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Greater St. Louis Area Council

Pathfinder District Newsletter

August 2026

Date

Next Roundtable

Monday, August 3, 2026

Time

7:00 pm

Location

Salem United Methodist Church

1200 South Lindbergh Blvd

St. Louis, MO 63131

Topic

Recruitment

Come to Roundtable August 3 and pickup all the materials you'll need for a successful Fall Recruiting Event.

PeachJar and Paper Flyers

Council will post a **Peachjar** for your unit for Join Nights, 1-2 weeks prior, please coordinate with Laura Enge (laura.enge@scouting.org, 314-256-3102).

For printing, we recommend at least **one week's notice** to turn a print job around and get it to you. **Please use Council's Flyers.** (Anything council prints or posts must be on the council flyers).

Join Night Tips

- Best nights for Join Nights: Tuesdays and Thursdays – **at your school** *(even if you meet elsewhere)*
- Make it fun for the Scouts – popsicles, games, etc.
- Make it easy for parents to drop in, sign up, and leave
- Use online applications – it's faster to process
- Be ready with flyers about your unit, your **fall calendar, and costs** *(financial aid is available)*
- Don't do a formal presentation – just get Scouts signed up
- Have experienced parents on hand to answer questions and talk with new families
- Don't try to recruit new parents into leadership roles at the Join Night; you have time for this later

PROGRAM PREVIEW GUIDES

Greater St. Louis Area Scouting / September '26 – August '27

Make the most of next year and use these helpful **guides** to build a year of action for the youth in your Pack, Troop, Crew, and Ship.

These will compliment planning forms of the Unit Calendar, Budget, and Membership plan found at **stlbsa.org/planning**.

From activities, camping, service projects, training, and more, plug in these resources during your unit's calendar planning session this summer.

Download the Guides at the links below:

Cub Scout - http://tiny.cc/qpo2101

Scouts BSA - http://tiny.cc/wpo2101

Venturing / Sea Scout -
http://tiny.cc/mpo2101

stlbsa.org

Council Calendar instructions on back...

Pathfinder District

2026-2027 Calendar

7/25/26

August
3 - Roundtable - Fall Recruitment
13 - Eagle Board of Review
17 - OA Chapter Meeting
17 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
24 - Eagle Board of Review

September
7 - Labor Day
8 - Roundtable (Tuesday)
10 - Eagle Board of Review
18-20 - OA Fall Reunion
19-20 - PF Service Project / Recruiting - St. Louis Art Fair
21 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
25-27 - Venturing Fall Fun Rally at Beaumont
26-27 - Call of the Wild - Cub World
27 - New Member OA Welcome
28 - Eagle Board of Review

October
5 - Roundtable
8 - Eagle Board of Review
10 - Cub Launch @ Beaumont
17 - Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet
19 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
23-25 - Fall Camporee: Beaumont, Lane
26 - Eagle Board of Review

November
2 - Roundtable
12 - Eagle Board of Review
14 & 21 - Scouting For Food
16 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
22 - OA Chapter Meeting
23 - Eagle Board of Review

December
7 - Roundtable
10 - Eagle Board of Review
20 - OA Lodge Fellowship Banquet
21 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
25 - Christmas
28 - Eagle Board of Review

January
1 - New Years Day
4 - Roundtable
7 - Eagle Board of Review
9 - District Pinewood Derby Workshop
18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
18 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
25 - Eagle Board of Review
30 - Klondike: Beaumont, Shippey

February
1 - Roundtable
6 - C.C.O.C.M.
7- Annual District Recognition Dinner - Elks Lodge
11 - Eagle Board of Review
15 - President's Day
15 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
21 - OA Chapter Banquet
22 - Eagle Board of Review

March
1 - Roundtable
6 - District Pinewood Derby
11 - Eagle Board of Review
15 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
22 - Eagle Board of Review

April
5 - Roundtable
8 - Eagle Board of Review
9- 11 - OA Spring Conclave
19 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
25 - OA Chapter Meeting
26 - Eagle Board of Review
30-2 - Spring Camporee: Beaumont, Lane

May
30-2 - Spring Camporee: Beaumont, Lane
3 - Roundtable / Program Preview
13 - Eagle Board of Review
17 - Commissioner & District Committee Meeting
24 - Eagle Board of Review

June
7 - Roundtable (District Picnic)
10 - Eagle Board of Review
21- Eagle Board of Review

July
4 - July 4th Holiday
8 - Eagle Board of Review
26 - Eagle Board of Review

August
2 - Roundtable - Fall Recruitment
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28 - Chapter Meeting

The Camping Corner

Join Us for the Scouts in Space! 2026 Fall Camporee!

