

Pack 144 Newsletter

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Snow Tubing Scout Night

Due to the unseasonably warm weather and the fact that Blue Mountain Ski Resort just recently opened, Pack 144 will be going Snow Tubing one Thursday night in February, rather than the pre-planned night in January. The night has yet to be decided upon, but if for some reason, you are unable to make it, the pre-purchased tickets can be used another night when it is more convenient for you. We will announce which night we are going shortly, and how to purchase the discount tickets.



Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be held here, at the church, on Sunday, February 4 at 10:15 AM. For those that are coming, please be here by 10:00 AM so we can all sit together. After the service, Pack 144 and Troop 144 will be hosting a little get-together in Fellowship Hall where we will have Coffee and Donuts for the Church members.



Hershey Bears Scout Night & Sleep Over



The order for tickets has been placed with the Hershey Bears Group Sales Office. As

soon as I receive the informational packets and tickets in the mail, this information will be distributed to those who paid. We will be sitting in Section 109, rows P, Q, R, and S. We have 45 signed up for the game and sleep over and another 6 people for the game only. Guaranteed to be a FUN night!

GO BEARS GO!

Scout Basketball Day

There is going to be a Scout Basketball Day on Sunday, February 25, 2007. This is to support the Lehigh University Basketball Team.

Time line:

11:45 AM - Scout activities (conducted by the Lehigh Basketball Players)
12:45 PM - Food distributed to those who opt for the food ticket.
1:00 PM - Tip-off for the game
Cost is \$8 for Scouts, including Activities, Hot Dog, Chips, Soda, and Game Ticket **OR** \$4 for Activities and Game Ticket only AND \$8 for Adults including Hot Dog, Chips, Soda and Game Ticket **OR** \$4 for Game Ticket only.

We have to sign up as a Pack, so if anybody is interested in attending, please see [REDACTED]

TONIGHT!!

DEN LEADERS: This is a great event to satisfy those sporting requirements!



Father/Son Cake Auction

Fathers and Sons - start thinking about those cake designs! Pack 144 is holding their Father/Son Cake Auction in February this scouting year instead of the usual month of April. The date is set for February 22, with a start time of **6:30 PM** (NOT the 7:00 PM start time for a normal Pack Meeting!)

Other *SURPRISES* will be occurring on this night as well! Be sure to invite your parents, grand parents, aunts, uncles – THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

As this is a fund-raising event for the Pack, please remember to bring your checkbooks!!

RULES:

- (1) It must be made by the Father (or Father Figure) and the Son.
- (2) EVERYTHING on the cake must be edible.



Blue & Gold Banquet

This year's Blue & Gold Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 10. More information is being distributed tonight. This year's entertainment will be a demonstration by Air Products and Chemicals.

Spring Trip

For the Pack Spring Trip, on June 16, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are planning a bus trip to Baltimore Inner Harbor and the National Aquarium. More details will be announced as plans are finalized.

To reserve your spot on the bus, we are asking for a \$10/person deposit to be due at the February Pack Meeting (February 22).

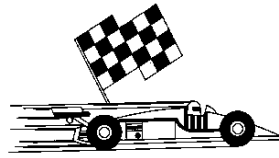
Busses will be leaving the church parking lot at 7:00 AM on Saturday, June 16. After we tour the National Aquarium, you are free to do whatever you want until 5:30 PM. The busses will be leaving Baltimore by 6:00 PM – arriving home by approximately 9:00 PM.

Some things to do in Baltimore: Fort McHenry, Harbor Tours, IMAX theater, Mall shopping, Fells Point District, and the Science Museum.

REMINDER!! No one is allowed to wear "Heely" Sneakers anywhere inside the church or in Fellowship Hall.

Pinewood Derby

Pinewood Derby cars will be handed out at the February Pack Meeting. The race will be held on Saturday, March 17 at xxxxxxxxxxxx.



Needed Positions

We are still 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**. If you are interested in either position, please see [REDACTED] as soon as possible.

