



GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL
SCOUTING

Cub Scout Program Guide

Adventure Awaits: Your Guide to an Epic Scouting Year!

2024-2025



What's Inside

Explore firsthand:

- Membership insights
- Exciting activities
- Helpful trainings
- Unit planning and budgeting resources
- Weekend camping adventures
- Premier campgrounds
- Religious awards guidance
- Fundraising opportunities
- and much more!

All tailored exclusively for Cub Scout packs!

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Cub Scouts

Open to girls and boys in grades K-5

By engaging in enjoyable activities, embarking on exciting adventures, and participating in community service initiatives, Cub Scouts forge new friendships and gain valuable insights into cooperation, citizenship, responsibility, and physical fitness, enriching their daily lives.





SERVICE CENTERS AND SHOPS

We are here for you.

Get the help you need by visiting or contacting your nearby service center. You can also buy Scout gear at a service center, at one of our standalone stores known as BSA Outfitters, or via our online store - GatewayTraders.org.

MacArthur Service Center

4568 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108
314-361-0600 or 800-392-0895
9 AM - 5 PM
Scout Shop: M - F, 9 AM - 5 PM

Central Illinois Service Center

and Scout Shop
262 W. Prairie Ave., Decatur, IL 62523
217-429-2326
8:30 AM - 5 PM

Ritter Service Center

and Scout Shop
3000 Gordonville Rd., Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
573-335-3346
8:30 AM - 5 PM

Southern Illinois Service Center

and Scout Shop
803 East Herrin St., Herrin, IL 62948
618-942-4863 or 888-942-4863
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (Closed for lunch: 12:30 - 1 PM)

BSA Outfitters - 2 locations

13347 Manchester Rd.
Des Peres, MO 63131
314 -984-0014
M - Th, 9 AM - 7 PM
F 9 AM - 6 PM
Fa, 9 AM - 4 PM

5205 N. Illinois St.
Fairview Height, IL 62208
618-222-1574
M - F 10 AM - 6 PM
Sa 10 AM - 3 PM

LET'S PLAN AND BUDGET

How to Develop and Fund Your Pack Program

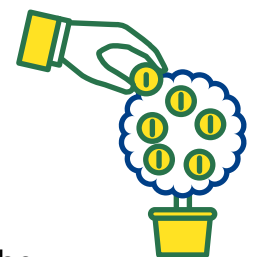
Creating an exciting program for every Cub Scout is key to a successful year! Here's how to get started:

- Brainstorm fun activities your Scouts and parents want to do this year. List them.
 - You'll definitely want to include always-popular events like a Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, and Blue and Gold Banquet.
 - Let the Scouts be creative. Whether it's a picnic, campout, baseball game, or trip to Six Flags, add them to the list no matter how big or small.
- Next, look for events put on by your district and council. These events are easy to attend and fun because they bring together Scouts from many nearby packs.
 - They include family camping opportunities, summer camps, helpful training courses, fall hayrides, and many more!
 - Find them on our Event Calendar - stlbsa.org/calendar
 - In the calendar menu, select "council" to see all events and "district" to see more events near you.
- Now, consider the resources available among your families. Do any parents work in places suitable for tours, service projects, or outings - such as the local fire station, museum, TV station, or historic site?
- Have your pack committee review the suggestions and narrow down the list. Look for activities that align with the Cub Scout advancement program. Designate activities by month to ensure a well-rounded and fun year-long program.
- Finally, share the calendar with your families. It's strongly recommended you use the calendar feature within Scoutbook - the official app for Cub Scout packs. You may also want to provide printed copies of the calendar and email families so they have the info until they set up their personal Scoutbook accounts.

Create a Budget and Fund the Fun

Program planning needs to also include a funding plan. Use the budget planning tool on the next page to see how much your year of Scouting will cost, and what your individual Scout and/or pack fundraising goals should be.

Need help with any of this? Each pack has an assigned Unit Commissioner, a nearby volunteer who's been through this before. They're happy to assist you.



