



On The Horizon – November 2021



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Important Dates at a Glance:

EVENT:

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Shawnee Lodge Vigil Nominations due:

November Roundtables:

November District Eagle Board of Review:

Scouting For Food Bag Distribution on doors:

NH OA Chapter Meeting:

Life-to-Eagle Seminar & Eagle Board of Review Training:

Scouting For Food Bag Collection:

December District Eagle Board of Review:

December Roundtables:

Shawnee Lodge OA Winter Fellowship Banquet:

Virtual Eagle Trail Camp:

DATE:

October 30

November 1

November 2 (Hybrid at MUMC)

November 3, 10 (No Week 4!)

November 13

November 18

November 17

November 20

December 1, 8 (No Week 4!)

December 7 (at Congregation Shaare Emeth, Ladue & Ballas)

December 19 (Time/Location/Format TBD)

December 27, 28, 29

-----> SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS <-----

IMPORTANT!!! ==> **PLEASE VISIT 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://tinyurl.com/nhrt-nov2021-registration>

November Roundtables:

Please join us on **November 2nd at 7 pm for the November 2021 Roundtable**. The event will be hybrid, **virtually & in-person**. Join us virtually on Zoom by registering here: <https://tinyurl.com/nhrt-nov2021-registration>

December Roundtables:

Please join us on **December 7th at 7:15pm for the December 2021 Roundtable**. The event will be hybrid, **virtually & in-person – note the location will be at Congregation Shaare Emeth, Ladue & Ballas Roads (note time and location changes!)**. The sign-up link will be available in the December edition of “On The Horizon”.

2021-22 Cub Scout Program Preview Guide:

This guide takes you through recommendations on how to best manage Den and Pack meetings for the coming Scouting year. Loaded with information on having a fun Scouting program.

Learn more here:

<http://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Cub-Scout-Program-Preview-Guide.pdf>

2021-22 Scouts BSA Program Preview Guide:

This guide takes you through recommendations on how to best manage Troop meetings for the coming Scouting year. Loaded with information on having a fun Scouting program.

Learn more here:

<https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Scouts-BSA-Program-Preview-Guide-1.pdf>

2021-22 Venturing Program Preview Guide:

This guide takes you through recommendations on how to best manage Crew meetings for the coming Scouting year. Loaded with information on having a fun Scouting program.

Learn more here:

<https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Venturing-Program-Preview-Guide-1.pdf>

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

Happy Fall greetings to the New Horizons District.

Thank you for being part of our great nation's largest federally-chartered youth-serving organization.

In Scouting, we try to embody Scouting's values every day. Here's one of them: "On my honor, I will do my best ... to help other people at all times." Hold on tightly to that idea and recall that Scouting For Food happens soon (specifics are elsewhere in this edition of On The Horizon).

It's "all hands on deck" for Scouting For Food's 36th consecutive year of helping relieve food insecurity across the 63 counties of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. The success of this vast annual project rides on every Scout giving their maximum cheerful service in the name of the Scout Oath.

Maximum cheerful service could look like adjusting your Saturday schedule to make Scouting For Food the top priority. Kicking it up a notch, could you drive through local neighborhoods late on bag-out day, and hit any missed homes? Would you do it again on bag-in day, scanning porches for last-minute gifts? Would you assist with sorting and boxing gifts at one of our collection sites?

Thank you for contemplating how you can embody Scouting's values and bring cheerful service to Scouting For Food. It's my favorite service event of the year, and I'm excited about seeing all of us on the streets and at the collection sites. See you out there!

As always - please get in touch with me right away if you're considering membership in the commissioner service. I'd love to talk to you about becoming part of our team.

Yours in Scouting,

Timothy J. "Tim" Trace, New Horizons District Commissioner,
Greater St. Louis Area Council
314-283-3420 tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com

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

Scouting For Food:

For question regarding SFF, please contact Mark Balbes, our 2021 Scouting For Food Chair at NewHorizonsScoutingForFood@gmail.com. Maps for units are being prepared and will be emailed to Unit Leadership.

Scouting For Food Bag pickup by units:

When: Saturday, October 30th

Time: 10am – 2pm

Where: Ranger Station at Beaumont Scout Reservation

Scouting For Food Bag distribution on doors: November 13th, after 9am

Scouting For Food Bag collection & drop-off: November 20th, after 9:30am until 4pm

Scouting For Food Drop-off locations:

Firehouse
Chesterfield Mall (Replaces Monarch No. 1)
Metro West No. 3 (Wildwood)
Shrewsbury Firehouse
Des Peres Firehouse
King of Kings Church (next to Monarch HQ)
West County No. 1 (Henry)
Old Brentwood Firehouse
Kirkwood No. 2
Webster Groves Firehouse
North Glendale School (Replaces Glendale FD)
Metro West No. 2 (Castlewood)
King of Kings Church (Replaces Monarch HQ)

District Volunteer Recognition Event: Our annual District Volunteer Recognition Event will be held January 20, 2022. Details are TBD pending Council decisions on indoor banquets, dinners, and receptions. This is our opportunity to recognize the efforts of our outstanding New Horizons volunteers. Nominations for awards (see below) are now open and are due to Grayson Wolcott by the end of the December Roundtable meeting.

