



AUGUST 2024

# THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

## Biking in July

Thank you to all the scouts that participated in our July activities - biking the towpath and/or participating in the Bike Rodeo at the Cliffs Bike Park. Bike Rodeo attendees will be receiving their corresponding den's belt loop for this adventure.

## 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 complete the [BSA medical form](#) for all participating children and adults.**

## Recruitment & Welcome Back Event

Wednesday, August 28th, 6:00 - 7:30PM will be our welcome back event and recruitment night. Scramble up the climbing wall, play bocce ball and gaga ball, or chalk up the sidewalks and enjoy the playground while reconnecting with fellow scouts after the summer.

This is a great opportunity to introduce friends to the pack and have their questions answered.



## Pack Events

### Pack Fishing Picnic

Monday, August 12, 2024  
5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Brushwood Lake  
Furnace Run,  
Summit Metroparks

### Virtus Training

(see page 3 for more detail)  
Monday, August 26, 2024  
Family Life Center, St. Basil's

### Recruitment Night & Welcome Back Event

Wednesday, August 28, 2024  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Family Life Center, St. Basil's

### Monthly Committee Meeting (All Parents & Volunteers welcome)

Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Annex Building, St. Basil's





## Meet-the-Teacher Night Recruitment

Welcome back to a new school/scout year! Meet the Teacher nights at Brecksville Broadview Heights Elementary School are August 15/16/19/20 and we will have a Pack 652 table there to welcome families and try to recruit new members. We need volunteers to stand at the table and talk with interested families. We appreciate any family and Scout assistance. Please sign up through the [Sign-up Genius](#).



## BSA Annual Registration

Please be made aware that starting this scouting year BSA/Scouting America will begin having families renew their registration on a 12-month rolling calendar basis. Scouting America will send email 15 days prior to your scout(s) anniversary date for registration and payments on the national and council level. This email will also serve as a reminder to make any necessary updates to your preferred payment method for those on auto-renew. Be reminded that annual pack dues are invoiced separately. Please send email with questions.

## 2024/25 Pack Dues

2024/25 pack dues for Pack 652 will be sent out to parents later in August. Pack dues for the 24/25 scout year are \$250 per scout. This amount covers all operational costs for your scout for the year - including, but not limited to, races, camping and awards. Details on the annual budget will be reviewed at the Parent Orientation on September 11th. Payment plans will be available. Be reminded that popcorn sales help to offset your pack dues (*see fundraising info on page 4*).

## Parent Orientation & Gear Exchange

Do you have uniforms, hiking boots and scouting gear (including handbooks, uniforms and neckerchiefs) that you have outgrown or no longer need? Bring your gently used items to the September 11th Parent Orientation & Gear Exchange.



## Den Meetings

### LION

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

### TIGER

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

### WOLF

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
MetroParks

### BEAR

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

### WEBELOS

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

### ARROW OF LIGHT

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's





## Youth Protection Training

To provide safety and Security of its youth members, BSA/Scouting America has strict policies, known as the Guide to Safe Scouting. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, many of them also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse. Click here for the online version of the current [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

### Scouts

In the front of each grade level handbook is a tear-out pamphlet entitled “*How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse – A Parent’s Guide*.” The reading of this handout and the corresponding adventure is a required part of your child’s advancement each year. You can also view these requirements [online](#). Once completed let your Den Leader know to update your Scout’s profile.

### Parents

A new national BSA policy for this coming year requires all adults (parents/guardians) registering for overnight campouts are required to complete the BSA Youth Protection Training at least one (1) week prior to the camp out. To complete this training please visit [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) > My training > Youth Protection Training (YTP)

### Volunteers

In addition to BSA training requirements, Pack 652 leaders and volunteers are required to complete child protection training through the Catholic Church, our sponsoring organization. St. Basil's will have the "Protecting God's Children for Adults" training on Monday, August 26th at the Family Life Center. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Pack are required to complete this training; however, we encourage all parents/guardians to complete the training.

Visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and select Cleveland, OH (Diocese) to register and/or to view other training date/location options in our area.

## More Pack Events

### Parent Orientation

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil  
(*child activities available*)

### Monthly Pack Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

### Family Camp Out

September 27-29, 2024  
Camp Butler, Peninsula  
(*see Youth Protection Training information for adult participation - page 3*)





## Popcorn Sales - August Promotion & Storefront Sign-up



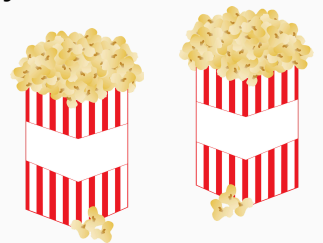
The Cub Scout popcorn season has started! Thank you to Alison Carnes, our Popcorn Kernel this year, for helping coordinate our fundraising efforts.

We will be receiving our initial order this Friday and we have reserved storefronts around town for the coming weeks. We will be adding more as they become available. Please log into the Trails End app to sign up for a storefront! Just a reminder that it's best to register each scout individually with their own account.

As you await the in-person storefront sales, you can get a jumpstart with online sales. Sell \$250+ of online sales by the end of August and earn 100 bonus points towards your year-end Amazon gift card.

Be reminded that all Trails End sales will help to offset your annual pack dues. Visit your Trails End profile and update your personal website and share it with friends and family. If you don't have a profile, just download the app and sign up at no cost.

Have questions? Email [cubpack652@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack652@gmail.com).



## A Scout is... CHEERFUL.

The mood that you project is contagious. Try smiling to people and see how many people will smile back. You have the power to make others feel great with a happy and CHEERFUL attitude, and that in turn will make you feel good about yourself. Your CHEERFULNESS can change someone's life.

Believe it or not, your attitude is a choice. Make a choice to be happy and cheerful and things will already seem better. Being cheerful, even in difficult situations, will draw others to you and differentiate you as a leader.

The next time you're getting frustrated — maybe something unfair happened, or you're just working on a difficult homework assignment — give yourself a moment to pause and take a breath. Smile. Say, "I got this." Know that this challenge will make you stronger. Then, cheerfully start again.

## Pack 652 Online Calendar

All our Pack and Den meetings and events are posted to Scoutbook. You can access the calendar at any time and event/meeting reminders will also be sent through Scoutbook. Additionally, you are able to download the calendar. Visit the Scoutbook calendar at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page for the links for each den and for the pack events.