



On The Horizon – October 2020



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<https://www.facebook.com/newhorizonsdistrictgslac>

Important

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PLEASE VISIT <https://stlbsa.org/>, <https://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/>, AND <http://www.shawneelodge.org/> FREQUENTLY FOR IMPORTANT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, AS EVENTS MAY CHANGE!! SOME EVENTS MAY BE LIVE STREAMED, OTHERS MAY BE CANCELED OR POSTPONED. EVERYONE, PLEASE STAY SAFE! KEEP YOUR UNITS GOING STRONG BY HOLDING LIVE STREAM EVENTS AND KEEP IN CONTACT WITH YOUR YOUTH AND PARENTS!

Dates at a Glance:

National Youth Leader Training:	October 2-4 & 9-11 (both weekends required)
New Horizons Virtual Camporee:	October 3
Cub Launch Saturdays:	October 3, 10, 17, 24
Scouts BSA Virtual Training (Session 1A):	October 5
Scouts BSA Virtual Training (Session 1B):	October 5
October Roundtables:	October 6
October Eagle Boards of Review:	October 7, 14, 28
Scouting for Food Bag hand out:	October 7
Den Chief Virtual Training:	October 10
Central Region Open Fishing Tournament (C.R.O.F.T.):	October 10-18
Youth Protection Training:	October 12 (online)
Charter Renewal (aka Rechart) Training:	October 13 & 15 (online)
Scouts BSA Outdoor Training Session (2 of 2):	October 17 & 18 (See below under Training)
Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Experience:	October 17 & 18 (See below under Training)
Scouts BSA Virtual Training (Session 2A):	October 20
Complete Angler/Fishing Related Merit Badge Workshops:	October 25
Scouts BSA Virtual Training (Session 2B):	October 27
November Roundtables:	November 3
November Eagle Boards of Review:	November 4 & 11 (NO WEEK 4)
Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Training:	November 11
Popcorn Sorting:	November 12
Popcorn Pickup:	November 13
November Scouting For Food Bag Distribution:	November 14
November New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting:	November 16
Life to Eagle Seminar and Eagle Board Training:	November 18
November Scouting For Food Bag Collection:	November 21
Youth Protection Training:	November 21 (online)

===== > SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS <=====

IMPORTANT!!! ==> [PLEASE VISIT www.stlbsa.org](http://www.stlbsa.org) TO MAKE SURE SCOUT MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE HAVE RESUMED DUE TO CANCELATIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS!!

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE LATEST GSLAC CORONAVIRUS REOPENING PLAN HERE WHICH INCLUDE UNIT ACTIVITIES, SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES, TRAVEL, SCOUTFEST (SEE BELOW!), RANGER PROGRAM, AND REOPENING OF SERVICE CENTERS & SCOUT SHOPS:

<https://stlbsa.org/covid-operational-guidance/>

October ROUNDTABLES will be via Zoom

Register by program (Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/Venturing) – all will start with a joint meeting followed by breakouts for Cub Scout Leaders, Scouts BSA Leaders and Venturers:

<https://tinyurl.com/nhrt-oct2020-registration>

UNIT CHARTER RENEWAL (aka unit recharter):

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, charter renewal packet information will be emailed to each unit's Key 3 (Chair, Unit Leader and Chartered Organization Representative). Units who come to Scouting for Food bag pickup on October 7th will receive a one-page reminder on how to log in and get started with the Renewal (aka recharter) process. REMINDER: Unit Key 3 need to log in to my.scouting.org and accept new applications. There will be 2 online sessions to help units with online charter renewal:

- Tuesday, October 13th at 6pm
- Thursday, October 15th at 6pm

Sign up here: **Sign up link coming soon!**

Cub Scout Meeting Recommendations:

This guide takes you through recommendations on how to best manage den and pack meetings for the rest of the year. Loaded with virtual meeting ideas and requirements that can be done safely outdoors, this guide shows you how to adapt to our "new normal" while still enjoying a fun Scouting program.

Learn more here:

<https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Cub-Scout-Meeting-Recommendations-12.pdf>

Additionally, National has released a lot of Den Leader Tips and Tricks videos here:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/>

Scouts BSA Troop Fall Planning Guide:

Calling all Scouts BSA Troops! Check out the Scouts BSA Troop Planning Guide to get program ideas and guidance for this fall. Meeting ideas, technology lessons, service opportunities, and much more are all laid out in this interactive guide.

