Success in life often comes down to making the best of any situation. Scouting hands youth situations, and shows them how to make the best of them. Whether it’s through navigating the world of computer programming, gathering food donations, or figuring out how to lead a group through the woods with a map and compass, Scouting helps youth realize what they’re truly capable of doing.

Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has helped build the future leaders of this country, from astronauts to schoolteachers. Today, with over 2.4 million youth members and 1 million adult volunteers, Scouting is one of the most influential youth organizations in the country.

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THE COUNCIL AT A GLANCE...

You can conduct all your council and district business at any of these service centers:

**MACARTHUR SERVICE CENTER**

4546 WEST PINE BLVD.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63110-2193
314.361.0600

DIRECTLY SERVES THESE DISTRICTS:

BOONE TRAILS I OZARKS I GRAND TOWERS I CRAWFORD

GRASSO'S TULIS I RIVER TRAILS I CHEROKEE I NORTHWIND I NORTHWEST TUNDEERBIRD

**Cohen Service Center**

316 west main st.
Belleville, IL 62220-1505
618.204.9797

DIRECTLY SERVES THESE DISTRICTS:

BLACKWOOD I TULLIUM I KASKASKIA I CLARK I CANONG S'MORES I PYSKA BIRD

**Bitter Service Center**

2000 gordonville rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63901-5406
573.325.2046

DIRECTLY SERVES THESE DISTRICTS:

CHEROKEE I OZARK TRAILS I KANSAS I IOWA

**Southern Illinois Service Center**

816 east jackson st.
Herrin, IL 62948-0040
618.985.2299

DIRECTLY SERVES THESE DISTRICTS:

BIGMUD I EGYPTE

**Central Illinois Service Center**

240 n. prairie ave.
Bement, IL 62523
309.289.3336

SCOUTING PROGRAMS

**Cub Scouts.** Through fun activities, challenging adventures and community service projects, Cub Scouts make new friends and discover the importance of cooperation, citizenship, responsibility and physical fitness in their everyday lives.

(Boys and girls ages 7-11)

**Scouts BSA.** Scouting is the ultimate form of learning by doing. Youth lead their own activities and participate in service, outdoor adventures, and leadership development programs. Scouts BSA are introduced to countless hobbies, interests, sciences, and even future career choices.

(Boys ages 11-17 and girls ages 14-17)

**Exploring.** Career exploration and work force development program. Youth gain practical insight and hands-on knowledge in a career field of their choice.

(Young women & men age 14-20 or 13 years old & completed 8th grade)

**Venturing.** Provides positive experiences through exciting and meaningful youth-run activities for pursuing special interests, growing by teaching others, and developing leadership skills.

(Young women & men age 14-20 or 13 years old & completed 8th grade)

BENEFITS OF SCOUTING

Scouting provides experiences that help prepare youth for their future. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

Scouting fosters the spirit of discovery for future innovators and leaders by investing in new and relevant programs such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). These programs also provide youth with a platform to learn important life skills that will help them combat major societal concerns.

Scouting provides youth with programs and activities that allow them the opportunity to:

**TRY NEW THINGS**

**PROVIDE SERVICE TO OTHERS**

**BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE**

**REFRESH ETHICAL DECISION MAKING**

For the parents watching in awe, it's not a question of where their Scout will go, but where won't they go. Scouting helps parents make the most of the little time they have to impact the lives of their children. Scouting gives parents the gift of seeing their children reach their full potential by challenging them in ways they may not otherwise experience.

**stlbsa.org/bigmuddy**

Big Muddy District

serves Illinois counties of Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Perry, Pulaski, & Union

**stlbsa.org/blackgold**

Black Gold District

serves Illinois counties of Clay, Jefferson, Marion, Washington, Wayne, & part of Clinton

**stlbsa.org/boonetrails**

Boone Trails District

serves Missouri counties of St. Charles, Lincoln, & Warren (except parts in the Washington School District)

**stlbsa.org/zhokiamounds**

Cahokia mound District

serves parts Illinois counties of Bond & Madison

**stlbsa.org/cherokee**

Cherokee District

serves Missouri counties of Dunklin, Mississippi, Pemiscot, New Madrid, & parts of Scott & Stoddard

