



# On The Horizon – March 2023



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## Important Dates at a Glance:

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College of Commissioner Science:	March 4
District Pinewood Derby:	March 5
NH OA PWD Service Project:	March 5
March Roundtables:	March 7
Cub Scout Adult Leader Training (In-Person)	March 11
Shoot-O-Ree:	March 18
Den Chief Training (Virtual):	March 18
Virtual Youth Protection Training:	March 20, April 8, May 18, June 14
Taste of Venturing:	March 24-28
Rifle Instructor Training:	March 25-26 (B-R)
New Horizons OA Chapter Service Project:	April 1
Den Chief Training (In-Person):	April 1
April Roundtables:	April 4
April Eagle Boards of Review:	April 5, 12, 26
Shawnee Lodge Spring Conclave:	April 14-16
GSLAC Pintwood Derby Fundraiser:	April 20
New Horizons 24 Hours of Fun:	April 21-22
Range Safety Officer Training:	April 22 (S-F)
Chief Range Safety Officer Training:	April 23 (S-F)
New Horizons Spring Camporee:	April 28-30
Spring Wood Badge Course – First weekend:	April 28-30
May Roundtables:	May 2 (2023-2024 Program Preview)
May Eagle Boards of Review:	May 3, 10, 24
GSLAC Pinewood Derby:	May 6 (tentative)
New Horizons OA Chapter Meeting:	May 11
Shawnee Lodge One Day of Service:	May 13
Scouts BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:	May 14-15
Life to Eagle Advancement Seminar:	May 17
New Horizons Scouts BSA Leader Training (In-Person):	May 20
Scouts BSA Voyager Workshop:	May 20
Spring Wood Badge Course – Second weekend:	May 20-21
VSOA & Sea Scout Council Celebration:	May 21
Jewish Committee on Scouting's Memorial Day Good Turn:	May 28
Jefferson Barracks Memorial Day Good Turn:	May 28
Swift's Big Kick-Off:	June 2-4
Shawnee Lodge Summer Camp Service Opportunity:	June 4
Larson Park Cub Day Camp:	June 5-9
June Roundtables:	June 6
June Eagle Boards of Review:	June 7, 14, 28
Swift Base Venturing/Seas Scout Week:	June 11 – 17
NYLT Week 1:	June 11 – 17
NYLT Week 2:	June 18 - 24
July Eagle Boards of Review:	July 5, 12, 26
Swift Base Venturing/Seas Scout Week:	July 9 – 16
NYLT Week 3:	July 9 – 15
District Cub Scout Summertime Social Event:	July 15
STEM Scouts BSA Summer Camp:	July 16 - 22
NYLT Week 4:	July 23-29
2023 National Scout Jamboree:	July 19 – 28
Millennium Park Day Camp:	July 31-Aug 4
August Roundtables:	August 1 (Important - School Night for Scouting info)
August Eagle Boards of Review:	August 2, 9, 23
Shawnee Lodge Festival & Chapter Meeting	August 12

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

**➔ PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH ALL OF YOUR LEADERS AND PARENTS IN YOUR UNIT, AND HAVE THEM ALL SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THEIR OWN COPY HERE:**

**<http://eepurl.com/Z-9Vr>**

**March ROUNDTABLES:**

March Roundtable will be in-person at Manchester United Methodist Church (located off Old Woods Mill Rd. near Manchester Rd.) on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00pm - gathering will be at 6:30pm. Cub Scout Roundtable's subject will be "The Agenda of an Effective Committee Meeting" led by John Murphy. Scouts BSA Roundtable's subject will be led by Greg Caldwell, and Venturing Roundtable is led by Kim Montgomery (but run by Venturers).

**April ROUNDTABLES:**

March Roundtable will be in-person at Manchester United Methodist Church (located off Old Woods Mill Rd. near Manchester Rd.) on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00pm - gathering will be at 6:30pm. Cub Scout Roundtable's subject will be "Recipes for Recruitment" led by John Murphy. Scouts BSA Roundtable's subject will be led by Greg Caldwell, and Venturing Roundtable is led by Kim Montgomery (but run by Venturers).

**2022-23 Program Guides:**

These guides take you through recommendations on how to best manage Den and Pack meetings, Troop meetings and Crew meetings for the coming Scouting year. Loaded with information on having a fun Scouting program.

