



DECEMBER 2025

THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

Pack Caroling Event

It is almost time for our annual holiday caroling event. In the true nature of Scouting, Pack 652 will visit The Oakes of Brecksville for an hour of singing and spreading good cheer.

Siblings and Troop 652 Scouts are also welcome.

Scouts should wear full Class A uniforms which they are welcome to adorn with some holiday flare.

The song list will be provided in the days just prior to this event.

Aquatics Day

Saturday, January 3rd is Aquatics Day. This event will take place 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Brecksville Community Center. This event is included in your Pack dues.

During the first hour scouts will work in their dens to review basic water safety according to their age level and corresponding adventure requirements. Siblings are asked to stay out of the pool during this time.

In the second hour, scouts, along with their siblings and parents, will be invited for free swim and will be invited to play and use the water slides. Pack 652 will have private access to the pool until 1:00 PM, at which time the pack event will be concluded and the pool will be open to all community center members and their guests. Families are free to stay longer should they desire.

Pack Events

Monthly Committee Meeting

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

Pack Caroling Event

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
6:00 - 7:00 PM
The Oakes of Brecksville

**** No Pack Meeting **
in December**

Aquatics Day

Saturday, January 3, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Brecksville Community Center

Monthly Committee Meeting

(All parents & volunteers welcome)
Sunday, January 4, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Annex Building, St. Basil's

Pinewood Derby

Saturday, January 10, 2026
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
(pizza lunch offered)
Family Life Center, St. Basil's





Pinewood Derby Coming Soon

The annual Pinewood Derby is taking place on Saturday, January 10th at St. Basil's Family Life Center. Pizza lunch will be provided. Car kits were handed out at the November Pack Meeting. If you missed it, they will also be available at the December 3rd den meetings. Otherwise, reach out to your den leader to coordinate your kit pick up. This event is included in your Scout's Pack dues. Siblings and adults can purchase a car base for \$10.

Pinewood Derby Rules

- The car weight shall not exceed 5.0 ounces.
- The overall length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.
- The overall width of the car shall not exceed 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
- The maximum height of the car cannot exceed 5 inches (or the height of the finish gate).
- The car shall be made from the materials provided in the kit, including the wheels and axles.
- The car shall not ride on springs, bearings, washers, bushings, or any other device that gives it an advantage.
- The car must be free-wheeling, with no starting devices.
- Only dry lubricants are permitted.

Race Check-in

To ensure all cars meet regulations, all racers need to check their cars in during one of the two weigh-in date/time options in advance of race day. **There is no weigh-in day of the race.** Be advised that you will NOT receive your car back after weigh in so please ensure it is 100% completed, including all decorating and with your assigned race car number. Your car will be returned after the races. Weigh-in dates will be announced soon.

Derby Volunteers Needed

As with all races, volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this event. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for the signup link.

Den Meetings

Lions

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

Tigers

Wed., Dec. 3
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Wolves

Wed., Dec. 3
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Bears

Wed., Dec. 3
6:00 - 7:00 PM

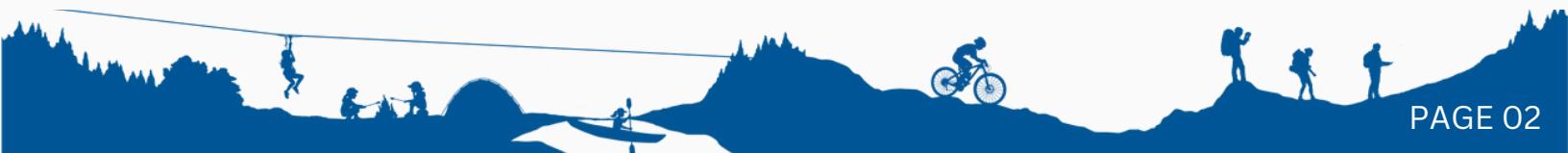
Webelos

Wed., Dec. 3
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Arrow of Light

Wed., Dec. 3
6:00 - 7:00 PM

**Note that there is only one den meeting this month due to the holiday break.*





Lego Derby Recap

LIONS



1st - Emma B, 2nd - Garrett R, 3rd - Lucas S,
Safest Driver - Colin R

TIGERS



1st - Jake M, 2nd - Gabe S, 3rd - Calvin L,
Safest Driver - Will S

WOLVES



1st - Clay F, 2nd - Grant R, 3rd - Andrew M,
Safest Driver - Danny M

BEARS



1st - Drew W, 2nd - Axel A, 3rd - Aiden G,
Safest Driver - Abigail M

WEBELOS



1st - Zach M, 2nd - Colin K, 3rd - January B,
Safest Driver - Rory M

AOL



1st - Liam B, 2nd - Thomas D, 3rd - Axel T,
Safest Driver - Evan J





Lego Derby Recap



Pack Champ
Clay F.

Best in Show
Danny M.

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. Additionally, you are able to download the calendar to your personal calendar. Visit the Scoutbook calendar at 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.

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 PACK 652 - ALL FAMILIES chat with this QR code. **Ask your Den Leader for your Scout's den-specific GroupMe chat.**



PACK 652 - ALL FAMILIES

Scouting America Dues

A large portion of Scouts have their national BSA registration expiring in December. Be sure to check at my.scouting.org 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.





Den Highlights

What has everyone been doing during their den meetings? Each den has been having their own unique adventures...

Lions - Our kindergarteners did their Lion's Roar adventure where the scouts learned about safety. The Lions practiced calling 911 and they practiced how to cross streets and parking lots.

Bears - The Bears are working on our citizenship adventure. As participation in a service project some of them are planning to do a caravan out to Wingfoot Lake to drop off toys for the annual Goodyear/USMC Toys for Tots drive.

Webelos - Our 4th graders learned about ways to relax and even made their own stress balls with balloon and dried beans. They also learned about threatened and endangered species and are each preparing to present to the group regarding way we can protect specific threatened and endangered animals.

Arrow of Lights - AOLs finished making their patrol flag for their Even Eagles patrol. They did some housekeeping by finishing up some requirements for multiple adventures.

A Scout is... REVERENT

Reverence is having love and respect for others. It can mean having appropriate behavior at a flag ceremony, during a visit to a museum, or visiting a sick friend at the hospital. It means showing good behavior even during a family celebration and being respectful during times of fun and play.

It is important to understand that different situations require different behaviors. How you act at recess is not the same way you would act inside your classroom. While running and yelling might be okay at the park, it is not how we behave when visiting a parent at work or eating at a restaurant.

Reverence also means belief in a higher power outside of yourself. Whether that power is an all might God, a singular essence shared among all living beings, or something else entirely, this belief will help guide your decisions and inspire you to live more meaningfully. Whatever your beliefs, we continue to love and respect others, even if their beliefs might be different from our own.

