



# The Serving Tray

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## SCOUT DIRECTOR JOHN FABSTITS - GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Club Secretary Justin Wiles introduced his boss, John Fabsits (pictured), who traveled from Columbia today to speak to the club about the Boy Scouts of America and the Great Rivers Council. Great Rivers Council is headquartered in Columbia and serves youth and adult volunteers in 33 counties in central and northern Missouri. Mr. Fabsits said scouting enables young people to build character and apply leadership skills to prepare them to be responsible citizens. He showed photos of scouts learning trades such as welding and, in 2018, they added a woodworking shop.

Mr. Fabsits spoke about scouting activities last year which had been challenging because of COVID. They succeeded, however, in holding a summer camp, merit badge workshops, camping, virtual scouting at home, giveback service programs and also various other activities and events. The summer camp was held at Ozarks Scout Reservation (Camp Hohn) on the Lake of the Ozarks near Laurie, Missouri, just one hour south of Jefferson City. The reservation covers 450 acres and has 1-1/2 miles of shoreline. (They are planning a summer camp there again this year.) Also last year Great Rivers Council welcomed its first female Eagle Scouts last year - Sophie Froese and Serena Anderson, both from Troop 242 in Columbia.

Late last year, the Potterfields of Midway USA donated the Lincoln Building on their property. It is a 14,000 sq. ft. property in Columbia visible from I-70. The Great Rivers Council is looking forward to making it a program center for youth. A scouting adventure center is planned which would include woodworking and other trade laboratories as well as robotics, e-sports, and drone technology. Great Rivers Council has a website: [grcbasa.org](http://grcbasa.org).



**50-50 Drawing:** Melissa Stuart did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$250.

### Guest:

**Ben Pettit** (Hearken Hearing & Audiology/guest of President Roy)

**Announcement:** A Playscape workday is scheduled for April 24 (weather permitting) 9 AM-NOON

### Upcoming Programs:

**April 28:** Mark Shahan/County Commission Update  
**May 5:** Deb Hudman from ATSU/Tick Project  
**May 12:** Jeff Romine, et al/Flags Project  
**May 19:** Jessie Doleh/Thousand Hills Park Specialist  
**May 22:** Foundation Celebration (virtual & Nazarene Church): **May 26:** TBA