**Cub Scout Program Preview Guide:**

<http://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-2023-Cub-Scout-Program-Preview-Guide-.pdf>

**Scouts BSA Program Preview Guide:**

<http://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-2023-Scouts-BSA-Program-Preview-Guide.pdf>

**Venturing Program Preview Guide:**

<http://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-2023-Venturing-Program-Preview-Guide.pdf>

**NOTE: 2023-24 Program Guides will be available at the May Roundtable!**

The Greater St. Louis Area Council, B.S.A. is part of **National Service Territory 5**. NST-5's Facebook page contains a myriad of Scouting resources that many of you might not ordinarily find, so if you are on Facebook, we encourage you to "Like" and "Follow" this important resource: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/270021481844869>

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

Dear New Horizons Scout, adult volunteer, parent, friend -

Effective September 1st, 2023, all adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee-required position or as an adult program participant. There is a limited exception for Cub Scout overnight programs. More information is at <https://bit.ly/nhdcs-yfaq>.

The BSA places the most significant importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. Youth Protection training is a joining requirement for adult volunteers and must be retaken biennially.

A schedule of live Youth Protection training sessions is at <https://stlbsa.org/training/youth-protection>. Online training is available 24/7 at <https://scouting.org/training/youth-protection>. If you need help getting trained, ask your unit commissioner. Let me know if you don't know them, and I'll help you make contact.

Yours in Scouting,

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New Horizons District Commissioner  
314-283-3420. [tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com)

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

### **New Horizons Pinewood Derby:**

The New Horizons Pinewood Derby is open to ALL Cub Scouts (including those Arrow of Light Scouts who join a Scouts BSA Troop prior to the Derby). All Cub Scout entries are welcome, even those Cubs who did not participate or win a Pack-level Derby. Leaders, please submit your registration for the total number of Scouts participating from your Pack.

**When:** Sunday, March 5, 2023 (note the new date which is based on the availability of the facility!)

**Time:** 8:00am – 4:00pm

**Where:** Parkway Southwest Middle School, 701 Wren Ave, Manchester, MO 63021

Registration and more information here: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-67418>

### **SHOOT-O-REE:**

The Shoot-O-Ree is open to registered Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturers. Scout-age siblings may participate too. Cub Scouts and Cub Scout-age siblings should have an adult partner present throughout the day.

**When:** March 18, 2023, 9am – 3pm (stop by any time during this time frame)

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

Registration and more information will be coming soon.

For more information, visit <https://stlbsa.org/calendar/> - SHOOT-O-REE

### **Greater St. Louis Area Council Pinewood Derby:**

A new *Council-wide* Pinewood Derby is being tentatively planned for all Cub Scouts! Watch for more details.

**When:** Saturday, May 6, 2023

**Time:** 8:00am – 4:00pm

**Where:** World Wide Technologies Raceway, 700 Raceway Blvd, Madison, IL 62060

Watch for more information under <https://stlbsa.org/cub-scouts-calendar/>

### **Memorial Day Good Turns:**

#### **Jewish Committee on Scouting Memorial Day Good Turn for Jewish War Veterans:**

**What:** For more than 40 years, the Jewish Committee on Scouting has assisted the Jewish War Veterans place flags on the graves of Jewish War Veterans. The Good Turn will place over 8,500 flags on graves at 8 different Jewish Cemeteries. Scouts of all ages and faiths are welcome!

**When:** Sunday morning, May 28, 2023

More information coming soon here (flyer and sign-up PDFs):

<https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/religious-emblems-program/jewish-scouting/>

#### **Jefferson Barracks Memorial Day Good Turn:**

**What:** For over 70 years approximately 5,000 Scouts of all ages have been decorating the graves at Jefferson Barracks

**When:** Sunday, May 28, 2023

More information coming soon at: <https://stlbsa.org/calendar/> -> Memorial Day Good Turn at Jefferson Barracks

## **Trivia Night:**

The New Horizons Trivia Night benefits Friends of Scouting and we're looking forward to resuming this fun night for 2022. Volunteers are needed to join the Trivia Night committee - please contact Amanda Heidemann [swiftalphaantelope@gmail.com](mailto:swiftalphaantelope@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining the planning committee.

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

## **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**The Council office has moved to accept only Scoutbook or Internet Advancement Forms. This will help ensure records are recorded correctly and timely:**

An electronic or paper copy of the Advancement Report from Scoutbook or Internet Advancement must be presented to the Scout Shops when purchasing Rank Awards and Merit Badges as these are restricted items. The Advancement Report should have the wording "SCOUTBOOK Advancement Sync with BSA National Database" at the end if it is a paper copy.

