

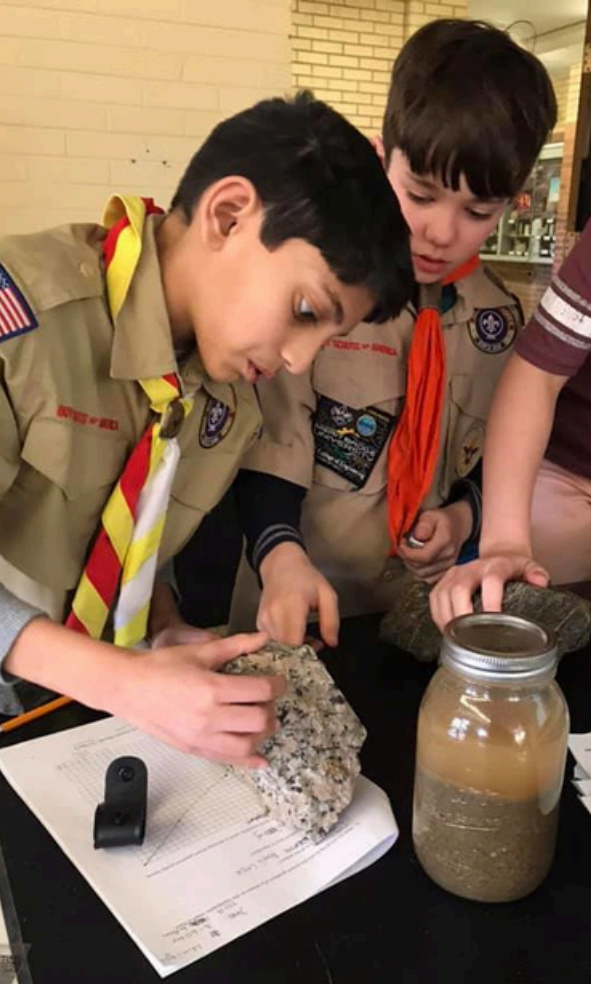


GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL
SCOUTING

Scouts BSA Program Guide

Adventure Awaits: Your Guide to an Epic Scouting Year!

2024-2025



SCOUT

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 Scouts BSA troops!

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Scouts BSA

Scouting is the ultimate form of learning by doing. Youth lead their own activities and participate in service, outdoor adventures, and leadership development programs. Scouts are introduced to countless hobbies, interests, sciences, and even future career choices.

Youth can be Scouts if they are at least 10 years old, currently in the fifth grade and register on or after March 1st; or have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, or are age 11 but have not reached age 18.



CONTACT US

Get the latest on info and events in the Greater St. Louis Area Council by staying connected with us on social media and regularly visiting our website, stlbsa.org!



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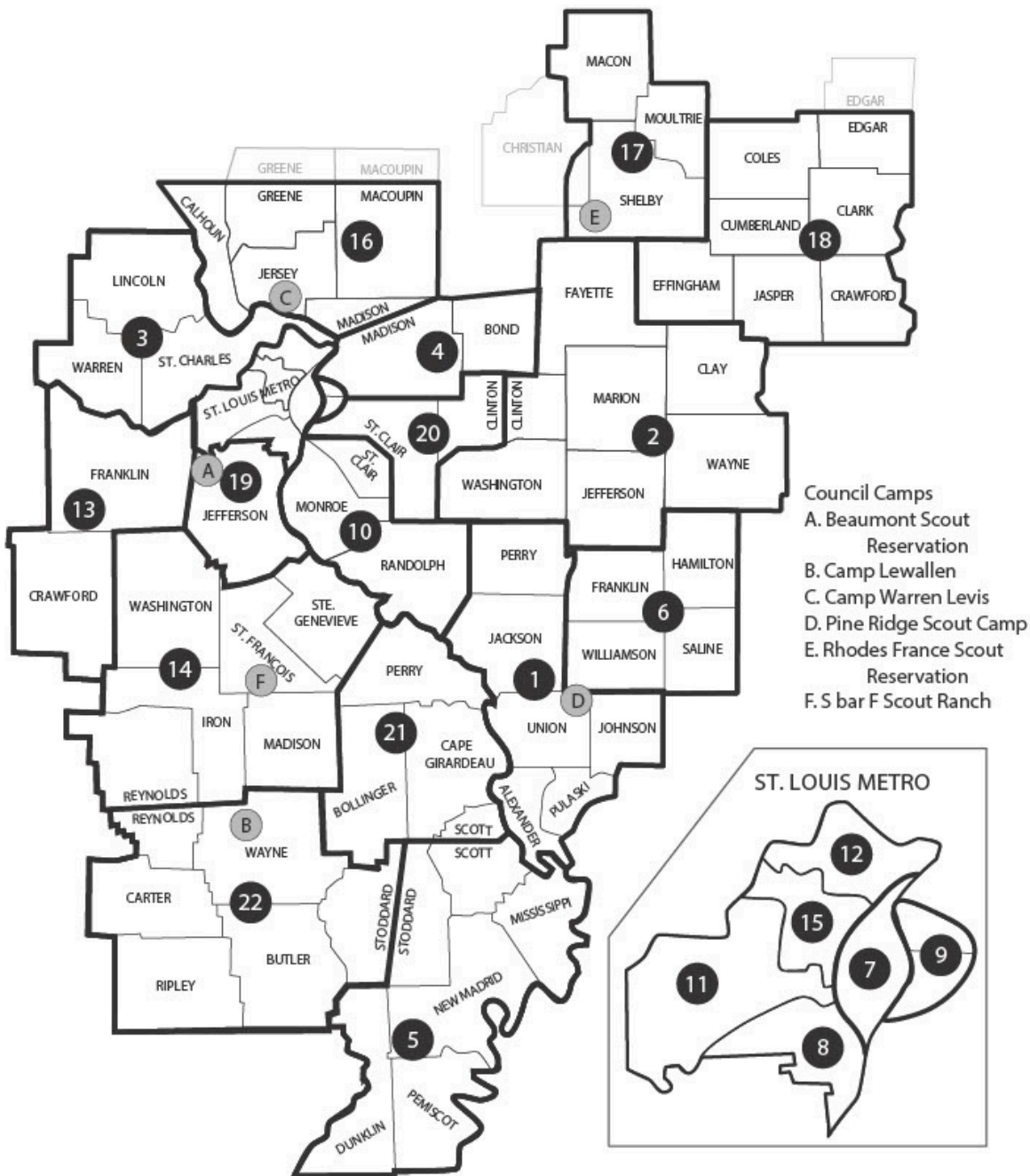


