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GAMEHAVEN CUB SCOUTS

NEWSLETTER



To all our Scout Moms!
Have a wonderful day!



*"Mothers hold their children's hands
for a short while, but their hearts
forever." —Unknown*

Summer Cub Adventures

Gamehaven Is Offering **FOUR** Amazing Cub Scout Camp Adventures This Summer!



- ADVENTURE #1 | DON'T STOP ME NOW!** This is a Friday-Sunday overnight camp at Gamehaven from **June 26th - 28th**. The theme for the first weekend is **"Move It!"** We'll be doing STEM activities and games all themed around motion and physics. **Activities include:** Derby carts on the move, challenge course, building Lego cars and racing, learning to construct an arrow, making yo-yo's, rubber band cars, kites, rockets. \$100/Cub Scout, \$25/parent, \$100/sibling. All meals provided. Bring swimsuits and towels for the slip and slide. Activities will both be indoors and outdoors, come rain or shine. **Registration deadline is Thursday, June 25th.**



- ADVENTURE #2 | PIRATE THEMED SUMMER DAY EVENT.** ARRRR Mateys! Our summer Cub Adventure Day is sailing into port on **Saturday, July 11** at Camp We-No-Nah in Winona! **Activities include:** walking the plank, loading the canon, spoon catapult w/marshmallows, a treasure hunt, compass building, fire starting, scrubbing the deck. Bring swimsuits & towels for swimming. Cost: \$50/Cub Scout, \$25/sibling, and \$25/adult or guardian. Your day as a pirate will include lunch. Activities will be both indoors & outdoors, come rain or shine. **Registration deadline is Thursday, July 9th.**



- ADVENTURE #3 | EXPLORERS THEME!** Our third CUB ADVENTURE is Friday-Sunday overnight at Gamehaven on **July 17th - 19th, 2026!** The theme for the weekend is **"Explorers"** - so grab your fedora and canteen, because we will be hitting the trails as we learn how wilderness adventurers use STEM skills in their daily lives. **Activities include:** Identifying plants, animals and fungi, mapping/cartography, building a base camp, making a compass, and fire building. **Cost:** \$100 /Cub Scout, \$25/parent or guardian and \$100/sibling. Includes all meals. Bring swimsuits and towels for slip and slide. All activities will be both indoors & outdoors, come rain or shine. **Registration deadline is Thursday, July 16th.**



- ADVENTURE #4 | QUICK! TO THE TIME MACHINE!** On **Saturday, August 8** we are offering a one day cub event at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. The theme for this Cub Adventure is **stepping back into prehistoric times!** Learn about dinosaurs, fossils, and more with our expert team of volunteer staff from across Gamehaven Council! **Activities include:** Making "dino" snot, growing crystals, capturing the DoDo bird, egg drop/with knot tying, excavation-dinosaur digs, fire starting (no matches, building Fred Flintstone car, and climate change. Cost is \$50/Cub Scout, \$25/ parent or guradian, and \$25/sibling. Your pre-historic exploration includes, lunch. All activities will be both indoors & outdoors, come rain or shine. Bring swimsuits And towels. **Registration deadline is Thursday, Aug. 6th.**



Summer Camp Registrations and Information:

<https://scoutingevent.com/299-summercubs26>

Broer's Adventure Camp Groundbreaking



The Gamehaven Council is excited to invite you to the Broers Adventure Camp Groundbreaking Event. This special day marks the beginning of better futures for Scouts, their units, and community groups using this property. The Gamehaven Council was chosen as the beneficiary by John Broers for our desire to introduce youth to outdoor and recreational programming, environmental education, and as a place to experience the wonder of the natural world. In turn, as a tribute to John and his family, we named the property Broers Adventure Camp.

Please join us as we embark on a new journey, a journey that will shape the lives of new generations and our communities!

Event Information:

When: Friday, June 5th

Where: Broers Adventure Camp – 31400 Cone Dale Dr. Houston, MN

Time: Social - 5:00 pm, Groundbreaking – 6:00 pm, BBQ/Tours – 6:30-7:30 pm

Who: Scouts, Leaders, Alumni, and Friends

Deadline: Please RSVP by Friday, May 29th using this link: <https://scoutingevent.com/299-broersgroundbreaking26>

Cost: There is no cost - but a denotations to offset event costs would be accepted (at the event)

Maximum Participants: 150



Sale on Summer Cub Scout Tee Shirts

These colorful & cute T's from last summer are now on sale!

