



# On The Horizon – October 2024



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## Important Dates at a Glance:

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
October Roundtables:	October 1
Units Pick up Scouting For Food bags for distribution:	October 1
October Eagle Boards of Review:	October 2, 9, 23
New Horizons Fall Camporee:	October 4 – 6
Order of the Arrow Section G7 Conclave:	October 4 – 6
Scouts BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:	October 4 – 6
Cub Launch:	October 5
Virtual Youth Protection Training:	October 10
Spook-O-Ree:	October 11
Cub Scout BALOO:	October 19 - 20
Fall Wood Badge Course (Session 2 of 2):	October 19 – 20
Fall Fright Fest:	October 26
Virtual Youth Protection Training:	October 29
OA Vigil Nominations/Founders Award Nominations deadline:	November 1
University of Scouting:	November 2
November Roundtables:	November 5
Units Pick up Scouting For Food bags for distribution:	November 5
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November Eagle Boards of Review:	November 6, 13 (No Week 4!)
November OA Chapter Meeting:	November 14
Scouting For Food Bag Distribution:	November 16
Life to Eagle Advancement Seminar:	November 20
Einstein Recognition Dinner:	November 22
Scouting For Food Bag Collection:	November 23
Archery Instructor Training:	December 1
December Roundtables:	December 3
District Award of Merit and Spark Plug Nominations due:	December 3
Deadline to submit a nomination for District Awards:	December 3
December Eagle Boards of Review:	December 4, 11 (No Week 4!)
STEM University – UMSL:	December 7
Virtual Youth Protection Training:	December 12
NYLT Staff Interviews:	December 17 - 18
Shawnee Lodge Winter Fellowship Banquet:	December 22
STEM University – SEMO:	January 4
January Roundtables:	January 7
January Eagle Boards of Review:	January 8, 15, 29
STL After Dark VSOA event:	January 17 - 18
District Recognition Dinner:	January 23 or 27 - <b>TBD</b>
STEM University – SIUE:	January 25
New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Banquet:	February 2
February Roundtables:	February 4
February Eagle Boards of Review:	February 5, 12, 26
Scout Sabbath:	February 7
Scout Sunday:	February 9
CPR and Wilderness First Aid Training:	February 14 – 16
STEM University – SIUC:	February 22
Wood Badge Informational Dinner:	February 24
College of Commissioner Science:	March 1
March Roundtables:	March 4

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<b>March Eagle Boards of Review:</b>	March 5, 12, 26
<b>STEM College – Lake Land College:</b>	March 22
<b>Taste of Venturing:</b>	March 28 - 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>**

**October ROUNDTABLES:**

October Roundtable will be at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on October 1<sup>st</sup>, gathering at 6:30 pm, and the program at 7:00 pm. The theme for the Cub Scout Roundtable will be "Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA Transition: How the Arrow of Light Den Leader Can Better Prepare Scouts, Parents, and the Troop for the Transition of Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA" and the Den Moments will be "Advancement Best Practices". The theme for the Scouts BSA Roundtable is "Introduction to Leadership Skills (for youth)". Scouting For Food bags will be available for pick-up before the October Roundtable.

**November ROUNDTABLES:**

November Roundtable will be at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011, on November 5<sup>th</sup>, gathering at 6:30 pm, and the program at 7:00 pm. The theme for the Cub Scout Roundtable will be "Summer Camp" and the Den Moments will be "Attendance Encouragement". The theme for the Scouts BSA Roundtable is "Volunteer Appreciation". Scouting For Food bags will be available for pick-up before the November Roundtable.

**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.

**2024-25 Cub Scout Program Guide:**

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

**2024-25 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>

**2024-25 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 became 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 15 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,

Are the youth of your Unit advancing regularly? I bet they are! Advancement is something that we regularly track as a District and Council, and we want to have the most up-to-date information that we can. In order for your youth and your Unit to receive appropriate credit, you must do the following:

- Regularly input advancement into Scoutbook
- Have the Unit Leader “approve” that advancement within Scoutbook
- Have the Unit Leader “award” that advancement within Scoutbook

Approving and awarding can be easily done within Scoutbook by regularly running a “Needs Approval” or “Needs Awarding” report where you can quickly approve it all. We’d really appreciate your Units staying up to date with this!

