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GAMEHAVEN CUB SCOUTS

NEWSLETTER



Summer Cub Scout Adventures Continue

Summer fun is still going strong! Look inside for upcoming Cub Scout adventures, family activities, and important July and August updates from Gamehaven Council.



Notes From the Registrar

Renewal Tidbit

My thanks to the Unit Leaders that are keeping on top of their members that are due to renew! Following is some important information about who receives Scouting America email notifications and some changes about the process.

- **The Key 3 Leaders**, which are the Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Skipper, or Explorer Post Advisor), the Committee Chair, and the Chartered Org Rep, receive Scouting America notification emails about members due to renew, but not those assigned to the Key 3 Delegate role in my.scouting.org > Position Manager > Functional Roles or in Scoutbook Plus > Permissions Manager > Assign Position.
- The same goes for people assigned the Registration Inquiry role. They will not receive Scouting America email notifications about **leads** in Invitation Manager or applications in **Application Manager**. However, the delegated role does give them access to these tools once they login to their my.scouting.org account, so I recommend that the Key 3 Leaders forward these notifications to their delegated people.

How members are renewed remains the same process in 2026, but the ability to renew members after registration has expired is changing:

National is transitioning away from the 60-day lapse period for renewals beginning November 1, 2026.

- Registrations with expiry dates on or before 10/31/26 have the 60-day grace period.
- Members renewing in November have a 30-day grace period, until 12/30/2026.
- Those renewing in December must renew by December 30, 2026, to avoid being dropped. Eligible to renew, unit only, opens at 90 days before registration expiry. For members renewing themselves, or youth, it opens 60 days before.
- **PLEASE share this information with your registrants if they are expected to renew themselves, or their youth.** Unit leaders wanting me to renew their members by year end are to submit the list of members to renew using the Unit payment of Membership report, along with the renewal fees, to Gamehaven Council by Monday, December 14, 2026, so I have time to process the renewals. As the bulk of our members have the 12/31/2026 registration expiry dates this year, start thinking about managing this process before November 1, 2026.
- Expect communications from me in the upcoming months about the change to the Unit Renewal process. The reason for this change? By February 2028, Scouting America is transitioning to a plan that all units and members have a single, common renewal month of February. Yay! The upcoming unit renewal will involve the standard Unit Renewal fee plus a monthly pro-rata fee through February 2028. Once we receive the details of that information from Scouting America, I will forward it to Key 3 Leaders.

Notes from Registrar (cont)

Safeguarding Youth Protection Training and Suspensions Tidbit

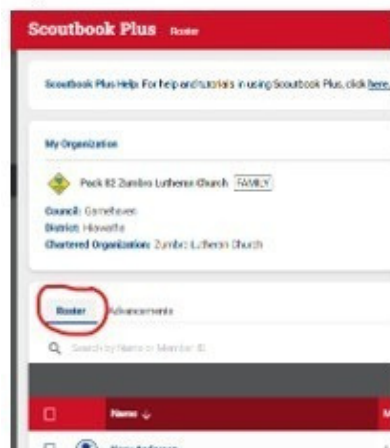
Have you recently noticed that adult members are missing from your roster in **Scoutbook Plus** and in **my.scouting.org**? There's a good chance that is due to youth protection training expiring. Gamehaven Council Board's policy dictates suspension of adult members' registrations who are not current with Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT). There were about 50 adult members who received an email notice of suspension this past week from me for their 5/31/26 expiration of youth protection training.

Recruitment Tidbit

Final tidbit for Key leaders as we head into recruitment season: When using the **Copy URL button in the Invitation Manager tool** of my.scouting.org for applying to your Unit, please **send the link in an email to your new prospects and not in a text message (SMS)**. I'm seeing issues with online applications submitted from links in SMS.

Have questions? Contact me at **Pamela.Legried@scouting.org** or call my direct line, 507-361-5341.

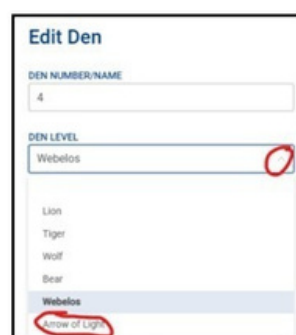
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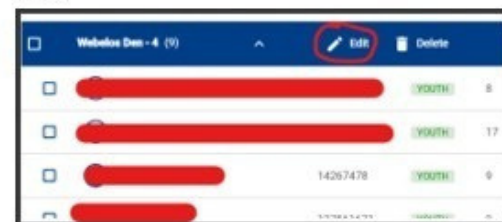
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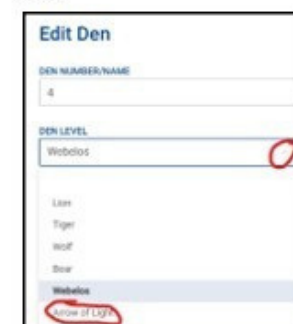
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Step 4:



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Summer Cub Adventures

Gamehaven has TWO Amazing Cub Scout Camp Adventures Left This Summer!



REGISTER NOW

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.**

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***



DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP LAUNCH MEETINGS

ATTENTION CUB SCOUT LEADERS!

Let's Grow Scouting Together!

Next Week 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. *We have not seen many signups, each pack needs to send one leader to attend this mandatory meeting.*

Wakpaota District	Sugar Loaf District	Hiawatha District
Tuesday, July 15th	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

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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 next newsletter.
Watch our Website for updates too!*



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?srsId=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.



Liberty Patch is now available at the Council Retail Store

OPEN CAMP - July 24th

Gamehaven ScoutCamp 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

We still have openings for the July 24th weekend 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.



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

- **9am-noon-** open challenge course time
- **1pm-5pm** - Open ranges (Archery & BB Gun)
- **11am-4pm** - Camp Trading Post Opens
- **8pm-10pm** - Open Campfire.

Cost is only \$25/unit

Deadline for July 24th Camp:

Thursday, July 23, 2026 noon

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. Click on the link to sign up for the meetings.

Training Information:

- **Sugar loaf District:** Tuesday, July 21 - 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

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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



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.

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LEAVE NO TRACE

Leave What You Find



Scouts love to explore the outdoors. Principle 4, Leave What You Find, reminds us to enjoy discoveries without taking them home or damaging them. Rocks, flowers, feathers, animal signs, and historic objects are part of the story of a place.

A picked flower, carved name, or moved rock may seem small, but many small changes add up. Plants provide food and shelter for wildlife, and natural objects help keep soil, streams, and habitats healthy.

This principle also applies to cultural and historic resources. Old foundations, artifacts, tools, markers, and structures should be observed, photographed, and left in place for others to learn from.

Scouts can still be curious. Take photos, sketch what you see, ask questions, and record observations in a notebook. The goal is to learn from nature while leaving the outdoor experience intact for the next visitor.



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Leave No Trace Website

Conservation Good Turn Award

Outdoor Ethics Award

WAYS TO PRACTICE LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Leave rocks, plants, feathers, antlers, and artifacts where they are found.
- Do not carve, scratch, or write on trees, benches, shelters, or rocks.
- Take pictures or make drawings instead of collecting outdoor items.
- Avoid picking flowers or pulling up plants.
- Look at historic structures and cultural objects with respect and leave them undisturbed.