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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March/April 2024

Mar 8-10, 2024	Spring Camporee – Warren-Levis
Mar 16, 2024	STEM University – Lincoln Land College
Mar 16, 2024	Pinewood Derby – St. Rose School on St. Catherine
Mar 22-24	Taste of Venturing - Beaumont
Apr 8, 2024	Eclipse Fest – Pine Ridge
Apr 12-14	OA Spring Conclave - Beaumont

Looking Ahead Beyond April 2024

May 10, 2024	North Star District Dinner – Duchesne Home Grounds

DUTY TO GOD MOMENT

As you've probably already heard, Scouts are going to make history on Thursday, May 2, 2024 the National Day of Prayer.

At 5:30 local time, all around the world, Scouts will read the **entire** sacred texts of these world religions - Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim faiths. In addition, Scouts in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Christian, Eastern Orthodox, Hindu, Sikh, and other Faiths will be also reading their Sacred Texts.

You can participate in one of three ways. **First**, you can read at home with your family by reading a portion of your family faith's Sacred Texts. **Second**, you can ask your faith leader to invite Scouts to come to their faith location on May 2nd and read in 15-minute increments. Faith leaders are encouraged to suggest the readings and to promote this cause to the public. Faith locations may decide to broadcast this event to the public. **Finally**, you can ask a Scout friend to participate with you at home or your Faith location.

Participating in this event could help satisfy the Duty to God requirement necessary for advancement.

Finally, it wouldn't be a Scouting event if there weren't a commemorative patch. Patches will be available for Councils or individuals to purchase. Stay tuned for information about this patch.

Here is the link for you to register:

[Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide](https://stlbsa.org/scouts-read-sacred-texts-worldwide/)

Here is our webpage where you'll find the most current information.

<https://stlbsa.org/scouts-read-sacred-texts-worldwide/>

Here is a short video on the event: <https://vimeo.com/915976646>

Here is a recent blog from Aaron on Scouting:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2024/02/28/heres-how-you-can-participate-in-the-national-day-of-prayer/>

We are very pleased that the Far East and the Transatlantic councils are participating. That means Scouts will start reading at 5:30 pm in the Far East, eight hours later, Scouts read in Europe, cross the Atlantic and six hours later, Scouts begin reading on the East Coast, then Midwest and finish in California. What a vision to have Sacred Texts being read, starting in the Far East, and sweeping west all around the world - on the US National Day of Prayer.

We hope you will join us and may God bless our efforts.

Sincerely,

Jim Marchbank

jimmarchbank@gmail.com

Chair, GSLAC Religious Relationships Committee.

USA cell phone (314) 914-2162

The Camping Corner



DATES FOR YOUR CAMPING CALENDARS:

March 8,9,10 Spring Camporee Warren Levis

Fall Camporee 2024 October 25,26, and 27 Beaumont Shippy area.

Spring Camporee 2025 will be a Council Wide Camporee All Districts

April 25,26, and 27

There will be NO North Star Specific Camporee

It has been suggested that all leaders and adults (parents) review the following training on [SCOUTING.ORG](https://www.scouting.org).

HAZARDOUS WEATHER

SAFE DEFENSE SWIM

SAFETY AFLOAT

All adults Youth Protection training current and up to date?

Is your unit: troop, pack, or crew registered for summer camp?

Finally, Scholarships are available for summer camp, NYLT, and Wood Badge. See Fred or Kauai

Fred Schaljo

District Camping Chairman

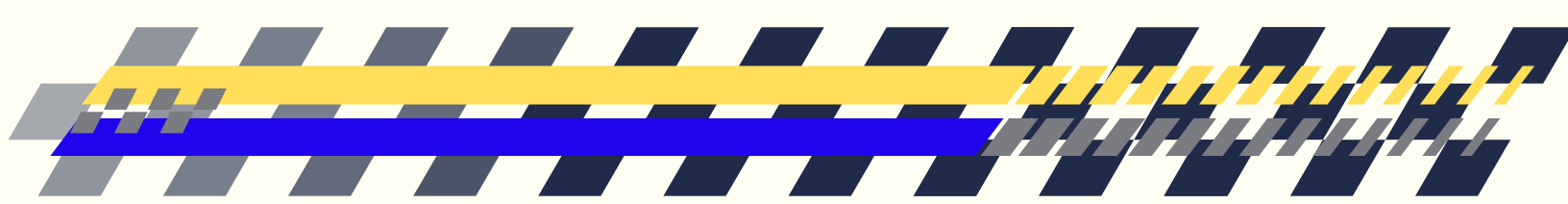
Activities

Swimming Skills Center – I would like to thank everyone who helped at the swimming skill center this year. I would like to personally thank Sarah Scott on a job well done in dealing with the school district to make sure our program was going to happen for our scouts. If you have any scouts that would like to help next year, please contact Sarah Scott.

