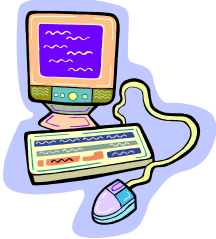


## Pack News

### 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](http://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.

### RECHARTERING



Rechartering is now complete! A total of 34 Scouts will return again next year, which is an 87% retention rate! The Pack Leadership would like to thank you for making Pack 285 your choice in helping your Scout to build character and prepare for Boy Scouts.

### BLUE & GOLD



A warm thanks to the Blue and Gold Committee (Beth Werner and April Williams) for all of their hard work and planning in making the B&G a SUCCESS! The food was delicious and plentiful! This is the last year that Beth and April will be coordinating the B&G because their Scouts will move on to Boy Scouts. Although they will be missed next year, **Michelle Florimbio** has graciously volunteered to carry on the B&G torch! Michelle will need help next year, so if you would like to support the Pack with your time and talent and are interested in helping, please don't hesitate to contact the Cubmaster and/or Michelle.

Congratulation to the Webelos II – Clayton, David, Jaeden, Jack and Billy – for earning the highest award in Cub Scouts – the Arrow of Light! Wear the AOL patch on your Boy Scout uniform and wear it with pride!

Enjoy the photos of the B&G!

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### LONGABERGER BASKET LOTTO



Did you enjoy the Pack Ice Skating activity? Did you enjoy the Blue & Gold? What do these two activities have in common – **they were FREE!** These activities were provide free of charge to the Pack and their families because of the fundraising that was done in the past.

Without fundraising, our Pack could not, would not thrive! *It is extremely important that every scout family participate in this activity.* ALL the proceeds are used to purchase belt loops, patches, books, entertainment and much more. So, help support the Pack and give that special Mother a Mother's Day gift! See the website for more information and/or contact Tina Foertschbeck (Tiger Leader).

### SUPER DERBY



Congratulation to Ian R. (Tiger) and Kyle H. (Tiger) for placing Third place and Fifth place respectively at the Super Derby held on March 9 at Frederick Towne Mall as representatives of Pack 285.

### MARCH ACTIVITIES

- **March 18 – 2008 Cub Scout Day Camp Registration DUE!**

○ ***Day camp registration and money is due tonight!***

- **Please Tina Foertschbeck and/or Cubmaster tonight!**
- Information can be found [here](#) OR on the website
- Boys in grade 1 (as of September 2008) through Webelos are eligible to attend day camp.
  - The camps open Monday mornings from June 16 through July 28, and camps are held in your local communities
  - The cost is **\$130 'Early Bird'** per boy for a full week of fun, if paid by **April 11, 2008**.
  - Later sign-ups are **\$150 until May 23, 2008**, and **\$175 after May 24, 2008**.

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

**JUNE**

**Annual Friends & Family 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: Cunningham State Park
- When: June 13-15
- More information will be forthcoming...

**JULY**

We don't have anything – yet – however, here is your chance to help! If you have an idea, please pass it on to your Den Leader or to the Cubmaster.

**AUGUST**

**Annual Rain Gutter Regatta**

The date for the regatta is set for AUGUST 23 at Ballenger Creek Park. Although the time isn't set yet, please mark it on your calendar...

**DEN NEWS**



**Tigers** The Tiger Cubs want to thank Pack 285 for a wonderful Gold dinner! We also want to thank our Leader Tina for beautiful yellow Chinese gift boxes that were filled with goodies (Tiger pen, blue & gold hand-made chocolates, a race car and a Tiger bracelet)!! That was very thoughtful of you and we are proud to go home with their special Chinese box of goodies! THANK YOU!



We are proud to report that three of our Tiger Cubs made it to Superhero! Kyle Homburg, and Nathan Swiger all participated on Sunday, March 9th. It was a great experience and we are proud of! We want to congratulate Nathan for 1st Place and Kyle Homburg took 5th Place in the airplane category. We are very proud of all of our Tiger Cubs!



The Tigers are looking forward to their Go and See It at Key 103 Radio Station tomorrow night (March 19). This will wrap up our Communication Achievement. The Tigers are looking forward to April when Mr. Clemons will be discussing Earth Day and recycling with Scouts.

Happy Spring!



**Bears** Bears will eat almost anything!

Well...actually, they will eat anything. The Den 2 Bears of Pack 285 learned about junk food and healthy food this month. You may recall the skit we did at the January Pack meeting with the raisins. Well we learned about some more as well. Michelle Florimbio led the den meeting talking about the good, the not-so-good bad and the bad. The boys were challenged with deciding which food belonged in which pile. Some of the boys were disappointed to see *eggo* waffles in the not-so-good pile. Hey sometimes you need to change it up a bit and eat from the not-so-good pile. Each of the boys got to select from snacks to make their personalized version of trail mix, and no one came away with a bag that wasn't 3/4 full. All in all, the boys learned about good snacks and while they munched talked about trips they made with the family to complete achievement of family matters. Next month we will be learning about safety at home and being ready as well as bike safety and a mile ride.



**Webelos I** This month we worked on earning our craftsman achievement. The boys identified tools, talked about tool safety, made a few crafts and learned how to use a wood burning tool. Now they need to put what they learned to work at home and make some projects using other materials.



**Webelos II** The time has come to say goodbye. This is our last official month with Pack 285. This month we are bridging to Boy Scouts. Thanks to everyone who supported Den 5. We will miss you!!! Jack, Clayton, Jaeden, Billy and David - Good luck on your journey into Boy Scouts with Troop 792.