



On The Horizon – May 2023



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Important Dates at a Glance:

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
May Roundtables:	May 2 (2023-2024 Program Preview)
May Eagle Boards of Review:	May 3, 10, 24
Scout Nights at the Ball Park:	May 3, 18 & June 12
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 13-14
Council Annual Dinner:	May 15
Life to Eagle Advancement Seminar:	May 17
Youth Protection Training:	May 18
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 3
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
Youth Protection Training:	June 14
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
STEM Scouts BSA Summer Camp:	July 16 – 22
District Cub Scout Summertime Social Event:	July 22
NYLT Week 4:	July 23-29
2023 National Scout Jamboree:	July 19 – 28
Millennium Park Day Camp:	July 31-Aug 4
Eagle Trail Workshop:	July 31 – Aug 3
August Roundtables:	August 1 (Important - School Night for Scouting Kickoff)
August Eagle Boards of Review:	August 2, 9, 23
VSOA Ball:	August 5
Shawnee Lodge Fellowship Festival & Chapter Meeting:	August 12
Rock Climbing and Rappelling Training (Part 1 of 2):	August 16
NYLT Weekend Course (Part 1 of 2):	August 18 – 20 (Beaumont – both weekends required)
NYLT Weekend Course (Part 2 of 2):	August 25 – 27 (Beaumont – both weekends required)
Cub Scout Adult Leader Training:	August 26 (In Person)
Rock Climbing and Rappelling Training (Part 2 of 2):	August 26 - 27
School Night to Join Scouting:	August 31 (Kirkwood/Webster/Brentwood)
Popcorn Sale Begins:	September 1
September Roundtables:	September 5
STEM Nova Mentor Training:	September 5 (before Roundtable)
Merit Badge Counselor Training:	September 5 (before Roundtable)
September Eagle Boards of Review:	September 6, 13, 27
Challenge Course Training (Part 1 of 2):	September 6
School Night to Join Scouting:	September 7 (Parkway)
Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion:	September 8 – 10
Scouts BSA Leader Training – Virtual (Part 1 of 2):	September 13
School Night to Join Scouting:	September 14 (Rockwood)
Challenge Course Training (Part 2 of 2):	September 16 – 17 (S-F)
Life to Eagle Advancement Seminar:	September 20
Scouts BSA Leader Training – Virtual (Part 2 of 2):	September 20
Den Chief Training:	September 21
Fall Fun Rally – 50 th Anniversary:	September 22 – 24 (Beaumont)
NYLT Fall Course (Part 1 of 2):	September 29 – October 1
Fall Wood Badge Course – First Weekend:	September 29 – October 1 (Pine Ridge)
OA Section G7 Conclave:	September 29 – October 1
Climbing Recertification:	October 1 (Beaumont)
October Roundtables:	October 3
October Eagle Boards of Review:	October 4, 11, 25
19 th Annual Chemistry Merit Badge Workshop:	October 7
Climbing Towers Training:	October 7 (Beaumont & Warren Levis)
Cub Launch:	October 7 (Beaumont)
VSOA Officer Orientation:	October 13 – 14 (Sverdrup Lodge/Orrick)
Fall Wood Badge – Second Weekend:	October 14 – 15 (Pine Ridge)
Cub Scout Basic Leader Outdoor Experience (BALOO):	October 14 – 15 (Beaumont)
Cub Scout Fright Fest:	October 14 (Beaumont)
Scoutbotics:	October 21 (SLU)
Shawnee Lodge Brotherhood Bash:	October 21
Popcorn Sale Ends:	October 23
NH Fall Camporee:	October 27 – 29 (Beaumont)
Den Chief Training – Virtual:	October 29
Beaumont Climbing Tower Orientation:	October 29

===== > 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>

May ROUNDTABLES:

May Roundtable is *one of the most important Roundtables of the year*: 2023-2023 Program Preview. Location: Shroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Rd, Manchester, MO 63021. Gathering: 6 pm – 7 pm, with the program starting at 7 pm. Food will be available for \$N. Be sure your unit is represented so you will be informed for the 2023-2024 Program year! New 2023-24 Program Guides will be available at that time.

