

# Scouting St. Tammany Patch Program



## WELCOME TO THE SCOUTING ST. TAMMANY PATCH PROGRAM

Members of Girl Scout Troop 30864 are proud to be citizens of St Tammany Parish and wanted to find a way for others to realize the benefits of our parish. "Scouting St. Tammany" is the title of the overall program. The purpose of Scouting St. Tammany is to educate people about the many different aspects of the parish that are often times overlooked and underutilized. It is geared towards scouts as well as the general public. Various Patch Programs will be developed highlighting individual parish offerings – programs designed to enlighten multiple age levels about the individual attractions.

### MAIN PATCH



The patch will be a semi circle that reads "Scouting St. Tammany" across the top and have a picture of a forest with wildlife in the background. It will be earned by completing a short question and answer section about St Tammany Parish.

Additionally, there will be rectangular bars, with the title and a small image relating to the project for each attraction – designed to go underneath the semi circle identifying what part of the program has been completed.

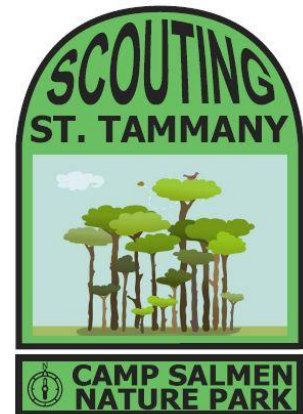
### BAR PATCH PROGRAMS

Programs currently in production:

- Camp Salmen Nature Park
- St. Tammany Parish Animal Services

Programs for future consideration:

- St. Tammany Trace
- Fontainebleau State Park
- Fairview-Riverside State Park
- St Tammany Art Council
- Fairs and Festivals
- Heritage Park
- Nature Conservancy



Many opportunities exist for future programs. It is our hope and expectation that scouts of all ages will complete this program, as well as take up individual "Patch Programs" to continue the Scouting St Tammany Project for years to come. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to St Tammany Parish Administrators and staff for their assistance and support in developing this program.

# Scouting St. Tammany

## Main Patch Program

### History of St. Tammany Parish

In 1810, President James Madison claimed West Florida as part of Louisiana and sent William C.C. Claiborne to claim the territory. Claiborne established the boundaries of the Florida Parishes. He created St. Tammany Parish and named it after the Delaware Indian Chief Tamanend (c.1628-1698).

In the early 1830s, there were only two towns in St. Tammany, Covington, a retreat with summer homes and hotels, and Madisonville, a shipbuilding and sawmill town. Mandeville was founded in 1834 and was developed as a health resort for wealthy New Orleanians, With the completion of the interstate system to St. Tammany from New Orleans (including the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway and the I-10 Twin Span), the parish began to develop as a bedroom community. Suburban sprawl first took root in and around Slidell in the eastern part of the parish. The opening of Interstate 12 connected eastern and western St Tammany Parish.

In 2000, the population was 191,268. In 2004, the population was estimated to have grown to 212,000, and after the landfall of Hurricane Katrina the following year, the population was estimated by St. Tammany Planners to be about 264,000. If correct, these figures make St. Tammany Parish the fastest-growing parish in the state



St. Tammany Parish is locally referred to as part of the "Northshore" throughout metropolitan New Orleans, owing to its location North of Lake Pontchartrain. It is the most affluent parish in the metro area. Numerous fairs and festivals, access to outdoor waterways and activities along with a high-performing school system and low crime rate give St. Tammany a small-town feel with convenient access to a metropolitan lifestyle.

Come visit St. Tammany Parish. There is plenty to do for scouts of all ages. Learn and explore our rich history and culture through the Scouting St. Tammany Patch Programs.

**Complete the following to earn the Scouting St. Tammany Main Patch**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

Everyone must answer the following questions:

1. Who was St Tammany Parish originally named for?
2. What was the town of Mandeville known for?
3. The completion of what system helped the parish grow?
4. Why is St Tammany Parish known as the Northshore?
5. What are some fun things to do in St Tammany Parish?



The following questions must be answered by all applicants grade 6 and over: (requires some research on your own)

1. Was St Tammany Parish part of the Louisiana Purchase?
2. Where is the parish government seat located?
3. What Interstate system connects east and west St Tammany Parish?
4. What is your favorite thing about St Tammany Parish?

# Camp Salmen Nature Park

## Bar Patch Program

### Scout Culture Preservation

For almost sixty years (1924-1980), many scouts spent time at Camp Salmen, and created a culture that has lasted throughout time. Situated on scenic Bayou Liberty in Slidell, Louisiana, Camp Salmen served as the primary Boy Scout summer camp of the New Orleans Metro area.



The park is composed of 106 acres of pristine cypress swamp and mixed bottomland hardwood forest which provides habitat for a vast array of local fauna and flora. Recently, St. Tammany Parish purchased the site to preserve and recreate the unique historical, cultural, and biological heritage of our region.