Learn more here:

<https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Scouts-BSA-Troop-Planning-Guide-2020-8.28.20-update.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE:

4th Annual Central Region Program Symposium

What: This is a great opportunity for all Scouters to meet Regional and National Scout Leaders who will be presenting and leading breakout sessions covering such key program areas as Training, Advancement, Venturing, STEM, Outdoors/Fishing, Diversity and Sea Scouting, as well as National and Regional strategies.

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation, Emerson Center

When: Saturday, March 13, 2021 (Fellowship Friday evening)

Cost: The \$50 event fee includes all program materials, leadership book, 3 great meals, refreshments, great fellowship, mementos and much more!

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

More information is contained in the link above. Contact for the event: Joe Burleski at burleski@sbcglobal.net

===== > COMMISSIONER'S CORNER <=====

Interested in joining the Commissioners Staff?

Contact: Kim Fleming, New Horizons District Commissioner, k.s.fleming@att.net or 314-566-9275

===== > ACTIVITIES < =====

C.R.O.F.T. – Central Region Open Fishing Tournament:

This is an open fishing tournament for ages 5-20 for Scouts and non-Scouts where you will be catching catfish or bass in a freshwater outlet. This is an individual event, but highly encouraged to do it with a friend, your local unit, family and friends! (Please follow local COVID-19 safety recommendations!). Registration and more information may be found here:

https://croffish.wordpress.com/?fbclid=IwAR1C_WhBGzx2qshEVwt-n8Nwblu7mm7dJoHLKQnW3k3dS-o_RmM0dOVQtb4

Scouting for Food – while it may look different than previous years due to the pandemic, plans are under way for this important event. Our community needs Scouting for Food more than ever! Please help us with this Council-wide effort!

Save the dates:

Scouting for Food Bag Pick up: October 7th, 2020, 6-8pm at Manchester United Methodist Church west parking lot. Please have everyone stay in your vehicle and wear a mask when you drive through the line to pick up your unit's bags.

Scouting for Food Bag Distribution Day: November 14th, 2020

Scouting for Food Bag Collection Day: November 21st, 2020

Please click the link below for more information (including COVID-19 precautions), and to complete a unit survey:

<https://forms.gle/hmDBFsWSXUFGMCNM8>

Cub Launch Saturdays:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **Cub Launch** will now be spread over a series of **Cub Launch Saturdays**. They occur on the following Saturday dates, at Beaumont with three 2-hour time slots: October 3, 10, 17 & 24. There are also a couple of other locations that are about an hour's drive.

Due to the restrictions on numbers, **space is limited**. The cost is just \$10. For more information and to sign up your Cub Scout, please visit <https://stlbsa.org/activities/events/cub-launch/>

Trivia Night: While Trivia Night is normally held in December, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be rescheduled until Spring.

District Dinner: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Activities Committee is working hard to find a location to accommodate our District Dinner, and many options are being considered. Regardless of if/when/where the District Dinner will be held, be on the lookout for information for submitting nominations for the Commissioner's Laurel Award, District Award of Merit, Unit Special Achiever Award (aka Spark Plug award), and Council's Silver Beaver Award.

===== > ADVANCEMENT < =====

For information on Merit Badges visit:

<https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> and click on **Merit Badge Skill Centers**

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: With the onslaught of female Eagle candidates, the Eagle Boards of Review needs additional reviewers with computers (sound and microphones that can handle virtual reviews). If interested, please contact John Klos at klos41@msn.com
October 7, 14, 28 (Virtual)
November 4 & 11 (Virtual – NOTE: No week 4 due to Thanksgiving)

Save the date:

Life to Eagle Seminar & Eagle Board of Review Training:

Date: November 18, 2020 at 7pm (Will be via Zoom)

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/lifetoeagle-register-nov2020>

Who: All Life Scouts, parents, Eagle Mentors, and adults interested in participating on Eagle Boards of Review

What: Learn to navigate the paperwork and process to become an Eagle Scout

Eagle Scout Project Workbook: **Please DO NOT Google to find a workbook! Use the link below as we have been seeing old versions which are no longer valid:**

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

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

Fishing & Fly Fishing OR Fish & Wildlife Management Merit Badge Workshops:

When: October 25th, 8am-4pm

Where: Camp Warren Levis

Cost: \$25 – for more information on pricing, see the Registration link from the Information link below!

