

THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February/March 2023

Feb. 12	North Star OA Chapter Dinner – Warren-Levis – 1pm - 4pm
Feb. 25	STEM University – SIUC
Feb. 25	Pathfinder Winter Klondike -
Mar. 17	Spring Camporee Registration DEADLINE
Mar. 18	Pinewood Derby – St. Rose Philippine – TBA
Mar. 18	Science Everywhere NOVA – Lake Land College
Mar. 24 - 26	Taste of Venturing @ Camp Warren Levis

Looking Ahead Beyond March

Mar 31 - Apr. 2	Spring Camporee – Warren-Levis
Apr. 1	Little Creek Service Hours
Apr. 4	St. Louis County Election Help
May 7	Valley of Flowers Cleanup Service Project
May 12	North Star District Dinner

Activities

District Dinner – The theme for this year is High School Era on Friday, May 12, 2023, place and time to be determined. If you have any pictures for our slide show, we will be collecting them starting in January. See attached flyer for more information. Reservations will be online starting next week.

Also, it is that time of year to nominate someone for our Polaris Award see attached form and it will need to be handed in by April Roundtable.

Pinewood Derby – We are also looking for volunteers to help with the pinewood derby if interested please contact Jane Lindstrom at jflindstrom@yahoo.com or John Matz at 314-960-4709. See attached flyer for more information.



Start Your Engines

North Star District

Pinewood Derby

Saturday, March 18, 2023

St Rose Philippine Duchesne

3500 St Catherine St, Florissant, MO 63033

Check in Time 8:00 am

Race Time 9:00 am

Cost is \$5.00

SCOUTS NEED TO BE PRESENT WITH THEIR CAR IN ORDER
TO RACE

YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE AT

<https://scoutingevent.com/312-67731>

NORTH STAR DISTRICT 2023 PINWOOD DERBY REGISTRATION

UNIT NUMBER _____

CUBMASTERS NAME _____

CUBMASTERS PHONE NUMBER _____

CUBMASTERS EMAIL _____

HOW MANY TIGERS _____

HOW MANY WOLVES _____

HOW MANY BEARS _____

HOW MANY WEBELOS _____

Total Cub Scouts _____ X \$5 = _____

Unit Roster

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North Star District

Pinewood Derby Rules

March 2019

Remember the focus of this event is not to win at any cost, but for each Cub Scout to
DO HIS BEST and HAVE FUN!

The Cub Scout should have the fun of racing a car he has built from materials in the Pinewood Derby kit. The fastest car in each bracket will run in a Championship bracket. We will judge cars for excellence in several design and craftsmanship areas.

Race Car Rules

WIDTH: Car can not be more than 2 3/4 inches wide.

LENGTH: Car can not be more than 7 inches long.

WEIGHT: Finished car can not weigh more than 5 ounces. The weight shown on the Official Race Scale is final. All car parts and materials must be firmly attached. To increase the car's weight, add wood or metal only. Do not use liquid of any sort.

WHEEL PLACEMENT: The car body must be at least 1 3/4 inches wide at the axles. It must clear the ground by at least 3/8 inch. The wheelbase (distance between front and rear axles) may not be changed. The four wheels, two on each side of the car, must be placed such that the car will straddle the lane guide and maintain all four wheels in contact with the surface of the track

WHEELS AND AXLES: Use only Official Scout Grand Prix wheels and axles. You may polish the axles. You may lightly sand the wheels to remove the molding seam on the tread. No other wheel changes are allowed. You may not use bearings, washers or bushings.

SPRINGING: The car may not ride on any type of springs.

DETAILS: Details such as Steering Wheel, Driver, Decals, Painting, and Interior Details are okay. The finished car with details must meet the maximum length, width and weight rules. Cars with wet paint will not be accepted.

ATTACHMENTS: The car must be free-wheeling with no starting devices.

LUBRICATION: Use dry powdered graphite ONLY in designated areas. You may not use any other lubricant, especially oils and silicone sprays.

INSPECTION: Each car must pass inspection by the Official Inspection Committee before it may compete. The Inspectors will disqualify any car not meeting these rules. Any adult or Scout may appeal the findings of the Inspectors to the Race Committee Chair-person, whose decision is final.

Race Ground Rules

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND BEHAVIOR ARE EXPECTED. Race Officials may ask anyone not following this rule to leave.

The Grand Prix Pinewood Derby is open to all Cub Scouts in North Star.

