

Pack 144 Newsletter

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Snow Tubing Scout Night

Due to the unseasonably warm weather, and then the really cold weather, Pack 144 will be going Snow Tubing one Thursday night in March, 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.



we watched the movie *The Mighty Ducks* before heading off to bed. We slept for a *short* period of time before we woke up to a nice, hot breakfast and a behind-the-scenes video of the Giant Center and what it takes to get food made for every event held there.



Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday was held on February 4 and we had a pretty good turnout with about 10 boys attending. Thank you to everybody who helped setup the coffee and donuts, which the church members really enjoyed after the service.



Blue & Gold Banquet

This year's Blue & Gold Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 10. Money is being collected **tonight** for those that are going.

Spring Trip

For the Pack Spring Trip, on June 16, ██████████ and ██████████ 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 **tonight**.

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.

Hershey Bears Scout Night & Sleep Over

Despite a 3-1 loss to the Albany River Rats (and ending a 19-game winning streak against that team), and last-minute travel changes due to the last minute re-opening of I-78, it was a great weekend and the kids had a great time! After the game was over, we had a short Question & Answer period with Coach Boudreau and Coach Woods, we got to skate on the ice, and then

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

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby will be held Saturday, March 17, beginning at 10 AM (for those that want to test their cars) with Registration happening at 12, and Racing beginning around 1 PM. The event should be over around 4. The event will be held at the Schnecksville Grange, behind the Fire Company.



Summer Resident Camp

The first installment for those attending summer resident camp this year is due on March 8. The cost is \$100. Any questions, please see [REDACTED], [REDACTED], or [REDACTED].

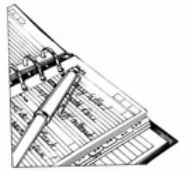


Needed Positions

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 also looking for somebody to become our new **Committee Chairperson**. If you are interested in either position, please see [REDACTED] as soon as possible.

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

25 Scout Basketball Day - 11:45 AM - ?

March

6 Pack Committee Meeting @ Willow St. Pub (upstairs) - 7:00 PM

8 \$100 due for those attending Summer Camp

10 Blue & Gold Banquet - North Valley Ambulance Corps - 5:00 PM

17 Pinewood Derby (10 - 4)

29 Pack Meeting

(For anybody who may have missed this in the last newsletter)

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, Robin!

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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Cubmaster, Pack 144

Scout Basketball Day

Reminder to those who signed up. There is going to be a Scout Basketball Day, this Sunday, February 25, at Stabler Arena. This is to support the Lehigh University Basketball Team.

When: Sunday, February 25th LEHIGH vs. Holy Cross

Where: Lehigh University's Stabler Arena, Bethlehem, PA (for directions go to www.lehighsports.com)

Time: 11:45 am (Scout activities begin)

12:40 pm (Activities end)

12:45 pm (Food distributed to those who get the food package)

1:00 pm – TIP OFF (Enjoy the game)

(Halftime banner parade)

(Post-game autograph session with Lehigh Basketball Players)

Why: Scouts may participate in pre-game basketball activities

Lehigh University Student-Athletes will provide them with instruction on basketball fundamentals

This game will be very important in terms of Patriot League Playoff seeding. So the Mountain Hawks will need lots of cheering fans.

Ticket Options:

Scouts: \$4 = activities & game ticket

Adults: \$4 = game ticket only

*****Orders placed after Fri., Feb. 16 may only purchase the \$4 tickets, but are eligible to participate in the activities and banner parade.**

Scouts Should

- Wear sneakers (for the pre-game basketball activities)
- Dress is optional (either active wear or scout uniforms...Leaders decide)
- Bring a flag or banner that represents your Den, Pack, or Troop for the halftime banner parade (All scouts will be allowed on the court for the parade).