

NEWSLETTER



Cub Scout Events Coming Up

- **November 6th**- Thursday Renewal Workshop for Leaders & Key 3. Zumbro Lutheran Church 6pm-8pm. More details inside.
- **November 8th**-Saturday Ten Commandments Hike This event only happens every 3 years.
- **January 2-4 2026** - Fri., Sat., Sunday., CS Operation Icicle -
- **January 24, 2026** -Polar Cubs Adventures -

Scout Office Closed on
Tuesday , November 11th.
In honor of Veterans Day!

VETERANS DAY

Remember and Honor



Renewal Workshop- Nov 6th at Zumbro Lutheran

Gamehaven Council is conducting a Renewal Workshop for unit Key-3 Leaders on **Thursday, November 6, 2025, 6:00pm**, at Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester. This will be held in conjunction with Sugar Loaf, Hiawatha, and Wakpaota Roundtable meetings, so registrants can sign up for in person attendance or Zoom session attendance. There is no cost for this workshop!

When: November 6, 2025- Thursday - (6-8pm)

Where: Zumbro Lutheran Church, Fireside Rm. (624 3rd Ave SW, Rochester)

Who should attend? Unit Committee Chairs, Chartered Organization Reps, Unit Leaders (Key-3), and anyone else responsible for submitting your unit renewal.

[Renewal Workshop Registration](#)

Council Fireside Chat - December 4th

Please join the council Key-4 on Thursday, December 4th from 6:30-7:15 pm for the Gamehaven Council Fireside Chat. Topics to include Broers Adventure Camp information, Gamehaven Scout Camp updates, 2025 year in review and 2026 Gamehaven aspirational goals. We'll also have an opportunity for questions and answers. Following the fireside chat, districts will have their scheduled Roundtables.

We invite everyone to attend: [Fireside Chat Zoom](#)

Uniform Sale - 20% Off Bundle Ends Oct. 31st

**SAVE
20%**

CUB SCOUTS FULL UNIFORM:

Top, Bottoms, belt, neckerchief,
Neckerchief Slide, Cap, and Socks.

SCOUTS BSA FULL UNIFORM:

Top, Bottoms, Belt , Cap and Socks.

20% Off Bundle- Buy a full Scouting uniform and receive 20% off each uniform piece listed. This sell will end on 10.31.2025. Stop by today at Gamehaven Scout Shop- Hours: 8am-5pm. Office Closed 1-2pm for lunch hour.

Get Ready to Read!

NEW PROGRAM ALERT! The outdoor Book Club is a new program offering at Gamehaven Scout Camp for any family that like books, getting outside, and trying hands-on activities. Each month we'll meet to talk about the book, eat a book-themed snack, try hands-on-activities, and participate in an outdoor activity centered on the book. Months alternate between young reader selections for early elementary school, and chapter reader selections for late elementary school and middle school readers.



All book clubs start and end inside. All families are welcome and accommodated for!

NOVEMBER (Chapter Book) - HATCHET (Paulsen) - Sunday, Nov. 16th (1-3pm)

Brian is on his way to Canada to visit his estranged father when the pilot of his small prop plane suffers a heart attack. Brian is forced to crash-land the plane in a lake, and finds himself stranded in the remote Canadian wilderness with only his clothing and the hatchet his Mom gave him as a present before his departure.

DECEMBER (Young Reader) - BEAR SNORES ON (Wilson) - Sunday Dec. 21st (1-3pm)

One by one, a whole host of different animals and birds find their way out of the cold and into Bear's cave to warm up. But even after the tea has been brewed and the corn has been popped, Bear just snores on! See what happens when he finally wakes up and finds his cave full of uninvited guests. All of them having a party without him!

[Book Club Registration](#)

Annual Council Kick-Off Event- Save the Date

Please join us for the 2026 Program Kick-off Event on **Tuesday, February 24th** at Hosanna Lutheran Church – 2815 57th St. NW Rochester. The event will begin at 6:30 pm and will be in-person. Dinner will be provided for 2 people per unit. We will be handing out program information and supplies for the remainder of the calendar year and winter months of 2027. More information in the coming months.



