



On The Horizon – September 2020



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Important

Dates at a Glance:

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PLEASE VISIT <https://stlbsa.org/>, <https://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/>, AND <http://www.shawneelodge.org/> FREQUENTLY FOR IMPORTANT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, AS EVENTS MAY CHANGE!! SOME EVENTS MAY BE LIVE STREAMED, OTHERS MAY BE CANCELED OR POSTPONED. EVERYONE, PLEASE STAY SAFE! KEEP YOUR UNITS GOING STRONG BY HOLDING LIVE STREAM EVENTS AND KEEP IN CONTACT WITH YOUR YOUTH AND PARENTS!

September Roundtables:
STEM Nova Counselor Mentor Training
September Eagle Boards of Review:
School Night to Join Scouting:
Show & Sell Popcorn pickup:
School Night to Join Scouting:
Cub Launch Saturdays:
Order of the Arrow Fall Reunion:

September 1 (via ZOOM)
September 1 (before Roundtable)
September 2, 9, 23
September 3 – Rockwood & Valley Park
September 4
September 10 – Brentwood, Kirkwood & Webster Groves
September 12, 19, 26
September 11-13 CANCELED. **SEE BELOW ABOUT INDUCTION WEEKENDS under Camping/OA**
September 14 (via Zoom)
September 16 – (Via Zoom – see below under Advancement)
September 17 – Parkway
September 17 (online)
September 26
September 29 (TBD - See below under Training)
September 30 (Cub World)
October 2-4 & 9-11 (both weekends required)
October 3, 10, 17, 24
October 6
October 7, 14, 28
October 7
October 12 (online)
October 17 (See below under Training)
October 17 (See below under Training)
October 25

New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting:
Life to Eagle Seminar:
School Night to Join Scouting:
Youth Protection Training:
Venturing Fall Fun Rally:
Scout BSA Indoor Training Session (1 of 2):
In-Person Youth Protection Training:
National Youth Leader Training:
Cub Launch Saturdays:
October Roundtables:
October Eagle Boards of Review:
Scouting for Food Bag hand out:
Youth Protection Training:
Scouts BSA Outdoor Training Session (2 of 2):
Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Experience:
Complete Angler/Fishing Related Merit Badge Workshops:

===== > SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS <=====

IMPORTANT!!! ==> PLEASE VISIT www.stlbsa.org TO MAKE SURE SCOUT MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE HAVE RESUMED DUE TO CANCELATIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS!!

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE LATEST GSLAC CORONAVIRUS REOPENING PLAN HERE WHICH INCLUDE UNIT ACTIVITIES, SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES, TRAVEL, SCOUTFEST (SEE BELOW!), RANGER PROGRAM, AND REOPENING OF SERVICE CENTERS & SCOUT SHOPS:

<https://stlbsa.org/gslac-coronavirus-reopening-plan/>

September ROUNDTABLES will be via Zoom

Register by program (Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/Venturing) – all will start with a joint meeting followed by breakouts for Cub Scout Leaders, Scouts BSA Leaders and Venturers:

<https://tinyurl.com/nhrt-sept2020-registration>

Cub Scout Meeting Recommendations:

This guide takes you through recommendations on how to best manage den and pack meetings for the rest of the year. Loaded with virtual meeting ideas and requirements that can be done safely outdoors, this guide shows you how to adapt to our “new normal” while still enjoying a fun Scouting program.

Learn more here:

<http://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Cub-Scout-Meeting-Recommendations-9.pdf>

Additionally, National has released a lot of Den Leader Tips and Tricks videos here:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/>

Scouts BSA Troop Fall Planning Guide:

Calling all Scouts BSA Troops! Check out the Scouts BSA Troop Planning Guide to get program ideas and guidance for this fall. Meeting ideas, technology lessons, service opportunities, and much more are all laid out in this interactive guide.

Learn more here:

<http://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Scouts-BSA-Troop-Planning-Guide-Fall-2020-FINAL.pdf>

===== > **COMMISSIONER’S CORNER** <=====

Interested in joining the Commissioners Staff?