**For information on Merit Badges visit:**

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

## **MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:**

Each merit badge counselor is required to complete the following online training (in addition to Youth Protection Training):

- SCO\_471 Advancement
- SCO\_472 Aims and Methods of Scouting
- SCO\_474 Introduction to Merit Badges
- SCO\_486 What is a Merit Badge Counselor

The courses can be found at <https://my.scouting.org/>

**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**"

## **New Scouts BSA Rank Requirements:**

- In 2021, all outdoor-related rank advancement requirements were reviewed and realigned based on guidance from the National Outdoor Ethics and Conservation Subcommittee. These adjustments will help more effectively build a Scout's outdoor ethics knowledge and align with the information in the Scouts BSA Handbook and Fieldbook. The requirements now build in a logical way through the ranks, with Leave No Trace (LNT) and the Outdoor Code (OC) used as references throughout.
- Beginning August 1, 2022, these minor modifications to the Scouts BSA requirements for the ranks of Scout through Star took effect. Scouts may continue using the existing requirements for the rank on which they are currently working, or they may choose to use the new requirements. Scouts must use the new requirements once they advance to their next rank. On January 1, 2023, all Scouts must use only the new requirements.
- New videos were created to support "Personal Safety Awareness" (chapter 13) of the Scouts BSA Handbook. These can be used as an alternative to earning the Cyber Chip.

The specific changes are detailed at <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022-Scouts-BSA-rank-requirements-side-by-side.pdf>

The Merit Badge, "**Citizenship in Society**" was released last year. Information may be found here: [Scouting.org/dei](https://scouting.org/dei) (scroll to the middle of the page). **Scouts BSA seeking a final Eagle Board of Review now must complete Citizenship in Society merit badge.** The total merit badges required to attain the rank of Eagle Scout will remain at 21. Scouts submitting paperwork should make sure that they have the latest Eagle Scout Application Form (see link below).

**Eagle Boards of Review:** **The Eagle Boards of Review continues to need additional reviewers!** John Klos is also looking for some Weekly Coordinators. Please contact John Klos at [klos41@msn.com](mailto:klos41@msn.com) or (636) 227-0075. In the unlikely event that we need to return to virtual reviews or need to do a remote review for someone in college, we need a few more reviewers with computers (sound, video and microphones).

Eagle Boards of Review will be held **IN-PERSON** continuing at Parkway United Church of Christ! Masks *may* be required by Parkway UCC based on current COVID infection rates.

**March 1, 8, 22**

**April 5, 12, 26**

**May 3, 10, 24**

**June 7, 14, 27**

**July 5, 12, 26**

**August 2, 9, 23**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Scouts will still be required to submit their paperwork **in advance** which helps the reviewers to better help our Scouts. *Please use the Eagle Project Workbook fillable PDF below and email it* when requested to the appropriate weekly coordinator.

Links to the most current **Eagle Scout Project Workbook** can be found at this link:

➔ [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927\\_fillable.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf)

The most current **Eagle Scout Application** can be auto-populated from Scout Book by clicking on “Eagle Scout Application”. The latest version of the fillable PDF may also be found here: [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/512-72822c-Eagle-Scout-Application\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/512-72822c-Eagle-Scout-Application_WEB.pdf) - remember that the form was changed to include Citizenship in Society that became required as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Helpful **Life to Eagle Resources:** The PDFs of the “Eagle Boards of Review – Roundtable Overview PPT” and “Life to Eagle PPT” may be found here under “Life to Eagle Resources”: <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/>

## **Save the dates!**

**Life to Eagle – Advancement Seminar:**

**May LTE Advancement Seminar:**

**When:** May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7pm **IN PERSON!**

**Where:** Parkway United Church of Christ, 2841 N Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131

**Registration required:** Please register by May 10<sup>th</sup> here: <https://forms.gle/9kUXwEoskobG44kz9>

## **Scouts BSA Voyager Workshop:**

Calling all Scouts BSA! We have an action-packed event that is designed to help our first-year Scouts along their advancement trail and enjoy some of the fun activities available at our camps.

Join us for Map and Compass, Fire Building, First Aid, and Knots and Lashing instruction. Scouts will also get to try their hand at shooting sports! Don't miss this chance to have an awesome day at camp while fulfilling many Scout through First Class rank requirements!

**When:** May 20, 2023, 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

More information and Sign-up coming soon at

<https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> -> Scouts BSA Voyager Workshop

## **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) <=====

**STEM Universities:**

STEM University is a full-day event for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA focused on earning STEM-based advancements and NOVA awards.

