



CUB SCOUT PACK

Planning Guide '26-'27

Adventure Awaits: Your guide to an epic Scouting year!



Fun



Family



Character



Citizenship



Life Skills



GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA
SCOUTING



FUNDING YOUR PROGRAM

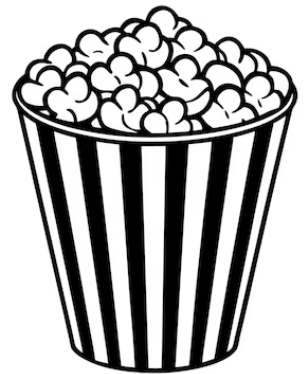
Choose any or all of these fun and approved fundraisers.

Popcorn Fundraiser: Raise money for your unit while also helping fund local camp scholarships, community service projects, and much more!

- No upfront costs.
- Units pay for only the product they sell.
- Sales support local Scouting.
- 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 local summer camps,
- Sign up at stlbsa.org/popcorn
- Sale begins in August and runs through December.

Sell in Several Ways:

1. Show and 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 Card Fundraiser: An easy sale that helps Scouts earn funds for camps and activities!

- No upfront costs.
- Earn up to 50% profit on every card sold.
- Cards are different by region and support local businesses.
- Visit stlbsa.org/camp-cards to learn more



Coffee Fundraiser: Benefits your unit and Scouts earn money for camp while also helping fund summer camp scholarships for families with need, camp improvements, and much more!

- There is no up-front cost to your pack.
- Packs pay for only the product they sell.
- Pack commission is 33% of all sales.
- A built-in prize program encourages for packs and Cub Scouts to sell.
- Year round online and subscription commission available
- 73% of people drink coffee everyday.
- Sign up at stlbsa.org/coffee





Annual Giving Campaign

Greater St. Louis Area Scouting's **Annual Giving Campaign** generates nearly 20% of the organization's annual revenue. That means a significant portion of the support behind our programs comes directly from the generosity of Scouting families, alumni, and community partners. Without this vital funding, we couldn't provide the resources needed to deliver a high-quality, adventure-filled Scouting experience.

Each contribution helps to provide:

- insurance for leaders and participants
- improvements at camp properties for your Scouts and future Scouts
- financial assistance for families in need
- volunteer training and support



Scan the QR code and help support our Annual Giving Campaign. Your donation helps provide life-changing experiences for young people throughout the area.



SCOUTBOOK

Leading Cub Scouts should be about spending time with Scouts, not paperwork. Scoutbook simplifies pack management so leaders can focus on what matters most. Use one tool to manage your calendar, send messages to parents, track advancement, and access training resources. Scoutbook saves time, reduces hassle, and helps your pack run smoothly so you can spend more time delivering a great Scouting experience. Scoutbook is **FREE** for all packs!



Scoutbook: Scoutbook is web-based, not a phone app, but you can add a shortcut to your home screen for quick access.

