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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 2020

December 2	Cub Scout Training Day 1
December 3	Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
December 4	Wilderness Remote First Aid – Camp Warren Levis
December 5	Citizenship in the World Merit Badge – VIRTUAL
December 7	Cub Scout Training Day 2
December 9	Scouts BSA Leader Training Part 1 Environmental Science Merit Badge Part 1 – VIRTUAL Youth Protection Training O.A. Chapter Meeting
December 12	STEM University – UMSL Cub Scout College STEM University – UMSL Scouts BSA College Special Needs Awareness Training
December 16	Scouts BSA Leader Training – Part 2 Environmental Science Merit Badge Part 2 – VIRTUAL
December 17	Committee Meeting
December 22	Youth Protection Training - VIRTUAL
December 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
December 28	Eagle Trail Winter Workshop (Dec 28-30) - VIRTUAL

Looking Ahead

January 2021

January 1	NEW YEARS DAY
January 3	Celebration Dinner (Venturing and Sea Scouts)
January 7	Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
January 8	Wilderness Remote First Aid – Camp Vandeventer
January 13	O.A. Chapter Meeting
January 18	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
January 21	Committee Meeting
January 25	University of Scouting



DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

Well, here it is, my last column as your District Chairman. It has been an honor serving you these past seven years. You are an outstanding group of people and it has been fun. I have enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and making a great many new ones.

At the writing of this, the Christmas Party scheduled for Dec. 17 is up in the air. I have a feeling that it will not be happening. Please look for information regarding a District Committee the same night on Zoom as we have to elect the District Committee members for the next year.

Rest assured, I'm not going anywhere. I may take a step back to allow our new leaders some breathing space, but I'll still be around. You have been warned ;) .

I know you will give Kevin and Fred the same support that you have given to Mark and me.

Have a blessed and safe holiday Season.

Rick



District Commissioner's Desk

By Max Thorne

SM/CM Minute – IS SANTA CLAUS A SCOUT?

Is Santa Claus a Scout? One just needs to examine how he stacks up against the Scout law:

Trustworthy – You certainly can trust that Santa will show up every year.

Loyal – He's very dedicated to his craft and his mission. Imagine the disappointment if he wasn't loyal to his work.

Helpful – He saves many a dad from last minute shopping. Dads are notorious for leaving things to the last minute. Just ask a mom.

Friendly – How many adults would let a zillion kids sit on their lap and listen to what they want, and smile while doing it?

Courteous – He always says thanks for the 62 billion calories he gets in milk and cookies each year.

Kind – Delivering gifts to children is a great act of kindness.

Obedient – I emailed Mrs. Claus on this one. No reply, but seeing he's been married for all those years, I'm going to bet he does what she tells him.

Cheerful – Ho, ho, ho! Need I say more?

Thrifty – Santa makes his own toys. That saves a bundle on shipping alone.

Brave – Would you get in a magic sleigh pulled by reindeer and fly? Me neither.

Clean – I'm not sure how he does it, but that red suit looks great even after the millionth chimney.

Reverent – Santa does his thing on a special night as part of a very religious holiday.

So, is Santa Claus a Scout? For sure. This time of year, no matter what holiday you celebrate, remember that doing your best and living the Scout Oath and Law are what make each of us really a Scout.

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North Star Family Friends of Scouting

2020 Campaign Update
2021 Campaign kick-off



SCOUTS STAND OUT.

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

2020 Family Friends of Scouting update: We know that many in North Star have been impacted in many ways by Covid-19. Thanks to the generous donors in North Star, while not officially reaching our 2020 goal, we do have a thumbs up from council due to the current scenario. For those that are eligible for volunteer grants and/or matching gifts, please complete whatever requirements are needed to bring those grants and gifts to reality. For those that haven't yet made a 2020 pledge or gift, you can still do so online from stlbsa.org/give-now/friends-of-scouting and look for the [DONATE NOW](#) link.

2021 Family Friends of Presentations: The 2021 family Friends of Scouting campaign has had the kick-off. In light of what is going on in the world now, presentations might be virtual, in-person, or maybe drive-in or drive-through, or some agreeable format.

Unit enrollment. We are asking units to enroll even if their dates and presentation formats are tentative. The 2021 Family FOS enrollment form either pdf or via online submission is also found at stlbsa.org/give-now/friends-of-scouting. Please provide your UNIT presentation dates online, or provide to Darryl, Josh, or to Jim Schneider. Please note that the UNIT FOS Coordinator has some duties that aid in success, and does not need to be the unit leader.

New Trailblazers welcome. We have some wonderful veteran trailblazers, but can use a few new trailblazers that could make Friends of Scouting presentations for about 2, 3 or 4 units. Training could be a walk through with the family chairman, and/or the stlbsa online training video.

Thanks again, and God bless you North Star.

Jim Schneider
North Star Family FOS chairman



Venturing and Sea Scouting Officers' Association (VSOA)

My name is Jerome Flynn and I am the new North Star VSOA Advisor, taking over from Joe Kavanaugh.

Here are upcoming important dates, some of which will be redundant with other group events:

Important 2021 Venturing and Sea Scouting Officers' Association (VSOA) Dates

- VSOA Virtual Recognition (postponed from last term): January 3, 2021, 4 to 5 pm
Zoom for presenters, Facebook for audience
- Venturing on the Road: January 9
Details forthcoming
- University of Scouting: January 25-31
- VSOA Cabinet Meeting: January 28
- Goal Setting and Time Management Training: February ??
Details forthcoming
- VSOA Cabinet Meeting: March 25
- Taste of Venturing: March 26-28
- VSOA Cabinet Meeting: May 27
- Swift's Big Kickoff: June 5
- VOSA Swift Camping Weeks: June 20-26 and July 11-17
- Celebration Dinner: August 8
- VSOA Cabinet Meeting: August 12
- ScoutFest 2021: October 1-3

Thanks,
Jerome Flynn

IN MEMORIUM



Laurie Wild-Schulze
February 13, 1951 – August 7, 2020

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Jane King
June 23, 1977 – November 5, 2020