



Northern Star Scouting
November 2026
Highlights and Happenings

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Recruitment/Renewals/Unit Service:

T-SHIRT TIME! FREE FOR ALL NEW AND RETURNING YOUTH!

- **Visit https://scoutingevent.com/250-tshirtorders20262027 to order.**

MEMBERSHIP

- Recruitment Materials are AVAILABLE & FREE
- New Items are being added as they arrive
- Many Items include custom Unit info!
- Please submit your order at least two weeks before the materials are needed
- **https://tinyurl.com/CubMaterialsOrderForm**
  https://tinyurl.com/ScoutsBSAMaterialsOrderForm

Update your BeAScout Info!

- Your unit's "pin" on BeAScout can provide critical info to prospective and new families.
- Make sure your info is up-to-date: meeting night & location, unit dues / fees, leader contacts
- Scouting America's Movo.ai tool will use this info to help new families find your unit!
- To update your pin, log into my.scouting and navigate to "organization manager"

Events and Programming

All Units and Leaders

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

- All volunteers must now have taken Scouting America's 90-minute Safeguarding Youth Training.
- The refresher training is only valid for individuals renewing after taking the full-length training.
- Take the training at: **https://my.scouting.org/**
- If you have questions on the new Safeguarding Youth Training course or requirements, please contact Lauren Johnson at **laurenjohnsonscouts@gmail.com** or Dave Arola at **darola@northernstar.org**

OPEN CLIMB AND ARCHERY 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.
- Held the first Tuesday of every month from 6-9 PM.
- 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.
- For more information and registration: **https://scoutingevent.com/250-openclimb2026**

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

- Wilderness First Aid Training sessions will be held during the fall at Base Camp and Norseland Scout Camp.
- Information will be posted at: **https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/about-wilderness-first-aid-training**

FAMILY RENTALS/FAMILY CAMP

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

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- Registration is now open! See **https://scoutingevent.com/250-aadretreat2026** for details and SIGN UP!

POPE PIUS CLASS

- Registration is now open! See **https://scoutingevent.com/250-popepiusretreat2026** for details and SIGN UP!

POPE PIUS CLASS

- Do you have seniors who are looking for scholarship opportunities? The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has opened scholarship applications for 2027. See the attached link to learn more and apply. Applications close on March 1,2027. **NCCS Scholarship Application 2027**

WINTER WOOD BADGE

- The Winter Wood Badge Course will be held January 29-31 and February 27-28, 2027, at Kiwanis Scout Camp and is now open for registrations.
- Registration fees cover all meals, course materials, and recognition items.
- **Units that had Scouts attend Grey Wolf NYLT in 2025 or 2026 can use this special code to receive a discount: Grey Wolf.** NYLT participation will be verified prior to the course starting.

- For additional information and to register please visit: **https://www.scoutingevent.com/250-winterwoodbadge2027**

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS NEEDED

- Nominations for Silver Beaver are now being accepted.
- Deadline for all nominations is December 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM.
- Information is available at: **https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/recognition-and-awards-for-adult-volunteers**

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 **https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/weekend-camping-opportunities-1**



Cub Scouts

CUB LEADER BASIC LEADER TRAINING

- Did you know that all Cub Leaders can become fully trained online?
- Visit our new web page called Navigating Training for New Leaders to learn about what makes a trained Cub Scout leader and for links to my.scouting.org where you can login and find online programs for your position in your "My Training" tab at **https://www.northernstar.org/training/navigating-leadership-training**
- Questions on Leader Training? Contact Dave Arola at darola@northernstar.org or 612-261-2333.

BALOO TRAINING

- Our next BALOO training will be held December 5-6, 2026, at Kiwanis Scout Camp.
- Registration fee includes all meals and program materials.
- Registration is open and can be found at: **https://www.northernstar.org/training/baloo**

CUB LEADER UNIVERSITY

- We will once again be holding a day of Cub Leader Training for Adults with a Day camp for Youth K-6.
- The event will be held at Base Camp on November 7, 2026.
- Choose your own schedule from different classes specifically designed for Cub Leaders while your K-6 kids participate in a special day camp with games, climbing, and archery.
- Additional information and registration: **https://scoutingevent.com/250-uosfall2026**