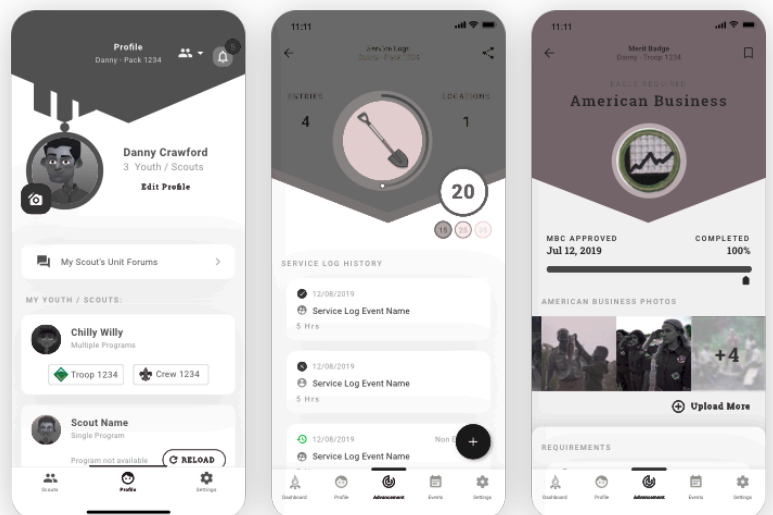
scoutbook.scouting.org

Scoutbook Plus: New and expanded features that cannot run on Scoutbook's older system are available in Scoutbook+. If a feature has moved, you will be automatically redirected, so there is no need to worry about using the wrong system. Once all features have transitioned, Scoutbook+ will become the single system in use.

advancements.scouting.org

Hey parents!

With the **Scouting App**, it's easier than ever to track advancement and stay connected to your pack! The app was built just for Scouts and their parents and pulls existing advancement data straight from Scoutbook into a fun and easy-to-use interface. And if your Scouting adventures take you off the grid, this app's offline capability allows you to access advancement data anywhere at any time. Available for download on **Apple** and **Android** devices.



Safeguarding Youth Training



PROTECTING OUR YOUTH CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY EVERYONE COMMITTING TO THAT PROTECTION.

Scouting America places the highest importance on providing a secure environment for all Scouts. Youth Protection Training is required for all registered volunteers- regardless of position- and must be completed every year. However, you do not have to be registered member of Scouting America 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 Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT).
- 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 and at all events where female youth are present.

SYT refresher is an annual 15–20 minute online course for adult leaders who have already completed the full 90-minute training. It is required to keep certifications current, covers abuse prevention, and is available in English and Spanish via the Volunteer Learning Center

ALL INJURIES, ILLNESSES, OR INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR DURING OFFICIAL SCOUTING ACTIVITIES MUST BE REPORTED WITHIN 24–48 HOURS TO THE “SAFE SCOUTING SPECIALIST” WITHIN GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA SCOUTING OR YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

Learn more at:
scouting.org/youthprotection
stlbsa.org/resources/incident-reporting



CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAININGS

*Get trained and put on
the best program ever.*

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

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 the Scouting
program all it can be!

In addition to the training listed in
this section, your district will host
leader position-specific training,
which is training specific to your
role in the pack. View your district
calendar to find training dates.



*To be a fully trained leader, be sure
to complete **Hazardous Weather
Training**, in addition to position-
specific and **Safeguarding Youth
Training**.*



E-LEARNING AT [MY.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)

Visit my.scouting.org to create an account from which you
can access dozens of training courses to help you be a
better prepared leader in your unit.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

NOVEMBER 7

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY in Webster Groves, MO

University of Scouting is our largest one day training event,
designed to be fun, engaging, and helpful for every Cub
Scout volunteer. It offers a wide variety of classes across all
program areas, with topics ranging from basic leader
training to hands on skills like shooting sports, giving
leaders the tools and confidence to create great
experiences for youth.

BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION

SEPTEMBER 26-27 AT CAMP WARREN LEVIS

OCTOBER 24-25 AT BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION

This unique overnight camping experience puts leaders "in
the shoes of Cub Scouts" while they learn the most recent
BSA camping procedures and practices. Required prior to
taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip.

WOOD BADGE

**2026 FALL COURSE: SEPTEMBER 25-27 AND OCTOBER 10-11
AT CAMP WARREN LEVIS**

**2027 SPRING COURSE: MAY 21-23 AND JUNE 5-6 AT
BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION**

Advanced 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 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. GET
INFORMATION AT [STLBSA.ORG/SPECIAL-NEEDS-SCOUTS](https://stlbsa.org/special-needs-scouts)**

Attend these training sessions with professionals in the
field of Special Needs and Education to learn how to
provide the best services for every Scout.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DO A "GOOD TURN" FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.

