



On The Horizon – August 2024



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Important Dates at a Glance:

EVENT:

Sea Scout Ball:

August Roundtables:

August Eagle Boards of Review:

NYLT Weekend Course Weekend 1 (Both weekends required):

Shawnee Lodge Fellowship Festival:

NYLT Weekend Course Weekend 2 (Both weekends required):

NH OA Chapter "Honeysuckle Hack":

Horse Trail Rides at Beaumont available:

75th Anniversary of Beaumont Scout Reservation:

Virtual Youth Protection Training:

Shawnee Lodge OA Leadership Development:

NH OA Chapter Ice Cream Social:

SNJS-Kirkwood, Webster, Brentwood School Districts:

September Roundtables:

Popcorn & Coffee Sale Kickoff:

September Eagle Boards of Review:

SNJS-Parkway School District:

Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion:

Virtual Scouts BSA Leader Training (Session 1 of 2):

SNJS-Rockwood School District:

Mom & Me Camping:

Virtual Youth Protection Training:

Virtual Scouts BSA Leader Training (Session 2 of 2):

Life to Eagle Advancement Seminar:

Fall Fun Rally:

Cub Scout Leader Training:

Fall Wood Badge Course (Session 1 of 2):

Anthony Gamma 5K Memorial Run for Scouting:

Cub Scout BALOO:

October Roundtables:

October Eagle Boards of Review:

New Horizons Fall Camporee:

Order of the Arrow Section G7 Conclave:

Scouts BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:

Cub Launch:

Virtual Youth Protection Training:

Spook-O-Ree:

Chemistry Merit Badge Clinic:

Cub Scout BALOO:

Fall Wood Badge Course (Session 2 of 2):

Fall Fright Fest:

Virtual Youth Protection Training:

OA Vigil Nominations/Founders Award Nominations deadline:

University of Scouting:

November Roundtables (pick up Scouting for Food Bags):

November Eagle Boards of Review:

November OA Chapter Meeting:

Scouting For Food Bag Distribution:

Life to Eagle Advancement Seminar:

DATE:

August 3

August 6 (School Night to Join Scouting Kickoff)

August 7, 14, 28

August 9 – 11 (Camp Warren Levis)

August 11

August 16 – 18 (Camp Warren Levis)

August 17

August 20

August 24

August 24

August 24 – 25

August 29

August 29

September 3

September 3

September 4, 11, 25

September 5

September 6 – 8

September 11

September 12

September 13 – 14

September 16

September 18

September 18

September 20-22

September 21

September 27 – 29

September 28

September 28 – 29

October 1

October 2, 9, 23

October 4 – 6

October 4 – 6

October 4 – 6

October 5

October 10

October 11

October 19

October 19 - 20

October 19 – 20

October 26

October 29

November 1 (Tentative)

November 2

November 5

November 6, 13 (No Week 4!)

November 14

November 16

November 20

Einstein Recognition Dinner:	November 22
Scouting For Food Bag Collection:	November 23
Archery Instructor Training:	December 1
December Roundtables:	December 3
Deadline to submit a nomination for District Awards:	December 3
December Eagle Boards of Review:	December 4, 11 (No Week 4!)
Virtual Youth Protection Training:	December 12
STEM U – UMSL:	December 14
NYLT Staff Interviews:	December 17 - 18
Shawnee Lodge Winter Fellowship Banquet:	December 22
January Roundtables:	January 7
January Eagle Boards of Review:	January 8, 15, 29
STL After Dark VSOA event:	January 14
District Recognition Dinner:	January 23

===== > 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>

August ROUNDTABLES:

August Roundtable will be at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on August 6th, gathering at 6:30 pm, and the program at 7:00 pm. The theme for the Roundtables will be "School Night to Join Scouting Kickoff" and the Cub Scout Roundtable Den Moments will be "Planning a Den Meeting". The theme for the Scouts BSA Roundtable will be "Summer Wrap-Up".

