

GAMEHAVEN CUB SCOUT NEWS

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CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES & TRAININGS

CUB SCOUT EVENTS COMING UP:

- ♦ October 11th – [Fall Family Adventure Days](#)
- ♦ November 8th – [Ten Commandments Hike](#)
- ♦ January 2-4, 2026 – CS Operation Icicle
- ♦ January 24, 2026 – Polar Cubs Adventures

*Office will be closed on Labor Day
September 1st*

Schools will be starting again soon, and so will Scouting.

Whether you are planning your calendar for the season, or needing ideas & inspiration, we hope you will find this issue helpful. Also, we have listed a lot of great events that are happening this fall, with details on how to register. Please pass this on to your Scout families to make sure they are seeing this issue. Thank you!

SYT-Safeguarding Youth Training Update

Thanks to our volunteers that have already taken the new youth protection training-Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT). **National is committed for all to participate in this new format and has applied a 5/31/2026 expiration date for the prior YPT format.**

Key 3 Unit leaders running their roster reports from my.scouting will notice many of their adults will have this expiration date now. *Please don't wait until the last minute to take this training when heavy use in the platform will slow its performance.* The remainder of this summer might be a great opportunity to

knock off this requirement before your busy volunteer season begins! As always, I can assist you with any login issues to your my.scouting.org. Thanks for your commitment to youth and their safety!



Pamela Legried—Registrar 507-361-5341

New Den Meeting Resources Deck Card!

Introduced at the National Annual Meeting, new resources will soon be available for Cub Scout Leaders. The deck of cards for each rank will make planning a den meeting FUN, SIMPLE, and EASY. If interested in getting this for your den leaders.... Packs can call or email Barbara with their order for the fall. These items will be arriving in August and we encourage pre-orders as volunteers are already asking about these new resources.

Call or [email](#) Barbara at 507-361-5340 to place your order. She will call you when they arrive to pick up.

Watch [VIDEO](#) on this new product!



Purchase any Uniform Top & Get 10% off Matching Uniform Bottom!

- ◆ Whether you are in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, or an Adult leader, this sale is available now thru December 31, 2025.
- ◆ Uniform top and bottom must be bought at the same time to get 10% off.
- ◆ For new Scout parents, consult with Pam or Barbara at the Gamehaven Shop and they will be glad to help you with uniform questions or picking out what you need. All we need to know is what Unit number your son or daughter is in.
- ◆ Click here to get the [Scout Uniform Check list](#) on our website.



Cub Scout Fall Family Adventure

Get the new school year started off right!

The Fall Family Adventure day is a great way to spend a day out at camp, enjoying time with your family and friends while participating in structured activities, games, crafts, and more. Whether you just come for a day of fun (meal provided), or stay for the optional overnight experience, you'll leave full, excited and tired.



WHAT: Fall Family Adventure Day

WHO: Elementary-age families

WHEN: October 11th, 2025. Day program runs from 9am – 4pm, with optional overnight programming running until 10am, Sunday morning.

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

COST: Free day admission for all registered Cub Scouts

Overnight Cub Scout Cost: \$20

Non-Scout youth cost: \$25 day, \$45 weekend

Adult: \$10 day, \$30 weekend

Siblings (4yo and under): Free for the day, \$20 weekend

REGISTER: Early registrations encouraged at <https://scoutingevent.com/299-fallfa25>

90th Anniversary Celebration

We are inviting family members of Scouts, Cub Scout Families, and Scouters in the community to join us in this 90th Anniversary celebration of Gamehaven Council.

Participating in the celebration is at no cost. However, we invite you to lunch, or dinner, and anniversary cake. If you are staying for lunch and dinner the cost will be

- Lunch—\$5
- Dinner- \$10



If staying for Lunch , dinner or cake, please signup below. Need to make sure we have food for all who signup.

[90th Anniversary Day Pass Signup](#)

Event Date: Saturday, September 27th.

Time: Celebration starts at 1pm (come early for lunch or stay later for dinner)

Location: Gamehaven Scout Camp - 5015 Simpson Rd, SE, Rochester, MN

Event Happenings: Guests will be welcomed to walk around and observe the activities going on and even try your hand at some of them.

Activities will Be: Under the Big Tent with historical displays of Scouting, Disc Golf (3-hole course), water rockets, Gaga Ball, Blacksmith demonstration, Dutch oven cooking demonstration, Fun with paracord. Plus, Scouts will be doing a Scout Skills Challenge.

Recruitment Tools in My.Scouting

Pack, Troop, and Exploring Post Key 3 Leaders.

It's that time of the year to be ready for recruiting new members into your Units! There are 2 tools in my.scouting.org that help you do that: Invitation Manager and Organization Manager>Unit Pin setting.