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| 2. Black Gold District | 8. Gravois Trail District | 14. Ozark Trailblazers District | 20. Soaring Eagle District |
| 3. Boone Trails District | 9. Illini District | 15. Pathfinder District | 21. Shawnee District |
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| 6. Egyptian District | 12. North Star District | 18. Redhawk District | |



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., S03ff87
t. 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

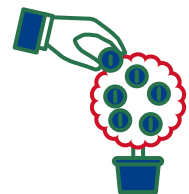
How to Develop and Fund Your Troop Program

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

- Brainstorm fun activities, adventures, and experiences your troop could have this year. Include all the Scouts and parents, if you can, to get the most and best ideas.
- 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 troops.
 - 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.
 - What traditional troop activities will you include?
 - What resources do you have in your troop? Are there parents who work at locations where you could do activities?
 - What are some fun activities you may want to include, however big or small, like picnics, a trip to Six Flags, weekend campouts, etc.?
- Next, your Troop committee can review all the suggestions and narrow down to the activities that make sense for your unit and plan on when they make the most sense to do.
- Lastly, communicate it to your families the plan. You can do a simple list with dates shared via email and at the Troop meetings, or you can get creative and produce and share Facebook events, a google calendar, or use some other medium.

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 troop fundraising goals should be.



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



Troop Calendar Planning

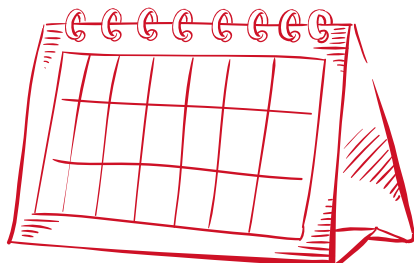
The yearly calendar planning process is important for each troop.

One of the key elements of all successful units is the Annual Program Plan and Planning Conference. Research has shown that a common element of a strong unit is a good annual program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar. The important result of a shared annual program calendar is that a unit will attract more families and Scouts will stay involved longer.

SAMPLE CALENDAR PLANNING CHART

Month	Meeting Plan						Special Events/ Holidays	Local/ Chartered Organization Calendars	Council/ District	PLC/VOA	Unit Committee Meeting	Roundtable
	Program Feature/ Topic	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 3	Meeting 4	Main Event						
September												
October												
November												
December												
January												
February												
March												
April												
May												
June												
July												
August												

Check out the Troop Annual Program Planning Conference Guide at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/program-planning-tools/>



Troop Budget Worksheet

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

Sample Troop Budget		
Annual Cost Per Scout/Unit	No. of Scouts/Adults	Total Unit Cost
\$ 80.00	35	\$ 2,800.00
\$ 80.00	10	\$ 800.00
\$ 24.00	25	\$ 600.00
\$ 100.00	1	\$ 100.00
\$ 9.00	25	\$ 225.00
\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
\$ 20.00	25	\$ 500.00
\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
\$ 10.00	10	\$ 100.00
\$ 25.00	1	\$ 25.00
\$ 25.00	5	\$ 125.00
\$ 20.00	2	\$ 40.00
\$ 50.00	2	\$ 100.00
\$ 50.00	1	\$ 50.00
		\$ 8,265.00
\$ 40.00	25	\$ 1,000.00
\$ 500.00	1	\$ 500.00
		\$ -
		\$ 1,500.00
		\$ 6,765.00
\$ 12,857.00	x 25%	= \$ 3,214.25
\$ 12,857.00	/ 25	= \$ 514.28
Unit Goal	No. of Members	Member Goal
Camp Fees Budget		
\$ 390.00	x 25	= \$ 9,750.00
		\$ -

Troop Operating Budget

PROGRAM EXPENSES:

Youth registration fees Total youth @ \$80 ea.
 Adult registration fees Total adults @ \$80 ea.
Scouts Life Total subscriptions @ \$24 ea.
 Unit charter fee Yearly flat fee @ \$100
 Advancement Ideally, 100% of youth included in badges and ranks (example @ \$9 ea.)

Camping trips Location
 (1) Camping trip _____
 (2) Camping trip _____
 (3) Camping trip _____
 (4) Camping trip _____
 (5) Camping trip _____
 (8) Camping trip _____

District events Camporees (2)
 Other (1)
 Special activities Merit badge day, first aid rally, etc.
 Day trips Location
 Scouts BSA Handbook One for each new youth @ \$25 ea.
 Adult leader training Outdoor Skills
 Unit equipment purchases Tents, cook stoves, etc.
 Leader camp fees
 Leader recognition Thank yous, veterans awards, etc.