June ROUNDTABLES:

June Roundtable will return to Manchester United Methodist Church on June 6th, gathering at 6:30 pm, and program at 7:00 pm. We will take the information from the May Program Preview and discuss how to “Plan Your Upcoming Year”.

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!

IMPORTANT ➔ Changes to the “Guide to Safe Scouting” were made in February 2023 covering “Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse”, “Cub Scout Coordinated Camping Section”, and some additional examples of “prohibited activities”. These changes may impact unit operations and may be found here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>

Additional changes are also coming in September.

Important information may be found in the table of contents in the “Guide to Safe Scouting” here:

<https://nycscouting.org/yptstandards/>

The Greater St. Louis Area Council, B.S.A. is part of **National Service Territory 5**. NST-5’s Facebook **Home** 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/924855562032311>

Likewise, the National Service Territory 5’s Facebook **Program** Group contains program resources that may be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/270021481844869>

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

Greetings, New Horizons adult volunteers, members, and families!

Hit the “easy button.” Pull your senior youth leaders, unit committee, and parents together for an annual planning conference. You'll find it takes significantly less effort to run an outstanding Scouting program when you make planning a priority.

The annual planning conference lets you align key Scouting events with availability in family, church, school, and sports calendars. It's a chance to look at your unit's goals, discuss what is and isn't working, and plan for change if necessary. It's your best opportunity to make sure your Scouting unit is serving the needs of its members and their families.

The Unit Annual Plan isn't just an “easy button” for the rest of the Scouting year; it's a critical metric in overall unit health. You can learn more about how it all works at [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org). You can also ask your unit commissioner to discuss it with you. If you don't know who they are, let me know and I'll help you make contact.

Good luck and happy planning!

Yours in Scouting,

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New Horizons District Commissioner
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===== > ACTIVITIES < =====

Scout Nights at the Ball Park:

The Cardinals invite all Scouts, families, and friends to enjoy **Scout Night** at the Ballpark. Dates are May 3rd, May 18th, or June 12th. The cost is \$12 per ticket. For more information visit: <https://www.mlb.com/cardinals/tickets/specials/theme-tickets/scouts>

Greater St. Louis Area Council Annual Dinner:

The Greater St. Louis Area Council Annual Dinner will be held on May 15th, 2023. The highlight of the evening is the presentation of the Silver Beaver Awards, the highest Award a council can award a volunteer.

When: May 15, 2023, at 5:30 pm
Location: UMSL-Touhill Performing Arts Center
Cost: \$42

For more information, including the entire list of Silver Beaver Recipients and to sign up visit:

<https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/silver-beaver-award/>

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 to 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, 9:00 am

Detailed information: Check out the flyer and sign-up PDF for this FREE event:

<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

Registration: 10:30 am – 11:30 am at Beaseley Elementary School

Cost: Memorial Day Good Turn Patch - \$4, Segment Patches - \$1

More information: Visit <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 swiftphaantelope@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:

Did you know that less than 30% of all Merit Badge Counselors are trained??? See below under TRAINING for more information on Merit Badge Counselor Training that will take place next fall.

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>

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 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.

May 3, 10, 24

June 7, 14, 27

July 5, 12, 26

August 2, 9, 23

September 6, 13, 27

October 4, 11, 25

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://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>

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 - remember that the form was changed to include Citizenship in Society that became required as of July 1st, 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 17th, 2023, 7pm **IN PERSON!**

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

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

Note: The next Life to Eagle Advancement Seminar will be September 20, 2023, details to follow.