All brackets are double-elimination. This means that each car must lose twice before leaving the Derby.

A car that jumps off the track or interferes with another car is moved to a different lane and the heat run again. If it happens again, the car loses the heat.

If a car breaks down, the Scout is allowed five minutes to fix the car. Then Officials will run the heat again. If the car cannot be fixed in five minutes, it loses the heat. If this loss is the car's first and the Scout can fix the car before the start, it may run in its next scheduled heat.

Only Race Officials are permitted inside the track area.

Race Procedures

Scouts must be present in order to race their car.

Each Scout must bring his car to the Inspection Table. If the car fails to meet any rules, the Inspectors tell the Scout the exact problems. The Scout may change the car to meet the rules.

After inspection, Official Scorers register the cars. The Official Scorers set-up and maintain the race brackets and tell the Official Starters which cars run in each heat.

After registration, Scouts place their cars on the Starters' Table. Scouts may not handle their car again unless fixing the car as allowed in Ground Rule 5.

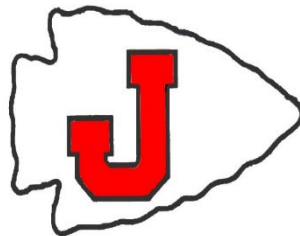
Do not take a car off the Starter's Table for any reason.

The car whose nose is first over the finish line is the winner. If two of the three Official Judges can't agree on a winner, Officials will run the heat again. Judges tell the Official Scorers which car wins each heat.

Officials present racing awards at the end of each bracket. Design awards are presented after the Championship bracket.

Thank you for being a part of our Grand Prix Pinewood Derby.

NORTH STAR CLASS ACTS



 North Star Class Acts
2023
District Dinner

Date : Friday, May 12, 2023

Location : Ferguson Community Center
1050 Smith Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63135

Time : 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Cost : \$20 per person if purchased by April 21, 2023
\$25 per person from April 22-28, 2023
Cut off date to purchase tickets is the 28th
NO WALK INS AT THE DOOR!!!!

Please dress like your Senior year in High School!!!

We would like a copy of everyone's graduation picture to show on the slide show. You can send it to:
northstardephotos@gmail.com **Please include your High School and Graduation Year. This is also the link to send your district pictures to.**

No alcohol will be provided but you may bring your own into the event!!!



The Camping Corner

Spring Camporee- March 31st, April 1st, and 2nd. At Camp Warren Levis. The theme is Emergency Preparedness. Scoutmasters get those Emergency Preparedness merit badge books out and help prepare your scouts. Be sure to read the first aid requirement needed to earn the badge.

Deadline to register for Spring Camporee Friday March 17th. No late registrations or walk ins.

Scoutmaster's please bring you SPL to the March 2nd Roundtable. Our Campmasters, Caleb Otte and Braden Matz will answer your SPL's questions and give your troop any final information. As soon as our opening is completed, they will be the first Scouts on the agenda. So, SPLs can leave to go home or stay if they wish.

2023 MSC Campership Program

The program is offering 5-\$350 scholarships for long term camping or large-scale scout activity (National Jamboree, World Jamboree, BSA High Adventure programs.) Scout leader must write letter of recommendation for scout. There are certain qualifiers for the scholarship. To learn more go to: <http://memorialscoutcamp.org> or <http://www.memorialscoutcamp.org/msc-campership-program.html>. Deadline to apply 11:59 EST Feb. 28.

Winter Activity Klondike

The Pathfinder District has invited North Star to participate in their one-day Klondike on Saturday February 25th. "Pirates of the Iceberg". \$10 for the day and this includes a hot lunch. Deadline to register is February 12. After the deadline the cost is \$13. Late registration closes Feb. 19th. To read about the Klondike and to register go to 2023-KLONDIKE-manual.pdf. (stlbsa.org) or the manual is on the North Star website.

2024 High Adventure Camps- Registration is now open.

fredschaljo@yahoo.com

Cell 314-402-0095

Pathfinder Klondike Derby

Good morning!

Pathfinder District has invited North Star Scouts, BSA units and Arrow of Light Scouts to attend their Klondike Derby.

Date: February 25, 2023 from 8am-4:30pm

Location: Beaumont Scout Reservation, Lane Camporee Field

Theme: Pirates of the Iceberg

Cost is \$9 per person and includes a hot lunch, if registered by February 17, 2023.

After the 17th cost is \$12 and lunch can not be guaranteed.

There are bonus point available for units whose leaders attend January and February Roundtable meetings.

