

Scouts BSA Newsletter



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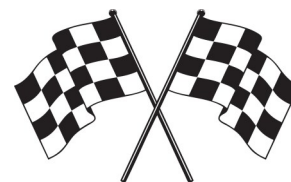
- April 15 (Tues) - [MN Wild Scout Night Game](#)
- April 24 (Thurs) - [Gamehaven Council Dinner](#)
- April 25-27 (Fri-Sun) - [Spring Camporee](#)
- May 2-4 (Fri-Sun.) - [OA Spring Mawenemen](#)
- May 6th (Tues) IOLS-Intro.to Outdoor Leader Skills - <https://scoutingevent.com/299-iols25>
- May 17 (Sat) - [Red Cross Service Day](#)
- June 22-27th (Sun-Fri) - [NYLT National Youth Leadership Training](#)
- Oct. 3-5th (Fri-Sun)- [OA Fall Mawenemen](#)

To get complete information on an event, you can click on the attached links above. For upcoming meetings refer to the [Events Calendar](#) for updates, locations, etc.

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 dmwildf@gmail.com



NYLT- The Ultimate Youth Leadership Course

Help your youth prepare for a bright future by enrolling them in National Youth Leadership Training this summer! Led by a team of trained volunteer youth and guided by experienced adults, this intensive week-long program is the ultimate in leadership training. The methods used during NYLT are adapted from methods used by Google, Microsoft, and other world industry leaders in their executive training programs. Participants will leave with a renewed excitement for Scouting, leadership, and more. **NYLT Dates are:** June 22-27th (Pre-Course meeting on June 14th)



Learn more and sign up at <https://gamehavenbsa.org/nylt>



Last Chance For Rockets!

If you are planning on attending the Spring Camporee at Gamehaven Scout Camp on April 25-27th, your troop must have an accurate roster submitted no later than April 16th. You can register your troop at <https://scoutingevent.com/299-springcamporee25>

Council Calendar Kickoff- Tuesday, May 13th

Join us online at 6:30 pm 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>



New Gamehaven Council Shoulder Strip Is 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.



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 La-Crosse 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

IMPROVED PERFORMANCE UNIFORM SHIRT

YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED!
The Performance Uniform Shirt returns with the same trusted fabric and comfort—now with design updates based on your feedback!

Pen Pocket
Keeps your go-to writing tool right where you need it!

Locker Loop
Designed for easy hanging.

Full Back Vent
Optimized airflow that keeps you cool.

Fabric Properties
Antimicrobial, quick-drying, moisture-wicking, and comfort stretch.

Hidden Zippered Pocket
Securely store your essentials like ID or phone.

And There's More!
The women's style was made with your feedback in mind—now longer and refreshed without the hidden zippered pocket!

In the next few weeks Gamehaven Council will be getting a selection of Scouts BSA Performance shirts in youth, women's and men's sizes. These shirts will be in limited quantities, as National is asking for feedback on what you like or don't like about this shirt with the idea of creating the best uniform shirt. I will send out an email when they arrive at our store. Thank you, Barbara

Earn Your “Trained” Strip– Attend IOLS!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, or IOLS, builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors.

Specifically, this hands-on program gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a scout-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.

Course date is May 16th & 17th - This course is the final step to earn your “TRAINED LEADER” strip!

EARLY BIRD FEE: Early-bird pricing of \$15 if registered by May 2nd, 2025. Regular Fee after May 2nd - \$20

1. Youth Protection Training / Safeguarding Youth Training (Y01)
2. Position Specific Training (S24)
3. Hazardous Weather (SCO_800)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (S11)

Sign up at <https://scoutingevent.com/299-iols25>



Hazardous Weather Training - Keeping Up To Date

In 2017, Hazardous Weather Training was made mandatory for all Direct Contact Leaders, however completion of this training has not been properly reflected in training reports.

All Direct Contact Leaders are required to complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered “trained” in their position: Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster, Den Leader, Asst. Den Leader, Crew Advisor, Associate Crew Advisor, Exploring Advisor, Associate Exploring Advisor, and Sea Scout Adult Leader.

Leaders should receive an email notification of their expiration date, from [my.scouting](https://my.scouting.org) (similar to Youth Protection emails). Leaders can also see their training status in their my.Scouting account under My Training/completions. Direct Contact Leaders must complete Hazardous Weather training every two years to retain “trained” status.

Note: Hazardous Weather Training can ONLY be completed using the on-line modules offered through [my.scouting](https://my.scouting.org).



Join Us At The Council Annual 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



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

We will have other volunteers being honored as well.

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



Hello, Key 3 Leaders!

Did you know you can run a working copy of an Eagle application for your Scout when logged in to Scoutbook (Legacy)?

Click on the Scout's name in the Troop Roster and select Reports at the bottom of the next screen, then Eagle Application. Linked here is a help document for how to access the report-

[Accessing Eagle scout Application](#)