Eagle Trail Workshop (Evenings):

When: July 31st – August 4th, 2023, Check-In 5:00 pm to 5:25 pm, Classes 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm each night

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Cost: \$30

More Information and Sign-Up: <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> -> EAGLE TRAIL CAMP

Scouts must be at least First Class. Bring a sack dinner (if you don't eat before arrival), a water bottle, camp chair, day pack, proper merit badge materials, and Health Forms Parts A & B.

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, Woods Tools, Fire Building, First Aid, and Knots & 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:

<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 Nova Patches are now available in all Scout Shops. **STEM Supernova Medals** will be coming soon. They will also be available on 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. Afternoons 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.

This summer, 15,000+ Scouts and Scouters will gather in West Virginia for the **2023 National Scout Jamboree**. The **STEM Quest** program area will introduce youth to chemistry, engineering, electronics, communication technology, welding, mining....and much, much more. To fund this program, they are offering patches.

See <http://bit.ly/stemquest2023swag> and donate to help us deliver an outstanding program.

The New Horizons STEM Committee is seeking 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:

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 or Guy Harrington at guy.harrington@scouting.org.

Camp Cards:

Selling Camp Cards is a great way for your Scouts to earn money to help pay for camp and other Scouting Activities! There are some sales incentives, such as selling 40 Camp Cards will earn a Scout 4 tickets to the Cards vs. the Royals on May 30th! For more information, please visit <https://stlbsa.org/camp-cards/> **Notes:** Camp Card Commission is 50% if your unit is paid in full by May 26th. Commission drops to 40% from June 2nd – June 10th. Commission drops to 30% after June 10th.

===== > 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
- Cub Scouts – Ed Wilhelm - edwilhelm@yahoo.com

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- Scouts BSA – Sophie Craft - sophiecraft@hotmail.com
 - New Horizons District Training Chair – Malcolm Bliss – malcolmbilss@prodigy.net

Training Tip:

Now is the time to begin planning your next Program Year! Be Prepared for the upcoming year by taking advantage of training for youth AND adults:

- **Youth**
 - Den Chief Training - help your Scouts BSA youth grow while connecting with local Packs
 - National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) - Get your youth ready to lead by participating in the best youth development program available anywhere
- **Adults**
 - Leader Outdoor Experience / Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (LOE/BALOO) - Cub Scout Leaders - learn to be comfortable in the outdoors and have fun camping with your Packs
 - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) - Scouts BSA Leaders - learn those Scout skills our youth must learn so you can be a resource
 - Wood Badge - All Adult Leaders - Get that Mountain Top experience and learn valuable leadership skills for use in Scouting, Work and Home

Training Details Below!!!

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. 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. 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, 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. Thursday, May 18th, 7PM
2. Tuesday, June 14th, 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 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/>

Save the Dates:

Cub Scout Position-Specific Training:

- Saturday, August 26, 2023 8am-Noon- In-Person - St Mark Presbyterian Church (basement - Rooms 17, 18 & 19) - 601 Claymont Dr, Ballwin, MO 63011 <https://scoutingevent.com/312-CubLeader>
- Saturday, March 2, 2024 8am-Noon- In-Person - Electric Controls Company - 13633 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO 63045 <https://scoutingevent.com/312-71135>

Scouts BSA Position-Specific Training:

- Wednesdays, September 13 and 20, 2023 7 pm-9 pm - Virtual (Must Attend Both Sessions to Receive Credit) <https://scoutingevent.com/312-ScoutsBSALeaderTraining>
- Saturday, January 20, 2024, 8 am-Noon - In-Person - Parkway United Church of Christ - 2841 N Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131 <https://scoutingevent.com/312-scoutsbsaleadertraining>
- Thursdays, February 29 and March 7, 2024, 7 pm-9 pm - Virtual (Must Attend Both Sessions to Receive Credit) <https://scoutingevent.com/312-ScoutsBSA>

Den Chief Training:

- Saturday 09/16/2023, 9 am-Noon (Staff 7 am-12:30 pm) - In Person Beaumont (Sverdrup Lodge)
- Saturday 10/21/2023, 9 am-Noon Virtual
- Saturday 03/16/2024, 9 am-Noon Virtual
- Saturday 04/27/2024, 9 am-Noon (Staff 7 am-12:30 pm) - In-Person Camp Warren Levis - Swaim Lodge)

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:

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!

