

The Trail

Cub Scouts - Boy Scouts - Venturing



Where To Find Things On The Web

There are some great resources on the web for Scouting in St. Louis

The Greater St Louis Area Website can be found here: [GSLAC Website](http://www.gslac.org)

The home for Gravois Trail can be found here: [Gravois Trail Website](http://www.gravoistail.org)

Shawnee Lodge of the Order of the Arrow website can be found here: [Shawnee](http://www.shawneeoa.org)

Or the Facebook page located here: [Gravois Trail Venturing](https://www.facebook.com/gravoistail)

The newsletter can also be seen online at: <http://stlbsa.org/gravoistail/>

Contact us at:

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Contact Us !

Well, Fall is here - even if sometimes it doesn't feel like it ! Most units have had some great fun already - Fall PACAO, OA Fall Reunion, Unit campouts and more. Be sure to check all the Gravois Trail resources that are available to help make sure rest of your Fall is as fun as it can be... and get ready for Winter fun !

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District Executive's Corner

Greetings Scouters!

With Scouting for Food right around the corner, I want to take a moment to thank you all for everything you do for this event. Scouting for Food was created in St. Louis as a Gravois Trail scout's Eagle Project. It is now a national scouting event that brings in millions of cans to food banks all over the country. It is amazing to see the impact of one scout's Eagle Project. And to know that it was a Gravois Trail Eagle Scout makes it even more special to all of us. The cans you collect and/or donate stay locally in the Greater St. Louis Area and provide food to thousands of families in need of assistance. What you do for this event truly makes a difference and changes lives.

We have also had a change in the district this month. I want to wish Josh Bollam good luck as he begins a new career with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. In his new position, Josh will be responsible for the development and training of regional volunteers for this organization. He will provide support and resources to many individuals and families suffering from Leukemia and Lymphoma. The GSLAC Council Management team has already begun the process of finding his replacement and I will let everyone know who the new District Director will be as soon as I can. In the meantime, please let me know how I can assist you in promoting the Scouting Movement in Gravois Trail.

Yours in Scouting, Suzie
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Training

Hello **The Trail**- Here are some upcoming important training opportunities:

November 1, 2016 Roundtable Meeting:

- ☐ Venturing: Youth Protection Training beginning at 6:30PM at RT
- ☐ Boy Scout RT: Feature Topic; Ranger Program

OKPIC Cold Weather Camping Training: (Boy Scouts) Limited to 64 participants!

- ☐ Troop meeting #1 – Nov 5, 2016, Emerson, 7:30 am – 1 pm (indoor instructions)
- ☐ Troop meeting #2 – Dec 10, 2016, Sverdrup, 8:00am – 12:35pm (this is an outdoor session)
- ☐ Troop meeting #3 – Jan 7, 2017, Emerson, 8:00am – 11:45am (indoor session)
- ☐ Troop meeting #4 – Jan 21-22, 2017, Sverdrup, 8:00am Saturday – Noon Sunday (Outdoor overnight!)

Contact: George Kunkel at: georgekunkel@sbcglobal.net

University of Scouting:

Saturday, January- 28, 2017, 8:00am at St. John's Vianney High School.

- ☐ On line registration to begin on November 15, 2016.

And for more info, check out Stlbsa.org/training

Cub Scout Info:

- ☐ Check out the Cubscout STEM Nova and Supernova awards - **HERE** is the flyer
- ☐ Cubscout Extravaganza 2017 dates are set. See **HERE** for more info

Other Useful Links:

- ☐ Awards Central - http://www.scouting.org/Home/Awards_Central.aspx
- ☐ Resources, Forms & Applications - <http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/Forms.aspx>

November Roundtable Agenda is [HERE](#)

Greater St. Louis Area Council, BSA

CUB SCOUT





OA

Chapter Meeting

There will be a Gravois Trail chapter meeting **Wednesday, November 9, at 7pm at St. Elizabeth of Hungary church on Sappington**. We'd especially like to see new Ordeal members who received their sashes in the past year. We'll be having an OA orientation especially for those new members. We'll also be discussing the updated requirements for the Brotherhood honor (don't worry, it's not getting harder).

Vigil Nominations

Vigil nominations must be submitted by **November 18** using the Vigil Nomination Form. It's especially important that we recognize youth who are making a difference in their chapters and in our lodge, so look around and find one of our outstanding brothers to nominate.

Winter Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Winter Fellowship Banquet, which will be on **Sunday, December 18, from 5pm-8pm at the Machinists Hall on St. Charles Rock Road**.

