

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/gravoistail/)

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

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

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

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Contact Us !

Now that Fall is here, there's lots of fun Scouting ahead - PACAO, OA Fall Reunion, and lots of camping with your Troop, Pack or Crew. Stay informed by checking out the GT website and Facebook page.

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District Directors Corner

What a wonderful summer we just had! I enjoyed getting around to **Summer Camps** and **Day Camps** and seeing all the Scouts enjoy the outdoor experience that we talk so much about. Suzie and I enjoyed meeting with all the wonderful Gravois Trail volunteers and listening to their stories about Scouting. You, the volunteer, are the reason Scouting continues to move forward.

Suzie and I are busy every day going into elementary, middle, and high schools recruiting new youth into the program. We are promising a great deal to these young men and women and they count on you to fulfill the promise. **I know you will!** You run great programs. I need you to do a little more. Our great program that we love with all our hearts is **declining**. We need to reinvigorate how we look at this program.

We need to not settle with only recruiting one time a year. Invite every young man into your **Pack or Troop**. Make sure you have the opportunity to change their life for the better. Boy Scouts is an entry point into the program. They do not need to be a Cub Scout to join Boy Scouts. Take some time to plan a recruiting strategy to bring in 5-10 new boys this fall.

Imagine the lives changed if after school night to join scouting is over every Pack and Troop brought in 5-10 new Boys. That's over 500 lives changed for the better. That's 500 young men who will be **Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent!** Those are words I stand behind; I hope we can impart that wisdom on some new young men.

Training

Hello the Trail;

We're starting off on a new season of training in Gravois Trail. There are plenty of opportunities to get training - so take advantage of them.

If you had a magic wand, would you use it to make the Scouting program better and more fun for youth so they stayed in Scouting longer, so it had a larger impact on their lives? What if the same magic wand made leadership roles easier, more rewarding, and led to better retention among adult leaders? Would using that magic wand be a top priority?

Well, such a magic wand does exist—in the form of the learning programs for leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

This month's training feature is about NAYLE. What is NAYLE?

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience is an exciting program that enhances leadership skills and expands upon the team-building and ethical decision-making skills learned in National Youth Leadership Training. NAYLE emphasizes leadership, teamwork, and selfless service, using the core elements of NYLT to help youth strengthen these skills. The NAYLE course is now available at all four national high-adventure bases. The material presented is basically the same at all four venues but is specific to the unique environment of each site.

Here are some upcoming Gravois Trail training dates:

- Leader Training ~ October 3 @ Peace Lutheran on Barracksview
- Pow Wow ~ November 7, for all leaders
- Cub Scout leader training on September 30 and October 7 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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Camping

Fall means camping, and there are some great ones coming up for Gravois Trails.

The granddaddy of Fall campouts is PACAO. Fall PACAO will be held October 9-11 at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Click on the links below to find information on Fall PACAO for your Boy Scout Troop or Webelos Den. Boy Scouts will need to check out the Multicultural Game attachment. Registration Forms can be found in the Manuals. Below are links to these manuals:

[2015 Boy Scout Fall PACAO Manual](#)

[Multicultural Games – Boy Scout Fall PACAO](#)

[2015 Cub Scout PACAO Manual](#)

As a reminder, below is a simple checklist to remind units about getting tour and activity plan approval:

Units must submit a Tour and Activity Plan to the council for:

- Trips of 500 miles or more; or
- Trips outside of council borders; or
- Trips to Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont Scout Ranch, Summit Bechtel Reserve, national Scout jamboree,
- National Order of the Arrow Conference, or a regionally sponsored event; or
- When conducting any of the following activities outside of council or district events:
 - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
 - Climbing and rappelling
 - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
 - Shooting sports
 - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.); or

Advancement

Electronic Eagle Scout Application Process

Eagle Candidates who elect to use the Council's **Electronic Application Procedure** should be careful with the Eagle Application. We recommend scanning both sides of the Application in color and including the color scan with the rest of the documents required for Council advancement certification. Upon completion of the review, the application will be signed, re-scanned and returned to the candidate.

