



MARCH 2026

THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

Scout Sunday

A Scout is reverent toward God. A Scout is faithful in their religious beliefs and respects the beliefs of others. The Scout Oath begins with duty to God, and the Scout Law ends with reverence. It is the twelfth point of the Scout Law, but it cannot be an afterthought. Reverence is integral to good character and citizenship.

Pack 652 attended mass on Sunday, February 8th at St. Basil's. Thank you, Fr. Ryan Mann and Deacon Rob Blackburn, for your continuous support of the Scouting program at the Church



Save the Date

2026/27 Annual Planning Meeting

Wednesdays May 20 & 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Parish Center classroom, St. Basil's

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.

Pack Events

Raingutter Regatta

Saturday, March 21, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

March Pack Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Parish Center, St Basil's

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

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





Raingutter Regatta

Saturday, March 21st is our annual Raingutter Regatta at the Parish Center at St. Basil's.

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.

Snacks are not provided but families can bring thier own.

Regatta Rules

Raingutter Regatta Rules: click [HERE](#) for rule details

Participant Tips

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](#)

Volunteer Needs

Once again, we need volunteers to assist to ensure the smooth running of this event. If you can help with one of the below positions, please reach out to our Race Chair or another Leader.

- Race Referees
- Race Results Recorders
- Prep Crew



Den Meetings

Lions

Wed., Mar. 11
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Tigers

Wed., Mar. 4 & 18
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Wolves

Wed., Mar. 4 & 18
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Bears

Wed., Mar. 4 & 18
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Webelos

Wed., Mar. 11 & 18
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Arrow of Light

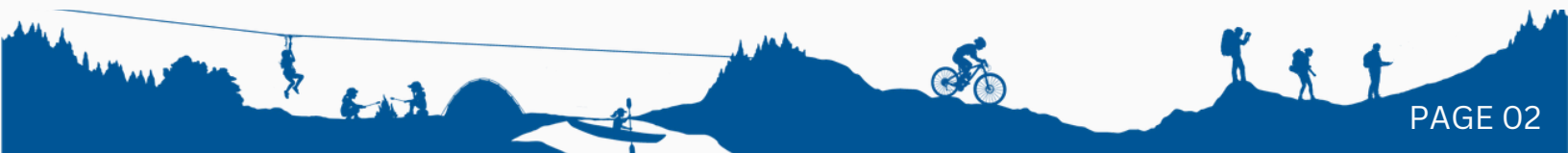
Wed., Mar. 4 & 18
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Help the Girls Troop 652 with their fundraising efforts. Bring the family and enjoy dinner.

Saturday, March 7, 5 - 9 pm
Parish Center, St. Basil's

Donations appreciated





Spring Family Campout

It is already time to start thinking about the spring campout. Registration will be coming out soon.

WHEN: Friday, April 17th, 5PM - Sunday, April 19th, 10AM (You may choose to spend one night, both nights or just be day trippers - please indicate upon registering.)

WHERE: Atwater Cabin, Camp Butler, Peninsula

WHO: Scouts, siblings, and guardians (note that siblings older than 5th grade will be required to sleep in a tent outdoors).

REQUIREMENTS:

- All parents staying overnight must have a current YPT certificate on file. If it has been over two years since you last took the training, an update is required. Visit my.scouting.org > My Training.
-
- Medical forms no older than 13 months at the time of the campout must be on file with Pack 652 for all attendees (scouts, siblings, guardians) - day trippers and overnights.
-
- Pack and national dues must be paid.

Meet a Park Ranger Event

We have added a new event to our calendar this spring.

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 for one of the below positions. Sign-ups will be going out soon.

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

Den Highlights

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

Lions - The lions completed their Lion's pride adventure by creating cards for someone they love.

Webelos - These 4th graders completed a service project where they made 2 dozen PB&J sandwiches which were then donated to help those in need. They are working to finalize their Community requirement by learning about voting and meeting an elected official.

Arrow of Lights - With crossover quickly approaching, the AOLs worked on completing the rest of their adventures. They also joined the Troop 652 meeting.

A Scout is... HELPFUL

Being helpful means always looking for ways to contribute and assist others. One of the best qualities of your character is how you chose to step up and help someone without being asked.

Trying to be more helpful and putting in the extra effort will make you stand out from other people. Next time you're doing a project with your Den or at school and you finish your task, find someone else who looks like they might need help, and offer to give them a hand. Your small gesture can have a huge impact.





Volunteers Needed for 2026-2027 Scouting Year

Pack 652 would not be successful without the many volunteers who help out on all levels. As we head towards the finish line with this school year, we will begin our planning for the 2026/27 year. With that, we are looking for additional volunteers. Positions range from year-round to short term, from leading scouts to behind-the-scenes support.

We will be highlighting some of the available positions over the next few weeks. Some positions are listed below. Please consider volunteering. Don't hesitate to reach out to current leadership with any questions about the various opportunities or if you have any questions about the positions.

Scout Recruitment Chair (July - August; 8 hours/month) -

*** Train this summer with our current Chair before they move on to the troop level next 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 Leadership to organize Recruitment Night and Parent Orientation.

Asst. Popcorn Colonel (year-round position @ 1-2 hrs/month; 5 hrs/week during prime month)

- Work with Trails End to schedule store front sales and create sign-ups accordingly for Scouts to sell popcorn.
- Communicate monthly promotions to scouting families and ensure receipt of product.

Volunteer Recruitment Chair (year-rounds position, 2-4 hours/month)

- Oversee the recruitment of volunteers to help fill assorted open positions.
- Communication and outreach through monthly newsletter and at monthly pack meetings.

Newsletter Chair (year-round position @ 3-5 hrs/month)

*** Train this year with our current Chair before they move on to the troop level next year.*

- Gather content from various leaders to include in the monthly newsletter
- Attend monthly committee meetings to create calendar of events and topics
- Take photos at events and activities to include in newsletters and end-of-year slide show