Good Turns, also called service projects, are a fun and meaningful way for Cub Scouts to put the Scout spirit into action by helping others. From cleaning up a local park and helping at a place of worship to caring for wildlife habitats or starting a recycling project, every act of service helps make our community a better place. Be sure to log your service hours in Scoutbook so we can celebrate the great work your Scouts are doing and proudly share their impact with others.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

NOVEMBER 14 | BAG DISTRIBUTION DAY

NOVEMBER 21 | BAG COLLECTION DAY

SFF.STLBSA.ORG

Scouting for Food is Greater St. Louis Area Scouting's annual service project and the largest one-day food drive in Scouting America.

The food drive kicks off with "Bag Distribution Day" – where Scouts distribute more than a million grocery bags to homes across our region. 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 nearly two million food items to support more than 600 pantries and agencies addressing food insecurity.

MEMORIAL DAY GOOD TURN

MAY 24, 2026 AND MAY 30, 2027

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and Good Turn for Jewish War Veterans (St. Louis)

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 74th year, is one of the longest running Memorial Day events within Scouting 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.



CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES



CUB LAUNCH

OCTOBER 10

Held at nearby Scout camps and other locations

Whether you are starting another year of Cub Scouting or you're entirely new to the program, come begin your program year at Cub Launch.

Children and parents explore many of the wonderful Cub Scout activities the BSA offers such as:

- Blast paint balls out of a slingshot
- Cook over a real fire
- Climb a wooden monkey bridge
- Ride a horse
- Take part in fun science projects
- Shoot a BB gun
- Climb aboard a pirate ship
- Make cool art projects

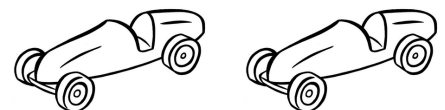
Cost is \$10 per Cub Scout and Cub Scout-age sibling.



COUNCIL PINEWOOD DERBY

Spring 2027 at WWT Raceway

Alongside your pack's Pinewood Derby race, you can participate in your local district race and aim for the highest level—the council race! Join us at World Wide Technology Raceway for a council-wide competition and a variety of exciting activities. Be sure to check the council calendar this fall. This event is open to all Cub Scouts—don't miss out on this unique experience!



MOM AND ME

September 25-27 at Camp Warren Levis

A great opportunity for Scouts to spend a weekend at camp with mom, learning and having fun in the outdoors. Every participant receives a themed t-shirt and patch, and all meals are provided in the dining hall over the weekend. Activities include archery, fishing, BB guns, hiking, as well as other themed events. Great for first time campers!

FALL / HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Spook O Ree - Overnight Cub Scout Halloween camping weekend! Rhodes France October 9-11.

Fall Fright Fest - Haunted trail hike for Cub Scouts at Beaumont, 3PM to 9PM on October 24. Coming back this year: Camp Overnight with us during Fall Fright Fest!

Haunted Hayrides -

Haunted Hayrides is a spooky good time for children and adults of all ages! The ride lasts about 20 minutes, showing the spookier, scarier side of Camp Warren Levis. 7:30PM to 9:30 PM on October 16, 17, 23, and 24.



STEM EVENTS

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

STEM HELPS PREPARE SCOUTS FOR TODAY AND THE FUTURE!

STEM UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 5 - UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

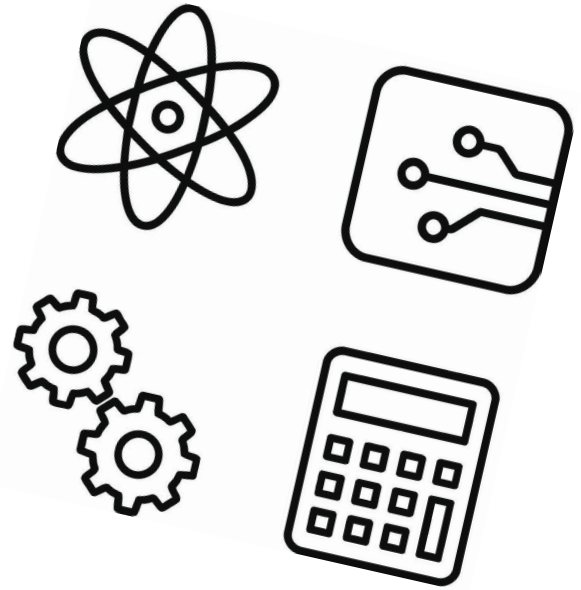
JANUARY 9 - SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

