

Cub Scout Pack 360 Newsletter

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Cub Scout Pack 360's Bike-A-Thon 2005

What a great time! With 69 attendees, some pretty nice weather (only a few rain showers), a couple of trains and a bunch of fun activities, the 2005 edition of our Bike-a-thon was a success. Scouts from Troop 360 participated, this year, as instructors at five of the six "Scout Skills" stations. First Aid, Campfire Cooking, Knots & Lashings, S.T.A.R.T. and the Ultimate Campsite were all manned by the Boy Scouts, with Bicycle Safety instructed by an officer of the Broward Sheriff's Office.

Saturday afternoon's activities included; a kickball challenge between the Tiger and Wolf families, gateway construction instruction for the Bear and Webelos scouts - led by the Boy Scouts of Troop 360, as well as Totin' Chip and Fireman's Chit courses for our leaders - instructed by Scout-

master Dan Barr. Later that same afternoon, a Whittlin' Chip course was held for all Bears and Webelos - instructed by Mr. Dan Barr and assisted by Mr. Dennis Dodge.

At the Saturday evening campfire we had a couple of skits, a roaring "Boom-Chicka-Boom", some s'mores, and the awards presentation. Congratulations to the following scouts:

- ☺ Dominic Dodge - 1st Place Fundraising
- ☺ Gabriel Mora - 2nd Place Fundraising
- ☺ Christopher Hansen - 3rd Place Fundraising

Additional congratulations to our Grand Prize winner: Derrick Vaz. Derrick deliberated over the prize categories of: the Camping package, the Hiking package and the Electronics package. Derrick ultimately chose the Electronics package, consisting of a Color Television and a DVD player.

Many thanks to those that participated and attended. For those that were unable to attend, unfortunately you missed a great experience. We hope to see you at the next event. Families and scouts still needing to turn in their fundraising or scout registration fees, please see Ms. Sandy at the earliest possible opportunity.

Event Photos



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Cub Master's Minute



There used to be a common saying that, if a man had great ambition, he was "reaching for the stars".

The idea was that he was so eager to succeed, he was willing to try the impossible, to reach for the stars.

That doesn't seem so impossible anymore. Men have walked on the moon, a feat that was only dreamed of not so many years ago. And, by the way, did you know that the first astronauts who walked on the

moon were Scouts? One of them, Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, is an Eagle Scout. That tells you something about the kind of man he is.

The scientists and astronauts in our space program brought the impossible dream of reaching for the stars much closer to reality. Men will never really walk on the stars. If they tried, they would have some very hot feet. But the stars do not seem so far away as they used to be.

Still the idea expressed in the phrase, "reaching for the stars", remains valid. It

tells us that, to enjoy life to the fullest, we must stretch our abilities to the limit. As we come to the end of our current scouting year, have you **done your best** to achieve all that you could in your current rank? Are you ready for this challenge in the upcoming year? Will you **do your best** to accomplish all that you can this summer and into next year? A Scout who **does his best** in everything he tries will become the kind of man who reaches for the stars.

Troop 360's Webelos II Crossover Ceremony

On April 8th, Cub Scout Pack 360 had the honor of crossing 10 of our scouts into Boy Scouting. At an evening ceremony held at Tradewinds Park, these scouts, as well as their leaders and parents, gathered for the final leg of their Cub Scouting journey, and their initial steps into Boy Scouting. Every one of these scouts chose to cross into our Scouting counter-part, Troop 360.

Many thanks to Troop 360 for their hard work, and dedication to providing the best possible experience for scouts of all ranks.

Congratulations to the following scouts:

- ☺ Danny Somers - Dragon Patrol
- ☺ Kevin Behrens - Dragon Patrol
- ☺ Will Austin - Dragon Patrol
- ☺ Jonathan Engen - Dragon Patrol

- ☺ Gabriel Mora - Dragon Patrol
- ☺ Nathan Hitt - Dragon Patrol
- ☺ Zachary Cihak - Eagle Patrol
- ☺ Herman Zhu - Eagle Patrol
- ☺ Ari Feingersch - Eagle Patrol
- ☺ Dylan Ferri - Rattlesnake Patrol

We extend our best wishes to these scouts and eagerly await their future advancement in Boy Scouting.

