



**SCOUTS STAND OUT.**

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

# DIGITAL DUFFLE BAG

*A twice monthly digital magazine for Scouting families.*



## Mom & Me Weekend

### BSA Outfitters Metro East Now Open

BSA Outfitters Metro East located at 5205 N. Illinois Street (Route 159) in Fairview Heights, Illinois opened for business on Monday, August 2. This store has new fixtures, more merchandise, a larger sales space, modern appearance and is centrally located for our population centers in the Metro East.

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Join us for a weekend jam-packed with Scouting favorites like archery and bb guns as well as some other fun games and activities themed around the Olympics!

We provide all the meals and programs, you just need a tent, a sleeping bag, and an overnight bag!

**When:** September 24–26

**Where:** Camp Warren Levis

**Who:** Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Mom (or other female adult partner)

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## Recruitment Resources

After a year of being cooped up inside, it's time to escape the indoors and help families discover Scouting! Together, let's get back outside! Back to fun, family, and friends! Back to helping young people become the best future versions of themselves. Click below for resources to find and engage interested families.

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According to Washington University researchers, Scouting is a path to success:

## SCOUTING IS A PATH TO SUCCESS

Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to get a bachelor's degree (75.6% of Scouts alumni compared with 36.0% national average)



Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to get an advanced graduate degree (29.0% of Scouts alumni compared with 13.4% national average)

Scouts are more likely to make almost **DOUBLE** of the personal income as an adult (\$62.5k individual median income compared with \$33.7k national median)



Scouts are more likely to have very good or exceptional (750+) credit scores (55.7% of Scouts alumni compared with 39.7% national average)



Scouts are more likely to move up in their socio-economic status. Scouts that come from low-income family background are, on average, more likely to make almost twice the personal income as an adult compared to their non-scout peers with similar childhood family background.



### SCOUTS ARE CHANGE AGENTS

BSA strives to bring larger, broader, and longer social impact. The BSA values (Character, Leadership, Citizenship, and Fitness) imprinted during childhood go a long way. BSA alumni continue to change the world by taking more leadership roles in organizations, engaging in more entrepreneurial activities, and undertaking more civic duties.





## 2022 Scouts BSA Summer Camp

Summer 2022 will be here before we know it! Registration for 2022 Scouts BSA and Venturing Summer Camp opens Monday, September 13 at 9 a.m. Register early to secure your unit's spot at one of our great camps!

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## STEM Trailer

Putting the final touches on your new Program Year? Want to add a spark to your Pack or Troop meeting? The Mobile STEM Trailer is available for reservations! A variety of STEM related activities makes for a fun time of your Scouts.

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## Cub Launch

At Cub Launch, Cub Scouts can spend the day experiencing all things Cub Scouting including fishing, shooting sports, STEM experiments, and much more!

Plus, every Cub Scout will have the opportunity to earn their Bobcat requirement as well!

Eight locations to choose from.

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## Adirondack and Treehouse Reservations

Secure your unit's spot for the adirondacks at Beaumont or S bar F, or the S bar F treehouses by getting your access code! Find out more about this process by clicking on the link.

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## Popcorn Fundraiser

During the popcorn fundraiser, we provide all the resources Scouts need to pay their own way. Popcorn sales can generate enough income to financially support your Scouting program for the entire year! Money earned can be used to cover the cost of camporees, pinewood derby races, field trips, equipment, badges and advancement, and summer camp.

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## Fall Uniform Sale

On your mark, get set, Scout! Start off the new Scouting year with a nice new uniform. We're offering 25% off uniform shorts, pants, or skorts with the purchase of a shirt from the same program.

***At your local Scout Shop Aug 2—Oct 31!***

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## Scout Shop Now Hiring

Fall recruitment is coming, and the St. Louis area Scout Shops are looking for a few good Scouters to help with the fall rush (and beyond)! Part-time and full-time positions available. Visit <http://STLBSA.org/shop> for contact info for the stores.