Pack Budget Worksheet

<https://stlbsa.org/resources/helpful-forms-and-links/>

| Completed Sample | | | PACK OPERATING BUDGET | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|----------|---|--------------------------|------------------|
| Date budget completed: | | July 15 | UNIT DETAIL: | | | Date budget completed: _____ | | |
| Pack No.: | | 1234 | Cubmaster: _____ | | | Pack No. _____ | | |
| District: | | Lakeview | Assistant Cubmaster: _____ | | | District: _____ | | |
| Projected No. of Cub Scouts: | | 50 | Committee chairperson: _____ | | | Projected No. of Cub Scouts: _____ | | |
| Projected No. of registered adults: | | 10 | Treasurer: _____ | | | Projected No. of registered adults: _____ | | |
| | | | Popcorn chairperson: _____ | | | | | |
| | | | Camp Card chairperson: _____ | | | | | |
| Sample Pack Budget | | | | | | Actual Budget | | |
| Annual Cost Per Scout/Unit | No. of Scouts/Adults | Total Unit Cost | PROGRAM EXPENSES: | | | Annual Cost Per Person | No. of Cub Scouts/Adults | Total Unit Cost |
| \$ 80.00 | 50 | \$ 4,000.00 | Registration fees (1) | Total youth @ \$80 ea. | \$ 80.00 | 0 | \$ - | |
| \$ 60.00 | 10 | \$ 600.00 | Registration fees (1) | Total adults @ \$60 ea. | \$ 60.00 | 0 | \$ - | |
| \$ 100.00 | 1 | \$ 100.00 | Annual Unit Charter Fee (2) | Yearly flat fee @ \$100 | | | \$ 100.00 | |
| \$ 24.00 | 50 | \$ 1,200.00 | Scout Life Magazine (3) | Total subscriptions @ \$24 ea. | \$ 24.00 | | | |
| | | | Advancement (5) | Adventure Loops/Pins \$1.99 ea. | | | | |
| | | | | Rank patches \$2.99 ea. | | | | |
| \$ 17.00 | 50 | \$ 850.00 | | 7 adventures/loops/pins + 1 rank + misc. award = \$17.00 | | | | |
| \$ 68.00 | 50 | \$ 3,400.00 | Bridging & Cross Over (5) | Handbook, hat, neckerchief, & neckerchief slide | | | | |
| \$ 10.00 | 6 | \$ 60.00 | Pack leaders | Thank-yous, veteran awards, etc. | | | | |
| \$ 10.00 | 50 | \$ 500.00 | Special events (6) | Blue and gold banquet | | | | |
| \$ 7.00 | 50 | \$ 350.00 | | Pinewood derby | | | | |
| \$ 6.00 | 50 | \$ 300.00 | | Holiday party | | | | |
| | | | Special activities (6) | Location | | | | |
| \$ 10.00 | 50 | \$ 500.00 | Den Outing | _____ | | | | |
| \$ 10.00 | 50 | \$ 500.00 | Den Outing | _____ | | | | |
| \$ 10.00 | 50 | \$ 500.00 | Den Outing | _____ | | | | |
| | | | Camp (7) | | | | | |
| \$ 75.00 | x 40 | = \$ 3,000.00 | Cub Scout day camp | _____ | | | | |
| \$ 220.00 | x 30 | = \$ 6,600.00 | Cub Scout resident camp | _____ | | | | |
| \$ 340.00 | x 15 | = \$ 5,100.00 | Webelos resident camp | _____ | | | | |
| \$ 40.00 | x 30 | = \$ 1,200.00 | Council Organized Family Ca | _____ | | | | |
| \$ 125.00 | x 20 | = \$ 2,500.00 | Leader's fees | _____ | | | | |
| \$ 20.00 | 50 | \$ 1,000.00 | Program materials (8) | Ceremony supplies, bridge crossings, camping items, etc. | | | | |
| \$ 5.00 | 5 | \$ 25.00 | Leader basic training (9) | _____ leaders @ \$_____ ea. | | | | |
| \$ 30.00 | x 20 | = \$ 600.00 | Scout Assistance (10) | For families in need | | | | |
| \$ 1.00 | x 50 | = \$ 50.00 | Reserve fund (11) | Registration scholarships | | | | |
| \$ 0.50 | x 50 | = \$ 25.00 | Other expenses (12) | Contingency funds | | | | |
| | | \$ 32,960.00 | A) TOTAL UNIT BUDGETED PROGRAM EXPENSES | | | | | \$ 100.00 |
| | | | INCOME: | | | | | |
| \$ 40.00 | 50 | \$ 2,000.00 | Annual dues (monthly amount x 10 or 12 months) | | | | | |
| \$ 500.00 | 1 | \$ 500.00 | Surplus from prior year (beginning fund balance) | | | | | |
| \$ | | \$ | Other income source (parent payments, etc.) | | | | | |
| | | \$ 2,500.00 | B) INCOME SUBTOTAL | | | | | |
| | | \$ 30,460.00 | C) TOTAL FUNDRAISING NEED (A minus B) | | | | | |
| \$ 87,029 | x 35% | = \$ 30,460 | FUNDRAISING PACK BUDGET (Should equal C above) | | | | | |
| Gross Sales | | Commission | Need / Commission = Pack Goal | | | | | |
| (+/- 35% includes qualifying for all bonus dollars) | | | (Check with your local council for commission percentage and bonuses.) | | | | | |
| \$ 87,029 | / 50 Cub Scouts | = \$ 1,741 | FUNDRAISING GOAL PER CUB SCOUT | | | | | |
| | | | Pack Goal / No. Cub Scouts = Cub Scout Goal | | | | | |

* Many packs include all or a portion of the Cub Scout Resident Camp or Day Camp fee in the annual budget. This helps ensure that all Cub Scouts have the opportunity to attend. Pack budgeting should include payments on time and qualifying for any discounts offered for early and/or on-time payments.

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2024 Printing

Consider using this fillable template that calculates entries at the link above.



FUNDING YOUR PROGRAM

Your pack can choose to participate in any of these approved fundraisers.

