

Roundtable Announcements December 3, 2009

Note: The District Committee and Commissioners Meeting for December will be December 10th at 6 PM at Emerson and it is Pot Luck, see Sue Lindstrom for a list of items to bring.

The next Roundtable is January 7th at 7 PM at the Florissant Presbyterian Church.

ACTIVITIES

- **Annual District Recognition Dinner** will be held at Emerson Friday January 22nd. Tickets at \$17 each. Invitations will go out to all unit leaders tonight at Roundtable. Nominations for the District Award of Merit/Polaris Award are due tonight! 4 awards will be given out at the dinner.

A council-wide coordinated schedule of dates and locations of **2010 Cub Day Camps** is being developed. North Star will have three Day Camps: St. Ferdinand Park (June 7-11), Knights of Columbus (July 5-9) and a location yet to be determined (July 19-22). Tentative location is Flo. Valley Community College.

- It is not too late to turn in **Summertime Pack Award** applications. Awards will be presented at roundtables.
- For **Scouting for Food** the North Star District collected 4,444 boxes of canned goods which is higher than 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008's collected amounts. Congratulations on such a successful year.
- **2010 National Scout Jamboree**
The Greater St. Louis Area Council will take six troops of 36 Scouts and four Scouters each to this event July 26-Aug. 4, 2010. Four troops will be based in the St. Louis area, one will be based in southern Missouri, and one will be based in southern Illinois. Registration for this National Jamboree must be done online at www.bsajamboree.org. See the council website for more detailed information. As of December 1, 2009, ten spaces remain for Scouts to attend.
- The **North Star District 2010 Pinewood Derby** will be on February 13th at the **NASCAR Speed Park** at the St. Louis Mills. Mark this on your calendar for all of your Cub Scouts to participate. Scouts do not have to win their pack race to participate; all Cub Scouts are welcome. A Manual and registration form will be available via e-mail in the next week or two and will also be at the January Roundtable. There will be a **PREREGISTRATION** for the Pinewood Derby race this year due to the location. Cars will be checked in the day of. The **PREREGISTRATION** is to know how many boys we are expecting

ADVANCEMENT

- The **Swimming Skill Center** will resume this Saturday after a couple of weeks off. There is still space available for all classes in the 2nd session starting January 2nd.
- **Cub Scout Advancement Workshop/Boy Scout Advancement Workshop** will be December 12th at Beaumont. If you have some scouts that may be a bit behind and would like to work on some advancements or the merit badge being offered contact Valerie Acosta at vacosta@stllf.org or at 314-256-3090. The program is pre set, Scouts will not be able to work on whatever they are missing, but will follow the syllabus for the day.

- **For Information-** The following advancement opportunities are available:
 - Pets Merit Badge Skill Center *December 5, 2009*
 - Truck Transportation Merit Badge Skill Center *January 16, 2010*
 - Radio Merit Badge Skill Center *February 6 & 13, 2010*
 - Aviation Merit Badge February 20, 2010
 - Dog Care Merit Badge Skill Center *February 20, 2010*
 - Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Skill Center *February 20, 2010*
 - Genealogy Merit Badge Center *April 17, 2010*
 - Pets Merit Badge Skill Center *April 17, 2010*
 - American Heritage Merit Badge Skill Center *June 1, 2010*
 - Law Merit Badge Skill Center *June 2, 2010*
 - Railroading Merit Badge Skill Center *June 3, 2010*
 - Indian Lore Merit Badge Skill Center *August 3, 2010*
 - Merit Badge Makeup Day *August 7, 2010*
See the website for details.

- The **Eagle Board of Review** will be making some changes beginning in January 2010. For an appointment they are to still call John Kavanaugh at 314-839-8226. They are going to be held on the **3rd Sunday** of each month at **St. Stephens Episcopal Church at 5:30 PM**. Dates are:

○ 1-17	○ 7-18
○ 2-21	○ 8-15
○ 3-21	○ 9-12 (this is not the 3 rd Sunday)
○ 4-18	○ 10-17
○ 5-16	○ 11-21
○ 6-20	○ 12-19

The **Life to Eagle Seminars** will be held on different days than the Eagle Board from now on. They will be **March 14 and October 10 both at 6 PM at St. Stephens Episcopal Church.**