- To help defray the cost of awards, we are again inviting donations from units or individuals - Text NHDinner22 to 91999 or use the website link: [igfn.us/form/ PGYSQ](http://igfn.us/form/PGYEQ)

Additionally, we are looking for members to assist with planning for the event. Please reach out to Amanda Heidemann if you would like to assist: swiftalphaantelope@gmail.com

District Award of Merit - open to registered adult volunteers who have rendered service of an outstanding nature at the District level.

Spark Plug Award - open to registered adult volunteers from the Pack, Troop, or Crew who have been a driving force in the unit. Consider nominating someone who has added "spark" to scouting. Details are included on the nomination form.

➔ **District Award of Merit** and **Spark Plug** nomination forms may be found here under “New Horizons District Roundtable Flyers”:

<https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/>

Save the date:

Trivia Night: Due to conflicts and continued concerns about indoor activities we are sorry to share that Trivia Night is being postponed until a later date. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please reach out to Joel Portman joelportman@gmail.com.

=====> **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**”

******IMPORTANT******

The release of a new Eagle Required Merit Badge, “**Citizenship in Society**” (i.e. - diversity, inclusion, and equality) is in the works. Stay tuned for more information on the release date and when it officially becomes “required”!

Eagle Boards of Review: The Eagle Boards of Review continues to need additional reviewers! In the event that we need to return to virtual reviews, we need a few more reviewers with computers (sound, video and microphones). If interested, please contact John Klos at klos41@msn.com.

*****EXCITING NEWS:** Eagle Boards of Review will be held **IN-PERSON** continuing in November at Parkway United Church of Christ! Enter by the back parking lot from the drive on the left side of the building. Everyone will be required to wear a mask per Parkway UCC.

November 3, 10 (no EBOR on Week 4 due to Thanksgiving)

December 1, 8 (No EBOR on Week 4 due to Christmas)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Scouts will still be required to submit their paperwork *in advance* which helps the reviewers to better help our Scouts

Eagle Scout Project Workbook: ***Please USE THE LINK BELOW to find a workbook! We have been seeing old versions which are no longer valid! Here is the link to the latest January 2021 version:***

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

S.A.F.E (Supervision, Assessment, Fitness & Skills, Equipment/Environment):

National has a guide for ALL Scout ages regarding keeping youth safe for various activities requiring tools or ladders, including information on Yard Tools, Wood & Metal-Working Tools, Painting, and Elevated Work, and may be found here in the Guide to Safe Scouting (especially important for Eagle Scout Service Projects, but also applies to Cub Scout related activities!):

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-028.pdf?gl=1*1rwxnyb*_ga*MjAxMTAxMjA3OS4xNjA1MDM0MjEw*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTYyODg2NTgyNi4yMy4xLjE2Mjg4NjY0OTEuMTI)

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Life to Eagle Seminar & Eagle Board of Review Training:

Date: November 17th at 7pm (**will be via Zoom**)

Who: All Life Scouts, parents, Unit Leaders, Eagle Mentors/Coaches, 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: <https://bit.ly/lifetoeagle-register-november2021>

Virtual Eagle Trail Evening Camp:

What: Due to the popularity of our Virtual Eagle Trail Evening Camp last summer, we are offering a 3-day event on December 27th – 29th via Zoom.

Dates: December 27, 28, 29

Time: Classes are at 9am, 10am & 11am

More information and sign-up: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-2021winterworkshop>

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

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

SAVE THE DATES:

“Just Shy of Pi Day 2022” is returning on March 12, 2022! More details coming soon!

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:

It is not too late for your Unit to reach its 2021 Friends of Scouting (FOS) goal! We need your help to make this campaign a success.

- Did we miss you in the Spring? Please let us know if you would like a Friends of Scouting trailblazer to present to your unit this Fall. Trailblazers are available for in-person or virtual presentations. Please reach out to FOS Family Chair Ted Slap: tedslap@yahoo.com to schedule a presentation.
- Already had a presentation. Contact Ted Slap if you want to know how close your unit is to your goal.
- Please follow back up with your unit. Remind families they can give electronically at www.stlbsa.org/donate. Once there, click on the Donate Now button, indicate you are giving to the “District Family” campaign and be sure to indicate your district (New Horizons) and unit. Don't forget about employer matching programs!

We are starting to recruit for the 2022 campaign! Contact Ted Slap if you would like to lend a hand as a Crew Chief or Trailblazer.

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

On-Line 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

Training Tip: Want to know the best way to support your Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship? Want to know the best way to support your youth and adult leaders? It is as simple as 1 and 2:

1. Get Trained
2. Attend Roundtable

Questions? Contact your training team!

Address any additional questions regarding Training to Malcolm Bliss, New Horizons Training Chair, malcolmbloss@prodigy.net. For further Training information and resources, please see <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/> click the blue bar “New Horizons District Training”.

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. While YPT certification is good for 2 years, please 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!

