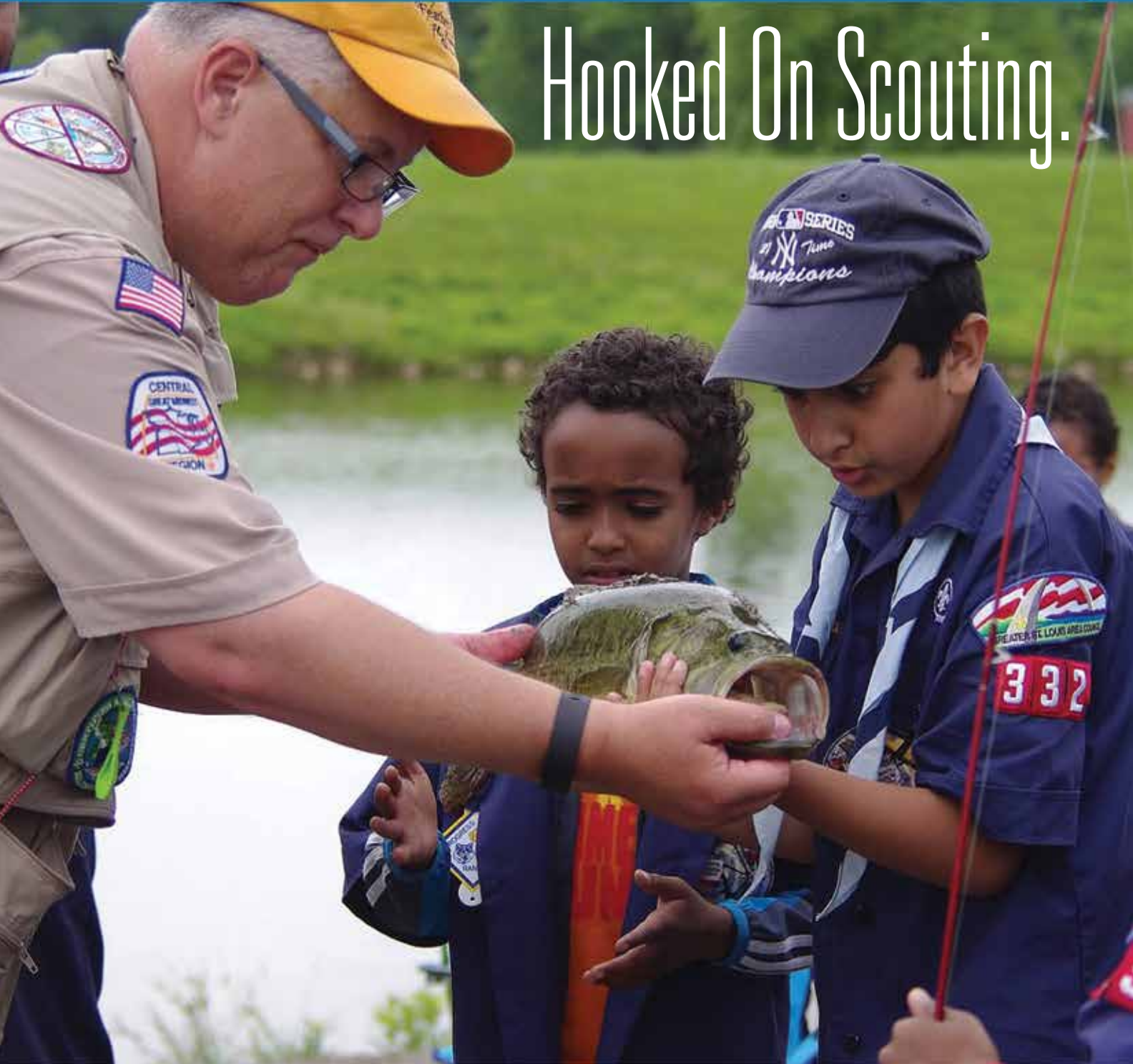


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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNCIL

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A Note From The Scout Executive...

The council recently hosted its annual business meeting and recognition dinner where we honored 24 deserving volunteers with the Silver Beaver Award.



Every year I am awed by the tremendous commitment of our adult volunteers, and this class was no exception. Hearing their Scouting stories and experiences reminded me once again why the Greater St. Louis Area Council is truly one of the best in the nation and why I'm humbled and proud to serve as your Scout Executive.

As the dog days of summer wind down and we prepare for another adventurous Scouting year, we know fall recruitment is right around the corner. Recruitment happens all year long, but we know more youth join during the start of school than any other time of the year — to the tune of approximately 5,000 new families.

But still, Scouting serves just 8.34 percent of Scout-aged youth in our region. With your help, we can instill the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law to even more children with a successful fall recruitment campaign.

The council will once again help spread the word through channels such as billboards, television commercials, and bus banners, but we need your help too. Contact local businesses in your community for permission to hang posters, host a Scout booth at community and back-to-school events, put a notice in your church bulletin, or use yard signs to promote sign-up nights. Most importantly though, ask your neighbors, co-workers, and fellow parishioners to join Scouting.

If Scouting has touched your life and made a positive impact, please help us ensure that Scouting continues to be enjoyed by future generations by making a special effort this fall.

Yours in Scouting,

Ronald S. Green



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The latest in council and BSA news...

- **STEM Scouts** is a new pilot program for girls and boys, in elementary through high school, that focuses on fun and exciting opportunities. p.3
- **Cub Scout Adventures** are now going full-force! Your local Scout Shop has everything you need to get started. scouting.org/programupdates
- **Animation** is the newest merit badge released this year. Scouts show their creativity through computer or traditional animation tasks to tell their story. meritbadge.org
- **Start planning** for the 2017 National Jamboree! p.18



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Cubs get up close and personal with a large-mouth bass

photo by Sheri Hogland

Venturer Earns Rare STEM Award



Earlier this year, Christopher Colletti joined an elite group as he became just the second Venturer in the nation to earn the Dr. Albert Einstein Supernova Gold Award. This third-level Supernova Award requires the Venturer to develop a research project for a current STEM-related concern and present a written report and oral presentation to the council Nova committee.

"I did research on autonomous vehicles, a glider, for flights in other atmospheres," Christopher said. "My specific one was

I looked at the atmosphere of Titan, which is a moon around Saturn, and analyzed the possibility of sending a glider mission to Titan to collect data on the atmosphere in Titan itself."

If that topic sounds daunting, that's because it was. Christopher, who is double majoring in both aerospace and mechanical engineering at Parks College, spent 10 weeks on the project logging approximately 400 hours on his research.

Helping Christopher along the way were two very dedicated mentors in STEM committee member Lisa Balbes and Dr. Ray LeBeau.

"He has much more advanced skills than our typical sophomore student does," Dr. LeBeau, assistant professor at Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Engineering, said of Christopher. "Basically, I handed him a couple of books, a couple of references, and he started putting it all together. We talked a few times a week to go over a few things, but really he just took that ball and went with it. Getting that kind of dedication, that kind of interest is a rare thing, particularly for someone who hasn't even finished his sophomore year and is still developing their technical skills."

