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Greater St. Louis Area Council

Pathfinder District Newsletter

October 2026

Pathfinder Website Update

Many of you may know that the Council has a new website, **ScoutingSTL.org**

Unfortunately, I will no longer have direct access to the Pathfinder page of the new site. I must rely on Council to update. However, since the old site will still be up for another year, I will keep updating it. Please refer to the old site when you need the latest Pathfinder info. *Tom Coscia*

Pathfnder District Website

Welcome new District Executive, Bryan Ranney

We are pleased to announce that Bryan Ranney will be the new Pathfinder District Executive, effective November 1, 2026.

Many of us know Bryan from his many years as a volunteer in Pathfinder, in Maplewood Troop 362, and as a part of the leadership at Camp Gamble these last several years. In the interim before he starts, please continue to direct any scouting customer service and council support concerns and requests through the field director, Laura Enge.

Date

Next Roundtable

Monday, October 5, 2026

Time

7:00 pm

Location

Salem United Methodist Church

1200 South Lindbergh Blvd

St. Louis, MO 63131

Topic

Leadership Training

PATHFINDER DISTRICT

OCTOBER ROUNDTABLE

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND ITS IMPORTANCE

Build stronger leaders. Create better units.
Make a bigger impact.

DATE
Monday,
October 5, 2026

TIME
7:00 PM

LOCATION
Salem United
Methodist Church
Great Room

Develop Your Leadership Skills.
Support Your Unit. Grow Together.

Pathfinder Roundtable

What Happens at a Roundtable

- **General updates:** Leaders learn about upcoming district and council events, policy changes, and important deadlines.
- **Breakout sessions:** Participants split into specific groups—such as Cub Scouts or Scouts BSA—to discuss age-specific program plans, advancement tips, and games.
- **Networking:** Volunteers share challenges, swap success stories, and ask experienced leaders for advice.

Who Should Attend

- Cubmasters, Den Leaders, and Scoutmasters
- Unit committee members and parents
- Anyone looking to help improve their local Scout unit

If you're planning to attend, let me know if you are involved with **Cub Scouts** or **Scouts BSA**, and I can tell you what specific topics are usually covered.

Pathfinder Roundtables typically take place the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at Salem United Methodist Church. Roundtables usually last 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Interested in getting involved? The Roundtable Planning Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 AM at Panera, located at Olive and Old Olive. We are also looking for Roundtable presenters. Opportunities include MC Roundtable, Opening Ceremony, Invocation, Safety Moment, Hot Topic, or breakout topic.

PATHFINDER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

Want to Get More Involved?

The **Roundtable Planning Committee** meets on the **3rd Monday of each month at 9:30 AM** at **Panera at Olive & Old Olive**.

We're always looking for Scouters who would like to help make Roundtable better!

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- **Roundtable MC**

- **Opening Ceremony**
- **Invocation**
- **Safety Moment**
- **Hot Topic Presenter**
- **Cub Scout Breakout Presenter**
- **Scouts BSA Breakout Presenter**
- **Other Training & Program Topics**

Have a topic you'd like to share? **We'd love to hear from you!**

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LIFE TO EAGLE:
NAVIGATING THE JOURNEY

Your Next Step. Your Best Adventure.

Life Scouts and their parents are invited to a special workshop designed to help you understand, plan, and succeed on the path to Eagle Scout.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Life to Eagle requirements overview
- Building a strong Eagle Scout Project
- Leadership, service, and time management tips
- Resources and support available every step of the way

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- ✓ Life Scouts
- ✓ Parents or Guardians
- ✓ Scoutmasters
- ✓ Anyone supporting a Scout on their Eagle journey

DATE:
Monday,
November 2, 2026

TIME:
7:00 – 8:30 PM

LOCATION:
Salem United
Methodist Church
1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

QUESTIONS:
Contact Amy Oliver
314-708-4099
amy@evirtualhome.com

The Camping Corner

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

- Campmaster: Carson Lee
- Games, Rockets, 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** is now available on the Registration Website. ** One manual for both Troops and Arrow of Lights. **

Fall Camporee

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

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 are now weekly. See manual for full schedule and location.

4th Grade Webelos Camping Opportunities

- Spring Camporee for Spring Camping

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.

