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GAMEHAVEN CUB SCOUTS

NEWSLETTER



Office Closings During the Holidays

- December 19, 2025 (Friday) - Office Closed for Inventory
- December 24-26, 2025 (Wed, Thurs, & Fri) Closed for Christmas
- December 31, 2025 (Wed.) - Office Closing early at 3pm
- January 1, 2026 (Thurs) - Office closed for New Years.

Renewal News From the Registrar

Hello, Key 3 Leaders of Scouting and Exploring Units in Gamehaven Council!

A reminder that we are weeks away from the 12.30.2025 deadline to get your Unit renewed for 2026. **As of 12.12.2025, there are 43 Units with renewals not started.**

There are resource materials on our website: Click on the header FOR LEADERS and select in the drop down menu-Unit & Membership Renewal. Remember that Unit Renewal is a separate from member renewals and is a first priority but don't forget the member renewals for anyone with a registration expiry date of 10.31.2025.

Those individuals will drop off your roster after 12.31.2025 and lose the ability to renew themselves.

To assure success with your Unit Renewal, check that you have minimum positions covered and that your adults have Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) effective through the Unit Renewal period of 11.01.2025 to 03.01.2026 or you will have validation errors for the renewal. For adults with expiring SYT that are not remaining with your Unit, you can apply the Opt Out status in the Roster tool or request for me to suspend their registration.

If a Unit Key 3 leader is opting to pay the \$100 Unit Renewal online, it's now recommended to use the credit card option vs the E-Check (ACH) option. The Unit Renew function is found in the left menu of Organization Manager of my.scouting. If you wish to pay at the Council, the payment and Unit roster must be submitted to the office the week of 12/15/25 to give me time to process it before the end of the month.

Same deadline if paying the member renewal fees at the Council Office for me to process. Along with the payment, I will need the Unit Payment of Membership Report, detailing the members (and any Scout Life subscriptions) to be renewed. Please contact me if unsure how to download this report from the Roster tool in my.scouting.

Time to take this off your volunteer plate so you can properly enjoy the Holiday Season!

Best Wishes,

Pam Legried

Gamehaven Council Registrar, Pamela.Legried@scouting.org

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!

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- 2026-2027

Please join us for the 2026- 2027 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. Please register by using the link below!

<https://scoutingevent.com/299-kickoff26>



Operation Icicle - Cub Scouts - Jan. 2-4, 2026



- **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](#). Until then save the date on your calendar.

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 winter is perfect for new families and returning families alike. Highlights include cardboard sled race, crafts, games & 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

REGISTRATION: <https://scoutingevent.com/299-sledding26>

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 reservoir

Who: Open to all!

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



Help Us Re-Envision Gamehaven Scout Camp

We are excited to share that the Gamehaven Master Planning Committee is actively working to re-build camp for renewed use- focusing on revitalizing programming, infrastructure, and engagement to better serve our community.

The Committee is dedicated to:

- Re-imagining camp spaces and systems to meet current needs
- Centering user experience and accessibility
- Align camp activities with strategic outcomes
- Exploring innovating model for sustainability and impact

As part of this effort, we're gathering input from people who care about outcomes to help shape a shared wish list. Your voice matters, and we would love to hear from you!

Please take 3-5 minutes to complete this short survey: [Help Us Revision Gamehaven!](#)

Your ideas will help guide the committee's work and ensure camp is rebuilt with purpose, inclusion and creativity.

Thank you for being a part of this vision! Be on the lookout- A separate email will be going out soon with information on some public comment sessions with out committee.

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](#)



2026 Camp Registrations are open!

Are you excited to get out to camp in 2026? We sure are! Registrations for (almost) every camp event in 2026 are now open. You can start signing up for Spring Family Adventure, Fall Camporees, Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, and so much more! For all the up-to-date news and registration links, go to <https://gamehavenbsa.org/camp>

Look forward to seeing everyone out at Gamehaven Scout Camp in 2026!



On The Hunt For Gift Giving Ideas?

Whether you are looking for a gift for Christmas or a Birthday here are some ideas you might like.

Gamehaven Council is celebrating 90 years of operation in Southeastern Minnesota! In honor of the occasion, we partnered again with Nelson Ink to offer a made-to-order apparel shop for our members and friends to order from! We have NEW OPTIONS available this year!

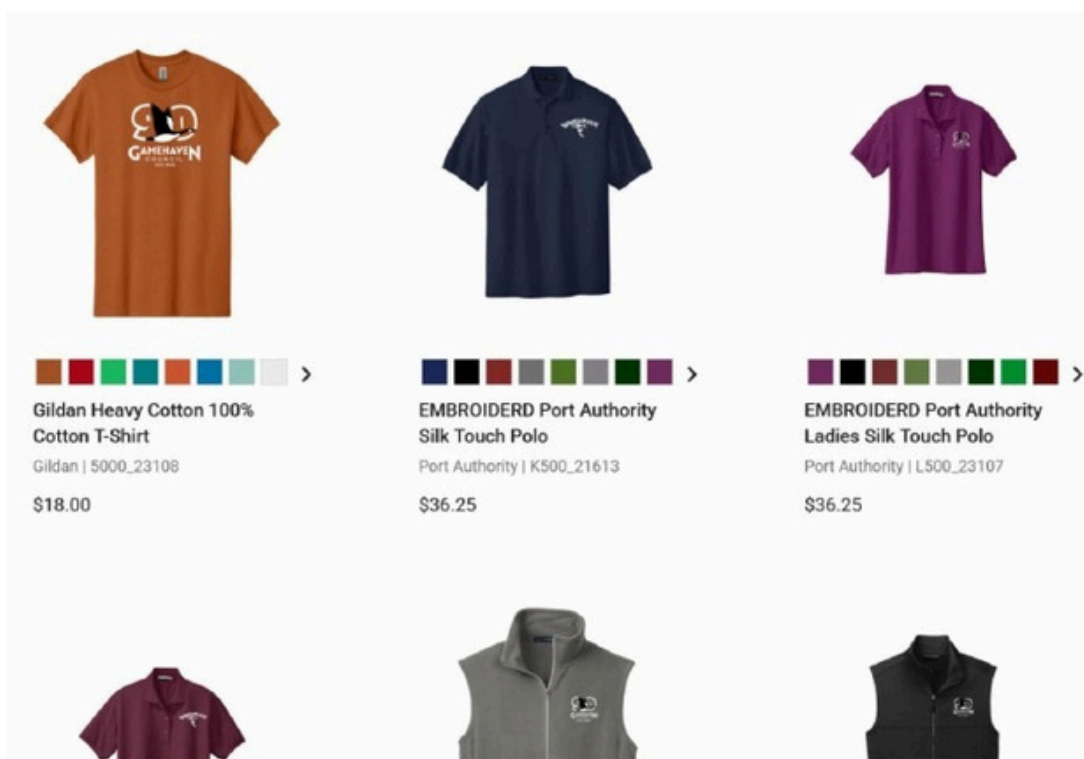
(NEW!) T-Shirt | 90th Anniversary Logo

Flannel | 90th Logo or Regular Logo | Men's and Women's sizing

Polo | 90th Logo or Regular Logo | Men's and Women's sizing, various brands

Full-Zip Sweater | 90th logo or regular logo

(NEW!) Vest | 90th logo or regular logo | Various styles including fleece, rain-resistant, and more



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