District Dinner – Please see attached flyer. We are still looking for staff to help with the dinner. Please contact Rebecca Garrett and Fred Schaljo.

Polaris Award – Applications are due tonight please if you have a application please give it to Jane Lindstrom.

Pinewood Derby – We are looking for staff to help with our District Pinewood Derby. If you are interested, please talk to Rebecca Garrett. Also please see the attached flyer for information.

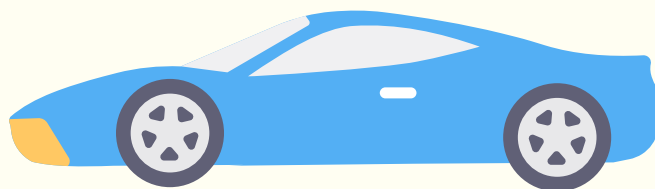


PINEWOOD DERBY

MARCH 16, 2024

CHECK-IN 8AM

RACE STARTS 9AM



REGISTER NOW



ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE
SCHOOL

3500 ST CATHERINE ST,
FLORISSANT, MO 63033





A Night in Margaritaville

MUSIC BINGO

MAY 10, 2024

6:30PM

DUCHESNE HOME
ASSOCIATION GROUNDS

COST: \$10 PER PERSON
OR

\$80 PER TABLE

BRING YOUR OWN
SNACKS AND DRINKS





Snooze at the Zoo: Scout Overnight Programs

Attention, scout leaders! In addition to family overnights, we have separate Snooze at the Zoo overnight programs for scouts. All participants and group leaders must be registered.

Invertebrate Extravaganza

From the tiny fireflies to the colossal squid, invertebrates come in all shapes and sizes! These spineless animals make up 95% of all the species on Earth, and at this overnight experience, we are going to learn all about them! So, come get buggy with us and learn about all these boneless beauties and how they interact with all our other vertebrate Zoo residents!

Overnight evening activities will include rotations through exciting activities, an evening snack and beverage, and a flashlight tour around Zoo grounds. The morning portion of the overnight adventure includes a continental breakfast, a morning stroll around Zoo grounds to see the animals wake up, a souvenir Zoo patch and glow-in-the-dark overnight cup!

Limited to 60 participants per session.

Instructors: Zoo Educators

Fee: \$50 per participant

For Girl Scout Brownies and their adult chaperones

June 7	6:30 p.m. F - 8:30 a.m. Sa
July 13	6:30 p.m. Sa - 8:30 a.m. Su
Aug. 2	6:30 p.m. F - 8:30 a.m. Sa

For Juniors and their adult chaperones

June 14	6:30 p.m. F - 8:30 a.m. Sa
July 19	6:30 p.m. F - 8:30 a.m. Sa
Aug. 3	6:30 p.m. Sa - 8:30 a.m. Su

For Cadettes and their adult chaperones

July 6	6:30 p.m. F - 8:30 a.m. Sa
Aug. 9	6:30 p.m. F - 8:30 a.m. Sa

For Cub Scouts (Tigers and Webelos) and their adult chaperones

June 28	6:30 p.m. F - 8:30 a.m. Sa
July 27	6:30 p.m. Sa - 8:30 a.m. Su

The Snooze Registration Packet will be available on our website. For more information on our Snooze at the Zoo Overnights, please contact the Overnight Staff at overnights@stlzoo.org.

Private Family and Group Overnight Programs

For families and organized groups with participants ages 5 and up.

You can schedule your own private group overnight during the summer on select evenings. When you schedule your own overnight, we use the theme that we are currently offering, but we tailor them to meet your needs. Whether it's for a mixed-scout group, a family group or a summer camp, we have an overnight for you. Check our website for more details.

From Our District Executive

Join the North Star District for the Florissant Valley of Flowers parade on Sunday, May 5th. The theme this year is "Where Did You Go to High School" and we will be making a "spring break" themed float. Units will meet near Parker and New Florissant and walk the rest of the route with us. We are encouraging as many units to join us and show North County how important Scouting is and how more people can be involved. Please let Dave Kedge (sm.fall2020@gmail.com) know that your unit will be joining us. More details later!

- Kevin McClaine



North Star Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) 2024 Campaign



SCOUTS STAND OUT.

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Family Friends of Scouting preparations for 2024 campaign.

