



MAY 2026

THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

Blue & Gold Banquet

Our annual Blue & Gold Banquet is taking place on Saturday, May 16, 5-7PM at St. Basil's Parish Center (note this is a venue change).

This event recognizes all the hard work our Cub Scouts have put to completing their adventures and awards. We will also recognize them as they rank up to the next level of scouting.

Like all our scouting activities and events, this event cannot happen without the help of volunteers. Please consider volunteering on the event day.

[RSVP](#) for dinner and let us know if you can volunteer by **Tuesday, May 12th.**



Pack Events

Blue & Gold Banquet
Saturday, May 16, 2026
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Parish Center, St. Basil's

Annual Planning Meeting
Wednesdays, May 27 & June 3
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Parish Center classroom
St. Basil's

Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 25, 2026
8:30 - 10:30 AM
meet @ Brecksville City Hall

*Summer Schedule
is coming soon*





Memorial Day Parade

As in years past, invite all Scouting families to march in the Memorial Day Parade with Pack 652. This year the pack will march in the Brecksville parade (we alternate with Broadview Heights each year).

On Monday, May 25, we will gather at 8:30 AM in the Brecksville City Hall parking lot off Brecksville Road. You can park in the Fire Department/Municipal Parking Lot next door.

Step off for the parade will be at 9AM. Wagons are welcome for little ones. Dress for the weather as the parade will occur rain or shine. Don't forget your water and sunscreen. Families are welcome to bring candy to toss to the crowds.

All Cub Scouts should wear full Class A Uniforms.

Rank Requirements Countdown

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).

Den Meetings

Lions

Wed., May 13
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Tigers

Wed., May 6
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Wolves

Wed., May 6
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Bears

Wed., May 6
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Webelos

Wed., May 6
6:00 - 7:00 PM





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 to learn more about volunteer opportunities, share your ideas or just listen in. The meeting dates have been updated to Wednesdays, May 27 and June 3, 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.

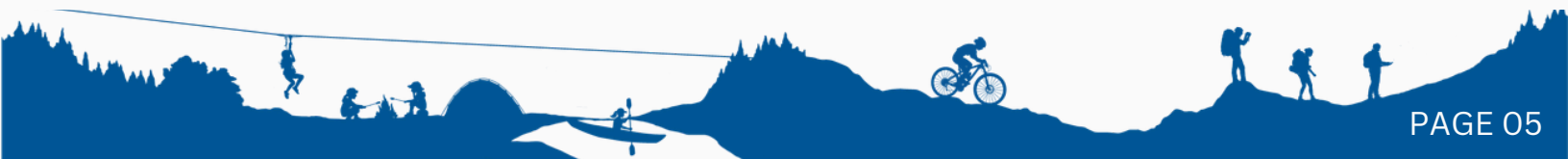
A Scout is... COURTEOUS

Being courteous is being polite and respectful. Courtesy is the way that you show respect to others - being a good listener and using kind words and actions. Being courteous is important for being taken seriously, especially when dealing with adults; including taking the time to say please and thank you. By acknowledging what others have done for you, you demonstrate your appreciation and respect for the other person. Take time to thank people who may go unnoticed - like a school janitor or your bus driver.

Do you know other people who make you embarrassed to be around sometimes? These friends seem to have no filter and lack of sense of courtesy. If you know someone like that, resolve not to be the same way! Be courteous to every single person, and they'll extend that same respect back to you.

Call for Volunteers

Once again we have a call for volunteers. Please review the following pages for various opportunities, both scout-facing and behind-the-scenes. Please talk to a Pack leader if you have any questions.





Spring Campout Recap & AOL Crossover

Thanks to all the families that turned out for the campout. It was a fun weekend with hiking, kick ball, gaga ball, silly skits, and, of course, the donut challenge!

Congratulations to our Arrow of Light scouts. After completing their required adventures, we celebrated these scouts as they crossed-over to the troop level. Troops 652B and 652G joined us for a great ceremony during the Spring Campout.

A big shoutout to Mrs. Baako for leading this group of Scouts, along with Mr. Toonen, for the past several years! Thank you for your time and dedication.



Kassidy M.



Liam B.



Max L.



Axel T.



Evan J.



Miles L.



Dalton K.



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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 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/July (4 hours/month & 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.