September ROUNDTABLES:

September Roundtable will be at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on September 3rd, gathering at 6:30 pm, and the program at 7:00 pm. The theme for the Cub Scout Roundtable will be "Matching Adults with Tasks" and the Den Moments will be "Gathering Activities & Games". The theme for the Scouts BSA Roundtable - TBD. Popcorn and Coffee Sale kickoff.

2024-25 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.

2023-24 Cub Scout Program Guide:

<https://tinyurl.com/2zyfjse9>

2023-24 Scouts BSA Program Guide (the flyer for Program Preview had an incorrect short URL:

<http://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-2025-Scouts-BSA-Program-Guide-final.pdf>

2023-24 Venturing Program Guide:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfarukj>

IMPORTANT ➔ Keep up to date with the "Guide to Safe Scouting" here:

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

Additional changes are in effect as of September. Important information may be found in the table of contents in the "Guide to Safe Scouting" here: <https://nycscouting.org/yptstandards/>

Updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 Program Year become effective June 1, 2024, and are listed under Advancement below. ➔ **NEW CUB SCOUT HANDBOOKS are now available at the Scout Shop.**

As a member District within the Greater St Louis Area Council, we are 1 of 14 Councils that make up **Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5)**, 1 of 16 Territories across the US. **CST 5** covers the states of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska as well as southern Illinois, and western Iowa, and nearly all of Colorado & Wyoming.

For much more information please follow and share the following two CST 5 Facebook Group Pages:

1. Scouting America Council Service Territory 5 (CST 5) with 300+ members

For general information about accomplishments and accolades across CST 5, from the individual to units, to districts, councils, and programs please join BSA Council Service Territory 5 (NST 5) Homepage:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/924855562032311>

2. Council Service Territory 5 Program with 400+ members

For Program specific information please join the Council Service Territory 5 Program:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/270021481844869/>

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

Dear fellow Scouters,

It's hard to believe that summertime is almost at an end. While it's always hard to say goodbye to a season of day camps and summer camps, we welcome the new school year because it's another year of Scouting for our District. You all know too well how important membership is to the vitality of our Units. If you're a Cub Scout leader, are you ready for School Night to Join Scouting? If you're a SBSA leader, have you thought about how you might help the surrounding Packs in your area recruit new youth? Your Unit Commissioners are always ready to lend a helping hand. Please let us know how we can help your Unit grow!

Yours in Scouting,

Joseph P. "Joe" Bradley, MD
New Horizons District Commissioner
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===== > ACTIVITIES < =====

75th Anniversary of Beaumont Scout Reservation:

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Beaumont Scout Reservation

August 24, 2024

Enjoy a day of

- Scouting Alumni Fellowship
- Beaumont History Presentations & Displays
- Beaumont Memorabilia
- Wagon Rides
- Camp Tours
- Campfire Program
- and much more!

To celebrate the anniversary of Beaumont you can order your copy of "*To This You Must Return- the History of the Beaumont Scout Reservation*" at:

https://gatewaytraders.org/products/book-to-this-you-must-return?_pos=1&_sid=849947e4b&_ss=r

Get it signed by the Authors at the event!

If you have any questions, please contact help@stlbsa.org

2024 Boone Trails Fishing Clinic

All are invited to the Boone Trails Fishing Clinic!

When: Saturday, August 10, 2024, Check-in – 8:00 am – 8:30 am, event ends at 12:00 pm

Where: August A. Busch Wildlife, Lake Number 2 & Lake Number 15

Cost: \$12 per person

Cub Scouts:

- The event is designed to teach Cub Scouts basic fishing skills and to teach parents and volunteers instruction techniques.
- Scouts BSA youth will have the opportunity to engage with Cub Scouts as Den Chiefs and to earn requirement 2 of the Complete Angler Award, as well as earn several merit badges.
- Invite a friend, youth do not need to be registered scouts to attend.