The application returned by Council may be black and white, not color. Candidates must be careful to bring the signed version of their application, not the original application in color, to their Board of Review. You may request, when originally sending the documents to Council, a color scan of the signed application. They may or may not comply. The important part is the signature.

The Eagle Scout Board of Review must have the Eagle Scout Application signed by the Council for advancement certification before a Board of Review will begin.

Eagle Project Proposal Reviews/Eagle Scout Boards of Review

Scouts beginning work on their Eagle Scout Service Project should bring the original and a minimum of three complete copies of the Project Proposal section from the Project Workbook. At least the original must include the signatures of the Scout, Unit Leader, Unit Committee and Beneficiary. The copies must include any supporting documents included with the original.

District reviews of Project Proposals cannot be held without the required signatures. Too many Scouts are requesting reviews without signed workbooks. They must return to the next review session. If they have waited until they are almost 18 to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout, the Project approval delay may be crucial.

Eagle Service Project Proposal reviews are held monthly during Roundtable. Requests for special reviews due to age/time constraints should be directed to the Eagle Service Project Review chairman.

Eagle Candidates are strongly encouraged to **bring at least three complete sets of the required documents to their Eagle Board of Review**. These include the **Eagle Application**, the **Eagle Service Project Workbook**, the **Statement of Purpose and Life Ambition**, and the **resume of positions held in various organizations during which leadership skills were demonstrated**. Include all before, during and after photographs, if any, of the Eagle Project. Do not forget the individual **sealed letters of reference**. All of the required signatures on the application and project workbook must be in place before a review will be held.

All Eagle Scout Boards of Review have a minimum of three members. Taking time to pass around and review single copies of the documents extends the time required for the review while detracting from the ability of the reviewers to focus on the Character, Citizenship and Fitness of the candidate.

Venturing

With Gravois Trail District Venturing Officer Elections right around the corner, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate our outgoing officers, **Eva Mange - President, Anna Musich - Vice-President of Administration, Kenny Edgar - Vice-President of Program and Maddy Agers - Vice-President of Communications**. You four have done a fantastic job taking Venturing in the Gravois Trail District to the next level. You have put on meetings, trainings and events that have made our district a stand-out in one of the strongest councils for Venturing in the country. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Fall Fun Rally

Have you registered for the largest Venturing event in the country? You know, it's right in your backyard...

The Fall Fun Rally, with over 1,300 attendees the past two-years will be the largest Venturing Event in the country and it's so close, at Beaumont. Ask anyone who's been before, they'll tell you that you HAVE TO GO because it's so much fun.

Follow the attached link to get registered right away. Check with your Crew Advisor before you do, just in case they've already established a registration for your crew to which you can add on. Go [HERE](#) for more info...

VOA Application

This is the form [HERE](#) that you need to complete if you would like to run to be a Gravois Trail District Venturing Officer. Follow the instructions on the form and get it submitted before Noon on the Saturday of Fall Fun Rally. Don't delay!!!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Venturing (and 14+ year old Boy Scouts) events this year:

Date	Event
September 25-27	Fall Fun Rally
November 21, 2015	Scouting for Food
January 17-18	Council Mobile Lock-in
January 23, 2016	University of Scouting
January 30, 2016	Area 3 Venturing Conference
February 20, 2016	District Snow Tubing Event
March 19, 2016	Council Amazing Race Event
May 29, 2016	Memorial Day Good Turn
June 7, 2016	3rd Annual District Bowling Party

FALL FUN RALLY
SEPTEMBER 25-27

Activites

With Fall come plenty of Scouting activities. Below are a few great ones to put on your calendar:

- Scouting Day One - Oct 3 @ Cub World
- Fall Fright Fest - Oct 10 @ Cub World
- Scouting for Food
 - November 14 (Distribution)
 - November 21 (Pick up)