From Invitation Manager, you can download a QR code or a URL link that directs perspective new members to Apply Now to your Unit. These can be placed in recruitment flyers or in emails you send to prospects. This tool is also where leads land from parents or adults who have viewed your Unit's information in the BeAScout.org search engine and clicked on the More Information button. I have seen the number of leads ramp up over the last few weeks. This is the time parents are starting to look for Scouting options before the hectic back to school season. Notification emails are sent to Key 3 Leaders twice a week when a lead is submitted but these emails are easily passed over or may land in your spam folder. Good practice is to log into your my.scouting weekly and check your Invitation Manager tool (and Application Manager to check for applications that were submitted from BeAScout.org with the APPLY NOW button!)

With the Organization Manager>Unit Pin tool, you can add information about your Unit and toggle fields to display that makes your Unit stand out from others choices prospects will view in BeAScout.org. The most important thing to do is to verify the **Contact Information** box for the Unit. You can use the Edit icon in this area to pull in a registered member with the Unit. It is best to select someone who is the Unit leader or Committee Chair, or who has been given the functional role of Key 3 Delegate so the above tools are available to them to follow up with prospects. The **Additional Unit Information** box is where you can type in information that is unique to your Unit. Best to highlight when and where you meet. Many families have busy extracurricular schedules for their kids and knowing the day of the week your Unit meets can be extremely helpful. Does your unit have a Facebook page or its own webpage? Use the **Unit Website** box to type in the URL address. Don't forget to click on the Save button at the bottom of the page when you make any changes!

Pam Legried – Gamehaven Registrar (507)-361-5341

[Recruitment Tool Guide](#)

Mayo Challenge Grant - Help Us Raise Additional \$

The Gamehaven Council has received an amazing opportunity from the Mayo Clinic. If we can raise \$10,000 in additional Friends of Scouting contributions – the Mayo clinic will match that amount with an additional \$10,000.

All contributions remain local benefiting the Scouting program in the Gamehaven Council.

Please consider making a contribution today, strengthening our council and our Scouts future.

Thank you for making a difference!

Donate now: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/299/appeal/7945>



Ten Commandments Hike

Please join us for the 10th Edition of
THE TEN COMMANDMENT HIKE

In downtown Rochester, MN
Saturday, November 8, 2025 (9am-3:45pm)

What is the Ten Commandments Hike?

- It's Scouts (2nd Grade Thru High School) and Adults hiking from one house of worship to another in Rochester.
- A variety of faith groups and denominations have agreed to be host sites for the hike; Christ United Methodist, First Presbyterian, Trinity Lutheran, Calvary Episcopal, Rochester Mosque, Salvation Army, B'nai Israel Synagogue, Saint Mary's Chapel, Church of Christ, and Zumbro Lutheran.
- During each of these visits, the religious leader will take about 15 minutes to introduce the participants to that faith, worship space, speak about one of the Ten Commandments, and answer questions. Then the Hike group moves to the next house of worship on the Hike.
- The Hike will last approximately 6 hours and covers approximately 3.5 miles
- **Cost is \$5/participant** and will include the patch pictured
Participants will need to bring a packed sack lunch, as we will stop about midpoint for eating.
Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/299-10commandmenthike2025>

ATTENTION Den Leaders:

Following are the Adventures that Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and AOL Scouts can check off some requirements by attending the Hike!

Wolf – Footsteps & Paws on the Path

Bear - Fellowship & Bear Habitat

Webelos– My Family & Webelos Walkabout

Arrow of Light - Duty to God & Outdoor Adventure



Footsteps



Paws on the Path



Fellowship



Fellowship



My Family



Webelos Walkabout



Duty to God



Outdoor Adventurer

A Promise to Youth at Gamehaven Council

Many of you have heard me refer to the “Scout Experience” in various conversations, letters, or even newsletter articles. Truthfully – that needs to be the litmus test for everything that we do as a council. I use the term “council” collectively. “The council” is more than a building, camp, and staff. The “Council” is all of us – working in one common direction on behalf of our Scouts.



We are in the process of building next year’s budget and program rollout. We are evaluating how we can be more innovative in programming where needed, how we can better serve you and your Scouts in operations, unit service, board development, community engagement, and property utilization (to name a few). Our council has a proud history – in fact, 90 years of it – and we’re just getting started.

In the coming months, various surveys, mailings, and press releases will be shared with our leaders, families, and communities. Please take the time to share your thoughts with us and we’d appreciate hearing from your families.

