



Northern Star Scouting

JUNE 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

Recruitment/Membership/Unit Service:

BeAScout

- BeAScout.org is the new registration system for families, youth and adults to find local Scouting units!
- Starting on June 1, all NEW registrations will route through BeAScout.
- Unit leaders should confirm their information on BeAScout:
- Meeting location, Schedule, Unit Website & Contacts.
- Key unit leaders can see and edit info via my.scouting.org.

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 Crews in need of recruitment materials please email: Karin at kallers@northernstar.org

ARCHERY RANGES

- 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>

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>
- Units will not need to renew until January 2025

DISTRICT PROGRAM KICK-OFFS

Are in person this year and where we will distribute program and recruitment materials that Northern Star Scouting units need to have in order prepare for, and to have a successful Scouting year.

Materials will include:

- Fall recruitment and Trail's End Popcorn Sale information and materials.
- Council Calendars and Council Program Catalogs
- Information on camps, training opportunities, council activities
- And MORE!!!

Important information for this year:

- Dates in every district will fall within August 1 and August 16.
- Every district will have at least one District Program Kick-off date, time, and location.

Check with your District Executive or District Director for dates, times, and locations.

SUBMIT YOUR ROADMAP TO UNIT SUCCESS RESULTS

- August 31 is the due date for your Roadmap to Unit Success results.
- That is Northern Star Scouting's unit recognition program.
- The unit calculates their final score. Anyone can submit the results to us for recognition.
- Contact your District Executive if you need help finding some of your numbers.
- Find all resources, including the submittal form, here – northernstar.org/roadmap.

Events and Programming



For Cubs, Scouts and Leaders at Northern Star Scouting

NEXT WOOD BADGE TRAINING

- **Winter Course** – January 31-February 2 and February 22-23, 2025 at Kiwanis Scout Camp
- For information on the Spring Course visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-winterwoodbadge2025>

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>

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>.

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

FALL CAMPOREE 2024

- Northern Star Scouting is excited to announce the themes/programs for the two Fall Camporees!
- The theme for the Stearns Fall Camporee event will be **Logging and Forestry!**
- Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in a series of Logging-themed competitions, learn about Logging and Forestry in Minnesota, and work towards completing the Forest Merit Badge.

Location: Stearns Scout Camp

Date: September 20th-22nd, 2024

- The theme for the Fred C. Anderson Fall Camporee event will be **Ecology and Conservation!**
- Scouts will be able to participate in the Conservation Service Day project in tandem with the WI Fish and Wildlife Department, where Scouts will help facilitate prairie seed collection.
- That time will count as service hours for ranks, as well as towards requirements for the appropriate conservation-themed Merit Badges, such as Environmental Science and/or Sustainability.

Location: Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp

Date: October 4th-6th, 2024

Stay tuned for more details on these events as they develop and keep your eye on the Council website for registration details to come!

NORTHERN STAR SCOUTING AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

- Northern Star Scouting is excited to return to the Minnesota State Fair in 2024! The Fair will take place Thursday, August 22 through Labor Day (Monday, September 2).
- The inflatable axe throwing activity will return for its second year at the Fair! It was a big hit at last year's Fair, and our new booth location was a vast improvement for our visibility and engagement with Fair attendees.
- 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!



For Northern Star Cub Scouts and Leaders

2024 CUB SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

- 2025 Cub Summer Early Registration – Opened June 1
- Visit <https://camp.northernstar.org/Cub-Scouts> for registration and more information

FALL BALOO TRAINING

- Our next BALOO training will be held September 28-29, 2024, at Stearns Scout Camp
- Registration fee includes all meals and program materials
- Registration opens shortly and can be found at: <https://www.northernstar.org/training/baloo>

2024 SUMMER DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

- Discovery Day Camp is a weeklong program (5 days) Kindergarten - 6th grade at 5 locations in MN & WI.
- Each day will be filled with activities such as swimming, hiking, climbing, archery, STEM activities, outdoor skills, crafts and more!
- More information is available at <https://camp.northernstar.org/discovery>

2024 SUMMER DISCOVERY ADVENTURE CAMP

- On Monday morning, campers will depart from the Twin Cities to head to Tomahawk for a four-night sleep-away camp experience at Tomahawk (Birchwood, WI)
- A week full of activities such as swimming, archery, boating, .22 rifles, shotgun, climbing, team building, outdoor survival skills, and high ropes course.
- Visit: <https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/discovery-adventure-camp>



For Northern Star Scouts BSA/Venturing and Leaders

MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Electricity, Saturday September 14th (Minneapolis JATC)
- Fire Safety, Saturday September 28th (Cottage Grove FD)

Space is limited, so register for the events early! [Merit Badge Opportunities \(northernstar.org\)](https://camp.northernstar.org/Article-Detail/discovery-adventure-camp)

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 or www.camptomahawk.org for more information.

2025 SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP

- Reservations OPEN for any Troop or Crew that have a current 2024 reservation.
- All open campsites are available

IOLS INCLUDING SCOUTMASTER & ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING

- Fall IOLS will be held September 7-8, 2024, at Stearns Scout Camp
- Registration fee includes all meals and program materials
- Register today at: <https://www.northernstar.org/training/iols>



Northern Star Order of the Arrow

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE LODGE

- Come join Totanhan Nakaha Lodge at the Centennial Celebration of the Lodge on August 23-25th
- at Phillippo Scout Camp!
- For more information and to register for 100th Celebration, please go to <https://www.scoutingevent.com/250-oacentennial>