

**North Star District
Roundtable Announcements Updated 1-7-10**

The next Roundtable is February 4th at 7 PM at the Florissant Presbyterian Church.

These announcements will be broken down into 4 categories. **A CUB SCOUT ONLY SECTION, a BOY SCOUT ONLY SECTION, a VENTURING SECTION, and an ALL SECTION.**

Questions and concerns regarding Roundtable can be sent to either of the following Roundtable Commissioners. Kirk Richter kirk.richter@sial.com , Steven Francis eagle_scout87@swbell.net, David Kedge Dsk0817@hotmail.com, and Steven Miller steven_miller05@hotmail.com.

ALL SECTION

Annual District Recognition Dinner will be held at Emerson Friday January 22nd. Tickets at \$17 each. Invitations went out at roundtable in December and leftovers will be mailed.

Friends of Scouting

Steve Rechten has agreed to be this years **District Family Friends of Scouting Chairman and John Shivers, VP of Pulaski Bank has agreed to be our District Friends of Scouting Chairman. We have kicked off the 2010 campaign already. We have accepted a \$73,000 goal and have 6% raised so far!**

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

Don't forget **money turn in date is January 13!** Any feed back on the sale can be given to Phillip Bump.

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. The 2010 Wood Badge Promotion Dinner will be held at the Emerson Center at the Beaumont Scout Reservation at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Sponsors, bring those who are interested in participating in Wood Badge this spring or fall. Applications for the dinner can be found at <http://www.stlbsa.org/Training/Wood+Badge/>

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.

Mark Wilbur still needs photos for the slide show for the district dinner.

We are looking pictures of both kids and adults doing things:

- 5-10 of your best pictures of a Cub or Troop activity.
- 10-15 pictures of a Cub Scout Day Camp.
- 10-15 pictures of the Klondike Derby, Jamestown Mall, etc.
- Or just a great shot of a District leader doing something

Cub Scout Pictures (especially Day Camps) are the most needed! (Pictures already submitted for the Camporee Slide show are NOT needed.)

- Pictures need do be of a good quality (not too dark or blurry, although I do have software than can clean up some image brightness issues.)

- Please do not send me an entire CD with 500 pictures! I have no way to know which pictures are your favorite ones.

There are several ways to submit them.

- 1) E-mail the original pictures to northstarforum@gmail.com. (Note: Gmail may reject files greater than 1-2meg so do not attach more than one or two pictures at a time)
- 2) You may FTP the images to the North Star server. <ftp://northstar.ods.org>.
E-mail scoutmaster@troop374.org for login and password.
- 3) Burn a CD and hand it to Mark Wilbur or Ken Kleinberg.

NOTE: I MUST HAVE the Month, Day (and preferably time) they were taken.

- a. Be sure to include this information with the pictures or...
- b. Better yet rename the file using the following format.
CCYYMMDD_HH.MM.SS_PictureName(YourInitials).jpg
(i.e. 2009_0716_17.27.42_DSCF1087(MW).JPG)

University of Scouting will be on Saturday, January 23. Whether you are a Cub Scout Leader, a Boy Scout Leader, or in Venturing, there is a class that will suit your needs. Many of the venturing classes are for both adults and youth and at least one of the courses will help you complete advancement in Venturing. New this year is the College of Technology. The Boy Scouts are requiring more technology to complete rechartering and other things. This college will help you learn or brush up on these skills. The Special Needs College will help with the many issues that today's youth are coping with and the High adventure College will help you with your high adventure trips. There is a college for youth to learn leadership skills.

Fees are \$10 for adults and includes lunch and youth can attend at half price. There is a midway where you will find resources and ideas to make your program even better. If you are attending for the first time, or have attended for many years, you will enjoy the course offerings and learn many useful things. This year come and bring a scouting friend.

CUB SCOUTS ONLY

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 locations are Johnson Wabash Park or Hudson Park

It is not too late to turn in **Summertime Pack Award** applications. Awards will be presented at roundtables

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. Information is attached! 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

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.

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@stllfl.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.

Cub Leader Basic Training @ St. Peters UCC. Make sure all leaders in your pack are trained. Registration 8:30 am; New Leader Essentials 9:00am-noon; Cub Leader Specific 1:00pm-4:00pm. For pre-registration or questions, contact Sue Polis 314-580-5829 or suepolis@att.net.

BOY SCOUTS ONLY

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.