Reach out to Khary Floyd if you have Scouts or Leaders with dietary restrictions.

The registration page should be online very soon.

Remember, we will be hosting Pathfinder for our Klondike in 2024, so let's have a good showing this year to encourage them to attend next year.

Thanks!

Retha Taylor | Office Assistant, Field Services

Greater St. Louis Area Council | BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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OA UPCOMING EVENTS

NS OA Chapter Meeting/Banquet

Calling all North Star Chapter OA Members!!!

North Star OA Chapter Meeting on February 12th:

Come spend your afternoon before the Super Bowl in friendship and fellowship!

Join us from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Camp Warren Levis on Sunday February 12th for a fun afternoon of Music Trivia!

The event will be filled with iconic music from 70's to 2010's.

Concession style food such as hotdogs, nachos, and much more will be included in your admission fee of \$10 per person, payable at the door.

Bring some extra cash to purchase raffle tickets to win some awesome baskets, including a craft soda basket, Kedge Cookies, movie night basket, and many more! Raffle tickets are 10 for \$5 or your arm span for \$10!!!!!!

You can confirm your attendance on Facebook event February Chapter Meeting in the group Northstar Chapter OA or use the link on the email sent through the Lodge.

Service Projects

Mark your calendar for these service projects:

Valley of Flowers Fairground clean up project/May Chapter meeting

Sunday May 7th 8am-11am Knights of Columbus Grounds

We will be cleaning up trash from the previous night of the fair around 11am we will have some lunch and go over the chapter business. This will count as a service project and Chapter meeting towards your Brotherhood requirement, if you attend the entire event.

Day Camp Set up

Sunday July 23rd 1pm-4pm Knights of Columbus grounds

We will be helping set up for the District's Cub Day Camp

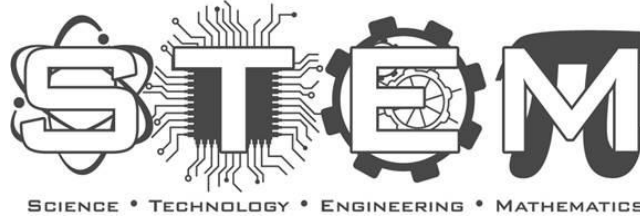
This will count as a service project towards your Brotherhood requirement.

Chapter Membership Dues

Your Chapter Membership is now due. 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 help keep our Ceremonial teams running.

Membership is \$10 a year, what a bargain to belong to the best service organization in Scouting. If you want to attend all of the upcoming Lodge events this year, then consider the Season Pass for \$51. This covers the fee for Spring Conclave, Fall Reunion, Brotherhood Bash and Lodge Winter Banquet. Please pay your dues at shawneelodge.org

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



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

STEM University's

- 25 February 2023 - SIUC
- 18 March 2023 – Lake Land College (Science Everywhere Nova)

Social Media:

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

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

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

2023 STEM Challenge:

Scoring – meeting criteria items: Bronze 6+, Silver 8+, Gold 10+

Scouts in District earned Nova Awards

Scouts in District earned Supernova Awards

Scouts in District earned STEM based Merit Badges

Scouts in District attended STEM Council Events

Scouts in District attended STEM Vendor Workshops

District hosted STEM event(s)

District had Leaders trained as Counselors / Mentors

District had STEM Trailer/Van visits

District recruited Unit STEM Coordinators

District held STEM Training sessions

District STEM Chair volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a Council STEM event

District STEM Chair volunteered or recruited a volunteer for a Council STEM camp

****Requirements for 2023 have not changed. Let's see if North Star can earn a gold award again.****

Reminder:

STEM is fun and easy to implement in any unit. Reach out to me if you need help.