This summer, Christopher will continue to learn and develop his skills as he completes an internship at NASA, where he will be working on a vehicle analysis branch that uses composites in different ways in some of the systems on the vehicles.

"I hope to do vehicle design for defense," Christopher said of his career aspirations. "Another option is just going down a more research side and working developmental technologies and different areas for that."

Oh, and just in case you are wondering about his Supernova Gold Award project... turns out, sending a glider to Titan might actually be conceivable.

"Conclusion drawn was that it looks like it is possible and feasible to send a glider mission to Titan, and I've actually been talking to Dr. LeBeau and will be continuing to look into this possibility with other planets to see if this mission can be developed for more than just Titan."



BOY SCOUT NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7 P.M.

ALL SCOUT TICKETS ARE \$13!

ALL SCOUTS WITH A TICKET WILL RECEIVE A

COMMEMORATIVE PATCH

JOIN US FOR A PRE-SHOW SCOUT CLINIC BEFORE THE
SHOW AT 5:15 P.M.

CALL TIM THURBER AT 314-613-1885 FOR MORE DETAILS!



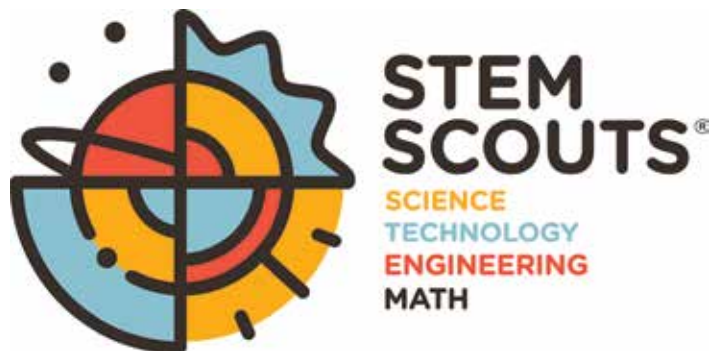
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NOVA Awards Expand Cubs' Horizons

Three new NOVA Awards are now available for Cub Scouts: Down And Dirty (earth science), NOVA WILD! (wildlife and natural world), and Out Of This World (space exploration).

For more information, visit scouting.org/stem.



Recipe For Success. Formula For Fun.

STEM Scouts is a brand-new pilot program in the Greater St. Louis Area Council focused on fun and exciting opportunities for elementary through high school girls and boys in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The program helps young people understand how to apply STEM concepts in their everyday lives as well as develop leadership and communication skills. By giving them the opportunity to connect with STEM professionals, students can use their experiences to explore potential future careers.

STEM Scouts puts boys and girls, grades 3-12, in labs led by volunteers and mentored by STEM professionals for fun, hands-on experiments. Kids will learn, play and lead. And they'll do it in an environment that fosters teamwork and creativity.

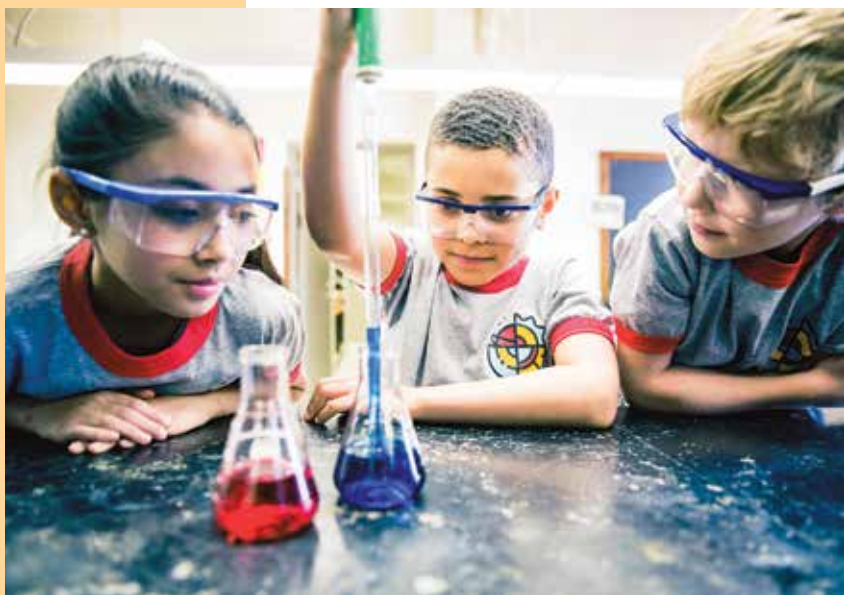
The program aims to produce young men and women who:

- show leadership.
- display confidence.
- realize their skills and limitations.
- respect others' opinions.
- become problem solvers in all aspects of life.
- look for opportunities to serve others.
- demonstrate good citizenship.
- show integrity in all phases of their lives.

STEM Scouts parallels the BSA in areas such as setting and achieving goals, uniforms, leadership skills, adult role models, and following the Scout Oath and Law.

MISSION

Using experiential activities and interaction with STEM professionals, the goal of the STEM Scouts program is to encourage the natural curiosity of young minds and their interest in STEM fields.



Interested in getting involved in the new STEM Scouts program? Get information and notifications by adding your name to the subscription list at stemscouts.org/st.louis.

Eagle Scout Earns National \$25,000 Scholarship To Further Education

The phone call came on April Fool's Day, but Frank Nash quickly realized this was not a prank call.

On April 1, 2015, Frank learned that he was the sole recipient of the National Eagle Scout Association's \$25,000 United Health Foundation college scholarship. According to its website, NESA receives more than 5,000 scholarship applications each year.

"I didn't really know what to think," recalled Frank. "It was a lot to take in at once. It's a great relief to have it. It's an honor to have it as well."

The United Health Foundation scholarship is one of two academic scholarships offered. It is awarded to an applicant who plans to pursue a career in the healthcare arena and is willing to reinvest his knowledge and skills in an underserved community. For Frank, an Eagle Scout from Troop 403 chartered to Arcadia Valley Elks No. 2330 in the Ozark Trailblazers District, the scholarship will take him to the University of Missouri-Kansas City next year. He will study biology and minor in Spanish.

When he arrives on campus, Frank will arrive at college having already earned more than 40 college credits through his high school's advanced placement program. In his senior year alone, Frank completed seven classes, including biology which is a five-hour class with a lab.

"As a mom, I don't know that I could be any more proud or happy or blessed," said Frank's mom, Desiree Crocker.

"You're always proud to see your children able to succeed and go after their dreams, but to realize that we're from a small town, population less than 2,000, and he was able to receive a scholarship on a national level, it's great to see that he's getting recognized elsewhere."

As if taking a handful of college courses isn't enough to keep Frank busy, his extracurricular schedule is just as



Eagle Scout Frank Nash and mom, Desiree Crocker

lengthy and impressive. The Arcadia Valley High School senior is in the school math club, National Honor Society, common core, a community-service based club, Future Business Leaders of America, choir, and track. Oh, and he used to be involved in band and cross country as well.