Scouts will get to visit a university, work with STEM experts, and participate in fun, hands-on educational activities.

**STEM College – Lake Land College:**

**When:** March 18, 2023

**Where:** Lake Land College, Mattoon, IL

More information for Cub Scout College and Scouts BSA enrollment:

<https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/> -> STEM UNIVERSITY FALL 2022 – SPRING 2023

**STEM Nova Patches** are now available in all Scout Shops. **STEM Supernova Medals** will be coming soon, probably in March. They will also be available on [gatewaytraders.org](http://gatewaytraders.org) eventually.

**STEM Scouts BSA Summer Camp:**

This camp is an *extraordinary experience* for Scouts full of many STEM based merit badges and over-the-top activities. Scouts will attend one merit badge (*over to 50 to choose from!*) or one NOVA activity class each day and may have the opportunity to work on other badges in the evening. Afternoon and evenings will include other fun STEM programs and exhibits to experience (drones, 3D printing, things that go boom... you get the idea). If you want more in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, *this is the week* to be out at camp!

**When:** July 16 – 22, 2023

**Where:** Camp May – Beaumont Scout Reservation

For more information and to sign up visit <https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/> -> SUMMER PROGRAMS

See <https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/> for details on all upcoming events.

The New Horizons STEM Committee is 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](mailto:lisa@balbes.com)) or Teresa Colletti ([tacolletti@att.net](mailto:tacolletti@att.net)).

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

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

**Friends of Scouting:**

Request your unit's 2023 Friends of Scouting presentation now. Please use this form to submit your request:

<https://forms.gle/CXvGhDpQbLpxRFcq9>

For questions regarding Friends of Scouting and to find out more about staffing FOS, contact Ted Slap at [tedslap@yahoo.com](mailto:tedslap@yahoo.com) or Guy Harrington at [guy.harrington@scouting.org](mailto:guy.harrington@scouting.org).

**2023 Pintwood Derby – Special Adult Event Fundraiser:**

*Miss the good 'ole days of racing pinewood derby cars with your fellow Scouts? REALLY wanted to help build your kids' car for them? This is the event for you!*

Gather your team, build your car, and join us for a fun evening of racing, dinner, and beer – all to benefit the youth of the Greater St. Louis area.

**When:** April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 5 pm -8 pm

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

More information: <https://stlbsa.org/give-now/special-event-fundraisers/the-pintwood-derby/>

**Contact:** If you have any questions, please contact Emily Joellenbeck with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Development Office at [emily.joellenbeck@scouting.org](mailto:emily.joellenbeck@scouting.org) or 618-207-6431.

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

**On-Line Training:**

**Position Specific** training is available at <https://my.scouting.org> as well as a 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 – Chris Ford - [cfordmo@gmail.com](mailto:cfordmo@gmail.com)
- Cub Scouts – Ed Wilhelm - [edwilhelm@yahoo.com](mailto:edwilhelm@yahoo.com)
- Scouts BSA – Sophie Craft - [sophiecraft@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiecraft@hotmail.com)
- New Horizons District Training Chair – Malcolm Bliss – [malcolmbilss@prodigy.net](mailto:malcolmbilss@prodigy.net)

**Training Tip:** In the early days of the Boy Scouts of America, James E. West, our first Chief Scout Executive, was asked what the three greatest needs of the new movement were. He replied, "Training, training, and training." That is still true today.

Common sense tells us that training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. The knowledge and confidence of a trained leader are quickly sensed by others. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, and a whole lot more. Trained leaders provide the best possible experience for our Scouts!

**Address any additional questions regarding Training to Malcolm Bliss, New Horizons Training Chair,** [malcolmbilss@prodigy.net](mailto:malcolmbilss@prodigy.net). For further Training information and resources, please see <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-information/> and click the blue bar "New Horizons District Training".

**Youth Protection Training and Hazardous Weather Training:**

All new and currently registered leaders must complete the updated YPT 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](http://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! Likewise, Hazardous Weather Training is also required.

**Virtual Youth Protection Training**

Our council continues to offer Youth Protection training on Zoom. It's the same content as the video course on [my.scouting.com](http://my.scouting.com), but it is presented in a virtual classroom with a live instructor. This is a great option for participants who prefer more interaction or have trouble with the website.