Scouts BSA:

Scouts BSA youth can earn the Fly Fishing Merit Badge, the Fishing Merit Badge, and the Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge. The event may run longer for Scouts BSA youth, depending on their merit badges.

Sign-up information: <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/boone-trails-district/>

Anthony Gamma 5K Memorial Run for Scouting

On Saturday, September 28, GSLAC will hold the first annual Anthony Gamma Memorial Run to Benefit Scouting. This will be held at 370 Lakeside Park in St. Peters from 8-10 AM. All proceeds benefit local Scouting. Learn more here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/SaintPeters/AnthonyGammaMemorialRunBenefitforScouting>

Cub Launch:

Spend a day at camp with the whole family doing all the things Cub Scouts love to do!

When: October 5, 2024

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

More information: <https://stlbsa.org/cub-scouts-calendar/> -> CUB LAUNCH

Fall Fright Fest:

Fall Fright Fest is a Halloween event for Cub Scouts

When: October 26, 2024

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

More information and registration: <https://stlbsa.org/cub-scouts-calendar/> -> FALL FRIGHT NIGHT

Scouting For Food:

Units should sign up to participate in Scouting For Food at the September Roundtable. We need as many participants as possible in order to distribute bags on November 16, 2024 and to collect the food on November 23, 2024. We also need units to step up to man collection locations.

More information will be available by September 2024.

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

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

The Cub Scout Advancement program HAS changed!! New Cub Scout Handbooks are now available at the Scout Shops! Updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 program year were posted here:

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-announced/#:~:text=Cub%20Scouts%20Awards%20will%20be,officially%20on%20June%201%2C%202024>
with more information here:

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2023/11/16/three-things-from-the-cub-scout-program-update/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=DM85064&utm_medium=email&utm_content=

BSA has a monthly live chat on Fridays that may be helpful: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/cubchatlive/>

The Council office has moved to accept only Scoutbook or Internet Advancement Forms. This will help ensure records are recorded correctly and timely. *PLEASE BE SURE TO RECORD ADVANCEMENT FOR YOUR YOUTH AS IT OCCURS:*

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.

Logging "Service Hours":

When your youth and adults do community service, please be sure to log those hours using Scoutbook so that they may be rolled into the Council total – all service hours are totaled for the Council and then at the national level and are reported to Congress during the Boy Scouts of America's Report To The Nation every spring. Each hour of Volunteer Time is currently valued at \$31.80 Per Hour!

Conservation Good Turn Award:

Another of the awards our Scouts (all programs) and Scouters (yes, scouters) can earn is the Conservation Good Turn Award which is described here: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-good-turn/>

This award is eligible for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing Crew Members, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and the adult leaders of these programs. The [Certificate Application](#) may be found on the page referenced above.

Updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 program year were recently posted here:

<https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-cub-scouts/> and additional information is here: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2023/11/16/three-things-from-the-cub-scout-program-update>

Cub Scout Resources:

Are you looking for some great resources for advancement for all levels of Cub Scouts? Check out the Cub Scout Toolbox for ideas for dens and individuals working on Cub Scout ranks and achievements.

<https://stlbsa.org/resources/resources-toolbox/cub-scouts-toolbox/>

While you are checking out resources, updates to Cub Scout Advancement for the 2024-25 program year were recently posted here: <https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-cub-scouts/>

Cub Scout Advancement Workshops:

NEW Cub Scout Advancement Workshops!

We will be offering Cub Scout Advancement Workshops to help supplement dens to achieve their rank advancement.

