



FEBRUARY 2024

THE SCOUT SCOOP

Newsletter of Cub Pack 652
St. Basil the Great, Brecksville, Ohio

Pinewood Derby is around the corner!

If you did not pick up your pinewood derby kit at the January pack meeting, make sure you do at the February pack meeting. The derby is taking place on Saturday, March 9th.

Tips for a winning race:

- Design your car to be aerodynamic
- Maximize your car's weight (within the rules)
- Make sure the axles are assembled and installed correctly
- Make sure your wheels are aligned.

There will also be a trophy for the "Best in Show", so design your car to look cool too.

Calling all siblings & parents...

You too can race your own derby car! Buy a kit at the pack meeting for \$10 and have an opportunity to race against other siblings or parents.

Popcorn Sales

Be reminded that popcorn sales continue throughout the year. Visit your Trails End app to submit new orders and support local scouting.

Questions? Email cubpack652@gmail.com



Pack Events

Pack 652 Committee Mtg
Sunday, February 18, 2024
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Panera, Brecksville
(all parents welcome)

Scout Sunday
Sunday, February 18, 2024
9:00 AM Mass
St. Basil the Great

Pack Meeting
Wed., February 28, 2024
6:00 - 7:00 PM
St. Basil Parish Center

Pinewood Derby
Saturday, March 9, 2024
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Basil's Family Life Center

Spring Pack Campout
overnight and day trippers
from all dens invited
April 5-7, 2024
Camp Butler, Peninsula



Bowling Blast

In January Pack 652 met up for bowling and pizza at Spins Bowl. We had 25 scouts attend this fun event.



Den Chiefs

Den Chiefs are Scouts who assist a Cub Scout Den Leader. They are selected by the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster and approved by the Cubmaster and the pack committee. Den Chiefs assists the Den Leader with planning and conducting den meetings and help Cub Scouts advance the ranks and encourage Cub Scouts to join a troop upon graduation. This year Pack 652 is lucky to have seven Den Chiefs (4 from Troop 652B and 3 from Troop 652G):

Arrow of Light:

Robert Sasala - 1st Class rank

Webelos:

Justin Weisfelder - Life rank

Sheyenne Melnykowski - Scout rank

Bear:

Tom Metyk - Star rank

Audrey Garcia - Scout rank

Wolf:

Luke Maher - 2nd Class rank

Greta Weisfelder - Scout rank

Den Meetings

Lions

Wed., Feb 14

Tigers

Sun., Feb. 11

Sun., Feb. 25

Wolves

Wed., Feb. 7

Wed., Feb. 21

Bears

Wed., Feb., 7

Wed., Feb. 21

Webelos

Wed., Feb. 7

Wed., Feb. 21

Arrows of Light

Sunday, Feb. 4

Sat., Feb. 24

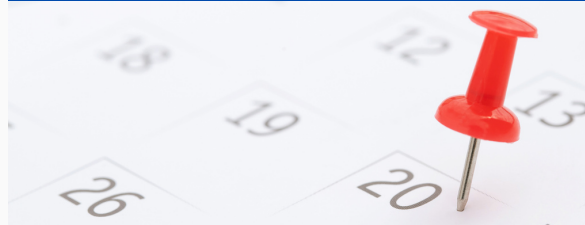
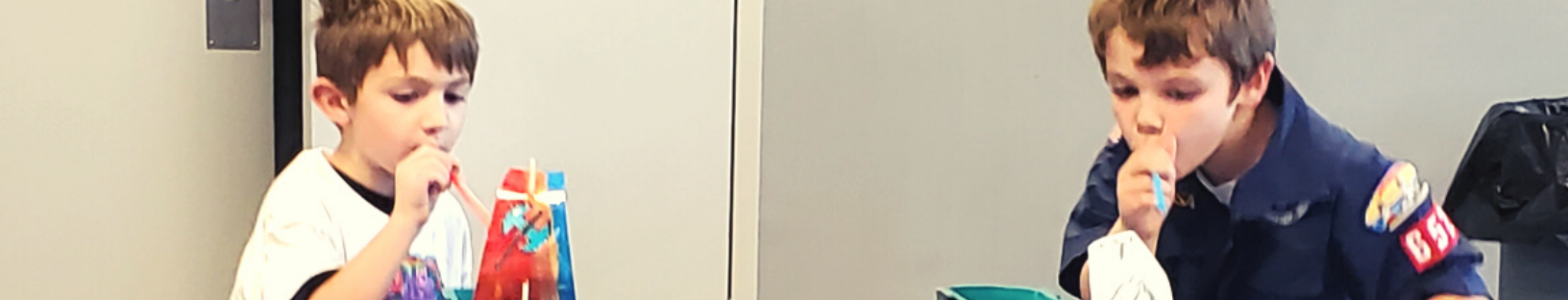


Photo Releases



We would love to include your Scout's photo in our future newsletters. Before doing so, we do need to have a signed photo release on file. Please be sure to grab a release form at the next pack meeting.



Eclipse Activity

The total eclipse is set to occur on Monday, April 8th. Pack 652 will be holding our annual spring campout on April 5-7 at Camp Butler in Peninsula. This event is open to overnights and day trippers (Registration info will be forthcoming.)

During this campout, Scouts will be building their own viewing boxes for the eclipse. Please save at least one (1) cereal box per Scout to bring to the cabin. Parents may want to make their own viewing box as well. All other supplies will be provided by the Pack.



Annual Pack Dues

Please be reminded that Pack dues are due. If you have not yet paid, please visit Scoutbook at your earliest convenience. Dues indicated include any applicable credit gained from your Scout's popcorn sales this fall.

Questions? Email cubpack652@gmail.com

A Scout is... LOYAL.

Be true to your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

Loyalty means being there for those who have supported you. In life, you might encounter opportunities to get ahead by leaving behind those who have been there for you in the past. In making an effort to be loyal, you'll do everything in your power to be there for those who were there for you.

Not being loyal could cause other to lose their trust in you. Being there for someone, even when things are hard, will create life-long friendships and they, in return, will be there for you when you need help.





Volunteer Spotlight

As the saying goes... "It takes a village". This applies to Cub Scouts as well. While we respect that people are busy and time demands are many, Pack 652 is asking parents to consider volunteering. Whether it be four hours a month or a couple afternoons a year, it will make a difference.



Pack 652 leadership is happy to talk to you about the best fit based on your availability, skill set and interest. Below is a highlight of some of the positions currently open, in addition to day-of support needed for the pinewood derby. Please reach out to the leadership team or email cubpack652@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Pinewood Derby Volunteers -

2-4 hours on March 9th

positions include:

- set-up crew
- clean up crew
- time keeper
- records keeper
- pit crew

Volunteer Recruitment Chair -

Recruit for volunteers to help fill needed roles, as well as assist with events and activities.

Communication and outreach through monthly newsletter and at monthly pack meetings.

Assistant Den Leaders -

Each den should have a Den Leader as well as an Assistant Den Leader to help plan and execute the den meetings. This position would also step in if the leader is unable to make a meeting. Exact division of workload is determined by the den leaders themselves.

Dens currently needing Assistance Den Leaders are: Lion, Tiger, Wolf and Webelo.

Den Highlights



WOLF - Each Wolf presented an idea they had for a new service they felt was missing from our community.

BEAR - In the month of January the Bears build their own keepsake boxes using hand tools and started working on their walking sticks.

ARROW OF LIGHT - These cub scouts are working on a variety of activities in preparation for their transition to Scouts. In January this included understanding some of the Scouting ways, as well as continuing to learn about government and citizen rights and duties.