



On The Horizon – October 2026



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IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

EVENT:

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 Order of the Arrow G7 Section Conclave
 District Cub Scout Leader Training
 October Roundtables
 Scouting For Food Unit Bag Pick up
 Cub Scout Spookoree
 Cub Launch
 Cub Scout Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
 Religious Emblems Coordinator Training
 New Horizons Fall Cub-o-Ree/Camporee
 Haunted Hayrides
 Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet
 Scoutbotics – St. Louis University
 Chemistry Merit Badge Clinic
 Scouts BSA Scoutmaster/ASM &
 Committee Chair/member Training
 Fall Wood Badge Course – Weekend 2
 Scouts BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
 Haunted Hayrides
 FrightFest
 Fall Festival at the Barn
 Den Chief Training (Virtual)
 Cub Scout Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
 2027 Order of the Arrow Vigil Nominations due
 November Roundtables
 November Eagle Boards of Review
 University of Scouting
 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
 District Life to Eagle Seminar
 Einstein Recognition Dinner
 Scouting For Food Bag Collection
 November New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting
 December Roundtables
 December Eagle Boards of Review
 December Cub Scout Leader Training
 STEM University – UMSL
 New Horizons Good Turn Service Project
 December Commissioner/Committee Holiday Party
 Submission Deadline for Nominations of Spark Plug and
 District Award of Merit
 Shawnee Lodge OA Winter Fellowship Banquet
 Scouts BSA Winter Camp
 January Roundtables
 January Eagle Boards of Review
 STEM University – SEMO
 Council Venturing/Sea Scout Lock-in (STL After Dark)
 District Winter Klondike
 STEM University – SIUE

DATE:

October 1, 8, 22
 October 2 – 4
 October 3
 October 6
 October 6
 October 9 – 11
 October 10
 October 10 (S-F)
 October 14
 October 16 – 18
 October 16 – 18
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 October 17 – 18
 October 23 – 25
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 October 24
 October 24 – 25 (B-R)
 October 31
 November 3
 November 5, 12 (No week 4)
 November 7
 November 14
 November 18
 November 20
 November 21
 TBD
 December 1
 December 3, 10 (No Week 4)
 December 5
 December 5
 December 5
 December 8
 December 8
 December 20
 December 28 – 31
 January 5
 January 7, 14, 28
 January 9
 January 16 – 17
 January 30
 January 30

Council Silver Beaver Nominations Due	January 31
District 2027 Annual Giving Volunteer Training	TBD
District Volunteer Recognition Event	TBD
February Roundtables	February 2
February Eagle Boards of Review	February 4, 11, 25
Council Scout Sabbath	February 5
Cub Scout Camp-in – Magic House	February 5 – 6
Scout Sunday Catholic Youth Recognition	February 6
District Life to Eagle Seminar	February 17
STEM University – SIUC	February 27
District Pinewood Derby	TBD
New Horizons OA Chapter Banquet	TBD
New Horizons District Pinewood Derby	TBD
March Roundtables	March 2
March Eagle Boards of Review	March 4, 11 (No Week 4)
College of Commissioner Science	March 6
STEM Collage at Lake Land Community College	March 20

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

➔ **PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH ALL OF YOUR LEADERS AND PARENTS IN YOUR UNIT, AND HAVE THEM ALL SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THEIR OWN COPY HERE: <http://eepurl.com/Z-9Vr>**

October ROUNDTABLES:

October Roundtables will be on October 6th, gathering at 6:30 pm, and program at 7:00 pm at will be held at **Manchester United Methodist Church**, 129 Woods Mill Rd, St. Louis, MO 63011. The Cub program will be “Special Needs: Every Scout Belongs”. The Scouts BSA Roundtable program is “NYLT – Getting an Edge in Life”. Scouting For Food Bag boxes available for pick up.

November ROUNDTABLES:

November Roundtables will be on November 3rd, gathering at 6:30 pm, and program at 7:00 pm at will be held at **Manchester United Methodist Church**, 129 Woods Mill Rd, St. Louis, MO 63011. The Cub program will be “STEMtastic Activities”. The Scouts BSA Roundtable program is “STEMtastic Activities”. Last chance for Scouting For Food Bag box pick up without special arrangement.

➔ IMPORTANT! Eagle Boards of Review have moved!

Effective September 2026, Eagle Boards of Review moved from Parkway UCC to **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, located at 327 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011 (across 141 from Costco). Additionally, EBORs will be held on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th **Thursday** of the month as noted in “Important Dates at a Glance”.

2026-2027 Program Guides:

These guides, released in May 2025, take you through recommendations on how to best manage Den and Pack meetings, Troop meetings, and Crew meetings for the coming Scouting year—loaded with information on having a fun Scouting program.

2026-2027Cub Scout Program Guide:

<http://tiny.cc/qpo2101>

2026-2027 Scouts BSA Program Guide:

<http://tiny.cc/wpo2101>

2026-2027 Venturing/Seas Scout Program Guide:

<http://tiny.cc/mpo2101>

IMPORTANT NOTES ➔

The Council office is now located at 1122 Town and Country Commons Drive, Suite 200, Chesterfield, MO 63017 (off Woods Mill Rd. which parallels 141). The new *Scouting Outfitters* is now open at that location.

====>Keep up to date with the “Guide to Safe Scouting” here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>

Youth Protection Training is now “S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth Training (SYT)”: See details under Training!

====>Updated Annual Health and Medical Record:

Scouting America has released new 2026 AHMR (both short form for under 72 hours and long form for over 72 hours) which supersedes the 2019 version. While your previous AMHR is good until your next physical exam, please download the AMHR forms here instead of searching the internet: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

Scouting America Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5):

As a member District within the Greater St Louis Area Scouting, we are 1 of 13 Councils that comprise **Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5)**, 1 of 14 Territories across the US. **CST 5** covers the states of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska as well as southern Illinois, and western Iowa, and nearly all of Colorado & Wyoming.

