



# Scouting America

Gamehaven Council



# 2026 - 2027

# UNIT PROGRAM CATALOG

## Thank You Unit Leaders!

Dear leaders, parents, and supporters of better futures,

As we welcome a new year, I want to recognize you, the individuals who make Scouting in southeastern Minnesota truly extraordinary. Your commitment, your steadiness, and your willingness to step forward provides tremendous opportunity for the youth of the Gamehaven Council.

Scouting has shaped the lives of hundreds of thousands of youth in southeastern Minnesota since 1935. While Scouting certainly looks different from our early history, our goal has never changed: to inspire our youth to reach greater heights.

We are embracing new ways to meet the needs of today's youth – such as innovative outdoor experiences, new council programs, leadership development, and service opportunities. Gamehaven Council is evolving with purpose and momentum.

In 2026, we will continue investing in programs and properties that help young people thrive. This program catalog is a roadmap to better futures for Scouts, your unit, and ultimately, our country.

Thank you for providing steadfast leadership to your unit and to our council, and for collectively working together to ensure that our Scouts have the experiences they need and deserve.



Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arne Landsverk".

Arne Landsverk, Gamehaven Council Scout Executive  
*Eagle Scout - Class of 1988*



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<https://gamehavenbsa.org/catalog26>



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# AdventureU

Staffed Program Opportunities at Gamehaven Scout Camp or your venue, open to Scout groups and community members.

## Gamehaven Scout Camp

5015 Simpson Rd. SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

## Offsite Programs Offered

### Programs are curated for:

Cub Scouts  
Scouts BSA  
K-5 Groups  
Middle/High School Groups  
Adult Groups

### Open to Scheduling

[gamehavenbsa.org/adventure](http://gamehavenbsa.org/adventure)

## CONTACT

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AdventureU Package Programs are the perfect way to have a unit event or activity day without the hassle. These staffed and council-run trips mean that as long as you can get to and from camp, you have everything else planned! And AdventureU programs are great for your work or business as well as your Scout troop.

### Team Building Programs (TBG)

All courses with the “Team Building” code involve team development through adventure programming, and heavily feature our Challenge Course elements.

### Leadership (LDR)

All Leadership courses include a “Styles of Leadership” quiz, problem-solving and leadership games, and culminate with a high-intensity abridged challenge course problem-solving scenario.

### Outdoor Skills (ODS)

Outdoor Skills involves several different disciplines to do with outdoor activities, skills, and sports. These include range and target activities, survival skills, nature hikes, and more.

### Adventure STEM (STM)

Adventure STEM is the approach to learning STEM skills through outdoor and intense learning - taking STEM skills outside of the classroom and into the ‘real world’.





## IMPACT365 SERVICE INITIATIVE

*“For more than a century, Scouting America has helped young people become leaders and responsible citizens. The values of Scouting – trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, and reverence – are the same values that have guided our nation for 250 years. Together with America250, we will empower Scouts to honor our past and lead us into the future.”*  
- Roger Krone, 2026 Chief Scout Executive

The Impact 365 initiative this year is challenging every troop, pack, ship, and crew in Scouting America to bring 250 hours of service to their communities, in honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States. Every unit that participates will be recognized by Gamehaven Council, with special recognition for the top three units in service hours per youth member.

Service hours can include Eagle Scout projects, rank advancement service, community volunteering, and more! Plus, units can participate in



## 2026 Scouting for Food

The Activities and Civic Service committee is excited to bring Scouting for Food back to a council-level service day! On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Gamehaven Council units from across the Southeastern Minnesota area will be dropping bags and fliers off at thousands of houses in our area!

Stay tuned for more information about this and other service projects coming soon!

## Activities and Civic Service

The Activities and Civic Service committee plans and operates numerous events throughout the year, including community partnership events and service projects in our area.

## COMMUNITY EVENT PARTNERSHIPS

The following community partners offer special Scout rates to select events, and donate a portion of those proceeds to Scouting in Gamehaven Council. Events are announced regularly in our newsletter!

- Rochester Honkers Baseball -
- Rochester Grizzlies Hockey -
- Minnesota Vikings Football -
- Minnesota Twins Baseball -
- Minnesota Wild Hockey -

Do you know of a community partner that would be a good match with Scouting? Contact us!

## CONTACT

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## Selection of Awards

The following is a small selection of the common religions that offer an official Scouting religious emblem partnership for multiple grade/age levels. Note that this is not a complete list.

Armenian Church  
Assembly of God  
Association of Unity Churches  
Bahá'í  
Baptist  
Buddhist  
Churches of Christ  
Eastern Orthodox Churches  
Eastern Catholic  
Episcopal/Anglican  
First Church of Christ, Scientist  
Hindu  
Islamic  
Jewish  
Lutheran  
Meher Baba  
Moravian Church  
Non-Denominational  
Pentecostal  
Polish National Catholic Church  
Presbyterian Church  
Protestant  
Rel. Society of Friends (Quakers)  
Roman Catholic Church  
LDS (Mormon)  
The Salvation Army  
United Church of Christ  
United Methodist  
Zoroastrian

A more complete list can be found at

[scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/](http://scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/)

## Scouting's Religious Emblem Partnerships

How Do We Get Started in Religious Emblems Programs?

1. Youth members must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.
2. Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly (see the chart on this site).
3. Each youth member needs his or her own booklet to document progress.
4. Some religions offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.
5. Parents must review the program guidelines.
6. Some programs require participants to be official "members" of the religious institution.
7. Age/grade requirements vary from program to program.
8. Each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselors; other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselors.
9. Families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program.
10. Most programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization.
11. Many programs require the signature of the local religious leader.
12. The youth member needs to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the emblem.
13. These emblems are not available from your local council store (follow the instructions in your booklet).
14. The emblem should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the member's religious institution.

