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GSLAC – NORTH STAR ROUNDTABLE NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 2019

December 5	Winter Wonderland Nights Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
December 6	Winter Wonderland Nights Wilderness Remote First Aid – Camp Warren Levis
December 7	Welding Merit Badge Workshop – Iron Workers Local 396 Winter Wonderland Nights
December 8	Eagle and Summit Board of Review – St. Andrew UMC Moviemaking Merit Badge – Microsoft Store Tigers Tiger-iffic Adventure – Microsoft Store
December 9	Moviemaking Merit Badge – Microsoft Store – Morris Private Moviemaking Workshop
December 14	Okpik Cold Weather Training – Troop Meeting #1 STEM University 2019 – UMSL Staff Registration STEM University 2019 – UMSL Scouts BSA College STEM University 2019 – UMSL Cub Scout College
December 15	Webelos Game Design – Microsoft Store Digital Technology Merit Badge – Microsoft Store Shawnee Lodge Winter Fellowship Banquet
December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PLANNING AHEAD

January 2020

January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 2	Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
January 4	Okpik Cold Weather Training – Troop Meeting #2 STEM University – SEMO Staff Registration STEM University – SEMO Scouts BSA College STEM University – SEMO Cub Scout College STEM University – SEMO Venturing College
January 10	Wilderness Remote First Aid – Beaumont
January 11	North Star Swimming Skills Center STL After Dark
January 18	North Star Swimming Skills Center University of Scouting
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
January 25	North Star Swimming Skills Center Okpik Cold Weather Training – Troop Meeting #3

February 2020

February 1	North Star Swimming Skills Center
February 6	Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting
February 8	North Star Swimming Skills Center
February 15	North Star Swimming Skills Center
February 17	Washington's Birthday
February 21	Wilderness Remote First Aid – Camp Vandeventer
February 22	STEM University – SIUC Staff Registration STEM University – Cub Scout College
February 29	Cub Scout Fishing Adult Leader Training



District Commissioner's Desk

By Max Thorne

The Christmas Scout Story from boyscouttrail.com

In spite of the fun and laughter, 13-year-old Frank Wilson was not happy. It was true he had received all the presents he wanted. And he enjoyed the traditional Christmas Eve reunions with relatives for the purpose of exchanging gifts and good wishes. But, Frank was not happy because this was his first Christmas without his brother, Steve, who during the year, had been killed by a reckless driver.

Frank missed his brother and the close companionship they had together. Frank said good-bye to his relatives and explained to his parents that he was leaving a little early to see a friend; and from there he could walk home. Since it was cold outside, Frank put on his new plaid jacket. It was his FAVORITE gift. He placed the other presents on his new sled. Then Frank headed out, hoping to find the patrol leader of his Boy Scout troop. Frank always felt understood by him. Though rich in wisdom, he lived in the Flats, the section of town where most of the poor lived, and his patrol leader did odd jobs to help support his family.

To Frank's disappointment, his friend was not at home. As Frank hiked down the street toward home, he caught glimpses of trees and decorations in many of the small houses. Then, through one front window, he glimpsed a shabby room with limp stockings hanging over an empty fireplace. A woman was seated nearby . . . weeping. The stockings reminded him of the way he and his brother had always hung theirs side by side. The next morning, they would be bursting with presents.

A sudden thought struck Frank : he had not done his 'good deed' for the day. Before the impulse passed, he knocked on the door. 'Yes?' the sad voice of the woman asked. 'May I come in?' asked Frank. 'You are very welcome,' she said, seeing his sled full of gifts, and assuming he was making a collection, 'but I have no food or gifts for you. I have nothing for my own children.' 'That's not why I am here,' Frank replied. 'Please choose whatever presents you would like for your children from the sled.'