With so many other things going on in Frank's life, it would have been easy to drop Scouting along the way too, but he stayed with the program from Tiger Cub all the

way to Eagle Scout — and earned nine additional Eagle Palms

"Really, the people that I've been in [Scouting] with and the experiences that I've had," Frank said of why he stayed involved in Scouting. "I've learned so many things. I've learned not only camping, fire, and cooking, but I've learned leadership, how to get along with others that I may not really talk to much in school. A teacher to younger



kids to pass on some of the things I've learned and some of the tips that I've picked up along the way."

Katie Bruton Selected As Mo. VFW Scout Of The Year

Annually, the Missouri VFW selects a Scout of the Year recipient for its scholarship. For 2015, they selected Katie Bruton from Union, Mo., who was sponsored by VFW Post 2661 in Washington, Mo.

Katie is a member of Sea Scout Ship 5454, Venture Crew 2783,



and Explorer Aviation Post 2297 in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Her awards and honors include the Sea Scout Quartermaster, Venturing Silver, National Youth Leadership Society, regional and area Venturing leadership awards, and the Philmont Training Center Masters Square Knot. She is a student at St. Francis Borgia High School in Washington, Mo.,

where she has a cumulative grade point average of 3.924.

Katie will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Missouri. In addition, her application packet has been forwarded to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the VFW's national scholarship awards selection.

Camp Staff Reunion

Did you serve on the camp staff of any camp within the Greater St. Louis Area Council? Reminisce with other former staffers at the Camp Staff Reunion at S bar F Scout Ranch Sept. 4-6.



Bring your families and see old friends, walk the trails, participate in activities, and enjoy the meals. Come for the day on Saturday or spend the entire weekend.

For the latest information, email gslacalumni@gmail.com, and “like” and follow the GSLAC Camp Staff Alumni Group on Facebook.

Local Scouter Joins Elite Group Of Silver Antelope Recipients

With 25 years of dedicated service to Scouting, Roger Engelbart displays a continuing dedication to youth in the St. Louis area. He is the 19th member from the Greater St. Louis Area Council to receive the Silver Antelope Award.

Roger has served as Webelos leader, Scoutmaster, Sea Scouting Skipper’s mate, district commissioner, district vice chair, training chair, camping chair, and assistant council commissioner for training, University of Scouting chair, Area 3 program impact chair, Area 3 world jamboree coordinator, national jamboree contingent leader and basecamp commissioner, national Scout and world Scout jamboree Scoutmaster and Philmont Training Center faculty member.



The Scouting experience Roger is most proud of is having the opportunity to provide Scouts with international experiences through world Scout jamborees.

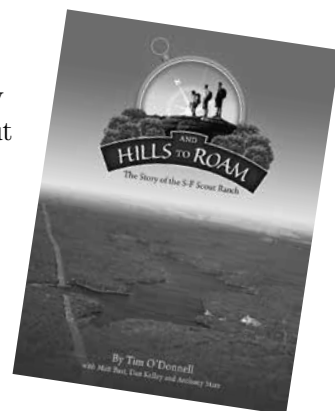
His Scouting recognitions include the Silver Beaver Award, District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service, Doctor of Commissioner Science, and Philmont Master Track Award. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

The Silver Antelope, created in 1942, is the highest award given to an adult from the BSA at the regional level. It is presented by the National Court of Honor on behalf of the region. GSLAC is in the Central Region.

Ranch History Book

2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the dedication of S bar F Scout Ranch. Commemorating the celebration is a book outlining the history of The Ranch — with plenty of pictures. The book contains 190 full-color pages with more than 575 photos, maps, and images. A companion DVD will include a documentary, vintage camp promotion videos, and additional maps and images. Four distinct sections are included: “And Hills to Roam” (The Ranch and the Boy Scouts); “A Borrowed Paradise” (the natural environment); “In their Footsteps” (a history of the area); and the DVD.

“And Hills To Roam” can be purchased at the Camp Staff Reunion and Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion in September, and at stlbsa.kintera.org/andhillstoroom.





The **ACADEMY** of RACING

Coming Fall 2015!

Our new program for 2015 introduces Cub and Boy Scouts to STEM in a real-world racing environment. The Academy of Racing is committed to making Science, Technology, Engineering and Math exciting and relevant kids.



For more information, please contact Jordan Gelencir at Jordan@AcademyOfRacing.com

Programs are head at Pole Position Raceway St. Louis.



Cubs And Families: Try It All At Day One

Is this your son's first year as a Cub Scout? Would you like to see what he does when he goes to camp?

Bring the family to a special event and get a taste of what Cub Scouting is all about.

Cub Scouting Day One has two locations this year — Cub World at Beaumont Scout Reservation and Rotary Park in Wentzville. Activities are on going from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, so you can come any time of the day.

Parents: Get in on the FUN! Join Scouting with your son!



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10\3:30-10 P.M.**

CUB WORLD, BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION
REGISTER AT
SCOUTINGEVENT.COM?FALLFRIGHTFEST

A FUN, AGE-APPROPRIATE
BUT SCARY ACTIVITY
TO ADD TO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT

| crafts | haunted trail | story telling |
goody bag for every child

Carpooling is encouraged. Sorry, no walk-ins accepted.

Expect to spend 2 hours to finish your Fright Fest
experience. Groups begin every 30 minutes.

A CUB SCOUT EVENT —
PARENTS & AND SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME!

Did You 'Scout It Out' This Summer?

You could be one of three contest winners to receive a free week at 2016 summer camp plus a \$500 gift card to the Scout Shop!

It's not too late to join in on the fun!



All you have to do is post a Scouting photo or video to your Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram accounts. Participants are limited to one entry per day and all shares must tag @stlbsa and use hashtag #scoutitout. Contest ends Aug. 8. Winners will be randomly selected Aug. 10. Visit stlbsa.org/about/scoutitout-contest for official contest rules.



The photo at left was submitted by Brian N., and Amy H. submitted the photo above.

Submit your photo now!

Scouts Tie For Top Spot

When it comes to selling Camp Cards, Dustin Reid (far right) and Evan Rockwell have what it takes to be No. 1. Each sold 327 cards and tied for first place in sales. Their prize is an Apple iPad Mini for each of them.

Both Scouts are from the Gravois Trail District; Dustin is in Troop 582 chartered to Hancock Alumni Community Association, and Evan is in Troop 585 chartered to Bernard Middle School PTO.