TOTAL UNIT BUDGETED PROGRAM EXPENSES:

INCOME:

Annual dues (monthly amount x 10 or 12 months)
 Surplus from prior year (beginning fund balance)
 Other income source

INCOME SUBTOTAL:

TOTAL FUNDRAISING NEED:

POPCORN SALE TROOP GOAL:

___% includes qualifying for all bonus dollars

POPCORN SALES GOAL PER MEMBER:

*Resident camp *Total youth @ \$390 ea.

Additional popcorn sales that would cover summer camp costs

Actual Budget

Annual Cost Per Person No. of Scouts/Adults Total Unit Cost

\$ 80.00
 \$ 60.00
 \$ 24.00
 \$ 9.00

\$ -
 \$ -
 \$ -
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\$ -
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 \$ 25.00
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 \$ -

\$ 100.00

\$ -
 \$ -
 \$ -

\$ -

\$ -

\$ -

Need Commission Unit goal

\$ -

Sales goal No. Scouts Scout goal

\$ -

Additional camp sales goal per Scout

UNIT DETAIL:

Date budget completed: July 1
 Unit No.: 555
 District: Somewhere
 Projected No. of Scouts: 25
 Leader: _____
 Assistant Leader: _____
 Committee chair: _____
 Treasurer: _____
 Popcorn chair: _____
 Date budget completed: _____
 Unit No.: _____
 District: _____
 Projected No. of Scouts: _____

OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

High adventure Philmont, Sea Base, jamboree, etc.
 approx \$1,200 ea.

* Many units include all or a portion of the resident camp fee in the annual budget. This helps ensure that all Scouts have the opportunity to attend.

It is recommended using this fillable template that calculates entries. Find it at the link above.



FUNDING YOUR PROGRAM

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

Popcorn Sales benefit your troop and help fund the council camp scholarships, Scouting for Food, and much more!

- There is no up-front 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 <http://stlbsa.org/popcorn-fundraiser>
- Sale begins in August and runs through December.

Sell through

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 50% profit on every card sold
- Cards are different by region, supporting local businesses
- Visit <http://stlbsa.org/camp-cards> to learn more



Coffee Sales benefit your troop 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 troop.
- Units pay for only the product they sell.
- Sales support local Scouting.
- A built-in prize program encourages Scouts to sell.
- Coffee sales teach Scouts the responsibility and value of earning their way.
- Coffee is easy to sell.
- Sign up at <http://stlbsa.org/coffee-fundraiser>.



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Beyond the Council supported fundraisers on the previous page, submit this application to the local service center for all other troop 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 FOS contribution to the council provides tremendous 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 Court of Honor. We would also like 5 minutes at a meeting 1-2 months BEFOREHAND to introduce the campaign and share your unit's unique donation 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 Troop, you can ensure the other families in your community receive that invitation, while also ensuring that your unit 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 Troop 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>



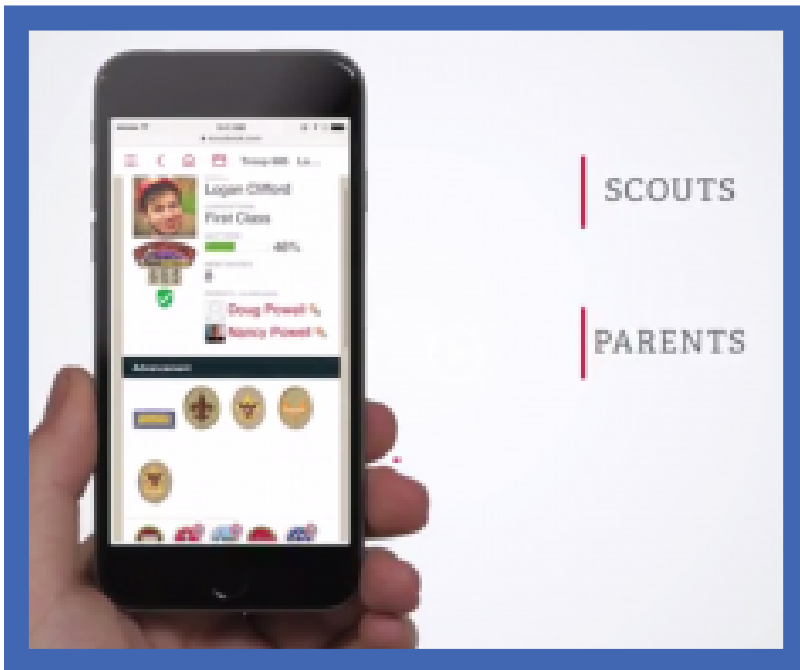
SCOUTBOOK



Scoutbook is your online resource to assist you with managing your unit. Included in this free application are calendars, tracking and reporting awards, and tools for communication with parents.

From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like none 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.

SCOUTBOOK IS FREE FOR EVERYONE REGISTERED IN SCOUTING. MAKE THE MOST OF THIS RESOURCE TO HAVE THE *BEST SCOUTING YEAR* FOR YOUR SCOUT AND FAMILY!



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.
- A list of acceptable registered positions can be found at: <https://stlbsa.org/resources/incident-reporting/>

ALL INJURIES, ILLNESSES, AND INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR DURING OFFICIAL SCOUTING ACTIVITIES MUST BE REPORTED WITHIN 24-48 HOURS TO THE COUNCIL'S SAFE SCOUTING SPECIALIST OR YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

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



SCOUTS BSA LEADER TRAININGS

Get trained and put on the best program ever.

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

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 Scouting program all it can be!

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



E-LEARNING AT MY.Scouting.org

Visit my.scouting.org and follow the instruction to sign in and create an account to access dozens of supplemental training courses designed to provide orientation beyond the basic training offered in leader-specific training.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Webster University in Webster Groves, MO

University of Scouting is a multi day event 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.

