a Scout Camp you have not visited before.

More details to follow when provided by the Council.

## 2025 Fall Camporee

October 17 - 19, 2025

Beaumont Scout Reservation

Details will be posted as we get closer to this event.

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

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

The Spring Conclave is right around the corner. The registration link is listed below. Remember that units need to abide by YPT guidelines and have two deep leadership either within their own unit or by partnering up with another unit (i.e., provisional model). All attendees should have medical forms on hand. This is NOT a drop off event. In other words, scouts should be associated with an on-ground unit. Please contact Mike Hulsizer at ([Michael.hulsizer@shawneelodge.org](mailto:Michael.hulsizer@shawneelodge.org)) if you have any questions or concerns.

We will be needing elangomats, nimats, and members to assist with site preparation. There is elangomat training just before the Roundtable on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, head out to a friendly competition in a round of Chopped! At our Chapter Meeting on May 16th, your team of Arrowmen will compete with up to nine other teams to try to become the Chopped Champion! The teams with the best presentation, best flavor, and best overall dish will receive prizes. We are still working on the details such as location, etc.

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.** Pay your dues here: <https://shawneelodge.org/register/>

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## Save the Dates:

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

### **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

**Info:** <https://shawneelodge.org/lodge-one-day-of-service/>

### **New Horizons Chapter Meeting**

**When:** May 16, 2024

**Time/Where:** TBD but likely around 6:45pm.

**Additional Information:** Chopped Competition

### **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

**Info:** <https://shawneelodge.org/summer-camp-preparation/>

### **2024 Shawnee Lodge Fellowship Festival and Chapter Meeting:**

**When:** Saturday, August 11, 2024

**Where:** Beaumont

### **Lodge Leadership Development**

**When:** August 24-25, 2024

**Where:** Beaumont

**Info:** Open to all members interested in leadership. <https://shawneelodge.org/lodge-leadership-development/>

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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
				<a href="mailto:djdelaney55@gmail.com">djdelaney55@gmail.com</a>

**Crew Advisors and youth:** Please attend the **Roundtable** on April 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 Manchester United Methodist Church.**

## Save the dates:

### 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>

### 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"

===== > 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, <a href="mailto:nicholas.prainito@scouting.org">nicholas.prainito@scouting.org</a>

**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"