The rest of the 30 top sellers are Kaleb Rhodes, Pack 721, Gravois Trail; James Schaeffef, Troop 506, Boone Trails; Isaac Betzold, Troop 988, Osage; Nezariah Berry, Troop 664, Pathfinder; Collin Rockwell, Troop 585, Gravois Trail; Alex Crawford, Troop 585, Gravois Trail; Brandon Wheeler, Troop 950, North Star; Aaron Millerman, Troop 582, Gravois Trail; Bobby Pea, Troop 353, Boone Trails; Michael Hill, Troop 506, Boone Trails; Gavin Ruiz, Troop 406, River Trails; Triston Schultz, Troop 585, Gravois Trail; Johnny Scudero, Troop 972, Boone Trails; Hunter McCormack, Troop 754, Boone Trails; Macallister Calder, Pack 858, Boone Trails; Hunter Blecha, Troop 406, River Trails; Cooper Thompson, Pack 546, River Trails; Christopher Kueck, Troop 853, Boone Trails; Jakob Geldomacher, Troop 585, Gravois Trail; Hunter Rockwell,



Troop 41, Kaskaskia; Trevor Waggoner, Troop 406, River Trails; Brandon Waggoner, Troop 406, River Trails; Hunter Burgan, Pack 467, River Trails; Conner Nickles, Troop 406, River Trails; Franky, Jacquez, Troop 406, River Trails; Sebastian Pfefferkorn, Troop 792, New Horizons; Trey Juedeman, Troop 406, River Trails; Adam Wheeler, Troop 506, Boone Trails.

For the fourth consecutive year, Scouts sold Camp Cards from Feb. 1 through March 31 to earn their way to summer camp. Money raised can also be used towards items such as new uniforms or equipment. Camp Cards contain savings offers from regional vendors ranging from restaurants and retail shops to sports and family entertainment venues.

Look What's Possible With POPCORN!

Selling popcorn is a great way to fund your unit's annual program. Money raised by units have been used to cover the cost of badges and advancement, special events, and pack and troop equipment. Not only do units benefit from selling popcorn, but these sales also benefit the council by providing better programs and camping facilities.

Every unit receives a unit sales kit at the popcorn training dinner (see Timeline & Training below). These kits include everything you need to have a successful fundraiser such as a leader

guidebook, online selling poster and sales poster, popcorn sample, and a \$600 prize incentive.

By selling popcorn, Scouts and Venturers:

- have an opportunity to pay for their Scouting or Venturing program and earn their way to camp.
- can earn cool rewards and even a college scholarship.
- will gain confidence and learn important skills such as goal-setting, teamwork, and public speaking.
- help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for their parents.

The popcorn sale supports our Scouting program by reducing expenses for Scouting and Venturing families and providing funding for packs and troops to carry out their activities. No other fundraiser supports the entire council paying for needed camp equipment, resources, programs, training for leaders, and much more.

Plan your sale now!

popcorn.stlbsa.org

Visit for more info, the product line, commission structure, and details about the FREE camp incentive!

3 Ways To Sell

• DOOR-TO-DOOR

Scouts travel through their neighborhoods asking neighbors, friends and family if they'd like to buy popcorn.

• SHOW 'N' SELL

Your unit gets permission to set up a display with products for people to purchase as they walk by.

• ONLINE SALES

Scouts can set up their own online store on the Trails End website. This is also the earliest way to sell popcorn because online sales start Aug. 1!



Timeline & Training

08/10 — St. Louis South Popcorn Dinner: Andres, 4254 Telegraph Rd., St. Louis, 63129

08/12 — St. Louis North Popcorn Dinner: Orlando's, 2050 Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights, 63043

08/15 — Popcorn Training Make-up: Emerson Center, Beaumont Scout Reservation

08/17 — Southeast Missouri Popcorn Dinner: Ray's Plaza Banquet Center, 3257 William St., Cape Girardeau, 63701

08/19 — Southern Illinois Popcorn Dinner: The Pavilion, 1602 Sioux, Marion, 62959

09/01 — popcorn sale begins: Show 'N' Sell & Take Order; Show 'N' Sell popcorn orders due

09/11 — Show 'N' Sell popcorn distribution

09/25-27 — Blitz Weekend No. 1

09/18, 25 & 10/2, 9, 16 — Fill-it-up drawings: units must turn in copy of Scout's full order form by Monday noon

10/16-18 — Blitz Weekend No. 2

by 10/23 — Show 'N' Sell closeout, return unopened cases; popcorn and prize orders due online

11/13-14 — units pick up popcorn (varies by district)

12/04 — money due to council office

Want More To Do This Summer?

There Is Still A Lot Going On At Summer Camp!

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Twilight STEM Camp

Webelos Overnight Camps

Boy Scout STEM Camp

Boy Scout Summer Camp

Eagle Trail Camp for Boy Scouts

Horse Camp for Boy Scouts & Venturers



SHOOTING SPORTS



HUCK'S COVE

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TURN THE PAGE TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Summer camp is in full swing, but it's not too late to sign up! There are a variety of camps to choose from for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. What are you waiting for?

Cub Scout Camps

Day Camp — Popular activities such as archery and sling shots return each year, while others such as games, sports and crafts rotate and change with the annual theme to keep camp different and engaging each year. This year's theme is Take Flight!

through July 31: various locations

Webelos Week Long & Mini Camp

— Webelos camp in tents, hike trails, swim daily, have fun at campfires, work on activity badges, explore nature, learn Scoutcraft skills, participate in shooting sports, and much more!

• through July 24: various locations

Parent & Pal — This is a weekend of fun for all levels of Cub Scouts and their parent(s) at one of our great properties! Highlights of the weekend program include swimming, canoeing, fishing (Lewallen and S bar F only), archery, BB gun range, and campfire.

• July 25-26: Camp May



Wolf & Bear Camps — Wolf adventures include Paws on the Path, Call of the Wild, Spirit of the Water, and Digging in the Past, along with swimming, BB guns, archery, Scoutcraft, and much more! Bear adventures include Bear Necessities, Fur, Feathers, and Ferns, and A Bear Goes Fishing, along with swimming, BB guns, archery, and Scoutcraft! These are all part of the NEW Cub Scout Advancement Program.

• July 26-28, July 29-31: Camp Lewallen

STEM Twilight Camp — Cubs spend four cool nights doing STEM activities and working on the new belt loops and NOVA awards.

• July 27-30: Cub World

Boy Scout Camps

Boy Scout Camp — Experience a summer you'll always remember while enjoying dozens of activities such as water skiing, sailing, horsemanship, ATVs, climbing, stand-up paddle boards... and the list goes on!

• through Aug. 8: S bar F Scout Ranch

Ranger Camp — The ULTIMATE program for Scouts who are at least

14, or in their fourth summer camp. Backpack to a different outpost at The Ranch each day and test your outdoor survival skills.

• July 19-24, July 26-31: S bar F Scout Ranch

STEM Camp — Come experience one of our newest summer camp offerings in this extraordinary week with more than 40 STEM-based merit badges. Afternoons and evenings include outrageous STEM programs and exhibits to experience!

• July 26-Aug. 1: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Eagle Trail Camp — A place where Scouts can jump start their journey towards Eagle while still enjoying camp activities such as water skiing, shotgun shooting, rock climbing, kayak polo, and more!

