

The Trail

Cub Scouts - Boy Scouts - Venturing



Where To Get Info

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 Face-](#)

[book](#)

The newsletter can also be seen online at:

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

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Summer Is Over ?... Maybe, But Not The Fun !

Sure, Summer might be over according to the calendar, but Summer fun isn't over yet ! We're recruiting new Scouts, Girls are entering the program, camping is getting revved up... So don't let the fact that Fall is around the corner make you think that Scouts is slowing down ! As always, if you have any questions, give a committee member a call or email.

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Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream

Explorer Post Event

On August 27, Essex Industries held an Annual Open House for students in the area interested in participating in Engineering Explorer's Post (9415). Attendees were treated to a barbecue dinner catered by Mulkey's Barbecue and Catering. Post Leader Bill Dean informed guests of past projects, ideas for future projects, and encouraged them to come up with ideas to discuss at the next Post meeting on September 10.

Senior Exploring Executive Julie Monken and Ryan Kirchner attended the event, explained the cost to participate, and discussed similar programs available in other fields of interest, e.g. medical, business, and first responders. The crowd was then treated to a demonstration on how to make liquid nitrogen (LIN) ice cream. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and



share their knowledge of LIN, its properties, and appropriate safety precautions needed.

Contact Explorers@EssexInd.com to join or to request more information about Post 9415.

District Directors Corner

Greetings Fellow Gravois Trail Scouters!

Fall is here again and with that comes tons of opportunity for yourself as well as your unit to get involved!

School night to join scouting is upon us and going full steam ahead. Scout talks and sign up nights have been great so far, we are hoping to keep the momentum going and get as many new scouts signed up as we can.

Popcorn sales have started, and we are back with Pecatonica popcorn. They have some great incentives and prizes available to the scouts so if your unit isn't signed up make sure you do ASAP!

And of course, September means so many fun events are coming up. Fall Pacao, Cub Launch, Fright Fest, Scouting for Food and so much more. Please use The Trail as a resource along with the Council and district webpages.

We would just like to say thank you to each one of you for everything that you do to make Gravois trail the best district in GSLAC without you none of this would be possible. Let's make this year one to remember.

Scott Jones –
Gravois Trail District Executive



Camping

2018 Fall Pacao is right around the corner. This years theme will be "Survivor Weekend". Manuals will be available at the September Roundtable and online [HERE](#). We will again be offering online registration [HERE](#). The Pacao is October 12-14 at Beaumont Scout Reservation in Shippey and Nusser fields. We will also have programming for Webelos and Family Camping for Cub Scouts.

Staffing: If you are youth interested in staffing the Fall Pacao please contact the Campmaster, Cody Corrigan at co-dy_corr@sbcglobal.net. If you are an Adult willing to help please contact Chris Merris at: merrisc@gmail.com. We are looking for adult staff to help with the Cub Scout Program and as Shooting Sports SRO's and Instructors for the Boy Scout Program.

Campmasters/Adult Advisors: Are you a Scout or Scouter who would like to take on the challenge of planning and running a District Event. Contact Chris Merris at: merrisc@gmail.com. We are looking for Campmasters and Advisors for future Fall Pacao's, Klondike Derby's and, Spring Camporee's.

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OA Interesting Tidbits....

1. Originally called "Brotherhood and started in 1915, changed it's name to Order of the Arrow in 1921
2. The founding Lodge is the Unami Lodge, and it's members were recognized in ceremonies on Treasure Island
3. Over 170,000 Scouts and Adults are members of OA
4. Order of the Arrow became an official part of the BSA program in 1948

Order of The Arrow

On August 24-26 Shawnee Lodge hosted a fantastic Section Conclave at S-F. Almost 900 arrowmen from around the region were there to experience all the great things our flagship camp has to offer. They were truly impressed with the property, the facilities and the hospitality. There were lots of activities in the camporee field, but also rock climbing, water sports and shooting sports. And Gravois Trail Chapter was well represented. Hats off to the many volunteers, youth and adult, who made the event a huge success.