All future workshops will be listed here: <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> -> Cub Advancement Workshops

For information on Merit Badges visit:

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

SCOUTS BSA REQUIREMENTS UPDATES:

There are updates to the Scouts BSA Advancement program that become effective on January 1st, 2024. There are minor changes to the Scout and Star ranks (#6). Note that the Cyberchip has been phased out and Scouts should use the Personal Safety Awareness training at:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/>

Scouts BSA will no longer have to wait 3 months between Eagle Palms – they will have to earn 5 additional merit badges and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

All of the changes are detailed below, including information on major and minor changes to merit badge requirements:

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Advancement-Program-Updates-2024.pdf>

MERIT BADGES:

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:

Did you know that slightly more than 60% of all Merit Badge Counselors are trained???

Each merit badge counselor is **required** to complete the following online training (in addition to Youth Protection Training) – the online training takes less than an hour:

- 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**”

Eagle Boards of Review: **The Eagle Boards of Review continue to need additional reviewers!** Please contact John Klos at klos41@msn.com or (636) 227-0075 to be a reviewer. 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 & microphones).

To schedule an Eagle Board of Review, please call the Eagle Board Hotline at 314.384.2486. 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.

August 7, 14, 28

September 4, 11, 25

October 2, 9, 23

November 6, 13 (no Week 4)

December 4, 11 (no Week 4)

January 8, 15, 29

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 (*please do not search the Internet or you will likely find an out-of-date version*):

→ <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 (*please do not search the Internet or you will likely find an out-of-date version*): https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/512-72822c-Eagle-Scout-Application_WEB.pdf.

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!

Scouts BSA Merit Badge Skill Centers

Merit Badge Skill Centers: <https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/> -> MERIT BADGE SKILL CENTERS

- Personal Management Merit Badge Clinics are being offered by Emily Worthmore. Emily is available to set up clinics at troop meetings or other small groups. If interested, please contact Emily @ worthmore2040@gmail.com or 314-532-1003

Life to Eagle – Advancement Seminars:

September LTE Advancement Seminar:

When: September 18, 2024, 7 pm **IN PERSON!**

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

Registration required: Please register by September 13th here: <https://forms.gle/qdedtwwLF2WcbCDo8>

Eagle Projects – at Babler Park:

The Parkway-Rockwood Babler Outdoor Education Center has several projects that would make great Eagle Scout Service Projects. Interested Life Scouts should contact Heather May, Babler Outdoor Education Center Supervisor at 636.458.3048 to make an appointment to review potential projects. (Scouts need to have an adult with them on the phone or when visiting Babler for Youth Protection compliance.)

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>.

For the latest **Advancement News**, visit: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/May-June-2023-Advancement-News.pdf>.

Ruben Brill, New Horizons Advancement Chair, jrb179@gmail.com

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

Chemistry Merit Badge Clinic:

Do you think all chemists do is blow things up? Would you like to conduct some experiments yourself – and take a tour of a working excipient manufacturer? Do you want to know what an excipient is? Then attend our Chemistry Merit Badge Workshop!

When: October 19, 2024 – Registration opens at 8 am

The opening session begins at 8:30 am

Pick up at 1:30 pm

Where: Jost Chemical, 8110 Lackland Rd., St. Louis, MO 63114

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ChemMB2024>

Cost: \$10 – includes lunch

- **PayPal:** <https://paypal.me/stlacstreas> or stlacstreas@gmail.com
- **Checks:** Payable to “St. Louis Section ACS” may be sent c/o Lisa Balbes, 648 Simmons Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122

What to bring:

- Merit Badge Application Card (blue card) signed by your scoutmaster indicating that you are eligible to work on this badge
- Safety Glasses, if you have them – if not, they will be provided
- **Closed-toed shoes, pants that extend to the ankle, and shirt sleeves that extend to the wrist are required.** Due to the nature of the activities, Scouts not properly attired will be sent home – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Prework: Read the entire Chemistry Merit Badge Pamphlet. Requirement 4a (cooking and eating an onion) must be completed at home, prior to the workshop. Please bring documentation (photos and/or notes) and be prepared to discuss with your counselor.

