Gamehaven Council

April 13, 2025

CUB SCOUT NEWSLETTER



Quick Access to Event and Training Information

Now thru Fall - Cub Scout Activities & Trainings

CUB SCOUT EVENTS COMING UP:

- April 15 (Tues) <u>MN Wild Scout Night Game</u>
- April 24 (Thurs) Gamehaven Council Dinner
- May 3 (Sat) <u>Gamehaven Council Grand Prix</u>
- May 3 &4 (Sat/Sun) <u>Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor</u>
 <u>Orientation</u>
- May 10 (Sat) <u>Spring Family Adventure</u>
- June August <u>Summer Family Adventures</u>
 - June 6 8th
 - July 11 13th
 - Aug 8 10th
- October 11th– Fall Family Adventure Days

LOOKING FOR PINEWOOD DERBY HELP!

We're looking for a pit crew to help at the Council Grand Prix Pinewood Derby on May 3rd. Volunteers would commit to helping at the Apache

Mall from 8am – 2pm, helping with track setup, computer operation, running the track starter, refereeing, and other tasks.

If you are interested in helping, contact our Grand Prix chair Dan Wildfeuer at <u>dmwildf@gmail.com</u>



Navigating Scoutbook Plus- A Few Tips to Share!

Hello, Cub Scout Key 3 leaders. I have found a few tips and tricks for navigating Scoutbook Plus that I wanted to share with you:

Tip #1: If you would like your Den Leaders to have access to approving advancement requirements for Scouts in their Den, you need to assign them to the Den they are working with.

Assigning to Den link

Tip #2: You can run a Cub Scout History Report as a tool of tracking where an individual Scout is at on their advancement trail toward rank. <u>CS History Report link</u>. Tip #3: Even though advancements are selected and leader approved in Scoutbook Plus, you still run the Purchase Order and Advancement Report from Scoutbook-Legacy. With many adventures being the same in each rank (i.e. Bobcat, Race Time), it's best to select the setting for your purchase order to organize by Den. Please reach out to me if you are unsure how to run these reports that our Scout Shop requires for advancement product to be purchased.

Pamela Legried-Registrar

Save the Date! - Fall Family Adventures

Save the date – **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** for Fall Family Adventure days at Gamehaven Scout Camp on Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

Learn more and sign up at <u>https://</u> www.scoutingevent.com/299-fallfa25



Council Calendar Kickoff– Tuesday, May 13th

Join us online at 6:30pm on May 13th for the annual Council Calendar Kickoff.

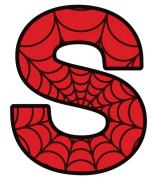
To help reach our leaders in local communities, we're holding this event as a virtual webinar led by our committee chairs and Scouting community. This is the first event of the 2025-2026 program year where we unveil our 2025-2026 calendar, talk about the amazing things we're doing this upcoming year, and share exciting news about the future of the council.

Register for the kickoff:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/EVCT83seT7S0Vo6EQ -IE9Q



Don't Forget- Sign up Today! Super Spring Family Adventure!



Web-sling your way to fun at our Gamehaven Spring Family Adventure day! On May 10th at Gamehaven Scout Camp, you'll be shaking off the cabin fever through a full day of fun and games! Participants will do range activities, games, challenges, and themed events. Every attendee receives a patch and a hot lunch.

WHEN: Saturday, 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

Last Reminder! For the Summer Camp Early Bird Fee!

Take advantage of the Early-Bird fee for our Summer Cub Adventures at Gamehaven Scout Camp! Through the end of April, all families registering can save \$25/youth on overnight registrations or \$10/youth for day-long registrations.

Summer Camp is just as much fun for families as it is for Scouts – come swim with us, try your hand at our games, or just hang out with other parents as our trained staff helps your youth have the time of their life. And you'll be walking away with 2-4 belt loops, some of which you can only earn at camp!

Our weekends are already filling!

- JUNE 6-8: Partly Full
- JULY 11-13: Partly Full
- AUGUST 8-9: Open Sign up and claim your Early Bird discount at https://gamehavenbsa.org/summercamp

Start Your Engines!- Council Grand Prix Race May 3rd



Deadline to enter: May 1st @ Noon

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



Register for the Council Awards Dinner

Congratulations to our 2025 class of Council Awards Recipients!

