

Cub Scout Newsletter



Quick Access to Event and Training Information

Now thru Summer- Cub Scout Activities & Trainings

CUB SCOUT EVENTS COMING UP:

- January 17-19 (Fri-Sun) - [Operation Icicle Cubs](#)
- January 18 (Sat) - [Polar Cubs](#)
- January 31 (Fri) - [Worlds Toughest Rodeo](#)
- February 1 (Sat) - [Ice Fishing Derby](#)
- February 7-9 (Fri-Sun) – [Operation Icicle Cubs](#)
- February 8 (Sat) – [Polar Cubs](#)
- April 15 (Tues) - [MN Wild Scout Night Game](#)
- April 24 (Thurs) - [Gamehaven Council Dinner](#)
- May 10 (Sat) - [Spring Family Adventure](#)
- June - August - [Summer Family Adventures](#)

UNIT LEADER MEETINGS:

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

Please note that Gamehaven Council Office will be closed on Monday January 20th in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Note From Registrar About Renewal Process

I am pleased to say that nearly all of our Unit Renewals have been posted and I'm presently working on member renewals that leaders assigned me to do manually from funds in custodial accounts at the office. If National keeps to their notification schedule when this new process was rolled out in August, then Adult Scouters and parents of youth members who had a 12/31/2024 registration expiry date have received their last 7 days past expiry notification to renew membership.

If you were notified by Unit leaders to process your own renewal (or in the case of a youth renewal-the parent) , then you want to move on it now. I am concerned the link may not be functional the further away we get from 12/31/2024. The renewals are done from a my.scouting account:

After logging in to our account, click on Menu in the upper left corner.

Select My Application.

There are 4 tabs in this section, click on the far right one-My Renewals. I have been told it is not easy to find this tab when using a mobile device.

Click on Start Renewal.

If you do not see the individual to be renewed in this tab, please reach out to me via email, Pamela.Legried@scouting.org, or call my direct line, 507-361-5341.

Key 3 Leaders: I encourage you to get in a regular schedule of logging in to your my.scouting account>Menu>Roster to check from the expandable Members Renewal Orders at the bottom for any Submitted orders that are not finished. There is a Report section in the Roster tool and I recommend running the Members Due to Renew report at least once a month to manage members with upcoming expiration dates. You will also see from this report the email address associated with youth members. This is the email address for the parent that is getting the renewal notifications from National.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this new renewal process. It has been a journey but we can reach our destination with the help of each other! Wishing you a blessed and adventurous new year of Scouting!

Pam Legried - Gamehaven Council Registrar

Attention Leaders & Scouts.

A quick reminder to everyone that the Black Pug event and training software the council uses has a lot of benefits in helping with keeping track of where things are with signups, as well as a follow up to who attended the event or training, etc. If you set up an account in Black Pug you will have the added benefits of being able to see your history of who has registered & attended. Also, if a parent registers and uses the youth's correct Unit number, this information shows on the Unit account that the Cubmaster or Scoutmaster oversees for their unit, etc.

As the seasons change and new leaders come on board it is important that new leaders have access to their Black Pug unit account. I can help you with that process and show you some pointers on how easy this application is to use.

To get started or to learn more I encourage you to call or email me with what you need or how to use the Black Pug App.

Thank you,

Barbara

507-361-5341 or Barbara.Swan@scouting.org



Last Reminder-Sign Up for Winter Programs!



This is your last reminder to sign up for our Winter Programs at Gamehaven Scout Camp! We have two weekend Cub Scout winter camps, two day-long Polar Cub Adventures, and an ice fishing day all coming up. Whether there is 10 inches of snow, or just grass, we'll have tons of fun playing games, riding in horse-drawn carriages, branding, and much more.

Weekend Programs: (Fri.-Sun) - January 17-19, February 7-9

Day-long Programs: (Sat) - January 18, February 8

Ice Fishing Day: (Sat) - February 1

Learn more at <https://gamehavenbsa.org/wintercamps>

Spring Family Adventure!

Is it too early to start thinking about the spring? We don't think so! The Spring Family Adventure is our annual "shake-off-the-cabin-fever" event at Gamehaven Scout Camp. Attending Cubs will participate in all sorts of activities, from range activities to crafts to games and more! The theme this year is "*Into the Scouter-verse*", where Cubs will take on a web-slinging adventure. There are day-long and overnight options available for families of all skill levels and camping ability.

Saturday - May 10th, 2025 (optional overnight starts May 9th).

Sign up at: <https://scoutingevent.com/299-springfa25>

What Will You Do This Summer?

Swimming, shooting, hiking, camping, cooking, and advancing are just some of the amazing things your family can do at Gamehaven's Summer Cub adventures!

Our staff are trained and excited to deliver an astounding summer camp program for your entire family. Come for the entire weekend, or just stay for the day. There will be flush toilets, running showers, and more amenities to make your experience as great as it can be.

Our summer Cub adventures are great for first-time Scouting families, with specific activities for kids going into kindergarten and first grade, and lots of helpful support staff to help your family learn to pitch a tent and sleep outside.

Exclusive Advancements Available! Did you know that there are some special Cub Scout adventures that you can only earn at Cub Camp? We're offering all of them this year:

- Archery (All Cubs)
- Slingshots (All Cubs)
- BB Guns (Tigers and older)

In addition, we'll be working on some hard-to-get and outdoors-oriented adventures like:

- Camping Adventures
- Swimming Adventures
- Nature walk adventures
- Knots & Fire Building , And more!

You can learn more and sign up today by going to <https://gamehavenbsa.org/summercamp>

Recognizing the Heroes of Gamehaven Council

Volunteerism is the heart of Scouting in the Gamehaven Council and throughout the country. Dedicated volunteers provide their leadership to ensure that Scouts have better futures, and we would like for you to recognize these exemplary individuals by submitting an award nomination form on their behalf.

Volunteer Recognition Awards include:

- District Award of Merit:** This is the highest honor a local district can bestow upon a volunteer. It is presented to Scouters who render outstanding service at the district level.
- Silver Beaver:** The highest honor a council can bestow on a volunteer is the Silver Beaver. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have impacted the lives of youth through service given at the council level.
- Veteran Award:** To recognize BSA individual members for their tenure in Scouting of 5, 10, 15, & 20 year milestones.
- Scouter of the Year Award:** This is a district-level award recognizing adult leaders in Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships, and district volunteer roles who have provided exemplary service in support of Scouting.
- Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award:** recognizes educators who promote Scouting values in their students. The award is given to teachers, administrators, and educational support staff in public, private, religious, and charter schools.

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 14TH AT MIDNIGHT!

Learn more and fill out nominations (many can be submitted completely online) by going to <https://gamehavenbsa.org/resources/for-leaders/adult-recognitions/>

Council Awards Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th– Registration will open February 14th

WHAT: Annual Gamehaven Council Awards Dinner

WHEN: April 24th, 2024. Dinner begins at 5:30pm, awards begin at 7:00pm

COST: \$30 per attendee.

WHERE: Location to be announced soon