

THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April/May 2024

Apr 8, 2024	Eclipse Fest – Pine Ridge
Apr 12-14	OA Spring Conclave - Beaumont
Apr 21, 2024	Life to Eagle Seminar & Eagle Board of Review
Apr 28, 2024	OA Service – Paint fellowship hall at Good Shephard
May 5, 2024	OA Service - Knights of Columbus Clean-up & Chapter Meeting following
May 5, 2024	Valley of Flowers - North Star Parade Float
May 10, 2024	North Star District Dinner – Duchesne Home Grounds
May 11, 2024	OA One Day of Service
May 19, 2024	Venturing - Annual Recognition Dinner
May 31-Jun 2	Venturing - Swifts Big Kick-Off

Looking Ahead Beyond May 2024

Duty to God Moment



“Be prepared for what?” someone once asked Robert Baden-Powell.

“Why, for any old thing,” he replied. Baden-Powell wanted each Scout to be ready to meet any challenge.

Challenges sometimes give us an opportunity to use critical life-saving techniques that are learned in Scouting. Other times a challenge may require a Scout to lead a team like he or she did as a patrol leader. Most of us are aware of the catastrophic collapse of the Baltimore bridge when one of its support legs was struck by a heavily loaded container ship. To deal with this problem, everyone involved will need to rely on their past learning and experience plus good communication and teamwork to succeed.

The idea of being prepared is a guiding principle throughout Scouting. Our Duty to God also requires us be prepared for “any old thing.”

Our best laid plans can sometimes get spoiled by life’s circumstances. In those times, we can rely on God’s help to be able to respond.

Reminding Scouts to always be attentive to the faith practices of their families helps them be prepared when those practices are needed most.

THE CAMPING CORNER

North Star Spring Camporee: Thanks to our Camp Masters Evan Hines and Aidan Ham and their Asst. Camp Masters; Ameilia Bazzell and Clara Sanders, we had a successful camporee. The scouts really enjoyed the Finger Printing and Realistic First Aid stations.

A special Thank You to John Kavanaugh, Scout Camp Master Advisor, and Tony Manker, Webelos Camp Master Advisor. A Thank You to the troops, scouts, and Webelos that attended.

Final Camporee Dates have been finalized.

Fall 2024 October 11,12, and 13 - Beaumont Shippy

Spring 2025 April 25, 26, and 27 - Council Wide Camporee Site and Activities
TBD

Klondike with the Pathfinder district: Saturday February 8, 8:30 to 4pm Beaumont,
Lane Camping Area

Fall 2025 October 3,4, and 5 - Warren Levis

Fred Schaljo
Camping Chairman

Activities

Pinewood Derby – I would like to thank the staff for a successful Pinewood Derby, Rebecca Garrett, Fred Schaljo, Georgia Schaljo, Sue Polis, Pack 3739 for letting us use their track and for the help you brought to make the Pinewood Derby a success.

District Dinner – Please see attached flyer. We are still looking for staff to help with the dinner. Please contact Rebecca <https://scoutingevent.com/312-83130> or for the dinner at





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



Scouts to Read Sacred Texts Worldwide on May 2, 2024

Update to GSLAC participants

Jim Marchbank reports: Our event is going very well. Here is an updated scorecard.

Scouts Read Sacred Texts Scoreboard	
As of April 2, 2024	
Councils participating	101
Youth participating	1062
Sacred Texts to be read - Hours	240

Here also is our updated website:

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

We are delighted that we now have our patches available for sale. Scouts should be registered to order them. Patches will begin shipping in about two weeks. Order them here:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/312-SacredPatchOrder>

The pricing includes shipping. Note the price break for quantity order.

Qty	Price
1	\$4.00
5	\$12.00
15	\$28.50
25	\$45.00
50	\$80.00
100	\$140.00

This is a very exciting event and we look forward to May 2nd. Will you let me know if you have any questions?

God bless.

Jim Marchbank

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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





UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL and May 2024

Spring Conclave

April 12-14

Spring Conclave will be at the usual location, at Beaumont Scout Reservation. There will be service projects, Inductions, and ceremonies. Come support your fellow brothers and register online for this event!

Lodge One Day of Service

One Day of Service will be on May 11th time and place to be determined.

NS Chapter Service Projects

April 28th Paint Fellowship Hall
1pm at Church of the Good Shepherd

May 5th Cleanup Knights of Columbus Park
8am-10am Chapter Meeting to follow

Service Projects are a great way to fulfill your requirement towards Brotherhood. Non OA members are always welcome to help as well.

Membership Dues

Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Dues not only help the Lodge but also your Chapter hold fun activities throughout the year. Dues affect the number of Vigil members are Chapter is able to elect. Dues also help keep our Ceremonial teams running. Membership is \$12 a year, what a bargain to belong to the best service organization in Scouting. Please pay your dues at shawneelodge.org

If you need any more information feel free to reach me at Jennifer.kedge@shawneelodge.org

For Lodge Events please visit
shawneelodge.org/upcoming-events/

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 middle of May. 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 50% at the end of March. North Star FFOS pledges reached \$12,311 by 19 March, which is 59% of its 2024 family friends of scouting goal.

Congratulations to the following units for reaching their 2024 FFOS goals:

Crew 2749, Pack 3739, Troop 748, Troop 749B,
Troop 749G



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

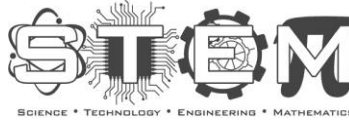
Sunday, May 19 at 1pm

And every 3rd Sunday going forward.

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/>

8 April 2024 (4 days away at Roundtable) – Eclipse Fest

- <https://www.eclipse-bsa-2024.com/>
- Please be prepared for lots of traffic when traveling to and from the areas of totality
- Weather looks to be fair and good for viewing the eclipse
- Sun will look strange and a period of daytime darkness will be experienced no matter what

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/UCLomHx8InOFuXLb8zBDxHDO>

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

Alan Kreppert – North Star District STEM Chair

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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 and North Stars Officers are planning the following activities and events:

North Star VSOA Bonfire and Ice Cream Social, 3 May 2024

- Sioux Passage Park
- Recruiting event for all those in 8th grade or 13 ½ years old
- More details at May Roundtable

Florissant Valley of Flowers Parade, 5 May 2024

- Marching in the parade rest of North Star scouts and float
- North Star Crews are planning mini floats to represent Scouting's High Adventure bases
- If you are interested in helping decorate or have other idea, contact the North Start Advisor

Celebration Dinner, 19 May 2024 - Annual recognition dinner

- Any awards to be presented (Discover thru Summit, Ranger, Trust, etc.) due by **15 April**
- Venturing Leadership Award Nominations due to **15 April**
- BBQ cooked by Crew 2921
- scoutingevent.com/312-cele24

Swift's Big Kickoff, 31 May – 2 June 2024

- Free weekend of camping at Swift Base
- Help improve Venturing's Favorite camp
- Some activities open on Sunday to have a fun adVenture
- If that's not enough, help North Star's Advisor celebrate his birthday on Friday night
- scoutingevent.com/312-swiftko24

Fall Fun Rally, 20-22 September 2024

- Theme: Exploring the Final Frontier
- Over 100 fun activities planned
- Venture training planned on Sunday
- www.fallfunrally.org

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