

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.

TIGERS ACHIEVED RANK!



Congratulations to **Chase, Justin, Dimitri, Christopher, Kyle, Nathan, Garret, Ian, Matt and Logan** for completing their first milestone in their path to Boy Scouts – achieving the rank of Tiger! Congratulations to the Leaders and Parents who helped make this happen!

WAY TO GO TIGERS!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2008-2009 SCOUTING YEAR



Website Coordinator – After tonight, Sean will be working towards his AOL as a Webelos II. This time next year, Sean will be moving on to Boy Scouts and the Cubmaster will be right behind him. Therefore, now is the time to have someone either take on the website responsibility from Karl starting September '08, or at the very least, volunteer to start taking it on in January '09. We hope that you found the website useful – so useful in fact that there is a volunteer who would NOT want to see it go away. If you are interested in supporting the Pack with a few hours a MONTH of your time, please see Karl (Cubmaster) tonight or her can be reached at 301-668-2235.

Rain Gutter Regatta Coordinator – Although Kim (Webelos I Leader) will be the coordinator this year, like Sean, Kim's son Sean (yes...our Den will always be remembered as the Den with many Sean's – all spelled the same way...) is a Webelos II. This time next year, Kim and Sean will be moving. Therefore, it would be a good opportunity for the next Coordinator to shadow Kim this one last time. If interested, please see Karl and/or Kim tonight or contact Karl.

IN SEARCH FOR CUBMASTER FOR 2009

As mentioned earlier, Sean working towards his AOL as a Webelos II, May 2009 will end Karl's stint as Cubmaster. Although it may seem to be far away, the 2009 Scouting year will soon be upon us. If you enjoy Cub Scouts and feel that you have a lot to contribute in continuing the success of the Pack, please consider this very rewarding leadership opportunity for the 2009. If a Cubmaster volunteer is determined/found soon, the 2008-2009 Scouting year will be an opportunity to learn the position. Please contact Karl if interested.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

JUNE

ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY CAMPOUT & FISHING DERBY



Not too late to participate in this great summer activity. This activity is lots of fun for the entire family. Reserve your campsite now!

- **Where: Greenbrier State Park**
- **When : June 13-15**

If you have never been to Greenbrier State Park, it is a very nice Maryland State camp ground about 20 minutes away and has a lake and a beach for swimming, fishing and boating.

Their website is <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/greenbrier.html>.

We will be camping in the Ash Loop
(<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/maps/ashloop.html>).

You can either call Greenbrier State Park (information below) and/or go online via the links above to make reservations.

**Greenbrier State Park
21843 National Pike
Boonsboro, MD 21713-9535
(301) 791-4767
Call 1-888-432-CAMP(2267) for reservations**

If you are not interested in camping, you and your family are more than welcome to spend all day Saturday participating in the Fishing Derby and cookout.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Karl.

JULY



YOU PICK WHAT WE DO IN 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** from Noon to 2pm, at the upper pavilion in Ballenger Creek Park. Come dressed for water games. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Mark your calendars!

DEN NEWS



Bears Bears go through Bike safety, kickball and tug-of-war "May"-hem

The Bears of Den 2 in Pack 285 were busy in May with finishing up the necessary achievements and going after arrow point electives. Our two meetings were spent on Bike Safety and a mile ride and the other meeting, well, let's just say the boys got the short end of the rope.

During the first meeting, the boys presented their bikes for safety inspection and proceeded to ride the obstacle course of weaving, tight turn left, tight turn right, u turn, quick stop and down the back stretch home. It all ended with a mile ride which included all those moves in that as well.

Meanwhile, with all the rain we've had, we thought we would challenge Mother Nature and go

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for a picnic for our final Bear Den meeting. Mother ?Nature cooperated, the rain stopped, wind stopped, grass dried a bit, and the races were on. After a couple of dashes, we divided into two teams for a friendly game of kickball. That went well, I don't think anybody knew the final score, which makes it a friendly game.

Then... Then came THE challenge... the tug-of-war. The tug-of-war to end all tugs-of-war. The boys vs. the girls. Yes, boys vs. girls, moms vs. dads, them vs. us. Well, enough about that... The ladies one - not once, but twice, yes two times they pulled the boys over to their side. Maybe it was down hill for the girls... yeah that's it. No, afraid not, it was as even as the day is long.

Anyway, the Bears are truly Bears tonight and will get some patches, arrow points, Webelos neckerchiefs and be ready to move up.

It was a great year boys. Thanks.



Webelos I It seems hard to believe that just 4 years ago 4 of our Den were learning the Cub Scout salute and promise in order to earn their Tiger and Bobcat badges; some have just learned these things this year.

Now this past month the whole Den has learned the Boy Scout Moto, slogan, salute, promise and hand shake in order to get their Webelos badge. I am proud of the hard work the boys have put in order to learn these things. The boys are looking forward to being the role models in the pack and tack that job seriously.