CAMPING

- The **Shawnee Lodge Winter Fellowship Banquet** will be on Monday, December 21, 2009 at the Machinists' Hall. Cost is \$16.00 if paid by Dec. 7. \$19.00 after December 7. Details were mailed in November in the Lodge's newsletter, *The Lookout*. Arrowmen attending the dinner are asked to bring a toy for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program being conducted by the Shawnee Lodge. More details in *The Lookout*.
- The **North Star Klondike: A Journey Through the Seasons** will be January 16th at a location still being determined. Sunset Park is the first choice and conversations are ongoing. More information will be available along with a manual within the next week. Remember, Klondike is for BS only. Cub Scouts and Webelos are not permitted to attend.
- NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) registrations are starting now. There are four weeks of training to choose from June 13-19, June 20-26, July 11-17 and July 18-24. Forms can be picked up at Roundtable.
- Packs should be planning on attending **Webelos Camp and Webelos Mini-Camp!**
- Mom and Me, Dad and Lad, and Webelos Camps deadline for sign-up lottery was November 24. There is still time to sign up for camp. Remember that parent and boy programs are for Cubs graduating from 2nd grade only. Webelos Mini-Camp is for graduates of 3rd grade. Weeklong Webelos Camp is for graduates of 4th grade - then on to Scout Camp! There is still time to sign up for camp.
- Camp staff interviews:
December 22 in St. Louis at the Council Service Center, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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December 22 in Cape Girardeau at the Council Service Center, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
December 23 in Herrin at the Council Service Center 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Scoutmasters should invite Scouts who will be 15 and Life by June to apply for camp staff. Applications can be secured through the Camping Service. We are also looking for adult area directors.
- Scout Orienteering Day will be March 27 at Beaumont.

Friends of Scouting

- We are wrapping up our Friends of Scouting Campaign for the 2009 year and already kicking off our campaign for 2010. As of 11-24 we were **\$2,844 away from cashing out at our \$70,000 goal**. That is an amazing pace to be with just a month to go in the campaign. It is imperative that if you have a pledge still unpaid and you are still able to make the gift, that you still support Scouting with your gift. This will be the first time in several years that we have cashed-out at/over goal and are on the verge of making **Centennial Quality District**.
- **Steve Rechten** has agreed to be this year's **District Family Friends of Scouting Chairman** and **John Shivers, VP of Pulaski Bank** has agreed to be our **District Friends of Scouting Chairman**.
- We still need dates from a lot of units for their **Friends of Scouting Presentation** either at a pack meeting, Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, whatever the case may be. Please turn in your dates to Steve Rechten tonight or send them to mrgrumpyt950@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Assigned Trailblazers will be contacting you for dates and information in the near future. If you are interested in **being a Trailblazer** and helping do a handful of presentations for the FOS Campaign see Steve as well.

POPCORN

- In 2008 we had 37 units sell \$69,056 in popcorn. This year, **2009 we had 38 units sell \$100,769 or a 31% increase in sales!** Fantastic job! Now, this is only 38 of 85 units selling popcorn but it is a successful year nonetheless. Don't forget **money turn in date is January 13!** Popcorn will be available for **pickup on Saturday December 12th from 9 AM-12 PM at the Central Pattern Company** at 8830 Pershall Road Hazelwood, MO 63042. Maps are in the back of the room to Central Pattern Co. Any Boy Scout that wants service hours can help with the service project on **Friday December 11th from 5PM-when done** helping separate the popcorn!
- Any feedback on the sale can be given to Phillip Bump.

TRAINING

- The next **Cub Scout Leader Training, Troop Committee** will be January 9th at St. Peters Evangelical UCC at W. Florissant and Stein at 9 AM. YOU MUST contact Sue Polis PRIOR to the training if you are interested in attending or sending leaders from your unit. This needs to be done at least two weeks in advance of the training. Sue can be reached at suepolis@att.net. If you have leaders that can't make it to training and would like to have a session at your location, the training staff is willing to do that as well.
- The next **Boy Scout Leader Training** will be April 13, 20, and 27 at St. Peters Evangelical UCC at W. Florissant and Stein. YOU MUST contact Steve Rechten PRIOR to the training if you are interested in attending or sending leaders from your unit. This needs to be done at least two weeks in advance of the training. Sue can be reached at mrgrumpyt950@yahoo.com. If you have leaders that can't make it to training and would like to have a session at your location, the training staff is willing to do that as well.
- **WoodBadge in 2010** will be April 30-May 2 and May 14-16 for the Spring Course and September 17-19 and October 1-3 for the Fall Course. Applications can be picked up at Roundtable.
- **University of Scouting** will be January 23, 2010 at Fox high School. There are classes for all leaders regardless of your program; CS, BS or venturing. The fee is \$20.00. Applications are available at Roundtable.
- The **Den Chief Conference** will be February 27th at the Emerson Center at Beaumont.

VENTURING

➤ **Swift Base 2010**

Sign up for Explorers and Venturers to attend summer of 2010 at Swift Base began on October 1st. Older Scout and Out-of- Council units sign up begins on January 1. .
Weeks for 2010: **June 13-19, June 20-26, June 27-July 33**

Swift reservation forms are available in the camping department at the West Pine Office.