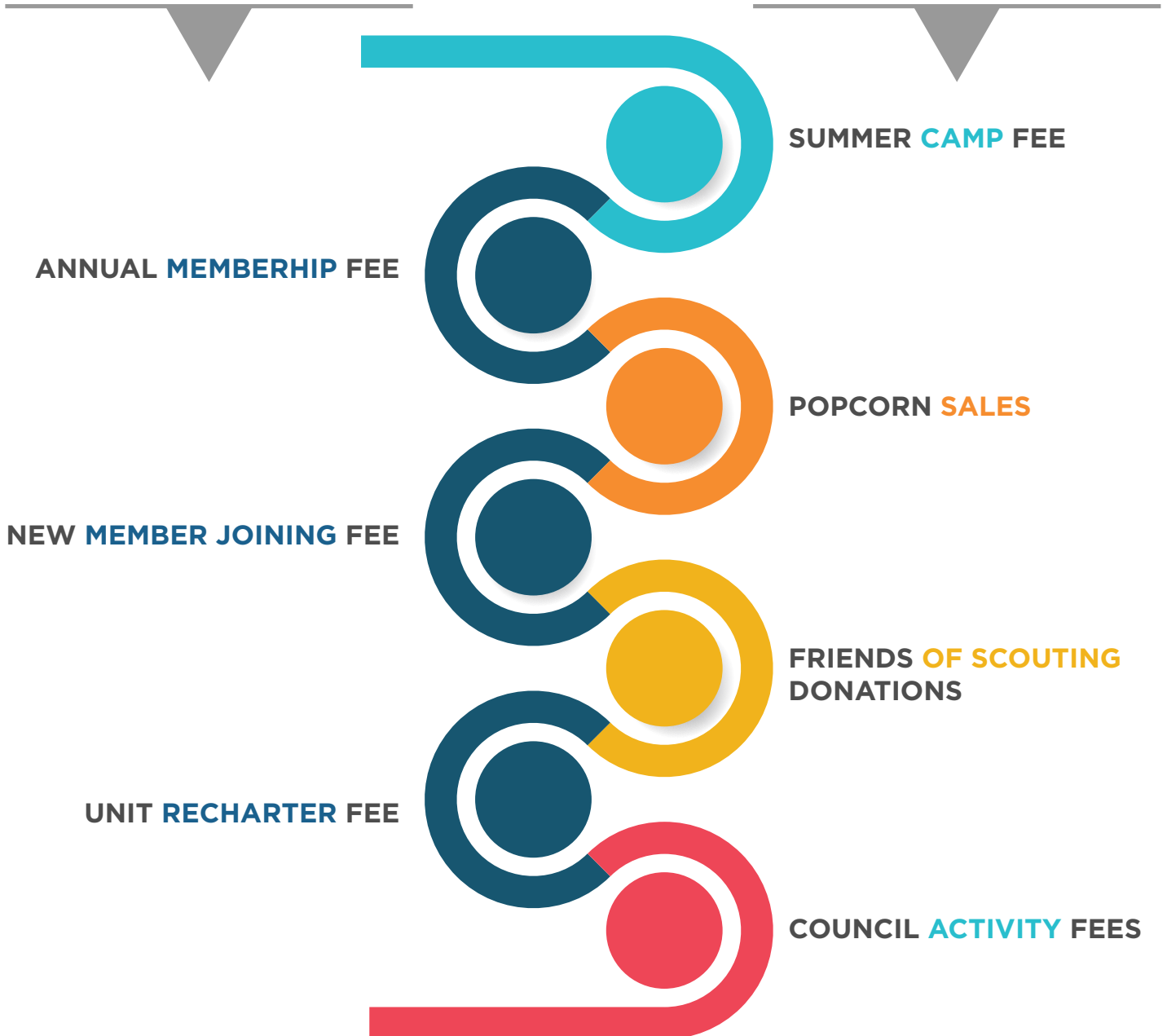
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# SCOUTING FEES

