

Pack 144 Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

After having off a few months for the summer break, Welcome Back Everybody! Even with the small break, the Pack was still very busy!

We had several boys who attended Summer Camp in July. All the kids had a great time trying to solve *The Riddle of the Sphinx!* The weather, though hot, was a lot better than last year's rain!



When asked about Summer Camp and what they enjoyed the most, the following Scouts had this to say:

"I liked writing letters and falling asleep in my chair by the campfire every night."

- ██████████

"My favorite thing about summer camp was Movie Night."

- ██████████

"My favorite thing was shooting BB Guns."

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"I liked movie night, eating supper at the campsite, and the homemade Ice Cream."

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"My favorite event at summer camp was Archery, and my favorite time was Spike singing 'We Will Rock You.'"

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"My favorite thing was Archery."

- ██████████

"I liked Archery the best."

- ██████████

"My favorite place was the BB and Archery sites. 'Spike' was a big hit. I also enjoyed the camp store and their famous slushies."

- ██████████

The week after camp, the Pack sponsored a Pack Picnic.

There was swimming and fun to be had by all.



The night concluded with a "Drive-In" Movie.



August 6th and 7th found several of the Cub Scouts and their families tubing and camping on the Delaware River. Another great weekend with very cooperative weather!

The Gettysburg Camping trip fell through for the most part because people could no longer go or had forgot about it and made other plans. There was one Cub Scout who camped there the entire weekend along with Troop 144 Scouts, and one other Cub Scout who arrived during the day on Saturday to tour the Battlefield with us. It was a VERY HOT weekend, but nonetheless, a very educational one. We even had the pleasure of watching a re-enactment crew shoot off a Civil War canon, and saw what a "hospital" was like back in those days on the battle fields.



Popcorn

The sale of popcorn is under way once again. New this year is the **Popcorn Blitz Campaign.**

Each scout who completes their sheet by October 10th (all 25 lines),



or sells \$300, will receive a \$30 Gift Card (very sure it will be a Wal-Mart card). This is in addition to the Trails End prizes each Scout is entitled to. There is a limit of one card per Scout.

Scouts with the top five sales in each District will also win an MP3 player. The top seller Council-wide will win a Sony DVD Player.

All forms must be turned in by October 8th to be eligible for the Blitz Campaign. If the scout would fill the form by the end of the sale period, they will still earn a \$20 Gift Card. The Blitz Campaign replaces the T-shirt campaign.

All popcorn forms need to be turned in by the October Pack Meeting. Popcorn pick-up will be Friday, November 18th. Money must be turned into the council by December 12th. Any questions about popcorn sales, please contact ██████████.

Cubmobile



The annual Cubmobile race will be held this Saturday at

the Roma Corporate Center, 1503 Building parking lot. In the event of bad weather, this event will be held on Sunday, with all starting times pushed back 1 hour.

Directions: Heading south on Cedar Crest Blvd, go across Walbert

Ave. Continue heading south and you will see a Shell/Top Star gas station on your left. Right after the gas station, turn left (across from Appleby's). The 1503 building is the second Roma building on the left.

Please arrive between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. so we can get everybody registered and on their correct teams.

New Asst. Cubmaster

██████████, former Wolf Asst. Den Leader, is our new Asst. Cubmaster. With ██████████ "retirement" at the end of this year, ██████████ will then be our new Cubmaster. Let's all welcome John to his new position and his new job within the Pack for the future. Good Luck ██████████!

Webelos II Invitation

Webelos II Scouts - please keep your calendars open for Saturday, November 5th. After Scouting for Food bag drop-off is finished in the morning, Troop 144 will be inviting you down to their Whitehall Parkway campsite for some good times. This will give you an opportunity to see how the Troop functions and what they do on camping trips, in case you would like to join them next year when you cross over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

Webelos Overnighter / Cub Fall Event

The 2005 North Valley Cub Fall Event and Webelos Overnighter will be held from Oct. 21st - 22nd at



Akelaland. **Only the Webelos are allowed to camp over Friday night.** ALL Cub Scouts are invited to the Cub Fall Event. Registration Saturday morning begins at 8:00 A.M., with the Opening Ceremony and Activities starting at 9:00 A.M.. Cub scouts who are NOT sleeping over will need to provide their own lunches on Saturday. (Webelos lunches will be provided by the camp.) Past events have included: Archery, BB Guns, Cubmobile, Handicraft, Rockets, and Scout craft. Kids will have a BLAST! Cost is \$8:00 per person for Webelos Overnighters (includes a patch and meals); \$4.00 per Cub Scout for the Saturday Program (includes a patch). Registration and payment for all Scouts and adults are due by Friday, October 14th.

