

Pack 144 Newsletter

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Blue & Gold Banquet

THANK YOU to ██████████
██████████, ██████████, and
██████████ for organizing this year's
Blue & Gold Banquet. Great food,
as always, and the kids really
enjoyed *The Amazing Larry Vee*.
Pictures from this event will be
uploaded to our website very shortly.

Space Derby



THANK YOU to ██████████ and ██████████
██████████ for organizing
this year's Space Derby
and for setting it up. THANK YOU
also to our "Rocket Winders": ██████████
██████████, ██████████, and ██████████
██████████; our "Finish Line
Judges": ██████████ and ██████████
██████████; our "Hangar Crew" ██████████
██████████ and ██████████; and
everybody else who helped in the
Kitchen, setting up and decorating,
and taking everything down. Thanks
again!

Top 5 finishers were:

- 1st Place - ██████████
- 2nd Place - ██████████
- 3rd Place - ██████████
- 4th Place - ██████████
- 5th Place - ██████████

There were also other Medals
handed out for the following:

- Most Realistic. ██████████
- Most Original. . . ██████████
- Most Colorful. ██████████
- Best Rocket. ██████████
- Most Unusual. . . ██████████
- Coollest. ██████████

Most Patriotic. ██████████
Judges Choice #1. ██████████
Judges Choice #2. . . ██████████
Judges Choice #3. . . . ██████████



Hershey Bears Scout Night / Sleep Over

This event is
tomorrow night, for those that
purchased tickets. If you have any
questions, please see ██████████.

around 8:00 pm.

Coke Wagon



Pack 144 is sponsoring a Coke
Wagon at the Sam's Club in
Whitehall April 29-30 to help raise
funds for Summer Camp. Even if
your son is not going to camp, come
out and help support our efforts.
Grab a Coke and a great-tasting Hot
Dog (or 2)!

Scavenger Hunt

On Thursday,
April 6, Pack 144 is
sponsoring a
Scavenger Hunt
between all the Dens.



Here is a brief rundown of what is
going to transpire:

- Each den will be a team with the Bears splitting up into 3 separate teams.
- Each team will need two vehicles/drivers. Each vehicle will need a minimum of 2 adults.
- Each team will need one digital camera per vehicle.
- The hunt will start at 6:40 pm with directions starting at 6:30 pm, and ending at 7:30 pm.
- Points will be awarded as to what is found. (Points WILL be deducted for arriving back at the church later than 7:30 pm.)
- While the points are being tallied at 7:30 pm, each den will hold their own snack time. Please remember to clean up after yourself. Announcement of scores will follow with the entire event being over

Annual Cake Auction

As a
reminder, our
annual
Father/Son Cake
Bake



Contest/Auction
will be held April
27 in place of our regular Pack
Meeting. ****STARTS AT 6:30 PM,
NOT THE USUAL 7:00 PM**.**
Moms - sit back and watch your
"boys" make a mess of your kitchen.
EVERYTHING on the cake MUST
be edible, but it can be anything you
want it to be! Let your imaginations
run wild. For pictures of cakes in the
past, look on the website (go into the
Picture Pro logo in the bottom-left
section of the homepage and then
look under the section *Pack
Pictures.*)



Beaver Day Weekend



Akelaland is hosting Beaver Day Weekend May 5 - 7. Parents help set up camp Saturday morning, and then in the afternoon, the camp opens up all the program areas (Waterfront, Scout craft, Shooting Sports, etc.) for the boys. The camp will provide lunch and dinner on Saturday. The other meals will be your responsibility. If your son isn't sure whether or not he wants to attend the full week of Summer Camp, this is a great "preview" that should change his mind (as well as yours). Cost is FREE!!! Come on out.

Calendar of Events; or, you can visit the webpage on the Minsi Trails website: <http://www.minsitrails.com/Events/Jambo2006/default.asp>



Resident/Summer Camp 2006 "The Pirates of Akela's Cove"

Pack 144 will be attending Week 3 of Resident Camp. This will take place Sunday, July 9 - Friday, July 14. Cost is \$220. Discounted cost is \$200 (if you pay a \$100 deposit by April 15, and the balance due by June 15, 2006.)

All funds to be paid through Pack 144.

"Camperships" (reduced costs for Scouts who need them) are available through the Minsi Trails Council. Please contact them if you are in this position.

The first payment of \$100 is due April 6. Please give this money to either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Jambo
U@KU
Scoutfest
2006



Minsi Trails Council, in conjunction with Hawk Mountain Council and Kutztown University, will be hosting Jambo U@KU May 19 - 21.

Early Registration must be paid for by April 1, 2006. Youth - \$20, Adults - \$5. All early fee registrations will receive their JAMBO patch for FREE.

Late Registration is anything paid after April 1, 2006. Youth - \$25, Adults - \$10. Late registrations will need to purchase their patches the weekend of JAMBO.

Youth younger than Tiger rank are admitted FREE.

If you want to register just for 1 day and not camp out, this fee is Youth - \$15, and Adults - \$3.