"Tee-off for Tots"[®] Charitable Golf Tournament 2005



Preparations for this year's "Tee-off for Tots"[®] have begun. Electronic format, as well as printed media flyers have been designed and are ready for distribution. With

a head start on last year's event, a little experience under our belts and an extremely enthusiastic Core group, this year's tournament looks to hold the potential of being twice as productive over 2004.

A couple of modifications from last year include;

- tournament venue: the exclusive Parkland Golf and Country Club,
- individual Den participation, by means of themed raffle basket design and construction,
- individual scout participation, by means of golf ball decoration (details to follow via Den Leaders)

The charitable organization recipients of the "Tots" 2005 program include;

- Gilda's Club of South Florida (a support venue for families coping with cancer)
- Ronald McDonald House of South Florida (for families coping with various medical treatment)

Registration includes;

- continental breakfast
- driving & putting green practice
- professional golf club demo
- goody bag gift & commemorative bag tag
- on course beverages
- awards luncheon & silent auction

Contact friends and associates now, as the playing field is limited to 100 participants at this highly acclaimed venue. Sponsorships, on various levels, are available for every budget. Raffle tickets are available for some fantastic prizes. A silent auction will be held, the day of the event with

extraordinary gifts such as; Island Vacations including airfare, a one-year membership to the Parkland Golf and Country Club (valued at over \$12,000) and many more possibilities.

WHO: Golfers, sponsors, scouters, corporations, media, etc

WHAT: Annual "Tee-off for Tots"[®] Charitable Golf Tournament sponsored by Pack & Troop 360

WHEN: Monday November 14, 2005

WHERE: Parkland Golf and Country Club

WHY: To benefit the children and families of Gilda's Club and Ronald McDonald Houses of South Florida

HOW: Check our new website: www.cubscoutpack360.com or ask for flyers.

*** Note: Pack 360 does accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover

Den 7

This Month Den 7 continued working on our World Conservation awards. We talked about space and our solar system, recreated the solar system out of Wolf Cubs, and used a telescope to see far away. We finished bird watching and we learned about fishing safety, fishing laws, and how to fish. Last week, we took a field trip to Tradewinds Park and spent several hours on a fishing excursion and successfully lost many worms, hooks, and bobbers. Den 7 owes a big thanks to Xavier's grandpa Bob who donated a fishing pole and a tackle box for each scout in the den.

We'd also like to welcome a new scout, Austin Scharff, who moved here from Texas just to join Pack 360 and Den 7 (at least that's how we remember the story). Happy 8th Birthday to Logan Naranjo!

Achievements:

- ☉ Astronomy Belt loop: Austin D., Austin S., Koby, Nicholas, Matthew, Xavier, Logan
- ☉ Fishing Belt loop: Austin D.
- ☉ Silver arrow: Koby



Den 7 sporting their new fishing gear!

Den 8

Another busy month for the Den 8er's of Pack 360!

Thank you Sam Sternfield for being our March & April Denner of the Month. For May, Brent Wendelken will be promoted to Denner of the Month & Logan Brodzki will be promoted to Asst. Denner of the Month. Tyler Paula earned his religious knot this month joining Michael, Sam & Logan. In addition, Sam & Tyler earned their Bear Scout Badge this month. They now join their fellow Den 8er's Michael, Logan & Brent as Official Bear Scouts! I would like to congratulate all of my boys for completing their Bear Scout Badge requirements. I am looking forward to leading them as next year's Webelos 1 Den 8 Eagle Patrol!

