



APRIL 2026

# THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

## Meet a Park Ranger Event

Join us at The Ledges on Wednesday, April 29th where a Cuyahoga Valley National Park Ranger will teach us about search and rescue, followed by a short hike.

To kick off the event, we will have a BYO picnic dinner at the Ledges Shelter at The Ledges trailhead. Afterwards, the Ranger program will begin. You can join us for all or parts of this event. This event is included in your annual dues.

- Scout Picnic Dinner @ 5:30 (bring your own)
- Ranger presentation @ 6:30 PM
- Hike with the ranger @ 7:15 PM

Each Scout should bring their six (6) essentials if they plan on hiking.

## Blue & Gold Banquet

Our annual Blue & Gold Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 5-7PM at the Family Life Center. This event recognizes all the hard work our Cub Scouts have put towards their adventures 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 to help plan the event. Sign-ups for day-of support will be going out soon.

## Pack Events

**Monthly Committee Meeting**  
*(All parents & volunteers welcome)*

Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

**Spring Family Campout**  
April 17-19, 2026  
Camp Butler, Peninsula

**April Pack Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

**Meet a Park Ranger**  
Wednesday, April 29, 2026  
The Ledges,  
Cuyahoga National Forest

**Blue & Gold Banquet**  
Saturday, May 16, 2026  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Family Life Center, St. Basil's

**Annual Planning Meeting**  
Wednesdays, May 20 & 27  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Parish Center classroom  
St. Basil's





## Spring Family Campout

### When, Where & Who

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (5PM) through Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (10AM)  
 Atwater Cabin, Camp Butler, Peninsula, OH

All Pack 652 Scouts, their siblings and parents are invited. All costs, including meals, are covered by your annual dues. All Scouts, with the exception of AOLs, must have a guardian onsite.

**AOLs will be tent camping during this event.**

### Registration

**Registration is open now and is due Wednesday, August 8th.**

Camping registration for cabin & tent camping:

<https://pack652.com/spring-campout-2026>

SAFE Scouting Youth (youth protection training), required by all participants 18+: [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) > My Training

**Medical Forms** are also required for ALL participants (youth & adult)

\*\*Medical Forms and SAFE Guarding Youth certificates of completion should be turned in via the link on the registration form or can be dropped off in person at the Committee Meeting on **Wednesday, April 8, 6-8PM** at the Parish Center classroom.

### High Level Agenda

**Friday** - movie and popcorn night  
 You can arrive between 5PM & 9PM.

**Saturday** - 8AM Breakfast followed by Den Activities at 9AM. Following lunch there will be a hike and other group activities. The evening will consist of the Arrow of Lights crossover followed by dinner and s'mores

