

Northern Star  
Scouting



# 2023-2024 Program Catalog



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# ABOUT THIS CATALOG

Scouting is “Fun with a purpose!” On the following pages you will find Northern Star Scouting activities, programs, events, camps and more to supplement the fun and adventure taking place in your local pack, troop, ship or crew.

Scouting is for all seasons, so our catalog is divided into them to make it easier to find council-sponsored programs of interest. There are also year-round opportunities highlighted in a special section as well.

## Catalog Icon Legend



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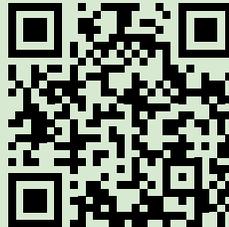


Family

## Stuff to Do!

Looking for activities and opportunities for your unit? From Disc Golf to Merit Badge events, to Historic Trails and Jamborees, the Stuff-to-Do page has what you are looking for! This page of the Northern Star Scouting website is regularly updated, so check back for the most current information on community events and Scouting opportunities near you at [northernstar.org/stuff-to-do](http://northernstar.org/stuff-to-do). Each category tab has breakdowns by program, so you can find programs for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts.

Looking for information about the next Fall Camporee, Klondike Derby, or Pinewood Derby? Check out the regular events tabs at the top of the page for more information about these annual offerings. Visit Stuff-to-Do today, and find your next Scouting adventure!



## [www.northernstar.org/connect](http://www.northernstar.org/connect)

### E-newsletters

All members will receive “eNavigator” monthly. Leaders also receive a monthly “Northern Starlight” e-newsletter tailored to them. Anyone can subscribe (and set their personal areas of interest), through: [www.northernstar.org/connect](http://www.northernstar.org/connect) or by clicking the “Customize Which Emails You Receive” link at the top of all e-Newsletters.

Find the latest news, info, & upcoming events at

[www.northernstar.org](http://www.northernstar.org)



We're **NorthernStarBSA** on social media, so give us a follow!

### Text Communications

To receive text updates of late-breaking opportunities and reminders, opt-in @ [www.northernstar.org/connect](http://www.northernstar.org/connect) or your membership renewal page.

### Custom Calendar Feeds

Subscribe to the online calendar of your choice right on our website.

### Print Newsletter

Our Navigator newsletter is mailed quarterly to all volunteer leaders, with a special family edition mailed to all Scouting households in February.

## Northern Star Merit Badge Series



Electricity, Welding, Aviation and more—these are some of the Merit Badge courses that have been offered by our STEM and Activities Committees. To help provide a more in-depth experience for Scouts, Northern Star Scouting partners with organizations and businesses in the community in order to provide hands-on Merit Badge events.

Learn more at [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do)



## Rent a Camp Facility

In addition to our staff-led camp offerings, your Scouting group can reserve a building, campsite or facility to run your own program for a day, overnight, or weekend. Each of Northern Star Scouting's camps has something special to offer.

**Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp**—Located just five miles northeast of Stillwater, FCA boasts 260 acres along the St. Croix River in WI with year-round camping, 17 winterized cabins, campsites, and a one-mile trail to a back-packing campsite.

**Kiwanis Scout Camp**—110 acres nestled on the banks of the St. Croix near Marine-on-St. Croix, MN, Kiwanis has a dining hall for 200 people, a 36-person dormitory, six sleeping cabins, kitchen, yurts, cabinets, tent camping, swimming pool, and a great two-room Conference Center for 100 people.

**Phillippo Scout Camp**—Located on the south shore of the Byllesby Reservoir, just West of Cannon Falls, the reservation is 498 acres of rolling fields, wooded campsites and hills overlooking the Cannon River valley. It features nine winterized cabins, a 48-person Conference Center, campsites, cross country ski trails, lighted snow tube hill, canoes, and a modern 300 person dining hall.

**Rum River Scout Camp**—A year-round camp located 4 miles north of Anoka on Minnesota's State Highway 47, with 160 acres of wooded campsites, frontage on the Rum River, three enclosed activity buildings, a sliding hill, orienteering, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and a nature trail.

**Stearns Scout Camp**—A year-round camp located northwest of Annandale on Stearns County Highway 44, less than an hour northwest of Minneapolis. Stearns features 14 buildings and shelters, 4 yurts, hiking, orienteering, bouldering wall, disc golf, cross country skiing, and snow shoeing, and over 1200 acres of forest, lakes, and wetlands.