An opportunity to earn the Complete Angler Award: Scouts must have already earned all 3 merit badges.

Information: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-34624>

=====> STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) <=====

Your New Horizons STEM Committee continues to grow! Teresa Colletti and Lisa Balbes are seeking the STEM coordinators in each pack, troop and crew. If you are one, please let us know. If your unit doesn't have one, let us know how we can help you identify one.

Plans for “Just Shy of Pi” Day on March 13, 2021 are coming along! We are planning a “Pi K” fun event in the form of a hike, run, or bike ride and STEM activities. It will be held in conjunction with Bay Lakes Council as a joint event. Both virtual and in person options are available! Look for more details coming soon!



December 1, 6pm - Stump the STEM Experts!

Bring your questions, problems, and concerns to the New Horizons STEM Room prior to December Roundtable. We meet every month immediately before round table, and in December Teresa and Lisa will answer ALL your STEM-related questions. If you stump us, you might even win a prize:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81791319558?pwd=RXAvQmYxbGlvbFJuK2lhMlZVZjZRQT09>

Meeting ID: 817 9131 9558

Passcode: 103048

Or by phone at +13126266799,,81791319558#,,,,,0#,,103048# US (Chicago)

For all your STEM questions, contact Lisa Balbes (lisa@balbes.com) or Teresa Colletti (tacolletti@att.net).

=====> DEVELOPMENT/ENDOWMENT <=====

Check out **endowment opportunities** at: <https://stlbsa.org/give-now/>

Friends of Scouting:

The 2020 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign is wrapping up. Please reach out if we missed you in the Spring or Summer due to the pandemic. We would welcome a chance to present to your unit whether it is in an outdoor in person (socially distanced) event or via Zoom. We need your help to get us to the finish line. The needs of the Council have never been greater.

- **Please consider reminding your units that they can still donate.** Send out a blurb in your next unit communication. Specifically: Families in your unit who are comfortable donating can do so online at: <https://stlbsa.org/donate/> or by using the new mobile option by texting the word MacArthur20 to 91999 and then following the directions. When giving online, be sure to indicate your district (New Horizons) and unit number. All monies collected support our Council and directly benefit your Scouts by helping the Council develop programming, complete routine camp maintenance, and offer camperships to Scouts in need.
- **We need your help getting ready for the 2021 FOS Campaign.** Are you a good speaker? Passionate about Scouting? Looking for a Wood Badge ticket item? Consider becoming a Friends of Scouting Trailblazer. The more Trailblazers we have, the easier the workload. You would be trained and given all you need to give a short talk to New Horizons units about the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Want to help but not a big fan of public speaking? Are you a better organizer than speaker? We would love to have you as a Crew Chief! For this position, you would be the liaison between the units and the Trailblazer by scheduling presentations, making sure the Trailblazers are in the right place, and getting supplies to the proper places.

Please contact Ben Luedloff (Benjamin.Luedloff@scouting.org) or Mike Hulsizer (NH FOS Family Chair: hulsizer@webster.edu) to schedule a 2020 FOS presentation, or lend a hand with the upcoming 2021 FOS Campaign.

Popcorn Sales:

Next weekend is the first of two that we have exclusive access to every Schnucks in our region! With over 90 units taking advantage of this opportunity we are excited to show Scouting in the Greater St. Louis Area Council is still strong. Schnucks is only allowing adults, no Scouts in front of the stores. Please do not have any Scouts at these events. Slots are still available if you want more opportunities to sell in front of Schnucks! Contact Brianna Philip

(Brianna.philip@scouting.org) to sign up for more dates.

- Popcorn Return Date (from Show & Sell) is October 19th
- Unit Take Orders due October 28th
- Helpers are needed for Popcorn Sorting will be at Maritz in Fenton on November 12 from 9AM - ?
- Popcorn Pickup will be at Maritz in Fenton on November 13 (Times TBD)
- Popcorn Payment due December 11th

=====> TRAINING <=====

FYI: ALL Direct Contact Leaders (e.g. – Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Venturing Crew Advisors, Assistant Crew Advisors, Sea Scout Skippers) must complete **Hazardous Weather Training** to be considered position trained. Please visit my.scouting.org and complete the Hazardous Weather Training!

