

The Trail

Cub Scouts - Boy Scouts - Venturing



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OF AMERICA

SCOUTING



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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](#)

The home for Gravois Trail can be found here: [Gravois Trail Website](#)

Shawnee Lodge of the Order of the Arrow website can be found here: [Shawnee](#)

Or the Facebook page located here: [Gravois Trail Facebook](#)

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

Contact us at:

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Contact Us !

Fall is quickly drawing to a close. The holiday are upon us... but we've done a lot already (PACAO, Fall Reunion... and more) and there is still a lot to do: Scouting For Food, Winter Camping, Training Opportunities... The later part of Fall and the start of Winter can be a lot of fun in Scouting... As always if anyone has questions feel free to contact us:

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District Directors Corner

Greetings Scouters!

It is November already!!

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.

And, hard to believe, but it is also re charter time – they are due to be completed and turned in by **November 17**.

We wish you a happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all that you do for our Scouts and blessed for your support.

Yours in Scouting,

Mike Eschbach
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Training

Gravois Trail Has Awesome Training Resources

Congratulations to the three (3) leaders who just completed their Scoutmaster training last weekend at the IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) out at Beaumont Scout Reservation. They braved the cold temperatures, down to 22 degrees Saturday night and finished up on Sunday.

The three Leaders are:

Rob Shields, Troop 780

Rob Rosenberg, Troop 778

Tim Eslick, Troop 708

They will receive their trained strips at the November Roundtable.

On Saturday October 14th, 2017, twenty three (23) Cub Scout Leaders attended training at Peace Lutheran Church and are now trained and are helping their Packs and Dens.

University of Scouting

University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Granite City High School. Go **HERE** to register and sign up for classes.

For questions, contact:

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OA



2017-2018 Officers

Gravois Trail's 2017-2018 chapter officers were elected at the Fall Reunion. Our officers are:

Chapter Chief: Kenny Owens

First Vice Chief: Grant Nilges

Second Vice Chief: Asher Agers

Secretary: Geoffrey Walker

Our new officers look forward to serving you and making this a great year.

Chapter Meeting

Gravois Trail Chapter will be holding the November chapter meeting on Wednesday, November 8 at 7pm at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, on Sappington Road. This will be a fun evening, and we'll have great information for our new Ordeal members.

Other Information

Ceremonies: We're proud of the work our district's ceremonial teams are providing, and we have a goal to increase the number of ceremonial teams serving our district. If you're interested in getting involved in ceremonies, we will be having introductory meetings on November 30 and December 12 to teach people about opportunities as ceremonialists and help get you started. Watch for more details, or contact Grant Nilges, our chapter First Vice Chief.

Chairmen Positions: Would you like to get more involved in our chapter? There are chairmen positions that are a great way to learn how things work behind the scenes. These positions don't take a lot of work, but they are critical to making our chapter work. To get involved, contact Grant Nilges.

Remember that boys came to join. And, they need to be registered if they are active so get the paperwork in now to avoid problems. Don't hold on to applications.

Venturing

New 2017-2018 Officer

In addition to all the great fun at the Fall Fun Rally... time was spent to elect the new officers that will guide the VOA for the next year. They've already begun planning the program for next year.

This years officers are:

Kenny Owen - VP of Administration

Garrett Knapp - President

Gavin Knapp - VP Communications

Alex Valentine - VP Program

Camping

Fall PACAO Was A Hit !

PACAO had over 500 participants and staff. Thanks to Mason Merris, Campmaster, Mary Knapp, Adult Advisor and Bill Kirk, Webelos and Cub Scout advisor for a great event



Klondike Derby is coming up January 26-28, 2018. Alex Valentine is Campmaster. Terry Madden is adult advisor. This year the theme is Winter Olympics. More info coming soon !

Activities

District Dinner

It is time for the annual Gravois Trail District Dinner. This is a great time to see old friends again, to meet new friends and share stories and experiences with other Scouts.

The dinner will be held at Andre's Banquet Hall. Buffet dinner along with an open bar. The evening will have a speaker for The Greater St. Louis Area Council along with Gravois Trail Representatives.

Don't miss this great evening. The dinner will be held on **January 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** at Andre's Banquet Hall located at 4254 Telegraph Road, 63129. The cost is \$24.00 per person. Let's make this a great success. Go **HERE** to register for the dinner.

During the dinner, two very important recognition awards are given out to members of Gravois Trail:

1. Spark Plug Award

This should be a person who your committee feels best exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in their daily life and goes above and beyond the call of duty to spark the enthusiasm most in your unit. Go **HERE** for the nomination form.