**Reservations and full descriptions are online at:**  
[camp.northernstar.org/Camp-Locations-and-Rentals](http://camp.northernstar.org/Camp-Locations-and-Rentals)

## Base Camp Program Offerings

Northern Star Scouting's unique urban program center at Fort Snelling offers lots of options. Your unit can schedule a group activity or select from regular sessions open to individuals. Here are a just few Core Activities of the TeamBuilding Center:

**Archery**

**Climbing**

**Leadership Lab**

(see page 12)

**High Ropes**

**Birthday Parties**

**See the full list available at:**  
[www.explorebasecamp.org](http://www.explorebasecamp.org)



## Cub Scout Fall Day Camp



“Fall” in love with this half-day program. Cub Scouts and their families can kick off the start of the school year with plenty of fun activities like archery, BB guns, crafts, nature walks, and more!

Dates: Every Saturday and Sunday, October 7–29, 2023

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/fall-day-camp](http://camp.northernstar.org/fall-day-camp)

## Spooky-Ree Campout



Celebrate the spooky season the right way! We'll scare your socks off while you play games, enjoy sweet treats, or take a hayride through our forest trails – all while learning valuable camp skills. Throw on your costumes and join us for a scary-good weekend!

Dates: October 6–8, 13–15, 27–29, 2023

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/spooky-ree](http://camp.northernstar.org/spooky-ree)

## Fall Camporees



Show off your Scout skills and team up with fellow Troops and Crews from across Northern Star Scouting for a weekend of friendly competition at Fall Camporee. Each Fall Camporee event is open to all Northern Star Scouts BSA Troops and Venture Crews regardless of district affiliation. This year's theme will be Wilderness Survival.

Dates: September 22–24 and October 13–15, 2023

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do)

## Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)



Connecting with others doesn't always have to be in person, and the Jamboree-on-the-Air is proof! Thousands of amateur radio stations around the world connect Scouts and enthusiasts from all across the globe for a weekend of Scouting fellowship. The Northern Star Scouting International Committee traditionally hosts an event at the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting to coincide with this global event.

Dates: October 20–22, 2023

Northern Star Scouting Event October 21, 2023

Learn more at: [www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota](http://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota)  
and [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do)



## Rent a Camp Facility

(see full listing on pg. 3)



Take advantage of the crisp fall air with a refreshing hike and a fantastic view of the night skies. Reserve a campsite or facility at one of our camps.

Fall Special Events: Watch for Shooting Sports and Climbing Tower Days, Cooking Contest & Night Skies.

An experience just for families – Create your own adventure at one of our family cabins.

## Popcorn Sale



“Prepared. For Crunchtime” is Northern Star Scouting’s plan to help your unit have ONE fundraiser this year. Trained Popcorn staff and volunteers will help your unit plan and execute the best and most efficient fundraiser it’s ever had!

Not only does 73% of each popcorn sale go back to local Scouting, selling popcorn earns you unique prizes, including special events! In the past, Scouts competed in Lego builds with Lego Masters TV show contestants, met Minnesota Vikings players and earned thousands of dollars in gift cards and prizes! No one recognizes Scouts better than Northern Star Scouting—NO ONE!

Dates: September 22–October 29, 2023

Learn more at:

[www.buyscoutpopcorn.com](http://www.buyscoutpopcorn.com)

