

GAMEHAVEN CUB SCOUTS

NEWSLETTER



The above picture of Cub Scouts learning and enjoying our new Challenge Course at Gamehaven Scout Camp. The Gamehaven Scout Camp challenge course is perfect for a unit outing, team building day, and more. Call office 207-287-1410 to set up a date to do this with your unit or group.

Scout Office is closed
Monday, February 16th
in Observance of
President's Day



Hello Key 3 Leaders

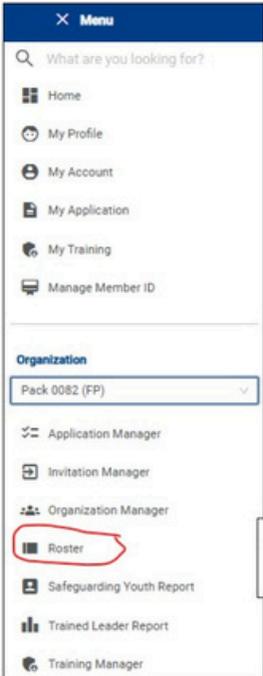
I've heard from many of you that you haven't been receiving the Scouting America emails with subject header "Member Renewal Information" that are sent the first of each month. I believe your email settings may be marking them as spam. Another easy workaround to get similar information is to run on a monthly basis the Members Due to Renew Report from your my.scouting.org account.

You can get it done in 3 steps:

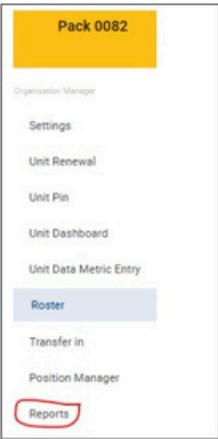
- Login to my.scouting account
- Click on Menu after logging into your account>Roster>Report
- in the left menu>click on Run to the right of Members Due to Renew report.

Where to Find the Members Due to Renew Report

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Polar Cubs Rescheduled to February 28th

Bundle up and get ready for a frosty day of fun at Polar Cubs in Rochester, MN! Whether you're a first-year Cub or a seasoned snow explorer, this winter-themed adventure has something for everyone. Dive into a flurry of games, creative crafts, and cool challenges inspired by the Winter Olympics—like curling, geocaching, and of course, the legendary cardboard sled races. It's a celebration of Cub Scouting in the snow, and it's FREE for all member Cub Scouts to attend!

Hurry Deadline to register is Wednesday, Feb 25th.

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



Scout Night at the Grizzlies! - March 7th



Use code "SCOUTS299" at check-out to receive these package deals.

To Sign Up Go to

<https://tickets.rochestergrizzlies.com/>

WHAT: Rochester Grizzlies vs. the St. Louis Jr. Blues

WHERE: Rochester Recreation Center

WHEN: March 7th, 2026. Meet at 6:15pm to coordinate scout activities. Puck drop at 7:05pm.

COST:

- Concessions Package: \$21 (includes ticket, popcorn, hot dog, drink, and scout patch)
- Half-Package: \$16 (includes ticket and concessions)
- Just a Ticket: \$10 (includes a ticket)

DUE: All tickets with concessions must be purchased by Monday, March 1st.

ATTENDING SCOUT WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN: Presenting the Colors, Leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mid-Game Walk on the Ice

Spring Family Adventures - Saturday, May 9th

Have you been stuck in your castle all winter? Can't go outside without bundling up in your mittens, coat, and scales? Sick of peasants asking you to breathe fire on their cars to clear off the snow?

We have the solution for you - fly out of your castle and kidnap a princess! What could go wrong?

Planned and led by our very own Emerging Camp Leaders!

WHO: Families with youth in grades K-5

WHEN: May 9th, 2026. 8am - 4pm

WHERE: Gamehaven Scout Camp



[Spring Cub Scout Adventure Day](#)

Deadline to register is May 5th

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. **Please RSVP by February 17, 2026.** We will be handing out program information and supplies for the remainder of the calendar year and winter months of 2027. Please register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/299-kickoff26>



250th Anniversary Committee

Hello Scouts and Scouters,

The Gamehaven Council Activities and Civic Service committee is in need of dedicated and excited volunteers to help us run amazing service projects recognizing the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation. If you are willing to give us ideas and help find meaningful work to do, please reach out to committee chair Karl Kruger at karl.kruger@gmail.com

UNITS: Gamehaven Council, in partnership with the National Council of Scouting America, is excited to be facilitating and encouraging the Service 365 initiative this year. Units that perform 250 hours of community service between all of their members (including adults) between February 8th and December 31st will receive a special recognition from Gamehaven Council. More information coming soon!