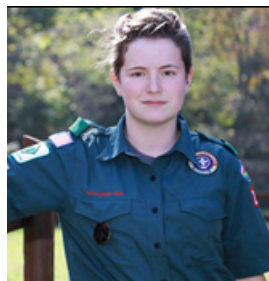
As always, you can stay on top of all the lodge news by subscribing to the *eLookout*. It's absolutely free, and you can sign up at:

www.shawneelodge.org



Venturing

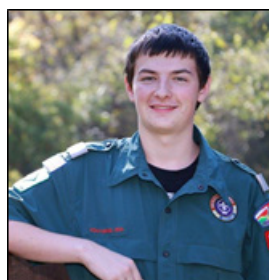
We would like to introduce your 2016-2017 Gravois Trail District Venturing Officers:



The new Gravois Trail District Venturing President is **Samantha Beadle**. Sam has grown up in a lot of different places, moving around from state to state. She's lived here in Missouri, along the east coast, and even lived in California for a while. Now, she lives here with her mom, her two siblings, and her dog Petey. It was here that she was introduced to Venturing Crew 2821. Sam says, "Through my crew, I have had the opportunity to try new things and go places I never had before. I made lots of friends and grew in my own skills

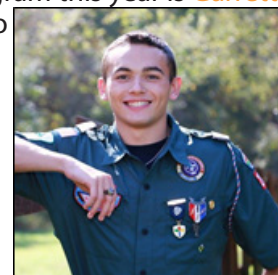
along the way." Besides Venturing, Sam enjoys drawing, reading, listening to music and playing guitar. She has earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award, and is working toward her Gold Award. Sam says she is very excited for this coming year, and all the fun times it will bring.

Your Vice President of Administration for Gravois Trail District Venturing this

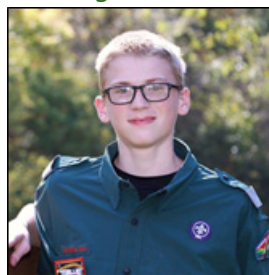


year is **J. Lathan Harlan**. Lathan enjoys fantasy video games and novels, food and Legos. No matter what, he's always trying to make someone laugh. He is a Senior at Affton High School, and his favorite class is French. Last year, he was inducted into the Société Honoraires de Français (French Honors Society) and he is currently one of the senior members. Lathan is from Venturing Crew 2821 chartered to the Affton Parents Club.

The Gravois Trail District Venturing Vice-President of Program this year is **Garrett Knapp**. Garrett is from Venturing Crew 2725, chartered to St. Dominic Savio Catholic Church in Affton. He is a Senior at Affton High School where he is on the swim team and was recently recognized by the Board of Education as the Affton Strong Student of the Month for October. Garrett is an Eagle Scout and previously served as the Gravois Trail Chapter Chief of the Order of the Arrow.



Asher Agers is the new Gravois Trail District Vice President



of Communication. He is 14, and a Freshman in High School. Asher is very active in Boy Scouts with Troop 824 where he is the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Outside of Scouting he likes to play the Cello, play soccer, and just hang out with friends. In his new role he is looking forward to learning more about social media platforms

Advancement

Eagle Project Reviews

Eagle Project Reviews are held in conjunction with District Roundtables on the 1st Tuesday of each Month with the exception of July. Reviews begin at 7:00 p.m.

Scouts seeking reviews are selected in random order, i.e. there is no reason to arrive early in order to be first in line.

For more info see the flyer [HERE](#)

Cooking Merit Badge

Be advised the the requirements for the cooking merit badge have recently changed.

After being completely revised in 2014, some requirements for Cooking merit badge were further revised on January 1, 2016. However, each version of the requirements prohibited meals prepared for the merit badge to also be used for rank requirements and using meals prepared for rank advancement for the merit badge requirements.

The paragraph in the current requirements is as follows:

"Note: The meals prepared for Cooking merit badge requirements 4, 5, and 6 will count only toward fulfilling those requirements and will not count toward rank advancement or other merit badges. Meals prepared for rank advancement or other merit badges may not count toward the Cooking merit badge. You must not repeat any menus for meals actually prepared or cooked in requirements 4, 5, and 6."

Unit leaders and Cooking merit badge counselors should be aware of this statement and make sure Scouts are receiving the full benefit of both the rank advancement and merit badge programs.

Duty To God

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This new requirement has raised numerous questions, especially regarding how it should be accomplished. The National Council, in its December 2015 Advancement News, published as an addition to the FAQs covering all of the new requirements a statement to provide guidance to unit leaders and Boards of Review. See the details of the statement [HERE](#)

Camping

Fall PACAO

PACAO was a huge success. Thanks to Campmaster Chris Fernley and Adult Advisors, Mary Knapp and Jim Hopkins, for their hard work putting this event together. I also want to thank the staff that made the event a success. Youth staff, climbing tower, rifle and BB shooting, archery, cub scouts. It takes a group effort to make an event like this happen.

