



Northern Star Scouting

June 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.
- 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

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING EXTENSION

- Classes are once again being offered weekday evenings
- Several classes are currently listed and are free to take
- Registration/Information can be found at: <https://www.northernstar.org/news/enavigator/new-university-of-scouting-extension-classes>
- People with class ideas or who are interested in teaching a course should contact Rachel Thiemann at ExtensionUoS@gmail.com

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.
- 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.
- Registration opens soon. Contact accs.archspm@gmail.com with questions.

NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES – JUNE 5-7

- 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 June 5-7 at Stearns Scout Camp.
- The course is a full 3 days and provides Basic Instructor Training, and then the final training to certify individuals as NRA Rifle AND NRA Shotgun Instructors.
- All 3 courses, food and lodging are included in the fee of \$495.
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-NRASHootingSpring26>.
- Space is limited. If you are interested, contact Bob Thielen at bthielen@northernstar.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

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP PRESENTATIONS

- The Camp Northern Star team would love to help promote Cub Scout Summer Camp to your pack.
- Share the date, time, and location of your next meeting, and we'll provide a brief 15-minute presentation.
- It's a great way to get kids excited for camp and answer parents' questions.
- To schedule your presentation, email Istanley@northernstar.org.

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>

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.

2026 FINAL PAYMENTS DUE FOR MANY POINT & TOMAHAWK – JUNE 1

- Final payments for youth and adults attending Many Point and Tomahawk are due on June 1.

2026 SPRING EVENT – JUNE 19

- Instead of hosting a traditional Spring Camporee event in 2026, Northern Star Scouting is partnering with CHS Field and the Saint Paul Saints to offer an overnight experience at CHS Field on Friday, June 19th.
- Scouts of all ages and their families to attend the Saints game against the Omaha Storm Chasers.
- Attendees will get a reserved ticket, a Saint Paul Saints hat, a special Saint Paul Saints/Northern Star Scouting water bottle sticker as well as a meal voucher.
- Register here at <https://scoutingevent.com/250-chs26>

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)

PUBLIC SAFETY MERIT BADGE EVENT 2026 – JUNE 27

- South Washington County Public Services will be hosting a summer Merit Badge event
- Location: HERO Training Facility in Cottage Grove
- Merit Badges will include Fire Safety, Search and Rescue, Crime Prevention, Rifle Shooting, and more
- Register at this link <https://scoutingevent.com/250-publicsafety26>

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

NATIONAL JAMBOREE

- **Make the Jamboree Your Summer. Your Story. Your Jamboree.**
- **The countdown is on!** Spots are limited, don't miss your chance to be part of Scouting's biggest event as we celebrate America's 250th birthday!
- Our journey kicks off with a four-day tour of Washington, D.C., where you'll experience over 20 iconic sites—from the National Air and Space Museum to monuments, memorials, and more.
- Then, travel to **Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia** for **10 days** at the **National Scout Jamboree**, Scouting's premier event.
- Join tens of thousands of Scouts from across the country for high-adventure activities, stadium shows, shooting sports, rock climbing and more!
- Registration closed.

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!