Popcorn Sales raise money for your unit while also helping fund local camp scholarships, community service projects, and much more!

- No upfront cost to your unit.
- Units pay for only the product they sell.
- Sales support local Scouting.
- A built-in prize program encourages Scouts to sell.
- Popcorn sales teach Scouts the responsibility and value of earning their way.
- Popcorn is easy to sell.
- Scouts can earn free camping at a Greater St Louis Area Council camp of their choice!
- Sign up at stlbsa.org/popcorn
- Sale begins in August and runs through December.

Sell in Several Ways:

1. *Show & Sell* (sell in person at a display table or booth),
2. *Take Order* (ask neighbors and friends to place an order),
3. *Online Sales* (create your own online store through our vendor)



Camp Cards are an easy sale that helps Scouts earn funds for camps and activities!

- No upfront costs
- Earn up to 50% profit on every card sold
- Cards are different by region and support local businesses
- Visit stlbsa.org/camp-cards to learn more



Coffee Sales benefit your unit and Scouts earn money for camp while also helping fund the council camp scholarships, camp improvements, and much more!

- There is no up-front cost to your unit.
- Units pay for only the product they sell.
- Unit commission is 33% of all sales.
- A built-in prize program encourages for Units & Scouts to sell.
- Year round online & subscription commission available
- 73% of people drink coffee everyday.
- Sign up at stlbsa.org/coffee



Beyond the Council supported fundraisers on the previous page, submit this application to the local service center for all other pack fundraisers.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DATE _____

Received in council service center _____
(Date)

UNIT MONEY-EARNING APPLICATION

Applications are not required for council-coordinated money-earning projects such as popcorn sales or Scout show ticket sales.

Please submit this application to your council service center at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date of your money-earning project. Read the 10 guides on the other side of this form. They will help you in answering the questions below.

Pack

Troop

No. _____ Chartered Organization _____

Team

Crew

Community _____ District _____

Submits the following plans for its money-earning project and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your unit's money-earning plan? _____

About how much does your unit expect to earn from this project? _____ How will this money be used? _____

Does your chartered organization give full approval for this plan? _____

What are the proposed dates? _____

Are tickets or a product to be sold? Please specify. _____

Will your members be in uniform while carrying out this project? (See items 3-6 on other side.) _____

Have you checked with neighboring units to avoid any overlapping of territory while working? _____

Is your product or service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? _____

Are any contracts to be signed? _____ If so, by whom? _____

Give details. _____

Is your unit on the budget plan? _____ How much are the dues? _____

How much does your unit have in its treasury? _____

Signed _____ Signed _____

(Chartered Organization Representative)

(Unit Leader)

Signed _____

(Chairman, Unit Committee)

(Address of Chairman)

FOR USE OF DISTRICT OR COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE: Telephone _____

Approved by _____ Date _____

Approved subject to the following conditions _____



GUIDES TO UNIT MONEY-EARNING PROJECTS

A unit's money-earning methods should reflect Scouting's basic values. Whenever your unit is planning a money-earning project, this checklist can serve as your guide. If your answer is "Yes" to all the questions that follow, it is likely the project conforms to Scouting's standards and will be approved.

1. Do you really need a fund-raising project?

There should be a real need for raising money based on your unit's program. Units should not engage in money-earning projects merely because someone has offered an attractive plan. Remember that individual youth members are expected to earn their own way. The need should be beyond normal budget items covered by dues.

2. If any contracts are to be signed, will they be signed by an individual, without reference to the Boy Scouts of America and without binding the local council, the Boy Scouts of America, or the chartered organization?

Before any person in your unit signs a contract, he must make sure the venture is legitimate and worthy. If a contract is signed, he is personally responsible. He may not sign on behalf of the local council or the Boy Scouts of America, nor may he bind the chartered organization without its written authorization. If you are not sure, check with your district executive for help.

3. Will your fund-raiser prevent promoters from trading on the name and goodwill of the Boy Scouts of America?

Because of Scouting's good reputation, customers rarely question the quality or price of a product. The nationwide network of Scouting units must not become a beehive of commercial interest.

4. Will the fund-raising activity uphold the good name of the BSA? Does it avoid games of chance, gambling, etc.?

Selling raffle tickets or other games of chance is a direct violation of the BSA Rules and Regulations, which forbid gambling. The product must not detract from the ideals and principles of the BSA.

5. If a commercial product is to be sold, will it be sold on its own merits and without reference to the needs of Scouting?

All commercial products must sell on their own merits, not the benefit received by the Boy Scouts. The principle of value received is critical in choosing what to sell.

6. If a commercial product is to be sold, will the fund-raising activity comply with BSA policy on wearing the uniform?

The official uniform is intended to be worn primarily for use in connection with Scouting activities. However, council executive boards may approve use of the uniform for any fund-raising activity. Typically, council popcorn sales or Scout show ticket sales are approved uniform fund-raisers.

7. Will the fund-raising project avoid soliciting money or gifts?

The BSA Rules and Regulations state, "Youth members shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors of money for their chartered organizations, for the local council, or in support of other organizations. Adult and youth members shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors of money in support of personal or unit participation in local, national, or international events."