BACK COUNTRY LEADERSHIP SKILLS TRAINING

This course is designed for the adult Scouter and experienced youth Scouts who understand the role High Adventure plays in keeping older youth involved in Scouting. This course will give you the skills and confidence to realize your vision of High Adventure in your troop or crew. If you are a first-time Philmont Crew Advisor, this training will jump-start your ability to prepare your crew for a peak Philmont trek. Your Council High Adventure Training Team will help you deliver the promise of Adventure to your Scouts and Venturers. September 16-17, 2023 & April 6-7, 2024. Visit <https://stlbsa.org/training/> for more information.

WOOD BADGE

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

2025 SPRING COURSE: MAY 2-4 & MAY 17-28, BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION

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

Advance 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.

SCOUTS BSA YOUTH TRAININGS

Get trained this year!

Scouts BSA aims to teach our future leaders. Start with these trainings and encourage all youth to attend!



National Youth Leadership Training

NYLT is advance training for youth leaders in Scouts BSA troops and Venturing Crews. Through this week long outdoor training conducted during summer camp, male and females Scouts grow and improve their leadership skills while following the guidelines of the Scout Oath and Law.

NYLT offers a land-base and water-based course. The water-based course , called Pack and Paddle is conducted in the S bar F Scout Ranch back country and on Nims Lake. In additional to their leadership skills, participants also practice low-impact camping, hiking, canoeing, and learn the proper use of compass for navigation.

2024 Summer Offerings:

Three weeks at S-F Scout Ranch - June 9-15, July 7-13, or July 21-27

Weekend course:

August 9-11 & August 16-18, Camp Warren Levis

2025 Summer Offerings:

Three weeks at S-F Scout Ranch - June 15-21, June 22-28 or July 13-19

Weekend course:

August 18-20 & August 25-27, Camp Warren Levis



Den Chief Training

A Den Chief is a member of Scout BSA troop who assists a Cub Scout leader at den and pack meetings and other Scouting events. Den Chief training is for

Scouts who desire a leadership role and are interested in working with younger Scouts.

Check out our council website for training dates coming in Fall 2024 and virtual in Spring 2025!



Shooting Sports Adult Training

The Greater St. Louis Area Council holds a variety of training courses to certify adults to conduct shooting sport programs for district and unit events. This includes training for Range Safety Officer (RSO), Basic Instructor (BIT), NRA Instructor for rifle, shotgun, and pistol, and Chief Range Safety Officer. Learn more and register @ <https://stlbsa.org/training/shooting-sports/>.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & TRAININGS

Map & Compass

Training

Map & Compass training is for leaders 18 years and older. This training prepares leaders to take their troops through the map and compass program at Beaumont Scout Reservation. The program is a progressive learning experience incorporating games, fun, map reading and compass skills. The day will culminate by using the skills on an orienteering course. The course will be held October 14, 2023 and February 24, 2024. Register @ <https://stlbsa.org/training/map-compass/>.

Distinguished Conservation Award

The National Council and the GSLAC Conservation Committee have been working hard to bring awareness to Scouts and Scouters about opportunities that exist to become better stewards of natural resources on Council properties, as well as public lands and community preserves. Part of that effort is the revamped Distinguished Conservation Service Award. This award is very similar to the Eagle project process but varies in that it targets conservation issues which can be on a BSA property and you complete two projects versus one. More information can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/> and training is available on my.scouting.com. If you need assistance or are looking to see how you can help, please contact the Council Conservation Chair Chad Deschane at GSLACCONS@gmail.com.

First Class Orienteering Requirement Event

Bring your Scouts BSA to work on their First Class rank orienteering requirements. Members of our Map and Compass Committee will be on-hand to help scouts learn new skills and complete the requirement. This event will be held October 28, 2023 and May 18, 2024 @ Beaumont Scout Reservation. <https://stlbsa.org/calendar/>.



Wilderness First Aid Training

GSLAC's Wilderness First Aid 16-hour course is consistent with guidelines established for and by the Boy Scouts of America. This course is designed to meet the needs of those who go into areas beyond the reach of urban EMS. It is required for those units going to BSA National High Adventure Bases (Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier) and is recommended for back country camping, hiking, canoeing, or other high adventure activities. Learn more and register @ <https://stlbsa.org/training/first-aid/>.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

DO A GOOD TURN FOR THE 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

[SFF.STLBSA.ORG](https://sff.stlbsa.org)

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, 2024 & MAY 25, 2025

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.



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!