SAVE THE DATES!

Scouts BSA Indoor Training (Required for Committee Members, Committee Chairs, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters) - *VIRTUAL*:

When: December 2nd & December 9th, 7pm-9pm (must attend *BOTH* to receive credit)

Register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-VirtualSMASMCCTCtraining>

NOTE: Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters still need to attend a session of Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills *next spring* to be fully trained.

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

Thank you for all you have done the last couple of months to invite new scouts into your pack. New Horizons has welcomed over 500 new youth! REMINDER: Please be sure to get all new applications submitted and if you need assistance getting the applications to the office, let the membership committee know and we'll help facilitate.

The district membership committee would like to help keep all your cubs involved in Scouting – especially your outgoing 5th graders. In the next few weeks, we will be organizing Troop 'meet-and-greet' nights for your outgoing scouts to get to know their local troop(s)! Stay tuned for more information about that.

Additionally, we need more girl troops! Here are all of the active girl troops:

- Troop 301G (First Congregational Church of Webster Groves)
- Troop 313G (Three Thirteen Parents Club in Des Peres)
- Troop 496G (Mason Ridge Elementary)
- Troop 0783G (Salem of Ballwin UMC)

If you would like to get in contact with them, we can help connect you! If you feel that these troops are too far, let us know and we will help out on creating a girl troop closer to your area. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Membership Committee. We are here to help and guide you!

BEST PRACTICE: After your initial round of School Nights to Join Scouting have been held, schedule a "second chance" opportunity! Encourage your youth to invite a friend to an upcoming event and extend your recruiting season.

Want additional information about recruiting? Need flyers? Recruiting information can be found here:

<https://stlbsa.org/membership-recruitment/>

Thank you, Heather Inman, Membership Chairman: heather.inman@gmail.com or 314-443-7629.

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

2021-2022 New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers & Advisors:

Chapter Chief	1st Vice Chief	2nd Vice Chief	Secretary	Chapter Advisor	Associate Advisor
PAIGE BRUSH	DYLAN HULSIZER	NIKO BRENNAN	DECLAN HENNESSEY	MIKE HULSIZER	MARVIN ALEXANDER

Annual Dues: To remain an **active** member of our lodge, please visit shawneelodge.org to pay your \$10 dues for 2021. Dues for 2022 will be due before December 31, 2021. **Registered members of the Lodge receive email information on Chapter and Lodge events.**

New Horizons OA Chapter is looking for Arrowmen to become Chairmen and Ceremonialists. If you have a Scout who is an OA member who you feel would be a good officer for the next season, or a Ceremonialist, please have them contact Paige Brush (paige.brush@shawneelodge.org) or Mike Hulsizer (Michael.Husizer@shawneelodge.org).

The **Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow** is the highest honor an OA Lodge may bestow upon a Brother. Shawnee Lodge Vigil Nominations are due by November 1st – the nomination form and requirements may be found on the <https://shawneelodge.org/vigil/>. Please consider nominating a deserving individual.

SAVE THE DATES for Up-Coming OA events!

New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting:

When: November 18, 6:00pm – 8:45pm

Where: Incredible Pizza on Lindberg

More information:

Flyer: <http://newhorizons.shawneelodge.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/IncrediblePizza.pdf>

Sign-up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BRKcgMJ4Blg9xjFa_UBzxDyJnv36y7ljZNwLxriYbUI/edit?ts=6171df44

Shawnee Lodge Winter Fellowship Banquet:

When: December 19, Time & Location TBD

More Information: Watch for more information on shawneelodge.org

SAVE THE DATES for 2021-22 New Horizons District Camping Season!

2022 Klondike Derby: January 14th -16th at Laemmli & Nusser Camporee Fields at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Manual to be released on October 1st. Cost should be less than \$15/participant. Open to all ages. Start dusting off your sleds or find good plans on Google. If your unit has an idea for an activity station, please let Amada Vogt know at nhcampingchair@gmail.com

2022 Spring Camporee: April 29th – May 1st at Camp Famous Eagle at S-F Scout Ranch
We're bringing video games to life through patrol competitions at traditional Scouting Adventures, and some out of the box opportunities like life-size Pac-Man games. Open to all ages. Manual will be released on November 1st with basic details and full details by January 1st.

Camping Activity Volunteers: We are looking to build out a Youth Staff for these events. If you have Scouts that would like to serve on the District Team, send their contact information to Amanda Vogt, Camping Chair at nhcampingchair@gmail.com. We'll also take adults.

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

2021-2022 New Horizons Venturing Officers:

President	VP of Administration	VP of Program	VP of Communication	VOA Advisor
Zoë Schultz	Jacqueline Foster	Adrienne "Ace" Mansdoerfer		Kim Montgomery

Crew Advisors and youth: Please attend the **Roundtable** on October 5th. Encourage other youth in your Crew to attend.

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: Grayson Wolcott, Grayson.wolcott@scouting.org

District Executive: Jayci Fox, jayci.fox@scouting.org

The New Horizons District Calendars (2020-21 & 2021-22) are 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**”