

# Pack 144 Newsletter

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Website: <http://nvpack144.org>

## HELP WANTED

Pack 144 is beginning to "Recruit" for several Committee Positions which will be opening up within the next coming Scouting Year. Please start thinking about how you can help run this wonderful Pack and keep it running strong!

**Secretary** - will be vacant after March, 2009.

**Newsletter Editor** - will be vacant after March, 2009

**Webmaster** - will be vacant after March, 2009.

**Committee Chairperson** - will be vacant after March, 2010.

**Treasurer** - will be vacant after March, 2010.

**Secretary Responsibilities** - attend the monthly Pack Committee meetings and take notes (Meeting Minutes). Email them to the Pack Committee each month. Total time each month: about 1.5 hrs.

**Newsletter Editor Responsibilities** - create, print, and copy the Pack Newsletter for each Pack Meeting. I use

WordPerfect software, which allows me to convert everything into PDF format automatically, but you can also use Microsoft Publisher or Microsoft Word. Information is gathered from various sources including Roundtable Meetings, Minsi Trails website, *The Minsi* Newsletter, North Valley District website, event leaders, etc. Total time each month: about 2-3 hrs.

**Webmaster Responsibilities** - Maintain the Pack 144 website. Some HTML experience is necessary, but it is NOT HARD to learn if you have no experience. I can give you a crash course in no time. The various Pack/Den Calendars are the most work to maintain, but there is nothing to it. Other than that, feel free to add whatever content you feel is necessary. Total time each month: about 1-2 hours.

**Pinewood Derby Responsibilities** - Order trophies from our supplier in Emmaus. Reserve a place. Organize the volunteers to set up the track, register cars, help with the Start / Finish lines, and the kitchen help. Clean up when the event is over. I have everything that was necessary for this year. I just need to hand it off to somebody. Total time

estimated: 5-6 hrs.

## Looking Back...

### Cake Auction

Congratulations to the following boys who won:

Most Original (The Big Pack)	██████████
Longest (Light Saber)...	██████████
Tallest (Ant Hill)...	██████████
Best Movie Theme (Ratatouille)	██████████
Best Scout Theme (The Big Smore)	██████████
Yummiest (Save Stillwater Dam)	██████████
Silliest (Homer In His Undies)	██████████
Most Patriotic (Lego)...	██████████
Most Colorful (Nacho)	██████████
Best Camping Theme	██████████

Thank you to ██████████ and Wotring Auction Center for another successful Cake Auction this year. Pictures have been posted on the website of all the cakes and all the "pie smashing."

### Blue & Gold Banquet

Thank you to ██████████ and ██████████ who organized and set up this year's Blue & Gold Banquet. The food was very good and Cliff the Bee Guy was VERY entertaining. We were ALL involved in the show!!

BZZZZZZZZ. Pictures have been posted to the website.

### Boy Scout Crossover

Does it look emptier than normal from past Pack Meetings? That is because we said goodbye to our Webelos II boys at the March Blue & Gold Banquet.

Congratulations to the following boys who crossed over into Boy Scouts and joined Troop 8:

[Redacted names]

Congratulations to the following boy who crossed over into Boy Scouts and joined Troop 144:

[Redacted name]

Good luck to all on your trail to Eagle Scout.

### Pinewood Derby

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped me run this year's Pinewood Derby race. There were some very neat cars and some very FAST ones too!

If anyone would like to visit the District Pinewood Derby race and help cheer on our Pack, it will be held at Springhouse Junior High School this Saturday. The racing begins at 9:15AM.

Good luck to the following boys who will be representing our Pack: [Redacted names],

[Redacted names], and [Redacted name].

This year's Pack 144

Winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place..... [Redacted]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. .... [Redacted]
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. .... [Redacted]
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place. .... [Redacted]
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place. .... [Redacted]
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place. .... [Redacted]
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place. .... [Redacted]
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place. .... [Redacted]
- Judges Choice #1. [Redacted]
- Judges Choice #2. . . . [Redacted]
- Judges Choice #3. . . [Redacted]
- Most Colorful. . . . [Redacted]
- Most Original. . . . [Redacted]
- Cooler Car. . . . . [Redacted]
- Most Patriotic. . . . . [Redacted]
- Most Realistic. . . . . [Redacted]
- Most Unusual. . . [Redacted]

Pictures have been posted to the website.

