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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 2020

March 1	Challenge Course and Rock Climbing Re-Qualification
March 2	Salesmanship Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
March 5	NS Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
March 7	Gateway Region College of Commissioner Science North Star Pinewood Derby Summer Camp Expo
March 8	Eagle and Summit Board of Review – St. Andrew United Methodist Church @ 1:00pm Webelos Game Design – Microsoft Store PRIVATE
March 12	Horsemanship Skill Center – Orientation
March 13	Wilderness Remote First Aid – Camp Vandeventer
March 14	Horsemanship Skill Center – Session 1 Spring Den Chief Conference
March 15	Moviemaking Merit Badge – Microsoft Store Game Design Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
March 16	Salesmanship Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
March 20	Native American Cultural Weekend
March 21	Horsemanship Skill Center – Session 2 Cub Scout Leader Training Cahokia Mounds
March 22	Digital Technology Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
March 27	Taste of Venturing Certified Angling Instructor Training
March 28	Horsemanship Skill Center – Session 3 Scoutmaster/Troop Committee Leader Training – Egyptian/Big Muddy District Truck Transportation
March 29	Webelos Game Design Adventure – Microsoft Store Game Design Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
March 30	Salesmanship Merit Badge – Microsoft Store

PLANNING AHEAD

April 2020

April 2	NS Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting IOLS Training Big Muddy/Egyptian District
April 3-5	Shawnee Lodge Spring Conclave
April 4	Special Needs Awareness Training
April 5	Eagle and Summit Board of Review – St. Andrew Church @ 1:00 p.m. Tiger-iffic Adventure – Microsoft Store Moviemaking Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
April 12	Digital Technology Merit Badge – Microsoft Store Game Design Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
April 13	Salesmanship Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
April 17	IOLS Training Big Muddy/Egyptian District Intro to Leadership Skills (ILST) Egyptian/Big Muddy North Star Spring Camporee Archaeology Camp – STEM 2020 Wilderness Remote First Aid – Camp Vandeventer
April 18	Lions and Tigers @ MADE, Oh My!
April 22	Spring Challenge Course Instructor Qualification Training
April 24	Parent and Pal Leave No Trace Training (LNT)
April 25	Webelos Game Design Adventure – Microsoft Store
April 26	Webelos Game Design Adventure – Microsoft Store Moviemaking Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
April 27	Salesmanship Merit Badge – Microsoft Store
April 39	Life to Eagle Seminar – Cahokia Mounds



District Commissioner's Desk

By Max Thorne
Order of the Arrow – Elsewhere Elections

The Shawnee Lodge Executive Committee has arranged for unit elections to be conducted at the following Greater Saint Louis Area Council Summer Camps:

- **Camp Famous Eagle at the S bar F Scout Ranch**
- **Camp Gamble at the S bar F Scout Ranch**
- **Camp Joy**
- **Camp Lewallen**
- **Rhodes France Scout Reservation**
- **Swift High Adventure Base at the S bar F Scout Ranch**

The elections at these camps will be conducted by a member of the camp staff following the qualifications and procedures outlined in the [Shawnee Lodge Bylaws](#). Units opting to attend summer camp at a camp that is not operated by the Greater Saint Louis Area Council will need to apply for, and complete the procedures required by, the Elsewhere Election Process.

Deadlines:

March 31 st :	Units must submit Form A online to the lodge.
May:	Chapter Election Team Will conduct the election at a troop meeting.
May 31 st :	Form B: Elsewhere Camp Checklist id due.
June 15 th :	Ordeal Citations and Fees are Due.
Aug 15 th :	Form C is due.

Where can I go for these forms? <http://shawneelodge.org/elections/>

Once we get an approved unit for election, I'll contact the unit leader to setup a date for the election. All elections must be done in May. Not April 30th and not June 1st, but in May. On the day of the elections, the Inductions Chairman, Inductions Advisor, and a Chapter Officer at a minimum will be onsite to conduct the election. You will need at least 50% of your youth in attendance at that meeting. Youth can only vote if they are present at the election. No proxy votes or online balloting.

If your attending a GSLAC camp, your election will take place at camp.

Questions? Contact me and let's get them answered.

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Greetings from your Camping Chair!

Spring Camporee is scheduled for April 17-19 at Warren Levis. The theme is CARNIVAL. The deadline for Camporee Registration is April 2. Please try to meet this deadline. We desperately **need** staff to make the Camporee a success! Our staff meetings are held Sunday evenings in the Scout room at St. Rose on Parker Road. I encourage you to send 1-2 members of your troop to be a part of staff!