For example: Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts and leaders should not identify themselves as Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts or as a troop/pack participate in The Salvation Army's Christmas Bell Ringing program. This would be raising money for another organization. At no time are units permitted to solicit contributions for unit programs.

8. Does the fund-raising activity avoid competition with other units, your chartered organization, your local council, and the United Way?

Check with your chartered organization representative and your district executive to make certain that your chartered organization and the council agree on the dates and type of fund-raiser.

The local council is responsible for upholding the Charter and By-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the BSA. To ensure compliance, all unit fund-raisers MUST OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL from the local council NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS before the fund-raising activity.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT Home State Health Insurance CAN COVER THE COST OF REGISTRATION FOR SCOUTING

No youth will be denied a Scouting experience due to financial hardship.
For youth only, sorry but this is not able to be used for adult membership.

For more information on how to join, call Missouri Care USA Health Insurance at 1-855-694-4663
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Please ask for Member Services and they will be able to help you get the form needed.

They'll provide you with a Club Voucher. Once you get your voucher in the mail, you can use it at one of our listed clubs. Missouri Care USA Health Insurance will pay for your membership.

Application at <https://stlbsa.org/resources/helpful-forms-and-links>

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual giving campaign of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. The FOS campaign provides nearly 20% of the council budget every year. That means that a significant portion of the council budget comes from the generosity of Scouting families, alumni and community supporters. Without this funding, our council could not supply the resources necessary to provide a quality, adventure-filled Scouting program.

Each contribution to the council provides assistance for:

- insurance for leaders and participants
- improving camp properties for your Scouts and future Scouts
- financial assistance for families in need
- volunteer training and support
- growing the Scouting program

We need your help! A volunteer would like to attend your unit's meeting to share more information about Friends of Scouting and give families an opportunity to donate. As you are planning your calendar, make sure you schedule 5-10 minutes for a FOS volunteer to talk at your Spring Blue & Gold dinner. We would also like 5 minutes at a meeting 1-2 months beforehand to introduce the campaign and share your unit's unique giving website.



RECRUITING

We believe that Scouting is the best leadership and character development program for youth and strive to ensure that every child in every community has the opportunity to join. As a leader in your pack, you can ensure other families in your community receive that invitation, while also ensuring that your pack grows and continues to thrive and provide life changing program for kids.



Fall Recruitment Campaign

Most families join Scouting in the late summer, as the school year is starting, so your recruiting efforts will be most impactful at this time and should be well planned by your pack committee.

Specific fall recruitment training will be conducted over the summer, but the best practices always include:

- Having a table at the back to school fairs
- Planning and promoting a joining night a few weeks after school starts
- Inviting families to join through flyers, school talks and personal social media posts
- Following-up with families who missed the joining night with a second chance joining opportunity about one month later

*For resources and ideas to help with recruiting, visit:
<https://stlbsa.org/recruitment/>*



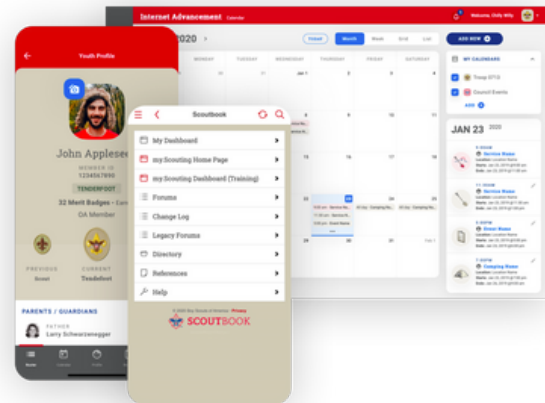


SCOUTBOOK

From the first knot tied to final hours of service provided, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. And Scoutbook is your go-to tool to ensure not a moment is missed - tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.

For Pack Leaders

Helping Scouts succeed is rewarding. Scoutbook streamlines leadership tasks, saving time for meaningful interactions. Customize calendars, send alerts, and access trainings effortlessly.



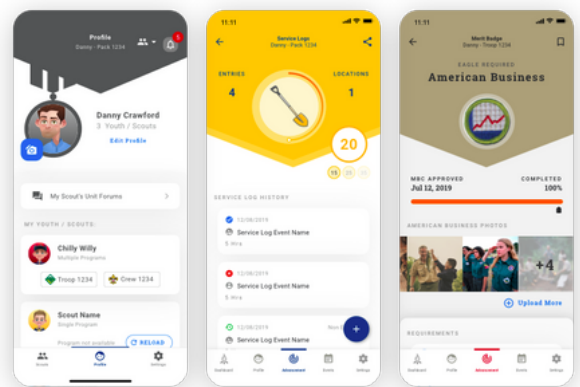
For Den Leaders

No more juggling guides; it's all in Scoutbook! Organize meetings, track attendance and advancement, and communicate with parents easily.