April fools day started off with the Annual Pack 360 Bike-A-Thon. Den 8er's Michael, Sam, Logan & Tyler all participated in this fun filled event. The Den 8er's learned about Knots & Lashings, First Aid, Dutch Oven Cooking, Pitching Tents, Bike Safety & Ultimate Campsites. During Saturday Night's Campfire, we had the privilege of being entertained by our very own Cubmaster Mr. Dennis Dodge who preformed a falling act from a 10 thousand foot tree! Well, you had to be there to really appreciate this flying act! The Den 8er's and I would like to thank Scout Master Mr. Dan Barr and his Boy Scouts from Troop 360 for volunteering there time during the weekend. The Bike-A-Thon weekend turned out to be a very successful



event in terms of having fun, learning & as a fundraiser for the boys from Pack 360.

During the month of April 2005, The Den 8er's have been training on how to build tripods and will start training on how to build gateways for the May 13th Spring Camporee Gateway Building Competition. The boys also worked on their knot tying and whittling skills.

As part of the Spring Camporee weekend competition, the Den 8er's along with some of the other Pack 360 Bear & Webelos dens will perform a "Good Turn" (Unit Service Project) as part of the judging at the Spring Camporee. Our Scouts will provide a community service for the Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital on May 7, 2005 starting at 11am.

In May 2005, the Den 8er's will work on their Wildlife Conservation Project by learning about the Purple Martin (the largest member of the swallow family in North America). We have a 15 room Purple Martin Bird House in our backyard & every year the Purple Martins migrate from the Brazil winter to breed in Florida. Each Den 8 Bear Scout has been provided with a Martin-watch Nest Data Sheet to monitor the nesting & breeding progress on a weekly basis. These sheets will be submitted to the Purple Martin Conservation Association which is the only organization devoted to the scientific study of the Purple Martin, their biology, and habitat requirements. Last year we had 10 nests & 46 eggs!

That is it for now but stayed tuned for next month's activities!

Achievements to Date:

Michael Getter - Completed the Bear Scout Badge requirement / 4 red beads for Progress Towards Rank Badge / Religious Knot / NSA / Recruiters Badge / World Conservation Badge / Fishing, Bicycling, Tennis, Roller Staking, Bowling, Swimming, Ultimate, Geology, Chess, Computer, Maps & Compass Belt Loop & Academic Pin / Denner & Assistant Denner of the Month.

Logan Brodzki - Completed the Bear Scout Badge requirement / 4 red beads for Progress Towards Rank Badge / Bobcat Badge / Religious Knot / Fishing, Golf, Bicycling, Marbles, Roller Skating, Ultimate, Geology, Maps & Compass Belt Loop & Academic Pin / Denner of the Month

Brent Wendelken - Completed the Bear Scout Badge requirement / 4 red beads for Progress Towards Rank Badge / Bobcat Badge / Fishing, Golf, Maps & Compass Belt Loop & Academic Pin.

Sam Sternfield - Completed the Bear Scout Badge requirement / 4 red beads for Progress Towards Rank Badge / Religious Knot / NSA / Bobcat Badge / Recruiters Badge / Fishing, Golf, Swimming, Bicycling, Roller Skating, Ultimate, Geology, Maps & Compass Belt Loop & Academic Pin / Denner & Assistant Denner of the Month

Tyler Paula - Completed the Bear Scout Badge requirement / 4 red beads for Progress Towards Rank Badge / Religious Knot / NSA / Bobcat Badge / Fishing, Golf, Swimming, Bicycling, Roller Skating, Maps & Compass Belt Loop & Academic Pin / Denner & Assistant Denner of the Month.

Den 4

It is amazing that a year has past since we started as Tigers. We have learned, played, grown, and created memories that will last a life time.

Today we proudly announce that Cody Cohan, Paul Demars, Brady Azzara,



James Chang, Andres Figueroa, John Hackler, George Santiago, Timothy Uher, and Derrick Vaz have earned their Bobcat Badge. We are looking forward to a great year as Wolves.

Go Den 4 !!!



Den 14



Our Wolf boys are continuing to work towards their advancements. This month, the den worked on some of the final requirements. We visited a fire station and

after touring, played with the fire hose. The boys are also learning to tie different knots. Most have mastered the square knot. They have also enjoyed playing ring toss at a couple of the meetings. Most of our boys will have completed their wolf requirements by the next pack meeting.