## Looking Ahead...

### Cubmobile Race

This year's Cubmobile Race will be held on Saturday, April 19, in the Berrier Hall Parking Lot at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville. We will let you know the time for this event real soon. **We will also need a lot of parent help and volunteers with this event to make it successful.** The Pack is running the Baked Goods station this year. We need people to help run this station as well as needing people to bake for this event. Cookies, Cupcakes, etc. Look for more information to be released shortly.

## Wilkes-Barre / Scranton Penguins Scout Night



**March 28, 2008**

WILKES-BARRE /  
SCRANTON PENGUINS  
SCOUT NIGHT

WBS Penguins vs. Hamilton Bulldogs (2007 Calder Cup Champions). All Scouts in uniform at the game will receive a one-of-a-kind Penguins logo event patch. First 6,000 fans through the gate will receive a Dennis Bonvie "Bobble-Gloves" Figure. Tickets cost \$15.50 - \$18.50. [WBS Penguins (AHL) feed into the Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL)]

## Public Speaking Contest

Minsi Trails Council is holding a Public Speaking Contest for any boy who might be interested. There are two age groups available: 8-11 and 12 and above. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> are available in each age group and there will be an overall winner who will receive a \$500 college scholarship sponsored by Coca-Cola Bottling Company of the Lehigh Valley Inc. For details and the registration form, see the enclosed flier.

## Hershey Bears Scout Night And Sleep-Over Update



**April 5-6, 2008**

### HERSHEY BEARS SCOUT NIGHT & SLEEP-OVER

Packets are being distributed tonight for those that signed up and paid. Please see me if I do not give you your packet.

**GO BEARS GO!!**

## Jambo @ KU 2008



**Taking Reservations Tonight  
for those Camping to get the  
Early Discount**

**May 16-18, 2008**

JAMBO @ KUTZTOWN  
UNIVERSITY

Join the 7,000+ other Scouts expected for the weekend of May 16 - 18, 2008 at Kutztown University. If you think that Jambo 2006 was a great event, just wait till you see what's in store for 2008. Make plans NOW!

WHEN: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 16 - 18, 2008

WHERE: The beautiful campus of Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA.

WHAT: Jambo 2008, the premier Scouting event in east central Pennsylvania.

Fireworks will be on Saturday night following the evening activities.

All camping has some space limitations and will be on a first come, first served basis. On-site camping services for fire, medical, water and garbage will be provided.

Special "non-Scouting" programs that were so popular at the last Jambo will again be provided. Inflatable midways, music bands, petting zoos, magicians, various sports activities, and climbing walls are among a few of the activities that are being considered for JAMBO 2008.

The Cub Scout Program will center around hands-on family activities, games and competitions. There will be many booths with Cub Scout displays and lots of activities including; cub mobile races, tricycle races, shooting sports, Pinewood Derby, and many different craft and athletic stations.

Numerous types of shooting sports will be available for all age groups. Cub Scouts can enjoy BB gun ranges, Archery ranges, a Marshmallow Blow Gun range and Sling Shot ranges.

Early Fee (Paid by April 1, 2008)

Youth \$22 / Adult \$7

Late Fee (Paid after April 1, 2008)

Youth \$27 / Adult \$12

**Day-pass only** - Early Fee (Paid by April 1, 2008)

Youth \$17 / Adult \$5

**Day-pass only** - Late Fee (Paid after April 1, 2008)

Youth \$22 / Adult \$7

**See the attached flyer for NEW AND UPDATED Jambo 2008 information.**

If you cannot camp out with us during this weekend, at least try to bring your whole family out and visit during the daytime. There is A LOT to see and do and the kids will have a great time!

(I was there in 2006 and they are promising this is going to be bigger and better than the 2006 Jambo!)

**COME ON OUT!**

## Committee Meetings

All parents are invited to attend the Pack Committee Meetings. They are educational and Fun, and they don't last too long. They are normally the first Tuesday of every month, 7 PM, and we meet at The Neffs Hotel – The Other Side! Come on out!! (Please no children)



## Summer Camp 2008

Just Announced!! This year's theme is **Robin Hood**. We will be camping Sunday, July 6 through Friday, July 13, 2008.

A "half-week" is also available if your son does not want to attend the entire week.

COST: \$260. (\$240 if paid early.

