

# THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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## GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **April 2020**

<b>April 14</b>	2020 Cub Scout Leader Training Day 1 – Virtual
<b>April 16</b>	2020 Cub Scout Leader Training Day 2 – Virtual
<b>April 24</b>	2020 Leave No Trace Training (LNT) – Spring Session

## **PLANNING AHEAD**

### **May 2020 (all dates tentative due to pandemic)**

<b>May 1</b>	National Youth Leadership Training – Unit Presentation Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) – Spring Back Country Leadership Skills Training
<b>May 2</b>	Spring NESA Advancement Day – CWL Scoutbotics Orientation
<b>May 3</b>	Fishing Merit Badge Skill Center
<b>May 7</b>	North Star Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting (virtual, if necessary)
<b>May 15</b>	Wood Badge Spring Session 1
<b>May 25</b>	MEMORIAL DAY
<b>May 27</b>	Spring Rock Climbing and Rappelling Instructor Training
<b>May 29</b>	Swift's Big Kickoff
<b>May 30</b>	Wood Badge Spring Session 2



## District Commissioner's Desk

By Max Thorne

Ten Essentials of Scoutmastership

From "Handbook for Scoutmasters" as printed in 1944

For scouting today, replace boy with scout.

A *belief* in boys that will make you want to invest yourself and your time on their behalf.

A *zeal* focused upon one point – the boy's happiness through his formative years — "A happy boy is a good boy, a good boy is a good citizen."

An *immense faith* in Scouting as the program that will best serve to mold our youth into fine men.

A *realization* that to the boys Scouting is a game – to you, a game with a purpose: Character building and Citizenship training.

A *knowledge* that to your boys you are Scouting. "What you are speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say!"

A *steadfastness* of purpose to carry out a planned program with energy and perseverance, patience and good humor.

A *willingness* to submerge yourself and make boy leaders lead and grow through an effective application of the Patrol Method.

A *desire* to advance in Scoutmastership by making use of training offered and material available on the subject.

A *readiness* to work hand in hand with home, church, sponsoring institution, school, Local Council, National Council for the good of the individual boy and the community as a whole.

A *love* of the outdoors in all its phases and a vision of the hand that created it.

With that, be safe, and see you in the virtual world.

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Hello April!

### **Upcoming Events**

This year, Earth Day is on April 22, 2020. While the “Stay at Home” order is in place, you can be kind to Earth by recycling at home! Many, if not most, communities have a recycling service available. If not, collect your recyclables and hold on to them until it is safe to deliver them to your favorite recycling center. Stay Safe!

### **Community Service Opportunity**

For this month, I am going to ask that you stay at home and stay safe. As I stated above, you can help your community by recycling at home.

### **NOW HIRING!!**

Would you like to be part of a great group of people who put together our District Dinner? It's a fun job and the pay is great! Pay is based upon the amount of fun you have. ☺ Please let me know if you would like to help.

NEXT, I am looking for one, possibly two people to be fire house coordinators for Scouting for Food. Since I have taken over as Activity Chair, I will no longer be coordinator for the Hazelwood Firehouse on Lindbergh. Last year we were unable to use one of the Florissant firehouses because of their construction. I'm hoping we will be able to use them this year. In any event, please let me know if you would be willing to help.

Yours in Scouting,

*Glenda Thorne*

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## Greetings from your Camping Chair!

We are all disappointed that we can't meet. We are all ready to get back to camping. We will soon! Just do your part and keep social distancing!

If you haven't heard, **Spring Camporee** is CANCELLED. We are attempting to reschedule it for next spring with the same theme and campmasters. Stay tuned!

As of right now, Summer Camps will be held as scheduled. Be sure to get your camping fees paid. If COVID-19 causes summer camp to be cancelled, refunds will be issued.

Next, **ScoutFest** is still on as scheduled! It will be October 2-4. Registration is **OPEN**. You should register at

[www.scoutfest2020.com](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve a spot. Cub packs who are camping overnight must partner with a troop from our District but they should register under their own Unit. There was a question regarding tent stakes'. The rule is tent stakes must be 10" or shorter but there may be a few locations where tent stakes will be prohibited due to sprinkler systems. Last month, I included info on the Program. If you have any questions, let me know.

Age/Membership Status	Camp	Day Visitor	Cost by July 15 <sup>th</sup>
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 15 <sup>th</sup> to be guaranteed a spot with your district			

We will need LOTS of volunteers for staff for ScoutFest. I was hoping to have a district staff meeting soon and that was delayed due to pandemic. If stay-at-home orders get extended, I will schedule a virtual staff meeting. If you would like to help, please contact me at [tmatteoni@gmail.com](mailto:tmatteoni@gmail.com) or call me at 314-226-3458.



~Tony Matteoni

## Upcoming Opportunities for Catholic Scouts and Catholic Units

**BRINGING CATHOLIC CUB DAY TO YOU!:** Originally scheduled for Saturday April 18, Cub Day has been adapted for home use. The adapted program will be open to any youth from the Archdiocese. Full program information will be posted this week here:  
[www.catholicscoutingstl.org/cubday](http://www.catholicscoutingstl.org/cubday).