ONLY 1 MORE MONTH LEFT FOR [REDACTED]'S POSITION.

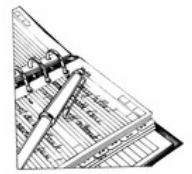


Website Updates

Den 1 attended the Stranger Danger night at Ironton Elementary School on January 3. Pictures from this night were uploaded to the Den 1 section, under the Picture Pro link.

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

Calendar of Events



February

- 4 Scout Sunday - 10:15 AM
- 6 Pack Committee Meeting @ Willow St. Pub (upstairs) - 7:00 PM
- 17-18 Hershey Bears Scout Night & Sleep Over - TBA
- 22 Pack Meeting (Cake Auction) **** 6:30 PM START TIME**** (Not 7:00 PM. This night ONLY)
- 25 Scout Basketball Day - 11:45 AM - ?

March

- 6 Pack Committee Meeting @ Willow St. Pub (upstairs) - 7:00 PM
- 10 Blue & Gold Banquet - North Valley Ambulance Corps
- 17 Pinewood Derby
- 29 Pack Meeting

Summer Resident Camp

For those Scouts interested in attending this year's Summer Resident Camp (July 8-13), please be sure to sign the sheet tonight.



Baltimore Inner Harbor

National Aquarium - One of the best, if not THE best, aquariums in the country. Laid out perfectly, this museum actually lets you touch living creatures. Upon entering the large foyer, you will notice a four-story tank holding a multitude of marine life. Start on the fourth floor in the rainforest exhibit and then walk down a spiral ramp that intersects the doughnut-shaped tank. Don't forget to view the sea lion pool outside the aquarium or the Marine Mammal Pavilion, which houses bottle-nose dolphins. Located along the harbor, the seven-story glass structure is easy to spot. <http://www.aqua.org/>

Lexington Market - Several historic markets are still in operation in Baltimore, but this one stakes its claim for having been in continuous operation longer than any of the others. Since 1782, citizens have gathered here to pick up staples like breads, cheeses and meats. The modernized version offers more upscale options, including a broad range of ethnic items that can be eaten on the premises or packed to go. The crab cakes from Faidley's Seafood are renowned for their quality and make a great gift with true Baltimore flavor. Berger's Bakery is the top spot for sweet treats. Special events are often held here, including musical performances and the popular Preakness Crab Race. <http://www.lexingtonmarket.com/>

Fort McHenry - This patriotic attraction is best known for its role in the writing of our national anthem - Francis Scott Key watched the flag wave above this fort during the 1814 Battle of Baltimore and was moved to write his moving tribute to the Stars and Stripes. After that fateful day, when the American forces stood firm, the fort continued as a military base but it never again faced attack. A guided tour and a short film tell the fascinating stories behind the fort. <http://www.nps.gov/fomc/>

Obyrcki's - This restaurant offers a bounty of crabs - crab soup, crab cakes, and the specialty, blue crabs (which you hit with a hammer to crack - awesome and spicy). With the delicious variety of seafood, be sure to sample the house beer, brewed locally just for Obyrcki's. If you just can't do crabs, you'll also find chicken, shrimp, hamburgers and steak. The restaurant closes from December to mid-March so the crabs can achieve maximum flavor, but you can order items through the mail and on their web site year-round. <http://www.obyrckis.com/obr/stores/1/index.cfm>

Harborplace & The Gallery - This vast shopping emporium, located in the popular and beautiful Inner Harbor area, offers an excellent setting for some of the best shopping in Baltimore. More than 200 shops line the street, showcasing clothing, Baltimore souvenirs, fine furnishings and housewares, electronics, jewelry and much more. Extravagant dining and an international food court ensure you won't go hungry while you shop. <http://www.harborplace.com/html/>