Contact: Kim Fleming, New Horizons District Commissioner, k.s.fleming@att.net or 314-566-9275

===== > **ACTIVITIES** <=====

Scouting for Food – while it may look different than previous years due to the pandemic, plans are under way for this important event. Our community needs Scouting for Food more than ever! Please help us with this Council-wide effort!

Save the dates:

Scouting for Food Bag Pick up: October 7th, 2020, 6-8pm at Manchester United Methodist Church

Scouting for Food Bag Distribution Day: November 14th, 2020

Scouting for Food Collection Day: November 21st, 2020

Please click the link below for more information and to complete a unit survey:

<https://forms.gle/hmDBFsWSXUFGMCNM8>

Cub Launch Saturdays:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **Cub Launch** will now be spread over a series of **Cub Launch Saturdays**. They occur on the following Saturday dates, at Beaumont with three 2-hour time slots: September 12, 19, 26 and October 3, 10, 17 & 24. There are also a couple of other locations that are about an hour’s drive.

Due to the restrictions on numbers, **space is limited**. The cost is just \$10. For more information and to sign up your Cub Scout, please visit <https://stlbsa.org/activities/events/cub-launch/>

===== > **ADVANCEMENT** <=====

For information on Advancement, please visit the New Horizon District Advancement webpage:

<https://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/advancement/>

For information on **VIRTUAL** Merit Badges visit:

<https://stlbsa.org/virtual-merit-badge/>

Merit Badge Skill Centers:

For a **complete list** of upcoming Merit Badge Skill Centers (both virtual and proposed in-person), please visit:

<https://stlbsa.org/achievement/advancement/merit-badge-skill-centers/>

The Eagle Scout rank process is described in detail at:

<https://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/advancement/eagle-scout-rank-process/>

Eagle Boards of Review: The Eagle Boards of Review needs additional reviewers. If interested, please contact John Klos at klos41@msn.com
September 2, 9, 23 (Virtual)
October 7, 14, 28 (Virtual)

Save the dates:

Life to Eagle Seminar & Eagle Board of Review Training:

Date: September 16, 2020 at 7pm (Will be via Zoom)

November 18, 2020 at 7pm (Will be via Zoom)

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/lifetoeagle-register-sep2020>
<http://bit.ly/lifetoeagle-register-nov2020>

Who: All Life Scouts, parents, Eagle Mentors, and adults interested in participating on Eagle Boards of Review

What: Learn to navigate the paperwork and process to become an Eagle Scout

Eagle Scout Project Workbook: *Please DO NOT Google to find a workbook! Use the link below as we have been seeing old versions which are no longer valid:*

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>

For Advancement questions see the “Guide to Advancement”: <https://www.scouting.org/advancement.aspx>.

Fishing & Fly Fishing OR Fish & Wildlife Management Merit Badge Workshops:

When: October 25th, 8am-4pm

Where: Camp Warren Levis

Cost: \$25 – for more information on pricing, see the Registration link from the Information link below!

An opportunity to earn the Complete Angler Award: Scouts must have already earned all 3 merit badges.

Information: <https://stlbsa.org/achievement/advancement/merit-badge-skill-centers/fishing-fly-fishing-or-fish-wildlife-management/>

=====> **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)** <=====

Your New Horizons STEM Committee continues to grow! Teresa Colletti and Lisa Balbes are seeking the STEM coordinators in each pack, troop and crew. If you are one, please let us know. If your unit doesn't have one, let us know how we can help you identify one.

STEM Nova Counselor Mentor Training: (via Zoom)

When: September 1st at 6pm (prior to Roundtable)

Please contact Lisa Balbes (lisa@balbes.com) to sign up if you are interested in attending

If you would like to help with “Just Shy of Pi” Day on March 13, 2021 LET US KNOW! We are starting the planning for a STEM-tastic event to be held in the spring!