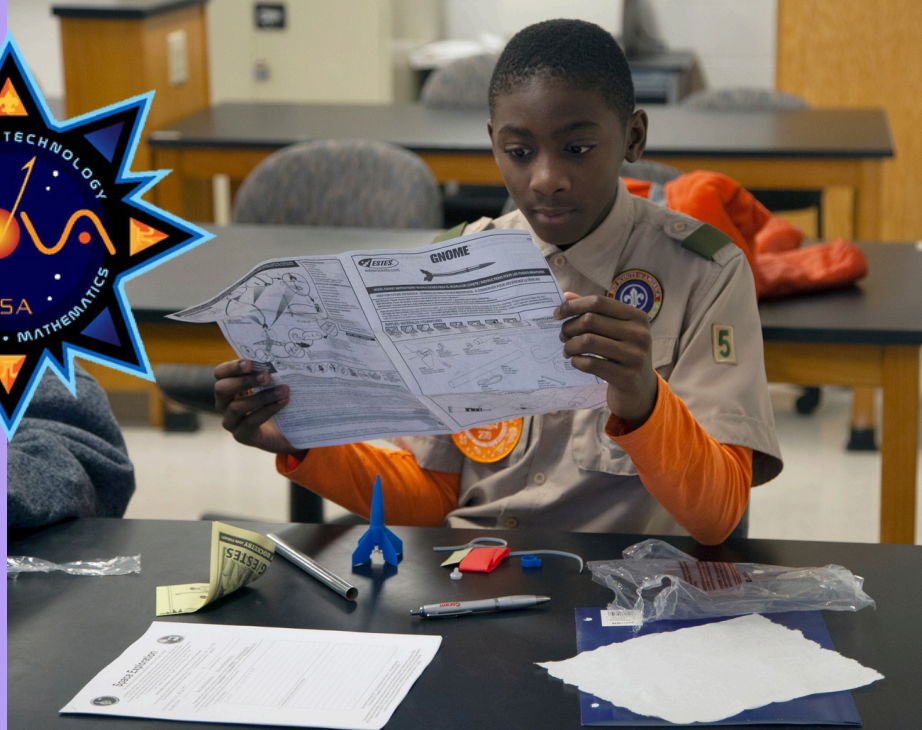
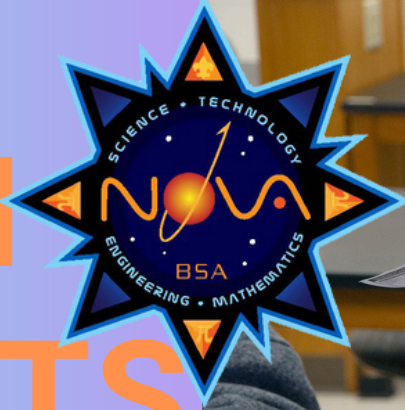


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STEM EVENTS

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Must attend events and activities



STEM U

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.

SCOUTS BSA NOVA DAY & BADGE WORKSHOPS

Various dates and locations

Scouts BSA can explore the cool environment of our host sponsors and at other locations when announced throughout the year. Learn from the expert instructors and earn a STEM NOVA Award. Workshop activities have included using drones, earning corresponding Merit Badges, talks with real scientists, and planetarium shows.

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

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STEM EVENTS

STEM ON CAMPUS

JUN 2-5, '24 / JUN 1-4, '25 | Southeast Missouri State University
JUN 2-5, '24 / JUN 1-4, '25 | Eastern Illinois University
JUN 5-8, '24 / JUN 4-7, '25 | University of Missouri-St. Louis

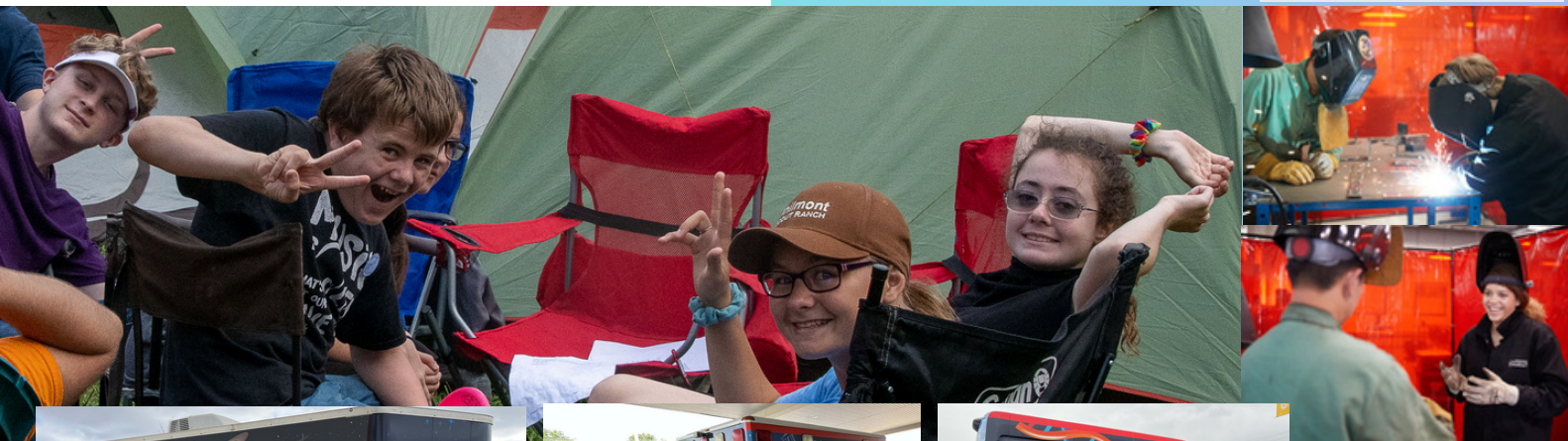
STEM on CAMPus events are unique "camp" experiences where Scouts get a taste for college life! Camp in the dorms, eat in the dining halls, and earn up to 6 Novas or Merit Badges per camp with STEM experts! Also check out the cool campus amenities like the Rec Centers and ropes courses.



STEM & SKILLED TRADES CAMP

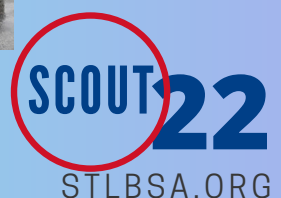
JUL 14-20, '24 & JUL 13-19, '25 | Camp May - Beaumont

STEM/Skilled Trades Camp is an extraordinary experience for Scouts BSA full of many STEM-based merit badges and activities. Scouts will attend one merit badge (nearly 60 to choose from!) or one NOVA class each day. Afternoons and evenings will include other fun STEM and career programs and exhibits to experience.



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

<https://stlbsa.org/stem>



VENTURING & SEA SCOUT EVENTS

FALL FUN RALLY

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024 **Beaumont Scout Reservation**

The Fall Fun Rally is a non-stop weekend of activities, programs, trainings, gatherings, and displays will be held. Spanning shooting sports to STEM, climbing to Sea Scouts, trainings to evening parties, the weekend has something for everyone.