The BSA High Adventure Bases are

# #OPEN4 ADVENTURE

## STEPS FOR PLANNING AN INCREDIBLE HIGH ADVENTURE BASE EXPERIENCE!

### 1 REVIEW

With fellow Scouts and adult leaders, review the [Open4Adventure](#) website. Discuss programs, dates, Crew size, price, adult leadership requirements, preparation, equipment and travel.

### 2 DECIDE

Do you want to hike the Tooth of Time at Philmont, go down the “Big Zip” at The Summit Bechtel Reserve, paddle pristine waters at Northern Tier, or snorkel and sail the Florida Keys at the Sea Base? Each High Adventure Base offers a different experience.

### 3 SIGN UP

Organize your Crew to fit specific the High Adventure Base requirements. On January 18th, 2023, sign up for Northern Tier, The Summit Bechtel Reserve or the Sea Base. Sign up now for Philmont Scout Ranch. Go to the [Open4Adventure](#) website for reservation information.

### 4 LEARN

Read the information on each HAB’s website and study the details you receive when you sign up. The Facebook pages are another great resource:

- [Northern Tier](#)
- [Summit Bechtel Reserve](#)
- [Philmont](#)
- [Sea Base](#)

### 5 PREPARE

You’ll be challenged physically, mentally and emotionally. Each adventure requires different physical conditioning – the better your physical condition, the more likely you will enjoy your experience.

### 6 RAISE MONEY

Participate in your Council’s fundraising program. Promote your High Adventure experience and hold a fundraiser. Partial scholarships may be available – check each base website.

### 7 BE ALL IN

There may be weather, equipment or even Crew challenges during your adventure. Commit to working together, overcoming, “unplugging” and fully participating in the experience.



Visit the High Adventure Base websites for more information.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE  
AT HIGH ADVENTURE BASES:

There are so many ways to go to a high adventure base! If your troop isn't attending, think about attending with an individual-placement trek such as:

-Philmont-

NATIONAL ADVANCED YOUTH  
LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

RANCH HANDS

RAYADO

STEM

ROVING OUTDOOR CONSERVATION  
SCHOOL

TRAIL CREW TREK

OA TRAIL CREW

- Northern Tier -

FOREST CORPS

LONE VOYAGE

OKPIK COLD WEATHER TREK

OA CANADIAN ODYSSEY

OA WILDERNESS VOYAGE

- Summit -

OA SUMMIT EXPERIENCE

- Sea Base -

OA OCEAN ADVENTURE

## New Heights for Scouting Adventures!

Is your troop planning a high adventure trip? Learn about Scouting America's four amazing High Adventure bases:

**Summit Bechtel Reserve** | Located in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is an adventure center for the millions of youths and adults who love the outdoors. Whether it's paddling inflatable kayaks down whitewater rapids, racing ATVs on backcountry tracks, or sharpening archery skills — there's a super-charged outdoor adventure waiting for everyone. With incredible facilities and amazing outdoor programs, The Summit is a place that takes your high adventure to the limits! A variety of fun outdoor activities including ziplining, challenge courses, shooting opportunities, skating, Specialized experiences in white water rafting down class 1-4 rapids, and Multi-day ATV trekking.

**Philmont Scout Ranch** | Philmont offers 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico wilderness. Experience backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and challenges such as rock climbing, mountain biking, and sport shooting. Philmont Scout Ranch even offers training, service programs, and best of the old west programs - burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history. It's an unbeatable recipe for fast-paced fun in the outdoors! Join the 20,000 participants every summer that partake in 7, 9, and 12-day specialty wilderness backpacking expeditions exploring over 315 miles of trails.

**Sea Base** | A unique destination offering aquatic programs found nowhere else. Explore the wonders of Sea Base with your friends, family, Troop, Team, or Crew. Whether your interests lie in sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing, ocean kayaking or paddle boarding, Sea Base can offer a combination of all. It's the ultimate maritime adventure! Programs offered are Scuba certification and diving adventures, Sailing excursions and entire week fishing programs, Water activities like kayaking, snorkeling, Coral Reef restoration programs and other STEM related education adventures. You can also explore the Bahamas and US Virgin Islands

**Northern Tier** | Come for a whole new level of adventure, up north! From incredible canoe journeys to wild winter wilderness camping, Northern Tier promises the adventure of a lifetime. Explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in the Great North Woods of northern Minnesota and Canada!

Explore 4 million acres across the Northern Tier bases with one-of-a-kind adventures, including: 6-12-day canoe treks - guided by an experienced staff member Winter adventures unlike anywhere else in the world. Experience snowshoeing, ice fishing, and ice-camping, and Specialty mushing camp and dog treks.

# Every Scout Deserves



# Leaders!



**Over half of our leaders are missing their position training!**

## **Training helps you:**

- Keep People Safe
- Explore Interests
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Build Youth Confidence
- Have Fun in Scouting
- And More!

## **Training Helps Your Unit:**

- Recruit More Youth
- Involve Families
- Retain Scouts
- Run Meaningful Program
- Build Community
- And More!

