



On The Horizon – May 2024



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Important Dates at a Glance:

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
May Eagle Boards of Review:	May 1, 8, 22
Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide:	May 2
Scouts BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:	May 3 - 5
May Roundtables:	May 7
Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service:	May 11
Life To Eagle – Advancement Seminar:	May 15
New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting:	May 16
Spring Wood Badge Course (Session 1 of 2):	May 17 – 19
Friends of Fr. Dickson Cemetery Service Project:	May 18
Venturing/Sea Scouting Celebration Dinner:	May 19
Council Annual Volunteer Recognition Night:	May 20
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
STEM on CAMPus:	June 2 – 5 (EIU and SEMO)
June Roundtables:	June 4
June Eagle Boards of Review:	June 5, 12, 26
STEM on CAMPus:	June 5 – 8 (UMSL)
Theatre Merit Badge Skill Center:	June 6 (Lindenwood U.)
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
Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge Skill Center:	July 2
July Eagle Boards of Review:	July 3, 10, 24
Grizzly Day Camp – Ready, Set, Grow:	July 8 – 12
Acoustic Music Camp at Swift:	July 12 - 14
NYLT Session 2:	July 7 – 13 (S-F Scout Ranch)
NYLT Session 3:	July 21 – 27 (S-F Scout Ranch)
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 11
NYLT Weekend Course Weekend 2 (Both weekends required):	August 16 – 27 (Camp Warren Levis)
SNJS-Kirkwood, Webster, Brentwood School Districts:	August 29
September Roundtables:	September 3
Popcorn & Coffee Sale Kickoff:	September 3
September Eagle Boards of Review:	September 4, 11, 25
SNJS-Parkway School District:	September 5
Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion:	September 6 – 8
SNJS-Rockwood School District:	September 12
Fall Fun Rally:	September 20-22
Fall Wood Badge Course (Session 1 of 2):	September 27 – 29
Cub Scout BALOO:	September 28 – 29

October Roundtables:	October 1
October Eagle Boards of Review:	October 2, 9, 23
New Horizons Fall Camporee:	October 4 – 6
Order of the Arrow Section G7 Conclave:	October 4 – 6
Scouts BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:	October 12 – 13
Fall Wood Badge Course (Session 2 of 2):	October 19 - 20

===== > 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>

May ROUNDTABLES:

May Roundtable is scheduled to be held at Schroeder Park Lower Field Pavilion, MO 63011, on May 7th, 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.

June ROUNDTABLES:

June Roundtable will be at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on June 6th, gathering at 6:30 pm, and the program at 7:00 pm. The theme for the Cub Scout Roundtable will be "Conflict Resolution – Educational Segment" and the Den Moments will be "Den Meeting in a Box". The theme for Scouts BSA Roundtable - TBD.

2024-25 Program Guides (*Grab a flyer with QR codes 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.

2023-24 Cub Scout Program Guide:

<https://tinyurl.com/2zyfjse9>

2023-24 Scouts BSA Program Guide:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2ubywy>

2023-24 Venturing Program Guide:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfarukj>

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. ➔ NEW CUB SCOUT HANDBOOKS are now available at the Scout Shop.

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 1st, 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,

How's your Unit doing? Are you providing the best quality program that you can? We have so many amazing opportunities for Scouts within New Horizons District and the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Please come check out our Annual Program Preview at Schroeder Park on Tuesday May 7 at 7 PM. We'd love to have you enjoy some fellowship outdoors with us and find out about all the wonderful programming for this next year. Come and make new friends within the District!

Yours in Scouting,

Joseph P. "Joe" Bradley, MD
New Horizons District Commissioner
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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 12th 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 or gslacrrc@gmail.com

Greater St. Louis Area Council Religious Relationships Committee Friends of Father Dickson Cemetery Clean up:

GSLAC Religious Relationships Committee invites Scouters, Scouts, and Units with a flair or need for service hours to participate in this Just Serve opportunity in St. Louis. Youth should have their own adult leadership with them during this project. *No youth are to be left without their own adult supervision.*

Father Dickson is a historic African American Cemetery recently added to the National Registry of Historic Places. The Cemetery lacks a perpetual care endowment and relies solely on volunteers. More information about Father Dickson Cemetery is available at:

<https://www.justserve.org/projects/c2e0d4cd-9b9f-40aa-9abe-ffe5825a03ed/friends-of-father-dickson-cemetery-clean-upand-renewal-2024?shiftId=0f0ef8c0-fa44-4787-9ab4-0eb03961e96d>

When: May 18, 2024, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Where: 835 Sappington Rd., St. Louis, MO 63126

What:

- Collecting and consolidating plant debris.
- Using string trimmers around headstones.
- Spreading mulch and working on fallen trees.
- Participants should bring: Activity Uniform, Water, Personal First Aid Kit, Gloves, Eye and Hearing Protection, String Trimmers, Rakes & Hand Tools, and Tarps to Drag Yard Debris to Consolidation Points.

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-83843>

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

In addition, 2 Silver Antelope Awards are given at the Council Service Territory level, one to New Horizons Scouter **Lisa Balbes**.

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:

With proper planning, your unit can participate in **BOTH of the Good Turns** listed below!!

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 75th year for this event.