For much more information please follow and share the following two CST 5 Facebook Group Pages:

1. Scouting America Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5) with close to 400 members. For general information about accomplishments and accolades across CST 5, from the individual to units, to districts, councils, and programs please join Scouting America Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5) Homepage: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/924855562032311>

2. Scouting America Council Service Territory 5 Program with 500+ members

For Program specific information please join the Council Service Territory 5 Program:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/270021481844869/>

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER:

Dear Fellow New Horizons Scouters,

Are We Having Fun Yet?

By October, the Scouting year is in full swing. Calendars are filled, fundraisers are underway, advancement is happening, and there always seems to be another form, email, meeting, or deadline demanding our attention.

In the middle of all of that, it is worth asking a very simple question:

Are the Scouts having fun?

We sometimes become so focused on running Scouting that we can lose sight of why young people keep coming back. They come for campouts, adventures, friendships, challenges, campfires, and the opportunity to do things they cannot do anywhere else.

That doesn't mean every meeting has to be spectacular. It does mean that our program should give Scouts something to look forward to.

As you look at the months ahead, ask your Scouts what they are excited about. Better yet, ask what they *wish* they were doing. Their answers might surprise us—and might make our programs better.

The paperwork matters. Advancement matters. Fundraising matters. But those things support the program; they aren't the program.

Sometimes the best measure of a healthy unit is pretty simple: **Do the Scouts want to come back next week?**

Yours in Scouting,
Joseph P. "Joe" Bradley, MD
New Horizons District Commissioner
Greater St. Louis Area Scouting
joseph.bradley@icloud.com

MEMBERSHIP:

Say Yes to Scouts

September's recruiting wave is over. October is not "too late" — it's just quieter, and that's exactly when it's easiest for a unit to unintentionally act like the door is closed.

The barrier in October is rarely the flyer — it's the hesitation. A leader who says "let me get you into our next information session" instead of "welcome, here's the form" turns a yes into a maybe. Treat an October family exactly like an August one: hand them the paper application, get it back before they leave, and worry about den placement after they're registered.

Bottom line: if a family asks to join this month, the answer is yes — today, not at the next scheduled event.

Small Wins Count

September was a good month, and it's worth saying so. Districtwide, Cub Scout youth grew from 1,766 to 1,969 and Scouts BSA grew from 1,007 to 1,022 over the month.

Share that with your own committee and parents. A quick "we grew this fall" line at a pack meeting or in a pack email does two things: it thanks the volunteers who made it happen, and it signals to families who are still on the fence that this is a good year to say yes.

Troops: Say Yes to Den Chiefing and Running Pack Adventures

Recruiting doesn't stop at Crossover, and it doesn't only run one direction. Troops grow when Scouts BSA youth take on real leadership — and Den Chief is one of the best leadership roles a troop can offer. If a pack asks your troop for a Den Chief, or asks a patrol to help run a den meeting or an adventure, **that's a yes.**

It's a good deal both ways: the Scout gets genuine leadership experience (and a path toward rank requirements), and the pack gets a role model younger Scouts want to follow. If your troop doesn't currently have a Scout serving as a Den Chief, talk to your neighboring packs — most would welcome one.

Packs: Say Yes to Den Chiefs and Troop-Led Support

On the pack side, the ask is the same in reverse: say yes to a Den Chief and say yes when a troop offers to run a meeting or adventure. Two things make this work well:

Get your Den Chief trained and put to use. A Den Chief who isn't oriented to the den's routine ends up standing around instead of leading. A short conversation with your Den Leader on what the Den Chief will actually do each meeting goes a long way.

Let troops run meetings and adventures, not just visit them. Handing a patrol real ownership of a den meeting or outdoor adventure lightens the load on your own volunteers and gives Scouts BSA youth the leadership reps they need. It's shared load and youth leadership development in one move.

Renewal Cycle at a Glance

The renewal transition affects units and individual members differently — here's the short version:

WHO	FALL 2026	FALL 2027	JAN/FEB 2028
Units (charter exp. 10/31/26+)	Renew now onto Feb 2028 cycle – pay full fee + pro rated		Fully aligned, normal annual renewal
New/renewing members	Normal renewal, normal 12-month fee – no change	Renew onto Feb 2028 cycle -- \$32 pro-rated	Fully aligned, normal annual renewal
Unit-managed Member renewal	Not yet – families still register/pay online	Not yet	Returns – units renew their own members again

Need Help Closing a Late-Season Yes?

If you've got a family on the fence or a Sign-Up Night still to schedule, reach out — Chris can help you plan the conversation or get you paired with a trained closer.

Let's keep saying "Welcome!" and growing Scouting this fall. For more information:

- Your Unit Commissioner
- Joe Bradley, District Commissioner (joseph.bradley@icloud.com)
- Ben Brennecke, Field Director (ben.brennecke@scouting.org)
- Chris Kadel, Membership Committee Chair (Chris@signalhost.me) / 314.800.7039

Reminder: Lion & Tiger Adult Partners Must Register Separately

Signing your child's Lion or Tiger application as parent partner does not automatically make you a registered adult volunteer. Unit Leaders should advise adult partners wishing to hold a leadership role that they must submit a separate Scouting America adult application. Contact your Pack's Key 3 or reach out to the District for assistance getting registered.

Follow us on Facebook: NewHorizonsDistrictCommunity

ACTIVITIES:

Save the dates!

Cub Launch:

Spend a day at Beaumont Scout Reservation with the whole family doing all things Cub Scouts love to do: BB gun shooting, Archery, Hike the Bobcat Trail (do Bobcat requirements!), and STEM demonstrations & activities are just a few of the exciting things available – more than 20 different activities.

When & Where: October 10, 2026, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Cub World at Beaumont Scout Reservation

When & Where: October 10, 2026, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Camp Warren Levis

When & Where: October 10, 2026, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, O'Fallon, IL Sportsman's Club

Who: Geared toward new Cubs, but all are welcome

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-117804>

Religious Emblems Coordinator Training:

The Greater St. Louis Area Council Religious Emblems Coordinator, Joe Shaver, has graciously offered to host a 30-minute Zoom training session for any registered leader who is interested in supporting religious emblems in their local council, districts, and units.

The zoom session will be held on October 14 at 7:00 PM Central Time. It is intended to provide a brief introduction and practical guidance for leaders who may be willing to help strengthen religious-emblem participation in their area.

