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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 2021

January 1	NEW YEARS DAY
January 3	Celebration Dinner (Venturing and Sea Scouts)
January 7	Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
January 9	STEM University 2021 – SEMO Scouts BSA College STEM University 2021 – SEMO Cub Scout College Fish & Wildlife Management Merit Badge - Virtual
January 13	O.A. Chapter Meeting
January 18	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
January 21	Committee Meeting
January 27-31	University of Scouting - Virtual

Looking Ahead

February 2021

February 4	Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
February 8	Cub Scout Leader Training – Virtual Council
February 10	Cub Scout Leader Training – Virtual Council OA Chapter Meeting
February 15	GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
February 16	Scoutmaster/ASM/Troop Committee Training – Virtual
February 18	Youth Protection Training – Virtual Committee Meeting
February 23	Scoutmaster/ASM/Troop Committee Training - Virtual



District Commissioner's Desk

By Max Thorne
1st Year of New Decade

Welcome to 2021 of Scouting! This time last year my column talked about all the fun coming in 2020 and beyond. Talked about Scoutfest, NOAC and the 2021 Jamboree. As we know Scoutfest was moved to the Fall of 2021. NOAC was canceled.

What I'm hearing is that summer camp will happen this year. The council has learned over the last year how to conduct a safe camp during these times. Since we didn't have summer camp last year, I guess they learned through others. Yes, summer camp will be different this year. But the key to keeping scouts interested in the program is to get out and enjoy the programs provided.

Please go to the council website for Summer Camp details and the current COVID guidelines. You haven't been meeting? There are resources on the COVID page of fun things you can do as a unit. No, you may not be able to meet on your regular night. But think outside of the box. Use an hour or two on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon to get together as a unit to do something fun while learning new skills. Yes, you can have those virtual meetings. But being able to get together with your fellow scouts in accordance to guidelines to help keep that spirit of Scouting alive. Are you still lost for ideas? Talk to your unit commissioner. They may have a few tricks.

I'm not sure of my path this year. I was told that I would be contacted to be in a NYLT troop, however, no contact as of yet. I don't think this year's camps will allow visitors (my guess) but I'm looking forward to a time we can get together.

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Happy New Year and Welcome to 2021!

Pinewood Derby

I am attaching an email from Roger Engelbart, Assistant Council Commissioner/Training with GSLAC, which provides a great plan for running a Pinewood Derby under pandemic restrictions. Unit Leaders, please take a moment to read this information and use what you will to provide a fun, safe environment for our youth to have their Pinewood Derby. With so many things being cancelled, I believe this will be great for our youth to enjoy a break from isolation and get their creative minds working!

Scouting for Food

We are in need of a Scouting for Food Chairperson! The job is not difficult, I promise! Please let me know if you would be interested in serving the Scouts and your community in this worthwhile cause.

NOW HIRING!!

Would you like to be part of a great group of people who put together our District Day Camp? It's a fun job and the pay is great! Pay is based upon the amount of fun you have. ☺ Please let me know if you would like to help.

Yours in Scouting,

Glenda Thorne

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To All District Commissioners,

Below is a great plan for running a Pinewood Derby under pandemic restrictions; this comes from Brian Eads, Cubmaster of Pack 750 at Wren Hollow School in the New Horizons District. Note the use of an online sign-up application to make check-in appointments, and **livestreaming of the actual races**. The livestreaming is being made possible by some tech-savvy Scouts from Troop 750 - a good way to foster the pack-troop relationship!

Please share this with any of your packs that may still be struggling with putting on their programs safely.

A very Happy New Year to all of you - looking forward to a much better 2021!

Yours in Scouting,

Roger Engelbart

Assistant Council Commissioner/Training

Greater St. Louis Area Council

With the current COVID restrictions by BSA & Parkway we have made the following plans for the Pack 750 Pinewood Derby:

Check-in on **Friday January 22:**

- You must reserve a check-in time in advance using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094caea72ca3f49-pinewood>
- Please include your scout's name and their Car Name in the signup form

- Check In will be completed in my garage – address included in the sign up
- If you arrive early, please wait for the group ahead of you to leave before you come to check-in.
- Up to two scouts may be scheduled for the same 5 minute time block. Please take turns and maintain social distancing.
- Parent and scout must wear masks.
- Some supplies will be available for minor adjustments. If major changes are needed you'll need to make those changes at your house and come back during another open check-in time.

Race Details on **Saturday January 23:**

- Pinewood Derby Races will be Livestreamed with separate times for each Den
- Scouts will watch online at their race time to watch the races for their den (starting at 10:00).
- Design Awards:
 - Cub's Favorite Voting will be done online. Pictures of all cars will be sent out Friday night. Scouts will be able to vote for their favorites online Saturday morning. All votes must be received by 11 am
- Following all den races an Awards Broadcast will be made (approx. 11:30). Speed and Design award winners will be announced.
- Scouts will reserve a time to pick up their cars after the race and any trophies they have won.
- Top 8 fastest cars win speed trophies

Race Format:

- Four cars will race four times in a heat, once in each lane.
- Each car's scoring time will be the sum of the four race times.

