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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August/September 2024

Aug 9 - Aug 11	NYLT Weekend Session (2 nd weekend Aug 16 - Aug 18) - Warren Levis
Aug 10, 2024	Coffee Fundraiser Kick-Off
Aug 11, 2024	Shawnee Lodge OA Fellowship Festival - Beaumont
Aug 24, 2024	Beaumont 75 th Anniversary Celebration
Aug 24, 2024	NESA Advancement Day - Warren-Levis
Sep 6 - Sep 9	Shawne Lodge - OA Fall Reunion
Sep 20 - Sep 22	Venturing Fall Fun Rally - Beaumont Scout Reservation
Sep 27-Sep 29	Wood Badge Fall Course - Famous Eagle (2 nd weekend Oct 19 - 20)

**Looking Ahead
Beyond September 2024**

Oct 4 - Oct 6	IOLS Training - Beaumont
Oct 5, 2024	100 Year Celebration – Warren-Levis
Oct 22, 2024	Cub Launch @ Beaumont

Duty to God Moment

Below is a message from Max Thorne, former District Commissioner, published in the *Nugget* February, 2021. At that time, COVID guidelines were being observed. When I ran across this article, I thought Max's advice was still applicable today.

A Scout is cheerful.

“A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances.”

This quote from Robert Baden-Powell sums it all up.

Being one who is positive, even when times are less than desirable, can help make **your** life more enjoyable, and also the lives of those around you. Sharing a smile, laughing, joking around are all good ways to keep spirits high while having a fun time with your group.

During these times of social distancing, zoom meetings, or conference calls, wouldn't it be nice if you shared a smile? Shared a time of laughter? Can you hear the happiness in your voice? Your demeanor is your choice. You can decide how you will be -- happy, or a sad sack. Your attitude will rub off on the others in whatever gathering you find yourself.

Would you rather smile and be happy?

Or would you prefer to be down and grumpy?

The choice is yours.

The Camping Corner



The Camping Corner

I hope each and every one of your scouts and you had a great time at summer camp. Don't forget to complete any advancement and merit badges earned with council.

We will have the Fall Camporee and the Spring 2025 Council Wide camporee information in the next Nugget.

The 75th Anniversary of Beaumont open house. Saturday August 24th. plan to come. More information to follow.

Charlie and Amelia are looking for staff for the Fall Camporee. Call Charlie to volunteer: (314) 737-2308.

NorthStar 2024 Fall Camporee will be October 25 – 27 at Beaumont Shippey.

Fred Schaljo
Camping Chairman

Activities

Big Thank You

District Dinner Committee

Delores & Rebecca Garrett

Sue Polis

Fred & Georgia Schaljo

Dave and Jen Kedge

Kevin McClain

John Otte

Amanda Kissner

The OA Officers

Without all these wonderful Scouters we would not have such a great District Dinner. You have all given countless hours to help us make this event such a great success and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Please congratulate the following Scouters on receiving our special district rewards.

POLARIS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kevin McClain

Steven Scott

Rachel Tran

SPARK PLUG AWARD RECIPIENTS

Sara Blamey

Khary Floyd

Sara Blamey

SPOUSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dave Mareschal

David Schmitt

Day Camp Message From The Director

This year's Day Camp ran from July 22-26 at the Florissant Knights of Columbus. Our theme this year was Jurassic Jungle, and scouts completed the Nova Wild! We had 57 youth registered for camp this year, including 10 non-scout youth that all have shown interest in joining a Pack this fall!

We had several special guests throughout the week, including Patty, a herpetologist from the St. Louis Zoo; Greg from Ryze Adventure Park, Corrinne from the Army Corps of Engineers, Master Walters from World Martial Arts in Hazelwood, and the GSLAC STEM Trailer.

Much thanks go out to the adult staff that stepped up to help make this camp a success:

Greg Tyc
Erik Taylor
Shelley Robinson
Sara Blamey
Ann Vietmeier

Thanks also goes out to all the youth that helped in running the camp:

Aidan H. (739)

Logan B. (739)
Gabe B. (739)
Elijah T. (739)
Blake M. (739)
Clara S. (739)
Patrick H. (739)
Grayson O. (739)
Logan S. (739)
Sean K. (739)
Drake T. (739)
Alex P. (739)
Andrew V. (739)
Brody V. (739)
Luke N. (749)
Ethan C. (749)
Meredith W.
Isabel H.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG -SEPT 2024

Fellowship Festival

August 11 from 12-4pm @ Beaumont

Come out and enjoy some fun activities and Fellowship. Activities include Shotgun, Rifle & Archery, Climbing Tower, Field Games, Axe Throwing and Rootbeer.