Attendance does not commit anyone to serving in a formal role. The goal is simply to give interested leaders enough information and confidence to decide whether they would like to become involved.

To register, please send an email to stlreligiousemblems@gmail.com. You will then be provided with the Zoom link.

Any leader who may be interested in helping support religious emblems in their council, district, or unit is encouraged to attend.

Questions may also be directed to Joe at stlreligiousemblems@gmail.com.

Haunted Hayrides:

Haunted Hayrides are a spooky good time for children of all ages with dates over 2 weekends at nearby Camp Warren Levis. These are open to all Scout units, Scout families and the general public. Each hayride is about 20 minutes, showing the spookier, scarier side of Camp Warren Levis. Keep an eye out for goblins and ghouls, and be careful about that noise in the woods... Come early or stay after your ride for time around the bonfire, and enjoy some chili and hot chocolate from the concession stand.

When: October 16, 17, 23 or 24, 2026

Where: Camp Warren Levis, 500 Boy Scout Lane, Godfrey, IL

Who: Bring the whole family!

Registration recommended, but you can pay with cash at the event.

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-2026Haunted>

JOTA/JOTI:

Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA-JOTI) is back October 16–18. Mark your calendars and get ready to connect with Scouts around the world for a weekend of communication, friendship, learning, and adventure. Register here: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

Calendar of Religious Observances:

It is very important that every council/district/unit be sensitive to the religious observances of the many faith traditions represented in Scouting America. Whenever possible, councils, districts, and units should avoid scheduling major activities on dates that conflict with important religious observances.

This is an important part of making certain that Scouting America, both nationally and through its local councils, respects and accommodates the religious commitments of all of its constituent faith groups. A scheduling conflict can unintentionally force a Scout or family to choose between participating in Scouting and observing an important day of their faith.

Here is the link for the Calendar of Religious Observances, which can be a very helpful planning resource. Please make certain that the individuals responsible for religious relationships in your unit receive this calendar and encourage council, district, and unit leaders to consult it when planning their annual calendars. <https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/religious-observances/>

Our objective is simple: **no Scout should unnecessarily miss a Scouting opportunity because an event was scheduled without consideration of an important religious observance.**

Fall Festival at the Barn:

Join us for the Fall Festival at The Barn located at **Nagel Equestrian Base in Beaumont Scout Reservation**. Fun for all ages! Pizza and soda for purchase. Costumes are welcome! Activities include Arts & Crafts, Yard Games, Bonfire with Smores, Hot Chocolate, Branding, Bounce House, Pony Rides, Meet a Horse, Barn Tours, and Hayrides!

When: October 24, 2026, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per person (under 1 is free)

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-118467#>

Fall Fright Night:

Fall Fright Fest is a fun Halloween event for Cub Scouts. Attend just the Saturday event or camp overnight with us and enjoy the entire weekend! Sign up for sessions from 3PM to 7PM Saturday evening! Each session is under 2 hours. Start by listening to a classic Halloween story, then hike the spooky trail, get a goody bag, play on the playgrounds, make slime and get into the Halloween spirit.

Optional camp overnight with us! The classic Fall Fright Fest event is Saturday evening, but now you can join us Friday night and Saturday for a family or pack campout. Friday night we will have a Council hosted campfire program with songs and skits! Families or packs will be responsible for their own meals. Camping space will be provided and campfire program Friday night.

Bring your costume! A fun, age-appropriate, but scary activity to add to the Halloween Spirit! Costumes are welcomed but not a requirement. Wear trail appropriate footwear, you will be going through a wooded trail.

We are seeking some volunteers to help make slime with Cub Scouts during this event. If interested in volunteering to make slime, contact Lisa Balbes at lisa@balbes.com

When: October 24, 2026 (optional – stay overnight to October 25, 2026)

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation, Cub World

Cost: \$10 per attendee (optional overnight additional \$5 per person)

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-117843>

Scouting For Food:

Scouting For Food started in 1985 and is the Greater St. Louis Area Scouting's one-of-a-kind day of service for Scouts of all ages. Thousands of Scouts, parents, and leaders hit the streets on a Saturday in November to distribute bags to the homes in their assigned area. Community members fill up those bags with non-perishable food items, and the Scouts return one week later to pick up those bags and distribute them to local food banks and pantries. Last year we collected nearly 2 million items.

Important note: The safety of our Scouts is the most important thing. If the leaders don't think an area is safe for the Scouts to distribute/pick up bags, then are empowered not to enter those areas. Examples include a house far back from the road with a long driveway where the scouts would disappear from view or a multi-family dwelling where a Scout could get pulled in to a residence and the leaders don't know what happened to them.

Once again, Mark Balbes has volunteered to be our Scouting For Food Chairperson

When: Units pick up bags for distribution at October Roundtable, October 6, 2026

Bag Distribution – November 14, 2026

Bag Collection – November 21, 2026 **after** 9:00 am (please don't start earlier!)

Where: Each unit will be assigned a specific area

Food Collection sites: <https://bit.ly/NH-SFF-2026>

District Service Project - Saturday December 5th

Manchester United Methodist Church has hosted the District Roundtables for over 25 years. We are starting an initiative to do some Good Turns for them; Our initial service project will be leaf raking on Saturday December 5th from 9AM - 3PM. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours.

Scouts and Leaders should bring Rakes, work gloves, tarps, and Scout Sprit. Adults can bring and use leaf blowers. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring your own lunch.

Manchester United Methodist is located at the northwest corner of Manchester and 141, 129 Woods Mill Rd.

Questions, or to let us know you are available to help: Contact Bob Backer Rcbacker@att.net or Paul Mack mackpaul708@gmail.com

2027 World Scout Jamboree in Poland:

Gdańsk, here we come!

Registration is open now for the 26th World Scout Jamboree, set for July 30 to August 8, 2027, in the historic city of Gdańsk, Poland. This massive global party brings together tens of thousands of Scouts from more than 170 countries, all uniting for 10 days of fun.