On-Line Training:

Watch for your weekly GSLAC Challenge emails and “My Scouting Update” emails for Virtual Training Opportunities across the Council. There are new offerings almost every week.

IMPORTANT - New online versions of the Scouts BSA training went online on August 3rd

at <https://my.scouting.org>. The new online learning combines content, resulting in fewer modules and streamlined courses to help reduce the total time it takes to complete the training.

Position Specific training is available at <https://my.scouting.org> as well as myriad of skill-based virtual offerings (watch for your weekly GSLAC Challenge 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 – Jon Pennington - jon.pennington2673@gmail.com
- Cub Scouts - Mike Edler - pk310cm@gmail.com
- Scouts BSA - Malcolm Bliss - malcolmbloss@prodigy.net

Cub Scout Leader Training:

With the current COVID-19 pandemic, Cub Scout Leader Training “in-person” training and Zoom online training is currently on hold. Please look for information in Digital Duffle Bag and on the New Horizons Facebook Page. For more, contact Mike Edler at the email address above.

Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Experience:

Cub Scout Leaders can learn the basics of Cub Scout Camping at LOE on Saturday, October 17, 2020 or Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Beaumont Scout Reservation. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://scoutingevent.com/312-2020LOEBALOOFFallSession>

Scouts BSA Leader Training:

Indoor Scouts BSA Virtual Training – Part 1 of 2 (2 sessions to choose from):

- Monday, October 5th at 6:30pm AND Monday, October 12th at 6:30pm (Sessions 1A and 1B – both required)
- Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30pm AND Tuesday, October 27th at 6:30pm (Sessions 2A and 2B -both required)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - Part 2 of 2 (2 to choose from!):

- October 17, Beaumont Scout Reservation, 7am-5pm
- October 18, Beaumont Scout Reservation, 7am-5pm

For information and to sign up for Indoor **Scouts BSA Virtual Training** and **IOLS**:

<https://scoutingevent.com/312-IOLSBeaumont>

Youth Protection Training:

All new and currently registered leaders must complete the updated training which is **required** for all BSA programs for an adult to register with your unit. It is available online 24/7 at www.scouting.org/youthprotection. YPT certification is good for 2 years. Encourage all leaders & parents to take YPT yearly, as there are periodic updates and additions to the training, and unit re-charters require all registered leaders to have up to date Youth Protection in order to be on the charter!

Live Virtual Youth Protection Training:

The Greater St. Louis Area Council offers Youth Protection Training in live, virtual classroom sessions. Participants may use smartphones, tablets as well as computers. BSA Membership requirements are satisfied upon completion of the session. Advanced Registration is required and is a 2-part sign up process with sessions being 2 hours in length.

Registration for the following sessions will be available at <https://stlbsa.org/training/adult-required/youth-protection>

- Monday, October 12th at 7pm
- Saturday, November 21st at 9am
- Wednesday, December 9th at 7pm

Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Training:

What:

This 16-hour training will be delivered as a **virtual course** for individuals, ages 14 and up who wish to guide units in developing a culture that effectively demonstrates responsible outdoor choices that reduce impacts of Scouting activities. Leave No Trace Trainers, outdoor ethics guides, and outdoor ethics advisors are the backbone of Scouting's outdoor ethics program, providing instruction to individuals and units wishing to adopt cutting-edge outdoor ethics into their unit programs. Trainers are specially commissioned to teach the BSA Leave No Trace 101 Course and to qualify individuals for the BSA Leave No Trace Awareness Card. Participants will be expected to complete a 30 to 45-minute online awareness course and to give a 10 to 15-minute instructional presentation pre-recorded or live during the course. Each BSA Trainer course is taught by a recognized Leave No Trace Master Educator, so your Trainer standing is recognized nationally by BSA's partner, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

When:

November 6th 6:30pm to 9pm November 7th

Registration:

<https://stlbsa.org/training/leave-no-trace-outdoor-ethics/>

===== > MEMBERSHIP < =====

As we move further into the month with the School Night to Join Scouting, we are seeing the number of new Scout applications increasing. We received feedback from some parts of the district that our September recruitment events occurred a bit too early, given the difficult adjustment to virtual learning that many families experienced this year.