If you missed it, Anpetu We Lodge will be hosting the Section Conclave next year at Camp Llewellyn.



Popcorn Update

Popcorn pickup is this Thursday (Nov 8) from 10:00 to 4:30 pm **Location TBD**
Be sure to pick up your order and have an appropriate vehicle.

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 –

Please Let Scott Jones or Mary Knapp know If you can help out...

We cannot use Maritz this year – anyone have ideas and/or connections—we need a new location !

What Is STEM In Scouting ?

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The BSA's STEM initiative gives Scouts an opportunity to explore STEM-related concepts and learn how STEM knowledge is used in everyday life and in the professional world. The aim is to expose youth to new opportunities and help build interest in the STEM-related careers that are so crucial to our future economy.

[HERE](#) is the 2017 STEM Annual Report

What are the NOVA awards ?

The Boy Scouts of America developed the Nova Awards program to excite and expand a sense of wonder in our Scouts. By working with an adult counselor or mentor, the various modules allow them to explore the basic principles of STEM and discover how fun and fascinating STEM can be. The Supernova awards are offered for those who enjoy a super challenge. For more information about STEM and the Nova Awards program, visit www.scouting.org/stem. Discover how the Nova Awards program helps youth be "Prepared. For Life."

Go [HERE](#) for more info on the NOVA awards

STEM

Council @ STEM Expo

Our Scout Council will be represented in the **STEM Expo** at the Spirit of St. Louis Air Show on **Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14**. A grand event for our region and a place to get some terrific exposure for our STEM programs.

For our display, we will have opportunities for youth to try out ozobots, microscopes, circuit kits, tracker robots, 3D pens, get souvenir laser prints, and check out the STEM Trailer.

We could use some volunteer help at shifts on that Saturday and Sunday from 9 -1 and 1-5. If you can help either day, please contact Tom Kroenung @ 314.256.3096 or Thomas.Kroenung@scouting.org Please spread the word. We would like to secure 5 volunteers per shift.

The event is open to the public from 9AM -5PM each day. A special STEM Preview runs from 9-11 AM where students and teachers can use complimentary tickets to get in during this time. Tear down will be after 5pm on Sunday.

Our shift volunteers can go to the volunteer check-in when arriving, sign in as working with the BSA booth, and you will receive the wristband to get in.

It will be a great day or two to support us and take in the rest of the Air

Show before or after your shift. I hope you can help us and will send out more details to our volunteer teams once confirmed.

Robots !

Scouts and all youth ages 8-13 can attend **Radical Robotics** to learn the basics, play with some cool robots, and build their own T4 Transforming solar robot to take home!

For a more challenging experience, Scouts ages 11-17 can attend **Scoutbotics**. Build and program at Gobbit+ robot and compete against your friends! Advanced league available for returning Scouts.

STEM University Season

We're starting to open up registration for STEM University events! Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts can spend a day on a University campus, earn a STEM-related Merit Badge or Nova Award, and complete fun, hands-on projects. **Cub Scout registration is open now for SIU-Edwardsville Nov. 3 & UMSL Dec. 15.**

Cub Scout STEM Days

Earn a STEM-based Adventure and complete **fun, hands-on projects** with instructors from Mad Science! Tigers, Wolves, Bears, & Webelos have 2 convenient locations to choose from to attend Cub Scout

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER FOR STEM EVENTS



Fall Fun Rally

September 21-23, 2018 @ Beaumont Scout Reservation

Join around 1000 Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Advisors for an event filled weekend with more than 100 activities, training, demonstrations, and competitions. This event, put on by the Greater St. Louis Area Council VSOA is a unique event drawing participants from more than 20 BSA councils and more than a dozen states.

This year's activities will include some of your favorites such as Mud Cave, Mountain Man Village, Crate Stacking, and the STEM Village.