Klondike 2027

Save the Date for the 2027 Klondike on January 30, 2027, at Beaumont Scout Reservation

Pathfinder 2026 Fall Camporee

Scouts In Space!

October 23rd-25th, 2026

Beaumont Scout Reservation, Lane Field

Campmaster: Carson Lee

Campmaster Adviser: Jason Lee

This is the **ONE Camporee Manual** for both **Troops and Arrow of Light Scouts**

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

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

- 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
(314) 662-1666 | lizwebb28@gmail.com

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

TROOP 525

TROOP 525

SHED CLEAR OUT!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
12 PM – 2 PM

ARLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Does your unit need **tents, stoves, coolers, patrol boxes, cooking pots and pans, and Klondike sled?**

Come check what we have.

NO CHARGE FOR ANYTHING.

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

Questions? Contact Amy Oliver 314-708-4099 amy@evirtualhome.com

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COORDINATOR TRAINING

A 30-Minute Introduction

OCTOBER 14, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Register Here!

GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL — PATHFINDER DISTRICT 12

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader.

Adult Leader Training Opportunities — Fall 2026 through Summer 2027

Training is not just recommended — it is required for many roles.

Register at scoutingevent.com | Questions: Benjamin.Kohn3021@gmail.com | 314-333-1909

Mandatory | Cub Scouts | Scouts BSA | Youth Leadership | General Scouting

Mandatory Online Training — my.scouting.org

Complete anytime | Track status in your my.scouting profile

Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) Renew every 2 years | my.scouting.org	★ REQUIRED
Hazardous Weather (SCO_800) Renew annually | ~45 min | Required for all direct-contact leaders	★ REQUIRED
Position-Specific Training Required per your registered role | my.scouting.org	★ REQUIRED

CPR / AED Training

Paired with WFA sessions — check scoutcal for exact times

Nov 8	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Jan 23	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Feb 20	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Mar 13	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Mar 14	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Apr 3	S-F Scout Ranch, Swift Lodge

BALOO — Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Required for Pack/Den overnights | Weekend overnight + online prereq

Oct 10–11	S-F Scout Ranch *Fall Session 1*
Oct 24–25	Beaumont Scout Reservation *Fall Session 2*

Challenge Course & Rock Climbing Training

New instructor training + annual re-certification

Sep 12–13	Beaumont *Instructor training weekend*
Oct 4	Beaumont *Annual re-certification*
Oct 25	Beaumont & S-F *1-day orientation (both locations)*

Cub Scout Leader Training (Position-Specific)

Required for all Pack leaders | Counts toward BALOO prereq

Oct 3	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Manchester
Oct 3	Parkway Church of Christ, St. Louis
Oct 10	Camp Lewallen
Dec 5	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Manchester

Climbing Tower Instructor Training

Certification covers all 3 GSLAC towers

Oct 11	Beaumont Scout Reservation

Contact: gslac.climbing.director@gmail.com

IOLS — Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Required for Scoutmasters, ASMs & Crew Advisors | Weekend overnight

Oct 23–25	Beaumont Scout Reservation *Fall session*
Nov 7–8	Camp Lewallen

Map & Compass Orienteering — Adult Leaders 18+

Oct 3	Beaumont – Sverdrup Lodge *Fall 2026 session*
Feb 27	Beaumont – Sverdrup Lodge *2027 session*

Scoutmaster / ASM Position-Specific Training

Required for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters

Oct 24	SE Missouri State Univ., Cape Girardeau *Dempster Hall — includes Troop Committee Challenge*

Wilderness First Aid

Recommended for all outdoor leaders

Nov 8	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Jan 23–24	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Feb 20–21	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Mar 13–14	Beaumont Scout Reservation
Apr 3	S-F Scout Ranch, Swift Lodge

NYLT — National Youth Leadership Training

For youth 13+, First Class or above

Jun 6–12	Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch *Session 1 — 2027*
Jun 20–26	S-F Scout Ranch *Session 2 — 2027*
Jul 11–17	S-F Scout Ranch *Session 3 — 2027*
Aug 7–9 & 14–16	Camp Warren Levis *2 Weekend format — 2027*

Wood Badge

Scouting's premier adult leadership training

Sep 25–27 & Oct 17–18	Camp Lewallen *Fall 2026 | sm.fall2026@gmail.com*
May 21–23 & Jun 5–6	Beaumont *Spring 2027 | sm.spring2027@gmail.com*

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Questions? Contact your unit's Commissioner or Benjamin.Kohn3021@gmail.com | 314-333-1909

Scan for live calendar → scoutcal.com/22413

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Scouting America | Pathfinder District 12

Dates subject to change. Verify registration details at scoutingevent.com before attending.