For Parents

Download the Scouting app on Apple and Android devices. Designed for Scouts and parents, it syncs with Scoutbook so you can easily track your Scout's advancements and stay connected. Enjoy offline capability for remote adventures.



<https://scoutbook.scouting.org>

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YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING



PROTECTING OUR YOUTH CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY EVERYONE COMMITTING TO THAT PROTECTION.

The BSA places the highest importance on providing a secure environment for all Scouts. Youth Protection Training is required for all BSA -registered volunteers- regardless of position- and must be completed every two years. However, you do not have to be registered member of the BSA to take the training. Every parent involved in Scouting is encourage to complete the course which is available 24/7 at my.scouting.org

- No new leader can be registered without first completing the training.
- No unit may re-charter without all leaders current on their Youth Protection Training.
- Two registered adult leaders at least 21 years of age are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader at least 21 years of age in every unit serving females.

**Learn more at: scouting.org/youthprotection
and <https://stlbsa.org/resources/incident-reporting/>**



CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAININGS

*Get trained and put on
the best program ever.*

A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in their role.

Trained leaders

- impact the quality of programs
- leader tenure
- youth tenure
- safety
- and whole lot more!

In short, a trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be!

In addition to the training listed in this section, your district will host **leader position-specific training**, which is training specific to your role in the pack. View your district calendar to find training dates.

*To be a fully trained leader, be sure to complete **Hazardous Weather Training**, in addition to position-specific and **Youth Protection Training**.*



E-LEARNING AT [MY.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)

Visit my.scouting.org to create an account from which you can access dozens of training courses to help you be a better prepared leader in your unit.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Webster University in Webster Groves, MO

University of Scouting is the largest one day event in the council offering the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas. This training event is for all registered leaders, covering a plethora of topics, from shooting sports to basic leader training.

BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION

SEPTEMBER 28-29, BEAUMONT

OCTOBER 12-13, PINE RIDGE SCOUT CAMP

APRIL 5-6, CAMP WARREN LEVIS

APRIL 26-27, CAMP LEWALLEN

This unique overnight camping experience puts leaders "in the shoes of Cub Scouts" while they learn the most recent BSA camping procedures and practices. Required prior to taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip.

WOOD BADGE

2024 FALL COURSE: SEPTEMBER 27TH-29TH & OCTOBER 19-20, S-F SCOUT RANCH

2025 SPRING COURSE: MAY 2-4 & MAY 17-18, BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION

2025 FALL COURSE: SEPTEMBER 26-28 & OCT 11-12, WARREN LEVIS

Advanced adult leader training designed to enhance leadership skills and develop more effective leaders. The Wood Badge program gives participants a greater understanding of Scouting aims and methods.

SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS TRAINING

HELD ON DATES IN THE FALL AND SPRING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE THE COUNCIL. GET INFORMATION AT THIS LINK [STLBSA.ORG/SPECIAL-NEEDS-SCOUTS](https://stlbsa.org/special-needs-scouts)

For all ages. There will be activities for Cub Scouts and Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge for Scouts BSA. Attend this training with professionals in the field of Special Needs and Education for the opportunity to learn how to provide the best services for every Scout.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DO A GOOD TURN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.

A service project is a community service opportunity that puts Scout spirit into action. Projects can take many forms such as a community cleanup, repairing a place of worship, improving a wildlife habitat, or organizing a recycling effort.

Be sure to report all service hours. We want to keep track of all the good Scouting does for the community, and it is a key measurement goal in the Journey to Excellence program.

To easily log your unit's service hours, visit the Scoutbook app and load into Internet Advancement.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

NOVEMBER 16 | BAG DISTRIBUTION DAY

NOVEMBER 23 | BAG COLLECTION DAY

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Scouting for Food is the council's annual service project and the largest one-day food drive in the Boy Scouts of America.

The campaign is launched on "Bag Distribution Day" when Scouts distribute more than 1 million plastic bags to residences. The Scouts return to neighborhoods the following week on "Bag Collection Day," to retrieve the bags filled with donated non-perishable food.

Each year, Scouting for Food collects about 2 million items of food— enough to provide more than 1.5 million meals for those in need.

MEMORIAL DAY GOOD TURN

MAY 26 AND MAY 25

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and Good Turn for Jewish War Veterans (St. Louis)

<https://stlbsa.org/calendar/>



For more than six decades, Scouts have been decorating graves with an American flag to honor veterans for Memorial Day.

At Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, the tradition, entering its 73rd year, is one of the longest running Memorial Day events within the Boy Scouts of America. This Good Turn begins with a solemn procession into the cemetery and short 30-minute ceremony honoring deceased military personnel. Following the ceremony, Scouts and Venturers place an American flag at more than 150,000 graves throughout the cemetery.

Members of all religions and ages are also invited to help place over 8,000 flags on the graves of our war veterans at eight local Jewish cemeteries in the St. Louis area. The event is sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans and the Jewish Committee on Scouting. Youth perform a brief ceremony at each grave site for a meaningful experience.

Scouts of all ages and from all districts are invited to participate in both Good Turn events.

CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES

HAVE A BLAST THIS YEAR!

CUB LAUNCH

OCTOBER 5

Beaumont Scout Reservation + 7 other locations

Whether you are starting another year of Cub Scouting or you're entirely new to the program, come begin your program year at Cub Launch.

Children and parents explore many of the wonderful Cub Scout activities the BSA offers such as:

- Blast paint balls out of a slingshot
 - Climb a wooden monkey bridge
 - Take part in fun science projects
 - Climb aboard a pirate ship
 - Cook over a real fire
 - Ride a horse
 - Shoot a BB gun
 - Make cool art projects
- Cost is \$10 each per Cub Scout and Cub Scout-age sibling.

MOM AND ME

September 13-15 at Camp Warren Levis

A great opportunity for Scouts to spend a weekend at camp with mom, learning and having fun in the outdoors. Every participant receives a themed t-shirt and patch, and all meals are provided in the dining hall over the weekend. Activities include archery, fishing, BB guns, hiking, as well as other themed events.

Great for first time campers!

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Spook O Ree - Overnight Cub Scout Halloween camping weekend! Rhodes France October 11-13

Fall Fright Fest - Haunted trail hike for Cub Scouts at Beaumont, 3PM to 9PM on October 26. NEW THIS YEAR: Camp Overnight with us during Fall Fright Fest



COUNCIL PINWOOD DERBY

March 8 at WWT Raceway

Join us on the morning of Saturday, March 8th 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!



STEM EVENTS

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

STEM HELPS PREPARE SCOUTS FOR TODAY AND THE FUTURE!

STEM UNIVERSITY

- DEC 14 - UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI ST. LOUIS
- JAN 4 - SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
- JAN 25 - SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - EDWARDSVILLE
- FEB 22 - SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - CARBONDALE
- MAR 22 - LAKE LAND COLLEGE - MATTOON

One of our most popular events, STEM University is a day-long event for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA focused on earning STEM-based advancements and NOVA awards. Scouts get to visit a college campus, work with STEM experts, and participate in fun, hands-on educational activities.

STEM ADVENTURE WORKSHOPS & NOVA DAYS

VARIOUS DATES & LOCATIONS

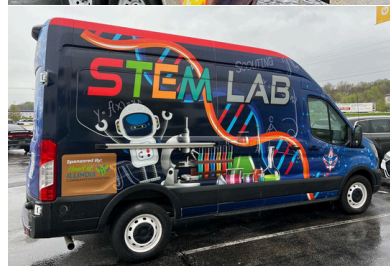
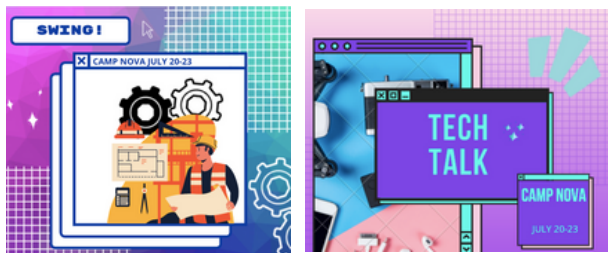
Cub Scouts can explore the cool exhibits like found at the Saint Louis Science Center and the Magic House / MADE, learn from the expert instructors, and earn a STEM NOVA Award. NOVA Day activities have included viewings of Omnimax films, making & erupting volcanoes, talks with real scientists, and planetarium shows. New Cub Scout Adventure Loops are in the works for this program year!

CUB SCOUTS CAMP NOVA

JULY 15-18 AND JULY 14-17

CUB WORLD

Four fun evenings of science, technology, engineering and math for Cub Scouts to enjoy at Beaumont Scout Reservation! Wolves, Bears, Webelos, Arrow of Light and siblings entering 2nd grade and up are welcome. Earn two NOVAs and participate in fun, outdoor STEM learning.



Reserve the STEM LAB or STEM VAN for your next Pack meeting!

<https://stlbsa.org/stem>



New 2024 Cub Scout Program Enhancements

Exciting news! The Cub Scout program is being updated effective June 1. Informed by extensive research and feedback, these changes ensure the program is simple for leaders to deliver, easy for parents to follow, and fun for Scouts!

Bobcat

Bobcat will no longer be a badge that is earned once when a Cub Scout joins. It will become a required Adventure for each rank and earned each year. The requirements for the Bobcat Adventure are different for each grade to make them age-appropriate.

Webelos and Arrow of Light

The Webelos and Arrow of Light programs will be separated. Webelos becomes the 4th-grade program in Cub Scouting. Arrow of Light becomes a stand-alone badge of rank for 5th graders. Arrow of Light will be the program that prepares Cub Scouts to join Scouts BSA.

Adventures

Cub Scout Adventures have been improved to make it easier to deliver the program to multi-rank dens or as a Pack. To earn each rank in Cub Scouting will require a Cub Scout to earn the six required Adventures and two elective Adventures. Required Adventures reflect the aims and focus areas of the BSA. The number of elective Adventures increases.