Design Competition:

- Trophies will be awarded for design as well as speed:
 - **Cub's Favorite** (chosen by Cub vote - Best overall entry from all design categories. Either a car or a non-car design.)
 - **Best Automotive Design** (Best realistic representation of an actual car with unusual attention to detail and shape.)
 - **Original Design** (Best reflects the most unusual approach in other than a car design. For example, a pool table, dragon, pirate ship, submarine, fish, campsite, etc.)
 - **Best Concept Car** (Best reflects a novel and different approach in a car design. For example, a Batmobile, jet cars, futuristic cars, manufacturer's prototype cars, etc.)
 - **Cub Special** (Best use of the Cub Scout colors, BLUE & GOLD, or a Cub Scout oriented activity. For example: Arrow or Light, Campsite, Pinewood Derby Track, etc. Either a car or a non-car design)

- **Funniest Design** (most humorous approach – either car or non-car design)
- Design awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place in each category
- Anyone can compete at District for the Design Competition. No registration fee again this year at Districts.
 - Additional category of 99% Cub Built at Districts. **Remember, a Scout is Trustworthy.**

Cars, Rules & Specifications: 2021 New Horizons District rules can be found at <https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-Pinewood-Derby-Race-Rules.pdf>

The rules outlined by the New Horizons will be strictly followed for the Pack 750 races. For example, here are some of the rules for the body of the car.

- **The maximum length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.** Hint: check body length before doing any work. Stock blocks may not meet requirement right out of the box. To be safe its wise to cut a small piece off the end before you start. This is our #1 issue every year.
- The maximum width (including wheels and axles) shall not exceed 2-3/4 inches.
- The maximum height shall not exceed 3 inches
- The minimum clearance between the bottom of the car, including anything that may be attached, and the bottom of the wheels when placed on a flat surface shall be NO LESS than 3/8 inch. **DO NOT SIMPLY ATTACH WEIGHTS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE CAR, THE CAR WILL NOT PASS INSPECTION!!**
- Very little work is allowed on the wheels, no not reduce the size of the wheels.
- The front of the car that rests on the starting pin must not be narrower than 3/8 inch in width. **The front surface should be designed so that it is not pointed or rounded.**
- The maximum weight of the car shall not exceed 141.7 grams (5 ounces).

If you have any questions about the rules, don't hesitate to email me.

"The purpose of the Pinewood Derby is to help the Cub Scout build a team relationship with their parent or helper, experience the sense of accomplishment and the excitement of competition, learn Win/Lose good sportsmanship, and to have fun."

TRAINING



Woodbadge dinner is March 29 @ Emerson. If you are interested, please ask Dave Kedge or any person who has Woodbadge beads. There will be two courses this year.

Spring course is May 21-23 and June 5-6 at Beaumont

Fall course is August 27-29 and September 18-19 at Camp Warren Levis

More information will be out next month about leader specific training, both cubs and boy scouts.

Please get youth protection done if you don't already have it done. I will begin phoning committee chairs next month to make sure their folks have it done as it is a requirement of membership.

University of Scouting is January 27-31, completely on line. Registration is on stlbsa.org under Training.

Yours in Scouting,

Dave Kedge
Training Chair



NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.
To avoid possible disappointment,
please do not advise nominee in any
way of your action in his or her behalf.

_____ Council
_____ District
_____ Unit

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify) _____
_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award	_____ Silver Beaver	_____
_____ Cubmaster Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Cub Scouter Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commis- sioner Service Award	
_____ Scouter's Key		

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

_____ Date of nomination

_____ Name of person making nomination

_____ Position in Scouting

_____ Contact number

GENERAL INFORMATION

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

District approval

Council approval



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2021 Greater North County Chamber Scholarship

It's scholarship time! Do you have or know of a North County High School Senior? Have them fill out the scholarship application and send it in! The deadline is Friday February 19th.

2021 Scholarship Application

Guidelines:

- ❖ The Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship is intended to recognize graduating seniors who have shown a commitment to building a better community, and have demonstrated a record of community service in the area.
- ❖ The Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship will be awarded to graduating seniors who reside in North St. Louis County Zip Codes: 63031, 63033, 63034, 63042, 63134, 63135, 63136, 63137, 63138 and/or attend the following high schools: Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood East, Hazelwood West, Incarnate Word Academy, Jennings High School, McCluer High School, McCluer North, North County Christian, North Tech, Northview, Riverview Gardens High School, STEAM Academy at McCluer South Berkeley, & Trinity High School.
- ❖ In 2021, the Greater North County Chamber will award three (3) \$1,000 *Merit Scholarships* and one (1) \$1,000 *Perseverance Scholarship* to a student who has persevered in his or her studies despite facing some tough obstacles.
- ❖ In 2021, the Florissant Jaycees will award one (1) \$1,000 *Community Service Scholarship* to a student that has given their time to their community.
- ❖ The scholarship may be used for post-high school continuing education expenses including college or university tuition, room and board, books, fees, or for expenses associated with a trade or technical school program.
- ❖ *The Greater North County Chamber Partners in Education Committee will take into account the COVID-19 situation while evaluating the applications.*

Application Procedures:

- ❖ Complete application form.
- ❖ Please take into account everything you have done for the last four years.
- ❖ Have a school official sign your application form to verify your grade point average. *(Please do NOT send transcripts as they are not needed)*
- ❖ Applications must be received at the Greater North County Chamber Office by Friday, February 19, 2021 to:

*Greater North County Chamber of Commerce
420 W. Washington
Florissant, MO 63031
Attention: Scholarship Fund*

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