**stlbsa.org/egyptian**

Egyptian District

serves Illinois counties of Franklin, Hamilton, Saline, & Williamson

**stlbsa.org/grandtowers**

Grand Towers District

serves city of St. Louis, Missouri, north of Interstate 44

**stlbsa.org/gavoistras**

Gravois Trail District

serves south St. Louis County, Missouri, in the school districts of Affton, Bayview, Hancock Place, Ladue, Manchester, & Fenton area of Rockwood

**stlbsa.org/ilinois**

Illinois District

serves Illinois communities of East St. Louis, Alton, Brooklyn, Centreville, & Calhokia

**stlbsa.org/kaskaskia**

Kaskaskia District

serves Illinois counties of Monroe & Randolph, & part of St. Clair

**stlbsa.org/newhorizons**

New Horizons District

serves Missouri school districts of Brentwood, Kirkwood, Parkway, Valley Park, Webster Groves, & all but the Fenton area of Rockwood

**stlbsa.org/northstar**

North Star District

serves Missouri school districts of Ferguson–Florissant, Hazelwood, Jennings, & Riverview Gardens

**stlbsa.org/northstar**

Osage District

serves Missouri counties of Crawford & Franklin counties & the portion of Warren County in Washington School District

**stlbsa.org/ozarktrailblazers**

Ozark Trailblazers District

serves Missouri counties of Iron, Madison, Reynolds, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, & Washington

**stlbsa.org/pathfinder**

Pathfinder District

serves Missouri school districts of Clayton, Ladue, Mapleton–Richmond Heights, Normandy, Pattonville, Richmond, & University City

**stlbsa.org/piasabird**

Piasa Bird District

serves Illinois counties of Calhoun, Jersey, & parts of Green, Macoupin, & Madison

**stlbsa.org/salesplitter**

RiverSplitter District

serves Mason County in Illinois

**stlbsa.org/redhawk**

Redhawk District

serves Calh., Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Edgar, & Jasper Counties in Illinois

**stlbsa.org/rivertrails**

River Trails District

serves Jefferson County, Missouri, school districts of Crystal City, DeSoto, Dunklin, Forte, Fox, Grandview, Hillsboro, Jefferson R-7, Northview, Sunrise, & Winfield

**stlbsa.org/stclair**

St. Clair District

serves parts Illinois counties of St. Clair & Clinton

**stlbsa.org/shawnee**

Shawnee District

serves Missouri counties of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, & northern Scott

**stlbsa.org/siouxs**

Sioux District

serves Missouri counties of Butler, Carter, Reynolds, Ripley, & northern Stoddard, & Wayne

**stlbsa.org/thunderbird**

Thunderbird District

serves city of St. Louis, Missouri, south of Interstate 44

**stlbsa.org/tworovers**

Two Rivers District

serves Christian, Effingham, Fayette, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties in Illinois

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CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES

We have many activities throughout the year just for Cub Scouts. Make plans to join us at these events in 2018-2019:

CUB LAUNCH | STLBSA.ORG/CUB-LAUNCH
September 28 | Beaumont Scout Reservation & additional locations throughout the council

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

Children and parents explore many of the wonderful Cub Scout activities the BSA offers such as:
• Blast paint balls out of a slingshot
• Cook over a real fire
• Climb a wooden monkey bridge
• Ride a horse
• Take part in fun science projects
• Shoot a BB gun
• Climb aboard a pirate ship
• Make cool art projects

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

FALL FRIGHT FEST | October 12 | Beaumont Scout Reservation

HAUNTED HAYRIDES | October 18, 19, 25, 26 | Camp Warren Levis

SPOOK-O-REE | October 18-20 | Rhodes France

STLBSA.ORG/FALL-FRIGHT-FEST

Our camps become haunted with ghosts and goblins just in time for Halloween!

Come walk the haunted forest of Beaumont Scout Reservation during Fall Fright Fest. Cub Scouts and siblings will enjoy an evening of fun and spooky activities to add to the Halloween spirit. Cost is $10 each per Cub Scout and Cub Scout-age sibling.

Head on over to Camp Warren Levis for a Haunted Hayride to celebrate the season. Cost is $6 per person.

Come Enjoy the spooky side of camp at spook-o-ree at Rhodes France!