Other than **Supernova medals** which are only available at West Pine, all **Nova patches and pins** can be purchased at any local Scout store or through Gateway Traders gatewaytraders.org.

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:

Thank you to all of the units who hosted a Friends of Scouting Presentation this year! Unfortunately, we are still shy of our 2024 goal.

Unit Leaders should please reach back out to their unit's families to request they make a contribution. So far only 16% of New Horizons Scouting families have made a contribution compared to 22% last year - so we have great potential of meeting our goal if we can just reach more people. Use the donation link you received from your Trailblazer or you can use this link: <https://bit.ly/GiveFOS24> and select the “Units” tab and search for your unit.

Congratulations to the following Units who have met their 2024 Friends of Scouting goal and earned FREE rank advancement badges for a year:

- Packs 319, 809, and 888
- Crews 2313, 2627, and 2783
- Troops 301B, 303, 313B, 313G, 323, 325, 352, 371, 456, 496B, 496G, 601, 623, 624, 627, 631, 641, 677G, 685, 783G, 792, 803, 809, and 809G

For questions regarding Friends of Scouting, contact Ted Slap at tedslap@yahoo.com or Nick Prainito at nicholas.prainito@scouting.org.

Sports Raffle – Proceeds Benefit Scouting:

Enter to win a sports-filled weekend, August 17-18! Featuring a golf foursome and dinner at St. Albans Club, an overnight hotel stay, and tickets to the ballgame on Sunday. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased through August 12. To enter and donate, contact Debbie Brandt at Debbie.brandt@royalbanksnet.com or 314-212-1535.

Coffee Subscriptions:

Love coffee as much as we do? Avoid the grocery store and get 2 bags of ground or whole-bean coffee delivered to your door every month. Coffee is normally priced at \$20 per bag. Save 15% on the price per bag with a 12-month subscription to help fund the Scouting Adventure! #ICanDoThat!

Prices:

3-month subscription: \$38.00 per month

6-month subscription: \$36.00 per month

12-month subscription: \$34.00 per month

Order your coffee at: <https://gatewaytraders.org/collections/gslac-coffee>

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

Training Awards:

Training Awards have been updated with revised requirements. We should all start using these immediately.

Awards Central: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/> - Describes ALL Awards

Revised Forms: <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> - scroll to the bottom (Training Awards)

For more information or questions, contact Mike Edler at pk310cm@gmail.com

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
- Scouts BSA – Sophie Craft - sophiecraft@hotmail.com
- New Horizons District Training Chair – Mike Edler – pk310cm@gmail.com

Training Tip:

Welcome to New Horizon training. Our team of dedicated Scouters is here to help with your training to make you become more effective leaders to the youth and families.

We can come to you, there is online training, and we can work with some hybrid options for a combination of online, in person, and virtual options to make it easier for all volunteers.

We are putting together a team to help each unit evaluate what would work best for them.

There are lots of council training opportunities like Wood Badge, Baloo, IOLS, and University of Scouting to make your positions easier and the Scouting program amazing.

Please join me in delivering the best Scouting experience possible to our youth.

Questions? Contact Mike Edler at pk310cm@gmail.com

Address any additional questions regarding Training to Mike Edler, New Horizons Training Chair, at pk310cm@gmail.com. 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:

True youth protection can be achieved only through everyone's dedicated commitment to Scouting. Youth protection volunteers and professionals must work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of youth protection awareness and safety.

The BSA's youth protection training is required for all registered volunteers. It's a joining requirement, and continued membership requires that it be retaken every two years.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council offers youth protection training in live, virtual sessions using the Zoom online meeting service (see below), and in classrooms by special arrangement. Email youth protection trainer Tim Trace - tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com or visit <https://stlbsa.org/training/youth-protection> .

