



# Northern Star Scouting

## MAY 2024

# Highlights and Happenings

**Use these quick links to stay on top of all the opportunities across Northern Star Scouting and our Districts!**

Northern Star Scouting: <https://www.northernstar.org/>

Northern Star Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthernStarBSA/>

Northern Star Scouts BSA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthernStarScoutsBSA>

Northern Star Cub Scouts Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthernStarCubScouts>

Northern Star Venturing Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSCVenturing>

Scoutbook Questions? Email us at: [scoutbookhelp@northernstar.org](mailto:scoutbookhelp@northernstar.org)

## Recruitment/Membership/Unit Service:

### UNIT RENEWAL

- The National Council has revamped the Unit Renewal (Recharter) process for units.
- It should be much smoother and provide units more control of the process.
- You can also receive updates on the Council Website - <https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/annual-program-registration-renewal>
- Please join us at the University of Scouting for our initial training on the new process.

### WEBELOS TRANSITION!

- It's an exciting time for AOL Scouts – it's crossover season!
- Packs and Troops should be coordinating their crossover ceremonies, and transferring the youth registrations from Pack to Troop.
- The easiest way is to use Scoutbook – Troop admins can use the 'in-council transfer' function to move AOL scouts over.
- A paper form is also available on the Northern Star website. Just search "Webelos Transition."

### ORDER CUSTOM RECRUITMENT MATERIALS FOR YOUR UNIT!

Recruitment materials are available all year long

- Link for Cub Scouts: <https://tinyurl.com/CubMaterialsOrderForm>
- Link for SBSA: <https://tinyurl.com/ScoutsBSAMaterialsOrderForm>
- Venturing Crews in need of recruitment materials please email: Karin at [kallers@northernstar.org](mailto:kallers@northernstar.org)

### ARCHERY RANGES

- If your unit has a community event or public activity, reserve an archery range to showcase Scouting fun!
- Reservations at <https://campreservation.com/250/Camps/865>

## NEW T-SHIRT DESIGN SELECTED!

- Thanks to all the Scouts who voted on our 2024 Adventure Shirt design!
- The Winning design will be showcased in the upcoming eNavigator.
- Again this year, every new & returning Cub, Scouts and Venturers will receive a shirt in the fall.

## DISTRICT PROGRAM KICK-OFFS

- The plan for distributing the program and recruitment materials that all Northern Star Scouting units will need to have to plan for and prepare for a successful Scouting year.
- It will also be an opportunity to meet with other unit leaders to plan future joint activities and recruitment events and share in some district fellowship!

### **A special kit of materials will be assembled specifically for every unit in Northern Star Scouting and will include:**

- Fall recruitment materials.
- Popcorn sale information and materials.
- Council Calendars to help every unit plan a successful Scouting year.
- Council Program Catalogs, with information and details on
- Summer Camps, Winter Camps, Fall Day Camps, Spooky-Ree,
- Trails End Popcorn sale materials,
- STEM and council activities,
- Basic Leader Training, Universities of Scouting, Wood Badge courses, BALOO courses, Grey Wolf, Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Courses,
- And MORE!!!

# Events and Programming



## For Cubs, Scouts and Leaders at Northern Star Scouting

### **SPRING CAMPOREE 2024 FOR TROOPS AND CREWS**

- Northern Star Scouting is excited to announce the theme of the 2024 Spring Camporee- **American Heroes!**
- The event will be held at Stearns Scout Camp from May 17-19.
- Registration for the event is now open- <https://scoutingevent.com/250-springcamporee24>

### **SPRING BALOO TRAINING – NEW CUB LEADERS**

- Our next BALOO training will be held May 18 -19, 2024, at Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp
- Registration fee includes all meals and program materials
- Register today at: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-80834>

### **SPRING IOLS INCLUDING SCOUTMASTER & ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING**

- Spring IOLS will be held May 4-5, 2024, at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp
- Registration fee includes all meals and program materials
- Register today at: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-springiols2024>

### **NEXT WOOD BADGE TRAINING**

- **Winter Course** – January 31-February 2 and February 22-23, 2025 at Kiwanis Scout Camp
- For information on the Spring Course visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-springwoodbadge2024>

## **YOUTH PROTECTION**

- Youth Protection audits have been taking place with reminders for those volunteers who have expiring and expired Youth Protection Training
- All Unit leaders who are lapsed will be reminded to renew their training: <https://my.scouting.org/>
- Those who are not in compliance will not be able to re-register or serve as Merit Badge Counselors until training is completed.

## **WEEKEND CAMPING SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **May 11th, Shooting Sports, Climbing Tower & Summer Camp Merit Badge Make Up Day at Stearns Scout Camp**

- Date: May 11th, 2024
- Location: Stearns Scout Camp (3303 County Rd 44, South Haven, Minnesota 55382)
- Schedule for the day:
  - 9am-12:00pm- BB range open
  - 12:30pm-5pm- .22 rifle range open
  - 10am-5pm- Archery range open
  - 10am-5pm- Climbing Tower open
- We will be offering make up/ catch up for Archery, Rifle, and Climbing Merit Badge
- Price: Free for those with a camp facility reservation, \$5 for those without a camp facility reservation

## **FAMILY RENTALS/FAMILY CAMP**

- A variety of family program and rental opportunities are available at our camps.
- See all we have to offer: <https://camp.northernstar.org/Family-Rentals>

## **STEM/Nova**

- Looking for STEM programming resources or adult leader training materials?
- Check out our new STEM page at: <https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/all-about-the-stem-advancement-program>.