You may register for these courses at <https://stlbsa.org/training/youth-protection>

1. Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7PM
2. Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9AM
3. Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7PM
4. Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7PM

Adult volunteers and youth required to train for staff positions may attend any of these sessions. Non-members may also attend. Have them email Tim Trace at [nhdistrictcommissionerstaff@gmail.com](mailto:nhdistrictcommissionerstaff@gmail.com) for info.

**Scouts BSA Leader Training:**

New Horizons District Scout BSA Leader Training will be offered **In-Person:**

**When:** May 20, 2023, 8 am to 12 pm

**Where:** St. Marks Presbyterian Church, 601 Claymont Dr, Ballwin, MO 63011

Registration and more information: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-LeaderTrainingSMASMCCTC>

**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:**

**When:** May 13, 2023, Saturday morning 7 am to Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 12 pm

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

Registration and more information: <https://stlbsa.org/training/outdoor-leadership-skills/>



## **Cub Scout Adult Leader Training:**

Cub Scout Adult Leaders may take Position-Specific training, including Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader, Pack Committee Chair/Pack Committee Member at [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

*In-Person Cub Scout Adult Leader Training* will be offered on March 11, 2023. For more information visit:

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

## **NYLT 2023 Courses:**

National Youth Leader Training is a six-day course that delivers training in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on the immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ leadership skills much faster.

### **NYLT Weeklong Course Dates:**

June 11-17, 2023 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch

June 18-24, 2023 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch

July 9-15, 2023 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch

July 23-29, 2023 – Camp Warren Levis, Godfrey, IL

### **NYLT Weekend Course Dates (Both weekends required):**

August 18-20 and August 25-27 – Beaumont Scout Reservation

Information and registration for all of the courses may be found here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/nylt/>

## **Save the Dates:**

### **Den Chief Training:**

#### **Scouts Do You:**

- Want to hold one of the most fun JOBS in the Troop? And get credit for advancement?
- Want to help the Troop by having more Webelos Cross Over?
- Want to wear that neat CORD on your Uniform?

#### **Den Leaders Do You:**

- Want to learn tips about utilizing a Den Chief so they lighten your load?
- Get suggestions from other Leaders about Den Chiefs and how much they help?
- Want to help a Youth learn responsibility and leadership?

**Who:** Leaders and future Den Chiefs

**When:** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Virtual) or April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (IN-Person).

**Watch for registration at:** <https://stlbsa.org/training/den-chief/>

### **Challenge Course/Climbing/Tower Training:**

The Greater St. Louis Area Council has an abundance of Challenge Course and Climbing opportunities for Cubs, Scouts BSA, and Venturers. But your unit *must* send someone to training to take advantage of these great activities!

#### **Tower Training –Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 8AM -5PM @ Warren Levis or Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 8AM -5PM @ Beaumont**

Learn to lead a Climbing experience at all of the Council's three climbing towers at a **ONE DAY** training. You will learn how to run the tower in the morning and be certified in the afternoon. You don't need to be a good climber to be successfully certified in this class. The Towers are open to **Cubs**, Scouts BSA, and Venturers.

[Greater Saint Louis Area Council - 2023 Climbing Tower Instructor Training \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://scoutingevent.com)

#### **Challenge Course Training - Wed. May 10<sup>th</sup> 7PM @ Beaumont & Sat.-Sun. May 20-21@S-F**

Learn how to instill teamwork, communication, leadership, and confidence in an unforgettable fun way! Many of the skills learned in this course can be used in other areas of Scouting. This does take some physical ability, but the average mom or dad can successfully complete this course. The Challenge Course is open to Scouts BSA and Venturers.

[Greater Saint Louis Area Council - 2023 Challenge Course Instructor Training \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://scoutingevent.com)

**Climbing Training – Wed. May 24, 7PM @ Beaumont & Sat.-Sun. June 3-4 @ S-F**

Learn how to lead natural rock climbing, rappelling, and all the Council towers. This course is a lot of fun, and you don't need to be a great climber to be successful. Natural rock climbing and rappelling are open to Scouts BSA and Venturers. (Locations for this training are incorrect on the website, the locations above are correct.)

[Greater Saint Louis Area Council - 2023 Rock Climbing and Rappelling Instructor Training \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://scoutingevent.com)

Questions? Bob Backer [rcbacker@att.net](mailto:rcbacker@att.net) or 314-852-0682

**Shooting Sports Training Opportunities**

Become a certified instructor and/or range safety officer for firearms and archery so you can bring your Scouts to the range and become a merit badge counselor for rifle, shotgun shooting and archery. Several courses are listed here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/shooting-sports/> - new dates coming soon.

