



Northern Star Scouting

July 2026

Highlights and Happenings

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>

Northland Scouting Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/northlandscouting/>

Scoutbook Questions? Email us at: scoutbookhelp@northernstar.org

Recruitment/Renewals/Unit Service:

AOL CROSSOVER

- 5th grade AOL scouts should now know which Troop they're crossing into.
- Troop leaders should be initiating their registration transfer in My.scouting
- Need help? Contact Greg Ball at gball@northernstar.org

FREE RECRUITMENT MATERIALS

- Order forms have moved to Northernstar.org.
- The forms can be found under Recruitment Resources at <https://www.northernstar.org/>
- As new materials are produced, they will be added to the online catalogue

Events and Programming



All Units and Leaders

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

- All volunteers must now have taken Scouting America's new Safeguarding Youth.
- The refresher training is only valid for individuals renewing after taking the 90-minute 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 second Tuesday of every month from 6-9PM.
- 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: scoutingevent.com/250-openclimb2026

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

- Wilderness First Aid Training sessions will be held at Many Point and Tomahawk in 2026 on even numbered camp weeks.
- Various overnight accommodations are available, and a meal option will be available for training sessions at Many Point and Tomahawk.
- Additional fall sessions will be announced later this summer.
- Information is available at: <https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/about-wilderness-first-aid-training>

FAMILY RENTALS/FAMILY CAMP

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

CATHOLIC CAMPOREE 2026 – SEPTEMBER 11-13

- Held September 11-13 at Rum River Scout Camp in Anoka.
- Faith-filled weekend will feature cool patches and awesome activities.
- Cub Scouts will earn their faith adventure, and Scouts BSA will have the chance to complete a merit badge. There is single day or whole weekend options and Scouts BSA units have the choice to cook in their camp or eat in the dining hall.
- Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/250-catholiccamporee2026>
- If you need additional Catholic Resources, please check out <https://catholicscoutingamerica.org/>

WINTER WOOD BADGE – JANUARY 29-31, FEBRUARY 27-28, 2027

- 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>



Cub Scouts

2026 CUB SUMMER CAMP - SPACE AVAILABLE

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

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 SEPTEMBER 26-27

- Our next BALOO training will be held September 26-27, 2026, at Stearns 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 NOVEMBER 7

- 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>

2026 DISCOVERY CAMPS

- Day Camps at 6 locations for K-6 graders
- Overnight camp for 6-9 graders
- Visit <https://camp.northernstar.org/Discovery> for more information.



Northern Star Scouts BSA/Venturing and Leaders

IOLS INCLUDING SCOUTMASTER & ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING – OCTOBER 3-4

- Our next IOLS training course will be held October 3-4, at Adventure Base just north of Duluth.
- Registration fee includes all meals and program materials
- Register today at: <https://www.northernstar.org/training/iols>

2026 SCOUTS BSA PROGRAM & MERIT BADGE REGISTRATIONS ARE OPENING

- Tomahawk and Many Point programs for merit badges and older Scouts (13+) are opening.
- Scouts (16+) can register starting on April 21st at 7PM, Scouts (14+) can register starting on April 28th at 7PM, all remaining Scouts can register starting on May 5th at 7PM.
- Visit www.manypoint.org or www.camptomahawk.org for more information or to register.

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 attend 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 <https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/all-star-camper-program> for more information.

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.

MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

- Here are some of the upcoming Merit Badge Opportunities we are offering with community partners:
- Personal Fitness, Saturdays June 27th – September 19th (Heroic Fitness)
- Public Safety Merit Badge Event, Saturday June 27th (HERO Training Center, Cottage Grove)
- Skating, date TBD (Skaterapolis, Burnsville)
- Space is limited, so register for the events early! Follow this link for an active list of upcoming Merit Badge opportunities. [https://scoutingevent.com/250/Calendar/Embed?filter-event-type\[\]=event&filter-preset\[\]=370](https://scoutingevent.com/250/Calendar/Embed?filter-event-type[]=event&filter-preset[]=370)

PINE BEND ASSOCIATION FALL MERIT BADGE EVENT – SEPTEMBER 18-20

- Hosted by volunteers
- Birch Bend Campground, September 18-20
- Free of charge
- Scouts will get to work on the American Indian Cultures Merit Badge and visit the Ojibwe Museum
- Register here <https://scoutingevent.com/250-pbaaic26>
- If you have questions regarding the program, you can contact **Campout Chair:** Paul Kaardal – paulkaard@yahoo.com – 651-245-1623

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.
- For more information and to register: <https://wsj2027.us/>

NORTHERN STAR SCOUTING AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR – AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 7

- Northern Star Scouting is excited to return to the Minnesota State Fair in 2026! The Fair will take place Thursday, August 27 through Labor Day (Monday, September 7).
- If you are interested in volunteering to help represent Scouting at the State Fair, contact 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!