2. District Award of Merit

- A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to boys.
- The nature and value of "noteworthy service to boys" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of boys or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
- A nominee should have contributed some service to youth outside of Scouting. Consideration should be given to a nominee's position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectation of duty.
- A nominee's attitude toward, and cooperation with, the district and council is to be taken into consideration.
- Go **HERE** for the nomination form

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE NOMINATION IS CONFIDENTIAL TO AVOID POSSIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE DO NOT

Popcorn Sales Update

1. Popcorn pickup is this Thursday (Nov 9) from 10:00 to 4:30 pm at Maritz - 1355 N Hwy Dr, Fenton, MO 63026
 - a. Be sure to pick up your order and have an appropriate vehicle.
2. We will fill the orders for Thursday on this Wednesday from 9:00 until early afternoon....**ANYONE** who helps can take their order then and be done and not have to come back on Thursday ...and we really need help on Wednesday morning....even if you did not sell popcorn and can help – let Mike Eschbach or Mary Knapp know. **Maritz - 1355 N Hwy Dr, Fenton, MO 63026**



Advancement

Eagle Scout Project Report and Board of Review



Scouts presenting their Eagle Project Workbook for a District Review, or presenting their Eagle credentials for a Council Board of Review, must present the originals of all of the required documents.

In each case, the Scout should bring three copies of all of the documents so the reviewers do not have to take turns reading the documents.

Scouts should **NOT** present the review teams with a thumb drive containing all of the required documents, for several reasons:

- The review teams do not have computers/laptops etc. during the review sessions
- Most reviewers would not willingly insert an unknown USB into their computer even if they had it during a review
- It is really, really difficult for three or more reviewers to sign a thumb drive. ..

Eagle Palm Requirements Change

Effective August 1, 2017 the requirements for earning Eagle Palms have changed. The new requirements are:

After successfully completing your Eagle Scout Board of review and being validated as an Eagle Scout by the National Service Center, you will be entitled to receive an Eagle Palm for each additional five merit badges you have completed before your Eagle Scout board of review. For these Palms only, it will not be necessary for you to complete any of the requirements stated below.

1. Be active in the Boy Scouts of America for at least three month after becoming an Eagle Scout or after the last Palm was earned. **
2. Since earning the Eagle Scout rank or your last Eagle Palm, demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Tell how you have done your duty to God and how you have lived the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Continue to set a satisfactory example of accepting responsibility or demonstrating leadership activity.
4. Earn five additional merit badges beyond those required for Eagle or last Palm. ***
5. While an Eagle Scout, participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

** Eagle Palms must be earned in sequence, and the three-month tenure requirement must be observed for each Palm.

*** Merit badges earned any time since becoming a Boy Scout may be used to meet this requirement.

Eagle Scouts should receive any Palms earned prior to their Eagle Scout board of review when they receive their Eagle medal.

The requirement for a Board of Review for Eagle Palms has been eliminated.

The Bronze Palm represents the first five merit badges beyond the 21 required for Eagle.
The Gold Palm represents the next five (ten total).
The Silver Palm represents the next five (fifteen total).

Palms can be worn on the Eagle Scout square knot by adults, on the ribbon of the Eagle Scout medal, or on the Eagle Scout rank patch on the youth field uniform.

Advancement

October Eagle Scouts

Gravois Trail had 8 Scouts complete the requirements for Eagle and pass their Board of Review in October.

Congratulations to **ALL** our new Eagle Scouts in October !

Below are two of those Scouts...



Isaiah Minner



Garrett Greeno

You are cordially invited

**GRAVOIS TRAIL
DISTRICT DINNER**



Friday, January 19, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship | Dinner | Awards

Andre's South

4254 Telegraph Road | St. Louis, MO 63129

\$24 per person.

R.S.V.P. by January 15

*online at scoutingevent.com/312-GTdistrictdinner18
or using the enclosed card.*

**NOMINATION FOR THE
AWARD OF MERIT
GRAVOIS TRAIL DISTRICT**

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

IT IS A PLEASURE TO PRESENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF MERIT:

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____

OCCUPATION _____

FIRM & POSITION _____

HE/SHE IS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNTIL (Date/Year) _____

DISTRICT _____ UNIT & NUMBER _____ POSITION _____

HIS/HER TOTAL SCOUTING RECORD IS (count only years officially registered):

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>UNIT/DISTRICT/COUNCIL</u>	<u>CITY & STATE</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

REQUIREMENTS

A NOMINEE MUST BE A REGISTERED SCOUTER.

A NOMINEE MUST HAVE RENDERED NOTEWORTHY SERVICE TO BOYS.