Awards

Cub Scouts Awards will be reimagined as Cub Scout Adventures. Topics like camping, STEM, and range and target sports will remain and are reimagined into elective Adventures that can be used towards earning a badge of rank.

The screenshot displays the 'CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES' website. At the top, the Cub Scout logo and the text 'CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES' are visible. Below this, a sub-header reads 'CUB SCOUT RANKS'. Underneath, there are six cards, each representing a rank: LION (Kindergarten), TIGER (1st Grade or 6 Years Old), WOLF (2nd Grade or 7 Years Old), BEAR (3rd Grade or 8 Years Old), WEBELOS (4th Grade or 9 Years Old), and ARROW OF LIGHT (5th Grade or 10 Years Old). Each card includes a description of how to earn the badge and a 'LEARN MORE' button.

Learn more about these and all new program enhancements at scouting.org.

DUTY TO GOD

Religious Emblems Programs

A Scout is reverent. They are reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the religious emblems programs. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.



<https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards>

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



ADVENTURE SUMMIT '25

April 25-27, 2025

Save the date! Plan to attend this unforgettable weekend of adventure and fun at our council-wide camping extravaganza, happening April 25-27, 2025 across our six phenomenal campgrounds.

- 30+ activities tailored to accommodate all ages of Scouting - including things like target sports, fishing, Scout skills, games, STEM, aquatics, climbing, and many more!
- Saturday night campfire show featuring demonstrations, skits, and live music – a standout event you won't want to miss!
- And much more!

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CAMPGROUNDS

COME EXPLORE WITH US!

Beaumont Scout Reservation

In Southwestern St. Louis County sits 2,400 acres of wooded, rolling hills and adventure called Beaumont Scout Reservation. This multi-use property is located just 20 minutes from downtown St. Louis.

Beaumont offers countless activities and facilities for Scouts, featuring:

- New climbing tower
- Mud Cave exploration
- Swimming pool
- High and low challenge courses
- Cub World
- Nagel Explorer Base (home of the council's horse programs)
- 8 Cabins (including climate-controlled options)

At the heart of Beaumont is the Emerson Center, a multi-use dining and meeting facility. This building includes:

- 5,000+ square foot dining hall
- Climate-controlled comfort
- Two built-in AV areas
- Large industrial kitchen
- Multiple breakout rooms

The Emerson Center is commonly used for Blue and Gold banquets, Courts of Honor, various trainings, and other large events.

**6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr,
High Ridge, MO 63049**



Visit www.stlbsa.org

for more information about the properties and to make reservations.

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CAMPGROUNDS

COME EXPLORE WITH US

S bar F Scout Ranch

One of the foremost Scout camps in America, "The Ranch" features 5,200 wooded acres including Nim's Lake, a 270-acre swimming, boating, and fishing paradise at the heart of the property. The 3-Notch Trail system explores all points of S-F and offers a great experience for backpacking, trail cooking, and team building.

Leadership Hall is our 16,000 square foot climate-controlled dining facility, complete with AV capabilities, private restrooms, and a large stone fireplace.

S-F features the "tree houses," which are elevated, 3-sided bunk structures on the edge of Nim's Lake. Additional cabins are located near the camporee field and at Swift Base. Adirondack and tipi camping is also available. Don't forget to visit Castle Rock, one of the most popular destinations at S-F!

**120 US-67
Farmington, MO 63640**

Camp Warren Levis

Camp Warren Levis, located just north of Alton IL, is 700 rolling acres of outdoor fun. A beautiful private lake accommodates boating and fishing activities.

Swaim Lodge Dining Hall, is climate controlled in the winter and seats up to 200 people.

Program Areas include a climbing tower, bouldering wall, canoes, pedal boats, council ring, GaGa pit, pool, archery, BB guns, rifle, and a chapel.

**5500 Boy Scout Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035**

Visit www.stlbsa.org

for more information about the properties and to make reservations.

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CAMPGROUNDS

COME EXPLORE WITH US

Camp Lewallen

Located along the St. Francis River in Southeast Missouri, Camp Lewallen features a Climbing Complex, all terrain vehicle programs, a serene private lake, and large open fields.

The Earl Jarvis Dining Hall is a large climate-controlled dining facility with plenty of meeting room space and a large fireplace..

Mount Logan serves as the backdrop to this Scouter's paradise, and features two trails to explore its beautiful view.

**1588 Wayne Route K
Silva, MO 63964**

Rhodes France Scout Reservation

Rhodes France is located south east of Pana IL, and is 640 acres of Scouting paradise.

With two lakes, an in-ground swimming pool, excellent shooting sports facilities, and a well-stocked trading post, Scouts will never be short of things to do.

815 North 500 East Road, Pana, IL 62557

Camp Pine Ridge

Tall pines, abundant wildlife, Little Grassy Lake, and beautiful sunsets make Pine Ridge an excellent place to camp. Kayaking, canoeing, fishing, a pontoon boat, and more are all available to rent at Pine Ridge.

Two cabins, a dining facility and pavilion, and many beautiful campsites are available for your unit to enjoy.

