

THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January/February 2023

Jan. 5	ATTN: Cub Leaders - Pinewood Derby Presentation @ ROUNDTABLE
Jan. 7	STEM University - SEMO
Jan. 7–Feb. 11	North Star Swim Skills @ Hazelwood East Pool (Every Saturday 9am – 12:30p)
Jan. 14-15	Venturing STL After Dark - Explore St. Louis / Lock In @ South County YMCA
Jan. 16,18,19	GSLAC University of Scouting – Virtual Courses
Jan. 28	GSLAC University of Scouting – SIUE
Feb. 12	North Star OA Chapter Dinner – Warren-Levis – 1pm - 4pm
Feb. 25	STEM University - SIUC

Looking Ahead Beyond February

Mar. 24 - 26	Taste of Venturing @ Camp Warren Levis
Mar 31 - Apr. 2	Spring Camporee – Warren-Levis
Apr. 1	Little Creek Service Hours
May 12	North Star District Dinner

The Commissioner Corner

Happy 2023 North Star!

Here's hoping that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season. The new year is here and it's time to get back to business.

First, please make sure that if you haven't already done so, get your re-charter in. Jane is patiently waiting for those and it gives her something to do! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your unit commissioner and we will be glad to assist you.

Second, program. Just because its cold outside doesn't mean we can't do scouting activities. Think about ways you can get your units out and about, keep those youth engaged, and they might even possibly learn something along the way. We will be having monthly ideas at roundtable on how to do that (and if you have anything you'd like to see covered at roundtable, please let one of us know).

Finally, recruit. Recruitment is a year-round activity now, any event, any time we are out in public with our units, even talking to people at work or social gatherings, don't hesitate to mention scouting and all the good things that can come from it, and then when you get interested parties... follow up on it.

I'm excited to kick this year off and see what is in store for North Star!

It's going to be our best year ever.

Dave Kedge
District Commissioner, North Star District.



The Camping Corner

I hope each and everyone had a great holiday and are looking forward to 2023. I'm Fred Schaljo your new camping chairman.

Spring Camporee - March 31st, April 1st and 2nd. At Camp Warren Levis. The theme is Emergency Preparedness. Caleb Otte and Braden Matz have an exciting program planned. Scoutmasters get out the merit badge books. Your scouts have a chance to complete some requirements for this merit badge.

Just a reminder Sunday April 2nd is Palm Sunday. We will have church services at the camporee.

Scoutmaster's mark your calendars for the March 2nd. Roundtable. Please bring your SPLs that night. Our Campmasters will answer your SPL's questions and give your troop any final information.

Winter Activity - One day only Saturday February 25th with Pathfinder District is still pending. Stay tuned.

Next month be sure to attend RT. I will have a camping survey for you to fill out for me to help plan meaningful camping experiences.

If you need to contact me:

fredschaljo@yahoo.com

Cell 314-402-0095

Remember- Outing is found in Scouting!

North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

Joey Johnson (North Star VOA President) and Matt Smith (North Star VOA VP Program) are helping to plan the following events:

January 14-15, 2023 - STL After Dark

Carondelet YMCA -- 930 Holly Hills, Saint Louis, MO 63111

Join in the fun with this evening lock-in with all your Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scouting, and older Scouting friends. We've got a great evening planned with entertainment, games, activities throughout the night. Bring your suit because the pool will be open. We'll have the Teen Hub at the Y with pool, video games, and a treadmill rockwall. We've got outside entertainment coming in with a show, and its going to be a great time!

Cost is \$23 per participant (register by 1/10), \$26 1/11 through 1/14.

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-afterdark22>

March 24-26, 2023 - Taste of Venturing at Camp Warren-Levis

Friday evening, all-day Saturday and Sunday activities

Cost will be \$20 per participant.

Registration opens January 1, 2023

May 21, 2023 - Celebration Awards

June 2-4, 2023 - Swift's Big Kickoff

June 11-17 - Swift Base Venturing Summer Camp Week #1

July 9-15 - Swift Base Venturing Summer Camp Week #2

September 22-24, 2023 - 50th Fall Fun Rally at Beaumont

More details will be provided as time marches forward and details are ready to be published.

Thanks,

Jerome Flynn

North Star VOA Advisor

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Activities

District Dinner – The theme for this year is High School Era on Friday, May 12, 2023, place and time to be determined. If you have any pictures for our slide show, we will be collecting them starting in January.

Also, it is that time of year to nominate someone for our Polaris Award see attached form and it will need to be handed in by April Roundtable.

Pinewood Derby – We are also looking for volunteers to help with the pinewood derby if interested please contact Jane Lindstrom at jflindstrom@yahoo.com or John Matz at 314-960-4709.