**Wood Badge Courses for 2023:**

Wood Badge is advanced training for adult leaders in Scouting designed to enhance contemporary 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. It is anticipated that all people who complete Wood Badge training will continue to work actively in the Scouting program to further the aims and methods of Scouting. More detailed information will be available soon at <https://stlbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

**Spring 2023 Wood Badge:**

**Dates:** April 28-30 *and* May 20-21 (both sessions required)

**Location:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

**Course Director:** John Weltmer, [johnweltmer-sm@outlook.com](mailto:johnweltmer-sm@outlook.com)

**Fall 2023 Wood Badge:**

**Dates:** September 29-October 1 *and* October 14-15 (both sessions required)

**Location:** Pine Ridge Scout Reservation

**Course Director:** Bobbie Banks, [bjbanks4@gmail.com](mailto:bjbanks4@gmail.com)

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

**Troop Leaders and Commissioner Staff:** Please mark your calendars for THURSDAY, April 27th. We will be having a District Sponsored "Spring Into Scouting" recruitment event. How this benefits your troop: We will be promoting the event via flyers [where allowed] and through Peach Jar to encourage new members to join your Troop as you roll into the busy summer of camping and outdoor activities. The goal is to have a one-stop-shop for interested families to make their decision to join Scouts BSA. Membership is making one-page flyers for each unit that gave their information via the Troop Guide Google doc. You can still add your unit's information here: <https://forms.gle/cqTXpVGkrF8vpVgN9>. Any Troops who would like to volunteer to run an activity at this event should please contact Jessica Green 314-359-1792 or email: [NHmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:NHmembershipchair@gmail.com) **Please also mark your calendar for SATURDAY JULY 22nd for a leadership opportunity for your Scouts BSA youth at a Cub Scout Summer Recruitment event.**

**Pack Leaders:**

We will be hosting another District Wide Summertime Scout Social this year. Saturday, Jul 22nd. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED DATE.** We are still finalizing the locations, but please mark your Pack Calendars as you go into your planning for 2023-2024 as a date that your Pack can have a summertime event that is hosted by the District. This is a great benefit to your current members, and an excellent opportunity to bring in new members who may not have had a chance to join your Pack yet. The April Roundtable will also focus heavily on YEAR-ROUND-RECRUITMENT, so you won't want to miss that meeting!!

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

**\*\*\*CAMPING\*\*\***

All of the information about District Camping, Order of the Arrow Camping, and Venturing Camping is in one spot on the New Horizons Website: <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/new-horizons-district/new-horizons-camping/?654651>.

**Save the dates:**

**2023 Spring Camporee**

**Lincoln Pilgrimage:**

**When: April 28 – 30, 2023 – Springfield, IL**

Join us at the Lincoln Pilgrimage weekend as we return to Springfield and share the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln. Includes Lincoln’s Tomb, Scouts march to the Old State Capitol, and the opportunity to ride a train to Springfield.

More details will be forthcoming.

**2023 Cub Day & Twilight Camps:**

**Larson Park Day Camp**

**When: June 5, 2023 to June 9, 2023, 9am to 3pm**

**Millennium Park Twilight Camp**

**When: July 31, 2023 to August 4, 2023**

For more information on ALL Cub Day & Twilight Camps, and to register, visit:

<https://stlbsa.org/camps/cub-scout-day-camps/>

**2023 Fall Camporee**

**Shooting Fun**

A fun weekend for all Cub, Webelos, Arrow of Light, and Scout BSA scouts. We will have several shooting contests and many other activities for a fun-filled weekend.

More details will be forthcoming.

**2024 Spring Camporee**

**Solar Eclipse – 2024**

April 5 – 8 (Friday – Monday)

An amazing solar eclipse will be visible from near your home again. Join us for a weekend of eclipse related activities (including STEM activities) capped off by the Solar eclipse on Monday.

Details to follow.

Scouts - want to have some fun and go camping? Help organize the District Camporees. These outings are planned and run by Scouts throughout the District. It’s fun, you learn invaluable leadership skills, and you don’t have to cook your own meals.

