

BREAKING
NEWS

FOR
EVERYONE



PLEASE JOIN US
NORTHERN LIGHTS

JUST DESSERTS

RECOGNITION EVENT

Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:00 - 7:30 PM

St. Pius X Catholic Church
4949 Council Street NE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402



Recognizing
2023 Eagle Scouts
Family of the Year
Northern Lights District Award of Merit
Journey To Excellence Units

REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://MYCOUNCIL.HAWKEYEBSA.ORG/EVENT/NLJUSTDESSERTS](https://mycouncil.hawkeyebsa.org/event/nljustdesserts)
\$10 Attendee/Free for 2023 Eagle Scouts and District Award of Merit Recipients
Registration deadline January 4 , 2024

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE

District Dinner

Thursday, January 11, 2024
Check in 6:00 PM
Dinner/Program 6:30 PM

Price Creek Event Center
4709 220th Trail Amana, IA 52203



Recognizing:
2023 Eagle Scouts
District Award of Merit Recipients
Rev. Edwin Hancock Distinguished Scouter Award

REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://MYCOUNCIL.HAWKEYEBSA.ORG/EVENT/SPDINNER](https://mycouncil.hawkeyebsa.org/event/spdinner)
\$30 Attendee/Free for 2023 Eagle Scouts and District Award of Merit Recipients
Registration deadline December 28, 2023

2023 Scouting For Food



- **CONGRATULATIONS** and **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped deliver bags, collect food, and sort the food!!!!
- This year the HAC collected 58,670 pounds of food! We also had 1706 volunteers with 4478 service hours! Wow!





Every Scout Deserves Trained Adult Leaders!

Hawkeye Area Council 2024 Training Schedule

Training Course	Date	Time	Location
National Youth Leadership Training	July 7-13, 2024	12:00 PM Sun - 9:00 AM Sat.	Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation
Wilderness First Aid	February 24-25, 2024	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM Both Days	Pathrinders Outdoor Education Center
Wilderness First Aid	April 20-21, 2024	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM Both Days	Pathfinders Outdoor Education Center
College of Commissioners Sciences	April 6, 2024	8:00 AM - 4:45 PM	Marion United Methodist Church
Cub Scout Leader Training	September 15, 2024	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Iowa Eye Care
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) & Introduction Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)	April 6-7, 2024	9:00 AM Sat - 11:00 AM Sun	Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) & Introduction Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)	September 28-29, 2024	9:00 AM Sat - 11:00 AM Sun	Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation
Cub Scout Program Rollout	March 23, 2024	9:00AM- 11:00AM	Shueyville United Methodist Church
Certified Angler Instructor (CAI) Course	April 26-28, 2024	4:00 PM Fri - 11:00 AM Sun	Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation
Popcorn & Membership Training	August 13, 2024	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Prairie High School

COUNCIL DINNER

03.21.24

Save the Date

Midnight Gem Event Center

21 MARCH 2024 / 6:30PM
2613 DERS NW, SWISHER IOWA

REGISTRATION OPENS 1.1.2024



HAWKEYE AREA COUNCIL 2024 EVENTS

Visit: <https://hawkeyebsa.org/calendar/> to stay up to date on council events

JANUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- 4: District Roundtables
- 5: OA Winter Banquet
- 7: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
- 11: Southern Prairie District Dinner
- 15: Office, Shop and Camp Closed (MLK Day)
- 18: Northern Lights Just Desserts District Dinner

FEBRUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- 1: District Roundtables
- 3: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
- 4: Scout Sunday
- 8: Activity Card Sale Starts
- 19: Office, Shop, and Camp Closed (Presidents Day)
- 23-25: OA Spring Fellowship
- 24-25: Wilderness First Aid Training

MARCH 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- 2: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
- 7: District Roundtables
- 21: Council Recognition Dinner
- 23: Cub Scout Program Rollout
- 29-31: Camp Closed

