

Pack 144 Newsletter

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Welcome Back Everybody

Welcome back to all the old Scouts and a special welcome to all the new Scouts joining Pack 144 this year. The Committee has planned many, many, MANY activities for all the Scouts to do and this is going to be another enjoyable year. Too bad May will be here before you know it, and another Scouting year will come to a close.

Website Renewal

Thank you to the ██████████ Family, as well as ██████████, for sponsoring our website last year. The website is up for renewal and I am looking for a family or a business to help sponsor the website this year. Total cost is \$60 for the entire year. Please see ██████████ tonight if you are interested. Thank you.

Cubmobile Race

Due to scheduling conflicts with the other 3 Packs who join us in the Cubmobile Races every year, this event has been pushed back until the Spring of 2007.



Looking Back..

Pack Spring Trip 2006

Knoebel's Amusement Park

Although the skies were a bit cloudy and the weather was a little bit cool, everybody had a great time in June at Knoebel's. We already have parents and leaders thinking about our Spring Trip for 2007 and more details will be announced as plans are ironed out.

Summer Camp

"The Pirates of Akela's Cove"

We had 17 Scouts and 8 parents attend this year's Summer Camp. The theme was *The Pirates of Akela's Cove* and there was Pirate booty all over camp, including a hidden treasure chest! This was a great opportunity for the Scouts to earn belt loops and pins that they cannot earn anywhere else.

Pack Summer Picnic

Thank you to ██████████ and the ██████████s for organizing this wonderful night. There was swimming, food, and games galore. Again, THANK YOU!

Inner Tubing on the Delaware River

Despite a few small mishaps getting to camp, and problems with our reserved campsites, the rain held

out long enough for us to have a very enjoyable ride down the Delaware River. Everybody had a lot of fun until the rains came and soaked everything. We were joined by a few of the Boy Scout Troop 144 families. We will most likely be doing this event again next year.



Please welcome a few members of Boy Scout Troop 144 who are here tonight selling tickets for their Spaghetti Dinner, being held here at the church on Saturday, October 7.

Dinner will be served 4 - 7 P.M. and includes Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert, and Drinks.

Cost is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child (4-13). 3 and Under are FREE.

Can't stay for dinner? Not a problem because takeout is also available!

Can't make it at all? They are also selling *Enjoy The City* books for \$15. These books are very similar to the Entertainment and KidStuff books, but really pay for themselves in the first or second use of their coupons.

Popcorn Sale

Our Popcorn Coordinators this year are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. In order to meet our budgetary goals and do all of the activities the Committee has planned for the remainder of the year, without any further out-of-pocket expenses, we are hoping each Scout can sell \$200 worth of popcorn.

Popcorn forms are to be turned in at the October Pack Meeting on October 26.

We will need a few volunteers (with vans or pick-up trucks preferably) to help sort the Popcorn on Friday, November 17 and transport it back to the church for distribution. If you cannot pick up your popcorn on the 17th, you must arrange for pick-up with your Den Leader, or somebody else.

If you have any questions, please ask [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. We will get you the answer ASAP if we do not know it right away.

Light The Night

The annual Light The Night walk will take place on October 14nd at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome, 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 will be our duty, as Cub Scouts helping with the walk, to illuminate the walkway for the walkers using flashlights. This is a very worthwhile event and it will really



touch you. Please see [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if you are interested in attending this important night.



Coplay Halloween Parade

Pack 144 is again participating in the Coplay Halloween Parade. The parade is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17. Official plans will be announced in the next few weeks, but plan on meeting everybody at Daffodils on Chestnut St. in Coplay and the parade will be ending at the Coplay Saengerbund on S 5th St. where the parade participants are given light snacks and drinks.



The Pack is planning on having a float this year. We might need some help in decorating the float the week before the parade. More information will be forthcoming from the various Dens.

WANTED: Candy Donation Contacts

We are 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 the Coplay Halloween Parade in October.

Webelos Overnighter / Cub Fall Event



The North Valley District Webelos Overnight and Cub Fall Event will be held October 20-21 at Akelaland. The theme

for the weekend is Native American. Only Webelos scouts are invited up Friday night for a sleep-over. The rest of the Scouts will take part in events all day Saturday. Registration on Saturday is between 7:30 A.M. and 8:30 A.M., with events running from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Cost is \$8 per Webelos Scout and \$6 for Tiger/Wolf/Bear Scouts. This fee includes Saturday lunch and a patch.

Event stations include BB Gun, Archery, Native American Cooking, Crafts, Artifacts, and More!

The Registration form must be completed and returned to Council by October 13, 2006.

See your Den Leader or visit <http://www.minsitrails.com/Documents/Districts/NorthValley/cubfallflyer.pdf> for the Registration Form.

Halloween Party

There will be NO Pack Meeting in October. Instead, on October 26, we will be having our Halloween Party. ***EVERYBODY*** (Scouts, Parents, Brothers, Sisters) is requested to put on a costume and have fun that night!

More details about this night will be announced in the next few weeks.





Scouting For Food

Scouting for Food will take place November 4 and November 11. Last year, we collected nearly a **ton** of food. We are looking for someone to be in charge and coordinate this event with Boy Scout Troop 144. Please see [redacted].

Webelos II Invitational

Webelos II Scouts - please keep your calendars open for Saturday, November 4th. 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.

Needed Positions

We are seeking somebody to volunteer to become the Assistant Scoutmaster. Also, with the Webelos II Scouts crossing over in March, 2007, we are seeking somebody **NOW** to transition himself/herself into the role of Committee Chairperson. [redacted] will remain the Chairperson, but we would like to have somebody in place to help ease the transition. If you are interested in either position, please see [redacted] as soon as possible.



Website Updates

There have been many updates to the website over the summer.

- (1) Summer Camp pages for 2005 and 2006 appear under the Akelaland link.
- (2) Created a "Patches" page that includes patches from various Scouting events over the years.
- (3) Created a "What's New" link so you can see all the changes made at a glance.
- (4) Expanded upon the Program Guides for Leaders.

I was also recently given several pictures to post of Scouting events from the past few months. This will be uploaded shortly and documented in the October newsletter.

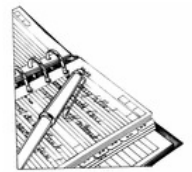
Got something for the website or to include in next month's newsletter? Email pictures/information to [redacted]: webmaster@nvpack144.org

Quick Uniform Note

In the past, we referred to our uniforms as "Class A" Uniforms (the blue/tan Scout shirts with Neckerchief) and "Class B" Uniforms (Pack T-Shirts or Summer Camp T-Shirts).

From now on, they shall be referred to as the "Official Uniform" and the "Casual Uniform."

Calendar of Events



October

- 3 Committee Meeting
- 14 Light The Night at the Velodrome
- 20 Webelos Overnighter
- 21 Cub Fall Event
- 26 Halloween Party

Popcorn Forms Due!!!

November

- 3 Scout Night with the Reading Royals Hockey team
- 4 Scouting For Food (Bag drop-offs)
- 4 Webelos II Invitational @ Whitehall Parkway
- 7 Committee Meeting
- 11 Scouting For Food (Food Pickups)
- 17 Popcorn Pickup
- 21 (Tuesday) Pack Meeting / Bobcat Ceremony

December

- 5 Committee Meeting
- 7 **Popcorn Money Due!!**
- 14 Christmas Party

Summer Camp 2006