Projected cost for youth participants is estimated in the range of \$6,200 - \$6,700 (airfare will affect the cost) More information may be found in "Aaron On Scouting"'s article here:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2025/11/17/register-now-to-join-the-usa-contingent-at-the-2027-world-scout-jamboree-in-poland/>

Help Wanted!

Do you love spending time outdoors, working with youth and have time Monday-Friday weekday hours (school day hours) to fill? Come join Discovery Base at Beaumont staff to help make a difference in young people's lives!

Positions needed:

- Belayers
- Rangemasters
- Archery & BB Guns
- Initiative Games Leader
- High & Low Ropes Crew
- Outdoor Skills Leaders
- STEM Coordinator

The hourly wage is \$17! If interested, please contact Jesse Engle, Director at 314.954. 5565 or jesse.ingle@scouting.org

ADVANCEMENT:

Congratulations and thank you to Ruben Brill as he moves from our District Advancement Chair to Council Advancement Chair. Welcome to Elaine Caldwell as she takes over the District Advancement Chair duties!

Scouting America (BSA) has a monthly live chat on Fridays that may be helpful:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/cubchatlive/>

The Council office has moved to using Scoutbook to log Advancement. This will help ensure advancement is recorded correctly and timely. *PLEASE BE SURE TO RECORD ADVANCEMENT FOR YOUR YOUTH AS IT OCCURS.*

- Regularly input advancement into Scoutbook
- Have the Unit Leader "approve" that advancement within Scoutbook
- Have the Unit Leader "award" that advancement within Scoutbook

Scoutbook:

Approving and awarding can be easily done within Scoutbook by regularly running a "Needs Approval" or "Needs Awarding" report where you can quickly approve it all. We'd really appreciate your Units staying up to date with this!

Logging "Service Hours":

When your youth and adults do community service, please be sure to log those hours using Scoutbook so that they may be rolled into the Council total – all service hours are totaled for the Council and then at the national level and are reported to Congress during the Scouting America's Report to The Nation every spring. Each hour of Volunteer Time is currently valued at over \$31 Per Hour!

Conservation Good Turn Award:

Another of the awards our Scouts (all programs) and Scouters (yes, scouters) can earn is the Conservation Good Turn Award which is described here: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-good-turn/>

This award is eligible for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing Crew Members, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and the adult leaders of these programs. The [Certificate Application](#) may be found on the page referenced above.

Cub Scout Resources:

Are you looking for some great resources for advancement for all levels of Cub Scouts? Check out the Cub Scout Toolbox for ideas for dens and individuals working on Cub Scout ranks and achievements.

<https://stlbsa.org/resources/resources-toolbox/cub-scouts-toolbox/>

While you are checking out resources, updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 program year were recently posted here: <https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-cub-scouts/>

SCOUTS BSA REQUIREMENTS UPDATES:

Ranks:

There are updates to the Scouts BSA Advancement program that became effective on January 1st, 2024. There are minor changes to the Scout and Star ranks (#6). Note that the Cyberchip has been phased out and Scouts should use the Personal Safety Awareness training at:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/>

Palms:

Scouts BSA no longer have to wait 3 months between Eagle Palms – they have to earn 5 additional merit badges and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

All the changes are detailed below, including information on major and minor changes to merit badge requirements:

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Advancement-Program-Updates-2024.pdf>

Merit Badges:

Merit Badge Counselors please note!

Effective July 1, 2026, a merit badge counselor can now counsel as many as 10 merit badges. You can be a counselor for up to 4 Eagle Required merit badges and 6 electives, or counsel 10 electives, or any combination of merit badges with the stipulation that you are limited to 4 Eagle Required badges. The previous limit was 4 merit badges total. While scouts may opt to obtain many badges from counselors within their troop, one of the purposes of merit badges is for scouts to reach out to an adult that they don't know. As a reminder, all merit badge counselors need to take "Safeguarding Youth Training (Y01)", "Introduction to Merit Badges (SCO_474)", and "What is a Merit Badge Counselor (SCO_486)"

ALL MERIT BADGE PAMPHLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE HERE AND CONTAIN THE LATEST 2026

REQUIREMENTS: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/>

2026 UPDATES: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

Many merit badges have updates to their requirements. See the following link:

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/scouts-bsa-advancement-updates-effective-january-1-2026/>

New Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence Merit Badges!

Scouts BSA has recently released two NEW Merit Badges: Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence. For details on these merit badges, read the "On Scouting" article:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2025/10/15/scouting-america-launches-merit-badges-in-cybersecurity-and-artificial-intelligence/>

New Wildland Fire Management Merit Badge:

This new merit badge was developed in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Society of American Foresters, introduces Scouts to wildfire behavior, prevention, emergency preparedness, and related career paths through interactive, hands-on experiences:

<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/wildland-fire-management/>

New Competitive Gaming Merit Badge:

This new merit badge highlights the growing world of esports, teaching teamwork, strategy, sportsmanship, and career opportunities in gaming, streaming, and technology:

<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/competitive-gaming/>

Mining in Society:

The Mining in Society merit badge covers the history of mining, explores the status of mining in the 21st century, and introduces Scouts to modern mining careers. There were some changes to the requirements. Here are the current requirements:

<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/mining-in-society/>

Merit Badge Digital Resource Guides:

Scouting America has announced the release of a new resource guide for Space Exploration merit badge. This guide, along with many others are available here:

<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/>

Citizenship in Society discontinued:

Reminder: Citizenship in Society was discontinued effective February 27, 2026. Scouts who started this merit badge prior to that date may continue to work on it until December 31, 2026, though it is no longer an Eagle Required merit badge – see below for more information on Eagle Scout requirements.