Detailed Program and Training Descriptions are Now Available [HERE](#)

We're also going to be bringing some great new programs including SCU-BA, Action Archery, Exploring Competitions, and improved and expanded trainings!



"Crate stacking, water slide kickball, horseback riding, mud cave, welding, human foosball... just a handful of the activities you can do at Fall Fun Rally "

Intro To Outdoor Leader Skills

October 26-28, 2018 at Beaumont Scout Reservation

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training, and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors.

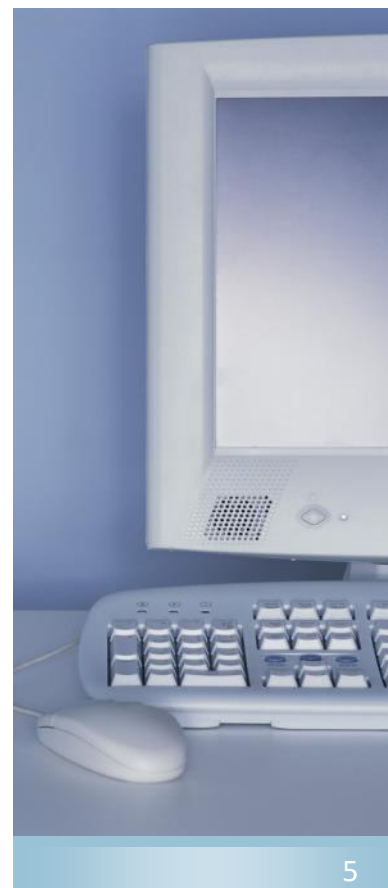
Specifically, this hands-on program gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a boy-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.

The skills sessions presented in Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills closely follow the Boy Scout Handbook and are meant to serve as an adult training outline. By using these

skills sessions in conjunction with the Boy Scout Handbook, trainers can be sure new leaders are proficient in many of the basic outdoor skills through First Class rank, and gain exposure to the patrol method and numerous teaching methods and learning games.

Hands-on participation is the best learning tool, and this course models the techniques used by effective Scoutmasters, Coaches, Advisors, and other leaders in the Scouting program. Attendees will see and experience different aspects of how Scouting works while playing the role of Scouts in a troop.

More Info Including Packing Lists and Registration [HERE](#)



Scouting Trivia...

1. Scouting movement founded in England by British General Robert Baden-Powell in 1907
2. Boy Scouts of America incorporated by W.D. Boyce in 1910
3. Registration of Scouts began in 1913 with a 25¢ annual fee
4. The first Pinewood Derby is held by Cub Scouts in Manhattan Beach, Calif., in 1953
5. Total number of merit badges awarded — 117,649,303

School Night To Join Scouting—Update

Thanks for all of your help with School Nights – and thanks for sticking to the dates. It was much more effective and less complicated this year. Almost 500 new families joined us.

We still have a limited supply of water bottle incentives and they are first come-first served with paid applications. Scott and I are glad to get the apps and fees from you and give you the bottles then. But they will go fast--- we only have about 60 left. Let us know how many youth applications and fees you have....

One unit had 12 on line and 8 new paper apps the week after their school night---so many of you have some in hand. Another had 12 additional....they are out there so please follow up with all who attended but did not join.....The job is to get those in so those new Scouts are officially registered and MOST importantly – give them a GREAT program. That is what we promise them.

We will do second chance for you (we get a ton of calls saying they missed the night and ask how they can join) We have done these for the ones who turned in the attached form at School Night turn in...for those of you who did not, simply email Mike or Scott your October pack meeting or event with location, time, date and contact person..

Thanks for all you do!

District Dinner and Annual Awards

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 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** at Andre's Banquet Hall located at 4254 Telegraph Road, 63129. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Let's make this a great success. Go [HERE](#) to check on registration and other information.

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

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.

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 INFORM NOMINEES