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GAMEHAVEN SCOUTS BSA

NEWSLETTER



Schools out and many Scouts are planning their summer activities. Inside these pages you will find what Gamehaven Camp is offering this summer as well as a peek at what to expect this fall.



Scout Night with the Minnesota Vikings

- *Playing the Baltimore Ravens*
- *Saturday, August 22nd*
- *Kickoff - Noon*
- *Location- US Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, MN*
- *Cost- \$22.50/ticket*
- *Register online at Vikings website -*
<https://am.ticketmaster.com/vikings/promotional-page?id=MTY4Mw==>
- *use code: GAMEHAVEN26*



Fall Merit Badge Rally - Sat. October 24th

Save The Date For Fall's Merit Badge Rally.

- October 24th - 7am-4:30pm
- Location: MN State College SE, in Winona
- Currently working with the committee to get the line up of merit badges for this event. As we get committments, we will update everyone.
- Registration should open by September 14th.
- Newsletters and website will be updated as we move forward.



*Don't Forget to
Wish Dad a
Happy Father's
Day On
June 21st.*

OA - PLAYS IN THE PARK - June 14th

Looking for something to do today? The Order of the Arrow is hosting Play in the Park Day!

Date: June 14 Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Veterans Memorial (North) Park 399 7th St NW, Kasson, MN 55944 (Specific pavilion to be announced)

Get outside and play! Join us for the third Arrowmen Activation Event featuring LEC activities, yard games, snacks, and plenty of fellowship. This is a relaxed, family-friendly afternoon designed to build connections and enjoy scouting fun in the sunshine.

Cost: FREE



ORDER OF ARROW SPLASH EVENT

Date: Sunday, July 12th

Time: 2:00pm-4:30pm

Location: Colvill Aquatic Center - 480 Nymphara Ln, Red Wing, MN 55066

We're wrapping up our activation series with a splash! Celebrate summer at the pool during our fourth Arrowmen Activation event. Cool off, relax, and enjoy an afternoon of **water fun and fellowship** with your fellow Arrowmen.

Cost: \$8 at the door (covers pool day pass)

Free for New Arrowmen

Free for all OX Pass holders

Registration closes: on Friday, July 10th at noon!

Important to register so we can plan ahead.

REGISTER NOW



SCOUTING AMERICA™

ORDER OF THE ARROW

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.



Fall Popcorn Sales 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. **Click on the button to sign up for the meetings.**

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

REGISTER NOW



LEAVE NO TRACE ARTICLE #3

LEAVE NO TRACE Dispose of Waste Properly



The waste humans create while enjoying outdoor spaces can have severe impacts if not disposed of properly. It is crucial to anticipate the types of waste you will need to dispose of and know the proper techniques for disposing of each type of waste in the area you are visiting.

Proper disposal of human waste is important to avoid pollution of water sources, avoid the negative implications of someone else finding it, minimize the possibility of spreading disease and maximize the rate of decomposition.

"Pack it in, Pack it out" is a familiar mantra. Trash items can take significant time to break down, are incredibly harmful to wildlife, and are unsightly to other visitors. It is critical to wildlife that we pack out kitchen waste, such as bacon grease and leftovers.

Overlooked trash is litter, which but can also be deadly. Plastic bags, cigarette butts, fishing line, and other trash can harm our environment when not properly disposed of

When washing your dishes, it is essential to reduce water contamination. Do not wash directly in a lake or stream;



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

[Leave No Trace Website](#)

[Conservation Good Turn Award](#)

[Outdoor Ethics Award](#)

ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A CAMPSITE

- Plan meals to avoid generating messy, smelly garbage
- Don't count on a fire to dispose of it. Half-burned or buried garbage will still attract animals and make a site unattractive to other visitors.
- Carry bags to haul your trash (and maybe someone else's)
- carry water 200 feet away from water sources and scatter strained wastewater
- Before moving on from an area, search for micro-trash, such as bits of food and trash, including organic litter like orange peels or pistachio shells

Pop Up Merit Badge- Rifle Shooting

We still have 4 spots open to attend the upcoming PopUp Rifle shooting Merit Badge this Wednesday.

Scouts will have the opportunity to complete all classroom requirements during the initial session. Blake has made arrangements with Southern MN Sportsmans Club to use their range for the shooting portion. Space is limited to 12 Scouts! This class will be led by camp rangemaster Blake Clermont. Dress for the weather- we'll be outside for a significant portion of the course.

Date: Wednesday -June 17, 2026

Time: Class starts at 5:30pm-8:00pm

Cost: \$25/ Scout

Location: Gamehaven Scout Camp- 5015 Simpson Road
Rochester, MN 55904

Registration Deadline: Hurry Deadline is Mon. June 16th noon!



REGISTER NOW

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP LAUNCH MEETINGS ATTENTION ALL LEADERS!

Let's Grow Scouting Together!

During the months of June and July Gamehaven Council is having meetings to help units get ready for Join Scouting Nights in September. We ask that at least one person from each unit plan on attending. Sign up today by clicking on the button below!

Wakpaota District	Sugar Loaf District	Hiawatha District
Thursday, June 18th	Tuesday, July 14th	Thursday, July 16th
Wannamingo Community Center	Moose Lodge-St. Charles	Hosanna Lutheran Church
Time: 6:00 pm	Time: 6:30 pm	Time: 6:30 pm

REGISTER NOW

Knives- A New Style Just Arrived at Gamehaven Store

- 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*



Hurry! We have limited supply and may not be able to re-order!

OPEN CAMP - Still Time to Sign up for July 24.

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

Many Scout troops in the summer tend to go to various summer camps. PLUS - units may choose to supplement their program with additional staffed stations open for the weekend. Still time to sign up for the July 24-26 Camp weekend at Gamehaven Council.



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**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

**Deadline to register is
Thursday, July 23rd.**

HIAWATHA & SUGARLOAF FALL CAMPOREE

SAVE THE DATES

- **WHO:** All ScoutsBSA youth/adults
- **THEME:** Scouts are invited to partake in our America250 celebration camporee. They will have opportunities to complete requirements towards the America250 award. Program will be based around USA history and the AM250 award including: black powder demos, hard tack cooking, Civic/Volunteer service, colonial games and a special American themed campfire and huge flag retirement ceremony.
- **DATE:** September 18th-20th (Friday-Sunday)
- **LOCATION:** Gamehaven Scout Camp

We should have sign-up and more detailed information in our July newsletter.



WAKPAOTA FALL CAMPOREE

SAVE THE DATES

WHO: All ScoutsBSA youth/adults

THEME: Scouts are invited to Lazy D campground for the Wakpaota Fall Camporee. Scouts will have the opportunity to explore White Water state park, free time for troops to work on rank requirements, and partake and special Dutch oven cooking programs.

DATE: September 25-27th (friday-Sunday)

LOCATION: Lazy D Campground

We should have sign-up and more detailed information in our July newsletter.