BSA Test Labs:

Scouting America has implemented something new – The *Scouts BSA Test Lab* is an exciting way to help in the development of fun and interesting new topics unique to the Scouts BSA program. The requirements for each badge have the look and feel of merit badges, but instead of a printed pamphlet, you will find links to digital resources to help you complete the requirements. If enough surveys show Scouts enjoyed these potential new badges and a badge becomes an official merit badge, Scouts will be credited with having earned that badge! For more information, visit

<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab/>

EAGLE SCOUTS

Important - Eagle Scout Rank Requirements Change/Eagle Scout Application Change:

Effective February 27, 2026, the “Citizenship in Society” was been discontinued, though Scouts who began this merit badge *before* that date may continue to complete it before December 31, 2026. There are now 13 Eagle Required merit badges with a total of 21 merit badges needed to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout Application has been changed to reflect this (see below for the link). An additional line for parents’ contact information has also been added in the “Letters of Recommendation” section. Here is an article that clarifies the Eagle Scout Application changes:

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/clarification-on-the-eagle-scout-rank-application/>

The Eagle Scout rank process is described in detail at:

<https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/> and click on the blue box “NEW HORIZONS EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATES”

Eagle Boards of Review:

The Eagle Boards of Review continue to need additional reviewers! Eagle Boards are held on the 1st, 2nd and 4th *Thursdays* of the month. Contact Mike Buhr at mjbuhr64@gmail.com or (314) 386-5055 to *be a reviewer or coordinator*. Virtual boards of Review will be considered on an individual basis based on need and individual circumstance. **Watch for updates here regarding the Eagle Board Schedule.**

To **schedule** an Eagle Board of Review, a *Scout* needs to call the Eagle Board Hotline at 314.384.2482.

Eagle Boards of Review will be held **IN-PERSON!**

Our Weekly Coordinators are:

Craig Biehle - week 1

Matt Smith - week 2

Laura Hernke – week 4

Review dates:

October 1, 8, 22
 November 5, 19 (No week 4 due to Thanksgiving)
 December 3, 10 (No week 4 due to Christmas)
 January 7, 14, 28
 February 4, 11, 25
 March 4, 11 (No week 4 due to Holy Thursday)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Scouts are required to submit their paperwork *in advance* which helps the reviewers to better help our Scouts. *Please use the Eagle Project Workbook fillable PDF below and email it when requested to the appropriate weekly coordinator.* While not expressly required, reviewers greatly appreciate workbooks that are filled in using the PDF vs. handwritten workbooks.

Links to the most current Eagle Scout Project Workbook can be found at this link:

➔ <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>

The most current **Eagle Scout Application** can be auto populated from Scoutbook by clicking on “Eagle Scout Application”. The latest version of the fillable PDF may also be found here (***please do not search the Internet or you will likely find an out-of-date version***): <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/resources/> & click the link “Eagle Scout Application...”

Eagle Scout Letters of Recommendation: Reference letter requirements for Eagle Scouts have been updated. See Section 9.0.1.3 of the updated Guide to Advancement:

References: Must list names and contact information for four people who are willing to serve as references for the Eagle candidate. These may be Scout leaders, teachers, employers, coaches, other Scouts, etc. References do not need to be 21 or older. **Parents and other relatives are strongly discouraged from serving as references. The current unit leader and committee chair are not eligible to serve as references; their signature on the application is their endorsement.**

Helpful **Life to Eagle Resources:** The PDFs of the “Eagle Boards of Review – Roundtable Overview PPT” and “Life to Eagle PPT” may be found here under “Life to Eagle Resources”: <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/>

Save the dates!**Scouts BSA Merit Badge Skill Centers**

Merit Badge Skill Centers: <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> -> MERIT BADGE SKILL CENTERS

- Personal Management Merit Badge Clinics are being offered by Emily Worthmore. Emily is available to set up clinics at troop meetings or other small groups. If interested, please contact Emily @ worthmore2040@gmail.com or 314-532-1003

Life to Eagle – Advancement Seminars:

November LTE Advancement Seminar:

When: November 18, 2026, 7 pm ***sharp*** IN PERSON!

Where: GSLAS Council HQ, 1122 Town and Country Commons Drive, Suite 200, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Registration required: <https://forms.gle/mjfpzhXuV6P4Qwp6>

Eagle Projects – at Babler Park:

The Parkway-Rockwood Babler Outdoor Education Center has several projects that would make great Eagle Scout Service Projects. Interested Life Scouts should contact Mike Dowell, Babler Outdoor Education Center Supervisor at 636.891.6681 to make an appointment to review potential projects. (Scouts need to have an adult with them on the phone or when visiting Babler for Youth Protection compliance.)

John F. Bild Eagle Scout Project Grants:

The ***Eagle Scout Association of Greater St. Louis, Inc.*** (St. Louis Eagle Scout Association) may grant Life Scouts working on an Eagle Scout Service Project money to fund their project. Applicants must have received project approval from the District Eagle Scout Board of Review. Grants typically range from \$50 to \$200. The application

process, application form, and directions for applying for a grant may be found here:

<http://www.stlesa.org/Eagle-Project-Grants>

For other **Advancement** questions see the “**Guide to Advancement**”: <https://www.scouting.org/advancement>.

For the latest **Advancement Update**, visit: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/SBSA-Advancement-Updates-2024-v2.pdf>. New information will be posted here when it becomes available.

Elaine Caldwell, New Horizons Advancement Chair, elainecaldwellbsa@gmail.com

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math):

22nd Annual Chemistry Merit Badge Workshop:

Do you think all chemists do is blow things up? Would you like to conduct some experiments yourself – and take a tour of a working excipient manufacturer? Do you want to know what an excipient is? Then attend our Chemistry Merit Badge Workshop!

When: October 17, 2026 – Registration opens at 8 am

The opening session begins at 8:30 am

Pick up at 1:30 pm

Where: Jost Chemical, 8110 Lackland Rd., St. Louis, MO 63114

Registration: Registration is limited, and is available on a first come, first served basis at

<https://forms.gle/XAcDCGo4LDFL6BoH7>

Cost: \$10 – includes lunch

- **PayPal:** <https://paypal.me/stlacstreas> or stlacstreas@gmail.com
- **Checks:** Payable to “St. Louis Section ACS” may be sent c/o Lisa Balbes, 648 Simmons Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Questions: Lisa Balbes – lisa@balbes.com

What to bring:

- Merit Badge Application Card (blue card) signed by your scoutmaster indicating that you are eligible to work on this badge, or proof of conversation
- Safety Glasses, if you have them – if not, they will be provided
- **Closed-toed shoes, pants that extend to the ankle, and shirt sleeves that extend to the wrist are required.** Due to the nature of the activities, Scouts not properly attired will be sent home – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Pework: Read the entire Chemistry merit badge pamphlet. Requirement 3a (Maillard reaction, such as cooking an onion) must be completed at home, prior to the workshop. Please bring documentation (photos and/or notes) and be prepared to discuss. **The Chemistry Merit Badge has undergone some important changes**, and the merit badge pamphlet may be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/chemistry/>

Other than **Supernova medals** which are only available at the Council Office, all **Nova patches and pins** can be purchased at any local Scout store or through Gateway Traders gatewaytraders.org. **NOTE: ALL Nova and Supernova requirements are now hosted at** <https://stlbsa.org/STEM/>.

