



JUNE 2024

THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

Blue and Gold Review

Thanks to everyone who attended the Blue and Gold Banquet and for bringing so many delicious dishes. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with setting up, decorations, the presentations, cooking tacos and prepping food, and of course, those who helped with clean up.

Congratulations to Nate M. for completing his Arrow of Light requirements and bridging to the Troop. Thanks to all the Scouts for participating in the recognition of his achievement.

Congratulations to all the Pack 652 Cub Scouts who ranked up at the Blue and Gold Banquet on May 18th.



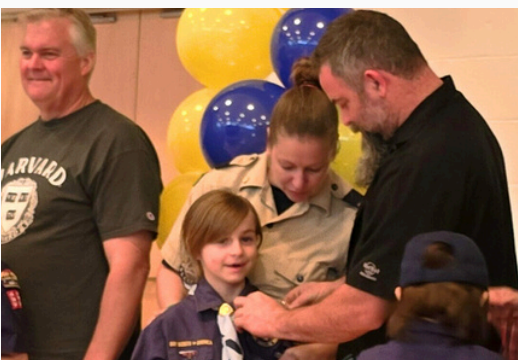
Congratulating Nate and sending him off to Troop 652B.

Recognizing Cub Scouts who achieved their various religious awards.





Blue and Gold Photo Collage



Don't forget to join us over the summer for various events and activities, some just for fun and others that will earn Scouts a beltloop. Details are listed in this newsletter and are posted in Scoutbook.



Memorial Day Parade Recap

Once again Pack 652 was privileged to march in honor of our men and women in the Armed Forces.

This year approximately 25 Scouts marched from the Brecksville City Hall to the Brecksville Cemetery waving to the crowds that lined the streets.

Once at the cemetery, Scouts lay flowers on the gravestones of local veterans.

St. Basil Community Picnic

St. Basil the Great Catholic Church, our charter organization, is hosting a community picnic on Sunday, June 9, 12 - 4PM. **All Scouting families are invited.** Pack 652 will have the climbing wall available and various other activities will be going on.

Pack Swim Event

Join the Pack at the Brecksville Community Center's outdoor pool on Monday, June 10, 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Bring your snacks or purchase pizza, hotdogs, chips and ice cream from the concession stand.

Cost: BCC members are free; regular guest fees for non-members. Please RSVP via Scoutbook.

Sign-in at the Community Center's inside reception desk to pick up wrist bands.

***Please RSVP** for this event via Scoutbook so we can provide the Community Center with a headcount.

***Please bring completed [BSA medical form](#) for all participating children and adults.**

Pack Events

Pack Swim Night

Monday, June 10, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Brecksville Community Ctr

Brecksville Home Days Beverage Sales

June 21-22, 2024

Downtown Brecksville

Bike/Hike & Ice Cream

Thursday, July 11, 2024

meet @ 5:30 PM

Locke 29, Peninsula

Bike Rodeo

Saturday, July 20, 2024

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Cliffs Bike Park @
Ohio & Erie Canal
Reservation

Pack Fishing Picnic

Monday, August 12, 2024

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Brushwood Lake

Furnace Run,

Summit Metroparks





Brecksville Home Days Beverage Sales

Troops 652B and 652G both use the Brecksville Home Days as a recruitment opportunity as well as a fundraiser. The troop is looking for Cub Scout assistance on Friday and Saturday morning to sell beverages during the festivities. Time slots and sign up will be coming out shortly.

Pack Hike/Bike & Ice Cream

Join the Pack on a bike ride (helmets required) or stroll along the towpath. Meet up will be at on Thursday, July 11th at 5:30 PM at Locke 29 in Peninsula. Following our ride/walk, there will be time to enjoy some ice cream (paid on own)!

As with all outdoor/off-site scouting events, **please bring completed [BSA medical form](#) for all participating children and adults.*

Bike Rodeo

It's time for another Bike Rodeo. Learn some bike safety and ride the different tracks. Incoming Tigers can earn a beltloop for the coming year too. Meet us at the Cleveland Metroparks Cliffs Bike Park next to the Canalway Center at the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation on Saturday, July 20th at 10:00 AM.