Also, please mark your calendars for: **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 6:30-8:30 pm for the Spring Annual Council Kick-off Event.** This will be in person and dinner will be provided for two members from each unit. We are still working out the location details - but plan on the Rochester area. Our goal is to provide you with all the program and planning materials for the calendar and Scouting year.

2026 will be an amazing year for our council and thank you for making a difference.

Sincerely,

Arne Landsverk – Scout Executive

The Fall Popcorn Product Sale Team!

The Gamehaven Council fall popcorn sale provides Scouts and Scouting units with a safe, coordinated money earning opportunity with no upfront or long-term costs to the unit!

This is a very effective and important funding source for local Scouting activities. A well-planned product sale could fund your entire year of registrations, unit fees, activities, camps, and events.

If you have questions about the fall popcorn sale, please feel free to reach out to our Product Sale Team.

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Challenge Course Open for Business!

The new Gamehaven Scout Camp challenge course is open for business!

For the next few months, we are piloting our new programs at the challenge course, and we want your help to do so. You can sign your unit or outside group up for a session on the course for free through the end of November by emailing Brady at brady.geary@scouting.org. As part of the free pilot program package, you will receive a guided session (between 1-3 hours, your choice) on the course for up to 16 participants at a time. This is a great way to develop team bonding, practice skills, and improve communication amongst your team members. Plus, the course is adaptable for elementary, middle, high, and adult ages – so every group can participate!

Do you not have a group to attend with? We have a few opportunities coming up to participate in challenge course programs with a small group or individually!

- **Cub Scout - Fall Family Adventure** – All families attending this event will have an opportunity to use the course. **October 11th, 2025**
- **Scouts BSA - Fall Camporee** – All troops and day pass guests will be able to sign up for a course slot. **September 26-28, 2025**
- **More open house sessions coming soon**



Special Scout Shop Hours



- ♦ **Saturday, September 20th –**
Gamehaven Scout Shop will be **open from 10am-2pm** to assist parents of new Scouts in getting outfitted for the season. Stop by at our new office location - 511 Northern Hills Dr NE, Ste. 2 in Rochester.
- ♦ **Saturday, October 11th -** Barbara and Pam will have a Traveling Scout Shop at the Cub Scout Fall Adventures Event. **Hours will be from 9am-1pm** in front of the Trading Post at Camp. Camp Location is 5015 Simpson Rd SE, Rochester, MN 55904

Increasing Scout Unit Visibility in Your Community

With units getting ready for Scout Night in September, Tony Debusk, Sugarloaf District Executive, wanted to list a few ideas for Cub Scout Leaders, on how they can make great contacts in the community. Also, ask families in your unit, if they have connections and what ideas they might have in reaching potential new Scouts. Here are a few ideas....



1. **Using Social Media to promote Scouting:** Community Facebook page, Instagram, and other social media platforms. Units can share engaging content about Scouting activities, achievements, and community service projects on their social media platforms. Also, ask parents in your units to post the unit message on their social media pages to help reach potential new Scouts.
2. **Utilize the local newspaper** by contacting the local editor in your community to promote Scouting in your community with stories on scouting, dates of important events like join scouting night, popcorn sales, Christmas wreath sales and scouting for food.
3. **Promote Scouting in community parades, farmers market, festivals and other events.** Walking in parades, ice cream socials or have a scouting stand/station at a community event to bring awareness.
4. **Back to School Open Houses** before schools start in the fall, take a moment to contact the elementary school secretary or a local teacher you know, to see if they can help your unit set up a Scout Night event.
5. **Have Scouts volunteer to work at community events** in their scout uniforms like picking up trash after school events, volunteer helping with parking at fairs, working food vendors stands and other community events. For school activities contact the local athletic director. For the fair contact the fair board and for events contact the local organizers of those events or chamber of commerce.
6. **For Adult leaders:** Participate in clubs (Lions, Rotary, Moose Lodge), community boards and foundations to promote scouting in your community.

Join Scouting Flyers –We Can Help With That!

Attention All Units

A reminder that we have the materials to help with your Join Scouting Night Flyers. Once you have your date set, call the office to schedule these flyers and what you want on them. We have two styles. Style A is a letter size flyer with room on the bottom. Style B is a 1/4 pg flyer, with info on the back.

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Join the Adventure with Cub Scouts!

WHO: Families of Boys and Girls grades K-5

WHAT: Cub Scouts is an extracurricular activity all about delivering meaningful life experiences and growth through fun activities for the whole family!

WHERE: Packs in Southeastern Minnesota meet almost every night of the week, at locations all over Rochester area and beyond!

Registration fees: \$170 per youth for 12-month membership cycle. Scholarship and fundraising opportunities are available.

LEARN MORE: Tony DeBusk
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Sign up available at
BeAScout.org
or with your Unit's QR Code!