Fall Reunion

Sept 6-8 at S-F Scout Ranch Camporee Field

Come join us at Fall Reunion as we induct new candidates into the Order of the Arrow.

You can be involved in cheerful service by helping the chapter throughout the weekend

By being an elangomat, cleaning up ceremonial sites, serving dinner and many other projects.

We hope to see you all there.

Registration is open at shawneelodge.org/fall-reunion/

Early Bird ends Aug. 18th at 11:59pm

Membership Dues

Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Dues not only help the Lodge but also your Chapter hold fun activities throughout the year. Dues affect the number of Vigil members are Chapter is able to elect. Dues also help keep our Ceremonial teams running. Membership is \$12 a year, what a bargain to belong to the best service organization in Scouting. Please pay your dues at shawneelodge.org

If you need any more information feel free to reach me at Jennifer.kedge@shawneelodge.org

North Star Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) 2024 Campaign



SCOUTS STAND OUT.

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

The 2024 campaign is progressing very well. We have a couple units who still plan to hold a presentation this year. Please provide the dates (and time and location) of their Blue and Gold banquets or Courts of Honor, etc. When you are ready to provide your dates, please send the information to:

Jim Schneider (jschneider8@gmail.com) 314-921-6686 or 314-669-5939

Jerome Flynn (jmf41862@yahoo.com)

Kaua'i Johnson (Kauai.johnson@scouting.org).

2024 results: North Star FFOS pledges have reached \$21,304, which is **101.4%** of its 2024 family friends of scouting goal!!!! **Well done North Star!**

Congratulations to the following units for reaching their 2024 FFOS goals:

Crew 2749, Pack 3739, **Troop 608 (new!), Troop 739 (new!),** Troop 748,
Troop 749B, Troop 749G, **Troop 942 (new!)**



Thank you North Star.

Jerome Flynn, North Star FFOS chair

Jim Schneider, co-chair

North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

Our North Star VOA officers are:

President - Precious Bolade (Crew 2749) VP Administration - Gabe Blamey (Crew 2921)
VP Program - Amelia Bazzell (Crew 2749) VP Communication - Kip MacDonald (Crew 2749)

The Venturing year is underway. Greater St. Louis Area Council committees and North Stars Officers are planning the following activities and events:

Fall Fun Rally, 20-22 September 2024

- Theme: Exploring the Final Frontier
- Over 100 fun activities planned
- Venture training planned on Sunday
- Election of Council and District VSOA Officers on Friday and Saturday night
- www.fallfunrally.org

VSOA Training Weekend, 11-12 October 2024 – Nagel @ Beaumont

- New District and Council Officers will be trained for their position
- Begin planning Venturing activities for 2024-2025 Venturing year

Recognitions:

A very special congratulations to Crystal Smith and John Kavanaugh for being awarded the Venturing Leadership Award and Outstanding Service Award at the Venturing Celebration Dinner May.

Crystal Smith – Venturing Leadership Award

- The Venturing Leadership Award is an award presented at the Council, Area, Region, and National Levels. It is awarded to youth and advisors who show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing who have not previously received the award.

John Kavanaugh – Outstanding Service Award

- Limited to 1 youth and 1 adult in the Council, Area, Region, and National Levels each year.
- Venturing Youth in the VSOA unanimously chose 1 adult that has provided outstanding service to Venturing and has not previously received the award.
- Venturing Advisors in the VSOA unanimously chose 1 youth that has provided outstanding service to Venturing and has not previously received the award.

Alan Kreppert
North Star VSOA Advisor
alan.kreppert@sbcglobal.net

Wood Badge Fall Course

When: – Weekend 1: Friday, September 27, 7:00AM – September 29, 5:30PM
– Weekend 2: Saturday, October 19, 7:00AM – October 20, 5:30PM

Where: Camp Famous Eagle, SbarF Ranch

Scoutmaster: Chuck Voss, (573) 382-1274

Email: sm.fall2024@gmail.com

Cost: \$295 (check our website for discounts and scholarship opportunities)

For more information, please visit: <https://stlbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

WHY ATTEND WOOD BADGE?

In taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning, and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leader. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth that Scouting serves.

