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GAMEHAVEN CUB SCOUTS

NEWSLETTER



Gearing Up For a Fun and Exciting Cub Scout Season!

Inside these pages, Cub Scouts, families, and leaders will find the latest news about what's happening this fall at Gamehaven Council. Be sure to mark your calendar for our Cub Scout Fall Family Adventure on October 10! You'll also get a sneak peek at other upcoming events and activities as we kick off another exciting Scouting season.



SIGN UP TODAY 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 optional overnight)
- **LOCATION:** 5015 Simpson Rd SE, Rochester
- **TIME:** 8am-4pm Saturday (Overnight will dismiss by noon on Sunday)



ACTIVITIES PLANNED INCLUDE:

- Pumpkin bowling
- Challenge course - warping through time
- Knot challenge - Learn about tying knots and how to rope like a cowboy
- Archery & BB Gun - Western theme ranges
- Slingshot/Morse Code
- Crafts - Corn Husk Dolls
- Fire Building/Volcano Demonstration
- Animal Tracking
- Cardboard Robots
- Liberty in Action
 - Hoop & Stick Game Time
 - What Scouting is all about

Get all the details at : <https://scoutingevent.com/299-fallfa26>

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: We encourage units to register their cub scouts and families using the their Black Pug pack account . Parents let you leaders know who is attending. Registering the entire unit makes for easier check in on Saturday.

Registration closes at noon on Monday, October 5th



SPECIAL SATURDAY RETAIL HOURS

- **Saturday, September 19th - 11am- 4pm** - Gamehaven Council Retail store will be open to help Scouts and leaders with what they need to start the new Scout season. We will answer any questions you might have. Our location is 511 Northern Hills Dr NE, Ste. 2, Rochester, MN 55906.
- **Saturday, October 10th - 8:30am-1pm** -Pam and Barbara will be at Gamehaven Scout Camp with a mini Trading Post selling what you need to start your Scout season; uniform shirts, books, uniform patches, belts, neckerchiefs, slides, etc. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

ATTENTION CUB SCOUT LEADERS

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 10/2/2026

- \$35 per person, Fee includes Lunch and Dinner Saturday breakfast Sunday, as well as all training materials.
- Training Date - October 10th- October 11th (7:30am Saturday - Noon on Sunday)
- Location: Gamehaven Scout Camp (5015 Simpson Road SE, Rochester, MN 55904) at Deer Lodge
- Baloo Flyer located: <https://scoutinggamehaven.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/10.10.2026-Baloo-Training.pdf>



IN-STORE MONTHLY OFFERS

STOP IN & SAVE!

2 WAYS TO SAVE ON UNIFORMS

SAVE 10%

ON UNIFORM BOTTOMS
WHEN YOU PURCHASE ANY
MATCHING UNIFORM TOP.*

OFFER VALID 7/27/26 - 12/31/26

OR

SAVE 20%

WHEN YOU PURCHASE
A FULL UNIFORM.*

OFFER VALID 7/27/26 - 10/31/26

*RESTRICTIONS APPLY. QUALIFYING ITEMS AND FULL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS VARY BY OFFER. SEE ASSOCIATE FOR DETAILS. VALID FOR CUB SCOUTS, SCOUTS BSA, AND VENTURING.

JOIN SCOUTING NIGHT MATERIALS

Fall recruitment is right around the corner, and Gamehaven Council is ready to help your unit make its Join Scouting Night a success! Units can now use our online request form to select the promotional materials they need for upcoming recruitment events.

Available materials include:

- “Adventure On” invitation postcards
- Join Cub Scouts “Adventure On” stickers
- Scout Life sampler magazines
- Cub Scouts photo frame
- Join Scouting banners
- Join Cub Scouts yard signs
- Customizable Join Scouting Night flyers

Please submit your request as early as possible so there is plenty of time to prepare your materials before your event.

Request your Join Scouting Night materials here: [Scouting Materials Request](#)

EXCITING CHANGES COMING TO OUR WEBSITE!

Exciting changes are coming to the Gamehaven Council website! We have hired Skol Marketing to review and redesign our site with a fresh, updated look that will make it easier for Scout families and volunteers to find the information they need. Our council staff has worked hard to keep up with changes and the structuring of the website, and we are excited about this opportunity to make it even better. In the next 10 weeks, you will see updates on our new website. You may continue using the current website during this process to find information about upcoming events, training opportunities, and other helpful resources. We appreciate your patience while this work is underway and look forward to providing a more welcoming, reliable, and user-friendly online experience for everyone in our Scouting community.

Please note that our website address is now www.scoutinggamehaven.org.

Be sure to update your saved bookmarks and remove the old website address.

Thank you!

ATTENTION CUB SCOUT LEADERS

Time to reserve pinewood derby track for 2027

With the new season of Cub Scouts happening in September, leaders also have to think ahead to who will be needing to reserve the pinewood derby track for 2027 season. I have already had some packs call or email me with wanting to know if a certain date is available. The cost to rent the track is based on the number of Cub Scouts you have in your pack. I take that number and multiply by \$1.75/Cub to get the cost of renting the track. Yes, our rate has gone up 25 cents per scout, but has held at the previous cost for multiple years. I have attached a form on the next page, for the unit to complete and email back to me.



Email form back to

Barbara.swan@scouting.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 15 & 16, 2026** - Art Camp @GSC - Should have info out on this next week.
- **January 16, 2027** - Polar Cubs Day Camp @ GSC(Gamehaven Scout Camp)
- **January 22-24, 2027** - Operation Icicle Cub Scouts @ GSC (Gamehaven Scout Camp)
- **February 13, 2027** - Ice Fishing Contest @ GSC (Gamehaven Scout Camp)
- **February 13, 2027** - Ultimate Sledding @ GSC (Gamehaven Scout Camp)

Should have information on all of these events by our next newsletter in September.

WEST CONCORD - HISTORICAL SCOUT EXHIBIT

The West Concord Historical Society building in the section the Scout exhibit exists has been under external roof repairs. A recent storm in West Concord resulted in major water leaks. The exhibit and others impacted had to be removed to allow for industrial drying equipment to run which removes all water from the ceiling, walls, and floors. Fortunately, the exhibit experienced very minor damage and nothing was lost which cannot be replaced.

If all goes well, the exhibit will reopen later in September or early October once the roof upgrade is finished. *Special thanks to Mr Chris Dietz, Jason Kozisek, Eric Reuss, and Evan Goranson for their assistance in helping to remove artifacts from the exhibit.*

Pinewood Derby 2027 TrackReservation

Unit: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dates (MM/DD/YY) Please fill in all 3 dates:

• 1st Choice: ____/____/____ •

2nd Choice: ____/____/____ • 3rd

Choice: ____/____/____ **Venue:**

Where are you having your PWD event this year?

Number of Cub Scouts Currently Registered: _____

Please return this form to Barbara Swan at Gamehaven Council
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