➤ **Basic and Venturing Leadership Skills Course**

Saturday, January 23 at University of Scouting

The VLSC is a program for youth (usually run by youth), teaching leadership in a fun and exciting way -- usually on a crew outing. Every crew should consider running this leadership course within their members and watching the fun that develops. The VLSC is required for the Silver Award.

Please contact Jared White at 314-256-3092 to reserve the VLSC box.

➤ **Ski Night 2010**

Join us for a night of Skiing at Hidden Valley Ski Resort! This event is for all registered youth and leaders.

Date & Time: January 9 & 10, 6:30PM-3:00AM

Where: Hidden Valley Ski Resort, 17409 Hidden Valley Dr. Wildwood, MO 63025, 63025

Cost: Lift Ticket \$22.00, Lift Ticket and Ski Rental \$42.00

- Registration forms have been mailed to Advisors and can also be downloaded from the council website.

Boy Scout Leaders

- Announce date of Winter Banquet or Dinner:
Anpetu-We Lodge - December 6 - Knights of Columbus Hall in Scott City, MO.
Shawnee Lodge - December 21 – Machinists' Hall in North St Louis County.

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2010 Centennial Program, North Star's 100 Good Turns: Scouts on the Go, and ScoutQuest 100

North Star's 100 Good Turns

Scouts On The Go Objective: The Boy Scouts of America is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting, in 2010. Each of the districts within the BSA is charged with setting up an event to ensure visibility within the community.

The North Star District's Centennial Event is going back to the roots of Scouting and will complete:

100 Good Turns for the 100th Year of Scouting

Units: For the Centennial Event – each Unit is charged with completing a Good Turn on or by the date of 04/10/2010. Units with more than 25 registered Scouts will be charged to complete 2 Good Turns – with one of these taking place on 04/10/2010.

- Please complete the bottom of this form and turn in to Carrie VanNest, District Event Centennial Chair – no later than March 4, 2010. Email it to carrie.vannest@gmail.com or give it to me at Roundtable or call at (314) 830-4025.
- **Guidelines of the Projects:**
 - Must be completed by April 10, 2010.
 - Can be of any nature – examples would include helping senior residents to clear debris from a yard, food drive for a city establishment, visits from some of our younger Scouts to establishments within your city to brighten a day, trash pick up within a park, etc.

Unit: _____ Unit Contact Name: _____

Unit Contact Phone: _____ Unit Contact Email: _____

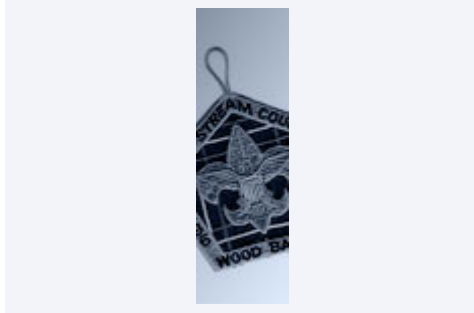
- We have picked our own Good Turn. Please give detailed description of Good Turn (including detail of Good Turn, Date, Time, Place):

- Please help us find a Good Turn to complete!

Alumni Connection Information <http://www.scouting.org/alumni.aspx>

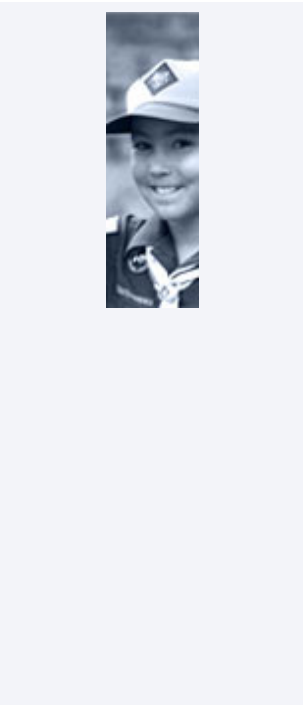
Reconnect with BSA

Find your old Scouting friends and mentors. Get information about alumni groups and programs.



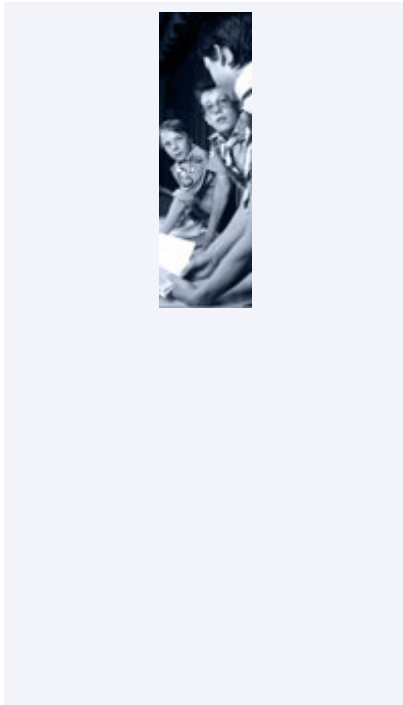
Rekindle Memories

Read the story of the first 100 years of Scouting, as told by our alumni. Share your experience with others by adding your story to our growing scrapbook!



