

## Fall Fun Rally 2020

Thank you for attending the Fall Fun Rally. While this event isn't quite the same this year, your VSOA officers thought it important to do what we could, safely, for everyone to enjoy what we could this year. These are unprecedented times, indeed, but we are glad that you chose to try out this event with us today.

As you can guess, doing this event was a bit of an undertaking and adjusting this event for our current times was a challenge. The team planning this put together a proposal to make it work, and the staff is executing part of it. But we also need the assistance of you to make this event work safely, so that we can continue to have more in-person activities going forward. FFR is one of the first big council events, and the success of this event will likely impact many other events going forward. But this will take each of us doing what we can at this event. Please see the Safety Precautions listed at right, and be familiar with it. These procedures are what we all need to do to continue to have in-person Scouting events like these for the foreseeable future.

In order to host the event, even an event of this reduced size, there had to be a way to create groups of 50 or less. Each zone is setup to have no more than 50 people in the zone. Participants will swap between zones at designated times and using designated paths. Your 'zone marshal' will ensure that we all switch at the proper times.

Finally, there is no 'covid compliance team', or 'mask police' roaming the event today. We ask that everyone, especially unit advisors, does their part to ensure our collective success to not only stay safe, but also have fun at this event. Please help each other through these weird, weird times, be patient with one another, and most importantly, have fun with one another today.

## Safety Precautions

**Wear a Mask:** Consistent with GSLAC Council policy, all in person Scouting activities require face coverings over both the nose and mouth. If you need to momentarily remove your mask, ie to take a drink, please remove yourself from the group, ideally more than 10 feet, remove your mask to do what you need to do, and then put it back on ASAP. When eating, spread apart, at least 10 feet between people. Some presenters may remove masks during this event to speak to you, but will be distanced by at least 12 feet when doing so.

**Spread Apart, Especially Between Groups:** Please keep separated by at least 6 feet, even when wearing a mask, from those not in your household. *At all times maintain at least 6 feet between those not in your unit.* This will be a hard one, because FFR is all about hanging out with our friends. But please keep separated, especially from those outside your unit.

**Sanitize and Wash Hands Regularly:** When you are going to touch a common surface such as a rifle, slackline, even climbing today, we ask you to sanitize your hands prior to touching and again after. There are multiple hand washing stations setup at the event for more thorough handwashing also. Shared surfaces will be cleaned regularly, and, when possible, between participants. Water filling stations will also have hand sanitizer set out to use before and after touching the spigot when filling your bottle.

**'Stay In Your Zone':** Each group will be assigned to a zone for specific time. Please do not leave your zone during this time. Bathrooms are available outside Emerson and are marked with the color of your group wristband.

For more information about precautions for units to take during these times, please see the Venturing and Sea Scout Fall Planning Guide at:

<https://stlbsa.org/2020-fall-outdoor-experiences/>

## Upcoming Events

Nov 14 & 21	Scouting for Food
Jan 3.....	Celebration Dinner
Jan 9.....	STL After Dark
Mar 26-28 .....	Taste of Venturing
June 5.....	Swift's Big Kickoff
Swift Venturing and Sea Scout Weeks	
June 20-26	July 11-17
Aug 8.....	Celebration Dinner
Oct 1-3 .....	ScoutFest 21

All these events are currently planned as in person activities, but modifications will likely be made to make them successful.

## VSOA Elections

The Venturing and Sea Scout Officer Association is the elected officers for these programs for the Greater Saint Louis Area Council, and consists of officers both at the Council and District levels. These officers plan and execute the above activities amongst other leadership opportunities in our programs over the year.

Most years we have elections for these positions at the Fall Fun Rally. This year the elections moved online. Through the evening of September 26, those who wish to run for Council positions need to fill out an application online. On September 27, a link to the ballot will be mailed out to all Venturing Advisors and Sea Scout Skippers in the Council to be passed onto their youth to vote. Each unit will be given three ballots, and voting will be done in a 'ranked choice' method that will allow you to select the best choices for each position, as well as allow candidates to run for multiple positions. Council elections will close September 30. District elections will be handled by each district over the coming weeks. Please apply if you are interested, and encourage members of your unit to run that would be good officers! For more information see <http://venturing.gslac.org/elections>