• Aug. 2-7: S bar F Scout Ranch

Horse Camp — Spend a week riding a horse (of course), improving your skills, and then showing off your riding skills in a horse show. Other highlights of the week include swimming, skeet shooting, climbing tower, ropes course, and campfires.

• Aug. 2-8: Nagel Base

Thank You To Our 2015 Summer Camp Directors!

Famous Eagle
McFarlane
Duncan



Lewallen
Geoffrey
Vandiver



Swift Base
Lisa
Abernathy



Gamble
Greg Mills



May
Julie Monken



Dir. of Camping
John Snipes



Camp Famous Eagle, Camp Gamble, and Swift Base are at S bar F Scout Ranch; Camp May, Cub World, and Nagel Base are at Beaumont Scout Reservation

Camp Notes

Quartermaster Corps

The S bar F Quartermaster Corps is made up of Scout leaders who donate time and energy to help maintain council camps for the enrichment of the Scouting program. They repair, paint, fix up, and build using all levels of skills to enhance our camps. The next work days are Aug. 8 and Sept. 12.

Contact Jeff Rechner at jeff.rechner@scouting.org or Rich Panosh at rich.panosh@scouting.org for more information.

Campmaster Corps

The S bar F Campmaster Corps is a group of registered Scouters who help visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience. Campmasters provide a camp orientation for each unit upon arrival and inspect the camp upon departure to maintain safe, secure facilities. Training for new Campmasters is on Aug. 8.

Contact Jeff Rechner at jeff.rechner@scouting.org or Rich Panosh at rich.panosh@scouting.org for more information.



Beaumont Service Projects

Looking for a fun and rewarding weekend? Consider heading over to Beaumont for camping and service projects. Several tasks at Beaumont need to be completed for general maintenance of the grounds.

For more information, contact Kim Blumenberg at 314-256-3074 or kim.blumenberg@scouting.org.



BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION | CAMP LEWALLEN | PINE RIDGE SCOUT CAMP | S BAR F SCOUT RANCH

Visit Our Camp Properties Any Time

Summer camp isn't the only time Scouts and units can enjoy all of the great programs the council has to offer!

The Greater St. Louis Area Council offers a variety of fun activities for Scout units, families, and friends to enjoy all year long! Scouters can rent accommodations such as cabins, lodges, and pavilions and even add fun programs such as paddleboards, kayaks, rock climbing, archery, pioneer kit, and others.

Enjoy a hayride at Beaumont Scout reservation and then rent the Nagel Rec Hall for meeting or pot-luck. Or take advantage of the Grizzly Camp Cub World Activity Building, now air-conditioned and heated.

Camp Lewallen offers year-round camping and has two lodges available for rent. Units can make use of the climbing tower while visiting or set out on the 10-mile Anpetu-We Trail.

Three cabins are ready for use at Pine Ridge Scout Camp, including Bailey Lodge. Though not available for overnight stays, Bailey Lodge has a beautiful fireplace, indoor plumbing and full kitchen making it perfect for meetings and courts of honor. Fishing, rock climbing, and canoeing make Pine Ridge a perfect spot for Scouting weekends.

At S bar F Scout Ranch, units can choose between a variety of overnight accommodations including tree houses, Adirondacks, and tipis. Dozens of activities are also available from rock climbing and boating to challenge courses and shotgun range.

Visit stlbsa.org/activities/camping/rsvp to view lodging and program availability.

Save \$100 On a Second Week of Camp! It's back! Attend a Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scout or Venturer Summer Camp for a second week and save a \$100 at one of the following camps: Boy Scout Summer Camp, Eagle Trail Camp, STEM Camp, Ranger Camp, Venturing Camp, or Catholic Adventure Camp. A \$100 family discount is available for siblings who also attend a GSLAC Boy Scout camp ...or get \$50 off these camps if you spend a week at another council's camp or a high-adventure base!

Grow Your Unit With New Members This Fall

Recruiting new Scouts is a year-round effort; however, more youth join Scouting in the fall than any other time of the year.

In August, the Greater St. Louis Area Council begins its annual School Night campaign when it welcomes more than 5,000 new kids to the Scouting program. School Nights are held at every elementary school throughout the council to introduce boys and their families to Scouting.

Here are some ways your unit can help ensure a successful School Night:

- Participate in at least two sign-up programs this fall. First is the traditional School Night program already scheduled for each district (contact your district executive for the date).

Second, units should also make arrangements to have a display table staffed by leaders at the school's back-to-school programs normally held at the beginning of the school year.

- Classroom visits, school assemblies, and other visits to boys at school are great opportunities to tell the Scouting story. Units should coordinate with their district executive in arranging for these in-school programs.
- Prepare and share an information sheet about your unit and include your pack calendar. Also plan to have a budget and share this information with prospective new families.
- Display School Night yard signs at sign-up night and school display locations. These signs are available through your district executive.

Put A Unit Marketing Plan Into Action

A great way to get new participants is by letting the public know about the fun, exciting things that the pack is doing. The Greater St. Louis Area Council will help get the word out, but the majority of your success comes from grassroots marketing.

Consider assigning a parent from the pack to head your marketing effort and consider some of the following techniques: yard signs; posters in schools/stores/work; announcements in neighborhood newspapers, school newspapers/newsletters, church bulletins, school and church marquees, etc.



Plan Your Program Year

The 2015-16 Program Guide is an invaluable reference and planning tool to be used all year long. The wide range of information will help your unit assemble a great calendar of activities. Copies are available at any council service center or by contacting your district executive. You can also access an online version at stlbsa.org.



Parents, Join The Adventure!

One of the most satisfying experiences a mom and/or dad can have with their son is to participate with him in his Cub Scout pack or den.

Cub Scouting encourages closeness to family. The program helps a parent and son grow closer through activities while spending quality time together.

While their son is a Cub Scout, parents have many opportunities to work with him on projects, help him along the advancement trail, participate in pack meetings, go on family campouts with him, and more.



stlbsa.org/volunteers

Recruitment Night

How can you make your unit's Scout recruitment night run smoothly?

- Welcome each boy and parent as they enter and ask each family to sign in.
- Hand out a sample Boys' Life mini-magazine to each family.
- Have an opening ceremony.
- Explain what Scouting is.
- Hand out a unit information sheet and calendar and briefly explain the unit's activities.
- Go over how the unit works and introduce all the volunteers and leaders in attendance.
- For Cub Scouts, divide into program groups: Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos.
- Collect applications and the \$24 BSA fee that night. Discuss the unit's budget for the upcoming year and explain how Scouts can earn their own way through popcorn and camp card sales.
- Review when the next meeting is and the location.
- Keep the structured part of the night to 30-45 minutes.
- Make the event fun and enjoyable by adding enthusiasm to the presentations.
- Submit applications and fees to the district headquarters that evening.

Find recruitment materials at stlbsa.org/program-preview.

Be Prepared And Be Safe When Helping Others In Need

When heading out to your Scout activities, be sure to always have a first-aid kit with you.

