

THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March/April 2025

Mar 16, 2025	Eagle Board of Review & Life to Eagle Seminar
Mar 29, 2025	STEM – U @ Lake Land College
Mar 28-30, '25	Taste of Venturing – Warren Levis
Apr 25-27, '25	Council Wide Spring Event
Apr 27, 2025	Eagle Board of Review – 2:00PM

Looking Ahead Beyond April 2025

May 9-10, '25	Cub Scout Camp-In @ The Magic House
May 16, 2025	Venturing – Bonfire
May 30, 2025	Venturing – Swifts Big Kickoff
Jun 15-21, '25	Swift Venture Week
Jun 29-Jul 6	Swift Sea Scout Week



SCOUTS



READ SACRED TEXTS

We invite Scouts & youth across the world to join us again in reading their own faith's sacred texts. Together, we can recognize our **Duty to God**, participating as a group or on your own.

Read your sacred texts on **May 1st, 2025**, or any time that week. Join Scouting America, other youth organizations and all faith youth groups in a celebration of sacred texts.

MORE INFORMATION

stlbsa.org/Scouts-read-sacred-texts-worldwide/
ScoutsReadSacredTexts@gmail.com



To Order Patches



To Register



Promotion Video

COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

Congratulations to all the units who successfully navigated this year's rechartering process. It was a struggle for all of us. If your unit did not make the 2/28/2025 deadline, please reach out to me or Kauai so we can assist.

Registration is now open for Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center (PTC) June 8-14, 2025. The conference fee is \$415.00.

A new merit badge was released March 1st. Multisport merit badge. For Scouts who are athletically inclined (are on two or more teams) this is the badge for them. Check it out.

Other new things – New Eagle Scout rank emblems that say "Scouting America" are available. The policy for Eagle Scout Letters of Recommendations had been updated. There is a brand new edition of the Sea Scout Handbook.

Finally, the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement Award has been retired.

One note specifically for unit commissioners – Commissioner tools is BACK. Please log in and look around. Unit visits look a lot different. I'm sure we will be seeing updated training availability in the near future.

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

John Kavanaugh

North Star District

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Eagle Board Information

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

- Sunday, March 16th (2:00PM) – Life to Eagle
- Sunday, April 27th - The only month that is not the 3rd Sunday is in April, as the third Sunday is Easter.

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, except March 16th, which is 2:00PM

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 Huber

Eagle Scout Review Board Coordinator



North Star Annual Giving Campaign 2025

The Friends of Scouting campaign has been renamed the Annual Giving Campaign with a revised purpose and revised incentives. Our 2025 North Star giving goal is \$65,000. As of February 26, 2025, North Star has reached commitments of \$13,407 (21% of the total goal).

Giving for North Star can be accomplished via the following links:

<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

- Awsome event
- Over 150 youth and adults in attendance

Taste of Venturing

- 28-30 March
- Camp Waren Levis
- Registration is live
- \$20 for the weekend

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

ILSC/Adult Leader Training

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

Bonfire

- 16 May

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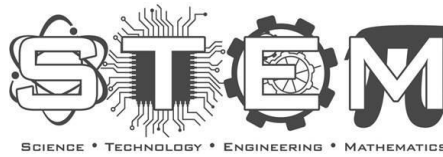
- August

North Star Venturing events/activities:

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

29 March 2025 – STEM-U Lake Land College

- \$17 for Youth, \$10 for adults – includes lunch and all course materials
- Scout BSA only – 11 Merit Badges
- Free adult STEM training available
- Registration closes 23 March

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

From Council:

- STEM programming will be available at all 6 camps for Adventure Summit
- 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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Chapter and Lodge Update



Upcoming Chapter Events

Service Projects

We currently have two service projects planed for this year!

1. Vally of Flowers Clean up, at Knights of Columbus on 50 St Francois St, Florissant, Mo, on May the 4th 2025, time is sill TBD
2. Day Camp Set up, at Knights of Columbus on 50 St Francois St, Florissant, Mo, on July 20th 2025 time TBD

Chapter Meeting

We are currently working on our May 4th chapter meeting after the clean up at the Vally of Flowers Clean up.

Upcoming Lodge Events

Spring Conclave!

Spring Conclave is being held at Beaumont Scout Reservation, 6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr, High Ridge, Mo, form April 4th-6th 2025 you can sign up for Spring Conclave by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page.

Important Info!

Dues!

Since 1930, Shawnee Lodge members have celebrated the spirit of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. This spirit is forged at the heart of everything we do. Our brotherhood isn't just something we talk about—it's something we live every day. It is a commitment we make to ourselves and to

each other, and in order for our Lodge to run and operate we need everyone to pay there dues. This year dues are \$12

Sign up for Spring Conclave

