



SEPTEMBER 2025

# THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

## Welcome

Welcome back, Scouts! We hope you had a great summer and are enjoying the start of the new school year. We are also excited to welcome our new Scouts to Pack 652!

We have lots of fun activities planned for the year. Some are back by popular demand like our Lego Derby, and some, like Cub Haunted, are returning after a short break. We are also excited to bring new activities, including an all-pack aquatic day and a soup lunch fundraiser.

## HAPPY SCOUTING!

## Parent Orientation & Gear Exchange

Join us Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for our Parent Orientation & Gear Exchange at the St. Basil Parish Center.

Learn about this year's calendar of events, fundraising opportunities, the Pack's annual budget, using Scout tools for payments, registrations, trainings, etc., as well as volunteer opportunities and other scouting information. **Activities will be available for Scouts.**

Do you have Scout stuff, camping and hiking gear or sports equipment, including gently used uniforms, class B shirts and neckerchiefs, that you have outgrown or no longer need? Bring your gently used items to the gear exchange.



## Pack Events

### Parent Orientation & Gear Exchange

Wednesday, September 3, 2025  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

### Monthly Committee Meeting

*(All parents & volunteers welcome)*  
Sunday, September 7, 2025  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Annex Building, St. Basil's

### Pack Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2025  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

### Monthly Committee Meeting

*(All parents & volunteers welcome)*  
Sunday, October 5, 2025  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Annex Building, St. Basil's

### Fall Family Campout

October 10-12, 2025  
Firelands Scout Reservation

### Pack Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2025  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's





## Fall Family Campout

Each year Pack 652 offers two family camping weekends. The fall campout is Friday, October 10th, 5PM to October 12th, 10AM at Firelands Scout Reservation in Wakeman, OH. Camping costs, including room and board for your scout and immediate family, are covered by your annual pack dues.

Friday night is optional, but activities will start in earnest at 9AM Saturday. For this campout there are two cabins - one male and one female - with a separate dining hall. Families can opt to tent camp. *Note that siblings in middle and high school are required to tent camp.* **Please RSVP for the campout [HERE](#) by 7PM, October 1st.**

## Safeguarding Youth Compliance for Campout

Scouting America's Youth Protection Training (YPT) program has been replaced by [Safeguarding Youth](#). Safeguarding youth is a value at the core of the Scouting movement. It is vital to maintain a culture of active supervision, awareness, and safety at all levels of Scouting. Safeguarding Youth training will help leaders and parents prevent harm to youth and is required for all Scouting America registered volunteers and participating adults. With the implementation of this training, Safeguarding Youth is a requirement for all adults.

Compliance is required by every adult (18 years or older) wishing to attend a Pack camping event. **To complete this training visit [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) > My training > Safeguarding Youth. Your completion certificate must be turned into Pack 652 leadership by October 1<sup>st</sup> at a pack or den meeting.**

## Medical Compliance for Campout

Completed and current [health and medical forms](#) must be on file with Pack 652 leadership for each family member attending the campout in whole or in part. **Please submit your completed forms by October 1<sup>st</sup> at a pack or den meeting.** A reminder for returning families, medical forms are good for only 13 months. Please ensure your forms on file are still be valid for the October camping dates.

## Den Meetings

### Lion (kindergarten)

Wed., Sept. 10  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Tiger (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Wed., Sept. 10  
Wed., Sept. 17  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Wolf (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Wed., Sept. 10  
Wed., Sept. 17  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Bear (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

Wed., Sept. 10  
Wed., Sept. 17  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Webelos (4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Wed., Sept. 10  
Wed., Sept. 17  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Arrow of Light (5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Wed., Sept. 10  
Wed., Sept. 17  
6:00 - 7:00 PM







## Sign Up for Popcorn Sales

Be reminded that storefront sign-ups are live on the Trails End app. Sign up for as many shifts as you can do to earn your dues!

Log into the free Trails End app to sign up to register and find an open shift! Just a reminder that it's best to register each scout individually with their own account.