Please reach out to your friendly Unit Commissioner or myself if you have any questions about how to make this happen!

Yours in Scouting,

Joseph P. “Joe” Bradley, MD  
New Horizons District Commissioner  
[joseph.bradley@icloud.com](mailto:joseph.bradley@icloud.com) 314-809-1068

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

**Cub Launch:**

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

**When:** October 5, 2024, 9 am – 3 pm

**Where:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

**When:** October 5, 2024, 9 am – 3 pm

**Where:** S-F Scout Ranch

**When:** October 5, 2024, 9 am – 1 pm

**Where:** Wentzville United Methodist Church

**When:** October 5, 2024, 9 am – 3 pm

**Where:** O’Fallon Sportsman Club

**When:** October 19, 2024, 9 am – 1 pm

**Where:** Camp Vandeventer

**More information:** <https://stlbsa.org/cub-scouts-calendar/cub-launch/>

**Spook-O-Ree:**

Please join us for a weekend of fun Halloween-themed camping at Rhodes France scout reservation for Cub Scouts! This will be a Halloween weekend campout geared for the whole family. There will be activities for all age ranges of cub scouts and their families (including shooting sports, scout skills, and more!). Bring the whole crew plenty of fun things to do for siblings, parents, and even grandparents.

**When:** October 11 - 13, 2024

**Where:** Rhodes France Scout Reservation

More information: <https://stlbsa.org/cub-scouts-calendar/> -> SPOOK-O-REE

**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

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## **District Award of Merit and Unit Special Achiever Award (aka “Spark Plug Award”):**

These awards are presented at the Annual District Recognition Dinner in January (date & location TBD).

Nominations for these awards are live, and they both close on Friday, December 6.

The Spark Plug Award can be bestowed to one adult with each unit and one member of each district operating committee. It is an award for those who might not otherwise be recognized at the district level for their contributions to their units. Nominate a worthy Scouter here: <https://forms.gle/ivdrsRearznxLnYY6>

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. Nominate a worthy Scouter here: <https://forms.gle/gpCL6rYXMPEaWQDG6>

## **Scouting For Food:**

Scouting For Food is the Greater St. Louis Area Council’s one-of-a-kind day of service for all units, Scouts, and Scouters. On average, we collect almost 2 million food items each year. It is a huge effort, and we need everyone’s participation.

Bag distribution areas and/or collection centers will be assigned to **all** units. SFF bags will be distributed at the October and November Roundtables so please be sure to have someone from your unit pick them up!

Collection center locations **and** unit area maps can be found at <https://bit.ly/NH-SFF-2024>. Anyone can drop off food at any collection center.

**Please note that area map assignments have changed from last year. *Please do not use old maps.***

=====> **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=](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 using Scoutbook to log Advancement. This will help ensure records are recorded correctly and timely. *PLEASE BE SURE TO RECORD ADVANCEMENT FOR YOUR YOUTH AS IT OCCURS:***

- Regularly input advancement into Scoutbook
- Have the Unit Leader “approve” that advancement within Scoutbook
- Have the Unit Leader “award” that advancement within Scoutbook

Approving and awarding can be easily done within Scoutbook by regularly running a “Needs Approval” or “Needs Awarding” report where you can quickly approve it all. We’d really appreciate your Units staying up to date with this!

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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>

**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](mailto: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.

**October 2, 9, 23**

**November 6, 13 (no Week 4)**

**December 4, 11 (no Week 4)**

**January 8, 15, 29**

**February 5, 12, 26**

**March 5, 12, 26**

**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](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](mailto:worthmore2040@gmail.com) or 314-532-1003

#### **Life to Eagle – Advancement Seminars:**

**September LTE Advancement Seminar:**

**When:** November 20, 2024, 7 pm **IN PERSON!**

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

**Registration required:** Please register by November 15<sup>th</sup> here: <https://forms.gle/W8ACGR4N5YyGrVqN8>

#### **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](mailto:jrb179@gmail.com)

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

#### **STEM Universities:**

STEM University is a full day event for Cub Scouts (Wolf, Bear, Webelos, & AOL) 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. Save the dates for the following STEM Universities listed below!