THANK YOU ALL !

We had 215 boy scouts, 114 webelos, 21 cub scouts, 176 adults, and 40 staff. 566 Scouting friends enjoyed a beautiful weekend at Beaumont Scout Ranch.



Klondike

Boy Scout Klondike Derby will be the last weekend in January on Lane Field at Beaumont Scout Ranch.

Kenny Owens is the Campmaster for the event.

Development

Alumni Happy Hour

See the flyer [HERE](#) for info on the Scouting Alumni Happy Hour to reconnect with Scouting



South County Alumni Happy Hour

Tuesday, November 15th

5:30 pm

Trattoria Toscana

11686 Gravois Road, St. Louis, MO 63126

Hosted by Keith Guller, CEO of Essex Industries

RSVP by November 11th to Nick.Johnson@Scouting.org or 314-256-3012

Who are Scouting Alumni?

Anyone positively and personally impacted by the Boy Scouts of America

former youth members, family members of Scouts past and present, community leaders, and millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting in their communities every day

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Q. The article in Sept/Oct 2015 Advancement News, page 4, “Scout Spirit and Duty to God: It's a Monologue, Not a Dialogue,” has raised a few questions. The duty to God question is asked, the youth responds, and the board of review continues regardless of his answer... is this what is intended?

A. "It's a monologue, not a dialogue" effectively sums up the roles of youth and leader concerning any "duty to God"/higher being question during a board of review or unit leader conference. The new Boy Scout rank requirements call for a Scout to “Tell how you have done your duty to God...” It is appropriate for leaders to ask that question of a youth, but then leaders need to listen. Asking an additional question to clarify a youth's response is reasonable—or if the youth responds, "I don't know," a leader might ask a more thought-provoking question. Adult leaders should remember that Boy Scout-age youth are growing in many ways, including their religious beliefs. It is not the role of the unit leader or a board of review to evaluate how a youth goes about fulfilling his duty to God. The BSA does not seek to interpret God, higher being, or religion; interpretation is the responsibility of the Scout, his parents, and his religious leaders. However, a youth professing no belief in any higher being is not an acceptable answer with respect to the BSA advancement program. In fact, no belief whatsoever actually raises a BSA membership issue. When every youth joins the BSA his parents or guardians signed his BSA Youth Application (www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406A.pdf), acknowledging the BSA's Declaration of Religious Principle. Furthermore, the Scout Oath states a Scout observe a “duty to God,” and the Scout Law includes a Scout is “reverent.” If the youth professes no belief in any higher being during a board of review at any rank, the board should adjourn, provide the BSA's Declaration of Religious Principle to the Scout and his family, explain how it affects BSA membership and advancement, and allow time for the family or their religious leader to counsel the youth. The board of review can then be reconvened at a later date.



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Eagle candidates must be prepared to take notes during the review of their Project Proposal. Reviewers are likely to offer suggestions about the project, fundraising, leadership objectives and how to make a non-qualifying project into one that meets the tests for a satisfactory project.

No appointments will be given. Scouts should be in their fullest field uniform.

For questions and additional information contact: Mike Nebel, 314-892-7606.

Council Eagle Boards of Review are held four times each month and do require an appointment.

A Scout who has in his possession an Eagle Application with his advancement record certified by our Council should make his appointment for a Board of Review as quickly as possible. If the Scout is 18 years old or older he should be encouraged to establish a Review date immediately upon receipt of Council certification.

A letter will be sent to Eagle candidates prior to their Review providing the date, time and location of their Board of Review. A list of the materials they are required to provide will be included in the letter. Scouts appearing before the Board should be in their fullest field uniform.

For questions, additional information and to schedule a review, contact:
Jerry Blackwell, 314-822-4719.

Every effort will be made to accommodate Scouts who have a valid, substantial reason why they are not able to attend a Project Review or Eagle Board of Review.

Cub Scout Nova & Supernova Awards

- A series of optional awards focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) activities
- Awards at all levels - Cubs, Boy Scouts, Venturers
- Two levels of awards
 - NOVA - various modules allow Scouts to explore the basic principles of STEM
 - Supernova - more in depth, advanced work that often requires several months of work
- Nova Awards
 - Science
 - **Science Everywhere** - how science affects your life each day
 - **Down and Dirty** - how life science affects your life each day
 - **Nova WILD!** - learn about wildlife and the natural world around you
 - **Out of This World** - discover the wonders of space exploration
 - Technology
 - **Tech Talk** - explore how technology affects your life each day
 - Engineering
 - **Swing!** - explore how engineering and simple machines affect your life each day
 - Mathematics
 - **1-2-3 Go!** - explore how math affects your everyday life
- Nova Award Recognition
 - Document on advancement report and notify unit leader
 - First nova recognized by patch, subsequent novas recognized by "pi" pin
- Supernova awards
 - Encouraged by not required to earn nova awards first
 - Wolf & Bear - **Dr. Luis W. Alvarez Award**
 - Webelos - **Dr. Charles H. Townes Supernova Award**
 - Sample Requirements
 - Complete required adventures
 - Find out about award honoree
 - Participate in a science project in your classroom or school
 - Explore career STEM career paths
 - participate in Nova or other STEM related activity



