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A twice monthly digital magazine for Scouting families.



Joseph Sadewasser Named 11th Scout Executive/CEO

We are pleased to announce that after a lengthy, nationwide search and vigorous interview process, Joseph Sadewasser has been chosen as the 11th Scout Executive in the 110-year history of the Greater St. Louis Area Council effective February 1, 2021.

An Eagle Scout from Dubuque, Iowa, Joe grew up in the Scouting program and served on summer camp staff. He is a past Region Chief of the Order of the Arrow and a recipient of the National OA Distinguished Service Award. He has completed Wood Badge training and served as a course staff member. Joe began his professional Scouting career as a District Executive in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2007. He was promoted to Senior District Executive and then Field Director. During his time in Cedar Rapids, he served as interim Scout Executive on two separate occasions. Joe came to the Greater St. Louis Area Council as Director of Support Services in 2013. He was promoted to Director of Field Service in 2015 and Deputy Scout Executive/COO in February of 2020.

As Director of Support Services, Joe was responsible for developing and coordinating the overall program and property utilization strategies of the Council. Joe successfully led our program and properties team and partnered with

volunteer chairs and committees to develop and promote the training, advancement, activities, and camping programs.

Serving in the role of Director of Field Service, Joe led the field service department and ensured successful execution of district and field operations with a specific focus on selecting, training, and fielding a team of quality executives who understand the importance of partnering with and working through volunteers to advance Scouting. Specifically, Joe was responsible for advancing Scouting's mission by growing youth membership, growing revenue, and ensuring quality units and programming.

Sadewasser is a strategic leader with a strong work ethic, outstanding character and values consistent with the Scout 'Oath and Law'. He has a wide range of leadership experience and has been instrumental in the success of the Greater St. Louis Area Council over the past seven years.

Joe and his wife Katie have 4 children: Adalissa, Maxton (Wolf Scout), Eliden (Lion Scout), and Brecklor. Joe enjoys reading, camping, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Please join us in congratulating Joe Sadewasser on his selection as our new Scout Executive.

Family Outdoor Experience

We know you had fun in 2020 with the added opportunity to bring your family to our camp properties. In 2021, we will again offer the Family Experience, but this year we have packages available with varying amenities. Limited availability, so book now!

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Indoor Meetings Restored

The Greater St. Louis Area Council is excited to announce that the prohibition on in-person Scouting meetings has been lifted! Please refer to the council website for the most up-to-date information.

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National Youth Leadership Training



NYLT delivers training in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Through this outdoor training, Scouts grow and improve their leadership skills while following the guidelines of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Spring Weekend Course: April 23-25 & April 30-May 2 at Beaumont Scout Reservation
(Both weekends must be attended to successfully complete the course)

Summer Weeklong Courses:

Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch: June 13-19, June 20-26, or July 11-17

Camp Warren Levis: July 25-31

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Scouts BSA Leader Training

In this virtual class you will cover the Scoutmaster/ Assistant Scoutmaster leader-specific training and troop committee training.

Attendance at both classes is required to receive class credit. All classes run from 7-9 p.m.

February 16 & 23, March 17 & 24, or April 15 & 22.

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Cub Scout Leader Training

Join a live trainer in a virtual meeting to learn the skills to deliver the best possible Scouting program.

Attendance at both classes is required to receive class credit. All classes run from 7-9 p.m.

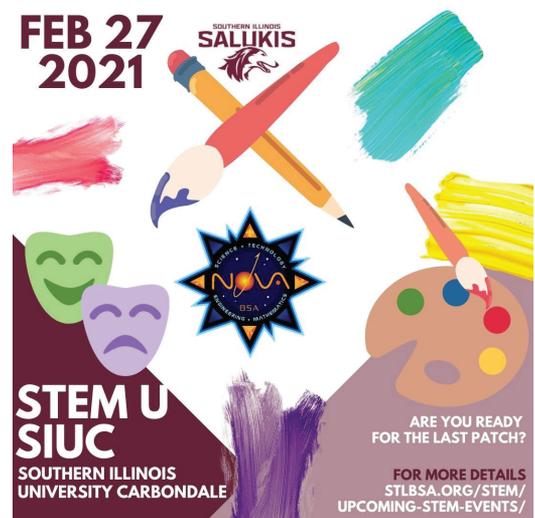
February 8 & 10, March 8 & 10, or April 12 & 14.