VENTURING/SEA SCOUTING - STL AFTER DARK

JANUARY 18-19, 2025 **Something fun to do in the winter...**

This event has varied over the years as one to stay up all night with your friends, be a lock-in format, or one that involves over night tours and adventures around St. Louis.

TASTE OF VENTURING

MARCH 28-30, 2025 **Camp Warren Levis**

Venturers and those interested in learning more about Venturing are invited to this exciting event. Experience high adventure, camp out under the stars, and enjoy loads of games, shooting sports, STEM, and aquatic activities.

CELEBRATION DINNER

MAY 18, 2025

Join with all of Venturing and Sea Scouting in the Greater Saint Louis Area Council to look back over the past year. All in Venturing and Sea Scouting, as well as friends and family, are invited to attend. The Ranger, Quest, TRUST, Summit, Sea Scout Quartermaster, Venturing Leadership, Sea Scout Leadership awards will be presented, and the Venturing Pathfinder and Discovery will be recognized.

SWIFT'S BIG KICKOFF

MAY 30 - JUNE 1, 2025 **Swift High Adventure Base**

Help to improve the Swift Base and set up some of the programs for the summer. Then after completing some amazing projects, try out some of the fun amenities!

SEA SCOUT BALL

AUGUST 2, 2025 **Location TBA**

This event is put on by the Sea Scout Squadron and includes food, a dance, and often an evening on the water sailing.



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SCOUTS BSA YOUTH THAT ARE 14 & OLDER CAN ATTEND THESE EVENTS

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/>



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)
 - Troop Leader resources: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/>
- Religious awards information: <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/religious-emblems-program/>
- Scout supplies: <https://www.scoutshop.org/>
- Leader succession planning: <https://stlbsa.org/resources/resources-toolbox/>
- Council apparel and camp goods: <https://gatewaytraders.org/>
- Scoutbook: <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/>
- Training and unit resource: <https://my.scouting.org/>

CAMPGROUNDS

COME EXPLORE WITH US

S-F Scout Ranch

120 US-67
Farmington, MO 63640

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!

Camp Warren Levis

5500 Boy Scout Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Camp Warren Levis, located just north of Alton IL, is 250 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.

Camp Lewallen

1588 Wayne Route K
Silva, MO 63964

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 and a large fireplace.

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

Visit www.stlbsa.org

for more information about the properties and to make reservations.



CAMPGROUNDS

COME EXPLORE WITH US!

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

In Southwestern St. Louis County sits 2,400 acres of wooded, rolling hills and adventure called the 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 complex
- 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.

Rhodes France Scout Reservation
815 North 500 East Road, Pana, IL 62557

Rhodes France is located about 40 minutes south of Decatur, Illinois.

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.

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

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, dining facility, pavilion, and many beautiful campsites are available to enjoy.

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				
Pool (summer only)	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		

~OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AWAIT~

Greater St. Louis Area Council Challenge Course and Climbing - Program and Training Overview

The Greater St. Louis Area Council offers multiple Challenge Course and Rock Climbing opportunities for our Scouts. These include two different High and Low Ropes courses, climbing towers at Beaumont, Lewallen and Camp Warren Levis, and natural rock face climbing and rappelling.

Training and Reserving Sites and/or Gear

TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING: Register and pay online using the links on our training page: <https://stlbsa.org/training/challenge-course-climbing/>

TO REGISTER TO USE THE CHALLENGE COURSE OR CLIMBING GEAR: Register as explained during training for one or two spots on any Saturday or Sunday; the Challenge Course site, Climbing Towers and Climbing gear are reserved using the same system as you use to reserve a campsite.

IMPORTANT: ONLY CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS MAY "CHECK OUT" CHALLENGE COURSE AND CLIMBING GEAR. The unit is required to provide one or two trained and qualified instructors.

Instructor Training Details

The initial training for the CHALLENGE COURSES, CLIMBING TOWERS and ROCK CLIMBING AND RAPELLING are conducted twice each year. Each initial training includes a Wednesday evening meeting at Beaumont, and a weekend training from early Saturday morning until Sunday evening. To use the Beaumont Challenge Course, instructors should take the one-day orientation which usually follows the main S Bar F training.

Training Events

After you have completed the training, you demonstrate your skills during a unit outing to become certified. Once certified, you can re-certify every two years.

Training	Spring Training Dates/Location	Fall Training Dates/Location
Challenge Course	May 8 (evening) + May 18-19 Weekend at S Bar F	Sept 4 (evening) + Sept 14-15 Weekend at Beaumont
<i>Wednesday Evening Sessions are at Beaumont Theatre at Emerson Center (Lower Level)</i>		
One-Day Challenge Orientation	June 23 Beaumont	October 27 (Tentative) S Bar F
Rock Climbing & Rappelling	May 29 (evening) + June 8-9 Weekend at S Bar F	Aug 14 (evening) + Aug 24-25 Weekend at S Bar F
<i>Wednesday Evening Sessions are at Beaumont Theatre at Emerson Center (Lower Level)</i>		
Climbing Towers	March 23 Warren Levis May 4 Beaumont	October 5 Beaumont
<i>Tower Training is also offered at Camp Lewallen summer camp every week</i>		
Recertification	March 3	October 6 (Tentative)

All training activities are supervised by experienced Course Directors and Training Staff



Benefits of Challenge Course and Rock Climbing/ Rappelling for your Unit

Challenge Courses provide an opportunity for each participant to achieve success as an individual and as a member of a patrol or team. The objectives include building confidence, developing leadership skills, and attaining a sense of common cooperation among team members.