In attending Wood Badge, the participants will internalize the 5 themes of Wood Badge:

Living the Values

Growing

Connecting

Guiding

Empowering

education programs

August 2024 through April 2025

Scout and Youth Group Programs

The Education Department offers many opportunities for scouts and other organized youth groups to enjoy the Zoo and learn about the animal world. Programs may include biofacts, activities, games, tours or crafts. We offer a variety of programs that help scouts work toward their badge requirements! Your group will have fun together while learning about animals, their habitats and conserving natural resources. Visit the website for the scout registration packet. For more information, contact the Overnight Staff at overnights@stlzoo.org.

Nocturnal Safari Snooze

What goes on when the sun goes down? Or better yet, who comes out? Come to the Zoo and explore the awesome world of nocturnal animals. We will learn about their unique adaptations and even test them against our own abilities. This program will also let us see some of our Zoo's nocturnal animals after the sun goes down and find out what they do all night long. So, join us and find out about the unique animals that are up at night!

Overnight evening activities will include rotations through exciting activities, an evening snack and a night hike around Zoo grounds. The morning portion of the overnight adventure includes a continental breakfast, a morning stroll around Zoo grounds to see the animals wake up, a souvenir Zoo patch and glow-in-the-dark overnight cup!

Limited to 60 participants per session.
Fee: \$50/participant.

For Girl Scout Brownies and their adult chaperones

Nov. 2-3; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)
Jan. 25-26; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)
Feb. 14-15; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)
March 1-2; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)
April 4-5; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)
April 18-19; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)

For Girl Scout Juniors and their adult chaperones

Nov. 8-9; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)
Feb. 22-23; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)
March 14-15; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)
April 12-13; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)
April 25-26; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)

For Cadettes and their adult chaperones

Nov. 23-24; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)
Feb. 1-2; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)
April 11-12; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)

For Cub Scouts and their adult chaperones

Nov. 16-17; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)
March 7-8; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)
April 26-27; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)

For Mixed Troops and their adult chaperones

Feb. 7-8; 6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)
March 29-30; 6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)

PRIVATE GROUP OVERNIGHT PROGRAMS

NOTE: For organized scout, youth and school groups with participants ages 5 and up, you can schedule your own private group overnight on select evenings. Using the themes we are currently offering, we will tailor the program to meet your needs. Fees are listed PER PERSON. Complete the booking request form. For more information, contact the Overnight Staff at overnights@stlzoo.org.

Polar Bear Plunge

Limited to 20 participants, 12 participant minimum. Fee: \$75/participant.

Nocturnal Safari

Limited to 60 participants, 30 participant minimum. Fee: \$50/participant.

Family Programs

Parents and children attend these programs together. Fees are PER PERSON.

Polar Bear Plunge

Join us for this amazing opportunity to sleep inside Polar Bear Point! We will explore the Zoo at night while learning about Arctic and Antarctic animals and their unique adaptations that allow them to live in the cold. We will end the night by laying out sleeping bags inside the underwater viewing building. You will awake with a view of the polar bear pool and hopefully with a view of Kali! The overnight includes an evening snack, a reusable cup and a continental breakfast in the morning.

For families with children ages 5 and up. Limited to 20 participants. Fees are PER PERSON. Fee: Zoo Members \$70/General Public \$75.

N1206PB: Dec. 6-7;
6:30 p.m. (F) – 8:30 a.m. (Sa)

N0308PB: March 8-9;
6:30 p.m. (Sa) – 8:30 a.m. (Su)

Career Day Programs

Youth attend these programs on their own or with an accompanied registered parent or other adult. Each child and adult must pay the registration fee. All participants must be registered. Registration open now at stlzoo.org/tours.

NOTE: We do not recommend these programs for participants with shellfish allergies. Please mention any latex allergies at the time of registration.

A Day with the Rays

Join the Saint Louis Zoo's team of keepers by participating in A Day with the Rays! As an aquatics keeper for the day, you will jump right in to help prepare diets and maintain the habitat to keep it looking nice and the animals healthy. As the new expert, you will help guests learn about our exhibit, how to touch and feed the stingrays, and touch the sharks. Please wear a T-shirt, khaki or jean shorts, and old closed-toe shoes. Bring a bottle of water and a camera. A Saint Louis Zoo name tag, T-shirt and snack will be provided. Get wet, smell like fish and have a ton of fun with A Day with the Rays!

For youth entering 2nd – 8th grades. A parent or adult can register to accompany the participant. Limited to four participants per session. Fees are PER PERSON. Fee: \$140. Registration open now at stlzoo.org/tours. See the current availability at stlzoo.org/tours.