'Why, God bless you!' the amazed woman answered gratefully. She selected some candies, a game, the toy airplane and a puzzle. When she took the Scout flashlight, Frank almost cried out. Finally, the stockings were full. 'Won't you tell me your name?' she asked, as Frank was leaving. 'Just call me the Christmas Scout,' he replied.

The visit left Frank touched, and with an unexpected flicker of joy in his heart. He understood that his sorrow was not the only sorrow in the world. Before he left the

Flats, he had given away the remainder of his gifts. The plaid jacket had gone to a shivering boy.

Now Frank trudged homeward, cold and uneasy. How could he explain to his parents that he had given his presents away? 'Where are your presents, son?' asked his father as Frank entered the house. Frank answered, 'I gave them away.'

'The airplane from Aunt Susan? Your coat from Grandma? Your flashlight? We thought you were happy with your gifts.'

'I was very happy,' the boy answered quietly. 'But Frank, how could you be so impulsive?' his mother asked. 'How will we explain to the relatives who spent so much time and gave so much love shopping for you?' His father was firm. 'You made your choice, Frank. We cannot afford any more presents.'

With his brother gone, and his family disappointed in him, Frank suddenly felt dreadfully alone. He had not expected a reward for his generosity, for he knew that a good deed always should be its own reward. It would be tarnished otherwise. So he did not want his gifts back; however he wondered if he would ever again truly recapture joy in his life. He thought he had this evening, but it had been fleeting. Frank thought of his brother, and sobbed himself to sleep.

The next morning, he came downstairs to find his parents listening to Christmas music on the radio. Then the announcer spoke: 'Merry Christmas, everybody! The nicest Christmas story we have this morning comes from the Flats. A crippled boy down there has a new sled this morning, another youngster has a fine plaid jacket, and several families report that their children were made happy last night by gifts from a teenage boy who simply called himself the Christmas Scout. No one could identify him, but the children of the Flats claim that the Christmas Scout was a personal representative of old Santa Claus himself.' Frank felt his father's arms go around his shoulders, and he saw his mother smiling through her tears. 'Why didn't you tell us? We didn't understand. We are so proud of you, son.'

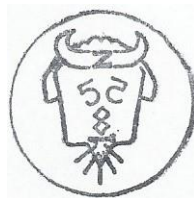
Happy Holidays!

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NEW YEAR NEW PLACE FOR ROUNDTABLE

Starting Thursday, January 2, 2020

7:00 pm

At

Chatham Bible Church

6375 Howdershell Rd

Hazelwood MO 63042

The church is across the street from the LDS Church.



TIME TO GO CAMPING!

Pictures, PICTURES, PICTURES!!!

I need your unit's Scouting pictures for the North Star District Dinner in January.

I do NOT need Spring or Fall Camporee pictures.

But if your unit did something cool (since last January) then pick 3-5 pictures of each event and then get them to me.

They must be in focus and have proper exposure. They should also be of Scouts doing things. (Don't need many pictures of landscapes.)

I can take them via e-mail to allogagaw@gmail.com or on a DVD, CD or thumb-drive.

I also need the approximate date they were taken.

This date can be included in the e-mail, on paper or even better, just rename the filename

YYYYMMDD_Campout1.jpg

Deadline to get them to me is mid December.

(But sooner is better)

If you have an event in November or late December send me what you already have now and let me know and I will try to leave room for them.

Here is the calendar for the rest of the camping year:

OA Chapter Banquet 2/2/2020 At Camp Warren Levis Swain Lodge (might conflict with the Catholic Scout Sunday???)