## Venturing Urban Adventure

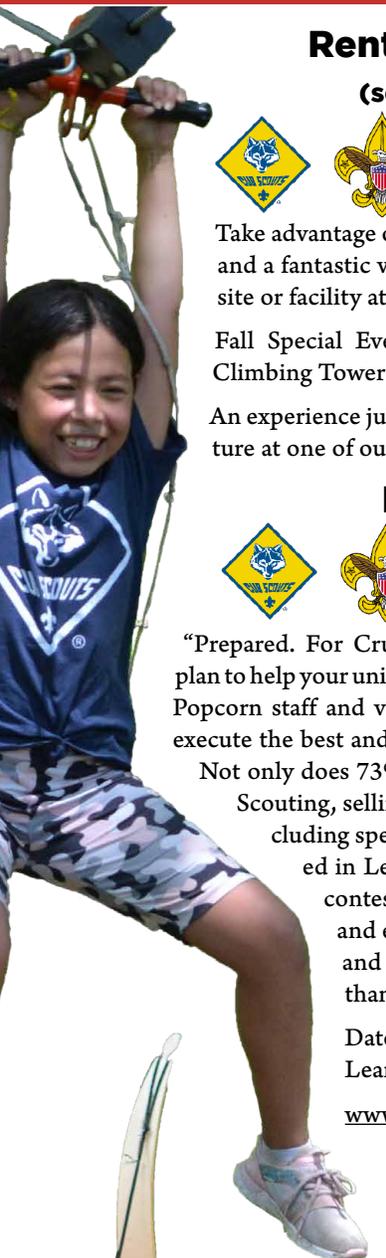


Join us for a social media-fueled scavenger race around the Twin Cities! Create a team, use map reading skills, knowledge of public transportation, smart phones and street smarts to help navigate different way-points around the Twin Cities. Collect clues, take pictures, troubleshoot, and score points along the way!

Teams are made up of both Venturers and non-Venturers, so bring your friends!

Date: October 8, 2023

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-the-urban-adventure](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-the-urban-adventure)



## Polar Cubs



Polar Cubs shows all the fun camp can provide year round! All Cub Scouts and their families are welcome to enjoy a variety of winter activities, including sledding, tubing, winter survival, animal tracking, and more.

Dates: Every Saturday and Sunday, January 13–March 2, 2024

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/polar-cubs](http://camp.northernstar.org/polar-cubs)

## Rent a Camp Facility

(see full listing on pg. 3)



We've got plenty of buildings to keep you warm during our coldest months. Get the full winter experience – Sled, snowshoe and cross country ski across our properties by day and cozy up to a fire by night.

Winter Special Events: Holiday Cookie Baking Challenge, Merit Badge Advancement Days, Board Games Tournament

An experience just for families – Create your own adventure at one of our family cabins.



## Klondike Derby



Bundle up and brave the winter weather with this fun Scout skill competition and sled race. Troops and Crews from across Northern Star Scouting are welcome to take part. Although centered around Scout skills, the Klondike Derby is an excellent opportunity to introduce younger Scouts BSA and Venturing members to the adventure of outdoor winter activities.

Date: January 27 and February 17, 2024

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do)

## Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Wreath Clean-up



Started by the legacy Kaposia Chapter of the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge, the annual Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Wreath Clean-up is one of the largest service projects undertaken by Northern Star Scouting each year. Honor the memory of our veterans by removing wreaths and holiday decorations from memorials on the grounds of the Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. The event is open to Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and the public.

Date: February 3, 2024

Learn more at [tnl-oa.org](http://tnl-oa.org)

## Scouts BSA Winter Camp



Check out Winter programs at Stearns Scout Camp and Tomahawk Scout Camp! Enjoy an outfitted weekend of winter fun with our trained Snow Base and North Wind Staff. Staying warm is easy when we provide cold weather training, winter clothing, camping equipment, excellent meals, and outdoor activities. Our tiered programs and commitment to innovation ensures fun and new challenges for all experience levels (Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced) every winter.

Dates: Weekends, January 5 – February 25, 2024

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/Scouts-BSA](http://camp.northernstar.org/Scouts-BSA)



## Cub Scout Camporee



Take part in this fun-filled program designed for Cub Scouts grades K-4. Over the weekend, Scouts will partake in competitive events, learn Scout skills, play games and enjoy the wonders of nature. Special programming options will be offered for 4th grade Webelos to help introduce them to the journeys that lie ahead in Scouts BSA.

Date: May 11, 2024

Learn more at [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do)

## Council Recognition Event



Join us to honor volunteers whose efforts ensure Scouting continues to thrive in our community. At the event, Northern Star Scouting recognizes the annual Silver Beaver class (the highest level of recognition awarded to a volunteer). Recipients are registered Scouters who made a significant impact on the lives of youth through service given to Scouting and the community. The Recognition event recognizes other individual achievements of youth members and volunteer Scouters.

Date: April 6, 2024

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do)

## Spring Camporee



Show off your Scout skills and ream up with fellow Troops and Crews from across Northern Star Scouting for a weekend of friendly competition. This event is open to all districts and will serve as a great opportunity for newly transitioned Scouts to participate in a pre-Summer camp outdoor camping experience.

