



APRIL 2024

# THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

## Pinewood Derby Victory Lap

It was a great turnout for this year's Pinewood Derby. There were so many creative and fun designs by Scouts, siblings and even a few parents.

Check out the race results and photos on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

## April Pack Campout

Be reminded that our Spring Campout is quickly approaching. Overnight and Day trippers are both welcome. Please register ASAP.

There will be planned activities through-out Saturday, ending with a bonfire and the bridging of the Arrow of Light scouts. Activities will include pack-wide games, den adventures, as well as an opportunity to build eclipse viewer boxes (see "Earning Your Eclipse Emblem" on page 5). Each Scout is asked to bring a cereal box. All other supplies for this project will be provided.

Please dress to be outdoors, as well as inside. We ask that even day-trippers bring two pairs of shoes - slippers or clean shoes for inside the cabin and outdoor shoes that may get wet and muddy.

## Memorial Day Parade

Pack 652 will be marching in this year's Brecksville Memorial Day Parade. The parade will lead from Brecksville City Hall to the Brecksville Cemetery where Scouts will be invited to lay flowers on the gravestones of veterans. Mark your calendars for Monday, May 27th; meeting at City Hall at 8:30 AM for a 9:00 AM parade start.

## Pack Events

### Spring Pack Campout

*overnight and day trippers  
from all dens invited*

April 5-7, 2024

Camp Butler, Peninsula

### Pack 652 Committee Mtg

Sunday, April 21, 2024

6:30 - 8:00 PM

St. Basil Annex

*(all parents welcome)*

### Pack Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 PM

St. Basil Parish Center

### 2024/2025 Planning Meeting

Sunday, May 5, 2024

12:30 - 5:30 PM

St. Basil Annex

*(all parents welcome)*

### Annual Blue & Gold Banquet

Saturday, May 18, 2024

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

St. Basil Family Life Center





## Scout Sunday

Thank you to all the Cub Scouts who participated in Scout Sunday along with the Girls' and Boys' Troop 652 at St. Basil's mass on Sunday, March 17th. This is a great way to thank our pack charter organization, as well as show our presence in the community.



## Den Highlights



We are getting close to the end of the year and many scouts are wrapping up their last requirements. Each Scout should ensure that they have completed your **Duty of God** and **Youth Protection** requirements at home with parents.

**Arrow of Lights** - These 5th graders have wrapped up their Cub Scouting adventures and will be bridging over to Scouts at our April campout. From then on, they can start attending Troop meetings. We will celebrate their completion at next month's Blue and Gold banquet along with recognizing all other Cub Scouts.

## Den Meetings

### Lions

Wed., April 10  
Wed., May 8

### Tigers

Sun., April 21  
Sun., May 5

### Wolves

Wed., April 17  
Wed., May 1 & 8

### Bears

Wed., April. 10 & 17  
Wed., May 8

### Webelos

Wed., April 3 & 17  
Wed., May 1 & 15

### Arrows of Light

N/A

## 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.





## A Scout is... FRIENDLY.

Being friendly can be a kind of superpower. Genuinely friendly people have an ability to make others feel comfortable. By making a small effort to be friendly, you'll become more liked and respected by others. An easy start is to greet people right away, don't wait for them to say hello first. The next step is to take an interest in learning more about that person and ask them questions about those topics, making a connection with them.

Next time you are with a group and someone you know arrives, be the first one to say hi to them. Say their name and tell them you're glad they are here. It's a small gesture that will make them feel welcome and happy.

## 2024 Popcorn Sales

While our store front sales happen in the fall, popcorn sales are on-going through-out the year. Online sales are always open, and any sales Scouts are making as of January 1st are accumulating towards their 2024/2025 pack fees and fall promotional rewards. Check your Trails End account to see current promotions.

## Volunteers

All these fun activities couldn't happen without the help of our parents and volunteers. Thanks to everyone! Please consider taking on a volunteer role for the coming year. Positions include:

**Popcorn Kernal & Asst.** (year-round position @ 1-2 hrs/month; 6 hrs/week during prime month)

- Work with Trails End to schedule store front sales and create sign-ups accordingly for Scouts to sell popcorn.
- Communicate monthly promotions to scouting families and ensure receipt of product.

**Assistant Den Leaders** (2024/2025 year (August - May) -

- Assist Den Leader plan and execute den meetings.
- Exact division of workload is determined by the den leaders themselves.





# Pinewood Derby Den Champions



**Gold:** Michael C.  
**Silver:** Daniel M  
**Bronze:** River R.



**Gold:** Theodore B.  
**Silver:** David E.  
**Bronze:** Emilia R.



**Gold:** Zach M.  
**Silver:** Rory M.  
**Bronze:** Jacob K.



**Gold:** Maxwell L.  
**Silver:** Axel T.  
**Bronze:** Kassidy M.



**Gold:** Joseph G.  
**Silver:** Antonio R.  
**Bronze:** Olivia R.



**Gold:** Jerry B.  
**Silver:** Allianne E.  
**Bronze:** Nathan M.



# Pinewood Derby Pack Champions



## Pack 652 Grand Finale

**Gold:** Michael C.

**Silver:** Joseph G.

**Bronze:** Maxwell L.



**Best in Show:**  
Evan J.

## 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.