**Sunday** - Cabin clean up by everyone and light breakfast. Out by 10AM.

## Den Meetings

### Lions

Wed., Apr. 8  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Tigers

Wed., April 15  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Wolves

Wed., April 15  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Bears

Wed., April 15  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Webeos

Wed., April 15  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

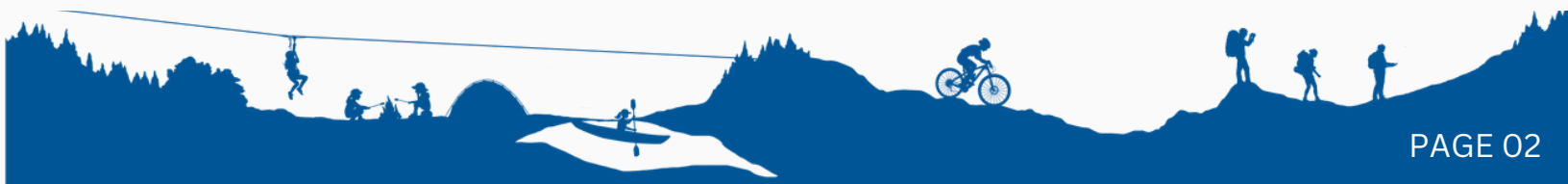
### Arrow of Light

Wed., April 15  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

## SUMMER SCHEDULE



**COMING SOON!**





# Raingutter Regatta Champions



LIONS



TIGERS



WOLVES

BEST IN SHOW





# Raingutter Regatta Champions



BEARS



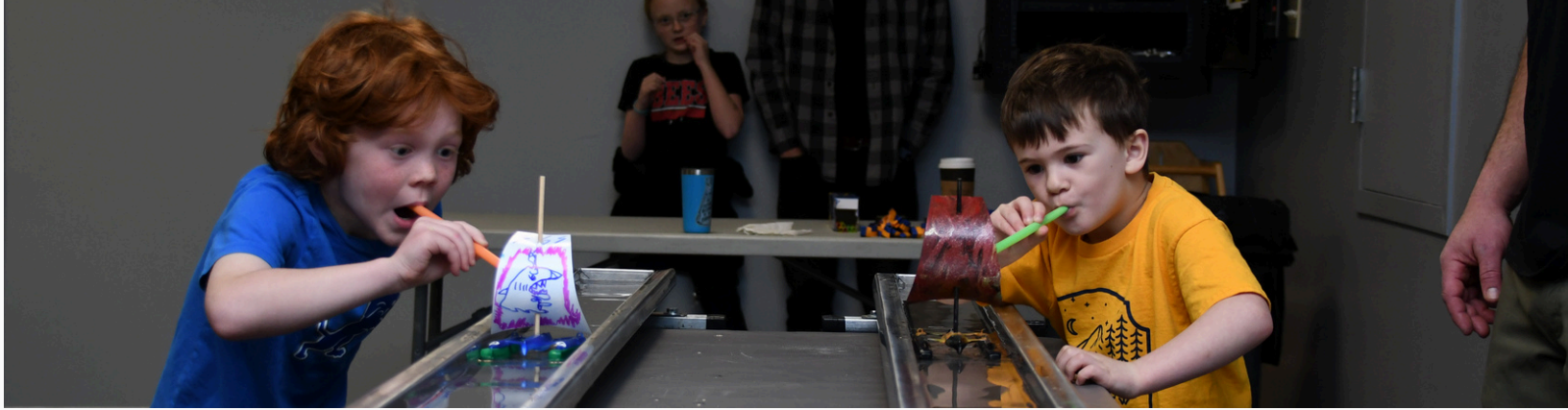
WEBELOS



AOLs

PACK CHAMPION





## Rank Requirements

As the school year starts to close out, so does the scouting year. Scouts should have all den requirements completed by the beginning of May in order to rank up. We will be recognizing those that rank up at the annual Blue & Gold Banquet on Saturday, May 16th.

Please ensure you and your scout have completed the at-home requirements and any missed adventures. You can check your scout's Scoutbook profile to see what required adventures are outstanding. Have questions? Reach out to your Den Leader as soon as possible.

Our upcoming campout is also a great opportunity to work on needed elements such as hiking, sleeping in a tent, finding things in nature, etc. (examples don't apply to all age groups).

## 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.

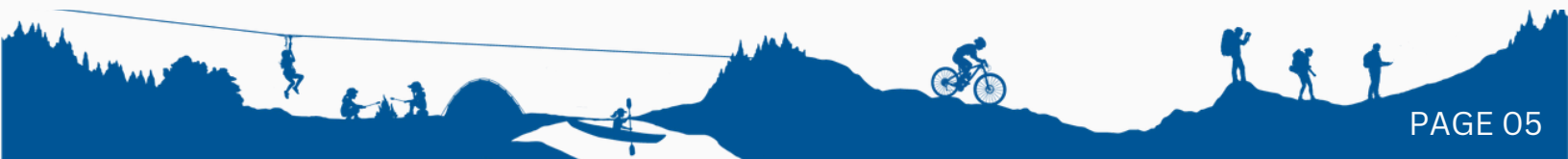
Next time you are with a group and someone you know arrives, be the first one to say hi to them. Say their name and tell them you're glad they are here. It's a small gesture that will make them feel welcome and happy.

## 2026/27 Annual Planning Meeting

All parents & volunteers are welcome. We will build the budget, create the calendar of events, plan for scout recruitment, discuss fundraising ideas, and identify volunteers needs.

Please come to one or both meetings happening on Wednesdays, May 20 & 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM in a Parish Center classroom at St. Basil's.

Participation is not required to volunteer and you do not need to volunteer to attend.



# PACK 652

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Pack 652 is asking parents to consider volunteering. Below and on the reverse are some of the positions currently open. Scouting experience is not required. Time commitment and seasonality varies by position.

Pack 652 leadership is happy to talk to you about the best fit based on your availability, skill set and interest. Reach out to a current leader or email [cubpack652@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack652@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

### Open Positions Include:

**\*Assistant Den Leaders** (*August - May*)

- Assist Den Leader with planning and execution of den meetings.

*Exact division of workload is determined by the den leaders themselves.*

**\*Assistant Cubmaster** (*year-round with emphasis on August - May*)

- Work with Cubmaster on leading pack meetings and guiding Den Leaders
- Filling in for Cubmaster in their absence.

**\*Unit Training Chair** (*year-round with emphasis on August - May*)

- Communicate expectations and resources to pack leaders and volunteers to be (re)trained according to position requirements.
- Work with Committee Chair to ensure compliance.

**\*Youth Protection Champion**

*(year-round with emphasis on August - May)*

- Communicate expectations and resources to pack leaders, volunteers and parents to be educated in Scouting America's S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth program requirements.
- Work with Committee Chair to ensure compliance.

*\*Positions with an asterisk (\*) require background checks and Virtus training.*



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### Open Positions (continued):

#### **Scout Recruitment Chair** (*June - August; 8 hours/month*)

*(in training during the 2026/27 year, moving to Chair the following year)*

- 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 Pack Activity Chair to schedule summer scout activities to also use as recruitment activities such as fishing, bike ride, summer hike.
- Work with Leadership to organize Recruitment Night and Parent Orientation.

#### **Special Event Chair** (*8 hours per event, in Nov, January, March and May*)

- Oversee the annual Blue & Gold Banquet
- Memorial Day Parade
- Organize and schedule 2 service projects per year
- Help with scheduling, communication and signing up supporting volunteers

#### **Pack Activity Chair** (*~4 hours/months*)

- Organize/Schedule three pack-wide extra-curricular events such as caroling, sledding, bowling
- Work with *Scout* Recruitment Chair to schedule summer scout activities to also use as recruitment activities such as fishing, bike ride, summer hike.
- Some events may help Scouts earn recognition and others are just for fun.

#### **Assistant Popcorn Colonel** (*1-2 hrs/month; 6 hrs/week during prime month*)

- Assist Popcorn Colonel with scheduling store front sales and create sign-ups accordingly for Scouts to sell popcorn.
- Communicate monthly promotions to scouting families and ensure receipt of product.