**Complete your Position Trainings Today:**

[gamehavenbsa.org/leadersupport](https://gamehavenbsa.org/leadersupport) 

*Online and In-Person Options Available!*



## Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)



BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) is comprised of an online prerequisite course to cover BSA national Cub Scout camping program guidelines and goals, followed by in person training. The in person training is an overnight camping trip with Baloo staff where Scouters will get a chance to play games. Learn what gear to take when camping with Cubs, and build their traditional Scouting skills like knots, map and compass, first aid, hiking, campfires and more. The course is taught by instructors who have a passion for their subjects. Along the way you will connect with other Cub Scout leaders and share wisdom, laughter. And a beautiful weekend in the Minnesota woods.

Registration Due by 11:59pm on April 23rd

\$35 per person, Fee includes Lunch and Dinner Saturday breakfast Sunday, as well as all training materials.

Training will be from 7:30 am 5/2/26 through noon 5/3/26

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Gamehaven Council



<https://www.scoutingevent.com/299-baloo26>

## Get Trained Quick! Your Five-Step Jumpstart

Are you a new leader? Or an existing leader looking to solidify or grow your skills? Follow this simple ten-step plan to become a “TRAINED” leader, and earn a FREE trained patch.

1. Fill out an Adult Application with attached Background Check consent form. Make sure it's signed by your unit's Chartered Organization Representative.
2. Complete Safeguarding Youth Training on [myscouting.org](https://myscouting.org)
3. Complete your learning modules by logging into [myscouting.org](https://myscouting.org) and selecting “Training”, then “Position-Specific Training” on the lefthand sidebar
4. Make a copy of the form below and turn into the council office
5. Explore continuing trainings like Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Wood Badge, and more!

## Training for Scouts BSA Youth

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) is a three-module program that goes over the basics of unit structure, communication, teamwork, and leadership. Troops can choose to hold their own ILST weekend, or participate in the council-wide ILST weekend hosted every year by our ILST youth committee. As this is a youth-led event, expect lots of games and fellowship along with learning! It is recommended that every Scout participates in ILST as it not only teaches new skills, but also helps advance those who have a grasp on leadership to a new level. ILST is a pre-requisite to attend National Youth Leadership Training.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (Optional overnight starts the night before)**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2027 (Optional overnight starts the night before)**



## Leader Support



“It takes a village to raise a child”, and it takes the hard work of parents, leaders, families, and more to run a Cub Pack or Scout Troop. From ordering advancements, to submitting member renewals, to planning S.A.F.E. events, Gamehaven Council is here with you, helping you have the best time and run the best program for your Scouts.

The Leader Support team is an umbrella of district commissioners, training committee members, and more - all dedicated to bringing you the best support you can get.

### SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Unit Consultations
- Webinars
- In-Person Trainings
- Watch-on-demand trainings
- And more!



# NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

FALL 2026 COURSE at Gamehaven Scout Camp

Weekend 1: 10/15 - 10/18 | Weekend 2: 10/24 - 10/25



## SAVE THE DATE

10.15-10.18 & 10.24-10.25

First Class Scouts BSA

\$225/Scout

**Gamehaven Scout Camp**

5015 Simpson Rd. SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

NYLT transforms the lives of the youth who attend, turning Leaders of others into dynamic Leaders of Leaders, creating the Leaders of tomorrow that today so desperately demands.

NYLT is an intensive course where youth teach youth leadership lessons and skills of leadership covering 14 core modules. It is a training course that models the ideal unit where each day is a week in the life of a unit. Youth see youth modeling the leadership tools they are teaching, and the participants get to practice and hone the skills they are learning.



[gamehavenbsa.org/nylt](http://gamehavenbsa.org/nylt)

# AWARDS YOU CAN EARN

## Den Leader Training Award



Overview: To recognize amazing den leaders who have completed training, tenure, and performance requirements.

Who is Eligible: Registered Den Leaders

## Gamehaven Scouter of the Year

Overview: To recognize extraordinary adult leaders in packs, troops, ships, and districts who have given back to their unit more than they have received.



## William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award



Overview: The William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award is presented to recognize volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units.

## District Award of Merit

Overview: The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.



## Veteran's Award



Overview: The veteran's award recognizes those dedicated volunteers who have spent a number of consecutive years registered in Scouting, in 5-year increments.



# THE SILVER BEAVER

The Silver Beaver is one of, if not the, highest awards that a local council can offer its members, and is annually given to two Gamehaven Scouters of the highest pedigree.

Overview: The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America.

Who is Eligible: Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

The Advancement and Recognitions committee plans and operates numerous youth advancement events throughout the year, including Merit Badge fairs and rallies. The committee also handles Eagle Scout Boards of Review, adult awards, and the annual council dinner.



## CONTACT

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507.208.0179

# Save the Date!



## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

The Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner is an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding people that have made Scouting in Gamehaven Council successful this year. Whether you're being recognized or not, you're invited to join us in an evening of recognition and thankfulness, food and drink, and pleasant company.

**Menu:** Country Salad, New York Strip Steak or Wild Rice and Gouda Chicken Roulade, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Chef's Blend Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner Rolls with Butter



**WHAT:** Volunteer Recognition Dinner

**WHEN:** April 22, 2026 from 5pm - 8pm

*Check-in from 5pm - 6pm*

*Dinner and Program begins at 6pm*

**WHERE:** Mayowood Stone Barn

*3385 Mayowood Rd SW, Rochester, MN*

**WHO:** All volunteers and guests

**COST:** \$40/plate

**REGISTER:**

[scoutingevent.com/299-annualdinner26](https://scoutingevent.com/299-annualdinner26)