Alan Kreppert – North Star District STEM Chair

314-616-4592

alan.kreppert@sbcglobal.net

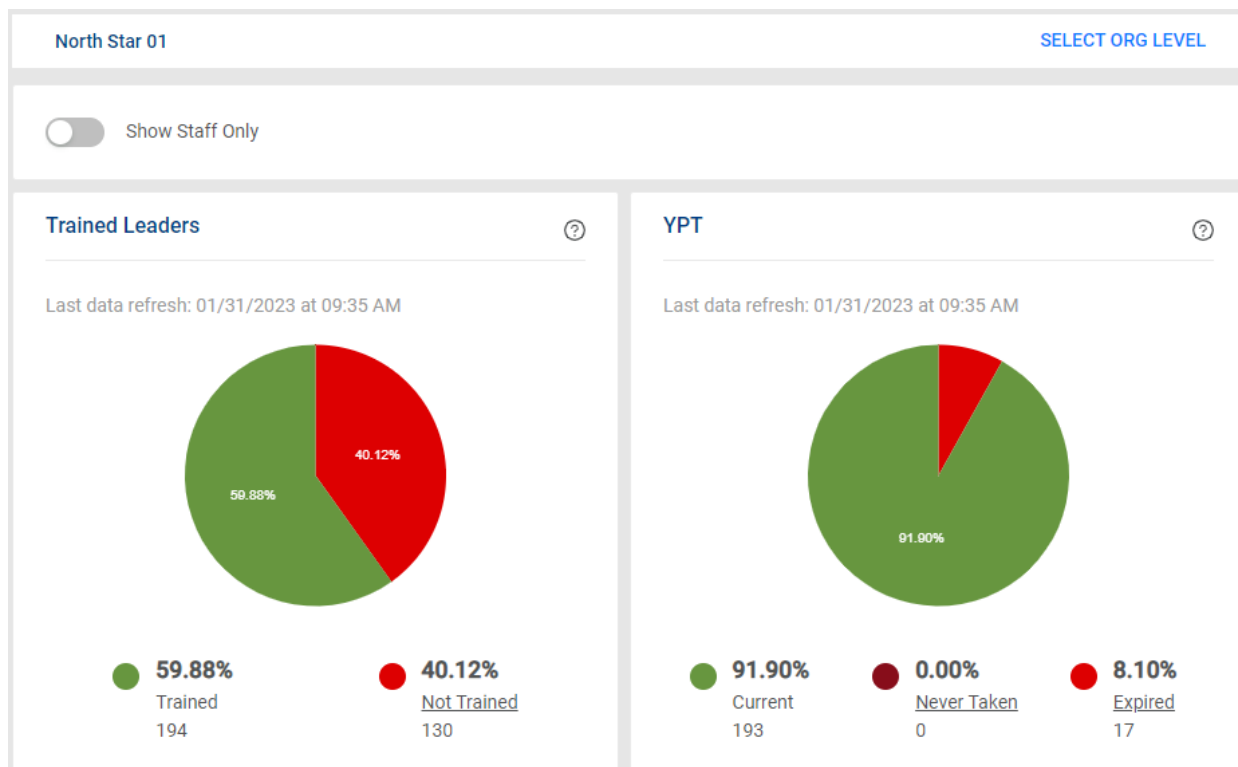
Training Information

Hello North Star District,

I want to apologize for not being at Roundtable. I am currently driving to the Summit in West Virginia for a EMO meeting to plan out this year's Jamboree that will be held there the last two weeks of July. So while I am gone I want to tell everyone to get their training done. By the way if you needed training you missed a great opportunity this past weekend to do it with the Council's University of Scouting which was held at SIU-Edwardsville.

Contact me if you need any training and we will come up with a plan for you.

Below is a copy of the dashboard I look at to check on the Districts training status.



Yours in Scouting,

Paul Kessler
North Star District Training Chairman

North Star Venturing Officers Association (VOA) News

Joey Johnson (North Star VOA President) and Matt Smith (North Star VOA VP Program) are helping to plan the following events:

March 24-26, 2023 - Taste of Venturing at Camp Warren Levis



Taste of Venturing will be a day event with camping both on Friday and Saturday nights as part of your registration. Food for the weekend will be provided by your individual units. Whether your unit comes for the weekend or just for the day, its going to be an action packed weekend of fun at Warren Levis! Camping check in starts at 5pm on Friday night with an evening movie and check out is by 11am on Sunday.

Event is open to youth 14 years and older or 13 and in the 8th grade (start your recruiting now).

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-tov2023>

Saturday programming starts at 9 am and will be packed with activities including:

- Shooting sports - rifles, pistols, shot guns, and archery
- Climbing Tower, crate stacking & slacklines (Training to be certified to run a Climbing Tower for your unit will be offered to those 21 years of age or older. A separate Training registration/fee will be required.
- Lake Activities - fishing and canoeing (if weather permits)
- Mountain Boarding
- STEM Trailer
- Silk Screening with the TOV Logo--bring your own items to silk screen
- Candle making and Leather stamping
- Evening Bingo, Night shoot and Dance

We will have a camp-wide dinner together on Saturday night. Please plan for your unit to bring a side dish (enough for your crew plus 2) for the dinner. Please also bring a written copy of the ingredients (for allergy purposes). Main course will be provided (Hamburgers, Brats & Chicken Breasts).