Personal First-Aid Kit

(recommended quantity for group first-aid kit in parentheses)

- six adhesive bandages (box of assorted sizes)
- two sterile 3-by-3-inch gauze pads (12)
- small roll of adhesive tape (roll of 1-inch adhesive tape)
- 3-by-6-inch piece of moleskin (4)
- small bar of soap or small bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizing gel
- small tube of triple antibiotic ointment
- scissors
- disposable nonlatex gloves (12)
- CPR breathing barrier
- pencil and paper

Additional items for a home or patrol/troupe group first-aid kit should include:

- one 2-inch roller bandage
 - two 1-inch roller bandages
 - two 3-inch-wide elastic bandages
 - two packets of gel pads for blisters and burns
 - 24 alcohol swabs
 - tube of triple antibiotic ointment
 - four triangular bandages
 - tweezers
 - 12 safety pins
 - protective goggles/safety glasses
- Also recommended are:
- instant cold compress
 - space blanket
 - SAM® Splint

West Fellowship Keeps Scouting Ready For The Future

The James E. West Fellowship Award is a BSA recognition presented by the council for individuals and chartered units who contribute \$1,000 or more in cash or securities to the GSLAC James West Fellowship fund.

Organizations or individuals may contribute an award in honor of someone — an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver recipient, a Scouter — or in memory of a departed loved one. Those who are recognized by the James E. West Fellowship Award ensure the Scouting legacy by helping create the financial stability needed to carry Scouting forward.

For more information, contact Kevin Litt at kevin.litt@scouting.org or 314-256-3010.

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Become The Best Scouter You Can Be

Ever wonder what those wooden beads are around some Scouters' necks? They are Wood Badge beads!

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course designed to develop more effective Scouters. The purpose of Wood Badge is to help develop many new leadership skills and techniques in order to deliver the highest quality Scouting program and stronger leadership for America.

The Wood Badge course is held on two weekends, and attendance is required at both. The next course is at Camp Lewallen on Aug. 14-16 and Aug. 28-30. Participants must have completed basic leader training (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer) for their Scouting position prior to Wood Badge.

Course fee is \$275.

For more information and to register, visit stlbsa.org/training/wood-badge.

Build Relationships With Den Chief Training

The Den Chief Program is a key means of building relationships between the Cub Scout pack and the Boy Scout troop.

A den chief is a Boy Scout who assists a den leader at meetings and other Scouting events. A valuable source of guidance, skills, songs, and games, the den chief encourages the boys in their advancement and shares his enthusiasm for Scouting with the den.

The next Den Chief Conference is slated for Aug. 22 at Beaumont Scout Reservation. This one-day conference trains current and aspiring den chiefs on how to work with Cub Scouts.

Learn more at stlbsa.org/training/youth/den-chief-training.



LOE Prepares You For Outdoor Adventure

Are you planning to take your Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip? You will first need Leader Outdoor Experience (LOE) training.

There is no need to be terrified of the unknown — this course will prepare you for your den or pack's next outdoor adventure!

This training is open to all leaders within the pack including Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos leaders as well as Cubmasters. Learn about camp facilities, basic cooking and camping skills, and find great resources for your den. Upcoming courses are Oct. 10-11 at Beaumont Scout Reservation or Oct. 17-18 at Camp Lewallen.

For more information, visit training.stlbsa.org.

2015 Training At-A-Glance

Wood Badge

- Aug. 14-16 & Aug. 28-30 — Camp Lewallen

Den Chief Training

- Aug. 22 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

Challenge Course Training

- Sept. 16 & Sept. 26-27 — S bar F Scout Ranch

Pioneering Kit

- Sept. 19 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

Map & Compass

- Oct. 10 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

Commissioner Training

- Oct. 10 — Cape Girardeau

Leader

Outdoor Experience

- Oct. 10-12 — Beaumont Scout Reservation
- Oct. 17-18 — Camp Lewallen

VOA Officer Training

- Oct. 16-17 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

Pow Wow

- Nov. 7 — Seckman High School

Okpik Cold Weather Camping

- Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 9 & 16-17 — Beaumont Scout Reservation

training.stlbsa.org

Brothers Gather For Fall Reunions And Conclave

The council's two Order of the Arrow lodges will have their annual fall reunions Friday–Sunday, Sept. 11-13.



Anpetu-We Lodge members meet at Camp Lewallen, and Shawnee Lodge members meet at

S bar F Scout Ranch. Boy Scouts and leaders who were elected to become O.A. members during summer camp will complete their Ordeal.

Details can be found in Anpetu-We's newsletter *Turtle Tales* and Shawnee's newsletter *The Lookout*. Information is also available at anpetu-we.org and shawneelodge.org.

The Section C-3B Conclave will be held Friday–Sunday, Sept. 18-20, at Rhodes-France Scout Reservation near Pana, Ill. The host lodge is Woapink from Lincoln Trails Council, Decatur, Ill.

Cost was not set at *Duffle Bag* press time. The fee will include Friday cracker barrel; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and supper; Saturday cracker barrel; and conclave patch and program materials.

Visit shawneelodge.org or sectionc3b.org (C-3B Facebook group) for more information.



Soaring Honors

2015 Soaring Eagle Award recipients Michael and Noémi Neidorff (center) are surrounded by previous Soaring Eagle honorees at the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner in May. At left are David and Thelma Steward (2014); at right, Marilyn Fox and Ambassador Sam Fox (2013); in back, Priscilla McDonnell, who had accepted the award on behalf of her late husband, Sandford N. McDonnell, and W. Randall McDonnell (2012).

Below, some of the 636 Eagle Scouts from the class of 2014 recite the Scout Oath during the recognition ceremony.





We recognize the following young men who recently achieved Scouting's highest rank...

Boone Trails

Andrew Adams, Troop 351
 David Bagley, Troop 853
 Alexander Beattie, Troop 853
 Joshua Becher, Troop 984
 Austin Bequette, Troop 72
 Jacob Biehl, Troop 977
 Conner Brigante, Troop 918
 Luke Bruning, Troop 835
 Colin Bryant, Troop 853
 Alexander Connell, Troop 30
 Austin Dunkin, Troop 853
 Ryan Dussold, Troop 984
 Brett Englert, Troop 353
 Scott Englert, Troop 353
 Benjamin Gerdes, Troop 997
 Andrew Gibbons, Troop 997
 Adam Gifford, Troop 768
 Nicholas Graceffa, Troop 813
 James Green III, Troop 984
 Luke Guerdan, Troop 72
 Spencer Hanson, Troop 979
 Brian Hinkle, Troop 856
 Blake Hollis, Troop 760
 Cody Majesky, Troop 911
 Nicholas McClanahan, Troop 968
 Eli Mears, Team 6973
 Dominico Mercurio, Troop 858
 Andrew Mitchell, Troop 853
 Derek Mitchell, Troop 853
 Brady Peters, Troop 856
 Ryan Rechten, Troop 975
 Philip Ross, Troop 972
 Bryson Schroeder, Troop 351
 Eric Seevers, Troop 628
 Keagan Taylor, Team 6973
 Jason Tesreau, Troop 674
 Timothy Ward, Troop 972
 Collin Witte, Troop 72

