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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March/April 2025

Apr 25-27, '25	Council Wide Spring Event
Apr 27, 2025	Eagle Board of Review
May 9-10, '25	Cub Scout Camp-In @ The Magic House
May 16, 2025	Venturing – Bonfire
May 18, 2025	Eagle Board of Review
May 30, 2025	Venturing – Swifts Big Kickoff

Looking Ahead Beyond May 2025

Jun 1-4, 2025	STEM on CAMPus - SEMO
Jun 4-7, 2025	STEM on CAMPus - UMSL
Jun 8-10, 2025	STEM on CAMPus - EIU
Jun 15-21, '25	Swift Venture Week
Jun 29-Jul 6	Swift Sea Scout Week

Duty to God Moment

Back in 2021, you may recall that William Shatner, who we remember as Captain Kirk of the Starship Enterprise on the TV series "Star Trek", got to take a real ride into space. Jeff Bezos, head of Amazon, invited Shatner to join the team on his Blue Origin space shuttle. Below are some of Shatner's comments about the 10-minute flight into space.



"Last year, I had a life-changing experience at 90 years old. I went to space, after decades of playing an iconic science-fiction character who was exploring the universe. I thought I would experience a deep connection with the immensity around us, a deep call for endless exploration.

"I was absolutely wrong. The strongest feeling, that dominated everything else by far, was the deepest grief that I had ever experienced.

"I understood, in the clearest possible way, that we were living on a tiny oasis of life, surrounded by an immensity of death. I didn't see infinite possibilities of worlds to explore, of adventures to have, or living creatures to connect with. I saw the deepest darkness I could have ever imagined, contrasting so starkly with the welcoming warmth of our nurturing home planet.

"This was an immensely powerful awakening for me. It filled me with sadness. I realized that we had spent decades, if not centuries, being obsessed with looking away, with looking outside. I did my share in popularizing the idea that space was the final frontier. But I had to get to space to understand that Earth is and will stay our only home. And that we have been ravaging it, relentlessly, making it uninhabitable." -- William Shatner, actor

From Facebook Picture of the Day post 2/20/2025

Scouts become more aware of their place in God's world when they work on these badges:
Energy **Environmental Science** Fish and Wildlife Management Forestry
Insect Study Mammal Study Nature Oceanography Plant Science
Reptile and Amphibian Study Soil and Water Conservation **Sustainability**
Weather Wilderness Survival

COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

Congratulations! All North Star units have successfully rechartered!!!

Register for Commissioner Week at PTC, June 8 - 14

Eight conferences are available this year. Participants in the "Empowering the District Commissioner Team" conference will provide a working understanding of the district and assistant district commissioner roles, responsibilities, and available tools and resources. You will walk away with strategies to develop and lead your team and help units thrive and grow while leveraging the vision for "unit service" in your council. While the course focuses on district and administrative commissioners, any commissioner would benefit from joining this course.

You can find out more about the eight conferences and register by going [here](#). The conference fee is \$415.00, and housing is an additional cost.

One note specifically for unit commissioners – Commissioner tools is BACK. Please log in and look around. Unit visits look a lot different.

Take a look at the Unit Commissioner training track. There are several new or improved modules. Below is a list. All are under fifteen minutes long.

Unit Service Concepts-Unit Commissioner

Unit Contacts

Unit Assessments

Unit Service Plan V2

Working With New Units

Youth Protection and Unit Resources

Charter Renewal

Commissioner Development

If you have any questions or concerns or just want to sit and talk over a coffee, reach out.

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The Camping Corner



ADVENTURE SUMMIT 25

SIX CAMPGROUNDS, ONE EPIC ADVENTURE APRIL 25-27, 2025

ALL LOCATIONS WILL BE BUSTLING WITH EXCITING ACTIVITIES!
MANY WILL BE STANDARDIZED ACROSS ALL CAMPS TO ENSURE A CONSISTENT AND
EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE REGARDLESS OF LOCATION CHOSEN.

Event will be held Rain or Shine

Target and Range sports, rifles, bb guns, tomahawks

Nature and Scout skills

Games and Stem bounce houses, hands on stem, STEM trailer will be there

Special guests: Local vendors, conservation groups and wilderness experts

Church service Friday and Saturday

Unique Experiences: F/A 18 Mobile Simulator, Hot Balloon Tether, Helicopter display, mission to mars simulation, Horsemanship, Rodea action, Mountain men

There are several things I couldn't print because of space.

Reminder: You are responsible for your own meals. Food is not included in the event cost.

