



JANUARY 2025

# THE SCOUT SCOOP

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

## BSA/Scouting America Registration Renewal

Scouts who joined prior to the current school year have a 12/31 renewal date with BSA/Scouting America. Please visit [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) to renew at the national level if you have not already done so. Please send any questions to [CubPack652@gmail.com](mailto:CubPack652@gmail.com)

## A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY...

This is the first point in the Scout Law. Being trustworthy means telling the truth and keeping your promises. People should be able to depend on you and know that you will do what you say you will.

A trustworthy friend doesn't say or do mean things, doesn't spread gossip and can be depended on to help and protect. A Scout is trustworthy not because he/she is forced to be that way, but because they choose to be.

A Scout's honor leads to his/her trustworthiness and is a key part of being an outstanding friend, student, and community member.

## Youth Protection Training for Scouts

Be reminded that the reading of "[How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse – A Parent's Guide](#)", and the corresponding family discussion, is a required part of your child's advancement each year.

The pamphlet is located in the front of each den-level handbook. You can also view these requirements [online](#). Once completed, let your Den Leader know to update your Scout's profile.

## Pack Events

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

**Pinewood Derby Race**  
Saturday, Jan., 11, 2025  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's  
*\*see race details on page 3\**

**Monthly Pack Meeting**  
Wednesday, Jan., 22, 2025  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's

**Monthly Committee Meeting**  
*(All parents & volunteers welcome)*  
Sunday, Feb., 2, 2025  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Annex Building, St. Basil's

**Monthly Pack Meeting**  
Wednesday, Feb., 26, 2025  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Parish Center, St. Basil's





## Den Highlights

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

**LIONS:** The Lions learned about safety. They practiced how to safely cross the street and walk in the parking lot, as well as, stranger danger and how to call 911.

**BEARS:** Our third graders worked on their Whittling adventure, learning about knife safety and practicing their skills by carving bars of soap.

**WEBELOS:** These scouts are in the midst of learning about exercise and healthy eating.

**ARROW OF LIGHT:** These 5th graders are well on their way to being ready to bridge over to the troop level. They are focused on finishing up various adventures needed to rank up.



## Den Meetings

**Lions**  
Wed., Jan. 8  
Wed., Feb. 12

**Tigers**  
Wed., Jan. 8  
Wed., Feb. 5

**Wolves**  
Wed., Jan. 8 & 15  
Wed., Feb. 12 & 19

**Bears**  
Wed., Jan. 8 & 15  
Wed., Feb. 5 & 19

**Webeilos**  
Wed., Jan. 15 & 29  
Wed., Feb. 5 & 19

**Arrows of Light**  
Wed., Jan. 8  
Wed., Feb. 5 & 19

## December Caroling Event

Oh, what fun it was to sing and bring joy to everyone!



A big thank you to the Scouts and families for joining us at Oaks of Brecksville for our annual caroling event. The smiles that residents shared were evidence of the happiness and cheer that we brought to them during the holiday season.







## Pinewood Derby Workshop

Need help with tools and cutting your scout's pinewood block to shape? Stop by the optional workshop and pack leaders will be available to assist.

Have your scout draw directly on the block to outline their desired shape and bring it by the workshop to use some power tools or get some help cutting. Then you can take it home for your scout to apply final details before the weigh-in.

## Pinewood Derby Workshop

All racers need to check their cars in during one of the two weigh-in date/time options in advance of race day. This is to ensure all vehicles meet the regulations. There is no weigh-in day of the race.

Be advised that you will NOT receive your car back after weigh-in so please ensure it is fully completed, including all decorating and with your assigned race car number (painted or using the provided stickers). Your car will be returned after the races. See the GroupMe communication for assigned numbers.

## Pinewood Derby Rules

### Pinewood Derby Rules:

- The car weight shall not exceed 5.0 ounces.
- 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.

## Derby Car Race Dates

### Workshop (optional)

Sat., Jan. 4, 2025  
2:00 - 5:00 PM

3515 Ridge Park Dr,  
Broadview Heights

### Derby Car Weigh-in (option 1)

Sun., Jan. 5, 2025  
5:00 - 5:45 PM

St. Basil, Annex Bldg.

### Derby Car Weigh-in (option 2)

Wed., Jan. 8, 2025  
5:30 - 6:00 PM

St. Basil, Parish Center

### Race Day

Sat., Jan. 11, 2025  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Basil, Parish  
*\*lunch provided*



## Pinewood Derby 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.