- Campmaster: Carson Lee
- Games, Skits, and Yells
- Campfire
- Scoutmaster Cook-off
- **For Scout BSA and AOL Only**
- Camporee Points Awarded for
  - Attending September/October Roundtables
  - Hosting Arrow of Light Pack! See Pathfinder Unit Directory to help find a unit. **Don't wait – reach out to a Pack or Troop Today!**
- **The Camporee Manuals** will be posted on the Pathfinder Website in late August.

Fall Camporee

- **October 23 – 26, 2026**
- **Beaumont Scout Reserve – Lane Field**
- **Registration Opens Late August**

Youth Leadership Opportunity!

We are always looking for Scouts to staff Camporee. Contact Carson Lee at carson.a.lee@gmail.com or Joel Schwartz at joel.schwartz@shawneelodge.org for more information. Staff developments begin in September

2026 Pathfinder Summer Camp Staff

Pathfinder had 10 Scouts and Scouters serving on Summer Camp Staff in 2026 at both Famous Eagle and Camp Gamble.

Picture (left to right) Top: Worth G and Brandon B. Bottom: Bottom: Bryan R., Sarah R., Niel M, Trey M., Michael M., Robin G., Mathew B.
Not Picture: Travis L.

If your Scouts have said they have done everything at Summer Camp and haven't staffed. Then they haven't until they have Staff Camp. Have your Scouts contact any of the current Staff members to learn more. Staff Application and Interviews will be available later this fall.

GSLAC Upcoming Activities

2026 – 2027 Camp Reservation Opening - https://stlbsa.org/properties/
Put the Outing in Scouting and plan your 2026-2027 activities now! Camp reservations site is now open, book your outing at any of the council properties. Reservations can be made online.

2026 Merit Badge Makeup Day

Presented by the St. Louis Eagle Scout Association

Saturday, August 22nd

8 AM to 12 PM

Beaumont Scout Reservation

This event is designed to help scouts who began a merit badge at summer camp, but did not finish, to complete the badge with counselors. All badges that are offered at a GSLAC summer camp will be supported at this event. The climbing tower, rifle range, shotgun range, archery range, and pool will all be available and staffed to allow scouts the opportunity to finish their badges.

NO ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT

THIS EVENT IS TO HELP SCOUTS COMPLETE MERIT BADGE PARTIALS, NOT BEGIN NEW BADGES

THE POOL WILL ONLY BE OPEN FROM 8AM-11AM

Scouts are welcome to come and go as needed. Certain areas, such as the climbing wall, may require additional time for scouts to complete so arriving early is highly recommended. Class A uniforms are highly encouraged. For further information, please contact mbmud@stlesa.org

To learn more about the
St. Louis Eagle Scout Association
or find out how to join look here

Trail's End®

2026 NEW UNIT PRODUCT PROMOTION

NO RISK! NO UPFRONT COST!

$480 OF FREE POPCORN FOR NEW UNITS
STOREFRONTS RESERVED FOR YOU

Who qualifies:
Units that did not sell in any popcorn fundraiser traditionally (Storefront or wagon) in 2025

What do new Units get:
100% commission on one case of White Cheddar and one case of Sea Salt ($480 retail)

What's required:
(1) Minimum two 2-hour storefront shifts (4 hours total), (2) two cases must be sold by 10/31, and (3) record all sales in the Trail's End App

When will credits be issued:
No later than 11/13/2026

"We got our free popcorn and I couldn't believe how quickly we sold it. We ended up **making $27,593 in our first year**.....our best fundraiser ever!"