- Supernova recognition
 - Medallion worn around neck
 - Application submitted to district STEM / advancement chair
- Leading the Program
 - Nova Counselor
 - Registered adult aged 21 and older
 - Be "familiar with the subject and be able to research and discuss unfamiliar topics to help the scout"
 - Must complete YPT
 - Register annually (no fee, position code 58)
 - non-unit position
 - Supernova Mentor
 - Registered adult aged 21 and older
 - "Be knowledgeable in the award subject by vocation, hobby, or education"
 - Must complete YPT
 - Register annually (no fee, position code 52)
 - non-unit position
 - approved by district / council advancement committee
 - Must complete separate Supernova Mentor application (form 514-017)
 - Guides the youth
 - help decide on research topics and develop a project from the selected topic
 - help identify and recruit appropriate subject matter experts (if different from mentor) - SME may need to complete YPT as well
 - For both counselors and mentors, it is suggested that you not directly work with your child, unless as part of a group who are working on the award(s)

<https://stlbsa.org/nova-supernova-resources/>

<http://stem.stlbsa.org/>

<http://www.scouting.org/stem.aspx>

http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx#_stemorient



2017 CUB SCOUT EXTRAVAGANZA

Save the Date

Week 2: June 18–24, 2017

Week 7: July 23–29, 2017

Imagine attending the Philmont Training Center for a week and being able to interact with Cub Scout leaders from across the country, *and* being able to pick and choose which sessions to attend to improve your leadership skills! The summer of 2017 will offer you that opportunity!

Announcing the 2017 Cub Scout Extravaganza at PTC! Imagine your local council University of Scouting—but lasting for a week. Plan a program of your choice, designed to meet your needs by selecting from an assortment of Cub Scout leader topics ranging from outdoor skills to training administration ... from den and pack management to Cub Scout fun and pizzazz. We will be featuring all of those, plus information on the Lion pilot program and the recently revised BALOO Cub Scout leader training experience. There will be something for everyone!

Register now for an extravaganza week, and when you arrive at PTC, you'll be able to get the most out of your time spent in Scouter's paradise. Faculty comprises the Boy Scouts of America's national-level volunteers and professional experts on the topics. It doesn't get any better than this!

Gravois Trail Roundtable
November 1, 2016
A Scout is: Loyal ~ Family Involvement
~ Boys Life ~ www.boyslife.org

<u>Action</u>		<u>By</u>	<u>Description /Notes</u>
Opening	7:00		
Welcome	7:03		Meet RT Staff /Greet New Attendees
Announcements	7:05		
Henry's Games			
Recruiting Ideas (Supporting your new leaders)			How is your Pack doing?
Summertime Pack Award, www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf			
Training Knots			
Questions ?			
Closing	8:25	Jan	

Announcements:

1.. Activities Chairman – Dawn & David Fansler

Scouting for Food ~ November 12 ~ (Distribution)
November 19 ~ (Pick up)

2. Popcorn ~ Mary Knapp ~ kfclegs@hotmail.com ; 314-541-2189

November 11: Pick up "Take Order" at local warehouse

3. Friends of Scouting ~ Sue O'Connell @ 314-605-0921 or sock048@sbcglobal.net

4. District Commissioner ~ Paul Leicht

5. Beacon Awards ~ Interesting News / stories about your unit especially pictures e-mail
Jerry Fix @ jerry.fix@gmail.com

6. District Camping Chairman - Gil Kauffmann
Fall PACAO ~ October 21-23 @ Beaumont

7. Training ~ Gary Dedeke / Jason Sciaroni
University of Scouting ~
Saturday, January 28, 2017 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
St. John Vianney High School
1311 S. Kirkwood Rd,
Kirkwood, MO 63122
Registration opens November 15 at 9 a.m.

8. Advancement ~ Phil Tilghman / Patrick Givens
CS Program Changes ~ link for all requirements ~
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/Appended%20Requirements.pdf

9. District: Suzie Redington
Re-charter Time ☺
Scout Councils Merge

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USEFUL LINKS

Awards Central ~ http://www.scouting.org/Home/Awards_Central.aspx

Resources, Forms & Applications ~

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