

CUB SCOUT NEWSLETTER



Quick Access to Event and Training Information

Now thru Summer - Cub Scout Activities & Trainings

CUB SCOUT EVENTS COMING UP:

- April 15 (Tues) - [MN Wild Scout Night Game](#)
- April 24 (Thurs) - [Gamehaven Council Dinner](#)
- May 3 (Sat) - [Gamehaven Council Grand Prix](#)
- May 10 (Sat) - [Spring Family Adventure](#)
- June - August - [Summer Family Adventures](#)
 - June 6 - 8th
 - July 11 - 13th
 - Aug 8 - 10th
- October 11th- [Fall Family Adventure Days](#)

Keep Up To Date on The Gamehaven YouTube Channel!

Hey campers! As we are prepping for summer camp this year, we'll be posting lots of fun videos of the activities, games, and staff work on our YouTube channel. You can view our Winter Wrap-Up there right now, and stay tuned for more fun updates from your favorite staff:

<https://www.youtube.com/@gamehaven-scoutsofsoutheas6701>

AOL Scouts Transition to the Troops!

I enjoy the AOL Scouts transition to Troops at this time of the year for 2 big reasons:

1. I'm excited that the AOL Scouts are continuing their Scouting journey at the troop level where they get to define who they are and to make their mark in the world.
2. It reminds me that spring is around the corner and many opportunities await to enjoy the great outdoors!

This article is to inform families of AOL Scouts and Pack leaders that the membership transition from Pack to Troop is performed in my.scouting.org.

Here is a guide linked for how to do this. [AOL Transition Guide](#)

Another note from Registrar Pam Legried: Recently a Member Renewal Information email was sent to Key 3 leaders with lists of persons to be renewed, persons to that have dropped, and persons that were opted out. If you have any question about the information listed there, don't hesitate to reach out to me. Note that all members with a 12/31/2024 registration expiry date have a lapse period of 90 days and will remain on your rosters, even if they have opted out or are not renewing, until April 1st.

Regarding your Scoutbook roster for inactive youth, I recommend that you create an inactive den (for Packs) and inactive patrol (for Troops) to reassign these inactive youth, allowing a cleaner system of advancements for your active Scouts.

Yours in Scouting!

Pam Legried, Gamehaven Council Registrar

Save the Date! - Fall Family Adventures

Save the date – **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** for Fall Family Adventure days at Gamehaven Scout Camp on October 11th, 2025.

Learn more and sign up at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/299-fallfa25>



Does Your Camp Have a Promotion Date?

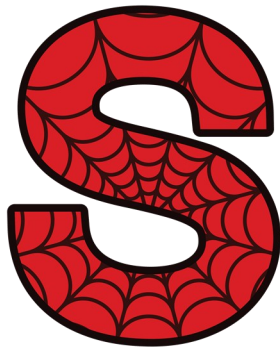
Thanks to the following Cub Scout packs for providing a Camp Promotion date to the council program team!

- **Sugar Loaf:** Pack 16, Pack 53, Pack 57, Pack 62, and Pack 613
- **Hiawatha:** Pack 80, Pack 82, Pack 110
- **Wakpota:** Pack 32, Pack 69, Pack 239 Pack 350

Spring into fun this summer and set your pack promotion date today! To schedule a date, please reach out to Brady at Brady.geary@scouting.org.



Super Spring Family Adventure!



Its time to shake off the snoozies and run out the wiggles at our **Spring Family Adventure Day** - The theme this spring is about this spider-guy and web slinging superheroes, based on classic comics and recent movies. Plus, we will be doing all sorts of crafts, games, range sports, and more.

WHEN: Saturday, May 10th 2025, from 8am – 4pm.

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

COST: \$25/day for youth, \$10/day for siblings

SIGN UP: <https://scoutingevent.com/299-springfa25>

Cub Scout Summer Cub Adventures

Earn rank requirements and elective adventures! Explore summer in the outdoors!

Practice camping skills!

You'll do these and more at our weekend-long Summer Cub Adventures this summer! Our staff is hard at work preparing amazing experiences for youth and adults.

From campfires to bicycling, capture the flag, archery, BB guns, slingshots, and more.

NEW THIS YEAR: Cast your line and swing your putter - our featured activities this year are fishing and laser-golf!

LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP: <https://gamehavenbsa.org/summercamp>.

Pick your weekend to spend at Camp.

- ◆ June 6-8th
- ◆ July 11-13th



Start Your Engines!- Council Grand Prix Race May 3rd



The **Gamehaven Council Grand Prix** is coming up! All are invited to this pinewood derby race at the **Apache Mall** in Rochester, MN. Packs should make sure to invite their top four racers, whose championship race registration is **FREE** to attend this race. All other racers are \$10/car to register for the open-class race.

New This Year: The Scout Class Race is an opportunity for older Scouts to dust off their old derbies (or even make new ones).

Sign Up for the Derby:

<https://scoutingevent.com/299-grandprix25>

Register for the Council Awards Dinner

It's time to say Thank you to Volunteers & Units!

Gamehaven Council is proud to recognize our **Award Class of 2025** at the Council Fellowship Dinner on **April 24th, 2025, from 5:30pm – 8:00pm**. This annual event is where awardees go to be announced to the council for their heroic deeds and achievements, and all of our Scouting family is invited to join in good food, good friends, and great fellowship.

