

# Advancement Report

Gravois Trail District, Greater St. Louis Area Council BSA

March 4, 2008

## Merit Badge Skill Centers



First Aid – May 17, 2008

**Note:** Prerequisites must be completed prior to attending.

### Other Council-Wide Skill Centers

- Pets – April 19, 2008
- Cycling – May 10, 2008
- Genealogy – April 19, 2008

Check the Council website for more details.

## Skill Center Ideas

We'd like to bring in some new skill centers to increase the variety available to your Scouts.

If you have expertise in any badge topics or know people we could work with that would provide a good skill center, please drop me a line.

The most successful centers allow the Scout to see things he wouldn't normally see or give him hands-on experience at doing or making something. Examples might include the

skilled trades, nuclear science or space exploration

## Merit Badge Orientations

Orientations provide an **introduction** to a merit badge, along with suggestions on how best to complete the requirements.

- Citizenship in the World – April 7, 2008
- Sperreng Middle School

## Advancement Updates

### Revised Eagle Scout Application Form

The Eagle Scout Application Form, which is included in the Eagle Packet for Life Scouts, has been revised.

Two lines have been added to the second page, in which the Scout will provide the name of his project and the total combined hours worked on the project.

The name can just be a simple description of the project, like Garden Area for Trinity Church. The hours, of course, would be all time

accrued by the scout and those he was directing.

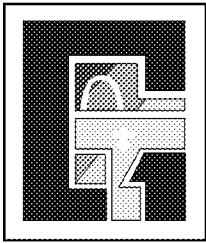
The new form will be required beginning in May, but Council understands there will be forms coming in for a time without that information and will work with the Scouts and their units.

The new form is available at the council website, under Forms. (stlbsa.org)

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## CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT SEMINAR

MAY 6, 2008  
7:00-8:30

Met-Life Building

This seminar will focus on advancement at each rank in the Cub Scout program. We'll take a look at the different ranks and compare what's the same and what's different at each level.

Get ready to plan for the coming year. Bring your new Scout Book and be ready to share that den meeting idea or trip that went really well.

**All den leaders are encouraged to attend!**



## WEBELO'S CAMPS

Give your scouts the opportunity to earn:

Outdoorsman  
Forester  
Aquanaut  
Geologist  
Archery loop

## LEADERS

Are you trained to take your scouts camping?



Training is available:  
April 26, 2008

Beaumont Scout Reservation  
And  
May 3, 2008  
Pine Ridge

For more information:  
[stlbsa.org](http://stlbsa.org), training, cub scout camping.

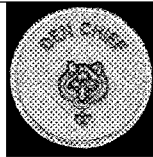
## THE OUT IN SCOUTING

Is your den beginning to feel a little claustrophobic after being stuck inside?

Are the boys climbing the walls?

Spring will do that to scouts. The cure is to put the OUT as in outside into scouting. As part of your den meeting take a walk, help your scouts identify whatever plants, trees, or animals you see.

Plan a quick service project: pick up trash around the school; pull weeds in parking lot islands.



A Den Chief is a Boy Scout who assists a Cub Scout den leader or Webelos Scout den leader at den meetings, pack meetings, and other events. He's a ready source of games, songs, skits, and skills, and he encourages the boys in their advancement.

If you are interested in having a Den Chief work with your Cub Scouts contact the Boy Scout troop that you feed into for names of eligible scouts.

Look for Den Chief training this fall to help you and your Den Chief work together.

Do you have a question on advancement or an idea to share?  
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