STEM U – UMSL:	December 7, 2024
STEM U – SEMO:	January 4, 2025
STEM U – SIUE:	January 25, 2025
STEM U – SIUC:	February 22, 2025
STEM COLLEGE – LAKE LAND COLLEGE:	March 22, 2025



Registration for the above events coming soon to <https://stlbsa.org/stem/> -> "STEM UNIVERSITIES..."

Who is working on that **Supernova** award or better yet is on the trail to earn **all** of them? **Applications are due November 1 for recognition at THIS year's Einstein Recognition Dinner** on Friday night, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will take place at the Ameren Corporation headquarters. You can expect fun, food, and celebrations of how **STEM** has impacted our Council.

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](http://gatewaytraders.org).

The New Horizons STEM Committee is seeking STEM coordinators in each pack, troop, and crew. If you are one, or would like to be 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:**

The 2024 Friends of Scouting campaign is coming to a close. Thanks to everyone for your hard work raising nearly \$125,000 to support Scouting! We are at 90% of our goal for the year – every little bit helps move the needle.

Please work with your unit committee to schedule a date for the 2025 presentation. The Family Friends of Scouting team will be collecting dates in a few weeks. All units are asked to have a presentation to support Scouting; this is part of the annual charter agreement with Scouting and FOS helps the council develop quality programs.

For questions regarding Friends of Scouting, contact Ted Slap at [tedslap@yahoo.com](mailto:tedslap@yahoo.com) or Nick Prainito at [nicholas.prainito@scouting.org](mailto:nicholas.prainito@scouting.org).

### **Product Sales**

Units can still sign up for product sales. Contact Nick or Don for more information! Besides helping Scouts "pay their own way," product sales have so many benefits for Scouts, including:

- Salesmanship experience
- Learning how to take no for an answer
- Coming up with plans and setting goals
- Communication and public speaking skills

### **Popcorn**

- The next replenishment order deadline is Sunday, Sept. 29 for pickup on Oct. 3-4.
- Storefront sales conclude on October 13. There are plenty of spots available for your unit! Just check out the Trails' End website.
- Storefront returns and payment are due by October 18.
- Final take order is due October 21.
- Final payment is due on December 13.

### **Coffee**

- Storefront returns and payment are due by October 18.
- Final take orders are due October 21.
- Final payment is due on December 13.

## ===== > 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](mailto:pk310cm@gmail.com)

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## **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 – Mike Edler – [pk310cm@gmail.com](mailto:pk310cm@gmail.com)

## **Training Tip:**

Being a new leader can be overwhelming as you try to learn how the unit runs, all the new faces you are seeing, and trying to figure out the balance of work/home/Scouter life. Deep breath. You are not alone. Besides the many resources around you in the Scouting community, being trained in your position can be a great aid. There are also online resources by the Boy Scouts of America, and other devoted Scouts that can be very useful. If you are not familiar with the blog, Aaron on Scouting please check it out. Articles like this one, [https://scoutingmagazine.org/2012/08/the-get-started-guide-for-new-scouting-leaders/#google\\_vignette](https://scoutingmagazine.org/2012/08/the-get-started-guide-for-new-scouting-leaders/#google_vignette) for new leaders can be very helpful.

There is a good chance that you are not a new leader if you are reading this edition of On the Horizon. But your unit just expanded and there are new leaders coming in with the deer in the headlights gaze. Go make a new friend and mentor them along the way, giving them resources like this one, until they are ready to do the same for the next group to come in. Go to a training with them so they don't feel alone. The more leaders we have trained in the right way to function Scouting the more the benefit to the youth we serve.

Programs such as Wood Badge, Baloo, IOLS, and the University of Scouting will 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](mailto:pk310cm@gmail.com)

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

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](mailto:tjtrace.bsa@gmail.com) or visit <https://stlbsa.org/training/youth-protection> .