You should have received the flyer in the mail from the Minsi Trails Council. Details on this event can be found on our website under

Summer Trip



On June 3, 2006, Pack 144 will be going on our summer trip to Knoebel's Amusement Park. For those of you that do not go on rides, Admission is FREE. The Pack will be paying for all Scouts. If we get 100+ people paying for the all-in-one packages, the pricing will be as follows:

Regular - \$23.00 per person, \$29.50 with Wooden Coasters Option.

Under 48" - \$15.75, \$20.25 with Wooden Coasters Option.

Haunted Mansion (\$1.20) and the Scenic Skyway (\$3.00) are NOT included in any plan. You have to pay extra per rider, per ride, for these attractions. Also NOT included are the following: Swimming Pool, Water slides, Miniature Golf, Boat Tag, and the XD Theater attraction.

The Pack will be buying Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, as we reserved a Pavilion so we can all eat lunch together. We are asking each family bring a side dish or dessert to share with everybody. More details to follow.

Summer Activities

We are still in the planning stages for a Summer-time Pack Picnic, as well as an Inner Tube ride on the Delaware River and camping at River Beach Campsites, like we did last year. More details will be announced at next month's pack meeting.

WANTED: Parade Coordinator 2006

Pack 144 is looking for somebody to be the parade coordinator for the Coplay Halloween Parade, 2006. Volunteer now so you can tap the memory of [REDACTED] and get the necessary contacts before she is gone in February.

WANTED: Candy Donation Contacts

To go with the Parade Coordinator, we are also looking for anybody who has friends or family working for the candy companies or grocery store chains who could try to obtain a generous donation of candy for next year's parade.

ATTN: Webelos Scouts

For those of you who may have missed some requirements for Pins, the Academy of Natural Sciences will be holding Geologist/Forester Pin Days April 15, as well as May 6/7; and Naturalist/Scientist Pin Days May 20/21. For more information, see [REDACTED] – he has the sheet explaining the details.



Allentown Trade-O-Ree

There will be a Trade-O-Ree on Saturday, April 8 between 9 AM and 3 PM at Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd., Orefield. This is a place where Scouts gather to trade patches.

This Trade-O-Ree is hosted by Witauchsoman Lodge #44 (Order of the Arrow) and Minsi Trails Heritage Collection Committee.

- Scouting Memorabilia - Buy / Sell / Trade / Browse.
- Patch trading area will be available for youth.
- Witauchsoman Lodge #44 will be selling their patches and OA merchandise.
- View a display by the Heritage Collection Committee of Minsi Trails Council.
- Food and Refreshments will be available for purchase.
- Cost is \$2/person. Youth Scouts in uniform get in FREE.

Scout Day

Minsi Trails Council invites you to our first Scout Day at Terry Hill Waterpark in Breinigsville, to be held on Sunday, June 25, 2006, between 12 - 6 pm. Bring the whole family. \$15/person, children 2 and under are free. Includes a full day at the waterpark, a hot dog, soda, and chips. A wristband will be given to each person upon arrival for admission to the park.

Terry Hill Waterpark Features:

3 Swimming Pools, Water slides, 1 4-Story Figure "8", Water slide with Tunnel and Speed Drop, 2 3½-Story Fiberglass Pirate Slides, Wild River Ride, 3 Children's Water slides, Lazy River Ride, Tarzan Rope, Hand-Over-Hand Rope, Lilly Pads to Run On, 1- Meter Diving Board, Sliding Board, Kiddie Play Area with 2 Child-size Slides, 18-hole Miniature Golf, and Snack Bar. Lunch will be served in the pavilion between 1:00 - 2:00 pm. If interested, see [REDACTED] for a form. Registration is due to Council by June 23.

CRITICAL!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Position Available

Pack 144 is still short an **Assistant Scoutmaster**.



Website Updates

The CRAFTS page has been updated now with pictures of the Marshmallow Gun assembly in progress. If parents or Den Leaders have other Craft ideas that the boys could do in a Den Meeting, please forward them to webmaster@nvpack144.org.

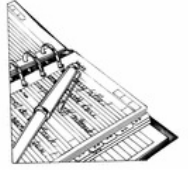
REMINDER: Also new, is a "Guest book" where visitors can include comments about the site. This is on the main page in the center.

CHECK IT OUT!
<http://nvpack144.org>

Got something for the website or to

include in next month's newsletter?
Email pictures/information to [REDACTED]:
webmaster@nvpack144.org

Calendar of Events



March 31 - April 1	Hershey Bears Scout Night and Sleep over
April	
April 6	Scavenger Hunt
April 27	Pack Meeting (Cake Auction)
April 29 - 30	Coke Wagon at Sam's Club in Whitehall
May	
May 5 - 7	Beaver Day Weekend
May 11	Advancement Ceremony
May 19 - 21	Jambo U @ KU
June	
June 3	Pack Summer Trip - Knoebel's
July	
July 9 - 14	Summer Resident Camp
TBD	Pack Picnic
August	
TBD	Inner Tubing on the Delaware River and Camping