MOM & ME | September 27-29

PARENT & PAL | April 24 - 26

STLBSA.ORG/MOM-ME or STLBSA.ORG/PARENT-PAL

This three-day, two-night event is designed for the parent/partner and Scout.

Enjoy a great weekend at camp with fun programs and unforgettable memories with your child!

Cost is $100 per pair.

CUB SCOUT NOVA DAY | STLBSA.ORG/STEM
September 21 | Saint Louis Science Center
January 18 | Northeast NOVA Day Location TBD
September 7 | World Bird Sanctuary

Wolves, Bears, & Webelos can explore the cool exhibits at the Saint Louis Science Center, learn from the Science Center’s expert instructors, and earn a STEM NOVA Award. NOVA Day activities have included viewings of Omnimax films, making & erupting volcanoes, talks with real scientists, and planetarium shows.

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How To Make Reservations
To reserve a GSLAC campsite and/or program activity, visit our online reservation system at stlbsa.org/rsvp.

FAMILY CAMP
Best For: All ages and ranks of Cub Scouts, and their siblings and families, especially those who are attending camp for the first time or want to visit, explore, and enjoy a new camp property.

Program Areas: Swimming, Archery, BBs, Crafts, STEM, Mud Cave (at Camp May),boating (at S-F), fishing (at S-F), & Water Park (at S-F)

Cost Includes: all meals, tents, program supplies/staff, and camp patch

Beaumont Scout Reservation: June 20-21, June 27-28, July 11-12

S bar F Scout Ranch: June 27-28, July 18-19

CUB ADVENTURE CAMP
Best For: All ages and ranks of Cub Scouts. Each Scout works on adventure loops (advancement electives) specific to his or her rank.

Equipment Requirements: tent (at Camp Warren Levis only) & sleeping bag

Cost Includes: all meals, tents (at Camp May only), program supplies/staff, and camp patch

Beaumont Scout Reservation: June 28-July 1, July 16-19, and July 23-26

Camp Warren Levis: June 11-14, June 18-21, June 25-28, July 9-12

DAY & TWILIGHT CAMP
Best For: All ages and ranks of Cub Scouts. More than 30 day camps and twilight camps take place all over our council territory. These camp sessions range from 3-5 days or evenings but do not offer overnight opportunities.

Scouts are sure to have a blast with their friends exploring outdoors while also participating in activities like archery, fishing, hiking, games, crafts, and much more!

Visit stlbsa.org/cub-scout-day-camps for a full list of camps.

WEBELOS CAMP
Best For: Cub Scouts going into 4th-5th grade.

Advancement: Cast Iron Chef, Aquanaut, Build It, Webelos Walkabout, Into the Woods

Equipment Requirements: sleeping bag

Cost Includes: all meals, tents (at Camp May only), program supplies/staff, and camp patch

Beaumont Scout Reservation: July 12-15 and July 19-22

GRIZZLY DAY CAMP
Best For: All ages and ranks of Cub Scouts. Leadership is provided, so you don’t have to!

Grizzly Day Camp offers multiple sessions, each with its own unique theme. Activities revolve around each theme in crafts and outdoor activities. Kids especially love heading over to Cub World to play on the pirate ship, in the miner’s camp, and the playground. Leadership is provided by a paid staff, but parents are welcome to attend and participate with their child for one day or the entire week, if they are able.

Before and after care is available for an additional fee. All sessions take place at Beaumont Scout Reservation.

July 8-12
July 15-19
July 22-26

ARROW OF LIGHT CAMP
Best For: Cub Scouts going into 4th-5th grade.

Advancement: Nova Awards, Shooting Sports Award, Build It, Outdoorsman, Aquanaut, Into the Wild, Earth Rocks

Equipment Requirements: sleeping bag

Cost Includes: all meals, tents, program supplies/staff, and camp patch

Beaumont Scout Reservation: June 14-19, June 21-26, July 5-10

Camperships
Every youth deserves the opportunity to attend summer camp, regardless of financial situation. The Council offers several ways for Scouts to earn their way to camp, including popcorns sales and camp cards. For families who need additional assistance, camperships can be awarded to Scouts in need. A campership application is available at summercamp.stlbsa.org.
SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMPS

Hundreds of Scouts gather for a week to earn merit badges, swim, mountain bike, climb, boat and more. The Greater St. Louis Area Council hosts Scouts BSA Summer Camps at S bar F Scout Ranch (Camp Gamble, Camp Famous Eagle, Swift High Adventure Base), Camp Joy, Camp Lewallen, and Rhodes-France Scout Reservation.

