

MAY 2024

THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

Arrow of Light Crossover

We celebrated our 5th grade Cub Scouts over the spring campout weekend with a bridging ceremony. Scouts and leaders from Troops 652B and 652G welcomed the Arrow of Light scouts as they graduated to the next level of scouting. Congratulations to these scouts on a great achievement!

Photos: (top) Jerry B; (center) Allianne E., Gavin P., Emmitt S.
(bottom) Justin S., JP Y., Lainey Y.; (absent) Nate M.





Spring Campout Recap

While muddy, the weekend was dry for our spring camp out. Scouts participated in hikes and den activities throughout the day.

Thank you to Mr. Tonnen for helping scouts create their viewing boxes for the eclipse (photos on page 3).

Scouts also enjoyed the donut challenge before we gathered to recognize the achievements of our 5th grade scouts.



Pack Events

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

Den Meetings

Lions

Wed., May 8

Tigers

Sun., May 5

Wolves

Wed., May 1 & 8

Bears

Wed., May 1 & 8

Webelos

Wed., May 1 & 15

Arrows of Light

N/A



Blue & Gold Banquet

The Blue and Gold Banquet is an opportunity to recognize the achievements of all our scouts as we end the current year. In addition to dinner, scouts will be awarded with beltloops for any final achievements, as well as be awarded with rank completions. This year's banquet will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the St. Basil's Family Life Center.

Cub Pack 652 Shirts for Sale

Pack 652 youth t-shirts will be available at the Blue & Gold Banquet for \$15 each. Please bring cash or check. Adult sizes and other style options will be available to order.

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.

A Scout is... COURTEOUS.

Being courteous is being polite and respectful. Courtesy is the way that you show respect to others - being a good listener and using kind words and actions. Being courteous is important for being taken seriously, especially when dealing with adults; including taking the time to say please and thank you. By acknowledging what others have done for you, you demonstrate your appreciation and respect for the other person. Take time to thank people who may go unnoticed - like a school janitor or your bus driver.

Do you know other kids who make you embarrassed to be around sometimes? These friends seem to have no filter and lack of sense of courtesy. If you know someone like that, resolve not to be the same way! Be courteous to every single person, and they'll extend that same respect back to you.



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.



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.

Online Calendar Updates

BSA has moved their online calendar tool to a new portal. Be sure to update the links on your family's calendar to ensure you receive the latest information. Visit [Scoutbook.com](https://www.scoutbook.com) > My Calendar (listed at the bottom of your dashboard) > separate den and pack links are located under the monthly calendar.

Start Planning for Summer Scout Fun

As we head into the end of the school year, that does not mean an end to scouting for the year. Pack 652 continues to offer engaging and educational activities during the summer. Be sure to watch Scoutbook and upcoming newsletters for continued fun. Den meetings and official Pack meetings will start back up in September after a kick-off event in August.

Volunteer Spotlight

We are asking parents to please consider volunteering to help Pack 652 continue its success in offering a safe and fun environment to learn, explore and grow. Our goal is to provide our scouts skills and lessons to help prepare them for their future.

Pack 652 leadership has a variety of volunteer opportunities allowing you to find the best fit based on your availability, skill set and interest. Highlighted below is one such opportunity. Please reach out to the leadership team or email cubpack652@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for the below position or to review other opportunities.

Membership Recruitment Chair (July - August; 6-8 hours/month) -

- Order brochures and other handouts from Council in preparation for recruitment activities.
- Schedule recruitment activities with local schools and schedule volunteers to work events.
- Post recruitment information on various social media sites.
- Work with Leadership to organize Recruitment Night and Parent Orientation event.

Annual Planning Meeting

The planning meeting for the 2024/25 year is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, 12:30 - 5:30 PM in the Annex at St. Basil's. (The meeting room is located in the basement.) We encourage all parents to join us to help plan the year's events, budget and fundraising activities.

Whether you decide to volunteer in a leadership role, for a single event or just for this meeting, your participation is appreciated.