Please note: Some of the shooting sports at the event require participants to be a registered Venturer, Sea Scout or Explorer. Scouts BSA members and Guests cannot participate in pistols or rifles with calibers above .22.

Event fee is \$20 through Sunday, March 19, then \$25 after, including walk-ins.

May 21, 2023 - Celebration Awards

June 2-4, 2023 - Swift's Big Kickoff

September 22-24, 2023 - 50th Fall Fun Rally at Beaumont

More details will be provided as time marches forward and details are ready to be published.

Jerome Flynn

North Star VOA Advisor

jmf41862@yahoo.com



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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NORTH STAR DISTRICT SPARK PLUG AWARD 2022



The Spark Plug Award is an award for an individual in a Pack, Troop, Crew or Post who through their constant efforts, is a driving force in their unit. It is an award for those who may otherwise never be recognized at the district level for their contributions to their units. If you feel someone in your unit is deserving of such an honor, please take the time to nominate them.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Must be a currently registered leader
- 2) Must be Basic Leader Trained in their current position
- 3) One nomination per unit
- 4) Please accompany the nomination with a brief description of the nominee and why he/she deserves this award (use a separate sheet if needed)
- 5) **Must attend the District Dinner** to receive the award

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY April 6 (Roundtable)

QUESTIONS: Georgia Schaljo gschaljo@yahoo.com- 314-401-8652

Nominee_____ Unit Type_____ Unit#_____

Current Position_____

Will attend District Dinner Yes_____ No_____

Return nomination forms by May 5, 2022

Email or mail it to: Georgia Schaljo gschaljo@yahoo.com or 1460 Pepperhill, Florissant, MO 63033

Nominations received after the deadline cannot be accepted!!!

NORTH STAT DISTRICT SPOUSE RECOGNITION AWARD



The Spouse Recognition Award is for the spouse whose support and hard work has made all the things you do for scouting possible. This award is to thank your spouse for all they do to keep things running at home. This award is for spouses not registered as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

Please write a letter to the committee explaining why your spouse deserves this recognition The Awards will be given at the District Dinner.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY May Roundtable-
April 6)

QUESTIONS: Georgia Schaljo gschaljo@yahoo.com

Email or mail to:
Georgia Schaljo gschaljo@yahoo.com or 1460
Pepperhill, Florissant, MO 63033

Nominations received after the deadline cannot be
accepted!!!

Scholarship Opportunities

Attached please find the link for the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Scholarships. In the past, several of our Eagles Scouts have received this scholarship.

Good afternoon!

A huge thank you to Dr. Elizabeth Perkins for taking the time to put together our 2023 Scholarship Application! This new format will be amazing for the students!!

Please share this link with all of your contacts! The deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, February 17th. 😊

Please share this link: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/6dfaa89685a44d7c8a59a056eba876d3>

Have a great day!

Jaime Jenkins
Marketing & Events Director
Greater North County Chamber of Commerce
(314) 831-3500

[Check out our Monthly Newsletter Here!!](#)



Scholarship Opportunities

Rotary Club of Florissant
P.O.Box #1188
Florissant, MO 63031

January 26, 2023

The Rotary Club of Florissant is funding a scholarship program for 8 high school seniors who live or attend school in the Rotary area which includes the boundaries of the Hazelwood and Ferguson-Florissant School Districts. Each of the 8 scholarships is for \$2000.00 and will be paid for one year to the accredited college, university or vocational school the student chooses to attend. Students in private, parochial or public schools are invited to apply.

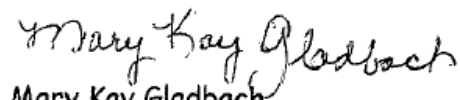
Visit the Rotary website - www.florissantrotary.org. Applications can be downloaded from the website but **MUST BE MAILED TO** -

Rotary Club of Florissant
1650 Shackelford
P.O. Box #1188
Florissant, MO 63031

NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2023.