Registration closes April 11th at 11:59pm



# Your Gamehaven Council Staff Team



**Arne Landsverk**  
Scout Executive/CEO

**Ask Me About**  
Fundraising  
Council Board  
Council Staff



**Barbara Swan**  
Office Manager

**Ask Me About**  
Scout Shop  
Reimbursements  
Communications



**Pam Legried**  
Registrar / Cust. Service

**Ask Me About**  
Unit Renewal  
Membership Renewal  
Scout Shop



**Emily Geary**  
Program Director

**Ask Me About**  
Camp Programs  
Gamehaven Camp  
Leader Training



**Tony DeBusk**  
District Executive

**Ask Me About**  
My Units!  
Fundraising  
Cub Recruitment



**Brad Walters**  
District Associate

**Ask Me About**  
My Units!  
Fundraising  
Cub Recruitment



**Scouting  
America**

**Gamehaven Council**

The Gamehaven Council Service Center is your headquarters of Scouting in Southeastern Minnesota! We have expert staff members, a Scout Shop stocked with Scouting essentials and more, and meeting space for our many council committees and groups.

**GAMEHAVEN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER**

511 Northern Hills Dr. NE  
Ste. 2  
Rochester, MN 55906

**HOURS:**

MON: 8am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm  
TUE: 8am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm  
WED: 8am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm  
THU: 8am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm  
FRI: 8am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm  
SAT: By Appointment only  
SUN: By appointment only

**PHONE: 507.287.1410**

## 2026 Unit Service Professional Assignments

### **Tony DeBusk**

Byron  
Cannon Falls  
Chatfield  
Dover  
Eyota  
Kellogg  
Lake City  
Lanesboro  
Plainview  
Red Wing  
St. Charles  
Stewartville  
Wabasha  
Winona  
Troop & Pack 80

### **Brad Walters**

Dodge Center  
Kasson  
Kenyon  
Mantorville  
Owatonna  
Pine Island  
Rochester  
Wanamingo  
Zumbrota

# Camp at Gamehaven!



The Gamehaven Scout Camp Properties Committee is a collection of involved volunteers at every level who help organize service and work crews at Gamehaven Scout Camp.

## GAMEHAVEN SCOUT CAMP

5015 Simpson Rd. SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

### HOURS:

Open by appointment only

PHONE: 507.287.1410

ONLINE: [gamehavenbsa.org/camp](http://gamehavenbsa.org/camp)

## CONTACT

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Nestled in the rolling farmlands just five minutes south of Rochester, Gamehaven Scout Camp is a hidden gem orbiting a major city. Founded in 1995, the camp offers innumerable program opportunities for members and non-members alike, but maybe its least-known feature is the cheap (and sometimes free) camp rental opportunities available to all member units. Every facility at Gamehaven has a reduced or eliminated price, subsidized by your annual council membership fees. **There are no per-person fees** - the price you see below is the price you get!

### Campsites

- North Camp Sites | FREE for member units
- South Camp Sites | FREE for member units

### Lodging

- Deer Lodge (sleeps 30) | \$60/night for member units
- Pheasant Lodge (sleeps 30) | \$60/night for member units
- Family Cabins (each sleeps 4) | \$30/night for member units

### Activity Areas

- Administration Conference Room | \$2.50/hr for member units
- North Dining Pavilion (enclosed) | \$35/3-hr block for member units
- South Dining Pavilion | \$20/day for member units
- Tindeuchen Fire Bowl | \$25/half-day (includes firewood)

### Rental Items

- Canoe & equipment | \$20/day for member units
- Kayak & equipment | \$20/day for member units
- Geocaching Kit | \$15/day for member units
- Sound System Kit | \$25/day for member units
- Projector Kit | \$25/day for member units





Members of Blue Ox Lodge, as part of maintaining their annual membership, are asked to pay an annual dues of \$20. This Dues Fee is used to license the program from our National office, support non-event expenses, fund service projects, and ensure the future of the lodge.

Lodge members may also choose to purchase an All-OXcess Pass at \$125. This pass covers attendance at regular OA events (a full list of which can be found on the pass purchasing page) and provides a small discount for attending all events.

To pay dues and/or purchase an All-Oxcess Pass, scan the code below.



<https://scoutingevent.com/299-oadues26>



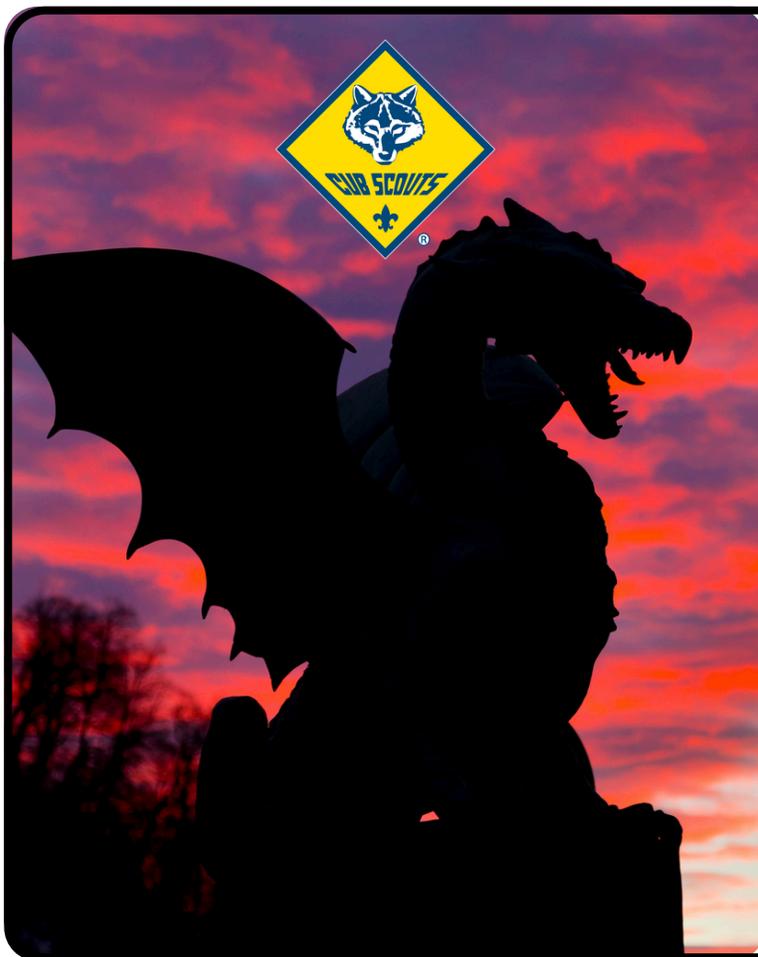
**"The Mission of the Order of the Arrow is to achieve the mission of Scouting America through transformative fellowship that ignites limitless Scouting journeys."**