Date: May 17-19, 2024

Learn more at [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do)

## Rent a Camp Facility

(see full listing on pg. 3)



We've got the cure for cabin fever. Reserve a campsite or facility at our camps to see the great outdoors come alive again! Play a round of disc golf, capture the flag or climb the tower with your unit.

Spring Special Events: Nature Hike Day, First Class Rank Requirements Day, Shooting Sports and Climbing Tower Days

An experience just for families – Create your own adventure at one of our family cabins.



## Scouting for Food



Scouting for Food is a large community service project where Scouts collect items for local food shelves. The project takes place over two weekends, beginning with the distribution of labeled door hangers throughout neighborhoods a week prior to food donation pick-up. Collected food and cash donations that are collected during the second Saturday of the effort are delivered to area food shelves by participating Scouting units. Information about sign-up, door hanger requests, and frequently asked questions can be found at the link below.

Date: Variable, but traditionally in late April

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-scouting-for-food](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-scouting-for-food)

## Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Flag Placement Project



Honor the memory of our veterans and help Ft. Snelling National Cemetery prepare for Memorial Day by assisting in the placement of American flags on the cemetery grounds. This event is open to Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and the public. This project will take place the Saturday before Memorial Day, and is made possible through the support of Flags for Ft. Snelling.

Date: Saturday May 25, 2024

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-to-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-to-Do)



# SUMMER

## Cub Scout Summer Camp



An all-inclusive camp experience for Cub Scouts and siblings entering Grades 1–4 in the fall. We provide housing, meals, and an awesome program full of activities. Our staff will guide you throughout the entire weekend! Just come prepared to have a great time with your Scout!

Dates: Weekends June 15–August 11, 2024

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/cub-scout-summer-camp](http://camp.northernstar.org/cub-scout-summer-camp)

## Discovery Day Camp



Discovery Day Camp is a weeklong program (5 days) open to all youth in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Take part in activities such as swimming, hiking, climbing, archery, STEM activities, outdoor skills, crafts, and more! Everything will be age-appropriate and guided by our well trained and enthusiastic staff. With multiple sessions offered at a variety of locations you are sure to find something that will fit your busy schedule! Activities vary by location. Heads up: This is a Community Camp with lots of fun activities, but does not include Scouting Advancement.

Dates: June–August, 2024

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/discovery-day-camp](http://camp.northernstar.org/discovery-day-camp)

## Arrow of Light Summer Camp



Arrow of Light Summer camp at Tomahawk is a great step before transitioning into Scouts BSA. Designed for Scouts entering 5th Grade in the fall, this 3 day, 3 night program is an awesome opportunity for Scouts to work on Arrow of Light requirements. Additionally, check out the Arrow of Light Outpost option, which gives Webelos an extra night at camp!

Dates: Sessions available June 15–August 12, 2024

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/arrow-of-light-camp](http://camp.northernstar.org/arrow-of-light-camp)



## Philmont Contingent



Explore the beauty and adventure of thousands of acres of rugged New Mexico wilderness on a 12-day backpacking trip at the Philmont Scout Ranch. Take part in an unforgettable adventure through a variety of hands-on programs at the trail camps like horseback riding, gold panning, singing, and interpretive history. All travel and logistics are coordinated by the council.

Dates: June 23–July 5, 2024

Learn more at:

[www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/2024-philmont-contingent](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/2024-philmont-contingent)

## Stearns Family Campground



Experience our newest family vacation opportunity where you can stay in a fully furnished yurt, cabin or in your own tent. Choose your length of stay and take full advantage of the properties self-serve amenities for activities like exploring, hiking, biking, boating, and swimming. Adventures for the WHOLE family await!

Dates: June, July, August, 2024

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/family-camp](http://camp.northernstar.org/family-camp)

Join us at the:

### MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

We showcase Scouting for the whole community at our annual Minnesota State Fair Booth. Stop by to take part in the fun or volunteer to be on our program staff. Details at: [northernstar.org/statefair](http://northernstar.org/statefair)

## Many Point Scout Camp



Since 1946, Many Point's signature red lantern has burned brightly on the shores of Many Point Lake. Scouts can take part in traditional activities like swimming, canoeing, rowing, orienteering, lashing, and shooting. But as times change, adaptable Scouts learn to change with them! We now have a huge fleet of Sunfish sailboats, six climbing towers, ATV training programs, several 25' aqua trampolines, two Huck Finn rafts, jet skis, kayaks and two tree house villages. Experience them all for yourself at Many Point! Programs for your troop and individual Scouts are available!