Next, **ScoutFest** is October 2-4. Registration is now OPEN. You should register at www.scoutfest2020.com. Units should log into unit account or use the 'lookup' feature with the registration number that was created during pre-registration last fall. Early bird registration is thru July 15 and will save you \$10/person. You **MUST** register by August 15th to reserve a spot. Cub packs who are camping overnight must partner with a troop from our district. Program will include the 8 'fest' areas below. Some great activities are planned!! Share these with your scouts!

Age/Membership Status	Camp	Day Visitor	Cost by July 15 th
Lions (kindergartners) & Tigers (first graders)	Yes, with parent	Yes, with parent	\$40
Siblings of Lions & Tigers Age - Not Registered	Yes, with parent	Yes, with parent	\$40
Siblings younger than Lions & Tigers	No	Yes, with parent	free
Cub Scouts through Venturers	Yes	Yes	\$40
Siblings of Cub Scout Age - not registered	Yes, with parent	Yes, with parent	\$40
Non-registered youth of Cub Scout through Venturing age	Yes	Yes	\$40
Parents - not registered in BSA - with youth	Yes	Yes	\$30
Adults registered in BSA with or without youth	Yes	Yes	\$30
Adults - not registered in BSA - without youth	No	Yes	\$30

Note: Early Bird pricing ends July 15th & all overnight campers must register by August 15th to be guaranteed a spot with your district

ADVENTURE FEST

Capture the best of Scouting with high energy activities and games.

- Paintball Challenge Courses
- Obstacle Course
- Escape Rooms
- Giant Games
- Cyclocross
- FBI
- Science in a Tree

MARITIME FEST

Make a splash with all the water sports and activities you can think of.

- SCUBA Tank
- Giant Venture Canoes
- Rubber Ducky Waterfall & Rescue
- Ice-block Sledding
- Fire Truck Water Demonstrations
- Adventures with the Navy
- Kayak Races
- Team Battleship Competitions
- Duty to God

EAGLE'S FLIGHT FEST

While not a physical festival, select youth will share the experience of ScoutFest 2020 with youth from St. Louis Children's Hospital as Scouts connect through the wonders of modern technology.

- Scouts partnered with youth in St. Louis Children's Hospital
- Go-Pro Virtual Tours
- Partner Adventures
- Applications to be a part of Eagle's Flight coming soon!

STEM FEST

Engage with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to discover worlds both grand and microscopic.

- Drone Demonstrations
- STEM in Baseball & Hockey
- Robotics
- Virtual Reality
- Skilled Trades

EXPLORATION FEST

Explore the great adventures of the American West and amp up your Scouting skills along the way.

- Roping and Lassoing
- Climbing Towers
- Slack Lines
- Teepee Building Team Challenge
- Trebuchet Building and Launching
- Pioneering Challenges

OLYMPIC FEST

Unite with your fellow Scouts in games, competitions, and athletic feats at Olympic Fest.

- Torch Relay Race Across the Park
- Chariot Races
- Crate Stacking
- Mini Golf
- Virtual Reality
- Wheelchair Basketball
- X-Games
- Winter Olympics

HERITAGE FEST

Step into America's past with activities reminiscent of the rich histories of Scouting and Forest Park.

- 1904 World's Fair Celebration
- Ferris Wheel
- Lumberjack Games
- Axe Throwing
- Jamboree History & High Adventure
- Fishing
- Brownsea Island

CHALLENGER FEST

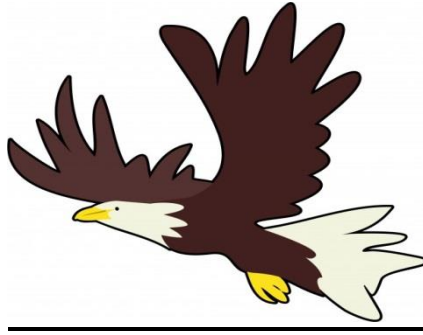
Test your skills in a series of Renaissance-style challenges and exhibits to explore.

- Robin Hood Archery Challenge
- Highland Games
- DaVinci Exhibit
- Inflatable Obstacle Courses
- Bounce Houses
- Blacksmithing
- Strandbeest Challenge

We will need LOTS of volunteers for staff. I will be having a district staff meeting soon. If you would like to help, please contact me at tmatteoni@gmail.com or call me at 314-226-3458.

~Tony Matteoni





EAGLE NEWS

Greetings Everyone,

Please join me in welcoming Caleb Fuentes from Troop 739 and Joseph Goris from Troop 551 on having their Eagle Scout Project approved. Time to work those projects now.