Please address Camping questions to Ken McGohan at [Kenmcgohan@msn.com](mailto:Kenmcgohan@msn.com)

**\*\*\*ORDER OF THE ARROW\*\*\***

**2022-2023 New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers & Advisors:**

<b>Chapter Chief</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chief</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Chapter Advisor</b>	<b>Associate Advisor</b>
<b>NICO</b>	<b>DECLAN</b>	<b>NOAH</b>	<b>ANDY</b>	<b>MIKE HULSIZER</b>	<b>MARVIN ALEXANDER</b>
<b>BRENNAN</b>	<b>HENNESSEY</b>	<b>HUTCHINSON</b>	<b>SLAP</b>		

**New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter News:**

We have service events coming up on Sunday, March 5th (District Pinewood Derby) and April 1st (Honeysuckle Hack). These hours can potentially count towards rank advancement. Lastly, come out to the Spring Conclave (April 14-16) to have a great time and get your brotherhood. Study guides are available on our chapter website. The password in the admonition in lower caps. Reach out to an officer if you need help.

Consider running for a chairman or officer position in the New Horizons chapter! You can self-nominate or nominate a scout from your unit. Talk to the officers for more info. Nominate using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/rakZB4YbM8rB9ahe8>

The lodge would like to have a more engaged set of OA Unit Representatives. Please fill out the following form so we can make sure your troop representative gets the right information. <https://247scouting.com/forms/312-oarep>

As always, make sure you are up to date in your 2023 dues. They only cost \$10 for the year. Planning on attending the Spring Conclave and Fall Reunion? Get a Season Pass for \$51. This will pay your dues and get you entry into all the lodge events including the reunion, conclave, and winter banquet. <http://shawneelodge.org/register/>

You can also follow us on social media. You can follow us on **Twitter**: @NewHorizonsOA, **Instagram**: nhchapteroa, **Facebook**: New Horizons Order of the Arrow.

For the current New Horizons OA Chapter Newsletter, please go to the New Horizons Chapter Website:

<http://newhorizons.shawneelodge.org/>

## Upcoming OA Events:

### **New Horizons Pinewood Derby Chapter Service Opportunity**

**When:** Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time/Location:** Parkway School District: Southwest Middle School/Time 10:15 am

**Sign up at:** <https://forms.gle/6g3xwKRYMTyWYhRw8>

### **New Horizons Chapter Service Opportunity – Honeysuckle Hack**

**When:** Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Time/Location:** Chesterfield Central Park (16365 Lydia Hill Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63017) at the pool parking lot.

We will begin working at 8:45am. Lunch will be provided between 12-12:30 pm

**Sign up at:** <https://forms.gle/23y6H3uiqsg8hNeq5>

### **Elangomat Training – Honeysuckle Hack**

**When:** Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Time/Location:** We will do training between 12-12:30 pm while having lunch at the Honeysuckle hack

**More Info:** See the above info

### **Lodge Spring Conclave**

**When:** Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

**More Information:** <http://conclave.shawneelodge.org/>

### **New Horizons Chapter Meeting**

**When:** Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

**Time/Location:** TBD

**More Information:** Save the date – more info will be coming but we think mini-golf is in the air...

### **Lodge One Day or Service**

**When:** Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time/Location:** TBD

**More Information:** <https://shawneelodge.org/lodge-one-day-of-service/>

### **Summer Camp Preparation Service Opportunity**

**When:** Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Time/Location:** TBA

**More Information:** <https://shawneelodge.org/summer-camp-preparation/>

### **Fellowship Festival & Chapter Meeting**

**When:** Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time/Location:** Beaumont (Afternoon)

**More Information:** TBA

**Elsewhere Elections:**

Is your unit going out of council for summer camp or to in-council camps such as Rhodes-France or Lewallen? If so, you will need to have an elsewhere election if you have youth/adults who are eligible for the order of the arrow. The Lodge will be sending out correspondence in spring to all eligible units. The chapter conducts elections in May. Look for more information in March/April.

**Arrowmen Opportunities:**

The 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) was just announced. We will be at the University of Colorado in Boulder July 29-August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had a great time this summer at NOAC and the next one looks great. You can find more information about NOAC at: <https://oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac> Shawnee Lodge has started planning. Sign up if you think you might be interested: <https://shawneelodge.org/2024-national-order-of-the-arrow-conference/>

The Chapter is also looking for ceremonialists. This is a great way to become more comfortable with public speaking and an excellent way to better understand the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Interested scouts can sign up at <http://shawneelodge.org/ceremonysignup>

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

**2022-2023 New Horizons Venturing Officers:**

<b>President</b>	<b>VP of Administration</b>	<b>VP of Program</b>	<b>VP of Communication</b>	<b>VSOA Advisor</b>
<b>MADISON BAKER</b>	<b>ZÖE SCHULTZ</b>	<b>JAKE EDLER</b>	<b>RENÉ NELSON</b>	<b>KIM MONTGOMERY</b>
				<a href="mailto:montgomerykd@gmail.com">montgomerykd@gmail.com</a>

**Crew Advisors and youth:** Please attend the **Roundtable** on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (gathering at 6:45pm and please encourage other youth in your Crew to attend. **See the information under “Special Announcements”**.