November Roundtables will be on November 3, 2026 and you don’t want to miss it! The evening will be all about **STEMtastic Activities!**

Einstein Recognition Dinner:

This event is our annual opportunity to honor our local Scouts' accomplishments for obtaining a Supernova Award or multiple awards and to recognize our STEM volunteers and sponsors. Supernova Recipients in attendance will receive a token of appreciation from Greater St. Louis Area Scouting.

When: November 20, 2026

For location, registration and more information, contact Tom Kroenung tom.kroenung@scouting.org.

New STEM NOVA's:

NEW – Motorsport NOVA's are now available to earn! Race to the STEM page to see the requirements. New for this NOVA award, Lions & Tigers can cross the finish line and earn the Motorsport NOVA, too!

<https://stlbsa.org/stem/nova/>

There will be STEM-tastic information shared at the November Round Table, which may include hands-on experiments and door prizes!

Are you looking for STEM ideas for your unit? Ron Colletti would be more than happy to help you with ideas and/or activities. Please contact Ron Colletti at rcollettistl@att.net

The New Horizons STEM Committee is seeking STEM coordinators in each pack, troop, and crew. If you are one, or would like to be one, please let us know. If your unit doesn't have one, let us know how we can help you identify one. For all your STEM questions, contact Lisa Balbes (lisa@balbes.com) or Teresa Colletti (tacolletti@att.net)

DEVELOPMENT/ENDOWMENT:

Check out **endowment opportunities** at the bottom of the home page: <https://scoutingstl.org/>

Own a business? We would love to talk to you about sponsorship opportunities! Please talk to Ben Brennecke (ben.brennecke@scouting.org), or contact David Knieriem (Knieriemd@cs.com)

Heart of Scouting:

Our “**Friends of Scouting**” has been renamed “**Heart of Scouting**”. Each unit is asked to host a Heart of Scouting presentation in 2026. All money raised benefits the council and supports all its operations, including but not limited to camp improvements, programs and trainings, service projects, financial aid, and more.

Sign up here for a Heart of Scouting presentation: <https://forms.gle/cJp2oScSQXGzZAhR8>

New Horizons Annual Giving Link – Make a Gift:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCOUTS2026/NewHorizons>

For questions regarding the Annual Giving Campaign, contact Ben Brennecke, Ben.Brennecke@scouting.org.

TRAINING:

Training Awards:

Training Awards have been updated with revised requirements. We should all start using these immediately.

Awards Central: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/> - Describes ALL Awards

Revised Forms: <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> - scroll to the bottom (Training Awards)

For more information or questions, contact Mike Edler at pk310cm@gmail.com

On-Line Training:

Position-specific training is available at <https://my.scouting.org> as well as a myriad of skill-based virtual offerings (watch for Digital Duffle Bag emails). Take advantage of this time to review and complete your position-specific training. Remember, the Scout Motto is "Be Prepared" and trained adult leaders are prepared and ready to support our programs now and in the future.

Your District Training staff is available to answer any questions you might have:

- Venturing – Chris Ford - cfordmo@gmail.com
- Cub Scouts – Ed Wilhelm - edwilhelm@yahoo.com
- Scouts BSA – Mike Edler – pk310cm@gmail.com
- New Horizons District Training Chair – Mike Edler – pk310cm@gmail.com

Training Tip:

Hello New Horizon Leaders!

I would like offer this month's tip with an echo of last month's SBSA Round Table theme: **Den Chiefs**.

This is a position for a youth Scout in a Troop to have a leadership position that benefits so many Scouts and Scouters. But this opportunity is often not used and without training, is not used effectively.

I encourage, no I challenge, every Den Leader to sign up for the Training in October. Its virtual so you don't even have to leave your home. You will learn how to use a Den Chief to make your job easier and much more effective.

Scoutmasters, do you know which of your youth might best be suited to be a Den Chief? Take the training so you can identify how the position works. Scouts, how would you like to be a Leader and have everyone be in awe of your leadership greatness. Take the training. Very few training opportunities are equally benefiting to multiple programs and age levels. Den Chief Training does it all. And as an added bonus, having a Den Chief is a great recruitment tool for Troops.

So informed, trained Leaders. Leadership roles for Scouts who will also be role models for Cub Scouts. And more youth crossing over to continue the adventure. All for the low low price of a few hours of time. Now you will probably be asking yourself why you didn't sign up sooner.

Thank you, Mike Edler

Address any additional questions regarding Training to **Mike Edler, New Horizons Training Chair, at pk310cm@gmail.com**. For further Training information and resources, please visit <https://scoutingstl.org/districts/new-horizons-district/> and scroll towards the bottom for various Training Resources.

Youth Protection Training is now "S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth Training (SYT)":

Youth protection is at the heart of everything we do. Announced at the Scouting America National Annual Meeting in Orlando, the new Safeguarding Youth training is now live and mandatory for all registered adult volunteers. It is also a joining requirement for new adult members.

Course Details:

Duration: ~90 minutes

Available in English and Spanish

Access it through my.scouting.org

Requirements: Complete all lessons + score 80% or higher on the final test

Annual Refresher:

After completing the full course once, a 20-minute refresher and retest is required each year to stay current. The refresher is now available followed by a test (you must score 80% or higher or you will need to re-take the 90-minute course).

Transition from Previous YPT:

Your previous Youth Protection Training (YPT certification expired at the end of May 2026. There is new material in the SYT which could genuinely save the life of a youth - inside or outside of Scouting.