Operation Icicle - Cub Scouts - Jan. 2-4



- **WHAT:** Operation Icicle, a weekend-long winter camp extravaganza at Gamehaven Scout Camp. Come bunk in our lodges, participate in lots of fun and games, and compete for prizes and awards. Operation Icicle is open to the whole family!
- **WHEN:** January 2nd – 4th, 2026.
- **WHERE:** Gamehaven Scout Camp
- **WHO:** Families with children in grades K-5
- **HOW:** Registration opens soon at [Operation Icicle -Cub Scouts](#)

Polar Cubs- Biggest Winter Event of the Year!

This traditional program dates back more than 25 years at Gamehaven Scout Camp. This one-day celebration of the winter is perfect for new families and returning families alike. Highlights include the cardboard sled race, crafts, games, and more.

- **WHEN:** January 24th, 2026
- **WHERE:** Gamehaven Scout Camp
- **WHO:** Families with children in grades K-5

HOW: Registration opens soon at

<https://scoutingevent.com/299-polarcubs26>



Ultimate Sledding Night



Join us on the disco-lit sledding hill for a night of ultimate sledding! We'll be sending tubes, sleds and more down the hill under the bright lights and blaring music. When you are tuckered out come into the nearby warming shack for hot chocolate and an assortment of treats for sale.

When: February 7, 2026 (Saturday)

Where: Gamehaven Scout Camp

Open to all!

Ice Fishing Derby - Compete for the Biggest Fish

Whether you are a newbie or an expert, there is something for you on the ice at Gamehaven Lake. Join us and our panel of experts as we compete for the biggest fish, smallest fish, the most fish caught, and other fun contests. The competition is open to families and individuals.

When: February 7, 2026 (Saturday)

Where: Gamehaven Scout Camp

Who: Open to all!

How: Registration opens soon! Until then mark your calendar! [Ice Fishing Derby](#)



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)

Don't miss out on a Gamehaven Council event that only happens every 3 years! Join us for the Ten Commandments Hike on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 9:00 am – 3:45 pm to visit 10 diverse worship sites and to hear 10 unique perspectives on a commandment. This year is the first year that we have been able to visit Saint Mary's Chapel since 2016!

The hike travels through downtown worship sites and is about 3.5 miles long with frequent stops. It's a fantastic way to live the Scout law, "A Scout is Reverent"! Cost is \$5 per participant, and best enjoyed by members 7 years and older. 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. Each participant earns the patch to the right!



Register For:
[Ten Commandment Hike](#)

Snowshoeing with The Scout Executive

I would like to invite registered adult leaders to join me for some snowshoeing at Gamehaven Scout Camp for a couple of hours of comradery, idea sharing, winter scenery, and of course, physical fitness and fresh air.

When: Sunday, January 11th, February 8th, and March 1st

Who: Up to 12 registered adult leaders per session.

Where: Gamehaven Scout Camp – 5015 Simpson Rd. SE – Rochester

Time: 12:45 check-in - 1:00-3:00 pm - Activity

What to bring: Your favorite snowshoes or hiking boots, trekking poles, cameras, binoculars, and winter weather gear.

Info: We'll check in at the Admin Building (bathrooms available) and head out for the course. Please park in the main lot near the gateway.

- January 11: [Snowshoeing Signup](#)
- February 8: [Snowshoeing Signup](#)
- March 1: [Snowshoeing Signup](#)



Family Friends of Scouting

Family Friends of Scouting is our councils stand alone fundraiser for the entire year. 100% of contributions received remain in our council to fund our programs, camp, and operations. Our staff will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to secure a date at a Pack Blue & Gold or Troop Court of Honor. Should you have that date set and would like to share it, please email tony.debusk@scouting.org or arne.landsverk@scouting.org

Your support is critical and much appreciated. Thank you for enabling our council to provide Scouting to southeast Minnesota youth.

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