Cherokee

Maverick Giltz, Troop 323
 Spencer Raymond, Troop 141

Egyptian

Carson Bookstaver, Troop 156
 Zachary Clarida, Troop 23
 Hyrum Dickinson, Troop 3
 Sean Glennon, Troop 77
 Benjamin Morefield, Troop 156
 David Spell, Crew 7042
 Caden Thueson, Troop 3
 Griffin Thueson, Troop 3

Grand Towers

Emil Banaszak, Troop 98
 Darius Black, Troop 26
 Jasen Jackson, Troop 98

Gravois Trail

Ryan Adams, Troop 165
 Timothy Bavlsik, Troop 646
 Christopher Fearnley, Troop 66
 Benjamin Haefner, Troop 602
 Nathan Keightley, Troop 821
 Sean Kennedy, Troop 646
 Jacob Kujath, Troop 648
 Mason Merris, Troop 725
 Joseph Nilges, Troop 25
 Corey Parsons, Troop 752
 Julian Rhodes, Troop 824
 Christopher Ryan, Troop 671
 Geoffery Walker, Troop 815
 Jordan Wilcox, Troop 776
 Trystan Wright, Troop 25
 Indiana Jancich, Troop 25

Kaskaskia

John Lindt, Troop 66

New Horizons

Salvatore Alu, Troop 456
 Luke Barnett, Troop 456
 Adam Delaney, Troop 677

Andrew DeVeydt, Troop 313
 Elijah Doering, Troop 572
 Michael Dunlap, Troop 314
 Andrew Eckhard, Troop 603
 Benjamin Fugate, Troop 750
 Matthew Fulton, Troop 631
 Ryan Godar, Troop 792
 Jacob Grellner, Troop 456
 David Hotard, Troop 809
 Shane Kelly, Troop 677
 Zachary Kierstead, Troop 981
 Jacob Laws, Troop 631
 Robert Marcolina, Jr., Troop 751
 Ian McCormac, Troop 631
 Joseph Merrick, Troop 809
 Timothy Moritz, Troop 313
 Cyril Narishkin, Troop 496
 Evan Pautz, Troop 803
 Luke Perry, Troop 313
 Austin Pfaff, Troop 677
 Thomas Putnam, Troop 300
 Nathan Rands, Troop 802
 Justin Redfering, Troop 301
 Ryan Rueckert, Troop 597
 Daniel Schu, Troop 323
 Andrew Senkbeil, Troop 313
 Luke Soderstrom, Troop 387
 Christopher Talbott, Troop 801
 Ryan Thompson, Troop 357
 Kier Verhoff, Troop 301
 Daniel Weiss, Troop 623
 Owen Wilhelms, Troop 360

North Star

Skylar Cribbett, Troop 613
 Louis Hedlesky, Troop 940
 Luke Horner, Troop 940
 Brandon Smith, Troop 884
 Thomas Walth, Troop 705

Osage

Porter Allmeroth, Troop 442
 Jacob DeVore, Troop 433
 Brandon Guehne, Troop 439
 Willard Guyton V, Troop 449
 Jonathan Kelpel, Troop 433
 Brandon Kleinheider, Troop 443
 Michael O'Rourke Jr., Troop 329
 Wyatt Smith, Troop 429
 Samuel Tobben, Troop 433

Ozark Trailblazers

Blake Braswell, Troop 423
 Noah Junge, Troop 247
 Jacob Stahlman, Troop 445
 Michael Wyatt, Troop 27

Pathfinder

Ethan Bopp, Troop 643
 Christopher Hahn, Troop 284
 Dylan Neely, Troop 283
 Daniel Soares, Troop 344
 Steele Stewart, Troop 344

River Trails

Ezekiel Arriaga, Troop 419
 Anthony Chellew, Troop 372
 Bryan Dietrich, Troop 405
 Matthew Eisenbeis, Troop 484
 Lucas Kramer, Troop 413
 Garret Lawson, Crew 2495
 Brandon Repa, Troop 553
 Thomas Surdyke, Troop 484

Shawnee

Raymond Boos, Troop 16
 Hunter Miller, Troop 2

Thunderbird

David Borgmeyer, Troop 20
 Patrick Braun, Troop 110
 Jacob Bremer, Troop 34

MERIT BADGE SKILL CENTERS

Citizenship in the Nation

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., July 28, Common Pleas Courthouse, 44 N. Lorimier St., 63701,
 & Rush H. Limbaugh Sr. U.S. Courthouse, 599 Independence St., 63703,
 Cape Girardeau

Dog Care

9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 26, Humane Society of Missouri,
 1201 Macklind Ave., 63110

Law 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 10, Old Courthouse, 11 N. 4th St., 63102

*Centers are in the metropolitan St. Louis area unless otherwise noted.
 For more information, visit the Achievements page at stlbsa.org.*

Public Health

8:30 -11:45 a.m., Aug. 6, St. Louis County Public Health Department,
 6121 N. Hanley Rd., 63134

Railroading

6 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 4, Amtrak Station, 430 S. 15th St., 63103

Scuba Diving

6 p.m., Sept. 28, Y-kiki Divers West County, 13001 Olive Blvd., 63141

Live Scouting's Adventure At '17 National Jamboree

Before you depart for the 2015 World Jamboree in Japan this summer, mark your calendar for the 2017 National Jamboree.

The 2017 National Jamboree takes place Wednesday–Friday, July 19–28, at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scouting Reserve, Mt. Hope, W.Va.

Ron Gjerstad, a Scouter with more than 25 years of experience, has been appointed by Scout Executive Ron Green to represent the Greater St. Louis Area Council as our council contingent leader.

Registration can be completed online at bsajamboree.org. A My.Scouting username and password are required. Visit My.Scouting.org if you don't have a My.Scouting account and follow the directions to create one. The My.Scouting account must be in the name of the person attending the jamboree and will be linked to his/her current, active BSA membership number.

Check jamboree.stlbsa.org often for payment schedule and details. Scouts and families should begin saving now for this memorable trip. All costs have not been set, but plan on approximately \$2,000 total.

Scouters interested in serving as contingent leaders

should apply online at summit.scouting.org and submit a resumé to Tony Fouts, jamboree staff adviser, at the MacArthur Service Center by mail, 4568 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108; or email, anthony.fouts@scouting.org.

Adults not selected during the interview process may apply for jamboree staff-at-large positions.

Tentative Timeline

- **Now** — Interested Scouts, Venturers, potential troop leaders, and youth and adult staff register online. Scouts and Venturers go through the local, regional, and national approval process.
- **Late 2015/Early 2016** — troop leader candidate interviews conducted and leaders selected.
- **Spring 2017** — jamboree troop meetings with Scouts and adult leadership take place.
- **July 2017** — troops depart for jamboree.