Camp dates will be announced soon. Check stlbsa.org/boy-scout-summer-camp for updates.

**Featured Activities:**
- Rock Climbing
- Water Skiing
- ATV's
- Stand-Up Paddle Boards
- Climbing Wall
- Fishing
- Floating Iceberg Climbing Wall
- Huck’s Cove Water Park
- Mountain Biking
- Shotgun and Rifle Shooting

**SPECIALTY WEEKS**
In addition to traditional Scouts BSA camp weeks, the council offers many specialty camps throughout the summer. Most of these camps can be attended on an individual basis, with our camp staff or volunteers providing leadership for participants. These camps include:

- **Ranger Camp** (S bar F Scout Ranch) — Each day your crew backpacks to a different outpost at The Ranch where you’ll find programs that challenge your outdoor survival skills.
- **Catholic Adventure Week** (Swift High Adventure Base) — Live and grow in your faith while working towards religious awards, merit badges, and making new friends.
- **Eagle Trail Camp** (Famous Eagle) — Work on Eagle-required merit badges and learn about the Life-to-Eagle process while enjoying all of the activities that S-F has to offer!
- **Kodiak Challenge** (Swift High Adventure Base) - Kodiak is an adventure that pushes the boundaries of every participant— one that will encourage you to try new things that may be out of your comfort zone. You will learn and apply leadership skills as part of the adventure you plan during the week.
- **STEM Week** (Beaumont Scout Reservation) - Scouts will attend one merit badge (nearly 40 to choose from!) or one NOVA class each day. Afternoon and evenings will include other fun STEM programs and exhibits to experience.
- **Horse Camp** (Beaumont Scout Reservation) — Spend a week learning horsemanship. Other highlights of the week include swimming, shooting, climbing, ropes course, and campfires.
- **Ozark Adventure** (S-F Scout Ranch and the Ozark Trail) - This program pushes participants to their limits on a 40+ mile trek over land and water. Your journey begins at S-F where you’ll explore the backcountry of the Ranch and do a variety of activities. After three days, you’ll be transported to the Ozark Trail, where you’ll explore some of the best scenery in Missouri.
- **STEM on CAMPus**
  - June 7-10: Southeast Missouri State University
  - June 10-13: University ofMissouri St. Louis or Southern Illinois University Carbondale
  - Earn STEM Merit Badges and NOVA Awards at this STEM Camp. Get a real campus experience, sleep in the dorms and enjoy evening activities.

Discounts

- **Second week discount:** Attend a week of Scouts BSA or Venturer summer camp and get $100 off a second week of camp (excludes National Youth Leadership Training, Kodiak, and Horse Camp). Or, get $50 off a GSLAC camp if you spend a week at another council’s camp or high-adventure base.
- **Family discount:** A $100 discount is available for siblings who also attend a GSLAC Scouts BSA camp.

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SCOUTS BSA ACTIVITIES

SCOUTS BSA NOVA DAY | STLBSA.ORG/STEM
March 14 | Saint Louis Science Center
May 11 | The Edge in Belleville, IL
Scouts can earn a STEM NOVA Award at one of two locations. Earn a Merit Badge and NOVA Award at the Science Center with the help of their expert staff. In May, POW/R Racing will teach Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge and Start Your Engines NOVA in Belleville, IL.

SCOUTBOTICS | STLBSA.ORG/STEM
October 26 | Saint Louis University
Design, program, and race a robot. Test your skills and learn from the experts. At the end of the day you'll leave with your own robot!

ORDER OF THE ARROW
For more than 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (O.A.) has recognized Scouts and adult Scouter who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. O.A. members, called Arrowmen, are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others.

Member elections are primarily done at the troop level or at summer camp, depending on the lodge (Anpetu-We, Nisha Kittan, Wospink, or Shawnee). At summer camp, families witness the callout ceremony on family night. After the callout, members are inducted at the fall reunion or spring conclave in a ceremony called an Ordeal.

Brotherhood Membership
After 10 months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order.