### **Dates and Times:**

Thursday, October 10th 7PM

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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, 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:**

**October 12-13<sup>th</sup>, Beaumont Scout Reservation**

**October 19-20<sup>th</sup>, Pine Ridge Scout Reservation**

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

### **Scouts BSA Position-Specific Training:**

- **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 2025 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. WATCH FOR 2025 TO BE ANNOUNCED) HERE:

<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/>

### **NYLT Courses for 2025:**

NYLT 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. Attending NYLT prepares Scouts for Leadership in the Troop and beyond.

#### **2025 Course dates:**

- June 15-21 – Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
- June 22-28– Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
- July 13-19– Camp Sakima, S-F Scout Ranch
- August 8-10 **and** August 15-17 – Camp Warren Levis (weekend course, both weekends required)

**Registration for NYLT courses opens in December 2024**

### **Staffing NYLT 2025 courses:**

Staffing NYLT will take Scouts to a new level. it is absolutely an incredible experience where they can hone their leadership skills, make new friends, and give invaluable service to others.

Go to <https://stlbsa.org/training/nylt/> and click on NYLT STAFF. Download application, complete and submit. Registration for Interviews will be open 10/30/24

## Wood Badge Courses for 2025:

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 Spring Course:**

**When:** May 2 -4, 2025 AND May 17 – 18. 2-25 (Both weekends required)

**Where:** S-F Scout Ranch

Sign up here: <https://stlbsa.org/training/wood-badge/> (Registration coming in December)

For more information, contact Course Director Ellen Mercante | [sm.spring2025@gmail.com](mailto:sm.spring2025@gmail.com)

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

**Where We're At: 3,258 youth members registered**

**The Goal: 3,613 for growth over 2023!**

**The Projection: 3,667 youth by 12/31 for 1.5% growth**

At this point, all packs should have held an initial recruitment night. BUT has your pack scheduled a **second-chance** recruitment? All packs are encouraged to that to give more youth the opportunity to join! So many kids would benefit from one more chance to join Scouting! For best results on a recruitment night, follow the plan! <https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-Pack-Recruitment-Guide.pdf>

Need inspiration or ideas? Your district professionals are here to help.

**Rockwood, Kirkwood, Valley Park school districts:** Don LaChance, [don.lachance@scouting.org](mailto:don.lachance@scouting.org)

**Parkway, Brentwood, Webster Groves school districts:** Nick Prainito, [nick.prainito@scouting.org](mailto:nick.prainito@scouting.org)

**Annual Membership Fee Structure Information may be found here (this is the fee for Membership – units may also have separate fees to operate):** <https://stlbsa.org/resources/membership-fees-faq/>

===== > 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**

### **"Scouting in Time"**

Step back in time for a fun weekend of Scout Skills activities now and how they were done in the past. This event is for all Arrow of Light Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturer Scouts. Activities will be age-appropriate for these groups.

This is a great event for Troops to invite AOL Scouts to enjoy a day of activities, join the Troop for dinner, and camp with the Troop.

Some of the activities include:

- Search and Rescue (presented by the Eureka Fire Department)
- Learn how Search and Rescue teams find lost people before GPS
- Fire Building
- Use tools from historic time periods to burn stuff
- Historic Reenactors

**Cost is \$15.00 per person.**

The manual is: [Fall Camporee 2024 Manual-Final](#)

Registration: [Greater Saint Louis Area Council - 2024 New Horizons Fall Camporee \(scoutingevent.com\)](#)

## **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.

Details are at this link: [Kids Activities & Events | St. Louis Area Scouts \(stlbsa.org\)](#) -> “Adventure Summit '25”

## **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](mailto:Kenmcgohan@msn.com)

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

## **Incoming 2024-2025 Shawnee Lodge Officers**

**Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Shawnee Lodge Officers!**

<b>Lodge Chief – Lorenzo Gutting</b>	<b>Lodge 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chief – Clayton Edelson</b>
<b>Lodge 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief – Trey Maxwell</b>	<b>Corresponding Secretary – Nathan King</b>
<b>Recording Secretary – Sophia Grant</b>	<b>Treasurer – Kalki Devos</b>

