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GAMEHAVEN SCOUTS BSA

# NEWSLETTER

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Inside these pages, Scouts BSA youth, families, and leaders will find the latest news about what's happening this fall at Gamehaven Council. We have two great Camporees planned in September. You'll also get a sneak peek at other upcoming events and activities as we kick off another exciting Scouting season.



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## HIAWATHA & SUGARLOAF FALL CAMPOREE

### Registration is now open for this event

- **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-20<sup>th</sup> (Friday-Sunday)
- **LOCATION:** Gamehaven Scout Camp
- **DETAILS:** - go to [Black Pug Site](#)



*Registration closes September 11th @noon*



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## WAKPAOTA FALL CAMPOREE

### Registration now open for this event

**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 Whitewater State Park, free time for troops to work on rank requirements, and partake and special Dutch oven cooking programs.

**DATE:** September 25-27<sup>th</sup> (Friday-Sunday)

**LOCATION:** Lazy D Campground

**DETAILS:** Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/299-2026WakFallCamporee>



*Registration closes September 18th @noon*

## Fall Merit Badge Rally - Sat. October 24th

### Save The Date For The Fall Merit Badge Rally.

- October 24<sup>th</sup> - 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. Hope to have the list of classes to send out to everyone by the end of August.
- Registration should open by September 14th.



## Mark Your Calendars For Future Troop Events

- January 8-10, 2027 - Operation Icicle Scouts BSA -At Gamehaven Scout Camp
- January 29-31, 2027 - Council Wide Winter Klondike (Camporee) -
- April 30-May 2, 2027 - Council Wide Spring Camporee

*We should have more information on these events in our next newsletter. Thank you!*

## 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.*

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## 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 begin to see updates and improvements throughout our new web site. 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](http://www.scoutinggamehaven.org).

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

Thank you!

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## WE ARE HIRING - DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Do you want to help build stronger futures for youth and build our communities' future leaders? Are you a relentless achiever, driven by results and the pursuit of excellence? Do you thrive building relationships, enjoy new daily experiences, being a part of a team? As a District Executive, you will help deliver Scouting's mission locally by supporting volunteers, engaging community partners, growing membership, and leading fundraising efforts.

### Qualifications:

- Must be willing to accept and meet Scouting America's leadership and membership standards and subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Education: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university – transcripts required.
- Ability to work varied hours, including evenings and weekends.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and interacting with diverse audiences.
- Provide and maintain an automobile in the performance of your duties.

If interested, please apply here: [Scouting.org - District Executive - Rochester, Minnesota \(MN\)](#).

## KILLEN SCOUT CLASSIC SPORTING CLAYS

### We need your help!

**The Killen Scout Classic Sporting Clays event is on Saturday, September 12th at Gamehaven Scout Camp.**

We're looking for at least 20 Scouts BSA members to operate the electronic throwers at the stations and some adults to help on the kitchen, grilling, and logistics teams.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers before the event, swag items for volunteers, and hearing protection for those on the range. Water and Sports Drinks will be available for all on the course

#### Detailed Information:

- Time: Youth – 10:00 am – 4:30 pm – Check-in at the gateway (front parking lot) and then go to the pavilion. Please wear your uniform (shirt).
- Lunch/Grilling Adults 9:30 am – 12:30 pm - Check-in at the gateway (front parking lot) and then go to the pavilion. Uniforms are appreciated.
- General Helpers Adults 9:00 am – 4:30 pm - Check-in at the gateway (front parking lot) and then go to the pavilion. Uniforms are appreciated.

**Scout Station Link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044FA9A72EAAFA7-65050547-2026>

**Adult Volunteer Link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044FA9A72EAAFA7-65050883-2026>

**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.\*

**OR**

**SAVE 20%** WHEN YOU PURCHASE A FULL UNIFORM.\*

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

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 YVENTURING.

## SPECIAL SATURDAY RETAIL HOURS

- **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - 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.

# LEAVE NO TRACE

## MinimizeCampfireImpacts

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Campfires are a treasured part of the Scouting experience. They bring Scouts together for cooking, songs, stories, and fellowship - but they can also leave lasting damage when they are built carelessly or not extinguished completely.

Before starting a fire, check local regulations, weather conditions, and fire restrictions. Consider whether a fire is truly necessary. A camp stove is often the safest and most efficient choice for cooking, while lanterns and headlamps can provide light without affecting the surrounding environment.

When fires are allowed, use an existing fire ring, keep the fire small, and burn only sticks found on the ground that can be broken by hand. Never cut live trees or damage standing vegetation for firewood.

Extinguish the fire with water, stir the ashes, and add more water until everything is completely cool.

## SMALL FIRE. BIG RESPONSIBILITY



### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

[Leave No Trace Website](#)

[Scouting America Campfire Safety](#)

[Outdoor Ethics Awards](#)

## WAYS TO PRACTICE MINIMIZING CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

- Check fire restrictions and local regulations before lighting any fire.
- Use a camp stove when possible and use established fire rings when fires are allowed.
- Keep fires small and burn only sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand
- Drown, stir, and feel: leave only when every coal and ash is completely cool.



UteParkFire, 2018 – Philmont Scout Ranch