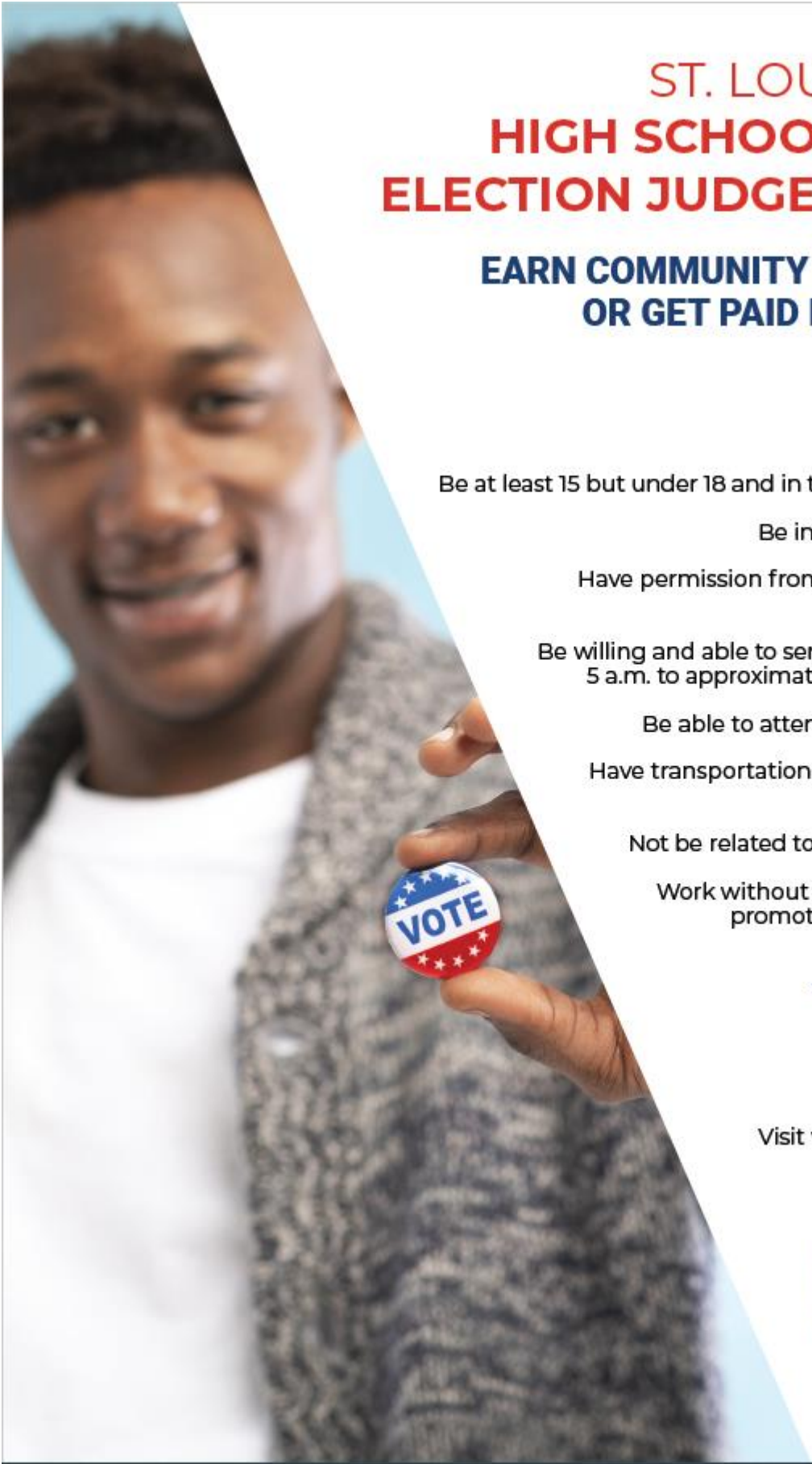
If you have additional questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,


Mary Kay Gladbach
Rotary Scholarship Committee

314-409-9478

Email - fredmary2@aol.com



ST. LOUIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE PROGRAM

EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS OR GET PAID FOR YOUR TIME*

REQUIREMENTS:

Be a United States citizen

Be at least 15 but under 18 and in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade

Be in good academic standing

Have permission from parent or legal guardian
and school

Be willing and able to serve their assignment from
5 a.m. to approximately 8 p.m. on Election Day

Be able to attend virtual election training

Have transportation to and from the assigned
polling place

Not be related to a candidate on the ballot

Work without partisan bias and without
promoting any point of view on a
candidate or issue

*15-year-olds can only receive
community service hours.

INTERESTED?

Visit vote4stlco.com/pollaccess
or call 314-615-1858.

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725 Northwest Plaza Drive
St. Ann, MO 63074

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