

DECEMBER 2024

# THE SCOUT SCOOP

Newsletter of Cub Pack 652  
St. Basil the Great, Brecksville, Ohio



## Lego Derby Victory Lap

Congratulations to all our racers. The Lego Derby was a SMASH! Congratulations to all the participants and winners of the first Pack 652 Lego Derby! Such creativity and individuality was shown by each Scout.

Pack Champion  
**Axel A.**



Best in Show  
**Dexter G.**



Sibling Winners  
**Jerry B., Luke M., Garret**



*more Lego Derby photos on page 2*

## Pack Events

**Monthly Committee Meeting**  
*(All parents & volunteers welcome)*  
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Annex Building, St. Basil's

**\*No December Pack Meeting\***

**Pack Caroling Event**  
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
The Oaks of Brecksville

**Monthly Committee Meeting**  
*(All parents & volunteers welcome)*  
Sunday, Jan 5, 2025  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Annex Building, St. Basil's

**Pinewood Derby Weigh-In**  
Dates TBD

**Pinewood Derby Race**  
Saturday, Jan., 11, 2025  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's  
*\*see race rules on page 4\**

**Monthly Pack Meeting**  
Wednesday, Jan., 22  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's





## Lego Derby Victory Lap Continues



**Lion Den Winners**  
Will S., Calvin L., Jake M.



**Tiger Den Winners**  
Clay F., Danny M., Grant R.



**Wolf Den Winners**  
Axel A., Jacob E., Emmy R.



**Bear Den Winners**  
Colin K., Henry M., Jacob K.



**Webelos Den Winners**  
Axel T., Miles L., Dalton K.



**Arrow of Light Den Winners**  
Maame A., Eddie K., Sophie B.





## December Caroling Event

Join the pack for this annual service project. We will be caroling at the Oaks of Brecksville, a senior nursing home, starting at 6PM on Wednesday, December 18th.

Please wear your Class A uniforms but feel free to dress it up with holiday bling (i.e. holiday hat, fancy necklace).

## Den Highlights

What has everyone been doing during their den meetings? Below are highlights ...

**LIONS:** Our kindergarteners learned about citizenship and giving back to our community. They also collected food for a local food bank.

**BEARS:** The Bears finished up their Forensics adventure by doing some experiments - seeing how different substances reacted when introduced to other substances.

**ARROW OF LIGHT:** As a part of their community service requirements, the AOLs participated in St. Basil's Sandwich Saturday, making sandwiches for the homeless.



## Den Meetings

### Lions

Wed., Dec. 11  
Wed., Jan. 8

### Tigers

Wed., Dec. 4  
Wed., Jan. 8 & 15

### Wolves

Wed., Dec. 11  
Wed., Jan. 8 & 15

### Bears

Wed., Dec. 4  
Wed., Jan. 8 & 15

### Webeles

Wed., Dec. 4  
Wed., Jan. 15

### Arrows of Light

Ted., Dec. 4  
Wed., Jan. 8





## A Scout is Reverent...

Reverence is having love and respect for others. It can mean having appropriate behavior at a flag ceremony, during a visit to a museum, or visiting a sick friend at the hospital. It means showing good behavior even during a family celebration and being respectful during times of fun and play.

It is important to understand that different situations require different behaviors. How you act at recess is not the same way you would act inside your classroom. While running and yelling might be okay at the park, it is not how we behave when visiting a parent at work or eating at a restaurant.

Reverence also means belief in a higher power outside of yourself. Whether that power is an all might God, a singular essence shared among all living beings, or something else entirely, this belief will help guide your decisions and inspire you to live more meaningfully. Whatever your beliefs, we continue to love and respect others, even if their beliefs might be different from our own.

## Derby Fun Continues with the Pinewood Derby!

The Pinewood Derby will take place on Saturday, January 11th. **If you did not get your race kit at the November pack meeting, please reach out to your Den Leader.** Weigh-in dates will be announced soon.

**Volunteers Needed:** Once again, we will need volunteers to help with setup, tear down, pit crew and tiers/records keepers. Please reach out to leadership via GroupMe or email if you are able to help.

### Pinewood Derby Rules:

- The car weight shall not exceed 5.0 ounces. (Weigh-in dates/times TBD)
- The overall length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.
- The overall width of the car shall not exceed 2 ¾ inches.
- The maximum height of the car cannot exceed 5 inches (or the height of the finish gate).
- The car shall be made from the materials provided in the kit, including the wheels and axles.
- The car shall not ride on springs, bearings, washers, bushings, or any other device that gives it an advantage.
- The car must be free-wheeling, with no starting devices.
- Only dry lubricants are permitted.

Sibling and parent races will be offered. Kits can be purchased for \$10 cash. (Scout's first kit is free.) \*\*Parents race - rules do not apply as long as the vehicle can fit on the track (see height and width requirements).





## VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to our Lego Derby volunteers. Whether it be parents, siblings, Scouts from Troop 652, or Cub Scouts, it takes a crew to pull off event such as the derby. From set up, to check-in and pit crew and even vacuuming at the end - you make a difference.

Please consider volunteering for our Pinewood Derby taking place on Saturday, January 11th. Interested parties should reach out to pack leaders via GroupMe, the pack email, or in person at a den or pack meeting.

All that being said, we still need more volunteers. Please review the below opportunities and talk to a pack leader if you have any questions or interest. Various positions take a variety of time commitments and skill sets. Previous Scouting experience is NOT needed.



### **Service Project Coordinator** (today through April, 2-3 hours per month)

- Work with Pack Leadership to plan service activities for each den
- Research options and coordinating with organizations, primarily via email and phone, to secure 2-3 activities by May.
- Each project can be aimed towards one or two dens or towards the den as a whole, with a goal of at least one opportunity per age group scheduled within the school year.

### **Lion Den Leader** (today through mid-May)

- Organize dates and ensure activities are assigned accordingly.
- Manage Scoutbook for the den (logging den meeting dates and adventures earned)

### **Assistant Den Leaders** (today through mid-May)

- Assist Den Leader with planning and executing den meetings.
- Division of workload is determined by the den leaders themselves.

### **Special Events Coordinator** (4-6 hours every two months) -

- Organize/Schedule pack-wide extra-curricular pack-wide events such as going on a hayride, sledding, bowling, fishing, bike ride, summer hike
- Some events may help Scouts earn recognition (like the Memorial Day Parade) and others are just for fun.