**1139 Pine Ridge Lane
Makanda, IL 62958**



Visit www.stlbsa.org

for more information about the properties and to make reservations.



Property Comparison

| Feature | Beaumont Scout Reservation | S F Scout Ranch | Rhodes France Scout Reservation | Camp Warren Levis | Pine-Ridge | Camp Lewallen | Baker Lodge | Kickapoo |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| Cabin Type | | | | | | | | |
| Bunkhouse-style cabins | X | X | | | X | | X | |
| Family/small group cabins | | | X | | | | | |
| Adirondacks (3-sided open air cabin) | X | X | | | | | | |
| Activities | | | | | | | | |
| Challenge/COPE course | X | X | | | | | | |
| Council Ring (outdoor amphitheater) | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Climbing and/or rappelling | X | X | | X | | X | | |
| Pool (summer only) | X | | X | X | | | | |
| Horse Programs | X | | | | | | | |
| Archery Range | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Shotgun Range | X | X | X | X | | X | | |
| Rifle Range | X | X | X | X | | X | | |
| BB Range | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Paddlecraft (kayaks, canoes, rowboats) | | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Sailing | | X | | | | | | |
| Fishing | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Business | | | | | | | | |
| Hi-Speed Internet | X | X | | X | | | | |
| Audio/Visual (Projector, screen, speakers) | X | X | X | | | | | |
| Small group (<50) indoor meeting space | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Large group (>50) indoor meeting space | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| Indoor Commercial Kitchen | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Outdoor Chapel | X | | | X | | X | | |

THE BEST SUMMER YET



TWO WAYS TO CAMP IN SUMMER 2025

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DAY AND TWILIGHT CAMPS

A LOCAL, MULTI-DAY CAMP WITH NO OVERNIGHT STAY, FEATURING FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CUB SCOUT OF ALL AGES.

2

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

A CAMP WITH OVERNIGHT STAYS HELD AT ONE OF OUR CAMPGROUNDS. SCOUTS EARN ADVANCEMENTS BASED ON THEIR GRADE.

Why Summer Camp?

- Adventure
- Friendship
- Family Memories
- Education
- STEM Activities
- Scout Skills
- Advancement
- Shooting Sports

Get all of the dates, locations and times at:

stlbsa.org

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2 WAYS TO CAMP IN SUMMER 2025

DAY & TWILIGHT CAMP

- Local camps in YOUR neighborhood!
- Day Camps are during the day and Twilight camps are in the evening
- Attend as a pack or as a family
- STEM activities and Cub Scout advancement
- Shooting Sports and exciting activities
- Options for drop off/pick up Day Camps
- Interactive map on our website - find the location near you!

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

- **Cub Scout Overnight Camp (4 days/3 nights)**
 - Advancement focused outdoor fun for Scouts of every rank, offered at multiple locations throughout the summer. This is the staple camp of every pack, every summer.
 - All the summer classic activities: swimming, nature exploration, shooting sports, scout skills/outdoor skills, and STEM/science experiments
 - Attend as a pack or as family!
- **Webelos/Arrow of Light Overnight Camp (5 days/ 4 nights)**
 - For those entering 4th and 5th grades
 - Scouts and their leaders choose their own experiences! Select which Webelos and Arrow of Light elective adventures you want to do, and get exactly what you want out of the camp
- Learn more about our camps, read leader guides/camp manuals, packing lists, etc. at: <https://stlbsa.org/camps>



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Greater St Louis Area Council, BSA: stlbsa.org
 - <https://stlbsa.org/resources/helpful-forms-and-links/>
- National BSA: [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)
 - Den Leader resources:
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/>
- Religious awards information: <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/religious-emblems-program/>
- Scout supplies: <https://www.scoutshop.org/>
- Council apparel and camp goods: <https://gatewaytraders.org/>
- Scoutbook: <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/>
- Volunteer succession planning:
<https://stlbsa.org/resources/resources-toolbox/>
- Training and unit resource: <https://my.scouting.org/>
- Incident Reporting: <https://stlbsa.org/resources/incident-reporting/>



SCOUTING IS A PATH TO SUCCESS



Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to get a bachelor's degree (75.6% of Scouts alumni compared with 36.0% national average)



Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to get an advanced graduate degree (29.0% of Scouts alumni compared with 13.4% national average)

Scouts are more likely to make almost **DOUBLE** of the personal income as an adult (\$62.5k individual median income compared with \$33.7k national median)



Scouts are more likely to have very good or exceptional (750+) credit scores (55.7% of Scouts alumni compared with 39.7% national average)

Scouts are more likely to move up in their socio-economic status. Scouts that come from low-income family background are, on average, more likely to make almost twice the personal income as an adult compared to their non-scout peers with similar childhood family background.



SCOUTS ARE CHANGE AGENTS

BSA strives to bring larger, broader, and longer social impact. The BSA values (Character, Leadership, Citizenship, and Fitness) imprinted during childhood go a long way. BSA alumni continue to change the world by taking more leadership roles in organizations, engaging in more entrepreneurial activities, and undertaking more civic duties.



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