Vigil Honor
After two years of exceptional service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow committee, a Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for distinguished contributions to his or her lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or Scout camp. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

SCOUTS BSA ADVANCEMENT & TRAINING

ADVANCEMENT | STLBSA.ORG/ADVANCEMENT

Merit Badge Make-up Day
Scouts BSA Merit Badge Make-Up Day, sponsored by The Eagle Scout Association, helps Scouts complete merit badge work they started at summer camp or other times of the year.

NESA Merit Badge Day
Scouts may choose from more than 25 merit badges during the National Eagle Scout Association’s merit badge day at:
- Camp Vandeventer: October 19
- Warren Levis: May 9, 2020

Merit Badge Skill Centers
During the program year, the council and community organizations offer several merit badge skill centers to assist Scouts complete badges. In addition, some districts hold their own skill centers.

Find a list of skill centers at stlbsa.org/merit-badge-skill-centers.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH
See page 23 for Den Chief Training and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).
VENTURING ACTIVITIES

VENTURING SUMMER CAMPS

VENTURING SUMMER CAMP
One of only a few summer camp facilities dedicated solely to Venturing Summer Camp, Swift High Adventure Base at S bar F Scout Ranch is truly a unique program for your Venturing Crew but is also open to Explorer Posts, and older Scout Patrols.

In addition to themed activities, campers can experience activities such as:
- Rock Climbing
- High/Low Challenge Course
- Rappelling
- Stand-Up Paddle Boards
- Sailing
- Equestrian Programs
- Mountain Bike Course
- Mountain Boards

Camp dates will be announced soon. Check stlbsa.org/venturing-summer-camp for updates.

MOBILE LOCK-IN | STLBSA.ORG/VENTURING
January 11-12 | St. Louis
Stay up all night with your friends at a lock-in that starts with night tours and adventures around St. Louis and ends with all-night activities inside the YMCA. Bond with your Crew and make new friends at this action-packed event!

TASTE OF VENTURING | STLBSA.ORG/VENTURING
March 27-29 | Camp Warren Levis
Venturers and those interested in learning more about Venturing are invited to this exciting event. Experience high adventure, camp out under the stars, and enjoy loads of games, shooting sports and aquatic activities.

Review activities

SUMMER CAMPS

To view requirements for each rank, visit venturing.org/core.html
STEM | SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH

STEM Helps Prepare Scouts For Today And The Future!

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The BSA's STEM initiative gives Scouts an opportunity to explore STEM-related concepts and learn how STEM knowledge is used in everyday life and in the professional world. The aim is to introduce youth to new opportunities and help build interest in the STEM-related careers that are so crucial to our future economy.

The BSA uses the NOVA and SuperNOVA Awards program to promote STEM education.

Visit stlbsa.org/stem for more information and upcoming events.

STEM UNIVERSITY | STLBLSA.ORG/STEM-UNIVERSITY
November 2 | Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
December 14 | University of Missouri-St. Louis
January 4 | Southeast Missouri State University
February 22 | Southern Illinois University Carbondale

One of our most popular events, STEM University is a day-long event for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA focused on earning STEM-based advancements and NOVA awards. Scouts get to visit a college campus, work with STEM experts, and participate in fun, hands-on educational activities.

CUB SCOUT CAMP NOVA | STLBLSA.ORG/STEM-SUMMER-PROGRAMS
July 27-30 | Beaumont Scout Reservation

Five fun evenings of science, technology, engineering and math for Cub Scouts to enjoy at Cub World! Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and siblings entering 2nd grade and up are welcome. Earn two NOVAs and participate in fun, outdoor STEM learning.

SCOUTS BSA STEM CAMP | STLBLSA.ORG/STEM-SUMMER-PROGRAMS
July 26-Aug | Beaumont Scout Reservation

STEM Week is an extraordinary experience for Scouts BSA full of many STEM-based merit badges and activities. Scouts will attend one merit badge (nearly 40 to choose from!) or one NOVA class each day. Afternoon and evenings will include other fun STEM programs and exhibits to experience.

GOOD TURNS

A service project is a special Good Turn that puts Scout spirit into action. Projects can take many forms such as a community cleanup, repairing a place of worship, improving a wildlife habitat, or organizing a recycling effort.

