



APRIL 2025

THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

Pack Spring Campout Recap

What a great turnout! And, oh, what fun we had despite a snowy Saturday morning. Scouts learned to set up tents, visited the campsite of Troops 652B and 652G in a neighboring location, and even made rockets to shoot off. Some scouts had a Rock, Paper, Scissor competition and some played a muddy game of gaga ball. And of course, we also did a hike.

The Donut Challenge, eating a donut hands-free from a string, a crowd favorite, returned. *(See page 6 for photos.)*

Before a taco feast with the troop-level scouts, we held our bridging ceremony for the Arrow of Lights and wished them well on their journey to Eagle Scout. *(See page 5 for photos.)*

Saturday evening ended with an indoor “campfire” gathering where we had great performances by the dens, along with some songs and jokes lead by Mr. Ealy.

Blue & Gold Volunteers Needed

Our annual Blue & Gold Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th, 5-7PM. This event recognized all the hard work of our cub scouts and awards the rank for completing this year’s requirements.

Like all our scouting activities and events, this event cannot happen without the help of volunteers. Please consider volunteering for one of the below positions. Sign-ups will be going out soon.

*Room set up *Clean up *Event Photographer
*Master of Ceremony *Entertainer

Pack Events

Monthly Committee Meeting

(All parents & volunteers welcome)

Sunday, Apr. 6, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Annex Building, St. Basil’s

Monthly Pack Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Parish Center, St. Basil’s

Raingutter Regatta

Saturday, Apr. 26, 2025
2:00 - 5:00 PM
Oak Grove, Brecksville Resv.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Saturday, May 17, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Family Life Center, St. Basil’s

Monthly Committee Meeting

(All parents & volunteers welcome)

Sunday, May 4, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Annex Building, St. Basil’s

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 26, 2025
Gather @ 8:30 AM
Assumption Academy Parking





Raingutter Regatta

Saturday, April 26th is our annual Raingutter Regatta at the Oak Grove picnic area in the Brecksville Reservation. Each scout will shape and decorate their boat. Propulsion for the race will be by each scout blowing through a straw onto the boat sail, racing from one end of the gutter to the other.

Raingutter Regatta Rules

- You must use all the pieces in the provided kit.
- You cannot add weights to your sailboat.
- Only the sail from the provided kit can be used.
- The sail must be mounted on the mast using the holes provided in the sail.
- The actual race will be divided into rank categories: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and AOL. There will also be a Pack Champion race.

5 Simple Raingutter Regatta Tips

1. Use the Official Raingutter Regatta Racing Kit
2. Practice Blowing the Sails
3. Make Sure Your Boat Doesn't Break the Rules
4. Don't Use Water-Based Paints
5. Make Sure You Have Fun

For more details on these tips, click [HERE](#).



Den Meetings

Lions

Wed., April 9
Wed., May 14

Tigers

Wed., April 2 & 16
Wed., May 7

Wolves

Wed, April 9 & 16
Wed., May 14

Bears

Wed., April 2 & 16
Wed., May 7

Webelos

Wed., April 2, 16 & 30

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.





Den Highlights

What has everyone been doing during their den meetings?
Below are some of the highlights ...

LIONS: These kindergarteners played some balloon games and learned about technology - old and new - and set some at-home rules for using technology.

BEARS: The Bear Den took a trip to the Cuyahoga Valley Animal Shelter and learned about how they care for the hundreds of dogs that come through their facility.

WEBELOS: These 4th graders met with an elected official to complete their My Community adventure, where Webelos learned about different types of voting and the role of a city official. As a part of their Champions for Nature elective they build bee hotels using recycled materials.

Arrow of Lights: The AOLs crossed over to Troop 652 in March during the Spring Campout. They will now attend troop level meetings and start their journey to Eagle Scout.

