

Pack News

PACK WEBSITE



Be sure to check out the website often for Den schedules, present and past newsletters, links of interest and other information. The website is usually up to date and can be relied on to provide current information. The website is located at www.geocities.com/cubscoutpack285. The website will NOT contain personal 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) at your earliest convenience. He can be reached at 301-668-2235.

JOE CORBI PIZZA FUNDRAISER



The Joe Corbi's pizza fundraiser ended on October 10th and as reported last month, the total profit to the pack was greater than **\$1,310.50!** There were a total of 154 pizza kits and 85 cookie tubs sold! Congratulations everyone for a job well done. A warm THANKS goes out to the following Scouts/Families who supported/contributed to this important fundraiser.

Tiger

Chase Clemens, Garrett Mullins, Matt Foertschbeck, Nathan Swiger, Kyle Homburg,

Wolf

PJ Hinch, Chris Shea, Robert Thompson, Tim Strasser, Andrew Fearing-Cavangnaro, Grayson Rule

Bear

Chris Poole, Trent Biedrzycki, Nick Foertschbeck, Spencer Becker, Nicholas Fox, Derek Frahm

Webelos I

Sean Noah, Sean Sexton, Jarred Dixon, Sean Cleveland, Matthew McNamer, Stephen Frocke

Webelos II

Jack Fitzgerald, Brady Peterson, William Sinton

PACK 285 NOVEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTING FOR FOOD (SFF)



Pack 285 had another successful Scouting for Food year with a total of 1160 pounds of food delivered to the Jefferson Food Bank! A special Thanks to **Rod Peterson** for coordinating this important community service! Also a special thanks to the following Scouts and Parents for supporting this activity.

Tiger

Nathan Swiger, Garrett Mullins, Chase Clemens, Justin Barish, Matt Foertschbeck

Wolf

PJ Hinch, Grayson Rule, Chris Shea, Robert Thompson, Aiden Huber, Andrew Cavagnaro, Tim Strasser, Logan Patterson

Bear

Chris Poole, Derek Frahm, Brady Peterson, Nicholas Fox, Nathaniel Neuland, Spencer Becker, Trent Biedryzcki, Nicholas Foertschbeck, Matthew Fox – Den Chief

Webelos I

Sean Noah, Stephen Frocke, Jared Dixon, Sean Cleveland, Sean Sexton

Webelos II

Jaedon Tucker, Clayton Williams, Billy Sinton

CLASS B UNIFORM/T-SHIRT



Pack 285 Class B T-Shirts were ordered on November 14th. The shirts are expected to arrive the first week of December. The shirts will be distributed at the December Pack Meeting. A **few** EXTRA shirts were ordered, therefore, if you missed ordering, we may have one for you. Come see Karl if interested.

WEBELOS CAMP OUT WITH TROOP 792



On November 10th, the Webelos were invited to camp out at Treeland Boy Scout Camp with Boy Scout Troop 792 in Myersville. The Webelos helped their parents pitch the tents and then learned how to build a fire without paper and charcoal fluid. After learning various Scout Skills from Boy Scouts followed by dinner, the climax of the night was having smores around a huge camp fire. The Scouts woke up the next day to a brisk cooold morning where the temperature was 22 degrees Fahrenheit and the water jugs frozen.

For this the following parents and Scouts earned their Polar Bear Patch which is given to those who have camped at temperatures at or below freezing!

- Sean and Karl Noah
- Jared and Pat Dixon
- Stephen and Tom Frocke
- Billy and Tom Sinton
- David and Jim Werner
- Clayton and April Williams

Needless to say, it was good to get home!

NAVY GAME



On November 17, several Scouts and Families attended the Navy vs. Northern Illinois football game. To say the least, the weather was absolutely perfect and if you're a Navy fan, the day couldn't have gotten any better with a 35 to 24 beating over Northern Illinois. A special Thanks to **Dan Neuland** and **Beth Werner** for supplying the food and desert for the Tailgate Party! The Hotdogs never tasted better and the hot chocolate was great! Looking forward to next year!



KIWANIS GIFT WRAPPING

It is that time of year again when we have the opportunity to show our support to our charter organization, the Kiwanis Club of Suburban Frederick, by helping them with their annual Gift Wrapping fundraiser at the FSK Mall. The gift-wrap will be held from noon on Dec. 8, 2006 until mall closing at 11 PM on Dec. 24th.

The gift-wrap is the Kiwanis' major fundraiser for the year. All proceeds go to benefit the less fortunate, with a focus on those right here in the Frederick county. And wrapping is fun! We all enjoy it. So, what better way is there to make a contribution of just your time than helping out with the annual gift-wrap?

