



# EAGLES



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## Useful Resources:

### **Troop Website:**

<http://troop603.us/>

### **Troop Calendar:**

<http://troop603.us/Calendar/tabid/603.us/Calendar/tabid/55/Default.aspx>

### **Scout Track:**

<http://scouttrack.com/>

### **U.S. Scouting:**

<http://usscouts.org/>

### **Greater St. Louis Area Council:**

<http://www.stlbsa.org/Districts/New+Horizons/>

## Scouting Fact:

What are the most earned boy scout merit badges since 1910 ?

They are as followed:

- #1— First Aid
- #2— Swimming
- #3— Camping

# Summer Camp or Merit Badges

Congratulations to the first year scouts for you have just completed your first year of summer camp. How much fun did you have or better yet how many merit badges did you attempt and completed?



I remembered my first summer camp, it was at Camp Gamble on the Pratt Campsite. It rained almost ever day and our campsite was a mud pit. Our clothes were muddy and our shoes never did dry out that week. We cooked with umbrellas or underneath the fly, but I still remember having fun and I definitely will not forget that summer camp.

That was the year, our scoutmaster, Mr. Luedloff took all of our wet clothes into Farmington to a laundry mat to

clean them so we could have some dry clothes to wear. With all the rain that year, we still attended our merit badge class and I think I finished five merit badges that first summer camp. Well enough about my summer camp experiences, this year it was reported that the scouts of troop 603 attempted 96 merit badges. According to our scoutmaster, Mr. Kasper this was an all time high for merit badges attempted at one summer camp but he also said it might be an all-time high for incomplete merit badges with 31. All in all, it sounds like the scouts had a great time at camp. It was reported that temperatures played an important part of the summer time enjoyment.



Summer Camp is much more than just merit badges. It is an

opportunity for younger scout to unite and work as a team to complete the task at hand, whether it is cooking or cleaning as a patrol. As far as the older scouts, it is an opportunity to hone their scouting skills and try new things. It is a time for friendship, a time for comradery, a time for fun at Huck's Cove, a time of competitive shooting at the archery or rifle ranges, or just a time to sit back and reflect on the peacefulness of nature and our surroundings.

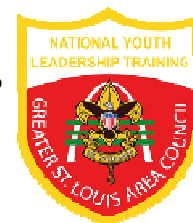


A special thanks to all of our adult leadership for the countless number of hours that they dedicate to the scouts of Troop 603. For the many events and the memories that we will all share the rest of our lives.

## NYLT -- National Youth Leadership Training

National Youth Leadership Training is a weeklong training course that provides youth leaders with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills while living by the Scout Oath and Law, in an exciting outdoor environment. Scouts who earn the NYLT shield are prepared to meet the challenges ahead and are better prepared to work with adult leaders.

NYLT Requirements: Must attend a minimum of two long term scout camps, be first class or higher, be minimum age of 12 years old and be recommended by the Scoutmaster.





# Upcoming Events

July

- Saturday, July 24th, is the deadline for permission slips and fees for Johnson Shut-Ins event on August 13th-15th.
- Saturday, August 7th, will be Merit Badge Make-up Day at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Please bring your incomplete merit badge card and be in Class A uniforms for this event. Any work you can do on these partial merit badges will make your day a lot shorter.
- Monday, August 9th at 7pm will be the Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting.
- Court of Honor at Babler State Park on August 25th, more details to follow.
- First troop meeting will be September 1st, and this will be our troop elections for new leadership positions.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION