

CUB SCOUT NEWSLETTER



Quick Access to Event and Training Information

Now thru Summer - Cub Scout Activities & Trainings

CUB SCOUT EVENTS COMING UP:

- April 15 (Tues) - [MN Wild Scout Night Game](#)
- April 24 (Thurs) - [Gamehaven Council Dinner](#)
- May 3 (Sat) - [Gamehaven Council Grand Prix](#)
- May 10 (Sat) - [Spring Family Adventure](#)
- June - August - [Summer Family Adventures](#)
 - June 6 - 8th
 - July 11 - 13th
 - Aug 8 - 10th

Please note that Gamehaven Council Office will be closed on Monday February 17th in observance of President's Day.

UNIT LEADER MEETINGS:

- March 4th (Tues) - Sugarloaf District Roundtable - 6pm
- March 6th (Thurs) - Wakpaota District roundtable - 7pm



Membership Renewals– Tips to make process easier

Hello, volunteers and Scouting families of Gamehaven Council! The bulk of members are current, but it will be a continuous process because of differing expiry dates for members. To hopefully simplify that process, I'm including some member renewal tips:

- ◆ **Adult Scouters that volunteer in more than one Unit or volunteer capacity (i.e. MBC) should self-pay their membership renewal with a credit card payment, because this online process captures all roles at once.** I still recommend that the renewal be done with a device other than a mobile device as the tab in my.scouting where this is done-My Renewals- is difficult to find on a phone or through the app. If your Unit typically pays for your renewal, a Key 3 leader can still access a receipt of payment for reimbursement purposes from their Roster tool in my.scouting.
- ◆ **Families of youth to be renewed will be directed to a my.scouting account to pay for the renewal online.** If unsure of login credentials to your my.scouting account, please reach out to me as I have a tool for accessing that information. Be prepared with credit card information as that is the only source of payment allowed at this time. The parent that is assigned to the youth is the one who completed the original online application or was listed on a paper application submitted to me for processing. Key 3 leaders of Units have access to Members Due to Renew report to see what parent email is assigned to a Scout.
- ◆ **Key 3 Leaders, I recommend you access your Organization Manager tool monthly to stay on top of members that are eligible for renewal.** Roster tool will state that status and allow you to Opt out members not renewing. Use the Export Roster feature from the grey banner of Roster tool to check on YPT status of adult members and registration expiry dates. You can view this information without downloading it. If you are paying fees to the Council for me to manually process the renewal, use the Unit Payment of Membership Renewal Report from the Print feature in the grey banner of Roster and **not** the Renew feature.

Happy to have so many of you with us for another year!

Pam Legried - Gamehaven Council Registrar

Last Call for Council Award Nominations.

February is the season of love.

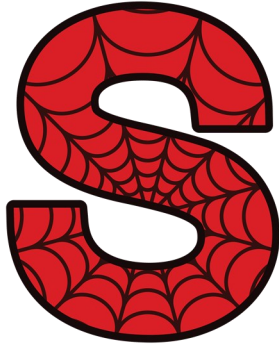
Show your love for your fellow volunteers by nominating them for a district or council-level award. Awards include the Scouter of the Year, District Award of Merit, and prestigious Silver Beaver. Anyone can nominate a deserving volunteer for these awards.

Learn more and submit nominations online at <https://gamehavenbsa.org/resources/for-leaders/adult-recognitions/>

**ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MIDNIGHT,
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH**



Super Spring Family Adventure!



A day of fun awaits at the Spring Family Adventure at Gamehaven Scout Camp! This spider-guy adventure is based on classic comics and recent movies all about web-slinging superheroes. In addition to themed games and activities, you'll get to swing to our ranges, scout skills, and more. It's a day of fun to shake off the cabin fever.

WHEN: May 10th 2025, from 8am – 4pm.

WHERE: Gamehaven Scout Camp, 5015 Simpson Rd. SE, Rochester MN 55904

COST: \$25/day for youth, \$10/day for siblings

SIGN UP: <https://scoutingevent.com/299-springfa25>

Cub Scout Summer Cub Adventures

Earn rank requirements and elective adventures! Explore summer in the outdoors! Practice camping skills! You'll do these and more at our weekend-long Summer Cub Adventures this summer! Our staff is hard at work preparing amazing experiences for youth and adults. From campfires to bicycling, capture the flag, archery, BB guns, slingshots, and more.

NEW THIS YEAR: Cast your line and swing your putter - our featured activities this year are fishing and laser-golf!

LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP: <https://gamehavenbsa.org/summercamp>.

Pick your weekend to spend at Camp.

- ◆ June 6-8th
- ◆ July 11-13th
- ◆ August 8-10th



Start Your Engines!



The **Gamehaven Council Grand Prix** is coming up! All are invited to this pinewood derby race at the Apache Mall in Rochester, MN. Packs should make sure to invite their top four racers, whose championship race registration is *FREE* to attend this race. All other racers are \$10/car to register for the open-class race.

New This Year: The Scout Class Race is an opportunity for older Scouts to dust off their old derbies (or even make new ones).

Sign Up for the Derby:

<https://scoutingevent.com/299-grandprix25>

Join Us At The Council Annual Dinner.

It's time to say Thank you to Volunteers & Units!

For 90 years, innumerable selfless volunteers have given time, energy, and resources to help provide amazing adventures to the young people of Gamehaven Council in Southeastern Minnesota. One of the small ways we thank these volunteers is through the awarding of numerous awards on the unit, district, council, and national levels. These awards recognize adults for completion of trainings, completion of difficult tasks, and especially for being noticed by their peers.



Gamehaven Council is proud to recognize our **Award Class of 2025** at the Council Fellowship Dinner on April 24th, 2025, from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. This annual event is where awardees go to be announced to the council for their heroic deeds and achievements, and all of our Scouting family is invited to join in good food, good friends, and great fellowship.

This year we are excited to be hosting the dinner at the historic **Mayowood Stone Barn** in Rochester, MN. This early 1900's barn and stables built for Dr. Charles Mayo has been converted into a beautiful venue for all sorts of events, from weddings to dinners like ours.

New This Year: Everyone attending is encouraged to invite a "Guest of Honor" to the dinner. Choose anyone you believe deserves to be recognized for their contributions this year and bring them to the dinner by registering their seat using the "Guest of Honor" code. Write a sentence or two about them so we can include it on their table tent and program.

Early registration is required in order for us to place the food order.

Registration will close at 11:59pm on April 13th, so don't miss your chance to attend.

You can sign up today at <https://scoutingevent.com/299-councildinner25>


Yo-Yo Webelos Elective Adventure



The sleeper, over the falls, walk the dog, and around the world are just some of the tricks to learn with a yo-yo. Did you know that there are world champions of yo-yo? There are professional yo-yo champions who tour the world giving demonstrations and competing.



Once you have earned your Adventure Pin, you can have even more fun with the Duncan yo-yo Teen Program.

Duncan has developed a program to support the participants, and inspire you to be a part of another team with a new sport. One you can carry in your pocket, or backpack, and take it anywhere. Not to mention, it's pretty  impressive to show your friends something they may have never seen before.

Get free tutorials on all of the Yo-Yo Teen Program tricks below and upload your submissions to receive credit and your level patches.

Get all the details: <https://duncantoys.com/pages/scouts>.



Scouting America Celebrating New Name & Birthday

Friends – Saturday, February 8th, Scouting celebrated its 115 birthday, marking a pivotal moment in the organization’s journey as it officially adopted its new name, Scouting America. Locally, our council will continue Scouting, as we always have, ensuring that future generations will have the opportunity to benefit from our transformative program, focusing on our mission to prepare young people for life by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

While our name has changed, the passion for Scouting endures. This past week, I attended Pack 351’s Blue and Gold Dinner. Watching the Scouts being recognized for their accomplishments was rewarding! Almost equally rewarding was hearing the excitement in their voices as they gathered with the other Scouts from their Pack, seeing parents, grandparents, brothers, and sisters all together enjoying a meal and comradery while getting to talk to so many different Pack and Troop leaders about their experiences in their units or from their past Scouting adventures.

Our council is dedicated to providing young people with opportunities to develop the values, skills, and experiences they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Thank you for being a major part of the journey.

Arne Landsverk
Assistant Scout Executive



Scouting America
Gamehaven Council

Gamehaven Council Employment Opportunities

Are you or do you know people interested in providing better futures for youth while strengthening communities? If so, we have a couple of full-time unit service opportunities in our council that we should talk about.

General Overview: Today's professional Scouters are a diverse group of men and women sharing a dynamic career offering independence, achievement, and stability. This is work that makes a difference, work that calls one to continual learning and challenge, work that offers solid compensation, benefits and advancement.

- Must be willing to accept and meet Scouting America’s leadership and membership standards and subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (transcript with the date degree conferred stated is required for employment).
- Attained 21 years of age or older
- Ability to work varied hours when necessary, including evenings and occasional weekend work
- Ability to travel for training at least once a year. Most training conferences are 5-7 days.
- A Scouting background is helpful but not required for employment.
- Offers for employment are subject to criminal, reference, and motor vehicle background checks.

Interested in learning more, please e-mail Arne at: arne.landsverk@Scouting.org to set up a time to talk.

Spring Product Sale

Attention Leaders:

The Spring product sale is a great way for Scouts to pay for their Scouting programs – Summer camp fees, Cub Scout weekend camps, high adventure trips, registration fees, and unit programming.

Training Date: Tuesday, February 25th @6:30 pm at the ROTH Building (Scout Office) – 607 E. Center Street, Rochester.

Product Line-up:

Hanging Plants – Pork and Plants Heritage Farm - Altura
Assorted Chocolate & Fudge – Chocolate Shoppe – Mantorville (Tentative)



Questions: E-mail Arne at arne.landsverk@scouting.org

Showoff Your Pinewood Derby Car!

Get Your Pinewood Derby Design On A Race Car!

Zachary Tinkle
NASCAR® ARCA Driver
Former Cub Scout

Your design

Enter to Win

Send us a photo of your Pinewood Derby car design for a chance to win an awesome prize pack from Zachary Tinkle!

Winner Receives:
Design on Zachary's race car 4/19/25 at Rockingham Speedway
Name on passenger name rail
Four Pit passes to Rockingham
Travel expenses paid to Rockingham, NC

Attention Cubs Scouts!

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