JANUARY 30 - SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - EDWARDSVILLE

FEBRUARY 27 - SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - CARBONDALE

MARCH 20 - 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.



STEM ADVENTURE WORKSHOPS AND NOVA DAYS

VARIOUS DATES AND LOCATIONS

Cub Scouts can explore the cool exhibits like found at the Saint Louis Science Center and the Magic House / MADE, learn from the expert instructors, and earn a STEM NOVA Award. NOVA Day activities have included viewings of Omnimax films, making and erupting volcanoes, talks with real scientists, and planetarium shows.

CUB SCOUTS NOVA TWILIGHT CAMP

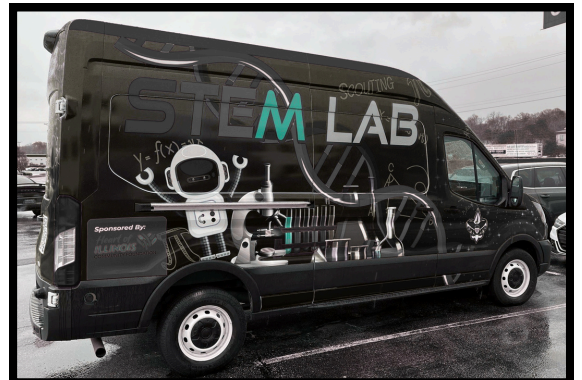
JUNE 22-26, 2026 AND JUNE 21-25, 2027

CUB WORLD AT BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION

Five fun evenings of science, technology, engineering and math for Cub Scouts to enjoy at Beaumont Scout Reservation! Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, Arrow of Light and siblings entering 1st grade and up are welcome. Earn two NOVAs and participate in fun, outdoor STEM learning.

MOBILE STEM LABS

Reserve a vehicle from our STEM fleet for your next pack meeting or activity! These hands-on programs make science, technology, engineering, and math fun and interactive. Each STEM vehicle includes activities like Sphero robots, Ozobots, 3D pens, snap circuits, laser engraving, vortex cannons, microscopes, Met Quest (Oculus) VR headsets, pop rockets, stomp rockets, and more! For less than \$100, our STEM staff deliver this program to you. The pack will need to provide some volunteer support depending on your group's size.



