

MARCH 2024

# THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

## Solar Eclipse Activity

This unique celestial spectacle will happen on Monday, April 8th. Cub Scouts can earn a unique emblem for this occasion.

At the April campout, we will be building viewing boxes that Cub Scouts can use with their families at the time of the eclipse. Please bring one cereal box per person to the campout.

On April 8th, be sure to follow the proper guidelines for a safe and fun adventure and then confirm with your Den Leader to obtain your emblem accordingly.

*Visit page 3 to learn how you can earn your solar eclipse emblem. Note that you do NOT need to attend the campout to earn this emblem.*

## Pinewood Derby Countdown

The Pinewood Derby is taking place on Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 AM at The Family Life Center at St. Basil's.

All cars will need to be weighed and checked in prior to racing. We highly encourage Scouts to check their car in on Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 - 6:45 PM at St. Basil's Parish Center.



Note that your car should be fully painted and decorated prior to check-in as cars will be held until after the races.

A pizza lunch will be provided at the derby.

## Pack Events

**Derby Registration & Weigh-in**  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
St. Basil Parish Center  
6:00 - 6:45 PM

**Pinewood Derby**  
Saturday, March 9, 2024  
St. Basil Family Life Center  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Pack 652 Committee Mtg \***  
Sunday, March 17, 2024  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
Panera, Brecksville  
*\*all parents welcome*

**Pack Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024\*  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
St. Basil Parish Center  
*\*early date due to BBH Spring Break*

**Spring Pack Campout**  
*cabin camping for all dens*  
April 5-7, 2024  
Camp Butler, Peninsula

**Annual Blue & Gold Banquet**  
Saturday, May 18, 2024  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
St. Basil Family Life Center



## Den Highlights

**TIGERS** - The Tigers went on a muddy hike and discussed our buddy system, the outdoor code, 6 essentials and leave no trace principles. It was nice to have some older siblings along to offer our Tigers some guidance and help with working through some requirements.



**WOLVES** - The Wolves learned about how some people may be different than others and how we treat everyone with the same respect. They learned about the great skill and determination of Para-Olympic athletes.

**BEARS** - This den finished up creating their own hiking stick. They made designs in their sticks, stained them and wrapped various colored paracord around them for a handle.

**ARROW OF LIGHT** - These 5th graders created their own camping snacks and enjoyed them outside while enduring the snowy weather. Perfect for some campfire s'mores and banana boats, as well as, some homemade trail mix.

## Den Meetings

### Lions

Wednesday, March 13

### Tigers

Sunday, March 10

### Wolves

Wednesday, March 6

### Bears

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday, March 13

### Webelos

Wednesday, March 6

### Arrows of Light

Wednesday, March 6

Sunday, March 10

## Pack 652 Spring Campout in April

Get ready for a fun overnight adventure! All Pack 652 Cub Scouts are invited to Camp Butler in Peninsula for the weekend of April 5-7. Check-in is Friday afternoon/evening and check-out is 10AM Sunday morning. Day trippers are welcome to stop by on Saturday as well.

In addition to den activities, the pack will also build their viewers for the eclipse on Monday, April 8th, working towards Scouts obtaining their unique Eclipse Emblem (see page 3). Of course, it wouldn't be a true scouting event without a bonfire with songs, skits and s'mores!

Registration will be opening soon. Please direct questions to Pack 652 leadership.

## Annual Pack Dues

Please be reminded that 2023/24 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 year.

*Questions?*

*Email [cubpack652@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack652@gmail.com)*





## A Scout is... HELPFUL.

Being helpful means always looking for ways to contribute and assist others. One of the best qualities of your character is how hard you're willing to work when you're not being forced to. Trying to be more helpful and putting in the extra effort will make you stand out from other people.

Next time you're doing a project with your den or at school and you finish your task, find someone else who looks like they might need help, and offer to give them a hand. Your small gesture can have a huge impact.



## How to Earn your Solar Eclipse Emblem

**Locate the Perfect Viewing Site:** The first step in earning the 2024 Solar Eclipse Emblem is to find an ideal location for witnessing the celestial event. Scouts are encouraged to use modern technology, searching online for "eclipse viewing" along with the name of their city or town. Local events and gatherings dedicated to the solar eclipse provide a communal experience, fostering a sense of unity among Scouts.

**Study the Path and Timings:** NASA serves as the go-to resource for precise information about the eclipse's path and timings. Scouts can visit the NASA website to get detailed insights into when and where the eclipse will be most visible. Armed with this knowledge, Scouts can plan their viewing experience down to the minute, ensuring they don't miss a moment of this rare phenomenon.

**Safety First:** Just as in 2017, safety remains a top priority. Scouts must be well-versed in the proper techniques for viewing a solar eclipse without harming their eyes. Directly looking at the sun is a no-go, and NASA provides valuable guidance on safe viewing practices. Armed with this knowledge, Scouts can enjoy the eclipse without compromising their vision.

**Reflect and Share:** A crucial aspect of the 2024 Solar Eclipse Emblem journey is reflection and sharing. After the eclipse, Scouts are encouraged to discuss their experiences within their groups. What did they see, and how did it make them feel? This not only deepens their understanding of the celestial event but also strengthens the bonds within the Scouting community.

**Lastly,** be sure to confirm with your Den Leader once you have completed the above requirements to be awarded your Solar Eclipse Emblem.

## Popcorn Sales

Be reminded that popcorn sales continue throughout the year.

Visit your Trails End app to submit new orders and continue your support of scouting.

Questions? Email  
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## 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. Highlighted below are some of the positions currently open. Please reach out to the leadership team or email [cubpack652@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack652@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Pinewood Derby Volunteers -**

2-4 hours on March 9th

positions includes:

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

### **Assistant Den Leaders -**

Each den should have an Assistant Den Leader as well as a Den Leader to help plan and execute the den meetings. This position also steps in if the leader is unable to make a meeting. Exact division of workload is determined by the den leaders themselves. Please consider this position in the next school year. Talk to your current Den Leader for more information.

### **Scout Recruitment Chair -**

Have you and your scout enjoyed Scouting? Help to share that great experience with others. This position will order brochures and other handouts from Council in preparation for recruitment activities in August. They will schedule recruitment tables during local school orientation sessions and schedule volunteers to work these events. Help get word out by also posting recruitment information on various social media sites (content is already created).

### **Pack Event Chair -**

In addition to our regular den meetings and pack meetings, Pack 652 encourages other, less formal events to take place such as sledding, caroling or bowling. Some of the events may help Scout earn recognition (like the Memorial Day Parade) and others are just for fun. We are looking for someone who would enjoy helping schedule these unique events approximately six times per year.

**Special Event Chair** - This volunteer oversees our Raingutter Regatta, Pinewood Derby and the annual Blue & Gold Banquet (our year-end celebration) - helping with scheduling, communication and signing up supporting volunteers.

## Got Ideas?

**Have a fun and fascinating hobby or profession that might interest our entire pack or a single den?**  
**Have a connection or referral?**

We would love to hear from you and discuss opportunities for a guest “speaker” or a unique activity based on size and age limitations.

Planning for the 2024/2025 year will take place in May so please reach out to Pack 652 leadership with ideas.