Dates and Times:

Saturday, August 24th 9AM
Monday, September 16th 7PM
Thursday, October 10th 7PM
Tuesday, October 29th 7PM
Saturday, November 23rd 9AM
Thursday, December 12th 7PM

Save the Dates:

Cub Scout Position-Specific Training:

- **Cub Scout Basic Leader Training (In Person):**

When: Saturday, September 21, 2024, 8:00 am – 11:30 am

Where: Green Tree Community Church, 100 Kirkwood Place, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Cost: \$20

OR

When: Saturday, March 8, 2025

Where: Green Tree Community Church, 100 Kirkwood Place, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Cost: \$20

Registration Info for both of these: <https://stlbsa.org/training/cub-scout-leader> -> UP COMING TRAINING

- **LOE/BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation**

Fall Courses

Sept. 28-29th, Beaumont Scout Reservation

October 19-20th, Pine Ridge Scout Reservation

Registration - <https://stlbsa.org/training/> -> SUPPLEMENTAL & OUTDOOR SKILLS -> BALOO

Scouts BSA Position-Specific Training:

- **Virtual Scouts BSA Leader Training:** September 11 & 18, 2024 – both sessions required. Watch for sign-up information here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/> -> REQUIRED FOR ADULT LEADERS (Scouts BSA Leader)
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:** Friday, October 4 - 6, 2024. More information and sign-up are available here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/outdoor-leadership-skills/>

If your schedule does not let you attend training, LET US KNOW. We can schedule training on dates that work for YOU!!

NYLT 2024 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 Weekend Course Dates (Both weekends required):

August 9 - 11, 2024 and August 16 – 27, 2024 (Camp Warren Levis)

Information and registration for all the courses coming soon: <https://stlbsa.org/training/nylt/>

Save the Dates:

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. Courses, dates, and registrations are listed here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/shooting-sports/>:

Wood Badge Courses for 2024:

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.

Wood Badge Fall Course:

When: September 27-29, 2024, **AND** October 19-20, 2024 (Both weekends required)

Where: S-F Scout Ranch

Sign up here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

For more information, contact Course Director Chuck Voss at sm.fall2024@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 a 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
 - Still Other Options - contact your District Training Chair (Mike Edler - pk310cm@gmail.com) or District Advancement Chair (Ruben Brill - jrbrill@sbcglobal.net) to discuss.
- Question. Where can I get further assistance?

Answer. Contact your District Training Chair (Mike Edler - pk310cm@gmail.com) or District Advancement Chair (Ruben Brill - jrbrill@sbcglobal.net).

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

It's membership season again! At the August Roundtable, your dedicated Cub Scout Staff will be putting together a state-of-the-art training for your pack volunteers on **ALL THINGS MEMBERSHIP!** This is an experienced team and they are here to help!

The Big Number: 2,908 -Current youth members
The Goal: 3,667
The Difference: 759

This flyer shows you "THE PLAN" for fall recruitment – everything from the first flyer delivery to the completion of a successful "join night.": <https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2023-Recruitment-Guide.pdf>

Each pack is asked to host a School Night To Join Scouting or SNTJS. When possible, please have these as follows:

- Packs with Webster Groves, Brentwood, or Kirkwood school districts: Thursday, Aug. 29
- Packs with Parkway or Valley Park school districts: Thursday, September 5
- Packs in Rockwood School district or private/parochial schools: Thursday, September 12

Your district professionals are here to help!

- For packs in the boundaries of Rockwood, Kirkwood, and Valley Park school districts, please contact Don LaChance at don.lachance@scouting.org.
- For packs in the boundaries of Parkway, Webster Groves, and Brentwood school districts, please contact Nick Prainito at nick.prainito@scouting.org.