Dates: Week-long sessions, June 25–August 19, 2024

Learn more at:

[www.ManyPoint.org](http://www.ManyPoint.org)

## Tomahawk Scout Camp



Since 1953, Tomahawk Scout Camp has been a summer highlight for Scouts. Camp participants can choose from 50+ merit badges and an array of high energy programs. Traditional opportunities include swimming, boating, Scoutcraft skills and shooting sports. Special opportunities like horseback riding, ATV training, single track mountain biking, high ropes course, whitewater kayaking, STEM and trades vocational training entice even the most experienced of Scouts! Programs for your troop and individual Scouts are available!

Dates: Week-long sessions, June 16–August 10, 2024

Learn more at: [www.CampTomahawk.org](http://www.CampTomahawk.org)

## Family Camps: Resort-Style Programming



We are your fun-filled family vacation destination. Experience Scouting's best at our full-service family camps. Be as active or relaxed as you desire. Cabin, RV and tent site rentals available for full weeks. Chooses from a long list of activities facilitated by experienced staff.

Dates: June 16–August 19, 2024

Learn more at: [camp.northernstar.org/Family-Rentals](http://camp.northernstar.org/Family-Rentals)



## YOUTH

### University of Scouting



Scouts BSA and Venturing Youth Leadership College at University of Scouting focuses on educating new youth leaders on the tips and tricks to be successful in their leadership role. Youth select the classes they'd like to take and learn skills throughout the day on communication, planning and serving others.

Dates: October 28, 2023 and April 13, 2024

More info available at: [www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-the-university-of-scouting](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-the-university-of-scouting)

### Grey Wolf



Grey Wolf is Northern Star Scouting's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). A one-week program for Scouts and Venturers held in June and July at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp, it replicates the first three weeks of typical unit operations— patrol leader's council meetings, troop/crew meetings, patrol meetings, and planning for a big event.

Becoming a better leader is the theme, but many aspects apply to daily life. Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, and Skippers nominate youth to attend this training.

Dates: One Week Sessions held in June–July

More info available at: [www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-grey-wolf-youth-leader-training](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-grey-wolf-youth-leader-training)

### Emerging Leaders and Leadership Lab Adventure

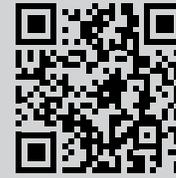
A special program for grades 7 and above. Step into our state-of-the-art Leadership Lab, a space where learners will be prepared for all the opportunities to be a leader they encounter every day. They practice these skills in an immersive experience that utilizes surround video, sound, and touch technology. Available by reservation!

Learn more at: [www.explorebasecamp.org](http://www.explorebasecamp.org)



## ADULTS

[Northernstar.org/Training](http://Northernstar.org/Training) is your destination for information about training for youth and adults alike. Scan the QR code below to start your training journey!



### Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required to register as a leader and must be renewed every two years. This protects children in Scouting and the community, adult leaders and the organization by maintaining high vigilance and learning to Recognize, Respond and Report suspected abuse or policy breaches.

Training is completed online at: [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org)

### Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub Scout Leaders

BALOO is a combination of an online and instructor-led course of camping policies and procedures, taught with the tools to help packs conduct a successful camping experience. Completion is mandatory for at least one adult on a pack overnighter. We provide several opportunities annually.

### College of Commissioner Service

The College of Commissioner Service (CCS) is a day-long annual training and sharing event designed to help our unit service commissioners grow in their role and expand their knowledge of practices to serve their pack, troop, or crew.

### Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

Required for Assistant Scoutmasters and Scoutmasters to be considered trained. This hands-on course provides adult leaders with the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the outdoors. IOLS is offered throughout the year.

### Wood Badge

Wood Badge is Scouting's most advanced training course focused on leadership, personal and team development. Wood Badge has provided the ultimate training for thousands of leaders around the world.

### University of Scouting

This is a fun-filled, hands-on opportunity to network and learn with hundreds of fellow Scouters. With over 100 training sessions to choose from, this one-day supplemental training event is for leaders of all Scouting programs regardless of experience (programs for youth leaders as well).