APRIL 2024						
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- 4: District Roundtables
- 5-7: Camp Staff Training
- 6: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
- 6: Daniel Carter Beard College of Commissioner Sciences
- 6-7: BALOO & IOLS Outdoor Training
- 13: Council Pinewood Derby
- 19-21: Council Conservation Camporee
- 20: Earth Day Conservation Activities & Service Projects
- 20-21: Wilderness First Aid Training
- 26-28: Certified Angler Instructor Course

MAY 2024						
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- 2: District Roundtables
- 3-5: COPE & Climbing Foundation Training
- 4: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
- 17-19: COPE Instructor Training
- 17-19: 2024 OA Spring Conclave
- 24-27: Camp Closed
- 27: Office Closed

JUNE 2024						
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- 1: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
- 10-14: Cub Scout Day Camp - North
- 16-22: Scouts BSA Resident Camp 1
- 23-29: Scouts BSA Resident Camp 2
- 29: Day Camp at Kent Park

HAWKEYE AREA COUNCIL 2024 EVENTS

JULY 2024						
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4: Office, Shop and Camp Closed
 5-7: Cub Scout Resident Camp
 6-7: Cub Scout Overnight Camp
 7-13: National Youth Leadership Training
 14-19 Camp Wakonda
 20: Day Camp at Marr Park
 29-August 3: National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

AUGUST 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
 13: Popcorn and Membership Kick-off
 30-September 2: Camp Closed

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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2: Office, Shop and Camp Closed (Labor Day)
 4: Popcorn Sort Day/Popcorn Sale Starts
 5: District Roundtables
 6-8: OA Fall Conclave
 7: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
 13-15: OA Section G8 Red Arrow Rally
 20: Sporting Clays Classic
 27-29 Natural Rock Climbing Instructor Training
 28-29: BALOO & IOLS Outdoor Training

OCTOBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3: District Roundtables
 5: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
 5: Cub Scout Family Camporee
 12: Scouting for Food Information Drop Off
 18 - Bourbon and Wine Event - Fundraiser
 19: Scouting for Food Collection Day

NOVEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
 2-3: OA Fall Fellowship
 7: District Roundtables
 11: Veterans Memorial Ring Rededication
 16: Merit Badge University
 23-24: OA Vigil Weekend
 28-December 1: Office and Camp Closed (Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5: District Roundtables
 7: Camp Workday/Conservation Workday
 7: Parvuli Dei Catholic Religious Emblem Workshop
 7: Light of Christ Catholic Emblem Workshop
 23-January 1: Office and Camp Closed (Holiday break)

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WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Cost:
\$125 ADULT
\$60 YOUTH



SIGN UP TODAY, ONLY 12 SPOTS AVAILABLE PER SESSION

Wilderness First Aid is the assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definite care of a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. In this wilderness first aid class, students will learn how to assess, treat and, when possible, prevent medical and traumatic emergencies within the scope of their training.