2024 Annual Membership Fee Structure:

Effective April 1st, 2024 the BSA *eliminated the \$25 one-time joining fee* for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting! The membership fee structure is as follows:

- **\$85/yr.** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (**\$5 increase**)
- **\$65/yr.** for all adult volunteers (**\$5 increase**)
- **\$30/yr.** for Scoutreach (**No change in fee**)
- **\$25/yr.** for Merit Badge Counselors (**No change in fee** – applies only to MB Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- **\$50/yr.** for Exploring participants Youth & Adults (**No change in fee**)
- **\$100/yr.** unit renewal/affiliation fee (**No change in fee**)
- **\$15/yr.** for Scout Life magazine (**No change in fee**)
- Excludes Council Program Fees

For further information or clarification, please contact any of the following:

- Your Unit Commissioner
- Joe Bradley, District Commissioner (joseph.bradley@icloud.com)
- Nick Prainito, District Executive (nick.prainito@scouting.org)
- Don LaChance (don.lachance@scouting.org)

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

*****CAMPING*****

All the information about District Camping, Order of the Arrow Camping, Venturing Camping, Cub Scout Day Camps, and Summer Camp 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:

Why should a Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship go to a District Camporee?

- Makes the outing easier for Units Leaders. The activities are already planned and run by the Camporee Committee.
- Participants can see other Units. They can discuss ideas and see how others run an outing.
- Provides Leadership opportunities for Scouts. Either on Camporee staff or providing leadership in their own Unit at Camporee.
- Promotes Scouts BSA (Troops) to Cub Scouts (Packs) by the Cub Scouts being involved in a camporee with Troops.
- Provides activities that many Units could not provide for their Scouts on their own.

2024 Fall Camporee

October 4 - 6, 2024

Beaumont Scout Reservation

Step back in time and see parts of Beaumont you haven't seen before.

Age-appropriate activities will be held for Webelos, Arrow of Light, and Scouts BSA.

This is a great event for Troops to invite Webelos and AOL Scouts to join them for Patrol lunch and dinner.

Save the date. More information will be coming.

2025 Spring Camporee Council-wide event

April 25 – 27, 2025

Will be held at the many scout camps in the Council.

This Spring Camporee will be hosted and organized by the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Most of the resources and activities at the disposal of the Council will be available. This will be a great opportunity to interact with other Units from the far reaches of our Council and to, possibly, attend a Scout Camp you have not visited before.

More details to follow when provided by the Council.

2025 Fall Camporee

October 17 - 19, 2025

Beaumont Scout Reservation

Details will be posted as we get closer to this event.

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 meals or clean up.

Contact Ken McGohan at kenmcgohan@msn.com

ORDER OF THE ARROW

2023-2024 New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers & Advisors:

Chapter Chief	1 st Vice Chief	2 nd Vice Chief	Secretary	Chapter Advisor	Associate Advisor
NOAH HUTCHINSON	TEDDY GUIDRY	BRANDON FISHER	GUS GERSTENECKER	MIKE HULSIZER	MARVIN ALEXANDER

New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter News:

The August Fellowship Festival is happening on Sunday, August 11th. Activities begin at noon and last till 3:15pm. At that time there will be lodge updates and our chapter meeting till 4pm. Attendees can use the climbing tower, take advantage of shooting sports (Shotgun, rifle, archery), learn how to throw axes, play yard games, and learn more about our chapter. The chapter meeting counts towards brotherhood.

Need a service project for brotherhood? The New Horizons Chapter will have a Honeysuckle Hack service project on Saturday, August 17th at Chesterfield Central Park from 8:45 am-12:00 pm. Hot dogs and chips will be served from 12-12:30. We will also have elangomat training during lunch. Everyone should wear a Class B shirt, bring tools (loppers, saws), wear gloves, and bring a water bottle. Participants under 18 need to complete a waiver. The waiver, info on the event, and a map can be found at:

<http://faculty.webster.edu/hulsizer/NHOA/OAServiceProjectFlyer08172024Final.pdf>

The lodge is sponsoring lodge leadership development on August 24-25th at Beaumont. Consider attending if you want to be an officer in the chapter or lodge: <https://shawneelodge.org/lodge-leadership-development/>