Online sales are another option you can choose to raise money, in conjunction with storefront sales or as your only sales portal.

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.

## GroupMe Communications

While newsletters and calendar reminders are sent via email, Pack 652 uses GroupMe for last minute and in-the-moment communication.

Be sure to sign up for the ALL PACK chat and your Scout's den-specific GroupMe chat at the next meeting.



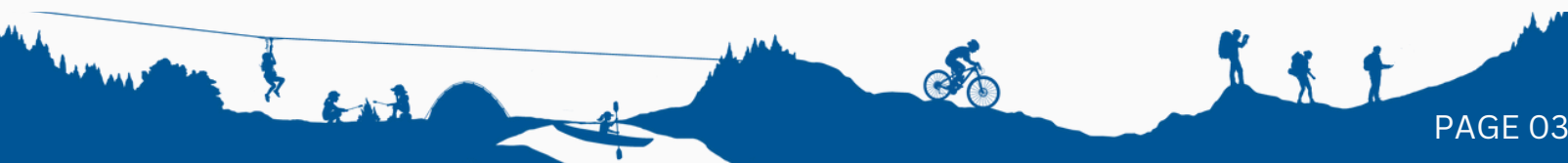
## Scouting America and 2025/26 Pack Dues

2025/26 pack dues for Pack 652 will be sent out to parents shortly. Pack dues for this Scouting year are \$275 per scout. This amount covers all pack operational costs for your scout for the year - including, but not limited to: monthly meeting supplies, three races, one class-B t shirt, two family camping outings, awards, and our end-of-year Blue and Gold Banquet. Details on the annual budget will be reviewed at the Parent Orientation on September 3rd. Be reminded that popcorn sales help to offset your pack dues.

Be sure to also check that your annual Scouting America registration has been paid. These are separate from your pack dues and reoccur on the anniversary of your initial signup. This fee covers national-level administrative costs, as well as insurance coverage.

## Online Den and Pack Calendars

All our Pack and Den meetings and events are posted to Scoutbook and on the Pack's website, [www.pack652.com](http://www.pack652.com). Additionally, you are able to download the calendar to your personal calendar. Visit the Scoutbook calendar at [www.advancements.scouting.org](http://www.advancements.scouting.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page for the links for each den and for the pack events. Event/meeting reminders will also be sent through Scoutbook to your email(s) listed on your Scout's profile.





## A Scout is THRIFTY.....

Being thrifty means being mindful of your resources. Whether it's money, time, or possessions, a scout who is thrifty will not waste needlessly. This means reusing items, being careful to not damage things, and only buying things you really need.

Saving your money and planning for the future is another way of being thrifty. Try not to spend money as soon as you get it. Really think about what you need and want - save your money to buy something that will last you longer, that you will enjoy more, that has more value.

## Leadership Volunteers Needed

As they say... it takes a village. Remember, the more volunteers we have, the easier the workload for everyone.

**We need your help.** No previous scouting experience needed!

As we launch into the 2025/26 Scouting year, we are looking for some new parent volunteers. Below are some of our current leadership openings.

**Assistant Den Leaders for Wolves, Bears & Webelos 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.

**Assistant Pack Committee Chair** (*year-round*)

- Assist with administrative duties including volunteer training, medical and insurance compliance, and budgeting.

Please talk to a pack leader or email the pack at [cubpack652@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack652@gmail.com) about any positions you have questions about or are interested in.



## CUB HAUNTED

**Sat., Oct. 25th**

Save the date for this annual Halloween-themed day camp where Cub Scouts, along with their Packs, can participate in archery, pumpkin bowling, BBs, apple cider making, candle making, pumpkin carving, and so much more.

Fee is included in your pack dues. Lunch provided.  
More details to come.

## Got hidden talents?

Have a fun and fascinating hobby or a 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.

Please reach out to  
Pack 652 leaders at  
[cubpack652@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack652@gmail.com)  
with ideas.

