

# 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://stlbsa.org)

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

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

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

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

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## Contact Us !

Don't hesitate to contact us when ever you have questions. There's a lot going on and if you don't see an answer to your question here, just give us a call or email.

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## Membership

Can anybody tell me what time it is???  
Good guess, but it is that time of year  
where we all should be thinking about  
Spring Recruitment....

The crucial item needed for a successful  
Spring Recruitment is a Summer  
program any/all new Scouts can  
participate in. There is plenty going  
on this summer where if you need  
assistance putting a summer program  
together please contact either your  
Unit Commissioner, Suzie Redington or  
myself and any of us will be happy to  
assist you.

One main focus I would like to see more  
of this Spring is 5th grade recruitment  
for Troops. If I've struck a nerve and  
you're interested let me know and we'll  
see how we can help recruit some 5th  
graders.

YIS,  
Ken McFadden  
Gravios Trail District Membership Chair

## OA

Don't miss the upcoming Spring  
Conclave. This gathering is the Lodge's  
Spring induction weekend. The Spring  
Conclave is a great time to see friends,  
get Brotherhood, watch ceremonies,  
and much more!

This year the Spring Conclave will be  
held April 10-12 at Beaumont Scout  
Reservation. Check the [Shawnee  
Lodge](#) website for registration info.

## Training

Hello the Trail. Spring is right around the corner and it is time to think about  
training. The Gravois Trail Training Staff is gearing up to offer all Adult Leaders  
the opportunities to get the best training. Training for all those not yet trained as  
well as those leaders that took training some years ago and want a refresher.  
In addition to the training opportunities at Roundtable, the dates of Basic  
Training are provided below. I hope everyone will take advantage of these dates.

There is some very exciting news about Cub Scout Leader training. It has been  
revamped to include new ideas and opportunities to help you re energize your  
Cub Scout program. This training is vital for all new leaders and an excellent time  
for existing leaders to take a look at new and different ways to help your pack be  
its best. There is more training that will be available and more help from our staff  
than in the past. We plan to have mentors help you right up front so when you  
have that first meeting with a new den, you will be prepared with the right tools  
and know how. We also plan on helping your pack use and train Den Leader  
Coaches and Charter Organizational Representatives to help make your pack the  
best it can be. These are only a few of the things we plan to provide you in the  
future. Find out all the details at Roundtable.

Boy Scouts and Venturing Leaders, get ready for new ideas and training, too.  
We have a new Roundtable Commissioner who many of you may know, Terry  
Madden. He plans to expand the topics at Roundtable. Roundtable will no  
longer be limited to just what is going on in the District and Council, but will  
also include relevant training topics. This will be a great time to learn the most  
up-to-date requirements in training. The training staff, camping committee,  
advancement, as well as all the working committees will provide the latest ideas  
that will help you, your troop and crews soar to new heights.

Come to Roundtable and Training. Experience what's new and exciting in  
scouting. Re ignite your spark!

Click [HERE](#) for the Spring 2015 Adult Training Flyer

See you down the "Trail"



## Advancement

**Citizenship Merit Badge Orientations**  
 Get your scouts started on Citizenship in the Nation merit badge at the merit badge orientation on **Monday, March 9, at Sperreng Middle School**. A merit badge orientation allows the scout to start the badge with a counsellor in a class setting, completing some of the requirements that night. The scout will do the remaining work on his own, and then contact a counselor to complete the badge.

This is a great way to get the scout started on the badge, particularly scouts whose advancement has slowed. **The program goes from 7-8:30**. Scouts should come in uniform with a signed merit badge card, pen and paper, and either the merit badge book or the online worksheet.

**Citizenship in the World will be offered on Monday, April 13, at Sperreng**. No pre-registration is required for these events.

**First Aid Merit Badge Skill Center**  
 A First Aid Merit Badge skill center will be held on Saturday, **May 2, from 8:30am to 2pm at the Crestwood Fire Station**. A skill center offers the scout a chance to earn the merit badge that day if pre-requisites have been done ahead of time. Scouts should be at least Second Class rank and have completed all the First Aid requirements in the Tenderfoot through First Class ranks. Some additional pre-work will be required.

The class size is limited, and Scouts (NOT their parents or troop leaders) can register by calling **Mr. Mischel at 636-343-6949**, or emailing at **bmischel780@sbcglobal.net**. There is no fee for this program, but scouts should plan to bring a sack lunch.

Suggested script for registering:  
 "Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a Boy Scout in Troop \_\_\_\_\_. I'd like to register for the First Aid merit badge on May 2. My phone number is \_\_\_\_\_, and I can receive email at \_\_\_\_\_."

## Venturing

We have a very busy 3 months coming up for Venturing. Here is a list, along with some links for more details of what we have on the horizon:

Date	Event
3/3/2015	Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (part 1 of 3) At our normal Roundtable location
3/3/2015	Personal Safety Training At our normal Roundtable location
3/5/2015	Kodiak Challenge Planning Meeting for Crew Members Location to be announced
3/14/2015	Kodiak Challenge Day 1 of 5
3/15/2015	Kodiak Challenge Day 2 of 5
3/20/2015	Kodiak Challenge Day 3 of 5
3/21/2015	Kodiak Challenge Day 4 of 5
3/22/2015	Kodiak Challenge Day 5 of 5
3/28/2015	<b>Council Shooting Sports Road Rally (click for more info)</b>
4/7/2015	Gravois Trail District Rountable Meeting At our normal Roundtable location
4/7/2015	Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (part 2 of 3) At our normal Roundtable location
4/18/2015	<b>Venturing Adult Leader (Advisors or Committee Training)</b>
5/5/2015	Goal setting and Time Management Training At our normal Roundtable location
5/5/2015	Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (part 3 of 3) At our normal Roundtable location
5/16/2015	<b>Central Region Sea Scout Rendezvous (Springfield, IL)</b>
5/24/2015	<b>Memorial Day Good Turn (Jefferson Barracks Cemetery)</b>
5/28/2015	<b>Venturing Celebration/Recognition Dinner</b>
6/2/2015	Gravois Trail Program Preview and Bowling Night Lindbergh High School with Bowling at Show Me Lanes