OA

Fall Reunion just took place last weekend, and it was an awesome time. Some highlights are:

- Over 2,300 total attendees
- Almost 1,500 Arrowman attended the Centennial Show
- 610 New brothers complete their ordeal
- 192 Ordeal Members earn their Brotherhood

And coming up the weekend of Sept 17-19 is the Section Conclave. The Conclave this year will be special as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Arrow. Starting with the conclave patch (see below), there will be other items such as limited edition "mini-sashes" and other items to purchase as a keepsake. Saturday will be devoted to fun, entertainment and opportunities learn about various fun things that you can do as Arrowmen.

To sign up, go [HERE](#)



A little over three weeks till the Fall Fun Rally!

[View this email in your browser](#)



Just Over 3 Weeks

Fall Fun Rally is coming up fast.

With just over three weeks until Fall Fun Rally, its time to start getting ready of the event. The next registration deadline is this Friday, after which registration costs begin to go up, so [get your registration in](#).

FFR Quick Links:

- [Fall Fun Rally Site](#)
- [Event Registration](#)
- [Horseback Signups](#)
- Trainings: [Info](#) / [Signup](#)
- [SCUBA Paperwork](#)
- [Meal plan Menu](#)
- B.A.R.F. [Info](#) / [Signup](#)

But besides that, its time to start getting ready for all the FUN of the weekend. Below are some highlights, but be sure to check out the [Program tab of Fall Fun Rally Website](#) for more info including a schedule of the weekend.



Horseback Rides

One of the annual highlights of the Fall Fun Rally is horseback riding. There are limited slots available for rides on Saturday. Tickets for roughly 1 1/2 hour rides will be allocated by a lottery. If your unit is interested, get them signed up for the [lottery](#).



Shooting Sports

With pistols, rifles, shotguns, and archery, you'll have plenty to shoot. This year we are adding pellet guns and a 'can cannon'. The cannon uses .223 blanks to launch a 12 ounce soda can at a target. So bring your cans and watch them explode!



SCUBA: NEW IN 2015!

We are very excited that the Be A Diver Pool will be at the Fall Fun Rally this year! You'll get a chance to try out SCUBA in a heated temporary pool to be setup for the weekend. Bring your swimsuit, and a [signed SCUBA Waiver](#), we've got everything else for this awesome experience.



But wait there's more!

We're just getting started because there's all your FFR Favorites. Crate Stacking, Caving, Climbing Tower, Archery, Slacklines, STEM Expo, Historical Reenactors, LARP'ing, and Fishing Demo. Beyond that there are dozens more of



Trainings

Continuing on from previous years, we've got some trainings available for those who need to take a break from all the fun. Adult Leader Training, all the Venturing Advancement Trainings, Venturing Youth Protection, Backpacking, Hammock Camping, and more. Check out the [training schedule](#), and [signup](#) for a few of them ahead of time.



Competitions

There's tons of competitions out there for you to compete in too! Its time to start getting ready for a few of them:

Pumpkin Launch:

Build a device to launch a pumpkin and knock over the droids

HELP WANTED

Putting on an event this large always requires a ton of help. This year is no different.

Many of the events at the Fall Fun Rally are put on by Crews or Posts taking an activity and rotating through for the day. We're always looking for more program if you unit is up to the challenge.

We are also looking for individual volunteers. A few areas where we need help are:

- Shooting Sports
- Climbing Tower
- SCUBA Logistics

If you are interested in helping, please [email the advisor](#) for the event.



Looking to upgrade your stay at the Fall Fun Rally this year? Perhaps you want to stay in a cabin with your unit instead? Cabins are available for \$160 for the weekend. These cabins come with varying amenities, and space is very limited. If interested, email advisor@fallfunrally.org.

For those who have medical issues such as requiring a CPAP at night, or wheelchair accessibility, we have space available at no charge in a cabin. Please contact advisor@fallfunrally.org.

May the Fun Be with You: Fall Fun Rally 2015

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