Madhavi Koritala, Troop 2605
Unit earned $27,593 ($70,832 sales)
Scouts earned avg $788 ($2,023 sales)

VIEW PROMOTIONAL DETAILS

DON'T MISS OUT! REGISTER TODAY!

Questions? Contact us at support.trails-end.com

Hello Pathfinder Leaders!
For the **fourth year in a row**, the Scouts of the Pathfinder District have the opportunity to serve our community and promote Scouting at the **2026 St. Louis Art Fair**, held in downtown Clayton on **Friday, September 18 – Sunday, September 20**.
The St. Louis Art Fair is one of the premier arts festivals in the country, attracting nearly **200,000 visitors** each year, including thousands of families with children. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase Scouting while serving our community.

What will we be doing?
Once again, Scouting America has partnered with **Republic Services** to support the **Creative Castle**, the children's activity area of the Art Fair. Our booth will be located at the entrance to Creative Castle near the intersection of **Forsyth Boulevard and North Central Avenue**, next to Starbucks.
Volunteers will:

- Welcome and engage families visiting the Art Fair with art projects at our booth
- Share information about Scouting programs and local units
- Answer questions from prospective families and alumni
- Distribute recycling information provided by Republic Services
- Collect worn American flags for respectful retirement
- Represent Scouting with enthusiasm and a smile!

Last year, Scouts and volunteers from Packs and Troops across Pathfinder District had a great time, and the booth generated strong interest from families looking to join Scouting. We'd love to have your unit be part of it this year!

Volunteer Shifts

Each volunteer shift is **just two hours**, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the Art Fair afterward. Each shift needs **4 Scouts and 4 adults**.

Available shifts:

- Saturday, September 19 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. *(Pack 400)*
- Saturday, September 19 | 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 19 | 12:30–2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 19 | 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 19 | 3:30–5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 19 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 20 | 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 20 | 12:00–2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 20 | 1:30–3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 20 | 3:00–5:00 p.m. *(Pack 400)*

Reserve Your Unit's Shift

Volunteer registration through the St. Louis Art Fair has not yet opened. If your Pack or Troop would like to reserve one or more of the time slots above, **please reply to this email** and I'll hold it for your unit. I'll send registration instructions as soon as volunteer registration opens.

Meeting Location

Meet at the Scouting America booth located at **Forsyth Boulevard and North Central Avenue,** next to Starbucks.

Parking

Free parking is available in the Le Méridien parking garage. Be sure to pick up a parking validation ticket at Volunteer Headquarters inside the hotel before leaving.

What to Wear

Please wear your **Pack or Troop T-shirt**, another **Scouting T-shirt**, or your **Scout uniform**. Volunteers will not receive Art Fair T-shirts.