Light The Night

The annual Light The Night walk will also take place on October 22nd, with the walk starting around 7:00 PM.

Light The Night Walk is The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's nationwide evening Walk to build awareness of blood cancers and raise funds for cures. Walkers carry illuminated balloons— white for survivors and red for supporters—to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer.



It is our duty, as Cub Scouts helping with the walk, to illuminate the walkway for the walkers to walk on. Please see ██████████ for more information on this important night.

Positions Available

With the Webelos II Scouts (and their parents) leaving the pack in February with the cross-over, Pack 144 will be short a Secretary and a

Treasurer. Each position is required to be at our Committee meetings, usually held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

Fall Family Camping

Akelaland is hosting Fall Family Camp October 28th - 30th. The fee is \$25 per person and must be mailed into council by October 21st.



Pack to spend a weekend camping at Akelaland. Your family or pack can stay from Friday night to Sunday morning. The camp will provide three meals and activities during the day on Saturday. The camp will also provide a continental breakfast on Sunday. Each participating Scout will receive a special patch.

Cub Scouts who attend will be able to ride paddle boats, shoot BB and Archery, go on a short hike, and attend a Nature and a Scout craft class. The staff of Akelaland Cub Scout Camp will provide the programs. You will need to bring your own tents, and will probably want to bring snacks for Friday night. You will also need to bring candy to share for "Trick or Treat" and a costume to wear.

For a complete list of what to bring, please reference our Pack's website and go the Calendar of Events page.

Philadelphia Phantoms

Hockey Game

Troop 144 is selling tickets to attend the hockey game on Sunday, December 4, 2005, between the Philadelphia Phantoms and the Syracuse Crunch. This game will be played at the legendary Wachovia Spectrum in Philadelphia. Game time is 5:05 PM. Cost is



\$15/adult and \$8/child (14 and under). If Troop 144 sells enough tickets, we will be having a pre-game "Behind The Scenes" tour of the Spectrum, which also includes seeing how the players and coaches prepare for the game.

Troop 144 has been selected to supply 4 boys for the on-ice Honorary Color Guard for this event.

Please RSVP by November 1st. Money is also due by this date. Any questions, please contact [REDACTED] or email at [REDACTED].

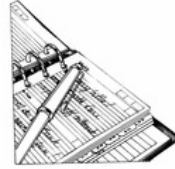
There will also be an option to attend a Hershey Bears game in February, with a possible sleep-over option. Details are still being worked out on this and more information will be announced in the future.

Website Sponsorship

The cost of running our website for one year is \$65. If there are any families and/or businesses that would like to sponsor the website for the present year, please see either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Our bill is due on October 6th, so if you would like to help sponsor the website, please give the money to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] immediately. You can either donate the entire amount or give whatever you can afford. This money does NOT come from the Pack's budget, in order to maintain lower Registration costs, and was donated last year by a business.

Got something for the website or to include in next month's newsletter?
Email pictures/information to [REDACTED]:
[REDACTED]

Calendar of Events



- Oct. 1st Cubmobile
Registration: 12:30 PM
Racing: 1:00 - 4:00 PM (appx.)
- Oct. 2nd Cubmobile (Rain Date)
Registration: 1:30 PM
Racing: 2:00 - 5:00 PM (appx.)
- Oct. 6th Money due for the website
- Oct. 8th Popcorn forms must be handed in for Blitz Campaign ONLY – keep on selling!
- Oct. 18th (?) Coplay Halloween Parade
- Oct. 21st - 22nd Webelos Overnight / Cub Fall Event
- Oct. 22nd Light The Night
- Oct. 27th Pack 144 Halloween Party - All popcorn forms are due!
- Nov. 5th Scouting for Food
- Nov. 12th Scouting for Food
- Nov. 17th Pack Meeting (Bobcat Ceremony)
- Nov. 18th Popcorn Pickup
- Dec. 4th Philadelphia Phantoms Hockey Game
- Dec. 12th Popcorn money due to Council.



Website Updates

The website is going through a major renovation right now. All changes should be up within a week. Please check back often as changes will be uploaded as soon as they are made.