## **Congratulations to the 2024-2025 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 Advisors</b>
<b>SYDNEY</b>	<b>LEO</b>	<b>RYAN</b>	<b>AJ</b>	<b>GREG CALDWELL</b>	<b>Elaine Caldwell – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice</b>
<b>THURMOND</b>	<b>BYRNE</b>	<b>THIEN</b>	<b>STEWART</b>		<b>Declan Hennessy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice</b>
					<b>Joe Attea - Secretary</b>

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

The Fall Reunion is the biggest event that Shawnee Lodge puts on each year! Thank you to the 2023-2024 Chapter Officers: Noah Hutchinson, Chapter Chief; Teddy Guidry, Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chief; Brandon Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief; and Gus Gerstenecker, Chapter Secretary. Also, thank you to the outgoing Chapter Advisor, Michael Hulsizer.

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

## **2025 Shawnee Lodge Dues:**

As of now, the cost of dues, set by the Lodge Executive Committee, will be \$12 for 2025. This price must be paid by every member that would like to stay active. **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 G7 Section Conclave**

**When:** October 4-6, 2024

**Where:** Camp Drake (Hosted by Illini Lodge 55)

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

**Vigil Nominations and Founders Award Nominations** are due November 1, 2024. Information may be found at <https://shawneelodge.org/vigil/>

**New Horizons November Chapter Meeting:**

**When:** November 14, 2024, 6 pm – 8 pm

**Where:** SkyZone in Shrewsbury. More information will be available soon!

**Shawnee Lodge Winter Fellowship Banquet:**

The highlight of our Shawnee Lodge Winter Fellowship Banquet is the 2024 Vigil Callout ceremony.

**When:** December 22, 2024

More information will be available at <https://shawneelodge.org/winter-fellowship-banquet/>

**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 Declan Hennessy at [Declan.Hennessy@shawneelodge.org](mailto:Declan.Hennessy@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, so save the date!

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

**2024-2025 New Horizons Venturing Officers elected at the 51<sup>st</sup> Fall Fun Rally:**

<b>President</b>	<b>VP of Administration</b>	<b>VP of Program</b>	<b>VP of Communication</b>	<b>VSOA Advisor</b>
<b>DRAKE KELLEY</b>	<b>JAKE EDLER</b>	<b>MILO KARLEN</b>	<b>(TBD)</b>	<b>DENNIS DELANEY</b>
				<a href="mailto:djdelaney55@gmail.com">djdelaney55@gmail.com</a>

**Thank you to the 2023-2024 New Horizons Venturing Officers** for their service over the last year: President – Drake Kelley; VP of Administration – Sofie Strupp; VP of Program – Jake Edler; and VP of Communications – Zoey Schultz.

**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:**

**STL After Dark:**

> January 17 - 18, 2025

> Part lock-in, part Behind the Scenes Tours! Join in the fun for a night (and early morning) of exciting fun as we tour sites and then end at a lock-in site. This event has a bit of something for everyone. More information coming soon!

**Taste of Venturing:**

> March 28th -29th, 2025

> A weekend of fellowship and activities including: leathercrafting, Crate Stacking, Skeet Shooting, Rifle, 3-D Archery, boating, and more. It's a great weekend for new/prospective members, so bring a friend to try out Venturing and Sea Scouting! Watch here for more information!

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

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

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

**New Horizons District Executive:**

Your district professionals are here to help!

**District Director:**

Don LaChance, [don.lachance@scouting.org](mailto:don.lachance@scouting.org)

For units in the boundaries of Rockwood, Kirkwood, and Valley Park school districts

**District Executive:**

Nick Prainito, [nicholas.prainito@scouting.org](mailto:nicholas.prainito@scouting.org)

For packs in the boundaries of Parkway, Webster Groves, and Brentwood school districts

**The New Horizons District Calendar for 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**”