

# THE NORTH STAR NUGGET

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## GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **May 2020**

<b>May 7</b>	North Star Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting – VIRTUAL
<b>May 9</b>	Youth Protection Training - VIRTUAL
<b>May 12</b>	Cub Scout Leader Training - VIRTUAL
<b>May 13</b>	Scoutmaster/ASM/Troop Committee Training - VIRTUAL
<b>May 14</b>	Cub Scout Leader Training - VIRTUAL
<b>May 16</b>	Cub Scout Range Master Training – VIRTUAL
<b>May 21</b>	Youth Protection Training – VIRTUAL
<b>May 23</b>	Cub Scout Range Master Training – VIRTUAL
<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

## **PLANNING AHEAD**

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

<b>June 4</b>	Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp Warren Levis (Session 1) Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
<b>June 6</b>	Spring Rock Climbing and Rappelling Instructor Training Special Needs Awareness Training
<b>June 7</b>	Summer Camp – Camp Joy (Week 1) Webelos/Arrow of Lights – Camp May (Session 1)
<b>June 11</b>	Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp Warren Levis (Session 2)
<b>June 13</b>	Shotgun Merit Badge Family Camp @ Camp May (Session 1)
<b>June 14</b>	NYLT (Session 1, June 14-20) Summer Camp @ Famous Eagle (Week 1, June 14-20) Summer Camp @ Gamble (Session 1, June 14-20) Summer Camp @ Camp Lewallen (Session 1, June 14-20) Summer Camp @ Camp Joy (Week 2, June 14-20)

	Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp May (Session 1)
<b>June 18</b>	Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp May (Session 2) Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp Warren Levis (Session 3)
<b>June 20</b>	Challenge Court 1 Day Orientation @ Beaumont
<b>June 21</b>	NYLT (Session 2, June 21-27) Summer Camp @ Famous Eagle (Week 2, June 21-27) Summer Camp @ Gamble (Session 2, June 21-27) Summer Camp @ Camp Lewallen (Session 2, June 21-27) Summer Camp @ Camp Joy (Week 3, June 21-27) Ranger Program (Session 1, June 21-27) Swift High Adventure Base – Venturing Summer Camp (Week 1) Catholic Adventure Week @ Camp Famous Eagle Webelos/Arrow of Light @ Camp May (Session 2)
<b>June 25</b>	Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp Warren Levis (Session 4)
<b>June 27</b>	Family Camp @ Camp May (Session 2) Family Camp @ Camp Lewallen Camp Joy 75 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
<b>June 28</b>	Summer Camp @ Famous Eagle (Week 3, June 28-July 4) Summer Camp @ Gamble (Session 3, June 28-July 4) Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp May (Session 3)



## District Commissioner's Desk

By Max Thorne  
SM Minute - YaGodDaWanna

In the great Midwest where I grew up, I met a mountain man and he knew how to get many things done with very little resources. He had almost nothing to work with, but accomplished great things.

Whether the task was to build a fire underwater or stop a waterfall from falling, it seemed he could take care of it. I was so amazed to see the things he could do, I finally asked him how he did it.

He told me that a long time ago, he had found a magical solution to nearly all challenges that came along. He said it was all contained in a single, ancient word that had mystic powers. When you understand the meaning of the word, it unleashes immense strength and abilities; it makes your mind more clear; it makes your imagination run wild with ideas.

Well, of course, I could hardly contain myself and I just had to know what this powerful magic was. I pleaded with him to tell me and he finally agreed.

He said the word is, 'YAGODDAWANNA'.

In order to accomplish anything, whether it is small or big, easy or difficult, trivial or of utmost importance, in order to be successful, you've got to want to do it. To earn good grades, you gotta wanna earn them. To become an Eagle Scout, ya godda wanna be one. To continue Unit meetings via Zoom, ya godda wanna do it. The main reason people don't succeed at something is because they don't really want it bad enough. By really wanting something, you come up with ideas, make plans, and then do it.

Remember, to do something YaGodDaWanna do it.