Both adult & youth Sizes

Youth T-Shirts - **\$6.25**

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Adult T-Shirts - **\$11.50**

Reg \$23.00



From the Registrar's Desk.....

Can't do functions in Scoutbook Plus that you could do in Scoutbook-Legacy?

It's probably a Permissions Manager issue. See the information below for a PDF and video explanation. I recommend you bookmark the discussions.scouting.org page for the latest information in Scoutbook Forums.

A major focus of the migration to Scoutbook Plus is to have positions mirror the positions shown in My.Scouting to ensure positions were reflected accurately in both platforms. The main purpose is to honor the guidance of our charter organizations and the positions they approve. Therefore, Scoutbook Plus does not use Legacy Scoutbook positions. Registered positions are used to provide base permissions. Some additional permissions can be added by the unit, however, there are restrictions on what can be given. See the updated [Scoutbook_Permissions.pdf](#) and the [Scoutbook Plus permissions video](#) for more details.

Tips for taking Safeguarding Youth Training for the many adults in Gamehaven Council with a 5/31/2026 expiry date to Youth Protection Training Certification:

You will be taking the 90 minute Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) for the first time (not to be confused with the 15 minute Safeguarding Refresher Course).

Do not click on the Safeguarding Youth Protection Training on the home page of your my.scouting.org account. Do click on the My Training blue box on the home page and then Retake Course to the right of Safeguarding Youth Training Status.

Do not use Safari browser to take the training. Do use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge.



The screenshot shows the 'my.Scouting My Training' header. Below it, the 'Safeguarding Youth Training Status' is displayed as 'Expires 1-30d'. Underneath, the expiration date is listed as 'Expires: 05/31/2026'. To the right of the status, there is a 'Retake Course' button with a circular arrow icon. To the right of the button is the 'S.A.F.E. GUARDING YOUTH' logo, which features a Scout emblem in the center.

Gamehaven Summer Office Hours

Starting Friday June 5 - September 4

Gamehaven Scout Office will be closing at 2pm each Friday.

Our office will be open from 8am-2pm on Fridays. Our Monday-Thursday hours will continue as they are: 8am-5pm, with office closed from 1pm-2pm for lunch.

Any questions, please call our office at 507-287-1410



Liberty in Action- 250th Challenge Patch

In honor of America's 250th Semiquincentennial, all Scouts can now earn the Liberty in Action 250th Challenge Patch. They can earn the patch by participating in activities that highlight patriotism, community service, responsible citizenship, and an understanding of the principles that share our democracy. The program empowers Scouts to connect with their communities, learn about the responsibilities of citizenship, and take meaningful action that reflects the ideals of liberty, leadership and service. More details can be found by clicking on this link <https://www.scoutshop.org/blog/liberty-in-action-250th-anniversary-challenge.html?srltid=AfmBOorYDKOwX8N4ZAf3JrhBiSPqMUIWx2fBzLLAD57LmiKSt6pkCS00>

Earning the liberty in Action patch - the patch can be earned by completing a set of pre-appropriate activities such as:

- Participating in a community service project
- Learning about local, state or national government.
- Exploring historical landmarks or events connected to American Liberty.
- Demonstrating good citizenship within their unit, school or neighborhoods.



Below is a meeting resource guide that was originally on the Aaron on Scouting magazine. Cub Scouts leaders can use this guide to plan their pack meetings celebrating America's 250th birthday, with a fun, hands-on party that brings history, citizenship, and service to life.

Liberty Patch is now available at the Council Retail Store

OPEN CAMP - June 13th & July 25th

Gamehaven Scout Camp is offering something new for Scout units this Summer!

Looking for something to do with your Cub Scouts this summer? How about a weekend at Gamehaven Scout Camp

This year we are offering two weekends for units to come out with their Scouts to camp and do various activities. PLUS - units may choose to supplement their program with additional staffed stations open for the weekend.



Get Details & Register:

<https://scoutingevent.com/299-opencamp26>



On Saturday's we are planning schedule of fun things units can do with their Scouts:

- 9am-noon- open challenge course time
- 1pm-5pm - Open ranges (Archery & BB Gun)
- 5pm-8pm - Camp Trading Post Open
- 6pm-8pm - Shotgun range open (Scouts BSA units only)
- 8pm-10pm - Open Campfire.