Be sure to report all service hours. We want to keep track of all the good Scouts do for the community, and it is a key measurement goal in the Journey to Excellence program. Last year, Scouts in the Greater St. Louis Area Council performed 226,077 hours of service to their communities.

To easily log your unit's service hours, visit stlbsa.org/communityservice.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD | SFF.STLBLSA.ORG
November 9 | Bag Distribution Day
November 16 | Bag Collection Day

Scouting for Food, sponsored by MERS Missouri Goodwill, is the council's annual service project and the largest one-day food drive in the Boy Scouts of America.

The campaign, entering its 35th year, is launched on "Bag Distribution Day" when Scouts distribute more than 1 million plastic bags to residences. The Scouts return to neighborhoods the following week, "Bag Collection Day," to retrieve the bags filled with donated non-perishable food.

Each year, Scouting for Food collects about 2 million items of food—enough to provide more than 1.5 million meals for those in need.

MEMORIAL DAY GOOD TURN
May 25 | Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and United Hebrew Congregation (St. Louis)

STLBLSA.ORG/MEMORIAL-DAY-GOOD-TURN

For more than six decades, Scouts have been decorating graves with an American flag to honor veterans for Memorial Day.

At Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, the tradition, entering its 69th year, is one of the longest running Memorial Day events within the Boy Scouts of America.

This Good Turn begins with a solemn procession into the cemetery and short 30-minute ceremony honoring deceased military personnel. Following the ceremony, Scouts and Venturers place an American flag at more than 150,000 graves throughout the cemetery.

Members of all religions and ages are also invited to help place over 7,000 flags on the graves of our war veterans at St. Louis area Jewish cemeteries. The event is sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans and the Jewish Committee on Scouting. Youth perform a brief ceremony at each grave site for a meaningful experience.

Scouts of all ages and from all districts are invited to participate in both Good Turn events.
FUNDING YOUR SCOUTING PROGRAM

Want to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses for summer camp? Or need to purchase a new uniform? Help fund your Scouting program through the Camp Card sale and Popcorn sale.

Money raised by units through fundraising can be used to cover the cost of camperships, pinewood derby races, field trips, equipment, badges and advancement, and summer camp.

POPCORN

Every fall, the Greater St. Louis Area Council conducts its annual popcorn fundraiser. We are excited to announce Pecatonica River as the supplier for our 2019 popcorn sale!

Not only do units benefit from selling popcorn, but these sales also benefit the council by providing things such as camperships for Scouts who need financial assistance to attend camp; events including Scouting For Food, Cub Launch, and Fall Fright Fest; and maintenance of our camp properties.

Scouts can earn prizes and even a college scholarship account based on their total sales.

Register to sell popcorn at popcorn.stlbsa.org.

Several ways to sell popcorn:
- **Show & Sell** — Units set up a table and display products for people to purchase as they walk by. Or Scouts can take product door-to-door to sell.
- **Take Order** — Scouts ask neighbors, friends, and family to purchase products. Product is ordered on a form and delivered at a later date.
- **Online Sales** — Scouts create their own online store through the Pecatonica River website.

**Planning Your Sale**

1. **Develop A Unit Activity Plan**
   - What programs do you want to execute this year?
2. **Create Or Review Your Unit’s Budget**
   - How much will the annual programs cost?
3. **Set Your Unit’s Sales Goal**
   - Based upon funds needed for your program.
4. **Set A Sales Goal For Each Scout**
   - Give Scouts something to aim for.
5. **Host A Fun Kickoff Rally**
   - Motivate Scouts, inform parents, and provide selling tools.
6. **Have Fun Selling**
   - Pecatonica River Fund your unit’s entire year of Scouting!

CAMP CARDS

Camp cards offer discounts at local businesses. There are different cards for each region of the council — St. Louis metro area, southeast Missouri, and southern Illinois.

Scouts earn $5 for each $10 in Camp Cards sold. Incentives and prizes are available for different sales levels.

The sale begins Feb. 1 and ends April 5, giving units two full months to sell and close out their accounts. The program is risk free. Units can simply return any unsold cards by the sale deadline with no penalty.