Dates: October 28, 2023 & April 13, 2024

### NEW University of Scouting Extension Classes

These online training classes allow you to fit in a U of S learning session into your busy schedule! All volunteers can benefit from the classes we provide. We're always adding classes, so check our website periodically!

# OTHER AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

## Diversity Award



Available for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, and adults, the Northern Star Scouting Diversity Award helps to strengthen inclusiveness and create cultural awareness and understanding. The award is a great opportunity for units to build a program where Scouts and Scouters can work together in a collaborative learning environment. Requirements are program-specific, and include elements of research, participation, and recognition.

Visit [www.northernstar.org](http://www.northernstar.org) and search for “Diversity Award.”

## Historic Trails



Councils across the country maintain Historic Trails in order to bring appreciation for the ideals, principles, traditions, and history that have made our communities and country what they are today. Northern Star Scouting supports three trails: Fort Snelling, 1862 U.S.-Dakota War, and L'Étoile du Nord. Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do)

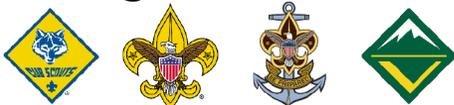
## Duke of Edinburgh Award



Are you a Scout looking for more challenges and international recognition? Look no further, because the Duke of Edinburgh Award has everything you need! The award is an exciting self-development program available to all young people age 14–24. Participants can create their award program with any combination of clubs, sports teams, after-school programs, local youth centers, or commercial vendors.

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/learn-about-the-duke-of-edinburgh-international-award](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/learn-about-the-duke-of-edinburgh-international-award)

## Religious Emblems



To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, many religious groups have created specialized programs for Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturers. Additional information can be found on the Religious Emblems Page of the National BSA website: [www.scouting.org/awards/religious-award](http://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-award). Information for Catholic Scouters can be found on [www.northernstar.org](http://www.northernstar.org); search for the keyword “Catholic.”

## Awards Central

Recognition of achievement is a critical component of the Scouting program. There are numerous awards and recognitions available for youth and adults to earn for a wide variety of outdoor, service, and skill related pursuits. To help navigate the opportunities available, the Boy Scouts of America maintains the Awards Central webpage. It contains the most up-to-date information – including applications and nomination forms.

Detailed information on youth awards and recognitions from the Boardsailing BSA Award to the World Conservation Award are listed in an easy to navigate alphabetical listing. The Awards Central webpage also lists adult training awards and recognitions. To find out more about opportunities for the Scouts and leaders in your unit, visit today at:

[scouting.org/awards/awards-central](http://scouting.org/awards/awards-central)

## STEM Activities & Awards

Each year, Northern Star Scouting hosts and works with community partners such as businesses and colleges to host a variety of STEM related activities and Merit Badge days. Some have an advancement component, and all are about having fun while learning about a STEM topic.

Check out our “STEM Section” on [www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do](http://www.northernstar.org/Stuff-To-Do) for the most up-to-date list of events and activities.

**STEM|NOVA and Supernova Awards** – The Nova Awards program incorporates learning with activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics for Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting. The requirements and activities stimulate interest in STEM-related fields and show how they apply. Counselors and mentors help bring this engaging, contemporary, and fun program to life.

**Nova** – Each Nova award covers one component of STEM—science, technology, engineering, or mathematics – and each field yields recognition.

**Supernova** – More rigorous achievement, requirements and activities are designed to motivate youth and recognize more in-depth, advanced accomplishments. Full requirements for all Nova and Supernova Awards, as well as counselor/mentor information can be found on our website:

[www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/all-about-stem](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/all-about-stem)

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

## Recruitment Help

Scouting is even more fun with friends! Looking for ways to grow your unit? The Northern Star Membership committee is dedicated to helping you bring new Scouts and families into your program. Available resources include training videos, best practices, and promotional materials. Go to [www.GoScouting.org](http://www.GoScouting.org) for access to recruitment tools.

## Looking for Promotional Materials?

Handouts, yard signs, posters, and promotional materials are available to help you promote your unit at a community event, parade or School open house. Order materials through the Pack Leader Info section of [GoScouting.org](http://GoScouting.org), your District Executive, or stop by Base Camp.



## Need Membership Help?

Your District Membership team is ready to answer any membership-related questions you might have. They can help you form a recruitment plan that works in your community.