*Scouting is great value for the money. No one can truly put a price tag on the leadership and character building that comes from participating in Scouting programs. But where does your money go and how does it help support Scouting?*

The Boy Scouts of America  
national office receives:

The Greater St. Louis Area  
Council receives:



Money received by the Boy Scouts of America national office goes towards funding the cost of essential services, including liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, program resources, safety standards, youth protection and personal safety training, and services to councils nationwide to sustain Scouting. These monies help to deliver the program of the BSA (through 260+ local councils) to chartered organizations that use the Scouting program to meet the needs of local youth.

Money received by your local Greater St. Louis Area Council provides for professional staff supervision, organization of new Scouting units, service for existing units, training of volunteer leaders, and maintenance of council camps. Fees also finance the operation of the local council service centers, where volunteer leaders can obtain literature, insignia, advancement badges, and other items vital to the program. In addition, the service centers maintain advancement and membership records.

## Aquatics Supervision

Scouts love the water! Develop the skills to lead your unit on safe aquatic adventures by taking part in one (or both) of our BSA aquatic trainings.

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Aug. 21—Swimming & Water Rescue  
Aug. 22—Paddle Craft Safety  
Aug. 28—Paddle Craft Safety  
Aug. 29—Swimming & Water Rescue

## Shooting Sports Training

Interested in becoming a merit badge counselor or taking your Scouts on a shooting outing? Get trained to meet National BSA and Greater St. Louis Area Council guidelines. These NRA courses are available to Scouters at reduced prices.

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*Various dates, locations and classes available.*

## Den Chief Training

This training is for leaders and youth! A den chief is a Scout who assists a den leader at meetings and other Scouting events and serves as a valuable source of skills, songs, and games.

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Aug. 21—via Zoom

## Wood Badge Training

Wood Badge is advanced training for adult leaders in Scouting designed to enhance 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.

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Aug. 27—29 & Sept. 18—19  
Camp Warren Levis

## Climbing and Challenge Course Training

GSLAC has a variety of natural and man-made rock climbing and rappelling features at its camps, as well as high and low challenge courses. Learn how to become certified to lead your unit on these programs!

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Challenge Course:  
Sept. 8 at Beaumont Scout Reservation  
& Sept. 18—19 at S bar F Scout Ranch  
  
Climbing & Rappelling:  
Aug. 18 & Aug. 28—29  
Beaumont Scout Reservation

## Back Country Leadership Skills Training

Want to start high adventure in your unit? Are you a first-time Philmont Crew Advisor who wants skills and knowledge to prepare your crew for the trek? Then you need to take Back Country Leadership Skills Training!

[Read More](#)

Sept. 10—12  
S bar F Scout Ranch

## Leader Outdoor Experience/BALOO

Learn to take your unit outdoors and not be terrified of the unknown! Plus, become familiar with techniques for fire building, hiking, nature and many more fun activities while meeting other leaders and sharing ideas.

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Sept. 10—12 at S bar F Scout Ranch  
  
October 23—24 at Rhodes France Scout Reservation



# Scouting is Safer than Ever Before

EFFECTIVE  
**BARRIERS**  
TO ABUSE

MILLIONS OF PARENTS TRUST  
THE BSA TO PROVIDE  
**MEANINGFUL  
PROGRAMMING**  
IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

RECOGNIZE  
RESPOND  
REPORT  
**1-844-SCOUTS1**

## Barriers to Abuse

Together, these expert-informed barriers help keep kids safe



Learn more at [scouting.org/training/youth-protection](https://scouting.org/training/youth-protection)



## New Board Member Spotlight

Welcome to our newest board members recently elected at the Council Annual Business Meeting. We are excited to have them as an important part of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and we thank them for their support of local Scouting.



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