Rock Climbing & Rappelling have become very popular because they provide excitement and a challenge as the participants attempt to master the rock face. Tower climbing provides a similar thrill but can be accomplished any time, since the towers are lit for night climbing.

Age Requirements

Scouts BSA units and Venture Crews are eligible to participate in the Challenge Courses and tower or natural rock face climbing and rappelling.

Cub Scouts are eligible for Tower climbing only (no rappelling).

Adults must be 18 years or older to take Challenge Course, Rock Climbing or Tower training.

Questions? Contact Challenge and Climbing Training Director Bob Backer 314-852-0682 or gslac.cc.training@gmail.com





HORSE PROGRAMS

Several opportunities exist with the Greater St. Louis Area Council's herd of horses. Come out and enjoy a trail ride, or horse camp!

TRAIL RIDES

Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Explorers can hit the trail, beginning and ending at Nagel Base. Approximately 10 horses are available for each 1 ½ hour ride and each horse can handle all levels of riding experience — beginner through advanced. Rides are available Saturday and/or Sunday, August 20 - December 6 and March 1 - May 8. \$40 per person.

HORSE CAMP – July 28-August 3, 2024 & July 27-August 2, 2025

Spend a week at an intermediate riding camp cantering around Beaumont and learning more about horses. There are many trails to be ridden, competitions and games to be played on horseback in the riding ring, and other activities to further your horsemanship along with a chance to show off your advanced skills in a Cavalcade at the end of the week. Other activities while at Horse Camp are swimming, skeet shooting, climbing tower, ropes course, campfires, and much more. You must be at least 14 years old and pass a riding test prior to camp to make sure everyone is at an advanced level. The riding test must be taken by July 18th before signing up. Please arrange your test with Wrangler Jordan Mutert @ Jordan.mutert@scouting.org.

Learn more @ <https://stlbsa.org/camps/scouts-bsa-venturing-summer-camp/>.

HORSEMANSHIP MERIT BADGE SKILL CENTER – March 2025

The Horsemanship Merit Badge Skill Center provides Scouts with knowledge of how to care, groom and ride a horse. The skill center begins with an orientation session and then is held over three Saturdays: March 15, 22, and 29. In addition to learning how to safely ride and care for horses, Scouts who earn this merit badge will gain an understanding of horse's instincts and behaviors, as well as humane and effective methods for training horses. Scouts must be age 14 or older. Registration will be available at <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/merit-badges/>.

THINGS TO KNOW

Reservations for horses must be made at least two weeks in advance at a Greater St. Louis Area Council office or online by visiting <https://campreservation.com/312/Home>.

A minimum of five and a maximum of 10 horses can be reserved for trail rides. A maximum of 20 people are allowed on a hayride wagon. Learn more @ <https://stlbsa.org/scouts-bsa-calendar/>.



SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP

5 CAMPS TO CHOOSE FROM!

CAMP LEWALLEN

All Terrain Vehicle Program, 3-Part Climbing Complex, St. Francois River floating, Mt. Logan overnight treks, Cooking competitions. Wayfinder First-Year Camper Program

CAMP GAMBLE @ S-F Scout Ranch

270-acre Nim's Lake, Water sports, Fishing & Fly Fishing, Patrol method cooking, STEM merit badges, Horsemanship, Huck's Cove Water Park, Wayfinder first-year camper program, APEX Older Scout Program

RHODES FRANCE SCOUT RESERVATION

Pistol Safety & Marksmanship
Wayfinder first-year camper program
Baden Powell Patrol Award
Duty to God
Trailblazers Merit Badge Program
APEX Older Scout Program

CAMP FAMOUS EAGLE @ S-F Scout Ranch

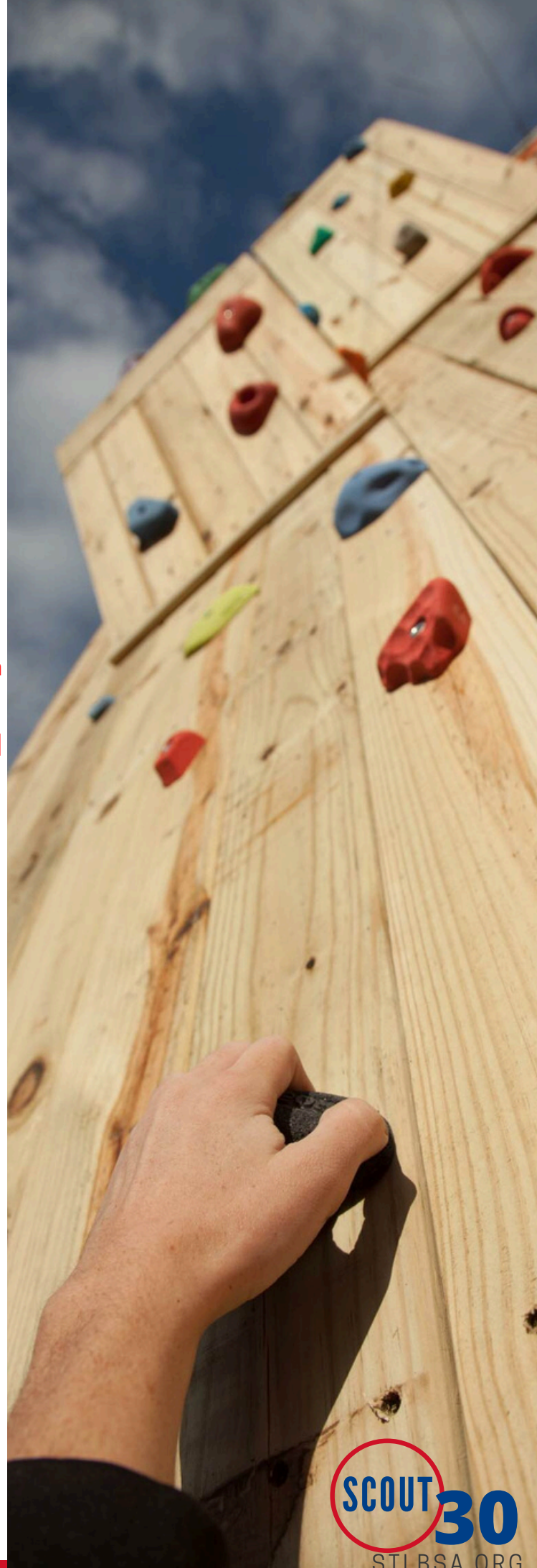
270-acre Nim's Lake, Water sports, 16,000 sq. ft air-conditioned dining hall, STEM merit badges, Huck's Cove Water Park, Wayfinder first-year camper program
Provisional Camping, APEX Older Scout Program