Visit campcard.stlbsa.org for more information.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual giving campaign of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. The FOS campaign provides nearly 20% of the Council budget every year. That means nearly a quarter of every dollar in the council budget comes from the generosity of Scouting families, alumni and community supporters. Without this funding, our council could not supply the resources necessary to provide a quality, adventure-filled Scouting program.

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**Rhodes France Scout Reservation**

816 North 500 East Road
Pana, Il 62557
Ranger phone: 217-562-5223

Rhodes-France Scout Reservation (RFSR) is located south east of Pana, IL and is 640 acres of Scouting paradise. With two lakes, an in-ground swimming pool, excellent shooting sports facilities, and a well-stocked trading post, Scouts will never be short of things to do.

Facilities: 6 Cabins with heat and AC, activity building and dining hall, administration building, chapel, and Firebowl council ring.

Program Areas: fishing, shooting sports, swimming, canoeing, and archery.

**Pine Ridge Scout Camp**

1139 Pine Ridge Ln., Makanda, IL 62958
Ranger phone: 618-549-0673

This 150-acre camp is nestled within the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge and located in the heart of the Shawnee National Forest along the shore of Little Grassy Lake, southeast of Carbondale, IL.

Facilities: Bailey Lodge, Musgrave Lodge, Troop Lodge, Akela’s Pavilion

Program Areas: kayaks, canoes, fishing, pontoon boat, council ring, rock climbing, archery, BB guns

**Camp Warren Levis**

5500 Boy Scout Ln., Godfrey, IL 62035
Ranger phone: 618-567-4407

Camp Warren Levis is 250 rolling acres in Godfrey, IL, just outside Alton and 30 miles north of downtown St. Louis. A beautiful private lake accommodates many aquatic activities.

Facilities: Winter Lodge, Eco Lodge, Swaim Lodge, Pioneer Pavilion

Swaim Lodge Dining Hall: seats 200 people

Program Areas: kayaks, canoes, fishing, pontoon boat, rock climbing and rappelling, challenge course, hiking, geocaching, mountain bikes, sailboats, stand-up paddleboards, archery, BB guns, rifle, shotgun, GaGa ball

Famous Eagle Dining Hall: seats up to 425 people, fully equipped commercial kitchen, audio visual capabilities, indoor bathroom facilities, fireplace

**5 bar F Scout Ranch**

Hwy. 67, Knob Lick, MO 63651
(south of Farmington and north of Fredricktown on Hwy. 67)
Ranger phone: 573-756-5738

One of the foremost Boy Scout facilities in America, The Ranch features 5,200 acres of forests, rocks, streams, bluffs, trails, and wildlife situated around 270-acre Nim’s Lake which sits at the heart of the property.

Camps: Camp Famous Eagle, Camp Sakima, Camp Gamble, Swift High Adventure Base

Facilities: Lodges, tree houses, cabins, adirondacks, teepees

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In addition to the trainings listed in this session, your district holds position-specific trainings. View the calendar to find your district’s events.

University of Scouting

University of Scouting is a one-day event offering the widest variety of training opportunities, in all program areas, all in one place. This comprehensive supplemental training is for all registered leaders and offers unique sessions in CubScouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, unit commissioners, training, and presenting. Classes are available for both adults and youth. Attendees may attend up to six classes. Merit Badge classes are also available for Boy Scouts.

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Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Experience (LOE)/Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

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

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National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT is advanced training for youth leaders of Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews. Through this weeklong outdoor training conducted during summer camp, male and female Scouts grow and improve their leadership skills while following the guidelines of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. NYLT offers a land-based and water-based course. The water-based course, called Pack & Paddle, is conducted in the S bar F Scout Ranch backcountry and on Nims Lake. In addition to developing leadership skills, participants also practice low-impact camping, hiking, canoeing, and learn the proper use of a compass for navigation.