When: Sunday, May 28, 2023

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

Cost: Commemorative 75th 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

Questions: Contact Camp Director Mike Unterreiner at 314-581-4334 or mikeu32@sbcglobal.net

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

Questions: Contact Camp Director Tim Trace at 314-283-3420 or tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com

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!! New Cub Scout Handbooks are now available at the Scout Shops! 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. *PLEASE BE SURE TO RECORD ADVANCEMENT FOR YOUR YOUTH AS IT OCCURS:*

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 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) – 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 began 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!** Please contact John Klos at klos41@msn.com or (636) 227-0075 to be a reviewer. 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).

To schedule an Eagle Board of Review, please call the Eagle Board Hotline at 314.384.2486.

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.

May 1, 8, 22

June 5, 12, 26

July 3, 10, 24

August 7, 14, 28

September 4, 11, 25

October 2, 9, 23

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

Check out the Theatre Merit Badge Skill Center on June 6, 2024 at the link above!

Check out the Citizenship in the Nation MB Skill Center on July 2, 2024 at the link above!

Life to Eagle – Advancement Seminars:

May LTE Advancement Seminar:

When: May 15, 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/ejEDHnaNvqgB5QvA7>

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) <=====

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.

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.

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 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:

Baden Powell once said "Success in training the [youth] depends largely on the Scoutmaster's own personal example". This applies to the current program including all youth. Set the example for your Scouts by getting trained. 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

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.

Save the Dates:

Cub Scout Position-Specific Training:

- **LOE/BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Spring Courses**
 May 4-5th, 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/>

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

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. 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=====

Join The Adventure! **Scouting is more fun with friends!** From April 1st to June 1st, Scouts BSA members who recruit friends are eligible for:

- A chance to win a free **2024 Summer Camp!** Receive 1 entry for each friend recruited to Scouts. More friends = more chances to win!
- A \$50 Trading Post credit for each Scout who registers and signs up for 2024 Summer Camp! More friends = more \$\$\$.

All *new* Scouts who sign up during the campaign will receive:

- \$20 off the regular price of Summer Camp
- \$50 Trading Post Credit when they sign up for Summer Camp
- A free parent to Summer Camp

(Note: Incentives are limited to GSLAC camps and exclude NYLT. Not valid for Cub Scout transfers.)

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 **eliminated 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*****

Summer Camp Parent Guide:

Council has published a "Summer Camp Parent Guide" which may be found here:

<https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-Scouts-BSA-Summer-Camp-Parent-Guide-2.pdf>

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>

2024 Acoustic Music Camp

When: July 12 – 14, 2024

Where: Swift High Adventure Base, S-F Scout Ranch

Cost: \$95 for youth under 21, \$80 adults

Who: Special camp for all Scouts BSA, Venturing Youth, and adults

Welcome to the first-ever Acoustic Music Camp at Swift High Adventure Base, nestled on the east side of Nims Lake at S-F Scout Ranch.

Enjoy the high adventure activities at Swift as you immerse yourself in workshops led by seasoned musicians. From fingerstyle guitar to bluegrass jams, there's something for everyone. Participate in campfire jams, camp activities (Climbing, Aquatics, shooting sports and more) and learn more about the music you love. Leave with newfound skills, cherished memories, and a deeper love for acoustic music.

All Scouts and adults are encouraged to bring their instrument(s) to the camp. Camping will be in camp-provided canvas wall-tents. Meals provided Friday Dinner - Sunday Breakfast.

Leadership is Provided for this camp - so individuals can register!

Registration:

<https://stlbsa.org/camps/scouts-bsa-venturing-summer-camp/> -> 1st Ever Acoustic Music Camp (scroll down!!)

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 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

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:

Head over to Saint John United Church of Christ (332 Old Sulphur Spring Rd, Manchester, MO 63021) for a friendly competition in a round of Chopped! At our Chapter Meeting on May 16th, your team of Arrowmen will compete to try to become the chopped champion! The meeting will run from 6:30-8:00pm and the teams with the best presentation, best flavor, and best overall dish will win! Please sign up so we can purchase supplies: <https://tinyurl.com/3f7ymbv>

This year's One Day of Service will be at Route 66 State Park (97 N Outer Rd, Eureka, MO 63025) from 9am-3pm to clear trails and cut honeysuckle. Members attending are expected bring loppers, hand saws/pruning saws, work gloves, a water bottle, & bug spray. There will be a lunch provided by the Lodge at 12:00. There will soon be a registration link on the Shawnee Lodge website. A waiver needs to be completed beforehand:

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

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/>

Save the Dates:

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

2024 Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service:

When: May 11, 2024

Time/Where: 9am-3pm (includes lunch) Route 66 State Park (97 N Outer Rd, Eureka, MO 63025)

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

New Horizons Chapter Meeting

When: May 16, 2024

Time/Where: 6:30-8:00pm at Saint John United Church of Christ (332 Old Sulphur Spring Rd, Manchester, MO 63021).

Additional Information: Chopped Competition with prizes. Etc. Please let us know if you will be coming at:

<https://tinyurl.com/3f7ymbv>

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: 12-4pm at Beaumont

Additional Information: Shooting sports, climbing tower, yard games, etc.

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 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** (see above under “SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS”) and please encourage other youth in your Crew to attend.

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>

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”