stlbsa.org/stem

DUTY TO GOD

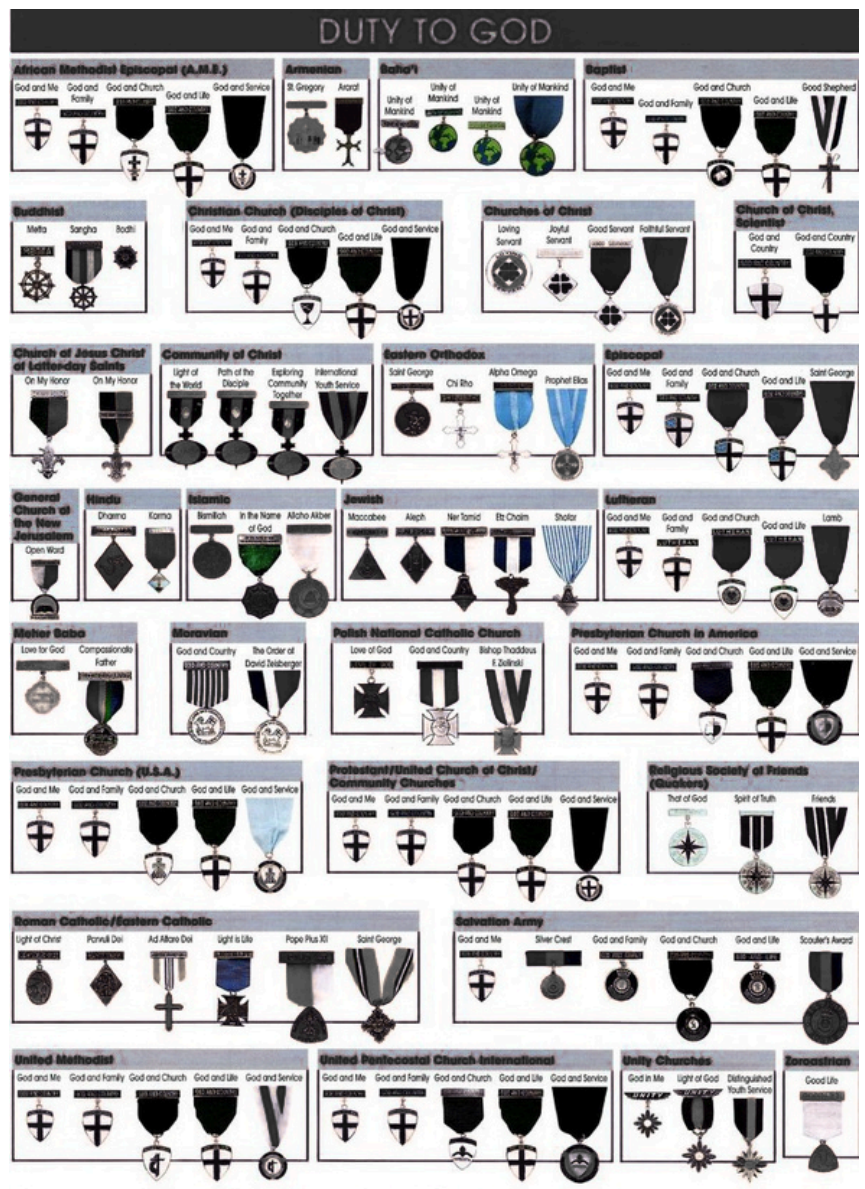
Religious Emblems Programs

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 service center or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

Counselors are needed to help guide the Scouts on the emblem journey as they advance through the Scout program levels.



stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/religious-emblems-program
scouting.org/awards/religious-awards

Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath

In 2027, Scout Sunday is celebrated on February 7, 2027, and Scout Sabbath (Shabbat) is observed on February 6, 2027, marking the start of Scouting America Anniversary Week. These services allow Scouts to represent their faith and "Duty to God" during worship.

Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide is an event to encourage youth to read their sacred texts in conjunction with the U.S. National Day of Prayer. The event aligns with the values, principles, and spiritual aims of Scouting. It is intended for Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Advisors, and other adult leaders seeking a simple, respectful way to support a Scout's Duty to God.



CAMPGROUNDS

COME EXPLORE WITH US!

Beaumont Scout Reservation

In Southwestern St. Louis County sits 2,400 acres of wooded, rolling hills and adventure called 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 tower
- Mud Cave exploration
- Swimming pool
- High and low challenge courses
- Cub World
- Nagel Equestrian Center (home of our 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.

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

Camp Warren Levis

Camp Warren Levis, located just north of Alton IL, is 700 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, outdoor campfire amphitheater, GaGa pit, pool, archery, BB guns, rifle, and a chapel.

**5500 Boy Scout Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035**



S bar F Scout Ranch

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.

The Ranch 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!

**120 US-67
Farmington, MO 63640**

Camp Lewallen

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 space and a large fireplace..

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

**1588 Wayne Route K
Silva, MO 63964**

Rhodes France Scout Reservation

Rhodes France is located south east of Pana IL, and is 640 acres of Scouting paradise.

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.