This year we are excited to be hosting the dinner at the historic **Mayowood Stone Barn** in Rochester, MN. This early 1900's barn and stables built for Dr. Charles Mayo has been converted into a beautiful venue for all sorts of events, from weddings to dinners like ours.



New This Year: Everyone attending is encouraged to invite a “Guest of Honor” to the dinner. Choose anyone you believe deserves to be recognized for their contributions this year and bring them to the dinner by registering their seat using the “Guest of Honor” code. Write a sentence or two about them so we can include it on their table tent and program.

Early registration is required in order for us to place the food order.

Registration will close at 11:59pm on April 13th, so don't miss your chance to attend.

You can sign up today at <https://scoutingevent.com/299-councildinner25>

Council Awards Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th– Registration is now open!

WHAT: Annual Gamehaven Council Awards Dinner

WHEN: April 24th, 2024. Dinner begins at 5:30pm, awards begin at 7:00pm

COST: \$30 per attendee.

WHERE: Mayowood Stone Barn in Rochester



Gamehaven Garage Sale

Our Council will be holding the Gamehaven Garage Sale in mid-May at Camp.

Declutter your home or business while supporting Scouting in the Gamehaven Council! Donate small appliances, yard equipment (mowers/snowblowers/leaf blowers/etc.), hunting and fishing gear, golf clubs and sporting goods, household goods, kitchenware, yard furniture, etc. The items need to be in good repair and generally can fit into a car/truck/trailer.

Please email Arne Landsverk at arne.landsverk@scouting.org with any questions and/or thoughts.

Announcing the 2025 Silver Beavers Recipients

The Gamehaven Advancement and Recognition Committee is thrilled to announce the two recipients of the 2025 Silver Beaver Awards – Kurt Carlstrom and Ronda Marshall.

KURT CARLSTORM is a Veteran's Service Representative with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, a Committee Member with Troop 320 in Red Wing, and the District Commissioner for Wakpaota District. He has served as a Rangemaster at many council events, using skills he developed through eight years of active duty in the US Army – 407th Civil Affairs to help instruct our Cubs the safest way to use firearms. He is also a recipient of the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, Scouter's Key, District Award of Merit, and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award in addition to receiving a Doctorate in Commissioner Service from the University of Scouting. Kurt and his wife Mary have Scouts in Troop 59 – Zumbrota, and Troop 320 – Red Wing, and have a Cub Scout in training.

RONDA MARSHALL is a Senior Software Engineer at IBM in Rochester and has brought the leadership skills she's developed through years of challenging and unique circumstances at IBM into her work with Scouts in Gamehaven Council. She served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 82-G for five years until the two gendered units merged in 2024 and she stepped back to hold the ASM role for the troop. She served as the NYLT Course Director for two years in 2023 and 2024, and will be returning in the Course Director role this year. She is a Wood Badge graduate, attending the same course as this year's NYLT Scoutmaster Rachel Stoltman and OA Adviser Lisa Feenstra (so that must have been one great course!) In addition to her work in Scouting, she is an ordained leader at the Community Presbyterian Church and an international host family. Her and her husband Bill have an Eagle Scout graduate at the University of Minnesota and a Scouts BSA member in Troop 82. Please join us to congratulate both Kurt and Ronda at the Gamehaven Council Annual Dinner on April 24th at the Mayowood Stone Barn building.

Gamehaven Council Employment Opportunities

Are you or do you know people interested in providing better futures for youth while strengthening communities? If so, we have a couple of full-time unit service opportunities in our council that we should talk about.

General Overview: Today's professional Scouters are a diverse group of men and women sharing a dynamic career offering independence, achievement, and stability. This is work that makes a difference, work that calls one to continual learning and challenge, work that offers solid compensation, benefits and advancement.

- Must be willing to accept and meet Scouting America's leadership and membership standards and subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (transcript with the date degree conferred stated is required for employment).
- Attained 21 years of age or older
- Ability to work varied hours when necessary, including evenings and occasional weekend work
- Ability to travel for training at least once a year. Most training conferences are 5-7 days.
- A Scouting background is helpful but not required for employment.
- Offers for employment are subject to criminal, reference, and motor vehicle background checks.

Interested in learning more, please e-mail Arne at: arne.landsverk@Scouting.org to set up a time to talk.

We Are Moving Locations!



The Gamehaven Council will move office locations in April once updates are completed to our office suite.

Quick Facts: The new office will be 2,600 SF, with a large parking lot, walk-in entry, and signage visible from North Broadway Ave.

Our new address will be:

511 Northern Hills Dr. NE – Rochester.

Northern Hills Drive NE is off North Broadway about ¼ of a mile south of 37th Street.

More information will be shared in the coming weeks.



Showoff Your Pinewood Derby Car!

Get Your Pinewood Derby Design On A Race Car!

Zachary Tinkle
NASCAR® ARCA Driver
Former Cub Scout

Your design

Enter to Win

Send us a photo of your Pinewood Derby car design for a chance to win an awesome prize pack from Zachary Tinkle!

Winner Receives:
Design on Zachary's race car 4/19/25 at Rockingham Speedway
Name on passenger name rail
Four Pit passes to Rockingham
Travel expenses paid to Rockingham, NC

Attention Cubs Scouts!

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