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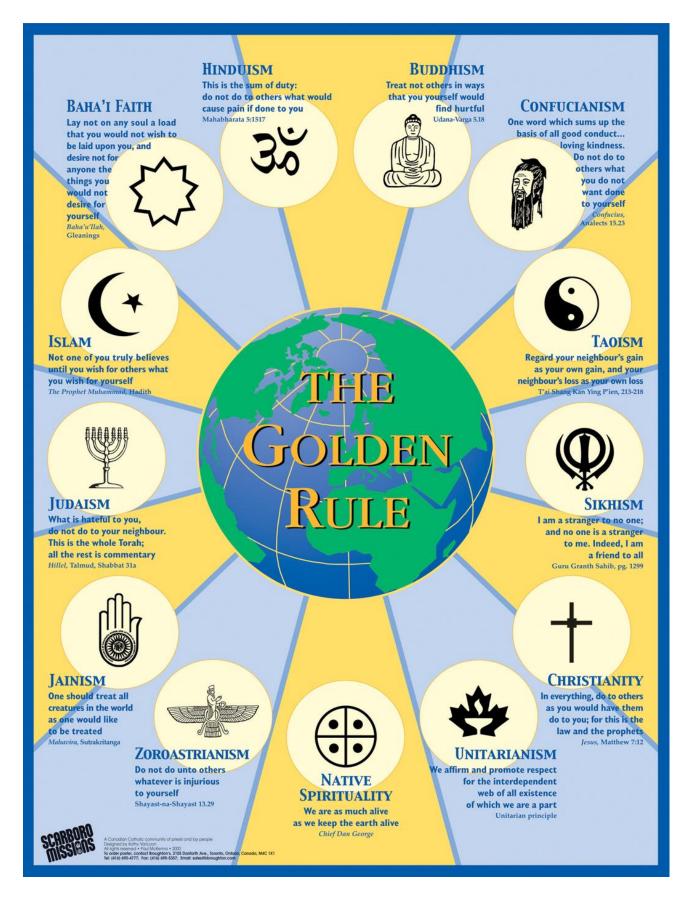
May/June 2024

May 5, 2024	OA Service - Knights of Columbus Clean-up & Chapter Meeting following
May 5, 2024	Valley of Flowers - North Star Parade Float
May 10, 2024	North Star District Dinner – Duchesne Home Grounds
May 11, 2024	OA One Day of Service
May 19, 2024	Venturing - Annual Recognition Dinner
May 31-Jun 2	Venturing - Swifts Big Kick-Off

Looking Ahead Beyond June 2024

Sep 20-22	Venturing Fall Fun Rally

As part of our Duty to God, on May 2, 2024 our Scouts have been asked to join with other Scouts around the world in reading their sacred texts. So it is appropriate to remember that nearly all religions share a version of the "Golden Rule".



District Chairman News

The North Star District is still asking for donations for the Friends of Scouting campaign as well as corporate donations for the Community Dinner on June 12 at Glen Echo. Alert your units about friends and family donations to help us meet our FOS goals. If anyone has corporate contacts that can make a donation and/or come to our Community Dinner please let us know so we can contact them.

Valley of Flowers Parade - May 5th

> Our float is #28, Scout North Star District.

Walkers: arrive before 1:15pm when the parade route closes to traffic. Check in at the registration table so the parade officials know you have arrived. They will provide you with your final instructions. Walking units will line up on New Florissant Rd. and Parker Rd.. The parade leaves from the Eagan Center at 1:45. You will follow the parade route listed on the parade rules (about 2.5 miles).

Participants arriving by car - drop off walkers at Atonement Lutheran Church before 1:15. Cars need to immediately exit the area. For safety reasons, no vehicles not a part of the parade are allowed on the parking lot. All units must finish the parade. Pick up walkers at the end of the parade at the parking areas on rue St Charles. Please do not park in the adjacent merchant lots.

Make sure you bring water (snacks as necessary) to use during the parade. If you feel a Scout is unable to walk the entire parade please have a parent meet you on the route to get them. Rest while waiting at the church, don't let them run around too much and get tired too quickly. Thank you for your participation with the North Star District in the Valley of Flowers Parade. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase what Scouting has to offer the youth and adults of North County.

- Kevin McClain, DC

District Chairman North Star District

The Camping Corner



It is hard to believe that summer camp is just around the corner. Is your unit registered? for Scout Camp, Webelos Camp at Beaumont, or North Star Day Camp?

Are your eligible scouts signed up for NYLT?

Don't forget scholarships are available. For summer camp, NYLT, and Wood Badge.