SWIFT HIGH ADVENTURE BASE @ S-F Scout Ranch

(VENTURERS & OLDER SCOUTS)

Challenge courses & climbing, Horseback riding
Sailing, Dancing, Off-camp excursions
Mountain boarding, Tubing & skiing

LEARN MORE & REGISTER @
<https://stlbsa.org/camps/>



SPECIALTY CAMPS

What is a Specialty Camp?

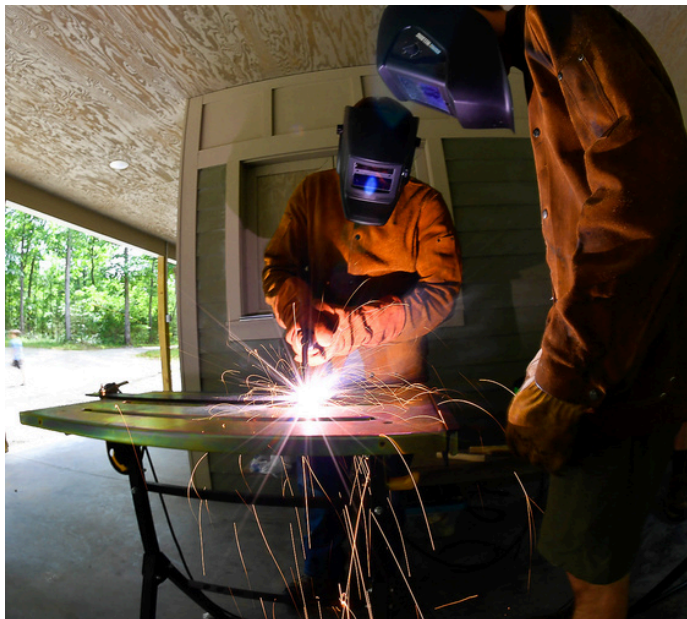
Specialty camps offer programs focused on a particular interest. All specialty camps can be attended individually, with the adult staff providing leadership and guidance. Check them out in 2024 and in 2025!

S-F Ranger Program



Explore the back country of S-F
Blacksmith
Black powder rifle shooting
Cook trail meals
Explore old homesteads

Qualifies for 2nd Week Discount



Horse Camp



Horsemanship
Trail rides
Swimming
Shooting Sports
Climbing
Challenge Courses

Full 2025 camp details will be released this Fall

STEM & Skilled Trades Camp

Enjoy a week of camp with an emphasis on learning about STEM, careers and trades!

60 STEM and Career merit badges to choose from!

Visits by engineers, chemists, mathematicians, tradesmen and more!

All 10 NOVA Awards

Evening STEM programs and exhibits

Leadership is provided for all who attend!

Qualifies for 2nd Week Discount



CAN'T ATTEND CAMP WITH YOUR TROOP? JOIN OUR PROVISIONAL TROOP!

Scouts who can't attend summer camp with their troop can sign up for our provisional troop at Famous Eagle or older scouts can join a provisional crew at Swift Base! Leadership will be provided and Scouts can sign up individually. Scouts will have access to all of the programs offered at these camps.

CAMPERSHIPS

Every youth deserves the opportunity to attend summer camp, regardless of financial situation. The Greater St. Louis Area Council offers several ways for Scouts to earn their way to camp, including popcorn sales, camp cards, and coffee sales. For those Scouts who need additional assistance, camperships can be awarded to Scouts in need. A campership application is available at stlbsa.org

DISCOUNTS

Second week discount: Attend a week of Scouts BSA or Venturing summer camp and get \$100 off a second week of camp (excludes National Youth Leadership Training, and Horse camp). Or, get \$50 off a GSLAC camp if you spend a week at another council's camp or high-adventure base.

Family discount: A \$100 discount is available for siblings who also attend a GSLAC Scouts BSA camp.

CAMP STAFF THE ULTIMATE CAMP EXPERIENCE

Each year, the Greater St. Louis Area Council hires dedicated and passionate individuals to serve on summer camp staff. Staff members help provide a fun, positive experience for campers— while earning a salary! They also have the opportunity to earn a college scholarship worth up to \$1,250.

Check the Camp Staff page at stlbsa.org later this Fall for the 2025 Camp Staff application and interview information.

TAKE CAMP STAFF FOR A TEST DRIVE AS A CIT!

The Counselor In Training (CIT) Program allows Scouts who are 14 or 15 years old to participate for up to three weeks as a volunteer camp staff member. Participants work in several program areas, giving them the experience to decide if working as a full-time camp staff member in the future is something they would enjoy. The program is conducted at Camp Warren Levis, Rhodes-France, and Camp May. Lodging and meals will be provided. CIT applicants will take part in the camp staff interviews in late 2024.



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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