## **OPEN CLIMB AT BASE CAMP**

- Great for a unit outing or just something fun to do as a family!
- Climbing/archery is open to youth 5 years of age and older.
- It is required that youth are accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older)
- Walk ins are allowed, pre-registration is preferred so we can plan for staffing.
- For more information and registration: [www.scoutingevent.com/250-2024OpenClimb](http://www.scoutingevent.com/250-2024OpenClimb)

## **MERIT BADGE, NOVA COUNSELOR AND SUPERNOVA MENTOR REGISTRATION**

- National BSA now requires all Merit Badge Counselors, Nova Counselors and Super Nova Mentors who are not already in a paid registration with the BSA to register and pay an annual membership fee of \$25
- This annual fee applies only to individuals who are not already paid leaders at the unit, District or Council Level
- All volunteers primarily registered as Merit Badge Counselors will need to pay the fee at their next reregistration
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- Registration for the event opened March 8, 2024, so keep an eye on the council website.
- We hope to see you all in May for the Spring Camporee!

## KICKOFF TO SUMMER AT THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS

- Northern Star Scouting is excited to be partnering with the Minnesota State Fair to participate in the fourth annual Kickoff to Summer at the Fair!
- The event will take place May 23-26, 2024.
- We will be there with our fan-favorite inflatable axe throwing activity, and this event features food and other vendors that you would find at the annual State Fair.
- Music and entertainment free with admission, shopping at 20+ specialty Minnesota merchants, arcade games, mini golf, pickleball, Giant Slide rides, yard games, history tours, and much more will be at the event!
- If you're interested in helping at the event, contact [jmcdermid@northernstar.org](mailto:jmcdermid@northernstar.org) for more information. An official registration link will be open soon.
- We hope to see many of you at the event in May!

## NORTHERN STAR SCOUTING AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

- Northern Star Scouting is excited to return to the Minnesota State Fair in 2024!
- The Fair will take place Thursday, August 22 through Labor Day (Monday, September 2).
- The inflatable axe throwing activity will return for it's second year at the Fair! It was a big hit at last year's Fair, and our new booth location was a vast improvement for our visibility and engagement with Fair attendees.
- If you are interested in volunteering to help represent Scouting at the State Fair, contact [jmcdermid@northernstar.org](mailto:jmcdermid@northernstar.org) for more information.
- You will receive two free tickets- one to get into the fair to volunteer, and another for someone to join you when you are done with your shift!
- We hope to see you at the State Fair later this summer!

## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING EXTENSION CLASSES

- Our online University of Scouting Extension classes are going to pause until after our in-person event and will be offered again during the month of May
- Check out <https://www.northernstar.org/training> and click on University of Scouting Extension for more information



## For Northern Star Cub Scouts and Leaders

### 2024 CUB SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

- Visit <http://camp.northernstar.org/Cub-Summer-Programs> for registration and more information.

### COUNCIL PINEWOOD DERBY 2024

- Race your Pinewood Derby car against other Scouts from across Northern Star Council to see who comes out on top.
- The race will be held at the Eden Prairie Center on Saturday, June 1st.
- Registration is now open! <https://scoutingevent.com/250-councilpwd24>



## For Northern Star Scouts BSA/Venturing and Leaders

### MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some of the upcoming Merit Badge Opportunities we are offering with our community partners:

- Electricity, Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> (Minneapolis JATC)
- Fire Safety, Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> (Cottage Grove FD)

Space is limited, so register for the events early! [Merit Badge Opportunities \(northernstar.org\)](https://www.northernstar.org/merit-badge-opportunities)

### 2024 SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP

- Reservations OPEN for all Troops and Crews
- Many Point: <https://manypoint.northernstar.org/Article/sign-up-for-many-point>
- Tomahawk: <https://www.camptomahawk.org/Details-Page/sign-up-for-summer-camp>

### SUMMER CAMP STAFF WANTED

- Being a staff member or a counselor in training is a great experience.
- Build your skills and leadership and make lifelong friendships.
- Applications are available at: <https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/employment>

### MANY POINT & TOMAHAWK ALL-STAR PROGRAM

- Can't make it to camp with your Troop or Crew? Looking for more camping opportunities?
- Join the All-Star Troops at Tomahawk or Many Point this summer.
- This provisional program allows you to do anything you would do if you came with your troop or crew, all while meeting new friends.
- Visit [www.manypoint.org](http://www.manypoint.org) or [www.camptomahawk.org](http://www.camptomahawk.org) for more information.

### 2024 SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM SIGN UP

- Merit Badge and High Adventure Program sign up is now open
- Host summer camp promotional meetings with your troop to get commitments from your Scouts.
- Collect your Scouts' program interests so you can lock in their programs.

## Northern Star Order of the Arrow



### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE LODGE

- Come join Totanhan Nakaha Lodge at the Centennial Celebration of the Lodge on August 23-25<sup>th</sup> at Phillippo Scout Camp!
- For more information and to register for 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration, please go to <https://www.scoutingevent.com/250-oacentennial>