

Pack 285 September Newsletter

Welcome to Pack 285



Wolfs, Bears and Webelos Scouts, Leader and Parents:

Welcome back for another year of learning, growing and fun! This year, there are a few new Cub Scouts among you. Please welcome the following new Cub Scouts:

Jared Sanchez (Wolf)
Yasin Colvington (Wolf)
Estelle Colvington (Webelos II)

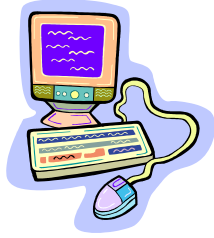
Tiger Scouts:

To the new Tiger Scouts and Parents, welcome to Pack 285! We are excited that you have joined our Pack and look forward to getting to know the new Scouts! Please welcome the following Tiger Scouts and their parents:

Tony Graziani
Miguel Monge_Sandoval
Alexander Durnal
Nick Dyer
Noah Johnston
Jack LeBlanc

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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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2008-2009 SCOUTING YEAR



Website Coordinator – The Cubmaster son, Sean, will be working towards his AOL as a Webelos II. After the March Pack Meeting, 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 he can be reached at 301-668-2235.



Rain Gutter Regatta Coordinator FOUND! We are happy to report that **Lynn Fearing-Cavagnaro** has graciously volunteered to be the new Coordinator for the Rain Gutter Regatta! Lynn will be taking over for Kim Sexton who has been the Coordinator for the last three years. **Thank you Kim** for doing such a great job these past few years and **Thank You Lynn** for taking on this fun activity!

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

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.

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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.

Upcoming Pack Activities:

- Scouting for Food: November 1st and 8th
- Navy Football and Academy Tour - Scout Day 2008: November 1st.
- Kiwanis Gift Wrap: Mid November until December 24th

Summer Activities:

The summer was full of activities including Family camping, Fishing Derby, Rain Gutter Regatta and finally the annual District Day Camp.



Family camping took place at Greenbrier State Park on June 13th to June 15th. The camping weather cooperated for the most part but was wet Saturday night.



During the same weekend of the Family Camping trip, the annual Pack 285 Fishing Derby took place followed by a cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs supplied by the Pack and side dishes supplied by the families. The day was pretty exciting with so many fish caught that we lost count! The fishing was a huge success with great weather, great participation and with everyone catching at least one fish if not more! The day ended with Nathaniel N. (Webleos I) getting the biggest fish at 13 inches and Andrew C. (Bear) getting the most. Thanks to the Foertschbeck's for coordinating this fun event!

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Fishing Derby – Lynn, Pam Enjoying the Day



Fishing Derby – Mike, the Cook, In Action

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The annual District Day Camp took place on July 7 - 11 at Woodsboro Park and on July 28 - August 1 at the Frederick 4-H in Jefferson. The day camp theme for 2008 was "Wild, Wacky, Wonderful Wheels" Activities ranged from traditional Scouting games and achievement opportunities to archery and BB instruction, crafts, nature study, soccer, swimming, handicrafts, leatherwork, and camp skills. This year we had a good turn out with the following Scouts attending one of the two Day camps:

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| Matt F. (Wolf) | Sean S. (Webelos II) |
| Jared D. (Webelos II) | Robert T. (Bear) |
| PJ H. (Bear) | Chase C. (Wolf) |
| Timmy S. (Bear) | Gage U. (Webelos II) |
| Justin B. (Wolf) | Dimitri E. (Wolf) |
| Christopher S. (Bear) | Nick F. (Webelos I) |
| Nathaniel N. (Webelos I) | Spencer B. (Webelos I) |
| Matthew H. (Webelos I) | Liam K. (Webelos I) |
| Derek F. (Webelos I) | Christopher P. (Webelos I) |
| Michael W. (Webelos I) | Brady P. (Webelos I) |
| Sean N. (Webelos II) | Nicholas F. (Webelos I) |
| Cameron M. (Webelos I) | |

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Day Camp – Dan at Work

Day Camp – Boys Shooting BB



Day Camp – Sean N at Archery

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Day Camp – Boys Play Ultimate

The annual Pack 285 Rain Gutter Regatta took place on August 23rd at the Ballenger Creek Park Upper Pavilion. The day was filled with fun followed by food and water games. The following Scouts attended the Regatta:



Spencer B. (Webelos I)
Andrew C. (Bear)
Chase C. (Wolf)
Samba D. (Webelos II)
Nathaniel N. (Webelos I)
Sean N. (Webelos II)
Robert T. (Bear)

Nicholas F. (Webelos I)
PJ (Bear)
Garrett M. (Wolf)
Brady P. (Webelos I)
Sean S. (Webelos II)
Matt M. (Webelos II)
Chris S. (Bear)



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1st Place – Chris S. (Bear)

2nd Place – Sean S. (Webelos II)

3rd Place – Sean N. (Webelos II)