For Information- The following advancement opportunities are available:

Truck Transportation Merit Badge Skill Center *January 16, 2010*

Radio Merit Badge Skill Center *February 6 & 13, 2010*

Aviation Day *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:

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| ○ 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.**

The **North Star Klondike: A Journey Through the Seasons** will be January 16th at Sunset Park. The cost will be \$5.00. The manual will be available next week. Remember, Klondike is for BS only. Cub Scouts and Webelos are not permitted to attend. Klondike registration and food money is due by January 13. Cost is \$5 for the event and \$1 each for hot dog, chili dog and bowl of chili. Registration will increase to \$6 after Jan. 13 and food will not be guaranteed if meal tickets are not purchased on time. Manuals are available online and printed.

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.

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 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.

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The next **Boy Scout Leader Training** will be April 13, 20, and 27 at St. Peters Evangelical UCC at W. Florissant and Stein. **Troop Committee Training** will be held on January 9th. 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.

The **Den Chief Conference** will be February 27th at the Emerson Center at Beaumont.

Scout Orienteering Day will be March 27 at Beaumont.

VENTURING ONLY

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Crew Advisors should invite Venturers to apply for camp staff. Applications can be secured through the Camping Service. We are also looking for adult area directors.

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 \$26.00, Lift Ticket and Ski Rental \$46.00

University of Scouting-Venturing College-Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010. This year's Venturing College offers an exciting array of courses for both youth and adults. Fox High school is again the site of the University. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. There is a Midway which offers resources and information on a variety of subjects that should interest those involved in the Venturing program. V-1 Venturing as an Integral Part of the Scouting Program : Dan Rolfing and Gary Dedeke are co-presenting this course. As a Venturing Advisor come learn how your crew can mentor and interact with troops and packs and how the three programs can work together for stronger units. You will come away with specific ideas on how to do this. This session is aimed at adults. V-2 Forming New Crews and Maintaining Membership: This course is taught by Bob Vogt and Michelle Imming. Who has not had a problem with membership? And if you haven't, your knowledge would be helpful in this session. This is designed for both adults and youth. New crews will gain information about avoiding pitfalls and how to keep growing despite them and veteran crews will gain insight in how to keep their membership active and growing. V-3 Venturing Awards and Life After Eagle: Eric Mircsov is lead presenter. There are opportunities for scouts and venturers after they achieve distinguished awards such as Eagle, Ranger, and the Silver Award. Come learn about them. This session is open to both adults and youth. V-4 Ethical Controversy: Bill Neubert is presenting this course. Making good decisions is an acquired skill. Ethical Controversies is required for the Venturing Silver Award as well as a great activity for your troop or crew. Both adults and youth are welcome in this course. V-5 Venturing into Youth Behavior-Peer Mediation and How to Keep those One or Two Individuals from Ruining Your Troop or Crew: Denise Keller, Dean of the Special Needs University, is teaching this course. You will learn first hand how to manage disruptive behavior in your crew through behavior modification and peer mediation. This course is for both youth and adults. V-6 Venturing Round Tables and VOA (Venturing Officer Association): Round Tables are relatively new to Venturing. Lisa Abernathy and Chris Ford will

help you learn about these youth led programs. Venturing Offers Associations and how they work with Round Table will be discussed. This session is open to both youth and adults.V-7 Venturing Leadership Skills Course and Kodiak for Your Crew: Rick McIlvoy will lead this two class period session. You will learn about two leadership experiences and how your crew can successfully put on these courses. Session is open to both adults and youth.V-8 Venturing Leadership Skills Course: This all day session led by Amanda Vogt is a leadership course for youth put on by youth. This training is open to both adults and youth but the training is aimed at youth.

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.



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](#)

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.

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.

Leader's Guide: Each district will receive SQ 100 Leader's Guides for each pack and troop prior to the February Roundtable. They will be mailed directly to Venture Crew Advisors. As soon as we go to press we will place on the website for all to access. Guides will include sign-up information, trading post pre-order forms, program highlights, a park map, and general schedule of activities.

Cub Scouts: Our Services Committee has set-aside the Upper MUNY Parking lot exclusively for our Cub Scout day participants. Leaders, graduating Tiger Cubs, and graduating Wolf Cubs will be able to drive into the center of the action and park for the day. We will have a Welcome Center set-up at the lot where Cub Scout leaders will receive all they need to jump right into the action, without having to find their district campsite. Please promote this aspect at your January Roundtable.

Districts will need limited staff. You are encouraged to become members of our staff by contacting the Michael Yarbrough at mywife1960@yahoo.com. He will point you in the right direction. When the Leader's Guide goes up on the website, we will also provide staff registration and staff trading post order materials.