The nature and value of "noteworthy service to boys" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of boys or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.

A NOMINEE SHOULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED SOME SERVICE TO YOUTH OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING.

CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A NOMINEE'S POSITION AND THE CORRESPONDING OPPORTUNITY TO RENDER OUTSTANDING SERVICE BEYOND THE EXPECTATION OF DUTY.

A NOMINEE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD, AND COOPERATION WITH, THE DISTRICT AND COUNCIL IS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE NOMINATION IS CONFIDENTIAL TO AVOID POSSIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE DO NOT ADVISE NOMINEE IN ANY WAY OF YOUR ACTION ON THEIR BEHALF.

NOMINEE HAS EARNED THE FOLLOWING:

DEN LEADER'S AWARD	(Year) _____	SCOUTER'S RELIGIOUS AWARD	(Year) _____
DEN LEADER COACH AWARD	(Year) _____	ORDER OF THE ARROW	(Year) _____
SCOUTER'S AWARD	(Year) _____	WOOD BADGE	(Year) _____
SCOUTER'S KEY	(Year) _____	SILVER BEAVER AWARD	(Year) _____

THE NOTEWORTHY SERVICE UPON WHICH THIS NOMINATION IS BASED IS AS 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. Use additional pages or support materials if felt necessary.

NAME OF PERSON MAKING NOMINATION

POSITION IN SCOUTING () TELEPHONE NUMBER

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Award of Merit is a council award presented to districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver Award is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to all 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 units, or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

TO DISTRICT CHAIRMAN:

We have selected _____ to receive the
District Award of Merit for _____ (Year)

SIGNED:

SELECTION CHAIRMAN _____

MEMBERS: _____

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE _____

DATE SUBMITTED _____

**GRAVOIS TRAIL DISTRICT
SPECIAL ACHIEVER "SPARK PLUG" AWARD
Nomination Form**

Please **print** or **type** this form

PACK_____ TROOP_____ TEAM_____ CREW_____

Unit's Chartering Organization:_____

Committee Chairman:_____ Phone:_____

Chartering Organization Representative:_____ Phone:_____

Contact Name (other than nominee):_____ Phone:_____

Contact Person E-mail Address (Required):_____

Name of individual who your committee feels best exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in their daily life and goes above and beyond the call of duty to spark the enthusiasm most in your unit.

Their registered position in Scouting:_____

In the space below, please give, in a few short sentences, the reason(s) why your unit is nominating the person.

Two signatures required.

Unit Committee Chairman

Chartered Organization Representative

NOTE: This award is available to one person per unit per year. Units with 100 or more registered Scouts (as of 12/31/15) can nominate 2 adults. A unit representative must be present at the District Dinner to receive the award. This printed or typed form must be received at the Council Service Center prior to January 4, 2017. Forward to:

Greater St. Louis Area Council, BSA

ATTN: Gravois Trail District

4568 West Pine Blvd

St. Louis, MO 63108

Or, email to suzie.redington@scouting.org

RECIPIENT/UNIT MUST PURCHASE A TICKET TO DISTRICT DINNER TO RECEIVE AWARD

2018 Family Friends of Scouting

Unit Enrollment

To provide the best Scouting program requires a significant investment. *Friends of Scouting* helps secure the operating funds to provide the many services offered to support your unit's program, e.g., training, insurance, membership recruitment, program helps, advancement materials, camping facilities and programs, Council and District activities, etc.

***As you plan your program for the upcoming year, please include a Family Friends of Scouting presentation during the months of November, December, January, February, March, or April.**

Pack presentation should be at Blue and Gold Banquet, and Troop presentation during a Court of Honor.

To enroll, please return the completed lower section of this form
to your District Executive by January 12th
or via email or mail to the appropriate Scout office:

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St. Louis, MO 63108

335 West Main St.
Belleville, IL 62220

3000 Gordonville Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

803 East Herrin St.
Herrin, IL 62948

<http://stlbsa.org/give/fos-resources>

District:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ozark Trailblazers | <input type="checkbox"/> Pathfinder | <input type="checkbox"/> Piassa Bird | <input type="checkbox"/> River Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Shawnee | <input type="checkbox"/> Sioux | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Clair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thunderbird | | | | | | |

Unit Type: ☐ Pack ☐ Troop ☐ Crew ☐ Post

Unit #: _____ Number of Active Scouts: _____

Family FOS Presentation

Date ____ / ____ / ____ Time: _____

Location _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Unit FOS Coordinator

First _____ Last _____

Cell Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____

Requested Presenter: _____

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