Challenge Course Training - Wed. May 10th 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 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/>

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

Did you know that less than 30% of all Merit Badge Counselors are trained???

There is no reason for this given how simple it is. So, if you are a registered Merit Badge Counselor and are untrained take some time to get trained.

Merit Badge Training FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions).

- Question. How do I know if I am trained as Merit Badge Counselor?
 - Answer. Login to my.scouting.org. In the upper right-hand corner, you should see a silhouette. Click on that and then My Profile. On this page you should scroll down and see all positions you currently are registered for. It will also show your training status, marked with the miniature Trained Strip.
- Question. Where / How can I receive training?
 - Answer. There are multiple options:
 - Online - login to my.scouting.org >> Menu >> My Training >> Scouts BSA >> Merit Badge Counselor - less than 35 minutes
 - In Person - Tuesday, September 5, 6pm-7pm at Manchester United Methodist (right before Roundtable) - 60 minutes
 - Still Other Options - contact your District Training Chair (Malcolm Bliss - malcolmbloss@prodigy.net) or District Advancement Chair (Ruben Brill - jrbrill@sbcglobal.net) to discuss.
- Question. Where can I get further assistance?
 - Answer. Contact your District Training Chair (Malcolm Bliss - malcolmbloss@prodigy.net) or District Advancement Chair (Ruben Brill - jrbrill@sbcglobal.net).

===== MEMBERSHIP <=====

Troop Leaders and Commissioner Staff: Please mark your calendar for SATURDAY JULY 22nd for a leadership opportunity for your Scouts BSA youth at a Cub Scout Summer Recruitment event.

As our Units are gearing up for outdoor weather events make sure to check District and Council opportunities! District and Council sponsored events are an excellent time to recruit new members to your units.

Cub Scout leaders: don't forget to add the Summertime Scout Social to your unit's calendar on July 22nd.

Troop Leaders: a great way to strengthen recruitment and retain youth as they cross over from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA is supporting the Packs in your area. Did you know Den Chiefs are a great way to support Packs and give Scouts an

opportunity to lead their future Troop members? Summer can be a busy time for your Patrols going on high adventures, but it's also the time Packs use to plan their upcoming program year. If you have Scouts who are interested in being a Den Chief, please contact your Unit Commissioner.

===== > **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>.

UPCOMING DISTRICT CAMPOREES & CAMPING EVENTS:

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

Marksman Madness!

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

Date: October 27 -29 at Beaumont Scout Reservation.

More details will be forthcoming.

2024 Klondike Derby

January 19 - 21

Beaumont Scout Reservation

More details will be forthcoming.

2024 Spring Camporee

Solar Eclipse – 2024

Date: April 5 – 8 (Friday – Monday)

Location: S-F Scout Ranch

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

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

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

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

New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter News:

Our next chapter meeting will be at Pirate's Crusade Mini Golf (Concord Bowl and Recreation Complex) on Thursday, May 11th from 7pm till 8:30pm. Try and arrive early so we can get the money situated. We will have a brief meeting at the beginning and will then put arrowmen into groups and stagger them throughout the course to hit the links. Prizes

will be available for the best score and a host of other goofy categories (e.g., best pirate attire). The greens are located at 11801 Tesson Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128. It is right at an intersection and thus best to enter heading west from Lindbergh. Cost will be \$8 per person for one round. Come out and have some fun!

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>

The New Horizons Chapter will be running the 2024 New Horizons Klondike Derby January 26-28th at Beaumont. Look for a staff sign up link in the future. Start planning those sleds.