**Catholic Adventure Week:** Catholic Adventure week information is here:  
[www.catholicscoutingstl.org/CAW](http://www.catholicscoutingstl.org/CAW). This could still be an opportunity for troops, or for individual scouts as members of a provisional troop over the June 21-27 week at Famous Eagle. Transfer over to Catholic Adventure Week can be done with no additional charge.



**2020 Encounter Weekend:** This weekend event at Beaumont is September 18<sup>th</sup> weekend. Watch the website for future opportunities to signup. Begin now to make plans for troop, crew, or individuals to attend or staff this weekend. Please contact Jim Schneider or Carol Casolari for High School or Adult Staff.

**Website refresh:** The [www.catholicscoutingstl.org](http://www.catholicscoutingstl.org) website is on the verge of a website refresh. Watch the site for the new look, feel, and content.

Thank you, and God bless you.  
St. George, pray for us.

Jim Schneider  
Catholic Committee on Scouting-BSA rep to North Star  
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## North Star Family Friends of Scouting 2020 Campaign Update



**SCOUTS STAND OUT.**

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

**2020 Family Friends of Scouting status:** We narrowly missed our March 31<sup>st</sup> goal of 50%, coming in at 48.5%, even after we missed several presentations due to social distancing guidance.

**Sooner rather than later:** While respecting that families may have been impacted by covid-19, we are asking those that can, to make their donations sooner rather than later. We hope that the units who have not had presentation will reschedule, but we understand this may not occur in the near term. Therefore, we are asking your families that are able, to make their donation sooner so that the funds become available for use, especially if there is an increase in financial assistance requests. You may have seen the email/letter on March 24<sup>th</sup> from Matt Wagner, the council friends of scouting chairman (volunteer), emailed by Megan Selck, the council Director of Development (professional) under the subject line: “We rely on the generosity of people like you who share our vision.” As Matt Wagner suggested, **“If you are able, we are hoping you will make your donation sooner than later so that we can assure there is no interruption for programming when quarantines and social distancing is over.”**

**Online donations:** Even where a presentation could be rescheduled, for your families that are able to donate sooner, please make them aware of the opportunity for online donations at <https://stlbsa.org/donate>. Texting MACARTHUR20 to 91999 links to the same underlying site. We can make the donor premiums available through the units, if requested.

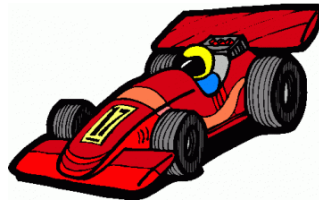
**I plan to reach back out** to the units providing resources and talking points so that they, in turn, can reach out to their families. We also plan to reach out personally to offer some families and alumni another opportunity to give back.

I hope that if we are able to get a larger number of people to donate, whether reaching out to current scout families, or even alumni, we will be able to come together as North Star does so often to hit that goal. I know that North Star has a lot of strength and resiliency. Be safe, stay healthy, and keep working the program with your units. Remember to support your family and community too during this extremely difficult time.

Thank you, and God bless you.  
St. George, pray for us.

Jim Schneider  
Family FOS chairman  
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# ***NORTH STAR DISTRICT***



## ***2020 PINEWOOD DERBY***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the units that participated in the 2019 North Star District Pinewood Derby. And for St Peters UCC for sponsoring our Pinewood Derby this year. But most of all to my staff that attended my meeting and did a great job in setting up the venue and working hard on the day of the race.

Delores Garrett  
Debbie Huber  
Jen Kedge  
Mike Kost  
Zach Lloyd

Sue Polis  
Fred Schaljo  
Georgia Schaljo  
Laurie Wild-Schulze  
Mark Wilbur  
Glenda Thorne

We had a total of 17 Scouts and 3 adults participated this year.

**Thank you Troop 942 for setting a concession stand for our scouts and parents.**

### **Last but not least our District Key Four.**

Rick Dorsey, District Chairman  
Joshua Ramsy, District Director

Max Thorne, District Commissioner  
Darryl Day, District Executive

### ***And the winners are:***

#### ***Divisions Winners***

##### **Lions**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Jaylen Tobias Pack 3551*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Anthony Donaldson Pack 3551*

##### **Tiger Cub**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Kenny Leflore Pack 3739*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Drake Tran Pack 3739*

##### **Wolf/Bear**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Xyon Neal Pack 3551*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sean Krepert Pack 3739*

##### **Webelos**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Jadon Font Pack 3743*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kaden Tran Pack 3739*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place Quade Evans Pack 3551*

##### **Grand Finally Winner**

*Noah Politowski Pack 3797*

##### **Adult Winner**

*Braden Matz Pack 3739*

##### **Best Design**

*Jocelyn Thomas Pack 3797*