As in years past, the Kiwanis have posted the gift wrap schedule online at <http://www.suburbanfrederickkiwanis.org/giftwrap.htm> Please email the Kiwanis directly with the slots you would like to fill. Consider signing up for several slots, however, only one 2-hour slot is recommended. The only stipulation is that a parent/guardian must be with the Scout for the duration of their time slot.

If you can sign up now, that would be great. If you have to wait a little while to make your commitments, that's fine, too. But please do start thinking about working this fundraiser into your schedule over the holiday season.

If you require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Karl (Cubmaster) anytime.

Upcoming Pack Activities:

- Kiwanis Gift Wrap: December 8th until December 24th
- December Pack Meeting: December 18th

DEN NEWS



Tigers

This month the Tigers were focused on fire safety and the holiday season of giving and being thankful. We talked about fire safety in the home, escape routes, and how important our fire fighters are to our community. Each Tiger took home with them a Home Escape Plan so that they could map out their escape route with their parents from their home to make sure everyone got out safely and had a meeting place. We talked about our fire fighters and how thankful we were to have them. We colored in 'Sparky' Thank You's that we would give to the fire fighters and planned a Go See It trip to the Fire House for November 20. Also at this meeting we talked about thankfulness. We each talked about what we were thankful for. We worked on a project called Operation Christmas Child where each child got to pack up a shoe box full of toiletries and small meaningful gifts for children who live in other countries who do not have the simple pleasures that we have. The Tigers took great care in packing their boxes. They also each made a special hand-colored card with a personal message to accompany the box for a child to have for Christmas. I think we each left this meeting knowing we did something special for someone.

This month we also completed a Go See It! We arrived at the Fire House on November 20 to find that they had just received an emergency call. We all brought 'treats' of food and cookies, etc. for our fire fighters to enjoy over the holiday. Before we knew it, the fire fighters were back! We had a valuable talk with the fire fighters and the medic/fire fighter about safety in our homes and what to do in case of an emergency. We received a demonstration on the gear and equipment that they used; we learned that the Tiger Cubs should not be afraid of a fire fighter in full uniform because they are there to help even though they look and sound funny in their gear. We even got to time a fire fighter getting dressed in his gear! 105 seconds flat! We received a tour of the fire house, saw where they slept and ate, and we even got to get up close and personal with the fire truck and ambulance! We brought our tour to a close by taking a group photo with the fire truck and thanked each fire fighter for having us and gave them our colored Thank You's of Sparky! And, of course, we all left with a fire hat!



Tigers at the Fire House !



Wolves This month the Wolves learned about Indian Nations and their symbols during their den meeting. Each boy wrote a story using symbols, and they enjoyed a small Indian feast for their snack. Many of the boys also participated in Scouting for Food. They are looking forward to all of the upcoming events for the holidays.



Bears Den 2 Bears visit Frederick County Law Enforcement Center, and tie it up in knots.

This month the Bears of Den 2 had a great opportunity and visited the Law Enforcement Center courtesy of Derek Frahm and his mom Annette. They got a chance to tour the 911 facility, see the holding cells and see lots of other stuff. Perhaps the coolest thing they saw was the three big screens in the 911 facility, but they may have been disappointed that they couldn't watch movies on them. The second meeting for Den 2 was focused around native American Indian activities and learning to tie knots. Did you know that the Indians kept track of the changes in the moon based on its orbit around the earth and were able to refer to different parts of the year, using the lunar cycle? They may not have coincided directly with our monthly calendar, but it does make sense that January was what they called "Snow Moon", February was "Hunger Moon" (think of the root cellar becoming more and more bare of food), September was "Hunter Moon" and the list goes on. As part of the knot tying activities all the scouts there learned the square knot and some learned the bow-line and slip knot. It pretty much was the activity to "tie the meeting together". Hope you enjoy our Native American Indian dialog during the opening flag ceremony tonight.



Webelos I The Webelos had a busy month with scouting for food overnight camping experiences with Boy Scout troops and a hike. The boys have earned their outdoorsman and forester achievements. Many of them earned a special badge for sleeping out in below freezing temperatures. The boys also enjoyed seeing the food bank where the food from scouting for food is taken.



Webelos II Webelos II have been working very hard toward fulfilling our Arrow of Light requirements. Last month we earned our Scientist and Geologist activity badges. During our next few Den meetings, we will be working on Handyman, Showman and Readyman, and finishing up Craftsman.