ALL youth and adults registered in Scouting must bring their Annual Health and Medical Records (Parts A and B)

Please refer to your Adventure Summit 25 manual

Questions? Call me.

Fred Schaljo
Camping Chairman
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North Star Annual Giving Campaign 2025

The Friends of Scouting campaign has been renamed the Annual Giving Campaign with revised incentives, described below. Our 2025 North Star campaign goal is \$65,000. After a successful telephone night on March 25th, North Star has reached commitments of \$18,274 (28% of the total goal). Our campaign is looking forward to the upcoming Community Giving dinner (date and location is TBD).

Giving for North Star can be accomplished via the following link or QR code:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCOUTS2025/NorthStar>

or



Unit incentives to earn free rank advancement are:

Packs: 25% of youth attend a summer camp experience

Troops and Crews: 75% of youth create an online account

Thank you North Star.

Jerome Flynn, North Star Annual Giving Campaign Chairperson

North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

North Star VOA officers:

President – Amelia Bazzell (Crew 2749)

VP Administration – Aiden Ham (Crew 2921)

VP Program – Charlie Saunders (Crew 2749)

VP Communication – Gabe Blamey (Crew 2921)

Lots of Venturing Activities and Events at both Council and District level. The youth are working very hard to plan and run the following events.

stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar

VSOA Training

- 25-26 October
- Sverdrup Lodge
- Begin planning 2024-2025 events

STL After Dark

- Awesome event
- Over 150 youth and adults in attendance

Taste of Venturing

- Outstanding event
- Over 100 youth and adults in attendance

Venturing Celebration Dinner

- 18 May

Swift's Big Kickoff

- 30 May - 1 June

Swift Venture Week

- 15-21 June

Swift Sea Scout Week

- 29 June - 6 July

Fall Fun Rally

- 19-21 September

North Star Venturing events/activities:

ILSC/Adult Leader Training

- 8 February (10 AM - 3 PM)
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Bonfire

- Friday 16 May
- Details to be announced at May roundtable

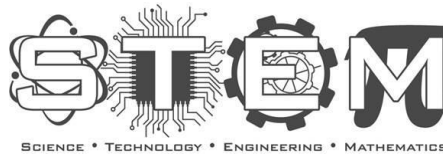
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- August

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

9-10 May – Cub Scout Camp-in at the Magic House

- \$35 – includes late night pizza and breakfast
- Free time to explore the Magic House
- Sleep under the exhibits
- Mystery program

STEM on CAMPus – Registration is open

- SEMO – 1-4 June
- UMSL – 4-7 June
- EIU – 8-10 June

From Council:

- **Rumors about National Council ending the STEM program on 1 June 2025 are TRUE**
 - **GSLAC will continue the program locally**
 - **This may open up STEM opportunities within the our Council's programming**
- STEM programming will be available at all 6 camps for Adventure Summit 2025
- Please continue to use scoutbook to track all Nova and Supernova awards
- STEM encompasses all scout programming and has been since scouting began.
- Nova and Supernova awards are not just for Cub Scouts. All STEM awards are available for all levels of scouting including Scout BSA and Venturing

STEM STAR Patches:

- Available for all levels of scouting
- By earning a Nova Award AND Cub Adventures/Merit Badges/STEM Explorations scouts can earn a scout level appropriate STAR Patch
- I am not aware of any way to track these in scoutbook. Please let me know if you award any of your kids these so we can take credit on the District STEM Challenge.
- Old Cub Scout Adventures are being mapped to the new Cub Scout requirements
- **Ordering patches is temporarily on hold. Council is hoping to open it back up soon!**



<https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/STEM-STAR-Patch-2022.pdf>

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

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Eagle Board Information

Here are the dates for the upcoming Eagle Boards of Review:

- Sunday, April 27th - The only month that is not the 3rd Sunday is in April, as the third Sunday is Easter.
- Sunday, May 18th
- The Board will meet during summer and dates will be provided at May roundtable.

Location: All Eagle Boards of Review are all held at the Florissant Valley Library Branch

Address: 195 S. New Florissant Rd. Florissant, MO 63031

Time: All Boards of Review start at 1:00pm

All Eagle Scout candidates must reach out to Debbie at least 7 days in advance of the Board Meeting date.

Any questions or to schedule a Board please call Debbie Huber at 314-960-4842.

Debbie will be out of reach April 19 – May 2. Please contact Dave Kedge at 314-226-3575, during that time.

Debbie Huber

Eagle Scout Review Board Coordinator