To get connected, email: [membership@northernstar.org](mailto:membership@northernstar.org)

## Uniform Exchange

Looking for a more economical way to outfit your little, big and adult Scouts? Check out the Uniform Exchange program where you can find uniform shirts, pants, shorts, neckerchiefs, patches, socks, belts and hats at nominal prices. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, families who cannot afford any portion of the cost of a uniform can receive one at no charge. Looking to pass on outgrown uniforms? Bring them to the Leadership Center and we'll get it in the hands of a Scout who needs one!

Location: 6202 Bloomington Road, Fort Snelling, MN 55111

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-uniform-exchange](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-uniform-exchange)



## Exploring



Northern Star Exploring is a Career Exploration Program for young men and young women, ages 14-21! Our most popular programs are in the fields of Law Enforcement and Fire/Rescue. Other current posts include: Engineering, Medicine, Aviation, Trades, and Exploring Club. Future post: Arts & Humanities. We currently serve 60 Posts and approximately 1,000 youth.

Learn more at: [explorenow.org](http://explorenow.org)



# SUSTAINABLE SCOUTING

## Workplace Giving/Matches

Did you know that you can increase the power of your donations and volunteer hours through workplace giving? From donation matching to “Dollars for Doers” and direct pledges, you can help Scouting flourish! Check with your company’s human resources department, or search our matching gifts database at [www.northernstar.org/give](http://www.northernstar.org/give)

## Annual Fundraising Campaign

The Annual Fundraising Campaign is Scouting’s largest source of funding. Businesses, community organizations, alumni, parents and the general public contribute to ensure young people can benefit from a Scouting experience. Gifts can be of any size consisting of cash, securities, or even goods and services.

Learn more at [www.northernstar.org/give](http://www.northernstar.org/give)

## James E. West Fellowship

Leave a legacy in Scouting by contributing to a James E. West Fellowship Award, which recognizes individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more to Northern Star Scouting’s Endowment Fund. Donors may make a gift in their own name or in honor of someone else with the award. The James West Fellowship is designed to be in addition to, rather than a replacement for, a donor’s gift to the Annual Fundraising Campaign.

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/give](http://www.northernstar.org/give)

## Tributes

A gift to the Tribute Fund is a way to recognize a special occasion or person. All tribute gifts are placed in the council’s endowment fund as a source of support for Northern Star Scouting, unless the donor designates a specific purpose.

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/give](http://www.northernstar.org/give)

## Popcorn Sale

Taking part in the annual popcorn sale is a win-win for Scouting. Last year Scouts earned over 1.2 MILLION dollars for camping experiences and unit activities, with support for Northern Star Scouting as well. Learn more at: [www.buyscoutpopcorn.com](http://www.buyscoutpopcorn.com)

## Annual Registration Fee

The annual registration fee covers the costs of delivering Scouting locally, the national membership fee, and insurance. It provides sustainable funding for high-quality programs, and is designed so that no one will be turned away. The online process ensures quick and confidential access to scholarship assistance for families that need it.

Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/registration](http://www.northernstar.org/registration)

# VOLUNTEERING

## Council/District Committees

Join more than 900 other volunteer adults who help administer and run Scouting beyond the unit level. Volunteers provide direction and support in areas including activities, camping, technology, communications, marketing, training, fund-raising, advancement, unit service, membership and much more. There’s likely to be a need and a fit for your skills and interests. A few of the Council Committees that are most actively seeking volunteers right now are: Activities & Civic Service, Membership, Advancement, Training, and Communications. Visit [www.northernstar.org/districts](http://www.northernstar.org/districts) or call 612-261-2300 to get started.



## Merit Badge Counselors

Share your knowledge with Scouts! Merit badge counselors teach a variety of skills on over 130 topics from American Business to Woodworking, covering hobby and career interests. All must register with the BSA and be approved by the Council Advancement Committee. Training is provided. Learn more at: [www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-being-a-merit-badge-counselor](http://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/about-being-a-merit-badge-counselor)

## Join the 39ers!

Would you like to help Scouting in an office environment? Since 1970, the 39ers have gathered to donate their time on projects for Northern Star Scouting. They’ve been integral in assembling program kits, sorting materials for distribution, preparing large mailings and more! Volunteers receive a t-shirt & a great lunch!