2027 Gamehaven Council Financial Assistance Update

Our Council has a strong tradition of helping families and individuals participate in Scouting by providing funds to offset a portion of their registration fees. We are going to continue this opportunity for families and individuals who need assistance. We are going to implement a small change beginning in 2027. We're asking that the unit participate in a council product sale, such as the fall popcorn or the spring flower sale. The individual or family is welcome to participate in the product sale, but it is not a requirement to apply for assistance. We're sharing this information now, so everyone has the chance to make an informed decision with their committees and leadership about participating in an upcoming product sale. We appreciate your consideration and support of this approach.

Meet the Team

Over the last six months our council has introduced two new staff members, Tony DeBusk and Brad Walters. Tony and Brad will be providing leadership to the three districts Packs, Troops, Posts and Ship.

Should you have any Scouting questions or need help with an issue, please reach out to them directly.



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Below is the list of units Tony & Brad cover.

Unit Coverage District Executives								
District	Unit Type	Unit #	Coverage		District	Unit Type	Unit #	Coverage
Sugar Loaf	Pack	016	Tony		Hiawatha	Pack	082	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Pack	049	Tony		Hiawatha	Pack	083	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Pack	054	Tony		Hiawatha	Pack	110	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Pack	057	Tony		Hiawatha	Pack	186	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Pack	062	Tony		Hiawatha	Pack	498	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Pack	613	Tony		Hiawatha	Troop	082	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Troop	004	Tony		Hiawatha	Troop	083	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Troop	018	Tony		Hiawatha	Troop	098	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Troop	049	Tony		Hiawatha	Troop	110	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Troop	054	Tony		Hiawatha	Troop	186	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Troop	057	Tony		Hiawatha	Troop	498	Brad
Sugar Loaf	Troop	613	Tony		Hiawatha	Post	012	Brad
Hiawatha	Pack	042	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	050	Brad
Hiawatha	Pack	043	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	059	Brad
Hiawatha	Pack	047	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	069	Brad
Hiawatha	Pack	080	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	076	Brad
Hiawatha	Pack	156	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	231	Brad
Hiawatha	Troop	042	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	348	Brad
Hiawatha	Troop	047	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	350	Brad
Hiawatha	Troop	056	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	351	Brad
Hiawatha	Troop	080	Tony		Wakpaota	Pack	353	Brad
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Wakpaota	Pack	032	Tony		Wakpaota	Troop	050	Brad
Wakpaota	Pack	094	Tony		Wakpaota	Troop	059	Brad
Wakpaota	Pack	239	Tony		Wakpaota	Troop	069	Brad
Wakpaota	Troop	032	Tony		Wakpaota	Troop	076	Brad
Wakpaota	Troop	039	Tony		Wakpaota	Troop	231	Brad
Wakpaota	Troop	094	Tony		Wakpaota	Troop	232	Brad
Wakpaota	Troop	320	Tony		Wakpaota	Troop	253	Brad
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					Wakpaota	Troop	355	Brad
					Wakpaota	Post	204	Brad

RATA (Range and Target Activities) Update

2025 was a banner year for RATA at Gamehaven Scout Camp! We onboarded three new Range Safety Officers, two new shotgun instructors, and two new Archery/BB Gun/Slingshot rangemasters, and offered RATA programming at the Spring and Fall Camporees, Order of the Arrow Section Conclave, five Family Adventure sessions, and multiple open shoots.

To keep the momentum going in 2026, we need more volunteers. Many hands make light work, and we're trying to deepen the bench. There are several options to become involved:

Range Safety Officer (RSO)

A least one Range Safety Officer is necessary to operate the shotgun range. To obtain the credential, one must complete the NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course.

Archery/BB Gun/Slingshot Rangemasters

These volunteers operate the Archery, BB Gun, and Slingshot ranges, primarily for Cub Scout programming.

- Northern Star Scouting offers the course several times a year; to register, search for courses at <https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/shooting-sports-trainings>
- Gamehaven Council will offer this training on April 25, 2026. Contact Rob Wilkinson, 612-214-8768 or Robert.m.wilkinson@gmail.com, to sign up.

We're flexible in offering this training, and require only two participants.

If you can't make April 25, 2026, let Rob Wilkinson know and we'll schedule additional sessions.

Calling All Makers!

The bad news: wasps are a constant problem at Gamehaven Scout Camp.

The good news: wasps aren't very bright.

Apparently, wasps won't build a new nest near an existing nest, and have a hard time telling the difference between real and fake nests. For 2026, the Logistics, Health, and Safety team is experimenting with 3D printed wasp nests, which we'll install strategically around camp in the hope of discouraging new pests.

If you're a 3D printing enthusiast, we can use your help! We're looking for volunteers to 3D print dummy/decoy wasp nests. These can be any size, though preferably in a realistic color...white, grey, brown, are all good. A couple of links are below, but any similar design will do!

<https://www.thingiverse.com/search?q=wasp+nest&page=1>

<https://makerworld.com/en/search/models?keyword=wasp+nest>

We can use these at any time; bring them to camp next time you attend, or drop off at the Scout Office, and Brady will get them delivered.