=====> **DEVELOPMENT/ENDOWMENT** <=====

Check out **endowment opportunities** at: <http://stlbsa.org/give/planned-giving-and-memorials/>

Friends of Scouting:

The 2020 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign is wrapping up. Please reach out if we missed you in the Spring or Summer due to the pandemic. We would welcome a chance to present to your unit whether it is in an outdoor in pers (socially distanced) event or via Zoom. We need your help to get us to the finish line. The needs of the Council have never been greater.

- **Please consider reminding your units that they can still donate.** Send out a blurb in your next unit communication. Specifically: Families in your unit who are comfortable donating can do so online at: <https://stlbsa.org/donate/> or by using the new mobile option by texting the word MacArthur20 to 91999 and then following the directions. When giving online, be sure to indicate your district (New Horizons) and unit number. All monies collected support our Council and directly benefit your Scouts by helping the Council develop programming, complete routine camp maintenance, and offer camperships to Scouts in need.
- **We need your help getting ready for the 2021 FOS Campaign.** Are you a good speaker? Passionate about Scouting? Looking for a Wood Badge ticket item? Consider becoming a Friends of Scouting Trailblazer. The more

Trailblazers we have, the easier the workload. You would be trained and given all you need to give a short talk to New Horizons units about the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Want to help but not a big fan of public speaking? Are you a better organizer than speaker? We would love to have you as a Crew Chief! For this position, you would be the liaison between the units and the Trailblazer by scheduling presentations, making sure the Trailblazers are in the right place, and getting supplies to the proper places.

Please contact Ben Luedloff (Benjamin.Luedloff@scouting.org) or Mike Hulsizer (NH FOS Family Chair: hulsizer@webster.edu) to schedule a 2020 FOS presentation, or lend a hand with the upcoming 2021 FOS Campaign.

Popcorn Sales:

Signups for the Popcorn Sale is live now! Please go to stlbsa.org/popcorn to learn more about the sale and to sign up.

- There will be a virtual training for Unit Kernels to discuss the sale this year and how to get supplies.
- Coming back this year, units can sell popcorn in front of Schnucks Grocery Stores, however, Schnucks is only let people over 18 sell.
- Sign up for "Show 'N Sell" at Schnucks will be handled by our Council.
- Show N' Sell pickup will be September 4th, 2020 at Maritz from 11:00am to 4:30pm.

Please sign your unit up for the Popcorn Sale and attend training to learn more!

===== > TRAINING <=====

FYI: ALL Direct Contact Leaders (e.g. – Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Venturing Crew Advisors, Assistant Crew Advisors, Sea Scout Skippers) must complete **Hazardous Weather Training** to be considered position trained. Please visit my.scouting.org and complete the Hazardous Weather Training!

On-Line Training:

Watch for your weekly GSLAC Challenge emails and "My Scouting Update" emails for Virtual Training Opportunities across the Council. There are new offerings almost every week.

IMPORTANT - New online versions of the Scouts BSA training went online on August 3rd at <https://my.scouting.org>. The new online learning combines content, resulting in fewer modules and streamlined courses to help reduce the total time it takes to complete the training.

Position Specific training is available at <https://my.scouting.org> as well as myriad of skill-based virtual offerings (watch for your weekly GSLAC Challenge emails). Take advantage of this time to review and complete your position specific training. Remember, the Scout Motto is "Be Prepared" and trained adult leaders are prepared and ready to support our programs now and in the future.

Your District Training staff is available to answer any questions you might have:

- Venturing – Jon Pennington - jon.pennington2673@gmail.com
- Cub Scouts - Mike Edler - pk310cm@gmail.com
- Scouts BSA - Malcolm Bliss - malcolmb bliss@prodigy.net

Cub Scout Leader Training:

With the current COVID-19 pandemic, Cub Scout Leader Training "in-person" training and Zoom online training is currently on hold. Please look for information in Digital Duffle Bag and on the New Horizons Facebook Page. For more, contact Mike Edler at the email address above.

Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Experience:

Cub Scout Leaders can learn the basics of Cub Scout Camping at LOE on October 17, 2020 at Beaumont Scout Reservation. For more information visit <https://stlbsa.org/2020falloutdoorexperiences/>. Registration combining soon!