You can self-nominate to be a chapter officer or chairman. We will be conducting elections at the Fall Reunion and want a full slate of officers and chairmen ready to take charge of the chapter. Nominate yourself at:

<https://forms.gle/rakZB4YbM8rB9ahe8>

Our chapter ice cream social is on Tuesday, August 27th from 7-8:30pm. Wear your uniform and sash, purchase an ice cream treat, and hang out with members to learn more about upcoming events such as the Fall Reunion. We will gather at the Oberweis in Ballwin (15021 Manchester Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011)

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

2024 Shawnee Lodge Dues:

The cost of dues, set by the Lodge Executive Committee, will be \$12 for 2024. This price must be paid by every member that would like to stay active. **NOTE: You do not owe dues for 2024 if you completed your Ordeal at the 2023 Fall Reunion or earned Brotherhood at any point in 2023. Pay your dues here:** <https://shawneelodge.org/register/>

Save the Dates:

Are you tweaking your troop calendar? Don't forget to plan for the following Order of the Arrow Events:

2024 Shawnee Lodge Fellowship Festival and Chapter Meeting:

When: Sunday, August 11, 2024

Where: 12-4pm at Beaumont

Additional Information: Shooting sports, climbing tower, yard games, etc.

NH Chapter Honeysuckle Hack”

When: Saturday, August 17, 2024, 8:45 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Chesterfield Central Park – near the pool

Info: Lunch is provided. Waiver and info at:

<http://faculty.webster.edu/hulsizer/NHOA/OAServiceProjectFlyer08172024Final.pdf>

Lodge Leadership Development

When: August 24-25, 2024

Where: Beaumont

Info: Open to all members interested in leadership. <https://shawneelodge.org/lodge-leadership-development/>

NH Chapter Ice Cream Social

When: August 29, 2024

Where: 7-8:30pm at the Oberweis in Ballwin (15021 Manchester Rd, Ballwin, MO 63011)

Info: Open to candidates and members. Learn more about upcoming events, the chapter, and the OA.

2024 Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion:

When: September 6-8, 2024

Where: S-F Scout Ranch

Info: <https://shawneelodge.org/fall-reunion/>

2024 G7 Section Conclave

When: October 4-6, 2024

Where: Camp Drake (Hosted by Illini Lodge 55)

More information for the above events will be available at <https://shawneelodge.org/>

Arrowmen Opportunities:

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 reach out to Mr. Alexander at marvin.alexander@shawneelodge.org

Shawnee Lodge will be hosting the 2025 G7 Section Conclave September 27-29, 2025 at Beaumont. We will need all hands-on deck to make this a great event!

===== > 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
DRAKE KELLEY	SOFIE STRUPP	JAKE EDLER	ZÖE SCHULTZ	DENNIS DELANEY
				djdelaney55@gmail.com

Crew Advisors and youth: Please attend the **Roundtable** (see above under “SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS”) and please encourage other youth in your Crew to attend.

Save the dates:

51st Annual Fall Fun Rally:

- Shame on you if you missed the 50th Annual Fall Fun Rally! Make plans to attend the 51st FFR!!
- September 20-22, 2024
- Beaumont Scout Reservation
- Council & District VOA elections occur at the Fall Fun Rally – if interested, please attend!
- Sign up here: <https://stlbsa.org/venturing-calendar/> -> FALL FUN RALLY

On The Horizon – August 2024

Follow us on **Facebook** at “New Horizons District Venturing” and **Instagram** at “NH_Venturing”

=====> [DISTRICT CONTACTS/CALENDAR](#) <=====

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

New Horizons District Executive:

District Director: Don LaChance, don.lachance@scouting.org

District Executive: Nick Prainito, nicholas.prainito@scouting.org

The New Horizons District Calendars for 2022-23 and 2023-24 are available here:

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

Expand the blue box “NEW HORIZONS DISTRICT CALENDARS”