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Virtual STEM University

STEM University is a full day event for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA focused on earning STEM-based advancements and NOVA awards. Scouts will get to visit with University professors, work with STEM experts, and participate in fun, hands-on educational activities.

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Monthly Family Cabin Experiences

Looking for a safe option to get away this winter or spring? Look no further than the Orthwein Family Cabins at scenic S bar F Scout Ranch. Each month, we have curated a themed welcome basket along with special experiences exclusively for guests. Register today- limited availability!

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Planned Giving

Have you thought about your legacy? Consider a planned gift to the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Make the benefits of Scouting available for our future leaders.

For more information or to discuss a planned gift, please contact Megan Selck at megan.selck@scouting.org or 618.304.7414.

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Youth Protection Training

The Greater St. Louis Area Council is offering live Youth Protection Training using online technology. Pre-registration is required.

Youth Protection Training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and must be taken every two years. Youth Protection Training is also offered online at www.my.scouting.org.

February 18 | 7-9 p.m.
March 22 | 7-9 p.m.

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Cub Scout Survey

Attention Cub Scouts families! Please complete this short survey. Your input will help create program and resource offerings to better serve your family.

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Show Off Your Scout Skills

Is there a Scout skill you're particularly proud of? Want to be featured on the Council website or Social Media platform? It could be anything from knot tying to displaying your knowledge of everything there is to know about different types of backpacking gear. We want your expertise!

Submit a brief description of what you would like to present and a sample video using the Digital Uploads form and we just might feature you!

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2021 College of Commissioner Science

The 2021 Gateway Region College of Commissioner Science will be Saturday, March 6. Due to current events, the College will be held online through Zoom. Check-in will be from 7:45-8:00 AM. Programs begin at 8:15 AM, and will conclude before 5:00 PM that same day. Tuition for the College this year is only \$15 and will be covering course materials and awards. The featured speaker of the College this year will be Mike Weber, the Central Region Commissioner.

Commissioner College provides advanced training and information for adult leaders. Specific training is provided for Unit Commissioners, District, and Assistant District Commissioners and their staffs, as well as other Unit, District, and Council Leaders. All adult leaders should find the experience rewarding.

Please direct questions to College Dean John Petersen j.petersen1928@att.net or staff advisors Grayson Wolcott (grayson.wolcott@scouting.org | 815-212-6868) and Robbie Linder (robert.lindner@scouting.org | 618-615-8435).

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Special Needs Awareness Training

Sign up for a new Special Needs Awareness Training for all ages. There will be activities for the Cub Scouts, Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge for Scouts BSA and adult classes for leaders and parents. Attend this training with professionals in the fields of Special Needs and Education for the opportunity to learn how to provide the best services for every Scout.

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Boys' Life Is Now Scout Life

Your Scout found a surprise when his or her latest issue of Boys' Life arrived: a special collector's edition revealing the new name of the Boy Scouts of America's premiere youth publication.

Scout Life represents all of the magazine's readers, providing the same great content enjoyed over the past 110 years.

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SAVE THE DATE: 2021 Run for Food Trail Run

Mark you calendars now! Help us kick off our annual Scouting for Food service project with a fun, family-friendly trail run on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Beaumont Scout Reservation.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stlbsafriends for event details and to be the first to know when registration opens!

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Cub Scout Summer Camp

Join us this summer for an incredible camping experience with safe COVID prevention and health and safety standards. Spots will be limited due to COVID health and safety standards. Register now to reserve your spot! Registration is open and LIVE, see you this summer!