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INTERVIEW SCHEDULE:

November 27, 2019 (10:00AM-6:00PM)

December 12, 2019 (12:00pm to 5pm)

December 19, 2019 (12:00pm to 5pm)

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Belleville Service Center, Belleville, Ill (By Appointment Only)

December 19, 2019 (12:00pm to 5pm)

Ritter Service in Cape Girardeau, Mo (By Appointment Only)

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**CALENDAR EVENTS**

- **Big Muddy**
  - 01/19: 1st District Dinner
  - 01/20: Eagle Board of Review
  - 01/21: Eagle Project Review
  - 01/24: District Dinner
- **Gravois Trail**
  - 01/05: Eagle Board of Review
  - 01/14: Eagle Board of Review
  - 01/17: District Dinner
- **Kaskaskia**
  - 01/08: Annual Business Meeting
  - 01/09: Eagle Board of Review
  - 01/10: Eagle Project Review
  - 01/19: OA Chapter Meeting
- **New Hands Horizons**
- **Prairie Trails**
  - 01/07: Annual Business Meeting
- **River Trails**
  - 01/04: Cub Scout Leader Training
  - 01/05: Venture Leader Training

**ASSOCIATIONS**

- **MB: merit badge**
- **ABBREVIATIONS**
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- **February**
  - 02/02: District hike
  - 02/18: Eagle Board of Review
  - 02/20: Eagle Project Review
  - 02/24: Eagle Board of Review
  - 02/28: Eagle Board of Review
- **March**
  - 03/08: Eagle Project Review
  - 03/15: OA Chapter Meeting
- **April**
  - 04/05: Eagle Board of Review
  - 04/12: Eagle Board of Review
  - 04/19: Eagle Board of Review
  - 04/26: Eagle Board of Review

**ASSOCIATIONS**

- **GAA**
  - 02/08: CSWA/BASW
  - 02/09: OA Chapter Meeting
  - 02/15: OA Chapter Meeting
  - 02/19: Eagle Board of Review
  - 02/27: Eagle Board of Review
  - 03/05: Eagle Project Review

**OZARK TRAILBLAZERS**

- **Gravois Trail**
  - 02/03: Eagle Board of Review
  - 02/08: CSWA/BASW
  - 02/11: Eagle Board of Review
  - 02/15: OA Chapter Meeting
  - 02/19: Eagle Board of Review
  - 02/27: Eagle Board of Review
  - 03/05: Eagle Project Review

**SEMO**

- **River Trails**
  - 02/16: Eagle Board of Review
  - 02/22: Eagle Board of Review
  - 02/28: Eagle Board of Review

**SHAWNEE**

- **River Trails**

**KASKASKIA**

- **New Hands Horizons**
- **Prairie Trails**
  - 01/07: OA Chapter Meeting
  - 01/09: OA Chapter Meeting
  - 01/19: District Dinner
  - 01/20: Eagle Board of Review
  - 01/26: District Dinner

**Cahokia Mounds**

- **North Star**

**Mounds**

- **New Hands Horizons**

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- **River Trails**

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- **North Star**

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- **New Hands Horizons**

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**SHAWNEE**

- **River Trails**
MAY DISTRICT EVENTS

Big Muddy
05/01-3 Spring Camporee
05/19 Eagle Board of Review
05/19 Eagle Project Review

Boone Trails
05/11 Eagle Board of Review
05/23 OA Chapter Meeting

Cahokia Mounds
05/05 OA Chapter Meeting
Program Preview
05/14 Eagle Board of Review
05/14 Eagle Project Review

Cherokee
05/01-3 Spring Camporee

Egyptian
05/01-3 Spring Camporee
05/27 Eagle Board of Review

Grand Towers
05/09 CSAW/BSAW

Gravois Trail
05/04 Eagle Board of Review
05/12 Eagle Board of Review
05/16 OA Chapter Meeting
05/20 Eagle Board of Review

JUNE DISTRICT EVENTS

Boone Trails
06/08 Eagle Board of Review
06/22 Eagle Board of Review
06/11 Eagle Project Review

Cahokia Mounds
06/01 Eagle Board of Review
06/11 Eagle Project Review

Egyptian
06/24 Eagle Board of Review

Gravos Trail
06/08 Eagle Board of Review
06/26 Eagle Project Review

Gravois Trail
06/04 Eagle Board of Review
06/04 Eagle Project Review
06/04 OA Chapter Meeting

JUNE DISTRICT EVENTS

North Star
06/07 Eagle Board of Review
06/08 Eagle Board of Review
06/11 Eagle Project Review

River Trails
06/25 Eagle Board of Review
06/26 Eagle Project Review

Shawnee
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06/19 Eagle Project Review

Sioux
06/09 Eagle Board of Review
06/16 Eagle Board of Review
06/16 Eagle Board of Review
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