Do all your adults going to any type of summer camp have their Youth Protection Training current?

It has been suggested by the council camping committee that all leader and parent review the following training on SCOUTING.ORG.

Hazardous Weather and Safe Defense Swim.

Camping Calendars:

Fall 2024 Camporee Date and Place TBD

Fred Schaljo Camping Chairman

Activities

District Dinner – Please see attached flyer. We are still looking for staff to help with the dinner. Please contact Rebecca Garrett and Fred Schaljo. Please register for the dinner at https://scoutingevent.com/312-83130.





North Star Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) 2024 Campaign



Family Friends of Scouting preparations for 2024 campaign.

The 2024 campaign runs during the 2024 calendar year. The remaining presentations should be scheduled between now and the middle of May. We are requesting packs, troops and crews to provide the dates (and time and location) of their Blue and Gold banquets or Courts of Honor, etc. We are ready to take this information at roundtables or via phone or e-mail. When you are ready to provide your dates, please send the information to Jim Schneider (jschneider@gmail.com/home 314-921-6686 / google voice 314-669-5939), Jerome Flynn (jmf41862@yahoo.com) or Kaua'i Johnson (Kauai.johnson@scouting.org).

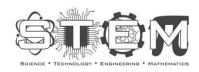
2024 results: The Council set a goal of 70% by May 16. North Star FFOS pledges reached \$13,536 by April 25th, which is <u>64.5%</u> of its 2024 family friends of scouting goal.

Congratulations to the following units for reaching their 2024 FFOS goals: Crew 2749, Pack 3739, Troop 748, Troop 749B,

Troop 749G

Thank you North Star.

Jerome Flynn, North Star FFOS chair Jim Schneider, co-chair





Upcoming Events: https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/

Eclipse Fest – What to do with those glasses?

- Keep them as souvenirs
- Donate them https://eclipse23.com/pages/donate-eclipse-glasses

18 May - Drone Experience @ Beaumont - Sponsored by Seiler Instruments

- Scout BSA only NO CUBS SCOUTS
- \$12 per scout
- Limited to 20 scouts total There is still spots available

There are STEM related camps available this summer:

- STEM On-Campus (Early June), Camp Nova and STEM Camp (Late July)
- All camps will have some type of STEM related activity

District STEM Challenge

Supernova Awards

Scouts in District Earned:

Nova Awards
 Note:

• STEM based Merit Badges Items in bold have already been

STEM Star Patches met for 2024.

Scouts in District Attended:

STEM Council Events
 We need 10 by end of October to

STEM Vendor Workshops reach gold status

District hosted STEM Events

District had STEM trailer visits

District recruited Unit STEM Coordinators

District held STEM Training sessions

District STEM Chair Volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a STEM event

District STEM Chair Volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a STEM camp

Social Media:

Facebook -> https://www.facebook.com/GSLACSTEM

Instagram -> https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/stemandscouting/

YouTube -> https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLomHx8InOFuXLb8zBDxHDQ

If you need any assistance implementing STEM into your program, please let me know.

Alan Kreppert – North Star District STEM Chair 314-616-4592 / alan.kreppert@sbcglobal.net

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:

North Star VSOA Bonfire and Ice Cream Social, 3 May 2024

- Sioux Passage Park
- Recruiting event for all those in 8th grade or 13 years old
- Invite your friends and see what Venturing is all about (This includes adults leaders as well)
- Starts at 7 PM in camp sites 2 & 3

Florissant Valley of Flowers Parade, 5 May 2024

- Marching in the parade rest of North Star scouts and float
- North Star Crews are planning mini floats to represent Scouting's High Adventure bases
- If you are interested in helping decorate or have other ideas, contact the North Start Advisor
- Please arrive at Atonement Lutheran Church on North New Florissant Rd. by 12:30

Celebration Dinner, 19 May 2024 - Annual recognition dinner

- Held at Manchester United Methodist Church at Manchester and Rt. 141
- Program starts at 3 PM
- After the formal dinner there will be games and other outdoor activities
- BBQ cooked by Crew 2921
- scoutingevent.com/312-cele24

Swift's Big Kickoff, 31 May - 2 June 2024

- Free weekend of camping at Swift Base
- Help improve Venturing's Favorite camp
- Some activities open on Sunday to have a fun adVenture
- If that's not enough, help North Star's Advisor celebrate his birthday on Friday night
- scoutingevent.com/312-swiftko24

Fall Fun Rally, 20-22 September 2024

- Theme: Exploring the Final Frontier
- Over 100 fun activities planned
- Venture training planned on Sunday
- www.fallfunrally.org

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