The 2024 campaign runs during the 2024 calendar year. The remaining presentations should be scheduled between now and the end of April. We are requesting packs, troops and crews to provide the dates (and time and location) of their Blue and Gold banquets or Courts of Honor, etc. We are ready to take this information at roundtables. When you are ready to provide your dates, please send the information to Jim Schneider (jschneider8@gmail.com/ home 314-921-6686 / google voice 314-669-5939), Jerome Flynn (jmf41862@yahoo.com) or Kaua'i Johnson (Kauai.johnson@scouting.org).

2024 results: The Council set a goal of 25% at the end of February. North Star FFOS pledges reached \$9,314 at the end of February, which is 44% of its 2024 family friends of scouting goal.

Thank you North Star.

Jerome Flynn, North Star FFOS chair

Jim Schneider, co-chair

Eagle Board Review Dates

Here are the dates for the upcoming Eagle Boards:

Sunday, March 17 at 1pm

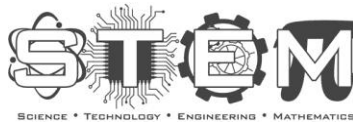
Sunday, April 21 at 1pm will have a Life to Eagle at this one.

Sunday, May 19 at 1pm

They are all held at the Florissant Valley Branch Library, 195 S New Florissant Rd.
Florissant, MO 63031

Any questions or to schedule a Board please call me at 314-960-4842.

Debbie Huber



Upcoming Events: <https://stlbsa.org/stem/upcoming-stem-events/>

STEM Universities

- Lincoln Land College – 23 March 2024
 - Tech Talk Nova for Cub Scouts
 - 10 STEM related Merit Badges available
 - Adult STEM training available – in case you missed my training this evening
 - Must preregister – no walk-ins allowed.

8 April 2024 (Less than 40 days) – Eclipse Fest

- <https://www.eclipse-bsa-2024.com/>
- [2024 Pine Ridge Eclipse Fest registration in open](#) - \$25 per camper or staff
- Please be prepared for lots of traffic when traveling to and from the areas of totality

There are STEM related camps available this summer:

- STEM On-Campus (Early June), Camp Nova and STEM Camp (Late July)
- All camps will have some type of STEM related activity

District STEM Challenge

Scouts in District Earned:

- **Nova Awards**
- Supernova Awards
- **STEM based Merit Badges**
- STEM Star Patches

Note:

Items in bold have already been met for 2024.

Scouts in District Attended:

- **STEM Council Events**
- STEM Vendor Workshops

We need 10 by end of October to reach gold status

District hosted STEM Events

District had STEM trailer visits

District recruited Unit STEM Coordinators

District held STEM Training sessions

District STEM Chair Volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a STEM event

District STEM Chair Volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a STEM camp

Social Media:

Facebook -> <https://www.facebook.com/GSLACSTEM>

Instagram -> <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/stemandscouting/>

YouTube -> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLomHx8InOFuXLb8zBDxHDQ>

If you need any assistance implementing STEM into your program, please let me know.

Alan Kreppert – North Star District STEM Chair
314-616-4592 / alan.kreppert@sbcglobal.net

North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

Our North Star VOA officers are:

President - Precious Bolade (Crew 2749)	VP Administration - Gabe Blamey (Crew 2921)
VP Program - Amelia Bazzell (Crew 2749)	VP Communication - Kip MacDonald (Crew 2749)

The Venturing year is underway. Greater St. Louis Area Council committees are planning the following activities and events:

Taste of Venturing, March 22-24, 2024 - Weekend of fellowship and activities

Theme: Super Heroes

Location: Camp Warren Levis

Registration is live – cost is \$20 per person

Climbing tower Certification Training available Saturday morning

To participate in shooting sports you must be a registered Venturer/Sea Scout/Explorer

scoutingevent.com/312-tov2024

Celebration Dinner, May 19, 2024 - Annual recognition dinner

scoutingevent.com/312-cele24

Swift's Big Kickoff, Saturday, June 8, 2024 - Improve our favorite summer camp and have fun

scoutingevent.com/312-swiftko24

Sea Scout Ball, August 3, 2024 - Evening of food, dance and water sailing

scoutingevent.com/312-ball24

Fall Fun Rally, September 20-22, 2024 - Huge weekend of fun

www.fallfunrally.org

Alan Kreppert

North Star VSOA Advisor

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NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.
To avoid possible disappointment,
please do not advise nominee in any
way of your action in his or her behalf.

_____ Council
District
Unit

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify) _____
_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award	_____ Silver Beaver	_____
_____ Cubmaster Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Cub Scouter Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commis- sioner Service Award	
_____ Scouter's Key		

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

Date of nomination

Name of person making nomination

Position in Scouting

Contact number

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

District approval

Council approval



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