Re-Engage in Scouting

Now is an exciting time to be involved with Scouting. Find out how you can join in our 100th Anniversary Celebration and even earn a series of commemorative patches!



Support Scouting

Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on your community by teaching positive values and leadership skills to youth. Join the individuals, corporations, and foundations that support Scouting's mission.

National Hall of Leadership <http://scouting.org/100years/100years/nationalhallofleadership.aspx>

BSA 100TH ANNIVERSARY
Hall of Leadership

Has a Scout, leader, or other Scouting volunteer made a significant difference at some time in your life, or the lives of others, by the extraordinary service they have given and the Scouting virtues they have modeled? You can thank and recognize them with a nomination to the BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership!

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS - GENERATIONS CONNECTION

Shared Values. Strong Ties. Great Memories.

Was your grandfather a Cub Scout, mom a Den Mother, uncle a Merit Badge Counselor? Or are you the first in your family to go down the Scouting trail? No matter what your Scouting legacy, we invite you to celebrate your family with the 100th Anniversary Generations Connection program.

For 100 years, Scouting has given American families opportunities to build memories, share experiences, and develop strong values. We invite all Scouting families to share your stories and continue the tradition. For those without a long history of Scouting, you can start today!

[Share Your Family Story!](#)

Tell us about your family. Print a special (and free) BSA 100th Anniversary Generational Scouting Family certificate!

[Trace Your Scouting Ancestry](#)

Download a Generations Connection Family Tree! Fill in names and—if you can find it—something special about that person's Scouting experience.

[Plan a Family Celebration](#)

Order your official BSA 100th Anniversary Tree from The [Arbor Day Foundation](#). [Plant it together as a family](#), as a lasting memory of your commitment to Scouting. You can [make](#) or [order](#) a tree marker kit or [stone](#) to designate its importance.

[Create a Group Activity](#)

Are you a Scout leader? Whether at the unit, district, or council level, you can build fun Generations Connection activities that inspire Scouts and their families.



Celebrating 100 Years - A Year of Celebration

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America's youth. Through *A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference*, we will demonstrate the incredible impact of a century of living the Scout Law.

Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. Through that commitment, participants can earn each of five award ribbons to display from our 100th Anniversary commemorative patch.

A Year of Celebration will take place from September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. The program is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, adult leaders, and Scouting alumni.

FINISHED WITH RIBBON REQUIREMENTS? Please note: Ribbon requirements are entered online, but you must take your order form to a Scout Shop to purchase the awards. To find the Scout Shop nearest you, contact your BSA Council Scout Shop. They can often accommodate orders by phone.

You can also download the patch requirements by group:

- [Cub Scouts](#) [Boy Scouts](#) [Venturers](#) [Adult Leaders](#) and [Alumni](#)

SCOUTQUEST 100

June 4-6, 2010 in Forest Park! The St. Louis Cardinals will be in town the weekend of SQ, playing (beating) the Milwaukee Brewers.

Program areas have been determined, and they are:

- Quest for Action
- Quest for Adventure
- Quest for Skills
- Quest for the Future and Technology,
- Quest for the Past

Each district has been asked to become involved in the weekend program by providing **program and display opportunities**. We realize that the more leaders that we have providing program and contacts, the better this event will be. So, put on your thinking caps and come with great ideas for activities and displays that you might be able to provide. This is simply an invitation not a requirement, but so many of you have had great ideas, we thought we would open up the possibilities. Please vet your ideas through Program Staff Advisor Jason Noland at jnoland@stlbsa.org, so that we do not duplicate efforts.

Campfire Show: The bid for the Campfire Show has been awarded to *Contemporary Productions*, supported by the *Creative Producers Group*. These two organizations are responsible for the largest events held in St. Louis; including **Fair St. Louis, Live on the Levee, and supporting the recent MLB All-Star Game**. Expect a fantastic show. Parents and the public are welcome to join us.

It has been announced that our National Board has authorized the purchase of **10,000 acres in the New River Gorge area of West Virginia to serve as a future National Jamboree and High Adventure Base site**.

We are **requesting** that our Venturing/Exploring **Fall Fun Rally** in September be designated as a **National Centennial Venturing Event** (the first in the BSA). If so, there will be an open invitation to all Crews and Posts to attend.

Adventure Base 100, to be held the weekend of August 21-22, 2010 will be a cooperative effort of the councils listed above. The Cardinals will be playing the San Francisco Giants that weekend, so our foot traffic will be increased.