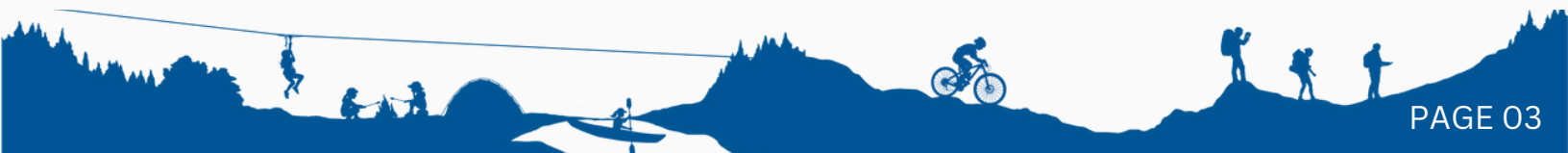


Memorial Day Parade

Once again we invite all Scouting families to march in the Memorial Day Parade with Pack 652. This year the pack will march in the Broadview Heights parade.

On Monday, MAY 26th, we will gather at 8:30 AM in the Assumption Academy parking lot off West Royalton Road. Step off for the parade will be at 9AM.

Wagons are welcome for little ones. All Cub Scouts should wear full Class A Uniforms.





We need YOUR help!

As we prepare for the 2025/26 Scouting year we are looking for some new parent volunteers. Below are some of our current openings. Please talk to a pack leader about any positions you have questions about or are interested in.

Special Events Coordinator (~4-6 hours per month) -

- Lead the planning of the annual Blue & Gold Banquet.
- Organize/Schedule pack-wide extra-curricular events such as sledding, bowling, fishing, bike ride, summer hike. Some events may help Scouts earn recognition (like the Memorial Day Parade and holiday caroling)

Incoming Tiger (1st grade) Den Leader or Co-Leaders (mid-August through mid-May) -

- Lead the planning and execution of den meetings. Division of workload is determined by the den leaders themselves.

Assistant Den Leaders (all dens) (mid-August through mid-May) -

- Assist Den Leader with planning and executing den meetings. Division of workload is determined by the den leaders themselves.

Annual Scout Requirements

Be aware that each Scout has family-based requirements for advancement each year. While the names may vary, each year they are essentially the same.

- Part of the Bobcat: the reading of "How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse – A Parent's Guide", and the corresponding family discussion. The pamphlet is located in the front of each den-level handbook and online.
- Family & Reverence - the name of this adventure varies by Den but focuses on nonsectarian religious family traditions.
- Personal Safety - watching the "Protect Yourself" video and engage in the related discussion points.

For details: visit the [Cub Scout Adventures page](#). Once completed please let your Den Leader know by the end of April to ensure your Scout's profile is updated and that they are ready to rank up in May.

Annual Planning Meeting

Sunday, June 1, 2025
12 PM - 6PM

Annex Building, St. Basil's

All Parents & Volunteers are encouraged to attend.





Arrow of Light Crossover

Congratulations to our Arrow of Light scouts. After completing their required adventures these scouts are ready to move to the troop level. Troops 652B and 652G joined us for a great ceremony during the Spring Campout.

Sophie B. (not pictured)



Eddie K.



Maame A.



Jameson T.



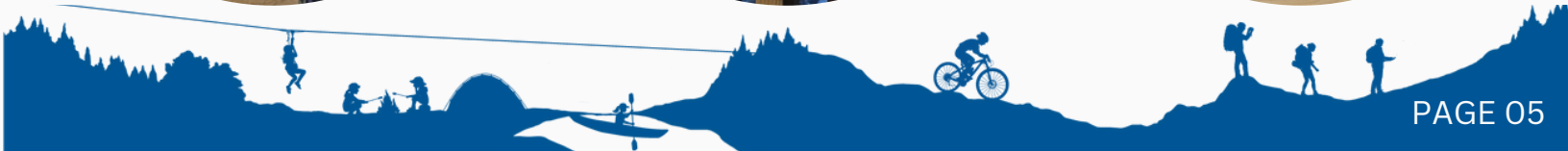
Arlo S.



Claire M.



Joseph C.
Olivia R.





Donut Eating Challenge