Flag House and Star Spangled Banner Museum - Everyone knows about how Francis Scott Key wrote our National Anthem while watching the American flag fly during the War of 1812, but few people know the name of the woman who sewed that flag. Her name is Mary Pickersgill, and she made that historic banner by hand. Her Federal-style home is decorated in period furnishings, and an interesting museum next door tells the story of the War of 1812. <http://www.flaghouse.org/>

Oriole Park at Camden Yards - Baseball lovers will not want to miss a tour of this magnificent facility, which is considered one of the best in the country. The traditional design speaks to the nostalgia of America's Game, and a visit here is interesting even when there's no game. Visit the Orioles Hall of Fame, see where homers have flown over the back fence, tour the dugout, and buy a souvenir at the gift shop. The park offers ID bands that have seat information on them for parents with small children. There are also devices for the hearing impaired available. <http://baltimore.orioles.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/bal/ballpark/tours.jsp>

Port Discovery - All ages will enjoy this "kid-powered" museum, which has turned a spacious former fish market into a wonderland of activity and education. Designed in collaboration with Walt Disney Imagineering, Port Discovery has tons of hands-on activities and exhibits focusing on everything from Egyptian history to modern technology. The KidWorks jungle gym is every kid's fantasy, with activities stretching all the way to the ceiling. A must for those traveling with children. <http://www.portdiscovery.org/>

Baltimore Maritime Museum - Learn about Baltimore's fascinating maritime history at this intriguing museum, which is made up, not of buildings, but docked ships still afloat in the Chesapeake Bay. Start with the USS Torsk, nicknamed the "Galloping Ghost of the Japanese Coast" during WWII. Most experts say this submarine helped end the war by sinking Japan's last two warships. Then tour the Chesapeake, a floating lighthouse that is still fully functional. The last ship in the museum, the Taney, fought at Pearl Harbor and is the only ship from that battle that is still afloat. Ticket booth located next to Baltimore aquarium. <http://www.baltomaritimemuseum.org/>

Maryland Science Center & Imax Theater - Dinosaur Mysteries; Follow the Blue Crab; Fossil Quest; Kids Room; Newton's Alley; Our Place In Space; Your Body; Body, Space, & Terralink; and various Traveling Exhibits (currently Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body). <http://www.mdsci.org/home.html>

Pack 144 Update

January 2007

With the start of the new year, and the re-chartering of the pack, it seems fitting to take a look at where Pack 144 is right now, and what the future might hold.

Scouts:

Currently, the pack has a total of 45 scouts spread through the 5 ranks. At this point, all ranks are on track to finish their programs well before the end of the scout year. Soon, we will be saying Goodbye and Good luck to the boys in Den 3 as they cross over into Boy Scouts. Great job, Boys!

Finances:

After the somewhat lower than expected popcorn sales, the committee decided to review our budget. Late in 2006, we were considering having to do a fund-raising activity for the pack general fund. However, after updating and reviewing all budget categories, we believe that we will finish the scout year able to meet all expenses and retaining a positive cash balance. Thanks for all the hard work on this, [REDACTED]!

Activities:

The pack remains on track with several activities, such as the Blue and Gold banquet, snow-tubing, the Pinewood Derby, Cub-mobile Race, Spring Trip, Resident Camp, Summer Picnic, and Summer Tubing Trip. One area of concern is the relatively small list of names of people running these activities. While I certainly thank them, I wish there were more!

Committee:

The pack is run by a leadership committee. Any and all parents are welcome at the monthly committee meetings (first Tuesday of every month at the Willow St. Pub - upstairs). At this meeting, we discuss upcoming events, and pack business. Currently, our committee has 2 open positions: Assistant Cub-master and Committee Chair. Both are required positions for us to maintain our charter.

If anyone is interested in helping the pack in a non-direct contact position, please let us know. Help and assistance is always welcome at any, and all events.

Overall, we're in good shape. We've got interested kids, good programs and activities, and a sound financial footing. With a few more volunteers, we could go from good shape, to Great Shape!

Sincerely,

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Cub-master, Pack 144