



Northern Star Scouting

MARCH 2025

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

Recruitment/Membership/Unit Service:

AOL CROSSOVER

- AOL Crossover (aka Webelos Transition) - Pack Leaders should be transferring their AOL scouts over to their new Troops via my.Scouting.
- Details can be found here: <https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/how-to-submit-the-arrow-of-light-transition-after-crossover>

Events and Programming



Cubs, Scouts and Leaders

2025 NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES

- If you are interested in becoming an NRA Certified Rifle Instructor or NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor, we are pleased to share openings in the course being offered May 2 – 4, 2025 at Stearns Scout Camp.
- The course is a full 3 days and provides Basic Instructor Training, and then the trainings to certify individuals as NRA Rifle AND NRA Shotgun Instructors.
- All 3 courses, food and lodging are included in the fee, which is still being determined.
- Space is limited for volunteers as we provide this training for members of our camp staff.
- If you are interested, contact Bob Thielen at bthielen@northernstar.org.
- To register for the course, go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-89879>

2025 FALL WOOD BADGE TRAINING

- Fall Wood Badge will take place at Stearns Scout Camp in 2025
- For information visit: <https://www.northernstar.org/training/wood-badge>

NEW SPRING UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING FORMAT

- Cub Leader University with Day Camp - April 12, 2025, at Base Camp
- Emerging Leaders Program - Youth members 7th Grade and older- April 12, 2025, at Base Camp
- ScOutdoor University - May 3, 2025, at Phillippo Scout Camp
- Information on these new events: <https://www.northernstar.org/training/university-of-scouting>

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 as leaders, or serve as Merit Badge Counselors until training is completed.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING EXTENSION

- We are planning to host at least 50 classes before the end of May
- People with class ideas or who are interested in teaching a course should contact Rachel Thiemann at ExtensionUoS@gmail.com
- Registration/Information can be found at: <https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/new-university-of-scouting-extension-classes>

FAMILY RENTALS/FAMILY CAMP

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

2025 CUB SUMMER CAMP EARLY REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

- 2025 Cub Summer Early Registration is open now!
- Visit <https://camp.northernstar.org/Cub-Scouts> for registration and more information

SPRING TRAINING EVENTS

- Cub Leader University with Day Camp - April 12, 2025, at Base Camp
- Emerging Leaders Program - SBSA and Venturers 7th Grade and older – April 12, 2025, at Base Camp
- ScOutdoor University - May 3, 2025, at Phillippo Scout Camp
- IOLS - May 3-4, 2025, at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp
- BALOO - May 3-4, 2025, at Rum River Scout Camp
- Additional information and registration will be available on these events this spring at: <https://www.northernstar.org/training>

STEM/Nova

- Looking for STEM programming resources or adult leader training materials?
- Check out our 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, but pre-registration is preferred so we can plan how many staff to have available. <https://scoutingevent.com/250-2024OpenClimb>

WEEKEND CAMPING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Our five metro area camps have created a special event schedule for all those who are camping with us in the coming months.
- To find out more information about what's happening at your camp follow the link
- For More information: <https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/weekend-camping-opportunities>



Cub Scouts

CUB PACKS RESERVE YOUR WEEKEND FOR 2025 SUMMER CAMP

- Visit <https://camp.northernstar.org/Cub-Scouts> for registration and more information

SPRING OUTDOOR LEADER TRAINING

- IOLS - May 3-4, 2025, at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp
- BALOO - May 3-4, 2025, at Rum River Scout Camp
- Additional information and registration at: <https://www.northernstar.org/training>



Scouts BSA/Venturing

MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Electricity, Saturday March 15th (MPLS JATC)
- Coin Collecting, Saturday March 22nd (Northwest Coin Club)
- American Labor, Saturday April 12th (Cottage Grove FD)
- American Labor, Saturday May 24th (Duluth Labor Temple)

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

BOUNDARY WATERS DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY

- Date: March 22, 2025
- Location: Minnesota Discovery Center, 1005 Discovery Drive, Chisholm, MN 55719
- Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Event Contacts

- Scott Palm (218) 290-2287
- Paul Tokarczyk (218) 969-7285
- Registration open now- [Northern Star Scouting - Iron Man Klondike Derby 2025](https://www.northernstar.org/iron-man-klondike-derby-2025)

2025 SPRING CAMPOREE

Despite the cold weather outside, spring is rapidly approaching, and that means the return of the annual Northern Star Scouting Spring Camporee!

This year's event will be held at Phillippo Scout Camp May 9-11, 2025.

The theme for this year's event will be **Scout Chef Showdown**, and will feature programs like

Dutch oven cooking, backpack cooking and meals, and Troop weekend camping specialties. Planning for the event is well underway, and we will be opening registration very soon! Details about the theme and program will be updated on this page as they are available. We hope to see you and your unit at the Spring Camporee this year!

2025 SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP

- Reservations OPEN for all Troops and Crews
- Many Point: <https://manypoint.northernstar.org/Article/sign-up-for-many-point> 0
- Tomahawk: <https://www.camptomahawk.org/Details-Page/sign-up-for-summer-camp>

GREY WOLF NYLT

- The nomination process for youth to attend Grey Wolf NYLT is now over.
- Invitation letters will be sent out in mid-March to all Scouts that are selected to attend.
- Those selected must complete their registration and make payment by April 1.
- Additional information on the Grey Wolf NYLT program can be found at: <https://www.northernstar.org/training/grey-wolf>