## **2025 Mission Statement**

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law daily. The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society. As an integral part of Scouting America, the OA delivers peer-led advanced leadership experiences that help to build lifelong bonds through service and enrich each member's Scouting journey. OA members are defined by the fellowship they share, service to others, commitment to personal growth, and self-driven initiative to make a difference in their community.

## **CONTACT**

Andy Neuvirth  
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## Spring Family Adventure Day

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 9am - 4pm | Gamehaven Scout Camp

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?

**COST:** \$25/Youth (Grades K-5), \$5/Parents



<https://scoutingevent.com/299-springfa26>



## Fall Family Adventure Day

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 9am - 4pm | Gamehaven Scout Camp

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2027 | 9am - 4pm | Gamehaven Scout Camp

Our Biggest Cub Scout Event of the Year!

Whether this is your first year as a Cub or your fifth, there's something for you to do at Fall Family Adventure in Rochester, MN. Come for a day of fun games, activities, and more as we celebrate being Cubs together at camp.

All of your favorite stations are here - range activities, pumpkin bowling, crafts, yard games, and more. And it's FREE for all member Cub Scouts to come and attend!



<https://scoutingevent.com/299-fallfa26>



## Polar Cubs

February 28th, 2026 | 9am - 4pm | Gamehaven Scout Camp

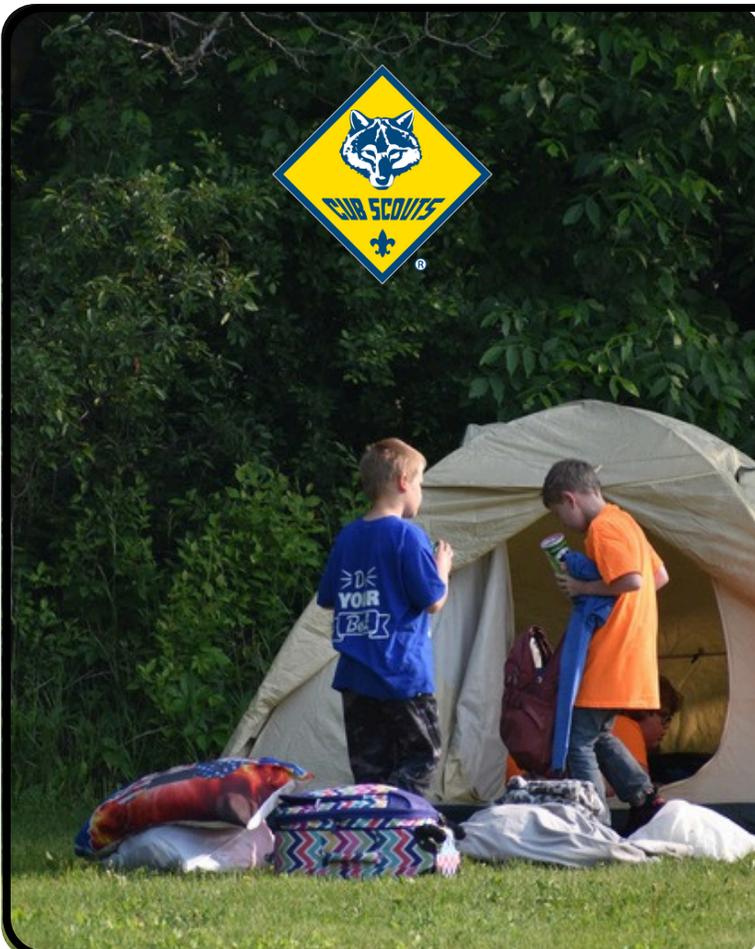
January 16th, 2027 | 9am - 4pm | Gamehaven Scout Camp

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!

**COST:** \$25/Non-Member Youth, \$10/Parents & Guardians



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



## Summer Camps

June 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Gamehaven Scout Camp

*Theme: Move It!*

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 9am - 4pm | YMCA Camp We-No-Nah

*Theme: Pirates*

July 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Gamehaven Scout Camp

*Theme: Explorers*

August 8<sup>th</sup> | 9am - 4pm | Lands Lutheran Church, Zumbrota

*Theme: Prehistoric*

ALL of our Summer Cub programs will include opportunities to earn Cub advancements and belt loops!