For more information, contact Ron Gjerstad at rongjerstad@buchheitonline.com; or Tony Fouts at anthony.fouts@scouting.org or 314-256-3124.

Experience the best of Scouting in one place. From stadium shows to merit badges, patch trading to adventure sports, you'll want to be at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2017.

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New Play Equipment Gives Cubs More To Do At Camp Grizzly Cub World!



Merit Badge Makeup Day



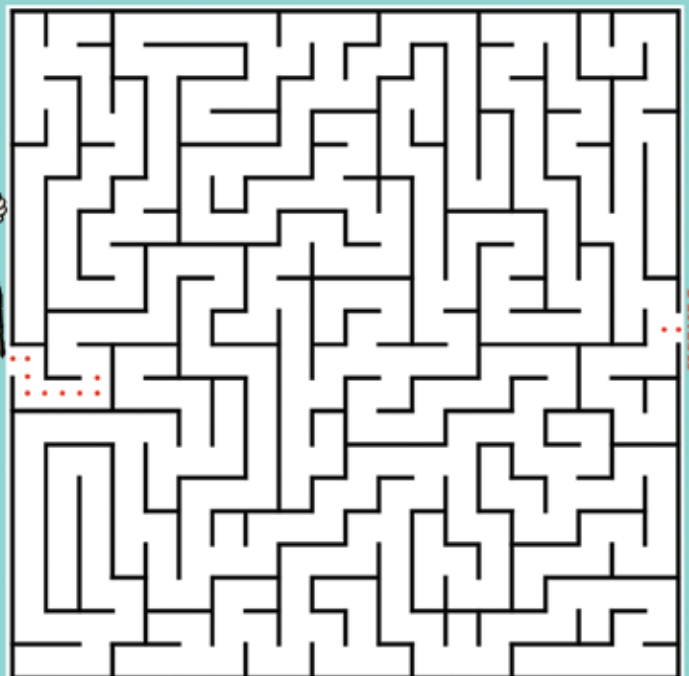
Boy Scouts, finish up the merit badges you started at camp!

The Eagle Scout Association hosts a merit badge makeup day on Saturday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m. to noon, at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Merit badge counselors will be on hand.

For more information, visit stlesa.org or send an email to mbmud@stlesa.org.



HIKE THE TRAIL



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Service Centers

You can conduct all your council and district business at any of these service centers:

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North Star
Osage
Pathfinder
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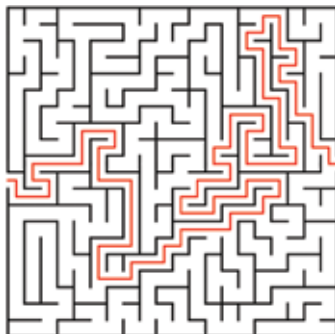


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NOTES: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leader roundtables are held monthly on the... [1] first Tuesday; [2] first Monday; [3] first Thursday. Meeting dates may be adjusted for holidays. Visit your district's web page for the latest updates on meetings and other events.

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Honor a friend or relative with a lasting gift to the Boy Scouts of America. Donations to the Memorial Tribute Fund are a gratifying way for individuals, businesses, or groups to remember special friends. Tributes are suitable for memorials or special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or holidays.

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Show Us How You've Enhanced Scouting's Image!

Your unit can earn the Beacon Award — a ribbon for your unit's flag — by performing civic service, providing an honor guard for ceremonies, or completing other activities that positively displays the Scouting program to the general public.

Examples are:

- a uniformed color guard for a civic ceremony, such as a parade or other public event.
- a flag raising and/or flag retirement ceremony; leading the Pledge of Allegiance at a public meeting.
- service to an outside organization, such as staffing an information booth at a county fair or assisting with logistics at a community event.

Submit a photograph of your Scouts in action at the event being good representatives of the BSA. Scouts should wear as complete a uniform as they possess, unless the event calls for work clothes.

The Beacon Award was established in 2008 as a new initiative to show the community what Scouting is all about. The award is limited to one per unit, per year.



Egyptian

Troop 8 — participated in Old Settlers Days Parade in Galatia

Gravois Trail

Troop 580 — removed more than 200 pounds of flower bulbs from former Crestwood Mall property for re-use throughout the city

Kaskakia

Pack 58 — picked up litter and other debris from Goreville First United Methodist Church grounds

North Star

Troop 950 — served as color guard for dedication of Lewis & Clark Trail marker in Hazelwood

Pathfinder

Pack 362 — cleaned out flower beds and planted new flowers for The Maplewood Corps of The Salvation Army

Troop 664 — installed 75 American flags on lampposts along Euclid Avenue in Central West End for Memorial Day



For more information or to find out how your unit can earn a Beacon Award, visit stlbsa.org/awards.



An Evening Of Honors



At its annual business meeting and recognition dinner, the Greater St. Louis Area Council recognized 24 Silver Beaver Award recipients (above), Scouting veterans (below), the recipient of the National Eagle Scout Association's \$25,000 United Health Foundation college scholarship, and a Silver Antelope Award recipient (left).

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Okpik Prepares Campers For Winter Wonderland

What could be more exhilarating than camping in wintertime? The crisp fresh air. Snow-covered hills. Hot chocolate or coffee brewing over the campfire.

Okpik cold-weather camping training enables leaders to extend their unit's outdoor camping season to a full 12 months.

The Okpik cold-weather program teaches Scout leaders how to be comfortable and safe while camping in cold weather. These unique skills are delivered in a safe environment and culminates in a 24-hour outdoor overnight session that tests new-found skills while enjoying Scout fellowship and competition.

This is not a survival skills session. It is an opportunity to learn about how winter camping can be fun and exciting — and enjoyable! The program takes place in a troop setting, where each participant is assigned to a unique cold-weather patrol.



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Four troop meetings are mandatory for graduation, with the fourth session being a weekend outdoor overnight adventure. Topics of instruction include cold-weather dress, first aid, menu, and equipment.

The course is open to all registered adult leaders, and to youth who meet the following requirements:

- Must be 14 years old.
- Achieved First Class rank or higher by Oct. 1, 2015.
- Have long-term camping experience.
- Obtain Scoutmaster's approval.

Venturers may participate with the same requirements, minus the First Class rank.

The Okpik program's first three sessions are scheduled for Dec. 5 and 19* and Jan. 9. The overnight session is Jan. 16-17. All sessions take

place at Beaumont Scout Reservation.

**Note: The Program Guide incorrectly listed the second session as Dec. 12.*

Okpik was created by the BSA's Northern Tier High Adventure Bases at the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minn. The word Okpik — pronounced OOK' pick — is Inuit for Snowy Owl.



Wintertime at Ironton.

Ironton Reservation Camp looks serene with a fresh layer of snow. Months later, Ironton would be brimming with Scouts at summer camp.

*photo courtesy of
Kent Richter*

*Do you have a memory
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