815 North 500 East Road, Pana, IL 62557

Camp Pine Ridge

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, a dining facility and pavilion, and many beautiful campsites are available for your unit to enjoy.

1139 Pine Ridge Lane, Makanda, IL 62958

Campground 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		X		
Pool (summer only)	X		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		

2 Ways to Camp in SUMMER 2027



DAY AND TWILIGHT CAMPS

Day Camps deliver multiple days of fun, safe, outdoor adventure for Scouts entering Tiger through Arrow of Light. With no overnights, flexible schedules, and locations at dozens of convenient locations close to home, it's a week of friendship, discovery, and summer excitement. Attend as a pack or a family. Day camps are during the day and twilight camps are in the evening.



- Grizzly Day Camp at Beaumont Scout Reservation
- STEM Nova Twilight Camp at Beaumont Scout Reservation
- Local District Day/Twilight Camps at dozens of convenient locations
- Interactive map on our website - find one near you!



ADVANCEMENT CAMPS

Advancement Camps are rank-specific experiences that help Scouts build skills and confidence while getting a head start on advancement. With age-appropriate formats and classic camp fun like archery, STEM, swimming, and games, these camps prepare Scouts for a great year ahead.



- Experiences range from day-only camps for Tigers to robust multi-night camps for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts.
- Perfect for camping together with your den.
- Meals are included.
- Sign up for the rank you'll be this fall.



stlbsa.org/camps



CONTACT US

Keep up with the latest news, events, and program updates from Scouting in the Greater St. Louis Area by following us on social media and visiting stlbsa.org regularly!



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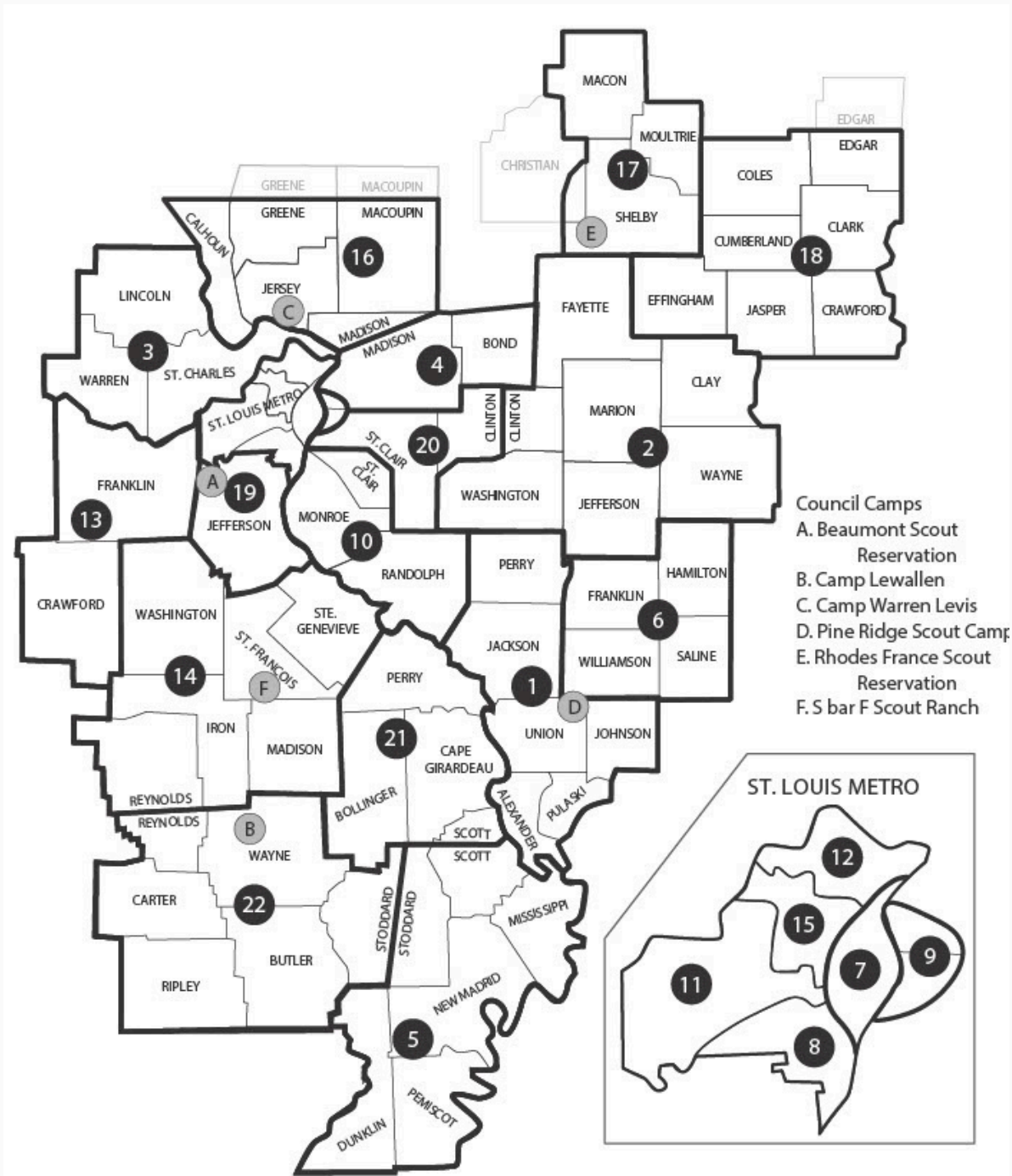