*Max Thorne*

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## Greetings from your Camping Chair!

Do your part and keep social distancing so we can get back to camp!

As of right now, Summer Camps will be held as scheduled. There have been questions about getting physicals completed before heading to camp. Council is aware there may be an issue with this and are working on a solution. 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. It will NOT be cancelled! If safety concerns related to COVID-19 dictate that ScoutFest needs to be postponed to a later date, Council will promptly advise everyone of the new date. If conflicts prevent participants from attending the event on the new date, all registration fees will be fully refunded upon request. So spread the word and continue to register for ScoutFest 2020!" 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. For other information, see the included letter from ScoutFest Organizers.

Age/Membership Status	Camp	Day Visitor	Cost by July 15 <sup>th</sup>
Lions (kindergarteners) & 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 has been delayed. 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

# SCOUTFEST 2020

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April 20, 2020

## ScoutFest 2020 Update

To All Volunteers, Committee Members, Partners, Vendors, and Attendees of ScoutFest 2020:

The Greater St. Louis Area Council's number one priority at all times is safety. Even as we navigate these challenging times of COVID-19, our ScoutFest Committee is hard at work finalizing all of the details to assure that we have a safe and memorable event in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO over the weekend of October 2-4<sup>th</sup> 2020 in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO.

ScoutFest 2020 remains the number one event for Scouting in St. Louis this fall. We are so excited to share with you many adventurous activities, the exciting Saturday Night Show at the Grand Basin, and to create lifelong memories together. Hundreds of volunteers continue to work tirelessly to plan and execute this event. We are very grateful for all that our dedicated ScoutFest committee (volunteers, professionals, partners, and vendors) are doing! Please know that your efforts will not be in vain.

ScoutFest will not be cancelled. If, due to safety concerns related to COVID-19 (which we are monitoring closely), we need to postpone ScoutFest to a later date, we will promptly advise everyone of the new date. If conflicts prevent participants from attending the event on the new date, all registration fees will be fully refunded upon request. So spread the word and continue to register for ScoutFest 2020!

Be sure to visit our website, [www.scoutfest2020.com](http://www.scoutfest2020.com), for all of the latest information and the latest version of our ScoutFest 2020 Event Guide. Count down the days (167 days and counting) until ScoutFest 2020 so get excited – it is going to be amazing!

Many thanks for your support and understanding,

Jim Eckhoff  
ScoutFest Chair



Hello May!

### **Upcoming Events**

Nothing to report this month.

### **Community Service Opportunity**

Again, for May, I am going to ask that you stay at home and stay safe.

### **NOW HIRING!!**

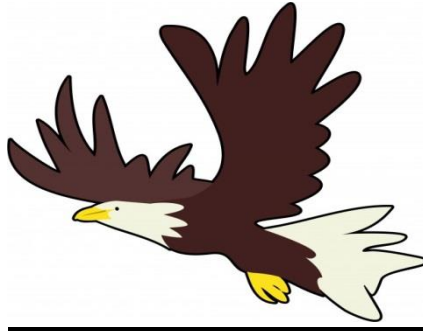
Would you like to be part of a great group of people who put together our District Dinner? It's a fun job and the pay is great! Pay is based upon the amount of fun you have. ☺ Please let me know if you would like to help.

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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## **EAGLE NEWS**

Greetings Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying home during our quarantine period. We do not have much to report at this time. If you need to file paperwork to request an extension to your Eagle Scout Project, please contact Donna Baer at the council office on West Pine. Do not just assume you will be approved for this as that is not the case. Council will review your paperwork and contact you with their decision and instructions to follow. The paperwork will all need to be put in your project workbook. We should hear soon on when we will be able to resume regular meetings and events. If this will be a while still we will be considering Zoom Eagle Boards from your home. You can always contact me for the progress on any decisions made. Please continue to stay at home and be safe and healthy and make some memories with your families.

Yours in Scouting,  
Roxie Tiek  
North Star Eagle Board Chairman