



On The Horizon – March 2021



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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! Latest [COVID Operational Guidance](https://stlbsa.org/covid-operational-guidance/) may be found here: <https://stlbsa.org/covid-operational-guidance/>**

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Important Dates at a Glance:

EVENT:

Spring Camporee Sign-up:

March Roundtables:

Introduction to STEM in your unit:

March Eagle Boards of Review:

Cub Leader Blended Training (CM/ACM/DL/CC/PC):

“Just Shy of Pi” Day:

Central Region Program Symposium:

Scouts BSA Leader Blended Training (SM/ASM/CC/TC):

Virtual Youth Protection Training:

New Horizons District Pinewood Derby:

April Roundtables:

April Eagle Boards of Review:

Shawnee Lodge Spring Conclave:

Cub Leader Blended Training (CM/ACM/DL/CC/PC):

Cub Leader BALOO Training:

DATE:

March 1 (link should be live on stlbsa.org/newhorizons)

March 2

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March 3, 10, 24

March 8 & 10 (Virtual, both required)

March 13 (Virtual)

March 13 (Virtual)

March 17 & 24 (Virtual, both required)

March 23 (Virtual)

April 3 (Virtual)

April 6

April 7, 14, 28

April 9-11

April 12 & 14 (Virtual, both required)

April 24 & 25 (1 per day)

=====> 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, RANGER PROGRAM, AND REOPENING OF SERVICE CENTERS & SCOUT SHOPS:

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

March 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-mar21-registration>

2021 Central Region Silver Antelope Awardees:

Congratulations to New Horizons own **Teresa A. Colletti** and **Michael R. Brand** on being selected and awarded the Silver Antelope Award, the highest award that a Region can award a volunteer!

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:

2021 4th Annual Central Region Program Symposium – FREE Event

Note: This event was recently changed from a face2face to a virtual event. It will no longer be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation’s Emerson Center.

What: A great & unique opportunity for all Scouters to hear from and discuss with Regional and National Scout Leaders. The leaders will present the latest on such key topics as Training, Advancement, National Scouting University, Commissioners, Venturing, STEM, Outdoors/Fishing, Sea Scouting, as well as National and Regional Scouting strategies.

Where: Virtual session via Zoom

When: Saturday, March 13, 2021, time 8am-4pm Central time (Zoom access beginning at 7:30am)

Cost: Free

Registration now open / deadline is Sunday, March 7th:

<https://crventuring.org/landingpages/cr-program-symposium/>

Contact: Joe Burlleski, Symposium Lead, at Burlleski@sbcglobal.net

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

Greetings, New Horizons volunteers and parents –

How long has it been since you visited the Greater St. Louis Area Council website at <http://stlbsa.org>? It's got an awesome new look. Like you, I've spent quite a bit of time hunting for my Scouts in those big, scrolling pictures, and I've been pleasantly surprised a few times. Perhaps you've also noticed that our New Horizons district website is now only one click away, under the "Districts" heading in the website menu near the top of the page.

The New Horizons district website at <http://stlbsa.org> is a treasure trove of important New Horizons information such as contacts, training, Scouting@Home resources, our events calendar, Eagle Scout candidate information, and much more. Be prepared! Visit our district website today to familiarize yourself with the new layout and to learn new things.

Contact: Tim Trace, New Horizons District Commissioner, tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com or 314-283-3420

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

New Horizons District Pinewood Derby:

The 2021 New Horizons District Pinewood Derby planning is underway! The Race will happen virtually on April 3rd, with check-in socially distanced prior to the event. More information will be coming out at the *March Cub Scout Roundtable* such how the race will take place – ***Please attend!*** You can find the rules on the district webpage so you can start working on cars, <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-district-calendar/>

Trivia Night: Plans are underway to move our annual Trivia Night to benefit Friends of Scouting to August 14, 2021. Details will be shared as we move closer.

===== > 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**"

The ability to request a Covid 19 extension has expired as of Dec 31st. We now have new procedures for councils to follow when considering time extensions. They are explained in updated Guide to Advancement topics at this link <https://i9peu1ikn3a16vq4e45rqj17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/GTA-9.0.4.0-2021.pdf>

*****IMPORTANT*****

The release of the new Eagle Required Merit Badge, "**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**" has been put on hold. Stay tuned for more information.