<https://gamehavenbsa.org/camp>



## Operation Icicle

Scout Weekend: January 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2027

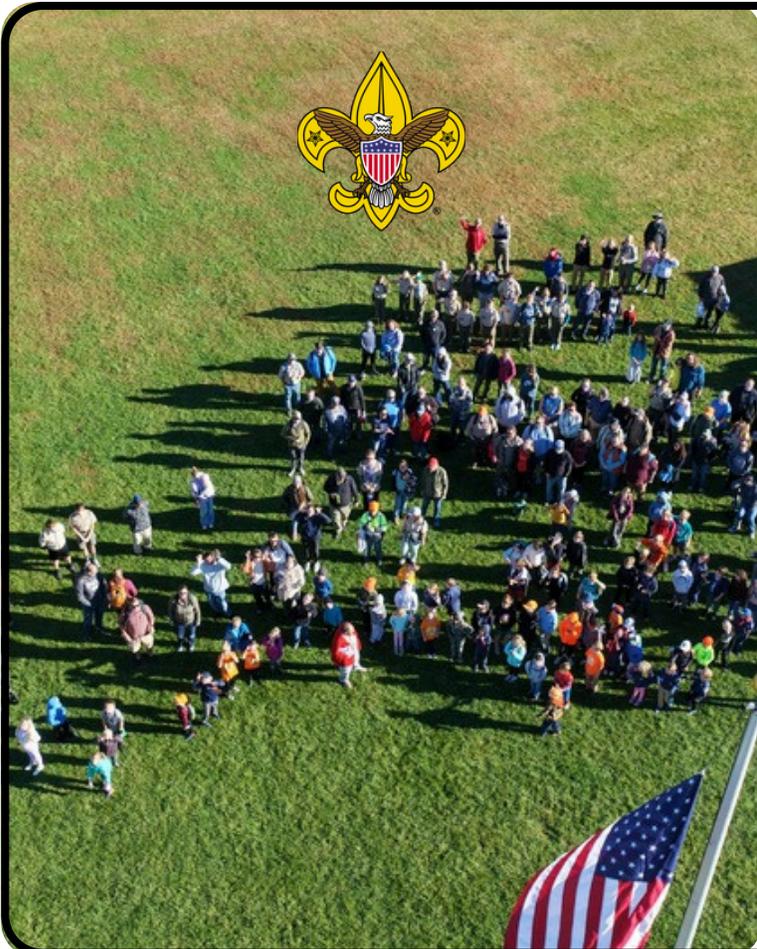
Cub Weekend: January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2027

“It’s like Summer Camp, but in the winter!” Our Scouts love going to Operation Icicle and participating in intense and rewarding activities and group challenges. Like summer camp, you can earn merit badges, hang with friends (or make some new), eat meals in our dining hall, and participate in themed activities.

**COST:** \$100/Member Youth



<https://gamehavenbsa.org/camp>



## Operation Iron Scout

March 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Gamehaven Scout Camp

April 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2027 | Gamehaven Scout Camp



Iron Scout is a troop-based camping experience akin to camporees. While troops will camp and cook together, they will participate in a slate of exciting camp activities around designated merit badges. **COST:** \$15/Scout

**2026 Badge:** Mining in Society | **2027 Badge:** Inventing



<https://gamehavenbsa.org/camp>

# Camp-O-Rees

Three times per year, Scouts BSA troops in Gamehaven Council gather for a celebration of camping and Scouting in Southeastern Minnesota.

## Spring Camporee 2026 | Survival in the Zombie Apocalypse

April 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Gamehaven Scout Camp

## Fall Camporee 2026 | District Scale Camporees

September 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Lazy D's Campground\* & Gamehaven Scout Camp

\**Tentative*

## Klondike Camporee 2027 | Outdoor Winter Adventure

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2027 | Phillippo Scout Camp, Cannon Falls (*Tentative*)

## Spring Camporee 2027 | Welcome to Broers

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2027 | Broers Adventure Camp

## Fall Camporee 2027 | District Scale Camporees

September 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2027 | Multiple Locations

Camporee - that time when our Scout Troops come together for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and a little bit of healthy competition while enjoying the outdoors. Camporees are held three times per year, hosted by the Outdoor Programs and Camping committee with themes and advancement opportunities for every Scout to enjoy. This is a great easy weekend to participate in as a troop - just plan your food and send us your numbers in advance. Every camporee includes a troop site competition, program time, free time, interfaith service, campfire ceremony, and more.

This is also a great opportunity to invite Arrow-of-Light Cub Scouts to join your troop to learn more about the Scouts BSA program!

Scouts BSA Council Camporee Attendance is subsidized by the annual council fees and by donations from families like yours - thank you!

## Outdoor Programs and Camping

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# MARCH 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						OA Lumberjack Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						Spring Merit Badge Rally
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Operation Iron Scout	
29	30	31				
OIS (cont)						



our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_  
 we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

March is Women’s History Month in the United States.  
 Did you know that the first Co-ed Scouting program  
 (Exploring, later Venturing) in America started in 1969?