Roadrunner Patrol Den 6

The Roadrunner Patrol is proud to welcome to all our new Webelos, Bradon Bufford, Danny Gallagher, Devon Small and Mark Niblett. We will learn from each other and achieve goals together as a great team!



We have recently relocated to Ramblewood Middle School to accommodate our larger group. Micheal Engen and Riley Penegos have earned the Craftsman Activity Badge and Michael Engen, Christopher Helder, Riley Penegos and Alex Fernandez have each earned their Forester and Naturalist Activity Badges. Way to go guys!!!

I promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.



Den 3

April has been a fun month for Den 3! We've played lots of games from the 1930's in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. The boys learned to play games using cans, a blindfold, a stick and mosquito's (no bug spray!) We also learned the value of

money, how to make change and all the different types of money from other countries. The Bike-A-Thon was a great success and lots of fun too! Congratulations to Dominic Dodge for the great trophy he won for collecting \$1,500! (you should hear his speech).

The boys are very excited working toward the requirements for the Bobcat Badge. Once again we'd like to welcome another new Tiger to the Den 3 family. On behalf of every one of us, welcome Dominic Messuri!

Den 10

The Men of Den 10 - Adam, Cameron, James and Reed - have all completed their Tiger Rank. Great job boys!!! We are now busy finding creative ways to complete the Bobcat requirements. It has been a very busy year. We have seen the boys really grow and become



friends. The boys enjoyed the Bike-a-thon and want to give a big THANK YOU to the older scouts who ran each activity - they did a great job. We all learned a lot about being scouts that day. The boys are also busy working on various belt loops and electives. (There may be some good watermelons growing this summer).

Their achievements include:
 ☺ Adam - Bowling, Music, Science, Collecting, Math beltloops and 2 elective beads.
 ☺ Cameron - Music beltloop and 1 elective bead.
 ☺ James - Music, Basketball, Baseball, Math, Gymnastics beltloops and 2 elective beads.
 ☺ Reed - Music, Bicycle beltloops and 2 elective beads.

Den 13

Den 13, THE NEW DRAGON PATROL, boys have been working hard to complete the bear trail, and earn their Bear Badge. This month Alejandro earned his 3rd and 4th bead and Michael earned his 4th bead, both earning their bear badge. Congrats!!!

Also Gage has earned his 3rd bead and is working on his 4th. Alejandro and Michael camped and participated in the bike-a-thon. Both boys earned their Whittling Chip. Leaders, Edwin and Connie earned their Fireman Chit and Totin' Chip.

Alejandro, Marco, and Andrew are looking forward to competing in their first Spring Camporee, along with den 8 and den 9. GO BEARS!!!

75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting



Scout Award



Family Award



Leader Award



Pack Award



News and Events

Lighthouse District Roundtable

5/2 - All leaders are encouraged to participate in this meeting. This is one of the requirements for Leader advancement.

Pack Conservation Project

5/7 - Who knows what will come to fruition this year. It's always a surprise when Pack 360 is involved. Let's just see what we can do for our community this year.

Spring Camporee

5/13-5/15 - This campout is dedicated to the Webelos rank. Bears, Webelos I, and Webelos II scouts will face challenges in campsite setup, gateway construction, activities, games orienteering and many more elements of scouting. This is a "parent/son" only excursion.

Memorial Day Parade

5/30 - This year, Pack 360 will be proudly participating in the Pompano Beach Memorial Day parade. The event is scheduled for approximately 9:00 am. Expect to see you all there.

Pack 360 Leaders' Meeting

5/30 - This is an absolute MUST for each and every leader. Your attendance is imperative. Attend to receive the most current and pertinent information. Lack of attendance is frowned upon. See you there.

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Be a part of the fun and family adventure of Scouting! To contact us or volunteer as an adult Cub Scout leader, please contact our Cub Master, Dennis Dodge at:

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