

Cub Scout Newsletter



Get the Current News on What is Happening with Cub Scouts in Southeast Minnesota

In 2025 we will continue our monthly Cub Scouts newsletter. Recently we made some changes that we hope will make it easier to read and print out if needed. One big change is that we will have a list of current events, trainings or meetings schedule for 2-3 months out. Each event will be linked to our Black Pug site and will give parents and leaders all the information they need about the event, as well as the opportunity to register. We hope you will find this more convenient. Let us know what you think.

Give the Gift of Recognition this Holiday Season!

We all know that person in our unit who gives so much to Scouting. Did you know you can nominate them for many amazing awards to be recognized at our Annual Council Dinner on April 24th. Awards include the Scouter of the Year, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, and many more. **All nominations are due by February 14th**, so don't wait until the last minute to help us say "thanks" to these amazing people. You can learn more and find nominations on our website at <https://gamehavenbsa.org/resources/for-leaders/adult-recognitions/>



Quick Access to Event and Training Information

January- March 2025 Cub Scout Activities & Trainings

CUB SCOUT EVENTS COMING UP:

- January 3 (Fri) - [Scout Night at the Grizzlies](#)
- January 17-19 (Fri-Sun) - [Operation Icicle Cubs](#)
- January 18 (Sat) - [Polar Cubs](#)
- January 31 (Fri) - [Worlds Toughest Rodeo](#)
- February 1 (Sat) - [Ice Fishing Derby](#)
- February 7-9 (Fri-Sun) - [Operation Icicle Cubs](#)
- February 8 (Sat) - [Polar Cubs](#)
- April 15 (Tues) - [MN Wild Scout Night Game](#)
- April 24 (Thurs) - [Gamehaven Council Dinner](#)

UNIT LEADER MEETINGS:

- January 2nd (Thurs) - Wakpaota District
RoundTable - 7pm
- February 6th (Thurs) Wakpaota District
Roundtable - 7pm
- March 4th (Tues) - Sugarloaf District
Roundtable - 6pm
- March 6th (Thurs) - Wakpaota District
Roundtable - 7pm

To get complete information on an event, you can click on the attached links above. For upcoming meetings refer to the [Events Calendar](#) for updates, locations, etc.

Summer Camp Registration Is Open Now!

Swimming, shooting, hiking, camping, cooking, and advancing are just some of the amazing things your family can do at Gamehaven's Summer Cub adventures!

Our staff are trained and excited to deliver an astounding summer camp program for your entire family. Come for the entire weekend, or just stay for the day. There will be flush toilets, running showers, and more amenities to make your experience a great one!.



Our summer Cub adventures are great for first-time Scouting families, with specific activities for kids going into kindergarten and first grade, and lots of helpful support staff to help your family learn to pitch a tent and sleep outside.

Cub Scouts Attending will earn special Cub Adventures that you can only earn at camp, and some adventures that are hard to earn elsewhere, including:

Archery Adventure

Slingshot Adventure

BB Guns Adventure (Tigers and older only)

Swimming Adventures

Registration opens January 1st. Stay tuned with more information on our *Summer Camp Landing Page* at <https://gamehavenbsa.org/summercamp>

CUB LEADERS: You can print summer camp fliers located on that page as well!



Last Chance for the Operation Icicle Early Bird Fee



Cub Scout Operation Icicle is the best way to experience a weekend of fun winter camping, epic and Crazy adventures! You and your family will sleep in one of the heated Gamehaven Scout Camp lodges both nights, and participate in the *Operation Icicle* challenges over the day on Saturday and Sunday morning. Adventures change every year, but in the past have included camp-wide scavenger hunts, themed meals, dance parties, laser sledding, and so much more. This is an action-

packed weekend, and it's specifically designed for our Cub Scout members to enjoy.

WHO: Cub Scouts and their families

WHEN:

- January 17-19, with a Wizarding World theme! Join Gary Pot-tear as you cast spells and journey into forbidden corridors.

February 7- 9, with a "Scout Wars" theme! Join the Rogue Squadron as you defeat the evil empire with your X-Wings

WHERE: Gamehaven Scout Camp (5015 Simpson Rd. SE, Rochester MN 55904)

THIS YEAR'S THEMES:

January: Gary Pot Tear the cousin of a famous wizard sets out on a magical adventure, join us at Gamehaven Scout Camp where magic, creatures, and a spelltastic adventure awaits you for a three-day trip through Hoghaven. During your trip you will quest for your wizard's wand, be sorted into a Hoghaven House, and compete for glory in the Ditchwitch Game.

February: Join us in the land of Scout Wars, where the surviving pilots have to rebuild their squadron, after the defeat at Gavin by the Empire. Scouts will journey to Antilles to start their squadron training, build their own X-Wing, and defeat The Empire. Weekend participants receive a sweatshirt, all participants receive a patch.

Sign up today at <https://scoutingevent.com/299-opicecubs25>

Polar Cubs– Prepare your Cardboard Sleds!

Are you ready to race your cardboard sled? Our families love the cardboard sled races at Polar Cubs! If you would like to race, start preparing your cardboard sled today, and make sure to send photos to the council on Facebook, Instagram, or via email to brady.geary@scouting.org.

And don't forget to sign up for Polar Cubs! Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/299-polarcubs25>



Happy Holidays!

Thank you! This is the sentiment to our volunteer leaders and families who have made 2024 another unforgettable year for the Gamehaven Council.

Because of you, 1,354 Scouts and siblings participated in a Gamehaven Council program during the year.

Because of you, 40 Scouts have achieved the rank of Eagle (at the time of writing), plus nearly 1,000 additional Scouts have achieved their individual advancement rank in their program.

Because of your support and fantastic unit programs, the Gamehaven Council grew Cub Scout recruitment by 20% this year, with each of the three districts increasing recruitment.

Because of you, we were one of the few councils in the Midwest to realize a growth in the fall popcorn sales.

Because of you, our Scouts, and our communities, have better futures.

As we enter the final weeks of 2024, our council staff wishes everyone a blessed holiday season filled with amazing times with their families, friends, and loved ones.

Thank you for being a part of the Gamehaven Council and making a positive difference for the Scouts in your unit and our council.

Sincerely,

*Gamehaven
Council Staff*

Visit the West Concord Museum

The Scout exhibit at the West Concord Historical Society has been tuned up for the Christmas season in West Concord.

The exhibit recently has been added to the Scout Museum National Registry.

Museum is located at
600 West First St
West Concord, MN



*Picture of the Scout Exhibit at West Concord
Museum*

Gamehaven Office Closed Dec. 23rd – Jan. 1st

Greetings Everyone,

Please note that starting December 23rd the Gamehaven office will be closed for the Holidays. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.

The staff will be using this time to celebrate the holidays as well as work on year end projects at the office. We will not be keeping regular hours and the store to purchase items will be closed. If you need advancements please note our closing dates.

LEADERS: A reminder that your unit renewal needs to be completed and turned into Pam before year end. Any questions, please set up a time with Pam Legried. Her number is 507-361-5341. She will be entering in renewals during the time that the office is closed.

Last Chance to Order Gamehaven Merch

The online store will stay open until December 31st, but orders placed after 12/1 may not arrive until 2025.

What options do we have this year?

- Nike Dri-Fit Polos
- Port Authority Polos
- Flannel Shirts (solid)
- Flannel Shirts (patterned)
- Sweater Knit Jacket - Brady's personal favorite because it's so comfy!

Where do you go to purchase these awesome items?

The Council Web Store will be open **now through December 31, 2024.**

Order items any time in that period by going to

<https://stores.inksoft.com/gamehaven/shop/product-detail/1000114>