February Training



February 24 - 25, 2024

or

April 20 - 21, 2024

April Training



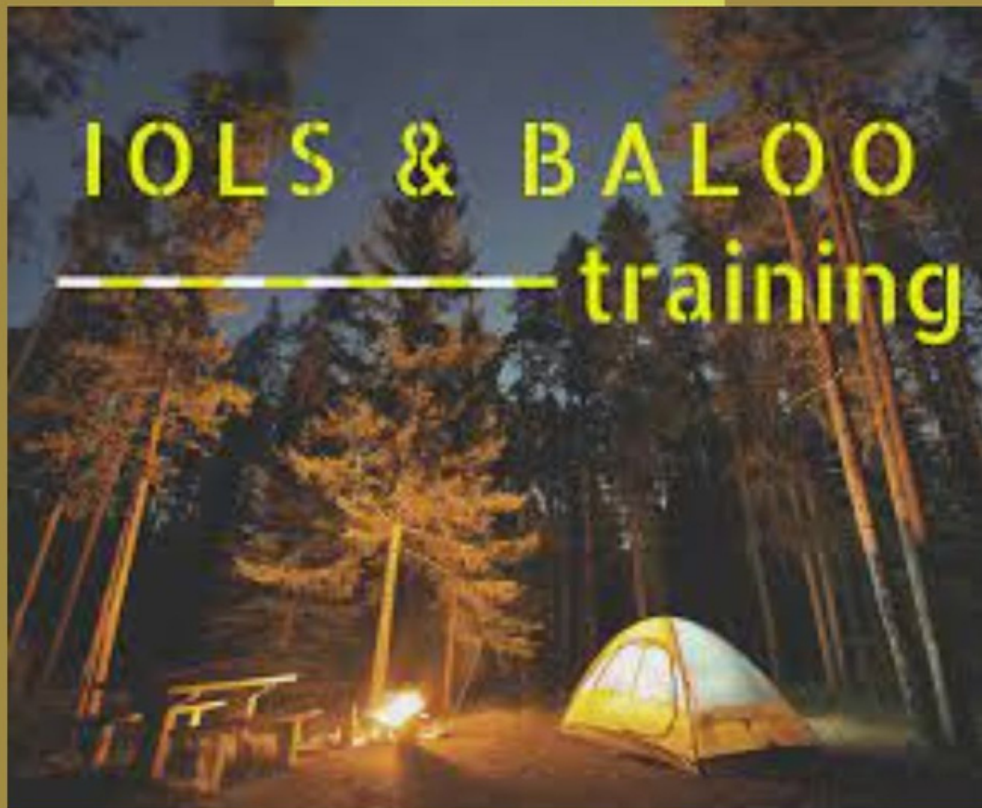
Session is 8am - 6pm Saturday and 8am - 6pm Sunday
Attendance all day, both days is required for completion Participants must be
14 years of age or older

Pathfinder Outdoor Education Center
3510 Seminole Valley Rd. NE Cedar Rapids

ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE A VALID CPR/FIRST AID CARD FOR THE COURSE

CPR being offered February 23 6:00 - 8:00 PM or April 19
\$15 per participant

HAC Training
Committee Presents



**WHEN: APRIL 6, 2024 9:00 AM -
APRIL 7, 2024 11:00 AM**

**WHERE: HOWARD H. CHERRY SCOUT
RESERVATION - CAMP WAKONDA**

**Cost: \$25 per person
Limit 16 participants per class**

Register Today!



Questions? Contact:

BALOO: Matt Putman, matthew.putman@collins.com

IOLS: Jay Lash, jjlash@vintonbbs.com

FOR CUB SCOUT PACKS



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATE ROLLOUT

March 23, 2024
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Shueyville United
Methodist Church
1195 Steeple Lane NE
Shueyville, Iowa



Register to Attend



**COME LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THESE
CHANGES MEAN FOR YOUR PROGRAM!**

**V2K 2024 Pine Wood Derby Piston Cup
Prairie High School Gymnasium
April 13, 2024**



Fun events for
Everyone plus the top 3 finishers in each Pack will compete for the Piston Cup



2024 PLACEMAT ORDER FORM

CUB SCOUT BLUE AND GOLD CEREMONIES

DATE OF ORDER: _____

PACK: _____

QUANTITY OF PLACEMATS ORDERED: _____

DATE TO PICK UP: _____

PERSON TO CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

11X17 WHITE PLACEMATS AS SHOWN WITH
YOUR PACK NUMBER

HOW MANY STARS DO YOU SEE?

2024 Blue and Gold

Every Cub Scout deserves to go to Camp!

Great Outdoors
Word Search Puzzle

S	Q	U	I	R	R	E	L	D	C	N	R	X	Z	J	C	R
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Hawkeye Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
660 32nd Ave SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
<https://hawkeyebsa.org/calendar/>



CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP
Cub Scouts attending day camp take part in many fun activities including archery, hiking, crafts games and much more!

