



Pack 489 Newsletter

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December 2008 Edition:

"Holiday Lights"

We all share a sense of wonder at the lights of the season. This month's pack meeting will focus on sharing the light of the holidays as well as the light of Cub Scouting.

Pack Calendar

1/22 January Pack Meeting
1/24 Pack Event: Cub Winter Day
2/8 Pack Event: Swimming at YMCA
2/26 February Pack Meeting
2/28 Pinewood Derby
3/1 Pack Event: Co Co Key
3/8 Pack Event: Blue and Gold Ceremony
3/18 Pack Event: When I Grow Up Tours
3/19 March Pack Meeting

Announcements

****We still have several events in the spring (March and later) that are in need of an organizer. If you're interested, please see Ernie Wallace or Brent Heist for details.**

Cub Winter Day – January 24th

This year, Cub Winter Day is scheduled for **Saturday, January 24th**. See the signup table to add your name. Money will be collected no later than the January pack meeting on 1/22. Scouts \$9, Adults \$6

Pinewood Derby – February 21st

Car kits are being handed out at tonight's pack meeting, *be sure to pick up a kit before leaving*. A set of rules and guidelines will also be provided. A brief car-making clinic will be conducted at the January Pack meeting by Derby Chair Paul Komescher.

Car weigh-ins will be conducted during the February pack meeting. Cars will then be left with the race committee for safekeeping until Saturday's races. Winners will go on to compete at the district race.

This year, we've added an 'open' division for cars that don't necessarily conform to the required specs for the scouts. Mom or Dad, if you're itching to race a car of your own, this is the division for you, provided your car can clear the timing device and is solely gravity-powered.

Blue & Gold – Sunday, March 8th

Mark your calendars now for the 2009 Blue and Gold Awards Banquet on **Sunday, March 8** at Good Shepherd Church. The Blue and Gold is our annual celebration of scouting during which we honor our Webelos II's as they earn their Arrow of Light awards and "cross the bridge" into Boy Scouts.

We have made some changes to the event this year to make it a more focused and enjoyable event. We still have a great buffet dinner and some important ceremonies, but the time will be shorter (two hours including dinner), there will be no boring speeches, and the activities of the younger Dens

should be a lot more fun and entertaining for all. The Webelos I's will be the Host Den, and the whole Pack is invited.

We will get personal invitations out to all Pack families in early February. For now, just get the date on your calendar, and make plans to join us in this celebration of our scouts.

Swim & Gym – February 9th

Winter Weather got you down? If so, break out the swimsuits and join the rest of the pack for the annual Winter Swim Party on February 8th. Stay tuned for Details.

Co Co Key – March 1st

A fun-soaked day at Co Co Key Water Resort has been added to the schedule for March 1st. Stay tuned for more details.

Kudos

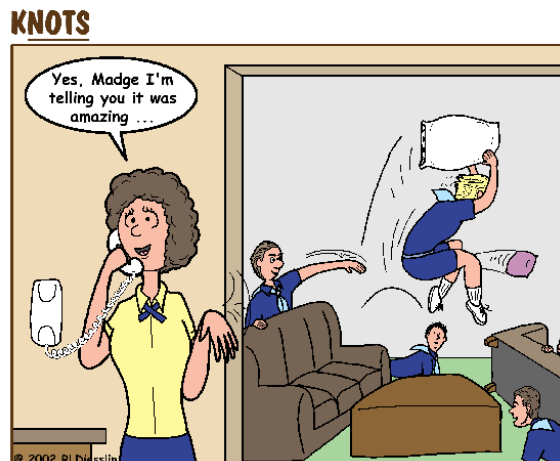
Service Projects

Pack service projects went better than expected this year. There was great turnout for both the Montgomery cleanup and the leaf raking activities. Leaf raking had 9 families and a total of \$490 raised was raised. Thanks, also, to everyone who donated food for last month's food drive. The response was tremendous.

One Last Note...

Please Be Careful at Montgomery Elementary

The school has informed us that school materials have recently turned up damaged and/or missing after evening activities. They're not faulting our scouts, necessarily, but it's important that we talk to the boys about being respectful of the space and representing the pack well so we can continue to meet there. Thanks.



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