



# Northern Star Scouting

## APRIL 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 Crew's is in need of recruitment materials please email: Karin at [kallers@northernstar.org](mailto:kallers@northernstar.org)

### ARCHERY RANGES

- Did you know our mobile archery ranges work in the snow?
- 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, SBSA and Venturing Scout will receive a shirt in the fall.

## DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

- A NEW and streamlined process this year!
- The District Executive will turn in the proposed names of the District Chair and District Commissioner to the Council leadership.
- The District Chair and District Commissioner is approved by vote as part of the Council Annual Meeting in May.
- The District Executive manages new and renewing Commissioners and Membership Committee members throughout the year. This includes the recommendation and approval process for new members.
- For questions or more information, contact your District Executive.

## NORTHERN STAR SCOUTING OUTREACH COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT THE SPRING UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

- Two very different classes will be offered at the April 20 University of Scouting.
- Our first class will be on the topic of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion which are core principles that underly every program in Northern Star Scouting. So much so, our VISION STATEMENT is: Northern Star Council is a positive influence in the lives of **all young people** in our communities.
- Our second class will be an open forum on outreach. We know that we could be reaching more families and recruiting more young people to our programs, and we also recognize that barriers often exist. Our goal is to help our units find ways to overcome existing barriers and a great first step is to attend this class!
- Action Items: register for spring University of Scouting classes at: <https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/new-university-of-scouting-extension-classes>

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

- Scouting for Food is a large community service project where Scouts collect items for local food shelves.
- Scouting groups drop-off labeled door hangers throughout neighborhoods a few days before they plan to pick-up the food, often the last Saturday in April, then return to collect the food that Saturday and deliver to our local food shelves.
- Door hangers are available and can be requested here- [Scouting for Food Door Hanger Request Form \(google.com\)](#)

# Events and Programming

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

### SPRING CAMPOREE 2024

- 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 will open on March 8, 2024, so keep an eye on the council website.
- We hope to see you all in May for the Spring Camporee!

## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING AND EXTENSION CLASSES

- The Spring University of Scouting is scheduled for April 20, and registration is now open at: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-UOSSpring2024>
- 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 this page for new sessions: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-OnlineSessionsWinter2024>

## SPRING BALOO TRAINING

- 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>

## WOOD BADGE TRAINING

- **Spring Courses** - April 26-28 and May 18-19, 2024, at Kiwanis Scout Camp
- Early discounted price is \$300, regular price \$325, with a minimum of \$100 deposit to hold your spot
- 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.

## 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>

## WEEKEND CAMPING SPECIAL EVENTS

### April 20th, First Class Rank Requirement & Nature Hike Day at Rum River Scout Camp

- Date: April 20th, 2024
- Location: Rum River Scout Camp(15659 St Francis Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303)
- Join us at Rum River for our First Class Rank Advancement & Nature Hike Day at. First Class Requirement stations will start after a flag raising ceremony outside of Colbert Shelter. Flag raising will be at 10am. There will be a lunch break from 12pm-1pm. Food is not provided.
- Price: Free for those with a camp facility reservation, \$5 for those without a camp facility reservation

## 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>.
- Check out our STEM page for an award request form: <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**

- Effective August 1, 2023, National BSA will require 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 merit badge counselors who are primarily registered as such, will expire on June 1, 2024 and will need to reregister through <https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-250> and pay the \$25 registration fee.

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### **NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES**

- If you are interested in becoming an NRA Certified Rifle or Shotgun Instructor, we are please to share openings in the course being offered May 3-5 at Stearns Scout Camp.
- Here is the link for the training course:
- <https://scoutingevent.com/250-NRAInstructor2024>

### **MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES**

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

- Chemistry, Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> (The University of Minnesota)
- American Business, Entrepreneurship, Woodworking, Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> (Woodchuck USA)
- Electricity, Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> (Minneapolis JATC)

Space is limited, so register for the events early! [Merit Badge Opportunities \(northernstar.org\)](http://Merit Badge Opportunities (northernstar.org))



## **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 PINWOOD 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

### 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 in April.

### GREY WOLF/NYLT

- Nominations are now closed for Troops and Crews
- Youth accepted were contacted via US Mail in Mid-March
- The deadline for accepted youth to register and pay the course fee is April 1, 2024
- Additional information can be found at: <https://www.northernstar.org/training/grey-wolf>

## Northern Star Order of the Arrow



### ORDER OF THE ARROW SPRING INDUCTION CONCLAVE REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!

- The cost of admission includes the dues payment (\$22) for 2025. For more information and to register for your conclave, please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-OAConclaves2024>