NORTH
DANK WILSON LEASLE - LOW COUNTY
JUNE 10-14, 2024

SOUTH
F.W. KENT PARK, OXFORD, IOWA
JUNE 29, 2024

MARR PARK AND WORTH, IOWA
JULY 20, 2024

Cub Scout Resident Camp
July 5-7, 2024

Camp Wakonda
July 14-19, 2024

Camp Wakonda is a 6-day, 5-night overnight summer camp program for boys and girls entering 2nd through 9th grades. Tri-level council staff guide your counselor as they explore the outdoors, participate in a wide variety of unique activities, make new friends, and foster a connection to the outdoors that will last lifetimes. Parental leaders are not required to attend Camp Wakonda.

Scouts



Across

3. Scouts in third grade
6. say to the American Flag
8. Scouts in second grade
9. Scouts in first grade
11. A Scout's 'promise'

Down

1. Highest award in Cub Scouts (3 words)
2. Scouts in fourth grade
4. What a Scout wears
5. Every Scout must earn
7. One law a Scout is
10. A list of Scout 'rules'

BACKPACK



BEARS



BIRDS



CAMPING



CANOE



DEER



FISHING



FOREST



HIKING



KAYAK



LAKE



MOUNTAINS



NATURE



RACCOON



RANGER



RIVER



SCENERY



SGUIRKEL



SUMMER



TRAILS



TREES



WATERFALL



WILDERNESS



WILDLIFE



QUESTIONS: TAMMY.ERICKSON@SCOUTING.ORG OR 319-862-0541

New Cub Scout changes - take effect June 1, 2024:

- Keep working on your current ranks for this school year!
- Bobcat will no longer be a rank badge that is earned once when a Cub Scout joins. It will become a required Adventure for each rank and earned each year. The requirements for the Bobcat Adventure are different for each grade to make them age-appropriate.
- Cub Scout Adventures have been improved and consistent across the ranks. To earn each rank a Cub Scout needs to earn the six required Adventures and two elective Adventures.
- Webelos and Arrow of Light will be separated. Webelos becomes the 4th-grade program in Cub Scouting. Arrow of Light becomes a stand-alone badge of rank for 5th graders. Arrow of Light will no longer be associated with Webelos. ● Cub Scouts Awards such as Outdoor Activity pocket flap, Shooting Sports Awards, Summertime Pack Awards, NOVA, and the World Conservation Award will go away and be reimagined as elective Cub Scout Adventures (belt loops). Only about 1.5% of Cub Scouts earned these awards. As elective adventures, they will be well documented in the Cub Scout handbook and more likely to be earned.

2024-2025 Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure. Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 st Grade	 WOLF 2 nd Grade	 BEAR 3 rd Grade	 WEBELOS 4 th Grade	 ARROW OF LIGHT 5 th Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership
 MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	 TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	 PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors	 BEAR HABITAT Outdoors	 WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors	 OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors
 FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	 TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	 RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness	 BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness	 STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness	 PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness
 KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	 TEAM TIGER Citizenship	 COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship	 PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship	 MY COMMUNITY Citizenship	 CITIZENSHIP Citizenship
 LION ROAR Personal Safety	 TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	 SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety	 STANDING TALL Personal Safety	 MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid	 FIRST AID Safety/First Aid
 LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures

FOR SCOUTS BSA TROOPS & VENTURE CREWS





April 13, 2024

Cedar Rapids Merit Badge University

hosted by Troop 37
Mt. Mercy University

www.iowatroop37.weebly.com/cr_mbu.html

Register online at as individuals or as a unit. **Registration opens February 1.**
Check the website frequently in January for updates on classes offered.

We are recruiting counselors! Please contact Lori Winborn at LWinborn@gmail.com if you can help. **Counselors receive free registration for a scout.**



Camp Wakonda

is participating site in the
2023 Christmas Bird Count

December 30, 2023
Participate anytime between 10am - 3pm

**Check in & warming
Dakin Dining Hall**



PLUS:
Bird Study Merit Badge
Register for Bird Study Merit Badge
Open to Scouts BSA and their units

Hawkeye Area Council

Council Conservation Camporee

at the Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation

Conservation service projects
Earth Day celebration, activities, and displays
...and more!