Fall National Youth Leader Training:

When: October 2-4 AND 9-11 (both weekends required)

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation

What: NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and crews, and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

Registration: Coming soon!

Scouts BSA Leader Training:

Indoor – Part 1 of 2:

September 29th, 6pm-9pm (**Subject to change** - most likely via Zoom. Stay tuned to

<https://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/training/> and the New Horizons District Facebook page for important updates!)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - Part 2 of 2:

October 17, Beaumont Scout Reservation

For information and to sign up for **Scouts BSA Training**, contact Malcolm Bliss at the email address above.

Youth Protection Training:

All new and currently registered leaders must complete the updated training which is **required** for all BSA programs for an adult to register with your unit. It is available online 24/7 at www.scouting.org/youthprotection. YPT certification is good for 2 years. Encourage all leaders & parents to take YPT yearly, as there are periodic updates and additions to the training, and unit re-charters require all registered leaders to have up to date Youth Protection in order to be on the charter!

Traditional In-Person Youth Protection Training:

When: September 30th at 6:30pm

Where: Cub World Council Ring (limited seating!)

Sign up required! Please contact Tim Trace at tj.trace@tcsys.com for more information and to sign up.

Live Virtual Youth Protection Training:

The Greater St. Louis Area Council offers Youth Protection Training in live, virtual classroom sessions.

Participants may use smartphones, tablets as well as computers. BSA Membership requirements are satisfied upon completion of the session. Advanced Registration is required and is a 2-part sign up process with sessions being 2 hours in length.

Registration for the following sessions will be available at <https://stlbsa.org/training/adult-required/youth-protection>

- Thursday, September 17th at 7pm
- Monday, October 12th at 7pm
- Saturday, November 21st at 9am (TBD – subject to change)

Leave No Trace Training: **Fall session: visit** <https://stlbsa.org/training/adult/leave-traceoutdoor-ethics/>

===== MEMBERSHIP <=====

Mark Your Calendar for School Night to Join Scouting:

- In Person - Thursday, September 3rd, (**Rockwood & Valley Park School Districts**)
Headquarters: Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main St., Wildwood, MO 63040 – 6pm to 9pm
Virtual – Tuesday, September 8th, at 7PM
- In Person - Thursday, September 10th, (**Brentwood, Kirkwood & Webster Groves School Districts**)
Headquarters: Larson Park, 2 Denver Place, Webster Groves, MO 63119 – 6pm to 9pm
Virtual – Wednesday, September 16th, at 7PM
- In-Person - Thursday, September 17th, (**Parkway School District**)
Headquarters: Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Rd., Manchester, MO 63011 – 6pm to 9pm
Virtual – Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7PM

We all want Scouting to continue. Join us at the next District Roundtable Meeting where we will have an open discussion about these important topics.

Thank you, Ken McGohan, Membership Chairman: kenmcgohan@msn.com or 314-740-6133.

=====> **CAMPING/ORDER OF THE ARROW**< =====

2019-2020 New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers:

Chapter Chief	1st Vice Chief	2nd Vice Chief	Secretary	Chapter Advisor:
Michael Kreienkamp	Matthew Caldwell	Ethan Coble	Sam Bunn	Ron Colletti

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, **we are not able to have Fall Reunion as it traditionally happens.** The Lodge has decided that in order to continue to induct new members, instead of one large Fall Reunion, we will be conducting Ordeals over several weekends, (2 weekends were held in August), September 11-12, 12-13, 18-19, 19-20 at the Beaumont Scout Reservation (and a few more at S-F). Each weekend will have 2 sessions, one Friday evening to Saturday afternoon session, and one Saturday evening to Sunday afternoon session. Each session will only be open to 35 candidates in order to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. Sign-up will be available on the lodge website and each session will close once its capacity is met. These sessions are **ONLY OPEN TO CANDIDATES** fulfilling their Ordeal and they must sign up individually. Registration is open and spots are selling out quickly! Please check here for more information as it becomes available: <http://www.shawneelodge.org/induction-weekend/>