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Thank You Ronald Green For A Long And Dedicated Career To The Boy Scouts Of America

For over 40 years, since December 1980, Ronald S. Green has served the Boy Scouts of America as a commissioned professional Scouter. An Eagle Scout, Ron went to work for the movement that changed his life so other young people could have the same positive life-changing experiences as he had in Scouting.

Ron has served the youth of our nation in 6 different Councils beginning as a District Executive in the Westchester-Putnam Council headquartered in White Plains, NY. From there he served the Greater New York Council in New York, NY, as Development Officer, Senior Development Officer, and Director of Camping. He went on to serve as the Scout Executive/ CEO of 4 Councils: George Washington Council headquartered in Pennington, NJ; Central New Jersey Council headquartered in Princeton, NJ; Simon Kenton Council headquartered in Columbus, OH; and beginning in March of 2011, the Greater St. Louis Area Council headquartered in St. Louis, MO.

Over his career Ron has served the movement nationally on numerous task forces and committees to ensure Scouting's relevance, strength, human resource needs, and continued service to youth. His attention to fiscal operations has helped the Council remain financially strong while continuing to dedicate financial resources to better serve young people, especially those in need.

In his focus to preserve the strength and viability of local Councils he facilitated successful mergers of two

neighboring Councils while maintaining their local identity. In 2019, Ron was bestowed the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award for his outstanding leadership and service.

As the 10th Scout Executive of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Ron led one of America's largest Councils rich in wonderful history and tradition to new heights through innovative new programs. He was instrumental in developing the Council Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program, secured capital improvements for our camp properties, and revitalized the Greater St. Louis Area Council camp experience.

Ron is dedicated to giving every youth the opportunity to join Scouting. Working with community leaders in the Council, made it possible to provide Scouting in urban and hard-to-reach rural communities to every youth no matter their circumstances.

"While we are saddened to see Ron retire, we know his hard work and dedication will continue to bring value to the St. Louis area Scouts for years to come," said Michael J. Scully, president of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, BSA.

Please join us in congratulating Ron and celebrating these and so many other accomplishments during his career in Scouting. We wish Ron and his wife Kathy a healthy and vibrant retirement.



Wood Badge Training

Wood Badge is advanced training for adult leaders 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.

Wood Badge Information Dinner

March 29 at Beaumont Scout Reservation

Upcoming Courses

May 21-23 & June 5-6 at Beaumont Scout Reservation

August 27-29 & September 18-19 at Camp Warren Levis

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Scouter Lou Heyman Receives 85 Year Veteran Award

Lou Heyman has received his 85-year veteran award with the Boy Scouts of America. Lou earned his Eagle with Troop 21 in 1943.

A past president of the Eagle Scout Association, he has received the Silver Beaver, Vigil Award, District Award of Merit and the Jack J. Sopher Lifetime Achievement Award. At the district level, he has served as Camping Chair, Scouting for Food Chair, Friends of Scouting Chair, District Vice Chair and has almost 40 years on the District Eagle Board.

An Army veteran and proud father and grandfather of three Eagle Scouts, Lou is a two-time Scoutmaster during which he has had two Eagle Scouts recognized with the National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

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Congratulate your Eagle Scout in an upcoming special edition of Scout Life

This year will mark the first year young women will have earned the highest rank in the Scouts BSA program, the Eagle Scout Award. Those who have completed their Eagle boards of review from Oct. 1, 2020, to Feb. 8, 2021, will be recognized as the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts with their Eagle Scout credentials dated Feb. 8, 2021 – the 111th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America.

To honor Scouts that earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2020, Scout Life magazine will publish a special digital edition, and you can purchase a space in it to congratulate a new Eagle Scout or class of Eagle Scouts.

While the special edition will highlight the young women joining the ranks of the more than 2.5 million Scouts who have earned the honor since the first Eagle Scout in 1912, it celebrates the entire 2020 class of Eagle Scouts. Families with either a young man or young woman (or both!) who earned the Eagle Scout Award last year are welcome to commemorate their Scout's achievement in this issue.

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