Camp for the entire weekend or come Saturday April 20 for the
Earth Day Celebration



APRIL 19 - 21, 2024

HOWARD H. CHERRY SCOUT RESERVATION



Service Projects



Displays



Activities



Register for a Campsite

<https://hawkeyebsa.org/camping/rentals/>

Register to Attend

<https://mycouncil.hawkeyebsa.org/Event/4875>



New Scouts BSA changes - take effect January 1, 2024:

- Rank Requirements: There were minor changes to Scout (6), and Star (6). The Cyberchip will be phased out.
- Eagle Palms: Scouts BSA will no longer have to wait three months between Eagle Palms. They will have to earn five additional Merit Badges and live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Merit Badges:
 - Significant Changes: 14 Merit Badges are changing - some highlights.
 - Automotive Maintenance - updated to include electric/hybrid vehicles
 - First Aid - more hands-on
 - Golf - added disc golf option
 - Journalism - included social media
 - Skating - added skateboarding option
 - Surveying - added use of drones
 - Swimming - added correct demonstration of 5 strokes
 - Merit Badges with Minor Changes: 16 Merit Badges are changing.
 - Scouts already working on a Merit Badge can finish under the old requirements.

Advancement Updates 2024

As of January 1, 2024, the following changes to Scouts BSA requirements become effective.

Rank Requirements:

There were minor changes to Scout (6), and Star (6).

The Cyberchip has been phased out. Scouts should use the Personal Safety Awareness training at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/> for both Scout and Star ranks.

Eagle Palms:

Scouts BSA will no longer have to wait three months between Eagle Palms. They will have to earn five additional merit badges, and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

Merit badge with significant changes to content are:

- Automotive Maintenance – updated to include electric/hybrid vehicles (1c,d,e,f,g,h) (2a,b,c,d,e) (3c) (8a,e,f)
- Canoeing – major reorganization (3) (4b) (7) (8) (9)
- Coin Collecting – reorganization and updated for new/retired coinages (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
- Fire Safety – safety updates (1c) (2) (4) (6b,c,d,g) (7a) (9a) (10a) (11)
- First Aid* – more hands-on (2) (4) (7) (8d) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16)
- Golf – reorganized and added disc golf option (1) (2)
- Insect Study – expanded requirements (2) (4) (6a,b) (12)
- Journalism – included social media (2a1)
- Nuclear Science – updated, more active options (1a,b,c,d,e) (2b) (3a,b) (4,4c) (6a,b)
- Safety – updated to include natural disasters (1c) (2c,d,e)
- Skating – added skateboarding option (1b)(2) (Skateboarding Option), Ice Skating Option (2b1) (2d2), Roller Skating Option (2c1)(2d2)
- Surveying – added use of drones (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
- Sustainability* – major reorganization (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)
- Swimming* – added correct demonstration of strokes (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

Merit badges with minor changes include:

Backpacking (11b)	Indian Lore (2) (3) (4) (5)
Bird Study (2) (4) (7) (8c) (9d) (11) (12)	Law (1) (5) (11)
Camping* (9c)	Mining in Society (8c)
Chemistry (2c) (5)	Photography (1b)
Cooking* (5 a,b,c,d,e)	Plant Science (8 Option 1: Agronomy E5c)
Digital Technology (1)	Programming (1a)
Engineering (5) (6c)	Radio (9a5)
Fly-Fishing (3b,c) (10)	Scouting Heritage (2b3, b4) (3) (4c)

The current merit badge requirements are found at <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/>

"*" indicates Eagle required merit badge

The Guide to Advancement Section 7.0.4.3 addresses what to do when merit badge requirements change and Section 4.0.0.1 addresses changes to rank requirements. This can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>