OA Spring Conclave 4/3-5/2020 (Yes this is Palm Sunday weekend. Not sure if they will change it or not)

Spring Camporee 2020 4/17-19/2020 at Warren Levis NOTE: Date may appear incorrectly as 5/1 on some calendars

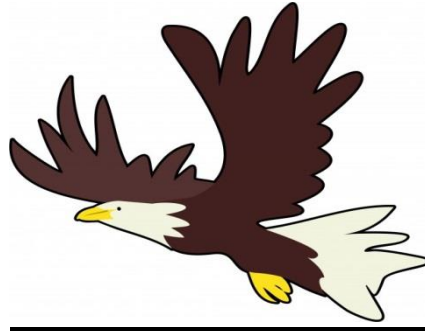
Forest Park Event 10/2-4/2020

OA Fall Reunion 9/11-13/2020

Mark Wilbur - Eagle Scout - Vigil:Allogagaw

Owl NC516 - Shawnee Lodge 51 - St. Louis, Mo. - Ham:NØUII

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EAGLE NEWS

Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. North Star had a banner month for November. We welcomed the following new Eagle Scouts:

Nicholas Staab	Troop 739
Cory Staab	Troop 739

We also had project approvals from the following:

Westin Peck	Troop 962
Colin Peck	Troop 962
Andrew Ger	Troop 963
David Marllit	Troop 884
Jared Eskridge	Troop 950
Carter Hood	Troop 962
Noah Clark	Troop 963

We had an awesome month with the scouts. I am so happy and proud that they are striving to reach their ultimate goal.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please take time to enjoy yourself with family and friends and make some new memories.

Yours in Scouting,
Roxie Tiek
North Star Eagle Board Chairman

North Star Chapter News - Dec 2019

Here is the OA News for the month of December:

1. If you are in need of a Four Winds ceremony, please contact Dylan Simon at dylanscout6@gmail.com or at (314) 604-0266. There must be at least a **MONTH'S** notice for a team to be assembled.
2. Registration for the Lodge Winter Banquet can be found at shawneelodge.org. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door.
3. Below is a calendar with important upcoming dates.
 - a. ~~Founder's Award Nominations Due - Oct. 26~~
 - b. ~~Vigil Nominations Due - Nov. 1~~ vigil@shawneelodge.org
 - c. ~~November Chapter Meeting - Nov. 6 - Atonement Lutheran Church at 7:00pm~~
 - d. ~~Fall Service Project - MSI Motor Inc. - Anytime after~~
 - e. Lodge Winter Banquet - **Dec 15** - Hilton Frontenac
1335 S. Lindbergh
 - f. Ceremonial Teams Lock-In - **Jan 31 - Feb 2** - Camp Warren Levis Swain Lodge
 - g. Chapter February Banquet - **Feb 2** - Warren Levis Swain Lodge at 2:00pm
 - h. Lodge Arrowman Experience - **Feb 22** - Beaumont
 - i. Spring Conclave - **Apr 3-5** - Beaumont
 - j. Lodge One Day of Service - **May 2** - Place TBA
 - k. May Chapter Meeting - **May 16** - Place/Time TBA
 - l. August Chapter Meeting - **Aug 15** - Beaumont
 - m. Lodge Pre-Ordeal Make-up - **Aug 22** - Beaumont
 - n. Fall Reunion - **Sept 11-13** - S-F Scout Ranch



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 will be on the website next week.



SWIM SKILLS 2020

I am once again excited for our Swim Skills to start up in January 2020. It is being held at Hazelwood East High School each Saturday from January 11 through February 15.

For Boy Scouts that are earning their Swimming or Lifesaving Merit Badges, the time is 8:00am-10:30am and all Scouts will need to bring a signed merit badge card from your Scoutmaster. No cards will be given out.

For Cub or Boy Scouts attending the Learn to Swim, you have three different times you can choose from (please keep the same time every week):

10:45am – 11:30am

11:45am – 12:30pm

12:45pm – 1:30pm

Since there is little time between classes, we ask that everyone be ready to go at their start time. **NO SIBLINGS OR ADULTS ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE...THIS IS FOR SCOUTS ONLY!**

We have a great crew that is willing to help, guide and teach every Scout that attends. Can't wait to see everyone.

LET'S GET OUR SUITS ON AND SWIM!!

Thank you,
Kelley Lloyd