Why This Matters:

Youth protection is at the heart of everything we do. This updated training reinforces a culture of active supervision, situational awareness, and safety, ensuring we're all equipped to help keep our Scouts safe.

In-Person SYT availability:

If your unit is interested in an in-person training session, it is now available via our Council Youth Protection Champion, Tim Trace. Contact him at tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com

2026 University of Scouting:

University of Scouting is a training event that offers a wide variety of training opportunities from multiple program areas, all in one place! Our colleges this year include Adult Leader Training College, General Scouting Studies College, Scouts BSA College, Cub Scout College, Merit Badge College, Special Needs College, Leadership & Service College.

Courses include everything from Merit Badges, Position Specific Training, After Sundown – Campfire Programs, Order of the Arrow Leadership, Neurodiversity and Inclusion, Dutch Oven Cooking, and Using Your Scouting Experience on Resumes & Applications, just to name a few!

When: November 7, 2026, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (Registration starts at 7:30 am)

Where: Webster University's Interdisciplinary Science Building (Brown Hall)

Cost: \$25 Adult; \$25 Youth; \$10 Staff

Registration & more information: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-uofs2026>

Hazardous Weather Training:

The new Hazardous Weather course is now available in the Volunteer Learn Center on My.Scouting. This course is part of the formula to be a "trained" leader for many Scouting positions, required (for at least one leader) for overnight activities, and a good course for everyone to take to be safe. If you are already logged in to My.Scouting you can find the course https://training.scouting.org/courses/SCO_800, or searching for it in the catalog of the Volunteer Learn Center.

Save the Dates:

Cub Scout Training:

- **LOE/BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation**

Fall Courses:

Next Session: Saturday, October 10, 2026, 7:00 am to Sunday, October 11, 2026, 11:00 am
S-F Scout Ranch

OR

Saturday, October 24, 2026, 7:00 am to Sunday, October 25, 2026, 11:00 am
Beaumont Scout Reservation

Cost: \$40

Information & sign up: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-109460>

- **In-Person Cub Scout Position-Specific Adult Leader Training**

When: Saturday, October 3, 2026, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 327 Woods Mill Rd., Manchester, MO 63011

Cost: None

Contact Ed Wilhelm if you are interested in attending: edwilhelm@yahoo.com

Scouts BSA Position-Specific Training:

- **Scouts BSA Scoutmaster/ASM & Committee Chair/member Training:**

In person Training for Scouts BSA Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster, along with Committee Chair & Committee Member training. Bring a pencil & paper to take notes. Uniforms are appreciated but are not required. This training for Scoutmasters/Assistant Scoutmasters, along with Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (see below) are required to be considered trained.

When: October 17, 2026 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: Emerson Center basement at Beaumont Scout Reservation

More Information: Contact Mike Edler, pk310cm@gmail.com

- **Fall Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:**

When: October 23 - 25, 2026

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Cost: \$40

Information & sign up: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-2026FALLIOLS>

If your schedule does not let you attend a classroom training, LET US KNOW. While we cannot schedule special sessions of the outdoor trainings, we can schedule a "classroom" training on dates that work for YOU and your unit!!

Save the Dates:

Den Chief Training:

This course will cover:

- **Youth Troop/Crew Members** wanting to serve as Den Chiefs
- **Den Leaders** from Packs to learn HOW to use Den Chiefs
- **Troop Adult Leaders** who will guide/support Den Chiefs

We welcome all Scouts interesting in growing and becoming a Den Chief, however, remember that a Scout **must** be mature enough to handle the position.

Although the conference is designed primarily to explain the Den Chief's role in supporting a Den Leader, All Den Leaders are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend this valuable learning experience. Den Leaders would benefit from the event by obtaining a better understanding about how to utilize Den Chiefs in den operations.

When: Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Virtual – Scouts should plan to have their videos on for the duration of the session so that instructors can ensure their participation and engagement. Instructors have the discretion to determine if a Scout completed the requirements on their engagement during the session. Class materials will be mailed 1 week prior to the class date.

Cost: \$25 for scouts

More information and sign up: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-fall2026denchief>

National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) Courses for 2027:

Attending NYLT gives youth an edge. Not just Scouting, but in school, work, sports and life. NYLT is a six-day course that delivers training in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on the immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ leadership skills much faster. Attending NYLT prepares Scouts for Leadership in the Troop and beyond.

2027 Course dates:

- June 6– 12, 2027 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
- June 20 – 26, 2027 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
- July 11 – 17, 2027– Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
- August 6 – 8 **and** August 13 – 15, 2027 – Location TBD
(weekend course, both weekends required)

Registration for 2027 NYLT courses is coming soon. <https://scoutingstl.org/camps/national-youth-leadership-training/>

Interested in taking the next step with NYLT? We strongly recommend Staffing NYLT. This is your opportunity to pay it forward to other Scouts and to develop as a leader. Staffing NYLT gives you an edge in Scouts, School, Life. For more information, please see <https://scoutingstl.org/camps/national-youth-leadership-training/> under NYLT STAFF. Submit that application today and register for an interview. Interviews will be January 4 (at Emerson Center, Beaumont) and January 5 (Virtual).

Wood Badge Courses for 2027:

Wood Badge is advanced training for adult leaders in Scouting designed to enhance contemporary leadership skills and develop more effective Scouters. The Wood Badge program gives participants a greater understanding of Scouting aims and methods while developing true Scout Spirit. It is anticipated that all people who complete Wood Badge training will continue to work actively in the Scouting program to further the aims and methods of Scouting.

