

PACK 285 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



WEBSITE INFORMATION

The Pack is looking for someone to author/maintain the website. If you are interested in supporting the Pack with a few hours a MONTH of your time, please see Karl (Cubmaster) tonight or at your earliest convenience. He can be reached at 301-668-2235. Be sure to check out the website often for schedules, links of interest and other information. The website is located at www.geocities.com/cubscoutpack285.



PINEWOOD DERBY

The Pack 285 Annual Pinewood Derby race was held on Saturday, February 24 at the Point of Rocks Community Center. The race was hosted by Mike and Tina Foertschbeck with Pack 651 providing the track. 26 Scouts entered a car along with 3 Siblings and 2 Adults. Every Scout who entered a car received a 2007 Pinewood Derby participation ribbon, Pinewood Derby patch and a free hot dog with drink. Trophies were handed out to the top three finishers of each Den and to the various car category competition winners. The top three finishers this year were:

Tigers

- 1st Place – **PJ Hinch***
- 2nd Place – **Robert Thompson***
- 3rd Place – **Logan Peterson***

Wolfs

- 1st Place – **Nicholas Foertschbeck***
- 2nd Place – Nicholas Fox
- 3rd Place – Brady Peterson

*** = Super Derby Participants**

Bears

- 1st Place – **James Eckley***
- 2nd Place – Sean Noah
- 3rd Place – Stephen Frocke

Webelos

- 1st Place – **Billy Sinton***
- 2nd Place – Jack Fitzgerald
- 3rd Place – Tyler Kishimoto

<u>Category</u>	<u>Scout Name</u>
Best Paint Job	Andrew Cavagnaro
Best Scout Theme	Chris Shea
Best Use of Imagination	Jake Kemman
Best Design	Spencer Becker
Most Realistic	Grayson Rule
Most Original Design	Nathaniel Neuland

Special thanks to Mike and Tina for setting this activity up. Thanks to all the Scouts, Siblings and Adults who participated. Also thanks to those who helped clean up!



Den News

Tigers. Den 3

In the true sense of scouting, four of the tigers (PJ, Grayson, Robert and Logan) have earned the “Character Counts” award at Tuscarora elementary this quarter!

This month has been a very busy month for the Tigers. The Tigers have completed another “Go See It” activity (visiting a fire station) and two electives (Making Decorations and Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) during den meetings.



On February 19, the tigers toured the Carroll Manor Fire Station in Adamstown. Grayson's Dad, a professional fire fighter and volunteer at Carroll Manor, provided demonstrations of all the equipment used to fight fires, discussed the importance of fire safety, and what to do in an emergency. At the conclusion of the tour the tigers took a ride on the fire truck. As a special treat, we celebrated Andrew Fearing-Cavagnaro's birthday at the fire hall.

The two electives that the den completed were focused on the Blue and Gold and the Pinewood Derby. Laura Shea, Chris's mom, came up with a very creative “Tikki table topper” that included both a tiger cub and Hawaiian theme. Wait till you see it at the Blue and Gold, they're awesome. The second elective that the tigers completed was building a trophy stand for the tigers' pinewood derby cars, from an old pallet. Paul Hinch, PJ's Dad, discussed how you can take an old pallet, plane it, sand it, and REUSE it to make a trophy stand for the pinewood derby cars. The tigers then proceeded to use their creativity to assemble their own unique trophy stands.

Wolves February cold doesn't stop Wolves. The Den 2 Wolves overcame the snow days of February and had a very productive den meeting headed by Tina Foertschbeck. The wolves made two crafts - one for tonight's Blue and Gold and the other a neat neckerchief slide. That Tina is very creative. Amazingly the wolves got through the crafts with minimal mess on their

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uniforms. That is a feat in itself. Feel free to come and take a look at the crafts at the Wolf table and admire their natural artistic talents.

Bears The bears did not meet this month due to weather and scheduling conflicts. We will reschedule the cooking achievement and complete the family activity achievement as families.

Webelos Due to the weather this month, we really did not make much progress toward earning another pin. However, we did have 3 trophy winners at the Pinewood Derby. Billy Sinton won first place for Webelos, and I think he will be headed to Super Derby!! Jack Fitzgerald won second place for Webelos - great Job Jack!!! Finally, Clayton Williams also received a trophy. Congratulations to all of our winners!!

We are continuing to work toward earning our Arrow of Light, and completing the requirements to earn Webelos rank.

UPCOMING PACK ACTIVITIES:

MARCH

- March Pack Meeting -- Flag Retirement Ceremony and Webelos II Graduation
- March 24 – Bike Rodeo
 - Point of Contact for the Bike Rodeo is Paul Hinch (Tiger Leader)
 - Cost is \$7
 - Date is March 24 with a rain date April 7.
 - Click [here](#) for additional information
- March 30 – 2007 Cub Scout Day Camp Registration
 - Information can be found [here](#)
 - More information from Pack 285 Day Camp Coordinator coming soon

Annual Pack 285 Summer Campout & Fishing Derby

Start planning for this great summer activity. This activity is lots of fun for the entire family. Reserve your campsite now!

- Where: Greenbrier State Park
- When: June 1-3
- Loop: Ash Loop (click [here](#) for map)
- Click [here](#) for reservations.
- More information will be forthcoming...