**\$100 deposit was due March 8, 2008.** "Camperships" (financial aid) are available for those families in need. We are also looking into a camp-only fundraiser to help defray costs for families.

## Spring Trip - Reading Phillies

There are still a few spots left for our Spring Trip on Friday, June 13 to go see the Reading Phillies. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner buffet, ticket to the game, access to the heated pool, and fireworks after the game.

## Inner Tubing on Delaware River and Family Campout

The annual Cub Scout/Boy Scout Inner Tubing on the Delaware River and Family Camping is set for Saturday & Sunday August 16-17.

Launch time is set for 1:00 PM and the trip down the river takes about 3 hours. After that, each family makes their own supper, camps overnight, and can leave either before breakfast or after breakfast.

We will be camping at Kittatinny Campgrounds again this

year at the same campsites that we had last year. These are very private campsites with the sound of running water drowning out the other campsites around us.

Cost will be \$27 per person. Reservations will be accepted until July 27 and all money must be paid by that time.

See [redacted] with any questions.



Parents - Please adhere to the Church's Rule:

**NO KIDS IN THE CEMETERY  
AND NO KIDS ON THE  
PLAYGROUND.**

Please help us monitor the situation. Thank you.

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

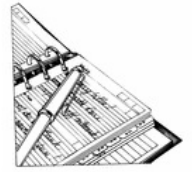


## Website Updates

Pictures from the Webelos Winter Event, Cake Auction, Blue & Gold Banquet, and the Pinewood Derby Race have all been posted to the Pack section of the Picture Pro gallery.

Pictures from a visit to PA Rep. Carl Mantz, Clay Sculpting, Silhouettes, and Cabin Camping have been posted to the Den 1 section of the Picture Pro gallery.

## Calendar of Events



### March

- 28 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Scout Night
- 29 District Pinewood Derby - Springhouse Junior High School - 9:15AM Racing Starts

### April

- 1 Committee Meeting - Neffs Hotel - *The Other Side*
- 5-6 Hershey Bears Scout Night & Sleepover
- 12 Minsi Trails Council Public Speaking Contest
- 12 Lehigh Valley Outlawz Scout Night/Sleep Over
- 19 Cubmobile Race
- 24 Pack Meeting

### May

- 6 Committee Meeting - Neffs Hotel - *The Other Side*
- 15 Advancement Ceremony

### June

- 13 Spring Trip - Reading Phillies Baseball Game

### July

- 6-11 Summer Resident Camp

### August

- 16-17 Family Tubing on Delaware River and Campout

## FROM THE DESK OF...

### *The Cubmaster*

Recently, we held our annual Blue and Gold banquet. We crossed 7 boys over into Boy Scout Troops, and had 2 others leave Pack 144 at the end of our Webelos 2 program.

While it is gratifying to see a group of boys head off to Boy Scouts, it's kind of concerning to know that our pack is at its lowest headcount of the year. Also, while the number of scouts is at its lowest, our leadership committee is ever-shrinking.

For the last several years, we have run through a scenario of graduate 2 (or more) leaders and gain one. Our committee has gone from 16 when I first joined, down to 6 at our last committee meeting. Currently, in violation of what the Minsi Trails Council tells us, our cubmaster, committee chair, and assistant cubmaster all lead, or help lead, dens.

In addition to regular pack activities, we have the following extra-curricular activities:

Popcorn Fundraiser

Scouting for Food

Cake Auction

Pinewood Derby

Cubmobile Race

Summer Picnic

Cub Fall Event

Toys for Tots

Blue and Gold Banquet

Spring Trip

Resident Camp

Summer Tubing

While none of these are gigantic events, they do take some time. At this point in time, with a couple of exceptions, they are all run by committee members. To those that volunteer time to help, and you know who you are, you have my utmost gratitude.

The bottom line that I can say out of all this, is that we need help. All of our events above take more than one person to run effectively. Some, like the Pinewood Derby, Cubmobile, etc, take a lot more than one person.

As I look to the future, I have some concerns. As Cubmaster, I will tell den leaders to concentrate on den programs. This is, and always has been, the strength of our pack. Other activities will fall by the way-side if we can't get some additional help.

So, parents, please, take the opportunity to sign up and run an event. None of these are new. We've done them all in the past. Just, at this point, we have no one else to do them.

I thank you all, in advance, for your help and support.



Cubmaster, Pack 144