What to Bring

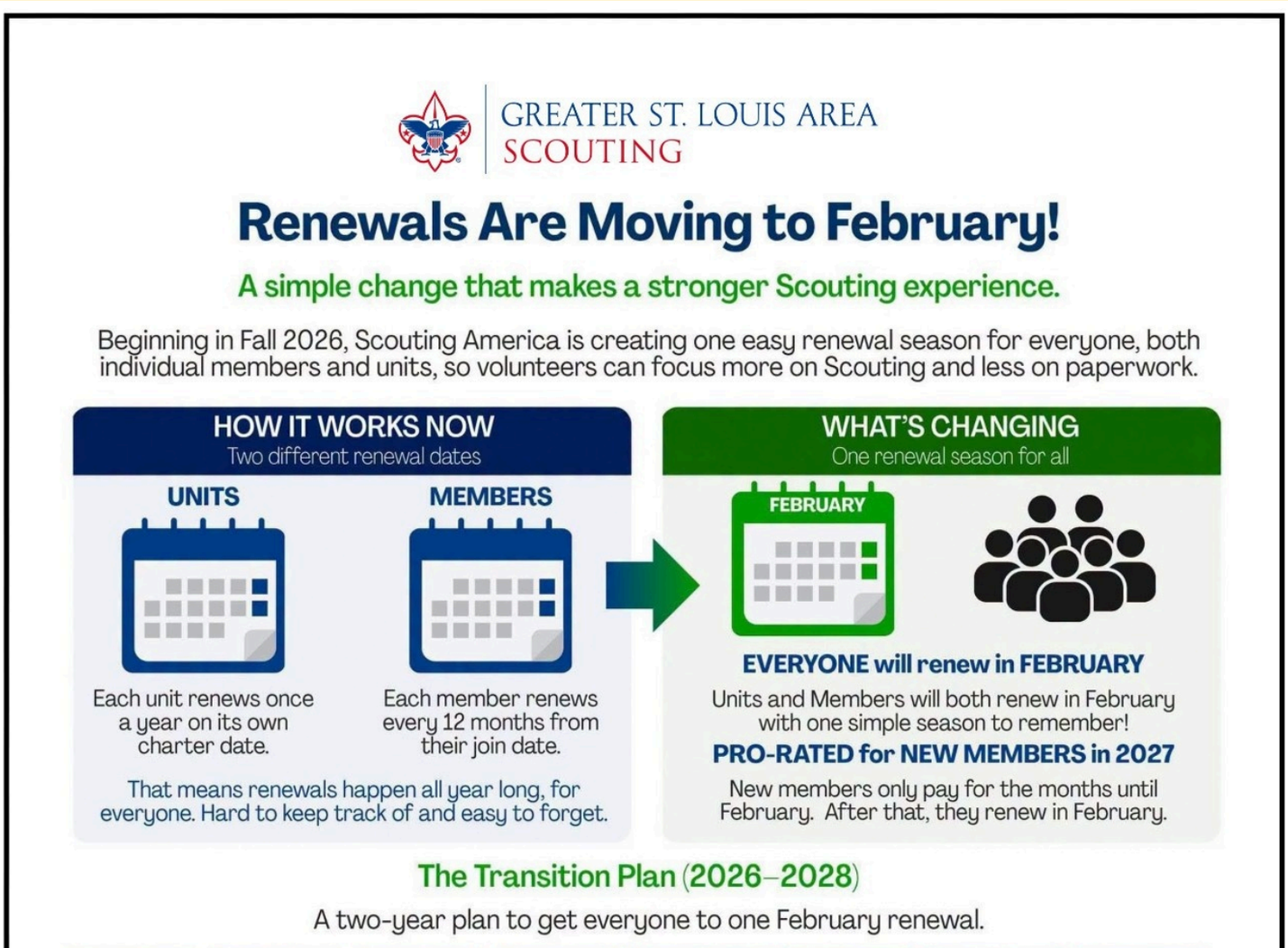
- Scout uniform or Scouting t-shirt
- Unit flag or unit banner to display (optional)
- Water bottle