Swimming Skill Center – We are need lifeguards for the six-week skill center if you know of anyone, please let Sarah Scott know.

Troop 283 Presents Sixth Annual Pinewood Derby Workshop!

Important Details:

- It is still a **free donation based event**.
- Come with your car kit, leave with your car.
- WHEN: Saturday, January 7, 2023 9a—3p
- **Must sign up for a scheduled cutting slot:**
Register.Troop283STL.com
- *Dress for the weather*, it may be outside
- WHERE: Maryland Heights Church of Christ: 107 Midland Ave, 63043
- We will have fire, coffee, hot chocolate, and some food on the grill for purchase.

Calling all PACKS Large and Small

Did you know that Troop 283 has been running Pinewood Derby Races for individual Packs for about **20 years?!** They will come to you... you don't need a track or need to know anything about running a Pinewood Derby, we will do it all. Have your cubs get a Pinewood Car Kit, attend our annual car workshop and schedule us to run your PWD. Our goal is for EVERY pack in Pathfinder District to have a Pack Pinewood Derby in 2023. For more information go to your web browser and type in: Register.Troop283STL.com



**Hey
Cub Scouts...
Get Ready
to Race!**



BSA Swim Skills 2023



When: January 7-February 11, 2023 (Saturdays)

Where: Hazelwood East High School Pool
11300 Dunn Rd St Louis, MO 63138

Cost: \$10 per participant

Sessions: 9-10:30 Lifesaving & Swimming Merit Badges

10:45-11:30 Learning to Swim

11-12:30 BSA Lifeguard

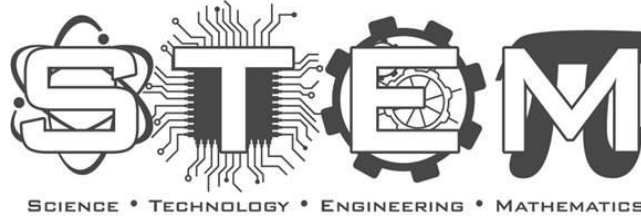
11:45-12:30 Learning to Swim

Register online @ stlbsa.org/northstardistrict by Jan 6 at midnight
Walk-ins welcome



JOIN. ENGAGE. LEAD.

CLICK HERE TO CONTINUE YOUR ADVENTURE!



Upcoming Events: <https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/>

STEM University's

- 25 February 2023 - SIUC
- 18 March 2023 – Lake Land College (Science Everywhere Nova)

Social Media:

Facebook -> <https://www.facebook.com/GSLACSTEM>

Instagram -> <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/stemandscouting/>

YouTube -> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLomHx8InOFuXLb8zBDxHDQ>

2022 STEM Challenge:

Scoring – meeting criteria items: Bronze 6+, Silver 8+, Gold 10+

Scouts in District earned Nova Awards

Scouts in District earned Supernova Awards

Scouts in District earned STEM based Merit Badges

Scouts in District attended STEM Council Events

Scouts in District attended STEM Vendor Workshops

District hosted STEM event(s)

District had Leaders trained as Counselors / Mentors

District had STEM Trailer/Van visits

District recruited Unit STEM Coordinators

District held STEM Training sessions

District STEM Chair volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a Council STEM event

District STEM Chair volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a Council STEM camp

Requirements for 2023 have not changed. Let's see if North Star can earn a gold award again.

Reminder:

STEM is fun and easy to implement in any unit. Reach out to me if you need help.

Alan Kreppert – North Star District STEM Chair

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OA UPCOMING EVENTS

NS OA Chapter Dinner

The NS OA Chapter Dinner will be on Sunday February 12, 2023 from 1-4 pm in Swaim Lodge located at Camp Warren Levis in Godfrey, Illinois. Price TBD

We will start with a short business meeting followed by a fun competition of Music trivia. Dinner will include hot dogs, popcorn, nachos and other snacks to enjoy during the trivia. Everyone is welcome to bring food for their trivia table also.

We will also be awarding Outstanding Arrowman awards. If you have an adult or youth whom you feel has demonstrated outstanding service and selflessness within the Order of the Arrow and would be a good candidate for this award, please send names to:

Jennifer.kedge@shawneelodge.org



NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.
To avoid possible disappointment,
please do not advise nominee in any
way of your action in his or her behalf.

_____ Council
_____ District
_____ Unit

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify)
_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award	_____ Silver Beaver	_____
_____ Cubmaster Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Cub Scouter Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commis- sioner Service Award	
_____ Scouter's Key		

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

_____ Date of nomination

_____ Name of person making nomination

_____ Position in Scouting

_____ Contact number

GENERAL INFORMATION

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

District approval

Council approval



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