Please make sure if you are a mentor to a scout or a scoutmaster that you are giving the scouts you are working with correct information. When it comes to final boards I cannot see the scout or add them to a review list until they have been to council and have their signature on the paperwork. That also means you must take down there your completed merit badge cards, 5 letters of recommendation, your life to ambition statement, beneficiaries signature and troop signatures, your application and your paperwork for your book. Several calls I have received the scout is telling me that they schedule with me first and that information is not correct, someone is giving them wrong information. Life to Eagle seminars go over all of this information and much more. Please send your scouts to these, parents and scout leaders. This saves on everyone when they follow the rules correctly. I do not mean to be harsh but sometimes I need to get the rules out there for everyone. Thank you

Yours in Scouting,
Roxie Tiek
North Star Eagle Board Chairman



Hello March!

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, North Star will host their Pinewood Derby at St. Peter's Church on West Florissant across from the Dellwood Center. Check in time is 8:00 a.m. and race time is 9:30 a.m. The adults will have a race as well.

Community Service Opportunity

I am attaching a flyer for Ronald McDonald House Charities, "Kids Helping Kids." Volunteers are required to be at least 18 years old, however, with the Kids Helping Kids program, kids and teens can help provide a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children. Please consider helping in any way you can. I have personally volunteered and it was a very rewarding experience.

Yours in Scouting,

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KIDS HELPING KIDS

Thank you for your interest in supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis! While we require that volunteers be at least 18 years old, here are some ways that kids and teens can help us provide a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children. For more information, please email McKenna Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator, at mcooper@rmhcstl.com.



Collect coins

A dime here. A quarter there. Your small change can make a big difference! Collect loose change and donate the funds to help RMHC families!



Get your school involved

Spread awareness of RMHC programs at your school by letting teachers and staff know about the ways kids can help families of seriously ill children.



Recycle for RMHC

Aluminum tab tops, old keys and electronics can all be recycled and turned into a monetary donation to RMHC! Learn more at rmhcstl.com/recycle.



Prepare a meal

Children ages 12+ can help cook meals for our guest families with the help of adult chaperones. Visit rmhcstl.com/meals for more information.



Collect Wish List items

RMHC relies on donations of everyday household items to operate our Houses and Family Rooms. To download a Wish List, visit rmhcstl.com/wishlist.



Join Team RMHC

Go the extra mile to help seriously ill children by joining Team RMHC and running on our behalf at your next race. Visit rmhcstl.com/teamrmhc to sign up!



Donate new toys

Help make our Houses and Family Rooms feel like home to seriously ill children and their siblings by donating new, unwrapped toys for all ages.



Get creative

Show off your arts-and-crafts skills by creating cards, blankets, care packages or other heartfelt items for our guest families!



Host a fundraiser

Whether it's a lemonade stand or garage sale, hosting a fundraiser on behalf of RMHC is a great way to help. To get started, visit rmhcstl.com/thirdpartyfundraisers.



Help at the holidays

Donate new, unwrapped items to our McGift Shoppe, where RMHC families can shop for loved ones free-of-charge each December. Visit rmhcstl.com/holidays to download a Holiday Wish List.

Calling All Scouts

Earn your badges at one of our public workshops.

March 7 | 11am | Scout BSA – Chemistry Merit Badge

March 7 | 1:30pm | Cadette – Public Speaking

March 15 | 11am | Brownie – Home Scientist

March 15 | 1:30pm | Wolf – Digging in the Past

April 4 | 11am | Webelo – Adventures in Science

April 4 | 1:30pm | Junior – Flowers

May 2 | 11am | Wolf – Air of the Wolf

May 2 | 1:30pm | Junior – Detective

May 10 | 11am | Brownie – Bugs!

May 10 | 1:30pm | Webelo – Into the Wild

For enrollment, go to slsc.org/scouts | Call 314.289.4439

Camp-Ins

Wonder what it's like at night at the Science Center? Join us for Scout Camp-Ins – and you will never want to leave.

March 13 – 14 | Girl Scout Public Camp-In | Astronaut for a Night

September 25 – 26 | Cub Scout Public Camp-In | Astronaut for a Night

Call 314.289.4439. Registration required—limited tickets.





Start Your Engines

North Star District

Pinewood Derby

Saturday, March 7, 2020

St Peters Church

West Florissant across from the Dellwood Center

Check in Time 8:00 am

Race Time 9:30 am

Cost is \$5.00 before February 28, 2019

There will be a special race for any adults that would like to participate.

Registration is up and running.