# APRIL 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday

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saturday



			1	2	3 Council Service Center Closed	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11 Work Weekend at GSC
12	13	14	15 	16	17	18 Council Grand Prix
19	20	21	22 Volunteer Recognition Dinner	23	24	25 Spring Camporee
26 Camporee (cont)	27	28	29	30		

our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_

we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

Earth Day falls on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

*The Outdoor Code has been a staple of the Scouting Program since 1955. It reminds all Scouts to be responsible in the outdoors.*

# MAY 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

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saturday



1	2
OA Spring Induction	

3 OA (cont)	4	5	6	7	8	9 Spring Family Adventure
10	11	12	13	14 Spring Sporting Clays	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25  Council Service Center Closed	26	27	28	29	30

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our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_

we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

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# JUNE 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
 1	2	3	4	5	Broers Adventure Camp Grand Opening	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
 14	15	16	17	18	 Council Service Center Closed	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Summer (cont)	29	30	June 8 is World Oceans Day <i>Scouting' second High Adventure Base was founded in Florida in 1980. Scouts go on all sorts of ocean adventures at this "Sea Base"</i>			



our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_  
 we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

# JULY 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1	2	3 <i>Council Service Center Closed</i>	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Winona Summer Day
12	13	14	15	16	17 Summer Camp at GSC	18
19 Summer (cont)	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Product Sale Kickoffs (by district)				
26	27	28	29	30	31	

our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_  
 we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

July 29 is International Tiger Day  
*Tigers - the Cub program for first-grade youth - was  
 first started in 1982. RAWR!*



# AUGUST 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

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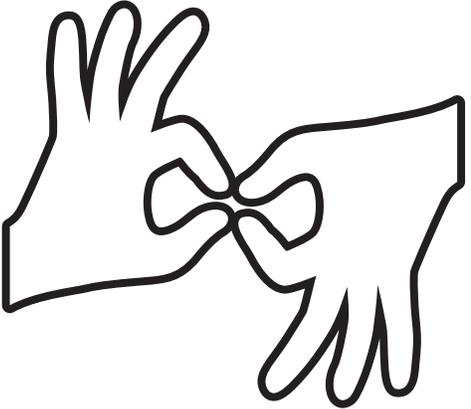
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August is National Dog Month  
*The Dog Care merit badge has been available for  
 Scouts to earn since 1938.*

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
					OA Blue Ox Games		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
OA (cont)					Arrow of Light Outpost		
30	31	our fun unit activity this month: _____					
AOL (cont)		we need to get ready for: _____					

# SEPTEMBER 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7  Council Service Center Closed	8	9	10	11	12 Killen Sporting Clays
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Fall Camporees
27 Camporees (cont)	28	29	30			

our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_  
 we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is International Sign Language Day  
*In addition to all spoken languages, Scouting America offers an Interpreter Strip recognition for Scouts and Scouters fluent in American Sign Language*

# OCTOBER 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

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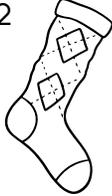
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October 12th is Silly Sock Day in the U.S.

*Sorry, Scout Socks don't count.*

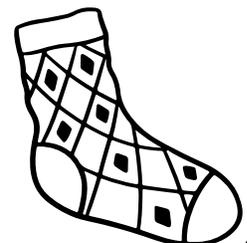
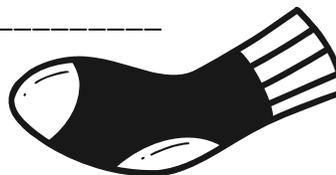
*They are very serious socks.*



				1	2	3
					OA Fall Induction	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
OA (cont)						Fall Family Adventure
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				National Youth Leadership Training - Weekend 1		
				Gamehaven Art Camp		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NYLT (cont)						NYLT Weekend 2
						Camp Work Weekend
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NYLT Weekend 2						

our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_

we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_



# NOVEMBER 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	
1	2	3 	4	5	6	7 Fall Merit Badge Rally	
8	9	10	11  Council Service Center Closed	12	13 OA Lodge Leadership Development	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26  Council Service Center Closed	27 Council Service Center Closed	28	
29	30	our fun unit activity this month: _____ we need to get ready for: _____					

November is Native American Heritage Month  
*One of the founders of Scouting America, Charles Eastman (Ohiyesa) was born in Minnesota a member of the Santee Dakota nation.*



# DECEMBER 2026 | UNIT CALENDAR

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		1	2	3	4	5
					OA Winterfest	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Council Service Center Closed	Council Service Center Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		

our fun unit activity this month:

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we need to get ready for:

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December 25<sup>th</sup> is National Pumpkin Pie Day  
*Pumpkin Pie Dump Cake for a Dutch Oven:*  
*Mix 1 large can of pumpkin puree, 3 eggs, 1 can of evaporated milk, and pumpkin pie spice. Layer in oven with yellow cake mix and pour a can of 7-up over. Cook at 350 for 50-60 minutes.*

# JANUARY 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

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our fun unit activity this month:

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we need to get ready for:

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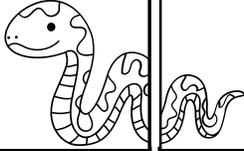
3 OA Banquet	4	5	6	7	8 Operation Icicle Scouts	9
10 Op Ice (cont)	11	12	13	14	15	16 Polar Cubs!
17	18 Council Service Center Closed	19	20	21	22 Operation Icicle Cubs	23
24 Op Ice (cont)	25	26	27	28	29 Klondike Camporee	30

31 Klondike (cont)
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Happy New Year Gamehaven!

*The Gregorian Calendar replaced the Julian Calendar in 1582, and is the most-used calendar today. The previous calendar - the Julian Calendar - miscalculated the solar year by about 11 minutes, which led to a drift of about 10 days by the time it was replaced.*

# FEBRUARY 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Ice Fishing Ultimate Sledding
14 Valentine's Lockin	15 Council Service Center Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

28

our fun unit activity this month:

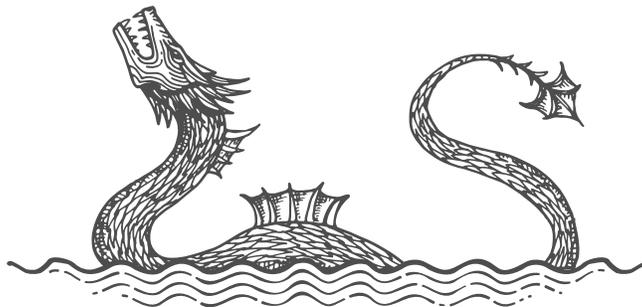
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we need to get ready for:

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February 1<sup>st</sup> is National Serpent Day

*Gamehaven Scout Camp is home to lots of corn and rat snakes who help us keep our grounds pest-free. Thanks snakes!*



# MARCH 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2 	3	4	5 ILST	6 ILST
7	8	9 	10	11	12	13 (OA) Lumberjack Day
14	15	16 	17 	18	19	20 Spring Merit Badge Rally
21	22	23 	24	25	26 Council Service Center Closed	27
28 	29	30 	31	our fun unit activity this month: _____  we need to get ready for: _____		

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss Day

*"The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go."*



# APRIL 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

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*Thank You*

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	Operation Iron Scout	
11	OIS (cont)		13	14	15	16
Camp Work Weekend						
18	19	20	21	22	Spring Camporee	
25	Camporee (cont)		27	28	29	30
					OA Ind. --->	

April is National Volunteer Month!

our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_

If you're reading this.... thanks! :-)

we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

# MAY 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

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our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_

we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

1
OA Induction

2 OA (cont.)	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Spring Clay Shoot	14	15 Spring Family Adventure
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 	25	26	27	28	29

30	31 Council Service Center Closed
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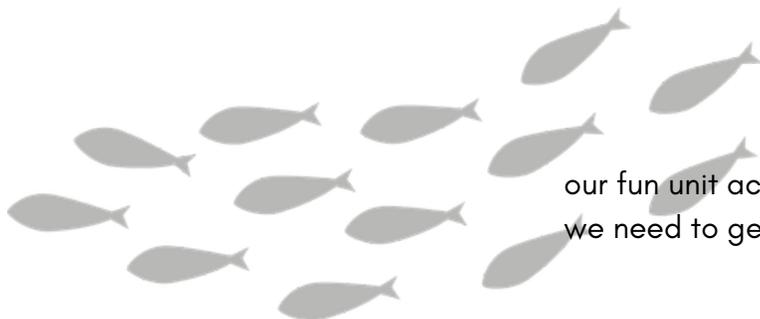
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17	18 <i>Council Service Center Closed</i>	19 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<p>June 8 is World Oceans Day Scouting' second High Adventure Base was founded in Florida in 1980. Scouts go on all sorts of ocean adventures at this "Sea Base"</p>		



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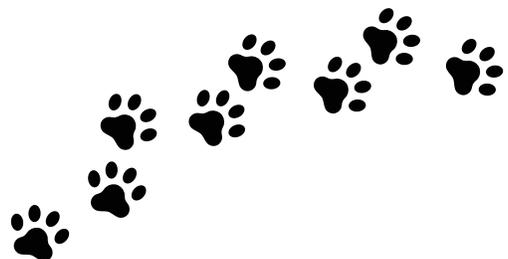


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4 	5 Council Service Center Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	Product Sale Kickoffs (by district)			23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					OA Blue Ox Games	
29	30	31				
OA (cont)						

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# SEPTEMBER 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

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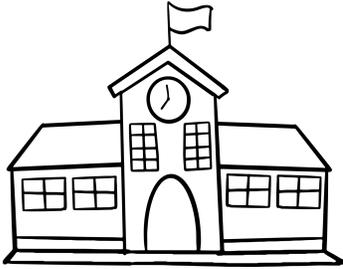
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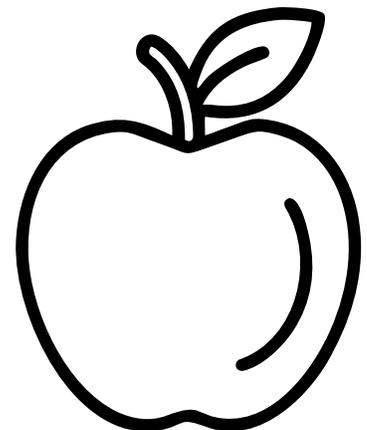
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5	6 Council Service Center Closed	7	8	9	10	11 Killen Sporting Clays
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Fall Camporee	25
26 Camporee (cont)	27	28	29	30		



our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_  
 we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

September is Back to School Month!  
 And it's the best opportunity for you to hold a Join  
 Scouting Night at your local elementary school!

# OCTOBER 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

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October 31st is Halloween in the U.S.  
*Trick or Treat!*

our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_  
 we need to get ready for: \_\_\_\_\_

1	2
OA Fall Induction	

3 OA (cont)	4	5	6	7	8	9 Fall Family Adventure
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Fall Camp Work Weekend
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				National Youth Leadership Training - Weekend 1		
				Gamehaven Art Camp		

24 NYLT (cont)	25	26	27	28	29	30 NYLT Weekend 2
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31 NYLT Weekend 2




# NOVEMBER 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Fall Merit Badge Rally
7	8	9	10	11  Council Service Center Closed	12 OA Lodge Leadership Development	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  Council Service Center Closed	26 Council Service Center Closed	27
28	29	30	our fun unit activity this month: _____ we need to get ready for: _____			

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# DECEMBER 2027 | UNIT CALENDAR

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			1	2	3	4
					OA Winter Fellowship	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				<i>Council Service Center Closed</i>	<i>Council Service Center Closed</i>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	<i>Council Service Center Closed</i>					

our fun unit activity this month: \_\_\_\_\_

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Happy New Year Gamehaven!

*Thanks for being a Scout this year!*





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