So, we are going to hold another **SNJS on Tuesday, October 20**. This will be another virtual SNJS. The difference this time will be all the New Horizon School Districts will be invited on the same night and you will not need to staff a breakout session for your Pack. The District and the Membership Committee will host this session for you. After this session, we send you the contact information for everyone who attended from your school so you can follow-up with those families.

We hope that more families will be settled into a routine by then and be ready to think about Scouting.

Packs & Troops Remember – please look at any activity you have the rest of this year as a recruiting event. Virtual or reality. Please have your Scouts bring a friend. Please have your Parents talk with other non-scout Parents about coming to an activity and see what Scouting is about. We all need to try to do more and new things this year to help with gaining members, for the health of Scouting.

Thank you, Ken McGohan, Membership Chairman: kenmcgohan@msn.com or 314-740-6133.

===== > **CAMPING/ORDER OF THE ARROW** < =====

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Shawnee Lodge Officers:

Lodge Chief: MICHAEL COLLETTI	Lodge First Vice Chief: AIDAN HAMMOND	Lodge Second Vice Chief: JORDAN BRAKEFIELD	Lodge Recording Secretary: ROLLIN "RJ" JACKSON
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Lodge Corresponding Secretary: SAM BUNN	Lodge Treasurer: JOE MILLER
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Congratulations to the 2020-2021 New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers:

Chapter Chief MATTHEW CALDWELL	1st Vice Chief BRODY TRACE	2nd Vice Chief PAIGE BRUSH	Secretary DYLAN HULSIZER	Chapter Advisor: RON COLLETTI
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Unit camping is allowed by following the latest COVID-19 guidelines found here under "Camping & Transportation Guidelines":

<https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Scouts-BSA-Troop-Planning-Guide-2020-8.28.20-update-1.pdf>

Families may take advantage and use our camps for overnight or days (Overnight cost: \$25 per family per night, \$10 per family for a day). ALL camps will be available for Family Camping! More information may be found here under "Camping":

<https://stlbsa.org/2020-fall-outdoor-experiences/>

Reservations may be made here: <https://stlbsa.org/activities/camping/rsvp/>

New Horizons Fall Camporee: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and current limitations on attendance, the Fall Camporee will be a **VIRTUAL** Camporee. For information, contact District Camping Chair, Bryan Brush at brbrush@att.net

===== > **VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING (over 14 or completed 8th grade to 21)** <=====

2020-2021 New Horizons Venturing Officers:

President Brynn Morrow	VP of Administration Claire Guillemot	VP of Program Paige Brush	VP of Communication Carlos Byrd
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Venturing District elections will take place during October District Roundtables, in Venturing Breakout zooms. The main group Roundtable begins at 7:00 with Breakout rooms beginning approximately 7:30. Roundtables are a great opportunity to connect with other Venturers in the area and share what successful events Crews are having right now.

Advisors: Please encourage all your youth to attend the Roundtable Venturing Zoom meeting.

Youth: please attend the Venturing Zoom Roundtable and encourage other youth in your Crew to attend.

The agenda with the link to sign up will be sent out via email as early as possible. We will also have a special guest presenter who will talk about all the GREAT in person activities available on our Scout properties, that can be done right now, following GSLAC guidelines.

More Great events:

Save the Date:

Venturing Celebration Dinner has been rescheduled for January 3, 2021. The deadline to submit awards for recognition is November 15th, so keep working on those and turn them in for your Crew by then.

Follow us on **Facebook** at "New Horizons District Venturing" and **Instagram** at "NH_Venturing"

===== > **DISTRICT CONTACTS/CALENDAR** <=====

New Horizons District Committee contacts: <http://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/> under "HELPFUL INFORMATION"

New Horizons District Executives:

District Director:	Matthew Kasate, matthew.kasate@scouting.org
District Executive:	Ben Luedloff, benjamin.luedloff@scouting.org

The 2021 New Horizons District Calendar is available here (subject to change!):

<https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/> and click on the blue box "NEW HORIZONS DISTRICT CALENDARS"