Shawnee Lodge Officer Elections:

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Shawnee Lodge, out of an abundance of caution, has decided to conduct Lodge Elections virtually this year. Elections will be open to *all youth members* who are active, dues paying members as of Saturday, September 5th, 2020. The ballot will be open for 1 week, from September 6th to the 11th, 2020 at 5pm. To pay your dues (or check your status), check here: <http://www.shawneelodge.org/register/>. For the list of 2020-2021 Lodge Officer Candidates, and for information on voting, please check the following page: <http://www.shawneelodge.org/officer-elections/>

New Horizons Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting and Officer Elections:

When: September 14 at 6:30pm via Zoom

A sign up for the Zoom meeting and a list of Chapter Officer Candidates should be available soon here (or possibly via an email from the Chapter - TBD): <http://newhorizons.shawneelodge.org/>. As with the Lodge Elections (see above), only *youth members who are active, dues paying members* may vote.

Spring Conclave patches are now available on the Gateway Traders website. This will be a part of a special set commemorating the Shawnee Lodge 90th Anniversary. Season Pass holders should have received them by mail.

Vigil Ceremony and recognition was held August 1-2, limited to Vigil Candidates, Guides and selected Ceremonialists, and 3 family members due to COVID-19. **The public Sash Presentation is available for viewing on the Shawnee Lodge Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/shawneelodge51/> or here: <http://www.shawneelodge.org/shawnee-news/vigil-public-recognition-ceremony-recording/>

While our camps are closed for Unit camping, families may take advantage and use our camps for overnight or days (Overnight cost: \$25 per family per night, \$10 per family for a day). ALL camps will be available for Family Camping! More information may be found here:

<https://stlbsa.org/blog/2020/05/13/family-camping-summer-2020/>

Reservations may be made here: <https://stlbsa.org/activities/camping/rsvp/>

New Horizons Fall Camporee: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and current limitations on attendance, the Fall Camporee has been canceled as of publication time. Watch the New Horizons District Facebook Page and <https://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/camping/> for updates in case this changes and we are able to hold a limited attendance 1-day event.

===== > VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING (over 14 or completed 8th grade to 21) <=====

2018-2019 New Horizons Venturing Officers:

President	VP of Administration	VP of Program	VP of Communication
Brynn Morrow	Claire Guillemot	Paige Brush	Carlos Byrd

Fall Fun Rally: The Fall Fun Rally is ON for 2020!! Please save the date for September 26th. 9:00 am – 6:30 pm. Unit camping is allowed, following GSLAC unit camping guidelines.

District and Council Officer elections will be held around FFR in some way, so please be on the lookout for information about those.

More information about the FFR can be found on the New Horizons Venturing FB page (where updates will also be posted, if needed) and <http://fallfunrally.org/>.

Venturing First Aid/CPR Training

The date is set for Sunday, September 13th at Holy Infant. Only those who are pre-registered and have completed the 3-hour, on-line training, are able to attend the hands-on training component.

In order to participate in the course, youth and adult Venturers must:

- Pre-Register for the class so we can adequately determine our space needs when we are able to complete the in person training <https://pre-registration link>
- Complete the on-line 3*hour mandatory pre-requisite training. <https://training link>

More Great events:

Save the Date:

Venturing Celebration Dinner has been rescheduled for January 3, 2021. The deadline to submit awards for recognition is November 15th, so keep working on those and turn them in for your Crew by then.

Follow us on **Facebook** at “New Horizons District Venturing” and **Instagram** at “NH_Venturing”

===== > DISTRICT CONTACTS/CALENDAR <=====

New Horizons District Committee contacts: <http://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/>

New Horizons District Executives:

District Director: Matthew Kasate, matthew.kasate@scouting.org

District Executive: Ben Luedloff, benjamin.luedloff@scouting.org

The **2021** New Horizons District Calendar is available here (subject to change!):

<https://stlbsa.org/newhorizons/calendar/>