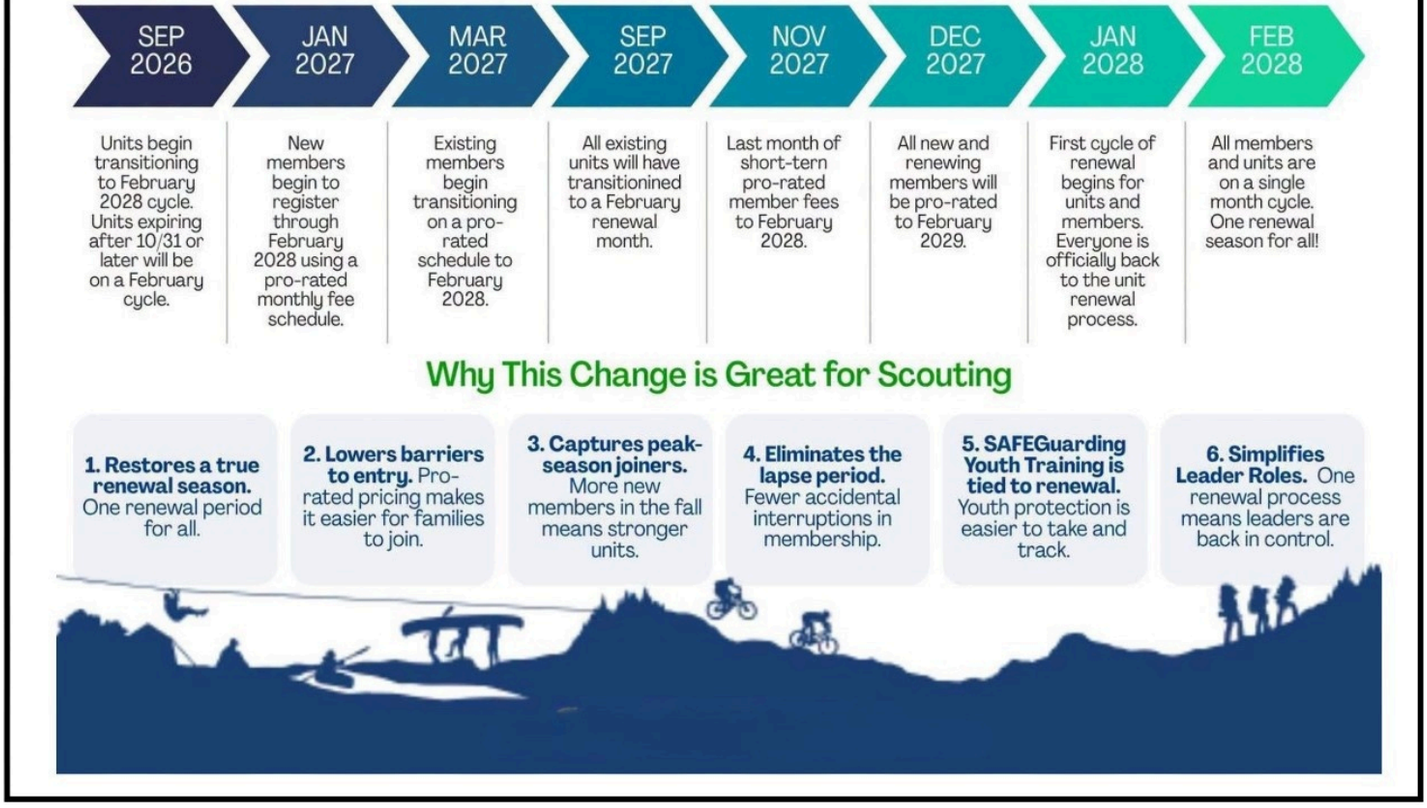
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- And most importantly...your enthusiasm for Scouting!

This is a fun, easy service opportunity that helps introduce hundreds of families to Scouting while supporting one of Clayton's signature community events. We hope you'll join us!

See you at the Art Fair!

Yours in Scouting,
Rob Brockhaus
Cubmaster, Pack 400
Pathfinder District Volunteer
cubmaster.cubpack400@gmail.com





Hello Pathfinder Leaders, Parents and Volunteers!
I hope you're having a great summer!
One of the first Pathfinder District events of the new Scouting year is **Call of the Wild**, our annual campout for **Lions (Kindergarten) through Webelos (4th Grade)**. This year's event will be held **Saturday, September 26 – Sunday, September 27** at **Cub World at Beaumont Scout Reservation**.
As many of you know, after nearly a decade of faithfully leading Call of the Wild, **Amy and Tom Oliver** have passed the torch to a growing "kitchen cabinet" of dedicated Pathfinder volunteers. We're excited to build on the outstanding foundation they created—but we need your help to make this year's event a success!

We're looking for volunteers to help staff our activity stations on Saturday, September 26. If you've worked one of these stations in the past, we'd love to have you back to share your experience and enthusiasm. If you're new, we'd be happy to have you join us as well. No previous experience is needed and all supplies will be provided. Station volunteers are to arrive at Beaumont on Saturday at 8am and can depart at 3pm that afternoon or stay for campfire if they are not spending the night.

We're also inviting **Scouts BSA members who are First Class rank or higher** to serve on staff. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to earn service hours, practice the EDGE method, strengthen their teaching and leadership skills, and support younger Scouts. It is especially well-suited for Den Chiefs.

