



JANUARY 2026

# THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

## Aquatics Day

Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> is Aquatics Day. This event will begin 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Brecksville Community Center. This event is included in your Pack dues. Please ensure your Cub Scout is onsite and ready to swim at 11AM. Locker rooms are available.

Most Scouts will be asked to put their face in the water so goggles and hair ties are recommended.

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 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.

## Pinewood Derby is Right Around the Corner

The annual Pinewood Derby is taking place on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*See page 2 for more race details.*

## Pack Events

### 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 Check-in

Sunday, January 4, 2026  
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
Annex Building, St. Basil's  
*or*  
Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

### Pinewood Derby Race

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

### January Pack Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's





## Pinewood Derby - Race Details

### Race Workshop

If you need access to tool to help shape your Scouts pinewood derby car, you are welcome to stop by the Maher Residence on Saturday, January 3, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. See GroupMe for address. Please bring your car kit.

### 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.

### 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 ¾ 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.

### Derby Volunteers Needed

As with all races, volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this event. We need assistance with set-up, pit management, lunch service, and clean-up. **Sign Up [HERE](#).**

## Den Meetings

### Lions

Wed., Jan. 14  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Tigers

Wed., Jan. 7  
Wed., Jan. 21  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Wolves

Wed., Jan. 7  
Wed., Jan. 21  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Bears

Wed., Jan. 7  
Wed., Jan. 21  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Webelos

Wed., Jan. 7  
Wed., Jan. 21  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Arrow of Light

Wed., Jan. 7  
Wed., Jan. 21  
6:00 - 7:00 PM





## Pack Volunteers Needed

**Scout Recruitment Chair** - June/July (2-4 hrs/month) - August (10 hrs/month)

- Order brochures and other handouts from Council in preparation for Recruitment activities
- Schedule recruitment activities with local schools and schedule volunteers to work events.
- Post recruitment information on various social media sites.
- Work with Leadership to organize Recruitment Night

## Den Highlights

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

**Lions** - During December, the Lion den completed the Pick My Path adventure. As part of the adventure's good turn requirement, the Lions spread holiday cheer by making cards for residents at a local nursing home.

**Webelos** - Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders learned about ways to relax and even made their out 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** - The AOL den worked on their Personal Fitness adventure and met to learn about bee conservation. The Scouts also attended a troop meeting, where they earned additional service hours by decorating bags that will be used to hold food for those in need.

## A Scout is... TRUSTWORTHY

This is the first point in the Scout Law. Being trustworthy means telling the truth and keeping your promises. People should be able to depend on you and know that you will do what you say you will.

A trustworthy friend doesn't say or do mean things, doesn't spread gossip and can be depended on to help and protect. A Scout is trustworthy not because he/she is forced to be that way, but because they choose to be.

A Scout's honor leads to his/her trustworthiness and is a key part of being an outstanding friend, student, and community member.