Eagle Boards of Review: The Eagle Boards of Review continues to need additional reviewers with computers (sound, video and microphones that can handle virtual reviews). If interested, please contact John Klos at klos41@msn.com. Eagle Board of Review Training will be held February 17th – see below.

March 3, 10, 24 (Virtual)

April 7, 14, 28

Life to Eagle Seminar & Eagle Board of Review Training:

Date: May 19, 2021 at 7pm (**Will be via Zoom**)

Who: All Life Scouts, parents, Unit Leaders, 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

Sign-up: <http://bit.ly/lifetoeagle-register-may2021>

Eagle Scout Project Workbook: ***Please **DO NOT** use Google to find a workbook! Use the link below as we have been seeing old versions which are no longer valid and here is the link to the latest January 2021 version:***

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf

John F. Bild Eagle Scout Project Grants:

The **Eagle Scout Association of Greater St. Louis, Inc.** (St. Louis Eagle Scout Association) may grant Life Scouts working on an Eagle Scout Service Project money to fund their project. Applicants must have received project approval from the District Eagle Scout Board of Review. Grants typically range from \$50 to \$200. The application process, application form and directions for applying for a grant may be found here: <http://www.stlesa.org/Eagle-Project-Grants>

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

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

Want to learn about the STEM Nova program? We will be offering “Introduction to STEM in your unit” prior to the March RoundTable at 6 pm on March 2. Zoom link is:

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

Meeting ID: 817 9131 9558 Passcode: 103048

Save the Date! Just Shy of Pi Day is almost here - and with it the first Pi K! You can run, walk, bike, or skip 3.14159.... kilometers (or miles if you prefer) to celebrate all things Pi! Registration gets you a cool patch, and bib to wear while you run. Sign up for this virtual event at <https://scoutingevent.com/312-42166>



New Event coming in 2021 - Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) & Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI), October 16-18

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.

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 2021 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign has kicked off! We need your help to make this campaign a success.

- Please let us know when you would like a Friends of Scouting trailblazer to present to your unit. The more lead time we have the easier it will be for us to find a trailblazer. Please reach out to Mike Hulsizer to schedule your presentation (contact info below).
- New Horizons has a number of units eager to get a FOS presentation. We need your help to make that happen! Please consider helping the campaign as a Trailblazer. FOS trailblazers go out to each unit, give a brief presentation (virtual or in person), and collect donations. We need energetic Scouters who don't mind getting up in front of a group of parents – virtually or in person. Let Mike Hulsizer know if you want to lend a hand.

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

=====> 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, and it needs to be renewed every 2 years. 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 Digital Duffle Bag 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 – John Murphy – johnmurphy74@yahoo.com
- Scouts BSA – Ken McGohan – kenmcgohan@msn.com

Address any additional questions regarding Training to Malcolm Bliss, New Horizons Training Chair, malcolmbless@prodigy.net

ONLINE CUB SCOUT LEADER AND SCOUTS BSA LEADER VIRTUAL TRAINING:

Note: Both sessions listed are required, watch for sign-up links in Digital Duffle Bag)

Cub Scout Leader Training:

Virtual Cub Scouts CM/ACM/DL/CC/PC blended Leader Training:

When: March 8th & 10th

Sign-up: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/312-cubleadertrainingmarch>

When: April 12th & 14th

Sign-up: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/312-cubleadertrainingapril>

Cub Leader BALOO Training (aka "Leader Outdoor Experience"):

When: April 24th or 25th at Beaumont Scout Reservation

May 1st or 2nd at Camp Warren Levis

Scouts BSA Leader Training:

Virtual Scouts BSA SM/ASM/CC/TC blended Leader Training – Parts 1 of 2 both sessions Required

When: Wednesdays, March 17th & 24th, 7pm-9pm CST

Sign-up: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-ScoutsBSAleadertrainingmarch>

When: Thursdays, April 15th & 22nd, 7pm-9pm CST

Sign-up: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-ScoutsBSAleadertrainingapril>

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:

When: May 8th or 9th at Beaumont Scout Reservation

May 22nd or May 23rd at Camp Warren Levis

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 to be on the charter!

