



# TROOP 652B BRECKSVILLE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome back, campers! Hopefully, everyone had a great experience at BSA summer camp! Take a look at our [Facebook group](#) for photos and videos of the weeks at Camp Manatoc and Camp Merz.
- Thanks to everyone who helped at our troop's Pop & Water Sale fundraiser at Brecksville Home Days. We appreciate Scott and Sally Dubitsky's efforts to coordinate and lead the weekend sale.
- At the July PLC, the group discussed: upcoming campouts and activities, meeting plans for the month, and early ideas for the Webelos/Arrows campout in November.
- These are our **upcoming campouts** (events are tentative). A sign-up sheet will be at troop meetings.
  - July 20-21: Backpacking Overnight @ CVNP/Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville. Mr. Maher will coordinate.
  - August TBD: Canoeing with Overnight
  - September 20-22: [Service at the Beach Campout](#) @ Geneva State Park
  - October 4-6: [Fall Camporee](#) featuring Ohio Contractors Association/Skilled Trades Fair @ Firelands
  - November TBD: Webelos/Arrows Campout @ Camp Butler/Manatoc.
- **Pack 652's annual open house recruitment event** is August 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Basil. There will be a rock wall and activities. The troops and crew will also have info tables for older youth visitors. Scouts will be asked to help.
- **VIRTUS training**, required for all adults who volunteer or overnight with the troop, will be held on August 26 at St. Basil. It is highly recommended that all parents do the training. [Register here](#). Choose Cleveland, OH (Diocese).
- We need you! The troop has immediate openings on the committee that must be filled. The troop cannot function without volunteers to make it happen. Can you give an hour or two to run a fundraiser, coordinate a service project, or be our new member coordinator? Contact [Denise Weisfelder](#) for details.
- Scouts are encouraged to do merit badges throughout the year. Upcoming **merit badge (MB) classes** and Merit Badge Universities (MBU) are always listed in this newsletter.

### TROOP CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Regular troop meetings are held every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM at St. Basil's Parish Center. See the full [troop calendar](#).

DATE	EVENT	TIME/PLACE
July 20-21	Backpacking Overnight	CVNP/Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville
July 24	Committee Meeting	6:30 PM @ Parish Office
July 26-August 2	Crew 652 Whitewater High Adventure Trip	
August 14	PLC Meeting	6:30 PM
August 21	Committee Meeting	
August 26	VIRTUS Training	Parish Center
August 28	Pack 652 Open House	6:00 PM
September 2	Labor Day	
September 11	PLC Meeting	6:30 PM
September 20-22	Service at the Beach Campout	Geneva State Park
October 4-6	Fall Camporee	Firelands

### ADVANCEMENTS

Keep working on your rank advancements!

### MERIT BADGE/TRAINING EVENTS

- August 6: [Journalism MB](#) @ LEC
- August 6-14: [Summer MBU](#) @ LEC
- August 10: [Fire Safety MB](#) @ Western Reserve Fire Museum, Cleveland
- August 13: [Programming MB](#) @ LEC
- August 24: [MBU Wilderness School](#) @ Firelands
- August 25: [Cooking MB](#) @ Firelands
- September 3: [Entrepreneurship MB](#) @ LEC
- September 10: [Cit. World MB](#) @ LEC
- September 14: [MBU](#) @ Lake Erie College
- October 1: [First Aid MB](#) @ LEC
- November 1-3: [Wilderness First Aid](#) @ Beaumont
- November 17: [Cooking MB](#) @ Firelands
- December 15: [MBU](#) @ LEC Service Center