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Pack News



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.

BSA POPCORN FUNDRAISER



Did you enjoy the Pack Ice Skating activity last year? 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. The Pack BSA Popcorn fundraiser drive started last month and continues throughout October and in to November. The drive is from 9/23 until 11/10 when the money is due. [Awards for the top three sellers!](#) ALL proceeds go to the Pack which is used to help keep the Pack thriving. The proceeds are used to purchase the belt loops, patches, books, entertainment and much more. [Without fundraising, the Pack can't survive!](#) Without fundraising, our Pack could not, would not thrive! It is extremely important that every scout family participate in this activity. So help support your Scout by supporting the Pack! Contact **Paul Hinch (301-473-7063)** if you require additional information.



Pack 285 Class B T-Shirts are on Sale starting today. The cost is \$12 per shirt regardless of size. The order form was passed out tonight for you to complete and return to your Den leader as soon as possible. The order deadline is **November 18th**. If you lose the form between now and October

28th, don't panic! You can visit the Pack website www.geocities.com/cubscoutpack285 and print another copy.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2008 & 2009 SCOUTING YEAR



New Website Coordinator FOUND – We are happy to report that **Amy Durnal** has graciously volunteered to be the new Coordinator for the website! Amy will be taking over for the Cubmaster who has been the Coordinator for the last three years. **Thank You Amy** for taking on this fun activity!



Newsletter Coordinator! Kathleen Cleveland is and continues to be the newsletter coordinator for the Pack. However, her son Sean is a Webelos II and will move on in March 2009. The Pack is looking for someone who is reliable and enthusiastic to take on this responsibility **new** scouting year starting **February 2009**. If you are interested and would like to get more information, don't hesitate to contact the Cubmaster and/or **Kathleen (301-634-6616)**



Blue & Gold Banquet Assistant Coordinator – Michelle Florimbio graciously volunteered to carry on the B&G torch this year. However, Michelle will need help for the B&G. 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.



SEEKING AWARDS COORDINATOR

The Pack is looking for someone who is reliable, helpful and enthusiastic to take on the responsibility as Awards Coordinator for the new scouting year starting this October. Please consider this position. Your reward will be the satisfaction of seeing the many smiles on the boy's faces when they come to the stage to receive their awards AND knowing that your support is what keeps the Pack thriving. If you are interested and would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Karl Noah, Paul Hinch and/or Ray Thompson.

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IN SEARCH FOR CUBMASTER FOR 2009

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 found soon, the 2008-2009 Scouting year will be an opportunity to learn the position. Please contact Karl if interested.

UPCOMING PACK ACTIVITIES:

ANNUAL SCOUTING FOR FOOD NOVEMBER 1st and 8th

On November 1st and 8th the Cub Scouts of Pack 285 and Boy Scouts of Troop 792 will participate in the annual Boy Scouts of America, Scouting for Food campaign. This worthy community service benefits those less fortunate at a time when they need it most! Many Frederick County food banks are dependent on Scouting for Food. In fact, within Frederick County, 85% of their food provisions come from this annual event! Last year Pack 285 and Troop 792 collected in excess of 1,900 lbs of non-perishable food items from the Robin Meadows development to support the Jefferson Food Bank – truly indicative of a giving community.

What we need from the Pack:

On the morning of **1 November**, we will need as many Scouts from Pack 285 to drop off bags at front doors of the Robin Meadows community. This activity shouldn't take more than an hour, however it is dependent on the number of scouts that show up. On the morning of the **8th**, we need as many scouts as possible to collect the bags of

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goods. The Scout must attend to get the Community Service Patch. Contact Rod Peterson if you require additional information.



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. 5, 2008 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 fund raiser into you schedule over the holiday season.

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

Navy Football and Academy Tour - Scout Day 2008: November 1st.

There will be 17 individuals representing our pack at the game! Tickets have already been purchased, however if still interested, More Info you can go <http://navysports.cstv.com/tickets/navy-group-tickets.html>

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Tigers Den 5 of pack 285, along with den 5 of Pack 351 held their first Den meeting on October 16th at Orchard Grove Elementary School.

The scouts started off with a fun “make your own scout” kit, which our den leader, Amy Durnal, put together. The scouts got to glue and color their own paper scouts and then glued them onto a large colored poster titled “I’m a Cub Scout”. The finished product was adorable!

As the parents got together and discussed future plans for the den and discussed possible “Go See Its”, Amy’s husband kept the scouts busy by teaching them the Cub Scout motto, sign and salute.

After the parents were done picking and choosing den meeting dates and Go See Its, Amy gathered the kids for a game of BADGE bingo. The bingo cards had various words associated with Cub Scouting, and when the words were called out the, the scouts were encouraged to explain what each one meant with regards to Scouting. The kids had a good time and learned a lot.



At the end of the meeting, Karl Noah got all the scouts together, and they sang an impromptu “Happy Birthday” to our den leader, Amy, since it was her birthday.

The den plans to have their first Go See it, on Sunday, October 26. We will be going to Gambrill State park for an afternoon hike along the Green Ash Trail.

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Wolves The Wolf den is off to a great start this year. We have 9 energetic boys that are ready for a fun and exciting year in cub scouts. At our 1st den meeting we learned about flags, and ceremonies. The boys learned how to fold a flag properly, and how to care and respect the

flag. They made a pencil can out of red, white, and blue popsicle sticks. At our second den meeting, the boys learned all about tools and tool safety, and built birdhouses. The third meeting we learned about personal hygiene, and caring for cuts. They also made bat puppets and ghost pops. Stay tuned for more exciting Wolf news!



Webelos Webelos I go camping! This past September and October the Webelos I worked on their Outdoorsman achievement. To do that, they needed to learn about knots, setting up tents, and three other requirements. But that was some of the indoor stuff. The fun really happened on the campouts with the Boy Scouts at Gifford Pinchot Park in Pennsylvania, in September, where Webelos I and II camped with Boy Scout Troop 792, and again in October when Webelos I boys camped out at Tree-Land near Myersville MD for the Webelos Woods. During both campouts they learned knots, but during the Webelos Woods, they crossed a river on a rope bridge, rode on a zip line, learned about outdoor cooking including sampling some venison stew, had an awesome campfire and got to eat cherry - chocolate cake cooked in a Dutch oven on the campfire (not bad cake if I don't say so myself). At the Webelos Woods one of the more impressive sights was the American Flag that was 53 feet long and 35 feet wide, yes, it was that big and easily seen from I-70. Eight of the Webelos I boys will earn their Outdoorsman achievement pin tonight for jobs well done. What can be a harder job than camping with friends?

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The Webelos II worked on the Sportsman Achievement this month they had an evening of table tennis and then another evening of bowling. We will finish up this achievement by having a game of flag football. The boys have enjoyed this active achievement. Thanks to Stephen and Tom Frocke for planning these activities.