When: May 21 – 23, 2027 AND June 5 -6, 2027 (both weekends required)

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

More information and sign-up coming soon

CAMPING:

All the information about District Camping, Order of the Arrow Camping, Venturing Camping, Cub Scout Day Camps, and Summer Camp is in one spot on the New Horizons Website:

https://scoutingstl.org/summer-camps/?program_level=cub-scouts

https://scoutingstl.org/summer-camps/?program_level=scouts-bsa (and Venturing)

https://scoutingstl.org/summer-camps/?program_level=sea-scouts

UPCOMING DISTRICT CAMPOREES & CAMPING EVENTS:

Fall 2026 New Horizons Cub-o-Ree and Camporee:

Your mission, should you accept it: Mark your calendars for the **Fall 2026 New Horizons Cub-o-Ree and Camporee**, October 16–18 at Beaumont Scout Reservation! This year's theme is **Mission Possible!**, and Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers are invited to accept the mission for an action-packed weekend of **shooting sports, the climbing tower, merit badges, themed challenges, outdoor adventure, and more**. Registration includes all program activities plus **lunch**, making this one of the best values of the Scouting year. The regular fee is **\$23 through October 12 at 11:59 p.m.**, with late registration available at the door for **\$28**. The Leader Guide, including schedules, program details, and registration information, will be available at the September Roundtable. Start planning now, assemble your unit, and get ready for an unforgettable weekend at Beaumont. **Your mission awaits!**

Sign-up link: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-nhcuboreecamporee>

Save the dates for Future New Horizons District Camping Events:

Plan ahead:

- 2026 Fall Cub-o-Ree & Camporee – October 16 – 18, 2026 – Beaumont Scout Reservation
- 2027 Klondike Derby – January 30, 2027 – Beaumont Scout Reservation
- 2027 Spring Camporee – April 16 – 18, 2027 – Camp Warren Levis
- 2027 Fall Cub-o-Ree & Camporee – October 15 – 17, 2027 – Beaumont Scout Reservation

Questions? Contact Camping Chair Mike Hulsizer at michael.hulsizer@shawneelodge.org

ORDER OF THE ARROW

CONGRATULATIONS to the New Lodge and Chapter officers elected at the Fall Reunion

New 2026-2027 Shawnee Lodge Officers:

Lodge Chief – Isaiah Meese Lodge 1st Vice Chief – Michael Milchanowski Lodge 2nd Vice Chief – Brandon Barret
Recording Secretary – George Michanowski Corresponding Secretary – Devan Osborn Treasurer – Worth Gillintine

New 2026-2027 New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers & Advisors:

Chapter Chief	1 st Vice Chief	2 nd Vice Chief	Secretary	Chapter Advisor
LEO	SOPHIA	TEGAN	DEX	GREG CALDWELL
BYRNE	POLITO	HESEL	DEAN	

Associate Advisors:

Elaine Caldwell – 1st Vice
Joe Bradley – 2nd Vice
Chris Byrne – Logistics
Craig Dahlgren – Bro. Adv.
Joe Attea - Secretary

New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter News:

You can also follow us on social media. You can follow us on **Twitter**: @NewHorizonsOA, **Instagram**: nhchapteroa, **Facebook**: New Horizons Order of the Arrow, the new Lodge portal **HUB51**, or the Chapter website: <https://shawneelodge.org/chapters/nh-chapter/>. Coming soon: New Horizons Chapter “**GroupMe**” communications tool.

2025 Shawnee Lodge Membership Hub – HUB51:

The **HUB51 Portal** was born out of a desire to serve our members better by making it easier to stay involved in Shawnee Lodge, including:

- New Flexible Payment Options

- Improved Communications
- Mobile Friendly Experience

Members should have received an email invitation to create an account. Once you have logged in to the HUB51 Portal, you can access information from the “Upcoming Events” tab. Season & Thunderbird pass members’ Discount codes are available on the Portal when you sign up for events. **If you did not receive your email information**, email Shawnee Lodge at help@shawneelodge.org

Save the Dates:

Order of the Arrow G7 Section Conclave:

The 2026 Order of the Arrow Section Conclave will be held at Camp Lewallen, and we will be meeting with several lodges. A full-scale “Stranger Things” adventure awaits!

Where: Camp Lewallen (about 40 miles South of S-F Scout Ranch)

When: October 2, 2026, to October 4, 2026

Pricing: \$45 for youth or adult before September 21st, 2026
\$60 for youth or adult after September 21st, 2026
\$70 for VIP Attendees

Register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-111913-257139>

New Horizons Order of the Arrow 2026-2027 Calendar:

Our calendar of events is listed here, with some details in the sections below.

Coming soon!

Arrowmen Opportunities:

The Chapter is also looking for ceremonialists. This is a great way to become more comfortable with public speaking and an excellent way to better understand the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Interested scouts can reach out to Greg Caldwell at gregory.caldwell@shawneelodge.org.

VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING:

CONGRATULATIONS to the New Horizons Venturing Officers elected at the Fall Fun Rally

2026-2027 New Horizons Venturing Officers:

President	VP of Administration	VP of Program	VP of Communication	VSOA Advisor
NATHAN	ANDI	IZZY	LEO	DENNIS DELANEY
WYCKHOUSE	FADLOVICH	HERON	BYRNE	djdelaney55@gmail.com

Crew Advisors and youth: Please attend the **Roundtable** (see above under “SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS”) and please encourage other youth in your Crew to attend.

EVENTS:

SAVE THE DATES:

Saint Louis After Dark, January 16 – 17, 2027 (More information and sign-up coming).

Follow us here:

- **Facebook** at “New Horizons District Venturing”
- **Instagram** at “NH_Venturing”

DISTRICT CONTACTS/CALENDAR:

New Horizons District Executives:

Your district professionals are here to help!

Ben Brennecke, Field Director is serving New Horizons District, and will be filling in while the New Horizons District Director role is vacant. He can be reached at Ben.Brennecke@scouting.org and 314.256.3092.

District Director:	Vacant - contact Ben Brennecke, Ben.Brennecke@scouting.org For units in the boundaries of Rockwood, Kirkwood, and Valley Park school districts
Senior District Executive:	Vacant - contact Ben Brennecke, Ben.Brennecke@scouting.org For packs in the boundaries of Parkway, Webster Groves, and Brentwood school districts

The New Horizons District Calendars are available here:

<https://scoutingstl.org/districts/new-horizons-district/>

Expand the blue box “NEW HORIZONS DISTRICT CALENDARS”

ALL events in Greater St. Louis Area Council may be found in the calendar here:

<https://scoutingstl.org/calendar/> (Hint – the 2nd icon from the left at the top of the Keyword search gives you a month)