Learn more by contacting: [info@northernstar.org](mailto:info@northernstar.org)

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow (OA) recognizes Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Members maintain camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and provide cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to further Scouting opportunities for youth.

In Northern Star Scouting, the OA program is facilitated by the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge. Our lodge has been active in the community since 1924 and offers program year-round. Follow the QR code on this page to be directed to our lodge website for more information, our event calendar, and event registrations. Also, look at the breakdown below that describes some of our lodge's events and programs.



## 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

The Order of the Arrow's next national gathering will be held at the University of Colorado Boulder from July 29 – August 3, 2024. NOAC is the largest is the largest gathering of OA members, with an expected attendance of 6,000-8,000.

## 2023 Section Conclave

Annual conclave that includes all seven lodges that make-up Section G-11. The host lodge rotates on a yearly basis, with the 2023 event to be hosted by the Wahpekute Lodge and held at Cuyuna Scout Camp in northern Minnesota September 29 – October 1, 2023.

## 2023 Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)

A lodge conference held annually in December to train officers, committee members, or any youth member who wishes to learn about chapter and lodge operations. Our 2023 event will be hosted December 15 – 17, 2023.

## Conclaves

Annual event that provides service to camp and serves as the backdrop for Ordeal and Brotherhood inductions. Event dates vary, but generally 4 options are provided in the Fall and Spring. Invitations to attend are mailed to members and candidates.

## Civic Service

Save the date for the lodge's most popular service event, the annual Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Wreath Clean-up. This event regularly draws over 900 volunteers and helps Ft. Snelling National Cemetery clear holiday decorations from memorial headstones. Our next event to be held on Saturday February 3, 2024.

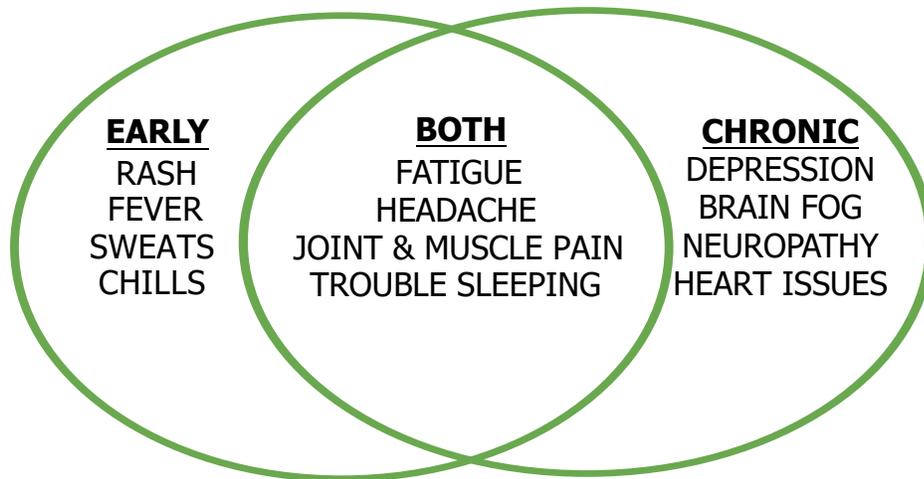


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## TRAINING CAMP

Visit the home of the Vikings in Eagan, MN. Run drills in the Kid Zone, play lawn games, and meet your favorite players...there's fun for every kid at camp!

## CONNECT WITH FANS ON SOCIAL

The Minnesota Vikings Kids Facebook group is a space to chat, share your pictures or videos, and join the Vikings family!

## YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMPS

Vikings Youth Football Camps, presented by Scheels, are two-hour, non-contact clinics designed for boys and girls of all skill levels (ages 6-14). There is no cost to register + each participant receives a free t-shirt.



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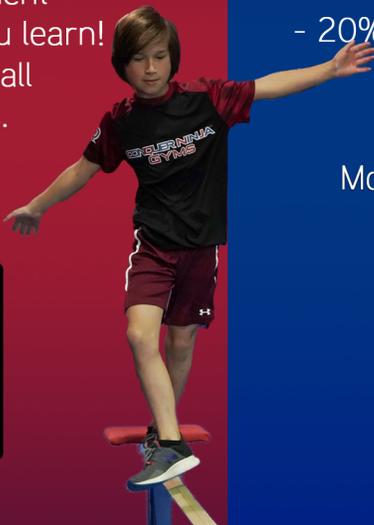
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