Cost is only \$25/unit

Scout Night with the Honkers - July 12th

Join other Scouts and Scouters for a night of Northwoods League Action!

Last Scout Night season at Mayo Field before stadium closes!

- Honkers vs. the Thunder Bay Border Cats.
- Mayo Field - 403 East Center Street, Rochester
- Gates open @ 4:00 pm - Game starts @ 5:00pm
- Tickets are \$18 - Includes a hotdog, chips and pop!
- We encourage all Scouts to wear their uniforms.
- Scouts will have a Color Guard Ceremony
- The Izzy Dizzy Race will be done on the field
- Sign up is done on line, and we have a grandstand reserved seating.

Get Your Tickets Now!

<https://rochester-honkers.nwltickets.com/>

In the center box type in promo code: **Scouts2026**



The Fall Popcorn Sale is Right Around the Corner

Please join us at your district's training. To earn the bonus commission having your popcorn chair attend the training is one of the requirements.

Training Information:

- **Sugar Loaf District:** Tuesday, July 21st – 6:30 pm – Saint Charles City Hall, 830 Whitewater Ave. – **New Location**
- **Wakpaota District:** Wednesday, July 22nd – 6:30 pm – Wanamingo Community Center 401 Main St. – Wanamingo
- **Hiawatha District:** Thursday, July 23rd – 6:30 pm – Our Saviors Lutheran Church 2124 Viola Rd. NE – Rochester

If you have questions - Please e-mail Paulette Rostad at rostadp@gmail.com



Knives- A New Style Just Arrived at Gamehaven Store

A new selection of knives for those older Cub Scouts who are learning to use and handle knives are now available.

- These knives feature bold new designs & colors
- Retail from \$14.99 - \$17.99
- Check out the:
 - *Patriot Flame*
 - *Scout Vortex*
 - *Galaxy Trek*
 - *Mystic Python*
 - *Green Goblin*



Save The Date for Fall Family Adventures

Please mark your calendars for our annual Cub Scout Fall Adventures event at Gamehaven Scout Camp.

Date: Saturday Oct. 10th (with option to camp overnight)

Activity details to come in our June newsletter.

Watch our Website for updates too!



LEAVE NO TRACE

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces



When people repeatedly walk or camp in the same spot, the ground can become damaged, vegetation can die, and soil can erode. Over time, these small impacts add up, permanently altering natural environments. That's why choosing the right surfaces to travel and camp on is essential.

Durable surfaces include established trails, campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses, and snow. These areas are more resistant to impact and can handle foot traffic without significant damage. Whenever possible, stick to marked paths and existing campsites rather than creating new ones.

In more pristine or less-traveled areas, it's important to spread out your impact. Avoid forming new trails or campsites by walking in different directions rather than following the same path repeatedly. This helps preserve the natural look and health of the landscape



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

[Leave No Trace Website](#)

[Conservation Good Turn Award](#)

[Outdoor Ethics Award](#)

ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A CAMPSITE

- Stay on established trails and campsites whenever available
- Choose durable surfaces like rock, gravel, or dry ground
- Avoid trampling plants and fragile vegetation
- Camp at least 200 feet away from lakes and streams to protect water sources
- In high-use areas, concentrate your activity to minimize widespread impact
- In untouched areas, spread out to avoid creating new trails or campsites
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**Friday, August 28 at 6pm-
Sunday, August 30 at 11am**

Gamehaven Scout Camp

5015 Simpson Rd SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Questions: 507-287-1410

Cost: \$25/ AOL Scout \$25/Adult
\$10/Den Chief

- Price includes all meals
- AOL Scouts will be learning outdoor cooking, while being supervised by trained kitchen staff.

Registration deadline:

Tuesday, August 25th

<https://scoutingevent.com/299-outpost26>



Calling all Cubs Who Are Going Into fifth Grade (Arrow of Light Scouts)!

Start Learning Scout Camping Skills. Arrow of Light Outpost is an opportunity to learn Patrol methods while camping. **Activities will include:** Setting up camp, cooking, fire building, knot tying, and orienteering. You will also be working on AOL achievements. This also gives Arrow of Light Scouts an opportunity to work with Den Chiefs and to better prepare for their next adventure - Joining a Troop.

**We will be adding an adult program
to this event.**

We will have 2 patrol styles

- 1st Patrol will be Arrow of Light scouts with Staff
- 2nd Patrol will be Arrow of Light and Parents with Staff.