September Pathfinder Eagles

Thomas Griffey - Troop 21

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Pathfinder Order of the Arrow

Fall Reunion – We had a wonderful time at Fall Reunion even if it was the hottest Fall Reunion that most folks remembered. We welcomed 16 new Ordeal Members and 7 members sealed their membership by completing their Brotherhood.

Additionally, we elected your new Chapter Officers. Congratulations to our new Chapter Officers – Cece Ewersmann, Chapter Chief; Conor O'Leary, Chapter First Vice-Chief; Michael Ewersmann, Chapter Second Vice-Chief; and Alex Gulick, Secretary.

They are excited to plan a great year for Pathfinder. Additionally, four Pathfinder members were elected to Lodge Offices – Michael Milchanowski, Lodge First Vice-Chief, Brandon Barrett, Lodge Second Vice-Chief, George Milchanowski, Lodge Corresponding Secretary and Worth Gillentine, Lodge Treasurer.

Lodge Induction Experience – October 10-11. Everyone is invited to attend our Lodge Induction Experience and experience the new induction process for yourself. For more information and to sign up, see the Lodge website here.

Section Conclave – Enjoy fellowship with

Arrowman from other lodges, attend training sessions at have fun at the G-7 Section Conclave **October 2-4.** See more information here.

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.*

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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

Vintage Scouting

SAVE THE DATE!!

Join us for the

Pathfinder Adult Recognition Dinner

Pathfinder District

Recognize a Fellow Scouter

Nominate someone who makes the Pathfinder District stronger.

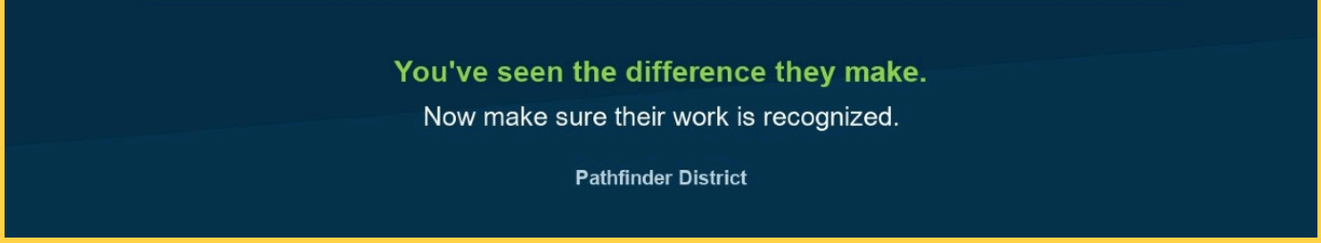
Pathfinder District Dinner
February 8, 2027 • Details to follow
Nomination deadline • December 14

Choose an award
Select the matching link to submit a nomination.

1. **District Award of Merit**
   Honor outstanding service to Scouting.
   Scan to nominate →
   Open nomination form
   forms.gle/zPEGZzF7XBAD5B5j7

2. **District Awards**
   Celebrate dedicated district leadership.
   Scan to nominate →
   Open nomination form
   forms.gle/g2c7jMfm1rhWG4LbA

3. **MVP Awards**
   Formerly Pioneer • one recognition per unit.
   Scan to nominate →
   Open nomination form
   forms.gle/3TbVXZGVGPWSptaMA



Important Dates

Eagle Board

2nd Thursdays & 4th Mondays

October - 2026

5 - Roundtable

10 - Cub Launch

16 - PF Cub Scout Leader Training

23 - 25 Fall Camporee: Beaumont - Lane

November - 2026

2 - Roundtable

14 - Scouting for Food Bag Drop-Off

21 - Scouting for Food Bag Pick-Up

22- PF OA Chapter Meeting

Find Out More!

Pathfnder District Website

Find us on facebook

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

DEADLINE:

Newsletter Articles

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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