You can sign up for a volunteer shift by **replying to this email** or by using the **SignUpGenius link:**

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444A9A92CA2FCCE9-64795191-call#/

Thank you for everything you do for Scouting and for helping make **Call of the Wild** a memorable experience for the families and youth of Pathfinder District.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Yours in Scouting,

Rob Brockhaus
Cubmaster, Pack 400
Call of the Wild Event Chair
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CUB SCOUT LEADER

SPECIFIC TRAINING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
9 AM TO 1 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS AT
8:30 AM

LOCATED AT
SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131

NO CHARGE FOR TRAINING!

WHO SHOULD COME

LION · TIGER · WOLF · BEAR · WEBELOS

- Cubmaster
- Assistant-Cubmaster
- Committee Chair
- Committee Members
- Den Leaders
- Assistant-Den Leaders
- and anyone else interested in learning about Cub Scouts.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
CONTACT LIZ WEBB
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SAVE THE DATE

Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
Saturday, November 14th

Scouting for Food Bag Pick Up
Saturday, November 21st

Monica Edmonds
Pathfinder Scouting for Food Chairman
mlsed0930@gmail.com

August Pathfinder Eagles

Nathan Crader - Troop 493

Preston Dalbey - Troop 493

Pathfinder Order of the Arrow

August Chapter Meeting

We moved the date of our August Chapter Meeting. It will be **Monday, August 17th at Main Event at 17027 North Outer 40 Road, Chesterfield.** We will meet have a short business meeting at **6 pm** (meet near the front). You can do unlimited activities (bowling, VR, laser tag and more) for $12.99 so you can stay as long as you want (deal is good starting at 4 pm if you want to come early as well).

Service Project – August 29th

We are planning a service project with Forest Relief on August 29th. Look for more details soon.

Fall Reunion

Do not miss the biggest event of year. **September 18-20 at S-F Scout Ranch**. We will have Pre-O, Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies and Thunderfest will be better than ever. Friday evening will be voting for lodge officers and at our Chapter meeting on Saturday we will vote for Chapter Officer. Register **HERE**.

Ceremonialist Practices Weekly Starting August 2nd

We will have ceremonialists meetings every Sunday in August to get ready for Fall Reunion. The meetings will begin at 6:30 and take place at the Maplewood United Methodist Church.

Pathfinder Officer and Chairs for 2026-2027

If any Scout is interested in being considered for a position, please let Brandon Barrett, Chapter Chief, know at brandon.barrett@shawneelodge.org.

Pathfinder OA is on GroupMe!

This will allow more current and up to date communication to all members. All OA members are invited to join the GroupMe Group. Just download the GroupMe app and then scan this QR code to join the group.

If you have not paid you dues, **remember to log-onto Hub51 and pay your dues**. They are only $12 and ensure your membership is active and you hear about all the great Lodge and Chapter events. If you have any issues paying your dues, reach out the Lodge at help@shawneelodge.org.

Shawnee Lodge Website

Pathfnder Chapter Website

GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL • SCOUTING AMERICA

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

2026 Leader Training Calendar

Pathfinder District 12 | Greater St. Louis Area Council | scoutingevent.com/312

Courses fill quickly — register early! | Online prerequisites at my.scouting.org

COLOR KEY: CUB SCOUTS | SCOUTS BSA | YOUTH LEADERSHIP | GENERAL SCOUTING | MANDATORY ONLINE

BALOO — Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
Required for Pack/Den overnights | Weekend overnight + online prereq

Apr 24–25	BALOO Beaumont Scout Reservation
May 2–3	BALOO Pine Ridge Scout Reservation
Oct 10–11	BALOO Camp Lewallen
Oct 24–25	BALOO Beaumont Scout Reservation

IOLS — Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
Required for Scoutmasters, ASMs & Crew Advisors | Weekend overnight course

May 1–3	IOLS Beaumont Scout Reservation
Oct 23–26	IOLS Beaumont Scout Reservation

Climbing Tower Instructor Training
1-day cert for all 3 council towers | Must be 18+ | 2-year certification