To recognize this scouting culture, many scout features will be restored. These features include: Quartermaster's Cabin, Scoutmaster's (Headquarters) Cabin and Museum, Hospital Pavilion, Chief's Cabin and Museum, Rec Hall Pavilion, and New Counselor's Pavilion.



# Salmen Lodge

On March 28, 1901, the Salmen Brick & Lumber Co. bought the Breedlove Tract, which included the old building and 376 acres of property. In the purchase, the Salmen Company acquired “the entire contents of the store on the said land together with the goodwill, customers and patronage of the said store and ferry.” So ended the building’s nearly century-long use as a trading post. Twenty-three years later, in 1924, the Salmen Brick & Lumber Co. donated the building and about 73 acres of the old Breedlove Tract to the Boy Scouts for their use as a campsite. A later land donation brought the actual Salmen bequest to 106 acres. The scouts nicknamed the building “Salmen Lodge” in honor of Fritz Salmen, an ardent supporter of the scouts and the patriarch of the Salmen Brick & Lumber Co.



Over the following years, Salmen Lodge served various purposes until the Boy Scouts renovated the historic building to use it for the camp director’s residence. When the scouts left Camp Salmen in the late 1970s and sold the property in 1983, Salmen Lodge became but a memory for the tens of thousands of scouts who had camped in its shadows. Several years later, Salmen Lodge weathered Hurricane Katrina intact and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in April 2006.

With a restoration to its original trading post appearance and conversion to a small museum, Salmen Lodge will finally get recognized for its historic importance. This remnant of the early history of the Bayou Liberty region will become a center for visitors, including school children, to learn about the unique architecture of the building, its years as a trading post, and the significant role the Bayou Liberty region area played in supplying timber, tar and pitch, bricks, produce, and livestock to the growing city of New Orleans across Lake Pontchartrain.

Complete the following to earn the Camp Salmen Nature Park bar patch.

# Indigenous Plants

While walking the Interpretive Trail System at Camp Salmen, notice some indigenous plants and trees found in and around the park. Identify and list two of the plants and trees you found.

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## Word Search

R N R X E R X T I G C Z E R Y  
R B Z W H Y P E M A J L E L M  
H U A L W H Z J M C K T T B K  
U T T C L K Y E A C S D U D W  
A T H A N I L D U A C E W H D  
H E V U E L T S R K C M N W P  
J R X P I L Y U X A G B G E T  
U C M A M E A E Z O N I R I S  
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G P P O V A P R A I N L E C D  
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F Z V H A R N L D N T J Q M G  
H V J O Z L V L T I Z R N R A  
R U Q H S I Z G Q I V K R L G  
C R O S S V I N E I P N G N R

ASTER  
AZALEA  
BUTTERCUP  
CAMELLIA  
CROSSVINE  
DAYLILY  
HONEYSUCKLE  
HYDRANGEA  
INDIGO  
IRIS

# Visit Camp Salmen Search & Find

Grades K-5 – pick 3

Grades 6-12 – pick 4

Adults – find all

Find the Order of the Arrow Garden, sit and ponder what it was like here to camp as a scout.



Find the Salmen Lodge, take a walk through the museum (if open) and see what you learn.



Find the old water tower.



Take a boardwalk to the bayou; try to identify indigenous plants along the way.

Find the oldest oak tree in Camp Salmen.



Find the place where the old flagpole used to be.

Go to the new pavilion. This was where the old cafeteria was. Have a picnic with your friends, much like the Scouts used to do.





# Questions

Grades K-5 – pick 3

Grades 6-12 – pick 5

Adults – answer all

1. How old is the oak tree in the Order of the Arrow Garden?
2. What was the Salmen Lodge originally used for?
3. How many years did scouts spend their time at Camp Salmen?
4. What was the name of the company that purchased the land for Camp Salmen?
5. Name two indigenous plants you found at Camp Salmen. (They do not have to be plants from the word search.)
6. When was the land for Camp Salmen donated to the Boy Scouts?
7. Which body of water is Camp Salmen located on? (Name)

## Request for Scouting St. Tammany Main and Bar Patches

Please complete the form below, allow 2 weeks processing time.

#of Main Patches @ \$2.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Camp Salmen Bar Patches @ \$1.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

# of \_\_\_\_\_ Bar Patches @ \$1.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Bar Patch Name)

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(Bar Patch Name)

Shipping & Handling:   \$1.00  

Total Check or Money Order made to Girl Scout Troop 30864: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:                      Girl Scout Troop 30864  
                                    P.O. Box 4165  
                                    Slidell, LA 70459-4165  
                                    Attn: Scouting St. Tammany

For questions or comments, or if you would like to develop a patch program of your own and need help, please contact:

[gstroop864@charter.net](mailto:gstroop864@charter.net)

We'd like your input and ideas, please tell us what you thought of the program and what other programs you'd like to see developed.

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