## Camping

This is the description of Bear and Wolf camp for Camp Lewallen and Camp May this summer. We will be incorporating the new program into this year's program. Each level of camping Cub Scouts will receive a unique experience for each level of scouting. They way this program is laid out a parent or guardian must attend camp with their Bear or Wolf. This description is available on the council website and on the Black Pug system. By the end of this week we will have more information available on the council website i.e. check in times, packing list, meals, etc. Please share this information to your volunteers at roundtable this week.

### Bear Camp:

Join us as we adventure through "Call of the Wild" Bear Camp! This is camp is designed especially for the Bear Rank. Bears will completing new adventures with the NEW Cub Scout Program.

The adventures include: Bear Necessities, Fur, Feathers, and Ferns, and A Bear Goes Fishing. ( These are all a part of the NEW Cub Scout Advancement Program. Bears will also participate in swimming, BB Guns, Archery, Scout Craft, and much more!

We are very excited to offer this program to the Bear Rank this year! (Note: Some program area may change once new handbooks are released May 1st)

### Wolf Camp:

Join us as we adventure through "The Wolf Pack" at Wolf Camp! This is camp is designed especially for the Wolf Rank. Wolves will be completing new adventures with the NEW Cub Scout Program.

The adventures include: Paws on the Path, Call of the Wild, Spirit of the Water, and Digging in the Past. ( These are all a part of the NEW Cub Scout Advancement Program. Bears will also participate in swimming, BB Guns, Archery, Scout Craft, and much more!

We are very excited to offer this program to the Wolf Rank this year! (Note: Some program area may change once new handbooks are released May 1st)

We hope this answers a lot questions, but if there are any more questions please don't hesitate to ask! Thank you for helping spread the work on these new camps!



## The Commissioners Report

Commissioners Staff- Reminder of upcoming commissioner training:

**2015 College of Commissioner Science, Saturday March 7th, Eden United Church of Christ, 903 N. Street, Edwardsville, IL.** Basic and advanced commissioner training available for all who need to be trained for there related positions (except ADC position).

**Charter Organization Representative Training on Monday March 30, 6:30-9:30 at Parkway Northeast Middle School** at the intersection of I-270 and Ladue Rd. in Creve Coeur.

Commissioners please pass this training information along to your units.

The next commissioner staff meeting will be **Tuesday March 10, 2015, Zion United Methodist Church 1603 Union Rd. 63125.** ADC meeting 6:30-7pm, Commissioners meeting 7:00-8:00pm.





# GRAVIOS TRAIL

## CUB SCOUT, BOY SCOUT, VENTURE, & VARSITY

### ADULT TRAINING FOR **SPRING 2015**

### **BECAUSE EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!**

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**WHAT:** Cub Scouts Leader Specific Training

**WHEN:** Saturday, **April 18, 2015**

**WHERE:** Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road, St Louis, 63125

**REGISTRATION:** 8:00 AM      **TRAINING:** 8:30 AM

**Cost:** \$20.00 for all materials and some of the best training in Greater St Louis Area Council!

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**WHAT:** Boy Scouts Committee Specific Training

Varsity Committee Specific Training

**WHEN:** Saturday, **April 18, 2015**

**WHERE:** Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road, St Louis, 63125

**REGISTRATION:** 8:00 AM      **TRAINING:** 8:30 AM

**Cost:** \$25.00 for all materials and some of the best training in Greater St Louis Area Council!

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**WHAT:** Venturers Leader Specific Training

**WHEN:** Saturday, **April 18, 2015**

**WHERE:** Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road, St Louis, 63125

**REGISTRATION:** 8:00 AM      **TRAINING:** 8:30 AM

**Cost:** \$20.00 for all materials and some of the best training in Greater St Louis Area Council!

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**WHAT:** Boy Scout Leader Training – Scoutmasters & Assistant Scoutmasters

Varsity Leader Training -- Coaches

**WHEN:** 3 Wednesday indoor sessions, **Apr 8, Apr 15, Apr 22, 2015**

**WHERE:** St Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, 1420 S Sappington Road, Crestwood, 63126

**REGISTRATION:** 6:30 PM      **TRAINING:** 7:00 PM

1 Saturday to Sunday outdoor session, **May 2 – May 3, 2015**

**WHERE:** Beaumont Scout Reservation

**ARRIVE:** Sat, 7:00 AM      **Depart:** Sun, 12:30 PM

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**PREREQUISITE:** “Youth Protection Training” -- available on line from the local council website – [www.stlbsa.org](http://www.stlbsa.org). Click on TRAINING on the top menu. Then look for the “YOUTH PROTECTION AND ONLINE TRAINING” link on the left side. Upon completion you will be asked to print a certificate indicating completion. Bring the certificate with you to registration to receive credit.

*Boy Scout Scoutmaster and Varsity Coach positions are the same with the exception of the leadership names. Therefore training is combined for both positions. This training will qualify you to hold either position.*

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