NYLT — National Youth Leadership Training
For youth 13+, First Class or above | Week-long immersive leadership experience

Jun 7–13	NYLT Session 1 Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
Jun 21–27	NYLT Session 2 Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
Jul 12–18	NYLT Session 3 Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
Aug 7–9 & 14–16	NYLT Beaumont Scout Reservation *Two-weekend format*

Den Chief Training
For Scouts BSA youth serving as Den Chiefs in Cub Scout packs

Mar 14	Den Chief Training Virtual (Zoom)
Apr 18	Den Chief Training Beaumont Scout Reservation
Sep 12	Den Chief Training Beaumont Scout Reservation

Mar 28	**Tower Training** Camp Warren Levis (Taste of Venturing) *Earns cert: Beaumont, Lewallen & Warren Levis*
May 2	**Tower Training** Beaumont Scout Reservation *gslac.climbing.director@gmail.com*

Challenge Course & Rock Climbing / Rappelling
Wed night + weekend required | Natural rock sites at S-F Ranch + towers

May 6 (Wed eve)	**Challenge Course — Orientation Night** Beaumont, Emerson Center Theater *7 pm | Weekend training follows*

Special Needs Awareness Training
Open to leaders, parents & youth volunteers of all ages

Mar 7	**Special Needs Awareness** Camp Warren Levis, Godfrey IL *Check-in 9 am | Class 9:30 am – 3 pm | Bring sack lunch*

Map & Compass Orienteering (Adult Leaders 18+)
Prepares leaders to run the map & compass program at Beaumont

Feb 28	**Map & Compass** Beaumont – Sverdrup Lodge *9 am – 4 pm*
May 16	**Map & Compass** Beaumont – Emerson Porch *9 – 11 am*

Oct 24	**Den Chief Training** Virtual (Zoom)

Wood Badge — Premier Adult Leadership Course
Open to all registered adults | Complete position training first | Two weekends

May 1–3 & May 16–17	**Spring Course** Beaumont Scout Reservation *Early bird $275 | Regular $300 | sm.spring2026@gmail.com*
Sep 25–27 & Oct 17–18	**Fall Course** Camp Lewallen *Contact: sm.fall2026@gmail.com*

Mandatory Online Training — my.scouting.org
Required for recharter | Complete at my.scouting.org before your unit renews

Anytime	**Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT)** my.scouting.org | Renew every 2 years
Anytime	**Hazardous Weather (SCO_800)** my.scouting.org | ~45 min | Renew annually
Anytime	**Position-Specific Training** my.scouting.org | Required per your registered role

★ *NRA Range Safety Officer — watch scoutingevent.com/312 for 2026 date.*

"The more you put into Scouting, the more your Scouts will get out of it."
Invest in your training — your Scouts are counting on you.
Questions? Benjamin Kohn, District Training Chairman • Benjamin.Kohn3021@gmail.com • 314-333-1909

Greater St. Louis Area Council • Scouting America • Pathfinder District 12 • Register: scoutingevent.com/312 • Online training: my.scouting.org

Important Dates

Eagle Board

2nd Thursdays & 4th Mondays

August - 2026

3 - Roundtable

17 - OA Chapter Meeting

29 - OA Chapter Service Project

September - 2026

8 - (Tuesday) Roundtable

18 - 20 OA Fall Reunion

19 - 20 Service Project / Recruiting - STL Art Fair

25 -27 Venturing Fall Fun Rally

26 - 27 Call of the Wild - Cub World

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23 - 25 Fall Camporee: Beaumont - Lane

Find Out More!

Pathfnder District Website

Find us on facebook

Check out Pathfinder on Facebook.
Stay informed and LIKE US today!

All flyers (which should graphics) need to be submitted no later than the 22ND of each month to be in the following month's issue.

Submit Flyers Here

Pathfinder District Committee

Below is a list of our Pathfinder District Committee. To help make the Pathfinder District stronger and better, we are always looking for new committee members in a variety of areas.

If you would like to investigate further on how you can help at the district committee level please contact our Nominating Committee Chair, John Parish.

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