These extraordinary volunteers have helped make Gamehaven Council the wonderful hub of Scouting that we are today. Attend our **Council Recognition Dinner** on April 24th at the Mayowood Stone Barn to see them receive their awards.

You can sign up for the dinner at https://scoutingevent.com/299-councildinner25. If you need assistance with registration please call Barbara at 507-361-5340 Registrations are due <u>no later</u> than Monday - April 14th We need to get head counts to our caterer.



Silver Beaver

- Kurt Carlstrom, Wakpaota District
- Ronda Marshall, Troop 82 Rochester

District Award of Merit

- Rachel Stoltman, Troop 04 Winona
- Byron Clark, Troop 83 Rochester
- Thomas Wright, Gamehaven Council
- Eric Dierks, Troop 76 Wanamingo
- John Medcraft, Troop 39 Cannon Falls

Scouter of the Year

- Brianna Dircks, Pack 350 Medford
- Nancy Droog, Pack 350 Medford
- Nicole Heinz, Troop 04 Winona
- Steven Hinrichs, Troop 59 Zumbrota
- Jennifer Richter, Troop 355 Owatonna
- Robert Wilkinson, Pack 82 Rochester

Plus, we will have other volunteers being honored as well.

Lead Outdoor Activities for Your Pack-Attend Baloo!

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) is comprised of an online prerequisite course to cover BSA national Cub Scout camping program guidelines and goals, followed by in person training. The in person training is an overnight camping trip with Baloo staff where Scouters will get a chance to play games. Learn what gear to take when camping with Cubs, and build their traditional Scouting skills like knots, map and compass, first aid, hiking, campfires and more. The course is



taught by instructors who have a passion for their subjects. Along the way you will connect with other Cub Scout leaders and share wisdom, laughter. And a beautiful weekend in the Minnesota woods. Registration deadine April 25th

- \$25 per person, Fee includes Lunch and Dinner Saturday breakfast Sunday, as well as all training materials.
- Training will be from 8 am Saturday, May 3rd, to noon on Sunday, May 4th at Gamehaven Scout Camp. Sign up at <u>https://scoutingevent.com/299-baloo25</u>

Crossover Troop at Camp Decorah

CONGRATULATIONS on your Scout getting the Arrow of Light and crossing over to Scouts BSA! This is a major step on their Scouting Path!

Hi, I'm Kelly Wilde and I am the Camp Director at Camp Decorah in Holmen, WI. and I would like to invite your Scout to be a part of our Provisional Crossover Troop. Crossover Troop is for those Scouts who can't make it to Summer Camp with their troop, or their troop is going to a camp that is a long way from home. Our 2 required leaders are trained Scoutmasters.

They'll be enrolled in our Brownsea Program for first year Scouts and then have the opportunity to take 2 more merit badges. You may even be able to earn 2 more with our afternoon Pop Up Merit Badges. You can also visit your Scout on Wednesday night and join them for dinner, which they will cook for you in their campsite. (Camp Decorah is about 77 minutes from Rochester)

And Camp Decorah is a "walking camp" meaning you can get from one end to the other in about 10 minutes. We are a Nationally Accredited SBSA Camp and were recently named Best Summer Camp in LaCrosse County. Facilities and features include a full-service dining hall, shooting ranges, swimming pool and large waterfront area including a stocked fishing pond, a four-sided climbing tower, Low COPE elements, bouldering wall, 5-mile professionally designed mountain bike trail, handicraft facilities, nature center, nature trail network, zipline and much more.

- Cost is \$350 for 6 days and 5 nights of amazing camping, plus every Scout will get a customized T-Shirt.
- Dates are June 22-27, July 6-11 and July 13-18

I'm always excited to talk camp, so if you have any questions, please reach out to me at **(608)790-2864**. Yours in Scouting,

Kelly Wilde

Gamehaven Council Strip Is Now Here

The Gamehaven Council Strip has Arrived and the Retail is

\$5.99

Store Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Closed for lunch each day from 1-2pm.



Opportunity For Service Hours

Help our friends at the Rochester Red Cross do some landscaping and building prep work!

We have two sessions:

•May 17 - landscaping, replacing gravel and brush

•June 7 - painting If you're interested in helping out, go to <u>https://scoutingevent.com/299-</u> <u>redcrossservice</u>