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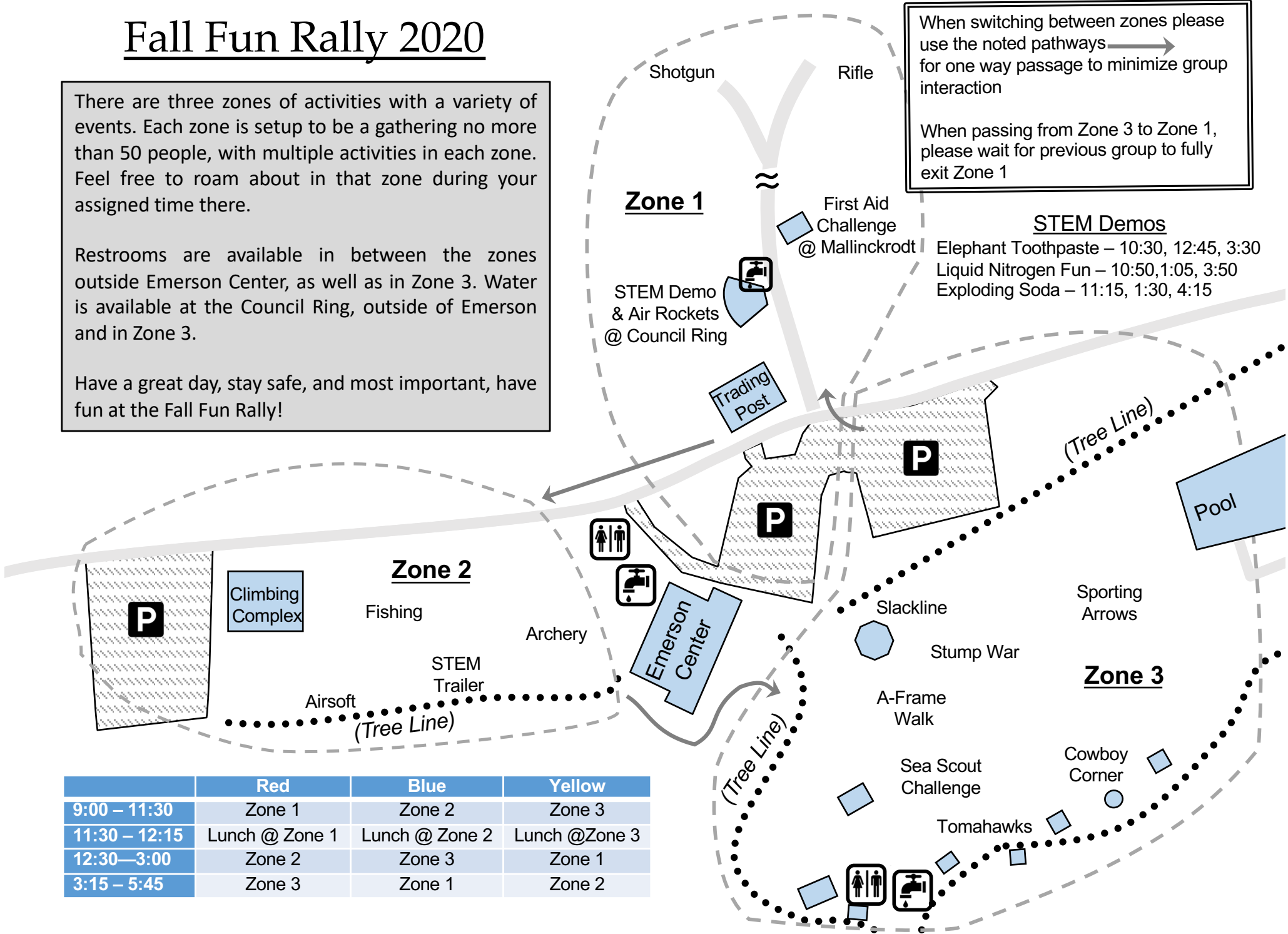
There are three zones of activities with a variety of events. Each zone is setup to be a gathering no more than 50 people, with multiple activities in each zone. Feel free to roam about in that zone during your assigned time there.

Restrooms are available in between the zones outside Emerson Center, as well as in Zone 3. Water is available at the Council Ring, outside of Emerson and in Zone 3.

Have a great day, stay safe, and most important, have fun at the Fall Fun Rally!

When switching between zones please use the noted pathways → for one way passage to minimize group interaction

When passing from Zone 3 to Zone 1, please wait for previous group to fully exit Zone 1



	Red	Blue	Yellow
9:00 – 11:30	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
11:30 – 12:15	Lunch @ Zone 1	Lunch @ Zone 2	Lunch @ Zone 3
12:30 – 3:00	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 1
3:15 – 5:45	Zone 3	Zone 1	Zone 2