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

We have a new website! After April 1st, for up-to-date information please go to: <https://shawneelodge.org/chapters/nh-chapter/>

Upcoming OA Events:

New Horizons Chapter Meeting

When: Thursday, May 11th, 2023 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Pirate's Crusade Mini Golf (Concord Bowl and Recreation Complex) 11801 Tesson Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128

More Information: See the paragraph above for directions and cost

Lodge One Day of Service

When: Saturday, May 13th

Time/Location: Mastodon State Park (9:00 am – 3:00pm)

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

Summer Camp Preparation Service Opportunity

When: Saturday, June 3rd

Time/Location: S-F Scout Ranch and/or Beaumont Scout Reservation (9:00 am – 3:00 pm). Lunch will be provided

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

Shawnee Lodge Fellowship Festival & Chapter Meeting

When: Saturday, August 12th

Time/Location: Beaumont (Afternoon)

More Information: TBA

Shawnee Fall Reunion

When: Friday, September 8-10th

Time/Location: S-F Ranch

More Information: <https://shawneelodge.org/fall-reunion/>

Section G7 Conclave

When: September 29-October 1st

Time/Location: Saukenauk Scout Reservation (Mendon, IL)

More Information: <https://sectiong7.oa-bsa.org/conclave-2/>

Brotherhood Bash

When: October 21st

Time/Location: Beaumont

More Information: <https://shawneelodge.org/brotherhood-bash-2/>

Save the Date:

Are you in the midst of planning your troop calendar? Don't forget to plan for the 2024 Spring Conclave (April 12-14) and the 2024 Fall Reunion (September 6-8).

Elsewhere Elections:

Units attending summer camp outside of S-F Ranch need to schedule an election to take place in May. Info has been sent out via email. You can view OA election information at: <http://shawneelodge.org/elections/>

Pre-Ordeal Make Up:

Please note, the Pre-Ordeal Make Up in August has been discontinued. You must complete the pre-ordeal at the Fall/ or Spring Reunion. Info on the pre-ordeal change can be found at: <https://shawneelodge.org/pre-ordeal-campout-makeup/>

Arrowmen Opportunities:

The 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) was recently announced. We will be at the University of Colorado in Boulder July 29-August 3rd. We had a great time this past summer at 2022 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>

As always, make sure you are up to date on your 2023 dues. They only cost \$10 for the year. <http://shawneelodge.org/register/>

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

2022-2023 New Horizons Venturing Officers:

President	VP of Administration	VP of Program	VP of Communication	VSOA Advisor
MADISON BAKER	ZÖE SCHULTZ	JAKE EDLER	RENÉ NELSON	KIM MONTGOMERY
				montgomerykd@gmail.com

Crew Advisors and youth: Please attend the **Roundtable** on May 2nd 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:

VSOA & Sea Scout Council Celebration:

Join us as we celebrate Venturing's 25th Anniversary and the achievements of our Sea Scouts & Venturers around the council. This year's event is mixing things up as we "Celebrate Like It's 1998!".

You are encouraged to bring family, friends, and prospective Venturers & Sea Scouts to this event. Uniforms are acceptable (especially for award recipients), and we highly encourage 1990's outfits. In fact, we will have flowers for girls' hair and ties for the guys during the social hour!

When: May 21st, 2023, Check-in: 1:45 pm, Award Presentation: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Social Hour, Games & Food 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm,

Where: Gateway Central Church of the Nazarene (11703 Old Saint Charles Rd, Bridgeton, MO 63044)

Cost: Early Bird: \$18 (closes at midnight on May 12th)
Regular: \$22 (closes at midnight on May 19th)
Walk-In: \$25

Sign-up here: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-celebrate23>

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 2nd, 2023, to June 4th, 2023

Where: Swift Base at S-F Scout Ranch

Cost: FREE (Bring your own food and beverages)

Watch for sign-up information here: <https://stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar/> (look at the June 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 11th – 17th, 2023 and July 9th – 15th, 2023

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

50th 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 22nd – 24th, 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

===== > 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

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”