**Save the dates:**

**Taste of Venturing:**

Whether you camp with your unit for the weekend or come out just for the day, it’s going to be an action-packed weekend of FUN!

The event is packed with activities including:

- Shooting sports - rifles, pistols, and more
- Climbing - crate stacking, bouldering wall
- Lake Activities
- STEM fun
- Silk Screening

This event is open to all Venturers and Scouts BSA Scouts aged 14 or 13 and are in 8th grade (great recruiting opportunity) and older!

**When:** March 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Where:** Camp Warren Levis, Godfrey, IL

**Cost:** TBD

Watch for sign up information here: <https://stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar/> -> TASTE OF VENTURING

**New Horizons 24 Hours of fun:**

24 hours of FUN is a completely new event for our District so we’re super excited to run it! This would be a great event to introduce Scouts and non-Scouts alike, so make sure to tell any 14-year-olds (or older) youth, or youth finishing up 8th grade about it!

**When:** April 21, 2023, at 6 pm to April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 6 pm

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

**Cost & Sign up will be available in the early spring.**

**VSOA & Sea Scout Council Celebration:**

Celebrate like it's 1998 will be in place of our celebration dinner to celebrate 25 years of Venturing. Instead of just being awards and dinner, it will be awards and a party!

**When:** May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Where:** Emerson Center at Beaumont Scout Reservation

**Cost:** TBD

Watch for sign up information here: <https://stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar/> -> VSOA CELEBRATION EVENT

**Swift’s Big Kick Off:**

As always, the beginning of every June we help with some set-up for Swift down at S-F. We create and clean up trails, pull out docks, level tent frames, and do any other jobs that need to be done. This is a fantastic way to get service hours!

**When:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, to June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Where:** Swift Base at S-F Scout Ranch

**Cost:** TBD

Watch for sign up information here: <https://stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar/>

**Swift Base Summer Camp Dates:**

Home to Venturing Summer Camp, Swift is full of adventure every week: Rock Climbing, High/Low Ropes Challenge Course, Equestrian Activities, Water Skiing, Mountain Biking, STEM Activities, Mountain Boarding, Tubing, and Rappelling. Join other Venturers, Sea Scouts, and older Scouts for a week of high adventure fun and exciting evening programs.

**When:** June 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and July 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**More Information:** <http://swift.stlbsa.org>

**50<sup>th</sup> Fall Fun Rally:**

50 years of adventure and exploring at Fall Fun Rally! This weekend will have everything from climbing to cooking, sports to shooting. We’re adding a couple big new events in 2023, so save the date!

**When:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

More information will be updated at <http://fallfunrally.org> as we get closer to the event.

Follow us on **Facebook** at “**New Horizons District Venturing**” and **Instagram** at “**NH\_Venturing**”

**Why Venturing**

This excellent article by New Horizons' own Chris Ford has appeared in the blog, “On Scouting” recently!! Venturing and Sea Scouting are the older Scout programs of the BSA. This isn’t a new idea, Venturing turned 24 in August and Sea Scouting started in 1912. Only 2 years after the BSA started, they realized they needed something different to retain older Scouts. Over the years, there have been other older Scout programs, including Exploring, and Venturing has roots in Exploring. For those of you who think girls in the BSA is new, Exploring and Sea Scouts went coed about 1969, the first female Rangers worked at Philmont 50 years ago in 1972, and Venturing has always been coed. Read more at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ccHxFdWJul1NFSD2ctZV1FHHrefBdpqa6Rp7r7Dzsy/edit?usp=sharing> and contact Chris Ford, GSLAC Venturing & Sea Scout Officer Association Advisor at [cfordmo@gmail.com](mailto:cfordmo@gmail.com)

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

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

**New Horizons District Executive:**

**District Director:** Guy Harrington, [guy.harrington@scouting.org](mailto:guy.harrington@scouting.org)

**The New Horizons District Calendar for 2022-23 is available here:**

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

Expand the blue box “**NEW HORIZONS DISTRICT CALENDARS**”