



WEBSITE INFORMATION

Be sure to check out the website often for schedules, 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

www.geocities.com/cubscoutpack285.



SEEKING AWARDS COORDINATOR

As you may or may not know, Wendi Kishimoto has been the Awards Coordinator for the last several years and has done a fantastic job.

This is Wendi's last year with the Pack because Tyler, a Webelos II, will be moving on after Bridging this month. *Therefore, the Pack is looking for someone who is reliable, helpful and enthusiastic to take on this responsibility for the new scouting year starting in September.*

Wendi is putting together a "Users Manual" on what to do and how to do it for her successor -- whoever that may be. In fact, she and the Cubmaster will be sitting down with each other to go over the process. Therefore, the Cubmaster will be available to answer questions at anytime until the new coordinator is finally comfortable and understands the process. What does that mean? It means that the new coordinator will have a support structure in place.

Wendi puts in between 2 to 3 hours a month putting the awards together. However, there is the possibility of streamlining the process which will make it a littler easier. Mike King, Wolf Parent, has graciously volunteered to pick up the awards at the Scout store in Bethesda. So, it looks like the Awards Coordinator will not be alone.

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.

Please come and see Karl (Cubmaster) or your Den Leader if you are interested. Contact information is on the website.

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BLUE & GOLD

The Cubmaster would like to thank the Blue and Gold Committee for all of their hard work and planning in making the B&G a SUCCESS! I would also like to thank you - the Pack - for your time, patience and kindness as well. Speaking for myself (and most likely for quite a few folks), I'll never forget this B&G! Not only because of the food issue and this being MY first one as Cubmaster, but because of you -- the Pack. I don't think I heard one complaint from anyone! We all took it in stride and made the most of it! This is what made the B&G a SUCCESS! It is a pleasure and an honor to be a member of an organization with outstanding leadership, parents and scouts!



PACK 285 SURVEY

In order to help provide your son the best Cub Scout program possible, we will be conducting a survey at the **April Pack Meeting**. We will be asking that you provide your thoughtful and honest feedback so that Pack 285 can continue its rich tradition to provide your son a high-performing Cub Scout Program.



SUPER DERBY

The following Scouts attended Super Derby on March 11 at Frederick Towne Mall as representatives of Pack 285. PJ Hinch placed 5th overall for the Tigers. Congratulations to PJ and to all the Scouts who participated at Super Derby.

<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Cub Scouts</u>
PJ Hinch	Wolf – Nicholas Foertschbeck
Robert Thompson	Bear – James Eckley
Logan Peterson	Webelos – Billy Sinton



Den News

Tigers This month has been a challenging month for the tigers. Three of the tigers competed at Super Derby and PJ Hinch won 5th Place! The Tigers have also completed another activity Bike Repair and learned about bike safety in preparation for the Bike Rodeo.

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Assistant Den Leader, Paul Hinch, lead the tigers on the den activity Bike Repair by demonstrating how to change a flat tire. The scouts learned how to remove the rim from the bike by loosening the nuts, “lefty lucy, righty tighty”. They then saw how easy it was to remove the tire from the rim using the proper tools. After replacing the tube and putting the tire on the rim the scouts tightened the nut, pumped up the tire, and checked tire pressure using a tire gage. The second half of the den meeting discussed bike safety and hand signals.

Stay tuned for next month’s activities when the scouts, “get planting” for spring and build a model!

Bears The Bears came out of the hibernating we did in February and completed three achievements in March. Our first Den meeting this month was full of concentration and pounding as the boys worked on their Sawdust and Nails achievement as you can see in the picture above each boy completed his own tool box. At our next meeting we completed two achievements first we were actively Taking Care of Our Planet for this achievement we clean up the litter found around Tuscarora Elementary. Finally we worked on the What’s Cooking achievement by making and then eating our own trail mix.

Two of the boys in our Den worked on their own to complete The God & Me religious awards. The award required the boys to attend classes at a church and do homework in addition to attending regular Den and Pack meetings. For completing this: the boys received The God & Me medal and knot to be worn on their uniforms. This award along with the Arrow of Light is carried over to Boy Scouts. Please congratulate Sean Sexton and Thomas Suray for their accomplishments.



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Webelos II We are sad that this will be our last pack meeting and newsletter as Webelos II. However, we're looking forward to moving on to the next step which is Boy Scouts. Three of our six are moving on: James Hendy, Micah Anderson, and Christopher Vander Kaay. The other 3 are undecided at this time. We had a fun month completing our Athlete badge and having an end-of-year party at Adventure Park. I want to take this opportunity to tell all the boys; Matthew, Tyler, Carter, Christopher, James, and Micah what a pleasure it's been working with them these last couple of years. I've seen a lot of growth in a short time period. I wish you all the best in everything you do! I also would like to thank Staci Nininger for her help during our Webelos time. You were a great support with the meetings and activities and Starbuck's get togethers. Thank you also to the parents who helped out with meetings and activities. You made the job easier. Best of luck!



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UPCOMING PACK ACTIVITIES:

APRIL

- April Pack Meeting – Skip Wizards Jump Rope Demonstration
- April 7 – Bike Rodeo
 - Point of Contact for the Bike Rodeo is Paul Hinch (Tiger Leader)
 - Cost is \$7
 - Date is April 7.
 - Click [here](#) for additional information

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