Virtual Youth Protection Training:

When: March 23rd at 7pm-9pm

Sign-up: <http://scoutingevent.com/312-YPTMarch>

SAVE THE DATES!

2021 Wood Badge Course Dates

Spring Course – Registration Link: stlbsa.org/training under "Leadership Development"

May 21-23, 2021 & June 5-6, 2021

Beaumont Scout Reservation

Scoutmaster: Bob Baronovic wbsmspring2021@gmail.com

Fall Course – Registration Link Coming Soon!

August 27-29, 2021 & September 18-19, 2021

Camp Warren Levis

Scoutmaster: Paul Ke sm.fall2021@gmail.com

Wood Badge Information Dinner

March 29, 2021

Beaumont Scout Reservation

Register here: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/312-2021wbinformationaldinner>

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

PACKS & TROOPS: Do you have someone focused year-round on:

- Getting additional youth & families into your Unit?
- Making new families feel welcome & comfortable when they do join?

If you don't have at least one person championing these efforts year-round to get new youth into your Unit, then you are just hoping it happens and hoping youth will join. Just like anything important, you need to have focus on this effort if maintaining membership is important to your Unit.

Some of the activities this person or group could do include:

- For Troops, someone working with the Pack to maintain joint activities between the Units
- Encouraging Den Chiefs
- Focus on social media and other methods to get the word out to non-Scouts about your Unit's activities
- Making new Scouts and families feel welcome when they join. So they stay.
- Championing activities in your Unit throughout the year to encourage new members
- Keep the recruiting fire burning throughout the year

There is training available for this position. Plus, the District Membership Committee will be there for support.

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

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

2020-2021 New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers:

Chapter Chief	1st Vice Chief	2nd Vice Chief	Secretary	Chapter Advisor:
MATTHEW CALDWELL	BRODY TRACE	PAIGE BRUSH	DYLAN HULSIZER	RON COLLETTI

Shawnee Lodge Order of the Arrow Annual Dues: To remain an active member of our lodge, please visit shawneelodge.org to pay your \$10 dues for 2021. **Members of the Lodge will receive email information on the events below:**

SAVE THE DATES:

New Horizons Chapter Banquet:

When: May 16 – Time & format TBD due to COVID-19

Submit your nominations for Distinguished Arrowman using the link below:

<http://newhorizons.shawneelodge.org/distinguished-arrowman/>

Shawnee Lodge Spring Conclave:

When: April 9-11

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

More information regarding format will be sent out to members of Shawnee Lodge as the date approaches.

Klondike Wrap-Up: For anyone that participated in the 2021 Klondike, patches and prizes are being mailed to each leader's home. If you would still like to complete the challenges and order a patch, Mike Ukman will have the patches at Spring Camporee for sale. Reach out to nhcampingchair@gmail.com for the challenge information.

New Horizons Spring Camporee: Registration will open on March 1st. Information will be given at Roundtable on how to register as either a family, or a unit. There will be open program during the day on May 1st, and programming that will require reservation blocks such as climbing and shooting. We still need units to step up and offer a few additional program opportunities such as running the orienteering course, pioneering kit, pinewood derby track, and field games. Contact nhcampingchair@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities. Please note: The district event does NOT include overnight camping for COVID precautions. If your unit chooses to camp at any council property that weekend, you will need to complete a unit camping reservation, and follow unit COVID procedures provided by council at that time.

District Camporee Staff: We are always looking for youth that want to serve on Camporee and Klondike Staff for the experience, and for the staff recognition bling. Contact nhcampingchair@gmail.com if you or a Scout is interested in volunteering for an event.

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 (Day passes are complimentary through February but require a reservation). ALL camps will be available for Family Camping! (**NOTE:** Beaumont Scout Reservation will be closed until March 6th for work on underground piping) 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/>

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

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 New Horizons Venturing Officers:

President	VP of Administration	VP of Program	VP of Communication
Carlos Byrd	Claire Guillemot	Zoë Schultz	Julie Pitz

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.

Climbing Tower and Bonfire:

We're hoping for the “Safer at Home” restrictions to be loosened to allow for an in person Climbing Tower and Bonfire event in late April. Stay tuned!

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”