Scouts can earn their biking elective beltloop/pin for the upcoming year's ranking by attending this free event.

Helmets required. Snacks, water and sunscreen recommended. For more information on the park and directions, visit the Metropark's website: [Cliffs Bike Park](#)

As with all outdoor/off-site scouting events, **please bring completed [BSA medical form](#) for all participating children and adults.*

Pack Events (continued)

Monthly Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 4, 2024
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Annex Building, St. Basil's
(All volunteers and parents are encouraged to attend.)

Welcome Back Night (Recruitment Night)

Wednesday, August 28, 2024
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Family Life Center, St. Basil's

Fall Family Camp Out

September 27-29, 2024
Camp Butler, Peninsula





Pack Fishing Picnic

Gone Fishing? Grab those fishing rods and join the pack at Brushwood Lake at Furnace Run, Summit Metroparks on Monday, August 12th at 5:30PM. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided but please bring sides to share and your own drinks.

Fishing not your thing? Come play in the park and join us for the barbecue.

***Please RSVP** via Scoutbook so we can provide the appropriate amount of food.

***Please bring completed [BSA medical form](#) for all participating children and adults.**

Welcome Back Night

Save the date! Wednesday, August 28th will be our welcome back event and recruitment night. Come play games, scramble up the climbing wall and reconnect after the summer. Bring your friends and introduce them to Scouting.

Pack 652 Fall Camping Trip

The fall camping trip for the coming scouting year will see a new event. We will be camping at our favorite Atwater Cabin at Camp Butler in Peninsula on September 27th - 29th.

Join us Friday night for a movie/popcorn/hot cocoa night. Saturday morning, we will partake in the camp's [Cub Target & Range Sports Day](#). This will be a great opportunity for scouts to be introduced to (or practice their skills at) archery, BB guns and slingshots. The afternoon will be filled with Pack and Den activities, closing with dinner, skits and a campfire.



Volunteer Spotlight



EVENT PHOTOGRAPHERS

are always needed. Please share your scouting photos by emailing the pack so we can include them in future newsletters.



A Scout is KIND...

As a Scout, kindness should be one of the main principles that you should work towards every single day. Being kind is treating people well without expecting anything in return. Being kind means trying to understand the feelings of others, then doing everything in your power to treat them as you would want to be treated.

Often, we don't realize how the things we say or do can hurt others. By making a conscious effort to always be kind, you'll begin to better understand the consequences of your actions. **Do your best** to only build people up and never break them down. It is not an exaggeration to say that one kind gesture can change someone's life forever.

Putting this Scout Law into action: If you see someone who is sad or scared, be there for them. Ask if they are okay. How can you help? Listen to them. If they don't want to talk about it, just sit with them. Do they seem lonely or shy? Ask them to join you in an activity. Unconditional kindness is the foundation of lifelong friendships.

Scouting Safety Moment *Brought to you by BSA. Visit the [Safety Moments webpage](#) for more details.*

Hiking

Hiking is a great way to spend your time in the outdoors. Hikes are also good ways to get into better shape for more strenuous activities. Hikes can range from covering just a short distance to the 20-mile hike required for the Hiking merit badge. Some hikes might be on maintained trails that are relatively flat; others are on rough terrain that is physically demanding. Regardless of how long a hike is, it is important to be prepared.

- Decide where you will go and review the route on a map. Make sure the hike is within your capabilities and that you are prepared for the terrain.
- Recruit at least one buddy to hike with you. It will be more fun and safer, too.
- Always let someone know where you are going, when you are leaving, and when you will return. That will ensure that, if something goes awry on the hike, someone will know that you haven't returned and will start looking for you.
- Review the weather for the area you are hiking in. Plan accordingly, including considering postponing the hike if the weather is especially inclement.
- Bring the 10 Scout Basic Essentials with you. Doing so will help you be prepared for most situations that might arise.

RESOURCES

- [10 Scout Basic Essentials](#)
- [Troop Leader Resources for Hiking](#)
- [Cub Scout Six Essentials](#)