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website: stlbsa.org

phone: 314-361-0600

email: help@stlbsa.org



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|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Big Muddy District | 7. Keystone District | 13. Osage District | 19. River Trails District |
| 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 |
| 4. Cahokia Mounds District | 10. Kaskaskia District | 16. Piasa Bird District | 22. Sioux District |
| 5. Cherokee District | 11. New Horizons District | 17. Arrowhead District | |
| 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.

Scouting Outfitters – West County Scout Shop

1122 Town and Country Commons Dr. , Ste. 200
St. Louis, MO 63017
M-F 9 am – 6 pm, Saturday 9 am – 4 pm. Closed Sunday.
Extended hours in the fall: 9/8/2026 – 10/17/2026
M-F 9 am – 7 pm, Saturday 9am – 4 pm. Sunday 10 am – 2 pm.
(314) 984-0014

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 Metro East

5205 N. Illinois St.
Fairview Heights, IL 62208
618-222-1574
M - F 10 AM - 6 PM
Sa 10 AM - 3 PM



Online retail at **Gateway Traders** gatewaytraders.org/

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Greater St Louis Area Scouting**

- Homepage: stlbsa.org
- Help Center: stlbsa.org/help
- Forms and Links: stlbsa.org/resources/helpful-forms-and-links
- Online Store: gatewaytraders.org
- Parent and Leader Resources Toolbox: stlbsa.org/resources/resources-toolbox
- Religious Emblems Program: stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/religious-emblems-program
- Incident Reporting: stlbsa.org/resources/incident-reporting

- **Scouting America**

- Homepage: scouting.org
- Scoutbook: scoutbook.scouting.org
- Den Leader Resources: scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources
- Membership Management and Training Center: my.scouting.org



2025 *Year in Review*

79,462

*Total
Advancements*

28,135

Scouts Served
IN 2025

5th

Largest Council
IN SCOUTING

TOP 3
Mentor Badges

First Aid
Swimming
Citizenship in
the Community

\$302,690

*Financial Assistance
Provided*

1,893,637

Scouting for Food
Total Items Collected

5,706

Scouts Served
IN OUTREACH PROGRAMS

456

Eagle Scouts

531

Chartered Partners

8,951

*Total Camp
Experiences*

AT
SUMMER CAMP AND DISCOVERY BASE



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Cub Scout Planning Guide

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