CUB PACKS RESERVE YOUR WEEKEND FOR 2027 SUMMER CAMP

- Lock in Your 2027 Summer Cub Scout Summer Camp
- From June 1st, 2026, through January 31st, 2027, your Pack can reserve its preferred weekend for Cub Scout Summer Camp with just a $100 deposit.
- Learn More at: **https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/cub-scout-summer-camp-early-registration**

POLAR CUBS DAY CAMP

- Full day outdoor winter adventure for Cubs and their families
- Registration opens November 1, 2026
- Saturdays and Sundays January and February 2027
- More information: **https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/polar-cubs**

Northern Star Scouts BSA/Venturing and Leaders

IOLS INCLUDING SCOUTMASTER & ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING

- Our next IOLS training course will be held December 12-13, 2006, at Phillippo Scout Camp.
- Registration fee includes all meals and program materials
- Register today at: **https://www.northernstar.org/training/iols**

2027 SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP

- Reservations are OPEN for any Troop or Crew that have a current 2026 reservation.
- This priority registration period ends May 1st at which time all open campsites are available.

2027 NORTH WIND & SNOW BASE WINTER CAMP

- Winter camping registrations for North Wind and Snow Base open on October 1 at noon.
- Camp takes place weekends in January and February. Gear – Fun – Training and Advancements are all on the agenda.
- Gear/clothing/food/trained staff provided.
- Programs for ages 10-17
- $25 deposit per Scout due upon registration
- Visit **https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/snow-base-and-north-wind** for more information.

MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

- Northern Star is pleased to continue offering Merit Badge opportunities throughout the year in conjunction with community partners. For the most up-to-date list of what's available, go to the Merit Badge Opportunities page on the council website.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING MARCH 6, 2027

- Join us for our new University of Scouting Program on Saturday, March 6, 2027, at Saint Paul College
- The event will include over 50 classes to choose from including Tomahawk and Many Point Orientation sessions.
- There will also be a special merit badge day available for Scouts of those in attendance.
- Registration opens November 1, 2026, at: **https://www.northernstar.org/training/university-of-scouting**

SPRING CAMPOREE 2027- INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE

The Northern Star Scouting International Camporee will recreate the atmosphere and activities of a World Jamboree with all its colors, excitement, games, fun and opportunities.

- May 14-16, 2027 at Phillippo Scout Camp
- Camporee registration is expected to open on November 1, 2026.
- Cost will be about $25/Scout, $15/Adult (tentative)
- Each Troop and Crew will be assigned a country to represent. Your unit will make a display about their country, its culture and Scout program which will be part of our Global Village. Other enhancements such as photos, cultural items, clothing, etc. for your display are all encouraged.
- Scouts will have the opportunity to visit each other country's display and get their passport stamped.
- Scouts are encouraged to learn some basic phrases in the language of their adopted country and to greet other scouts in their language. Google Translate is a great resource.
- Scouts are encouraged to wear an item of clothing, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, hat or other item identifying their adopted country throughout the day.

- Central to the camporee will be games and activities from around the world. Most of these will be competitions, challenges and contests that you've never seen before.
- The Midway will feature exhibits and displays about how Scouts can become more involved in World Scouting both at home and abroad.
- There will be Radio/Internet connections with Scouts in Mexico, Honduras, Columbia, Peru and Uruguay.

WORLD JAMBOREE IN 2027

- For Scouts and Participants interested in attending the World Scout Jamboree with the U.S. Contingent in 2027, registration is now open.
- Please review the requirements and apply on the U.S. Contingent Website.
- Please note that all adults interested in being a participant should sign up for newsletter updates as adult interviews won't be considered until 2nd Quarter of 2026!
- For more information and to register: **https://wsj2027.us/**

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** or **www.camptomahawk.org** for more information

KLONDIKE DERBY 2027

- Klondike Derby is a great event to get your Scouts outside during the winter months. Program typically involves a competition-based rotation where units can put their skills to the test against other units from around Northern Star Scouting.
- The 2027 event will be held February 20, 2027 at Rum River Scout Camp.
- Registration for the 2026 Klondike Derby Series will open soon! Join your fellow Troops, Crews, and Ships from across Northern Star Scouting for a Saturday of competition, Scout skills, and fellowship.