

# Pack 144 Newsletter

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## \*D\*I\*R\*E\* HELP NEEDED

Pack 144 needs a Committee Chairperson since ██████████ turned in her resignation at the April Committee Meeting. This person only needs to donate about 2 hours of his/her time per month and helps move the Committee Meetings along. This is far easier than any of the other positions that will be vacated in the coming months of the new Scout year. Please consider volunteering for this position and let ██████████ or ██████████ know as soon as possible.

## 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.

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

Newsletter Editor (cont'd) into PDF format automatically, but you can also use Microsoft Publisher or Microsoft Word. Information is gathered from various sources including: Committee Meetings, 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 including the Event Checklist of supplies needed and the files needed for the computer tracking. I just need to hand it off to somebody. Total time estimated: 5-6 hrs.

## Bear Den 6 - Year In Review

Den 6 went to Channel 69 TV station. The first things we saw were the writers and their reports. We passed a lot of control rooms. From there we went to the News desk. We were able to watch TV cameras filming a newscast. We climbed the spiral stair

case to the traffic desk. After that, we were able to try out the weather camera and screen. We had a good time.

We went to the Da Vinci Center. One of our favorite parts was the crystal and volcano class.

We took a tour of the State Police Station in Fogelsville. We saw different guns, protection items, and a police car. We even saw a pepper spray bottle.

Our den worked on whittling. We got to learn knife safety. We even carved a bear out of soap with Mr. Barr.

We also worked on bike safety. We learned hand signals and different parts of the bike and the chain.

Another one of our favorite nights was the cake auction. The auctioneer talked really fast. One of the best cakes was the Big Sandwich.

We had a Blue and Gold Banquet. The Bee Man kept us buzzing.

We took a walk on the Ironton Rail Trail and saw a part of a train and old buildings.

We had a good time doing all these things. We can't wait for next year.

Written by Den 6 - [REDACTED]

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## Looking Back...

### Hershey Bears Scout Night And Sleep-Over Update



We had some GREAT seats and the Bears battled back to win the game 6-3. After the game, everybody got to ask Coach Bob Woods some questions before we set up

“camp” and ice skated on the ice. After that, we consumed free popcorn and soda while watching “Remember The Titans” on the JumboTron before crashing for the night under some very bright lights. 5 or 6 or so hours later, everybody was wide (?) awake and got some breakfast before packing up and heading home. I think everybody had lots of fun!! We will do this again last year assuming Hershey has this planned into their calendar as well. I will not know that though until next year.

### Cubmobile Race

The Cubmobile Race was held at LCCC in April with some absolutely gorgeous weather. The boys had a lot of fun, but unfortunately, we didn't bring home the big trophy. Next year boys!!

### Summertime Emails

Make sure you keep an eye out for summertime emails from the Pack. We will be emailing everyone on details of the Pack Picnic when they are finalized, and reminders for Summer Camp and the Inner Tubing trip.

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## Looking Ahead...

### Jambo @ KU 2008



**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.

**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. 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.

Fee (Paid after April 1, 2008)  
Youth \$27 / Adult \$12

**Day-pass only** - Late Fee (Paid after April 1, 2008)  
Youth \$22 / Adult \$7

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!

**COME ON OUT!**



## Summer Camp 2008

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. "Camperships" (financial aid) are available for those families in need.

## 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. If you are interested, please see [redacted].

## 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 – really a beautiful place to camp!!

Cost will be \$28 per person. Reservations will be accepted until July 27 and all money must be paid by that time. **I**

**am taking a \$5 deposit tonight for anybody that would like to make their reservations early.**

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.**

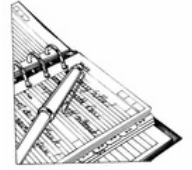
Got something for the website or to include in next month's newsletter? Email pictures/information to [redacted]: [webmaster@nvpack144.org](mailto:webmaster@nvpack144.org)



## Website Updates

I am still working on resizing a lot of pictures that were taken at past Pack and Den events. They will be posted to the Picture Pro Gallery as soon as possible. If you have any pictures that you would like posted, please get them to me. Thank you.

## Calendar of Events



### May

- 15 Advancement Ceremony
- 16-18 Jambo @ Kutztown University

### June

- 13 Spring Trip - Reading Phillies Baseball Game

### July

- 6-11 Summer Resident Camp

### August

- 16-17 Family Tubing on Delaware River and Campout
- 19 Planning / Committee Meeting

# Pack 144 Parents Survey

This survey can be totally anonymous if you wish. The Pack 144 Committee would like to hear from our parents to let us know if we are doing a good job, or if something else can be done better. Please give your honest feedback as we are trying to make this Pack operate the best it can.

Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

What did YOU enjoy the most this past year with Cub Scouting?

What did YOUR SON enjoy the most this past year with Cub Scouting?

What did YOU least enjoy this past year with Cub Scouting?

What did YOUR SON least enjoy this past year with Cub Scouting?

Are there any activities or events you would like to see added to Cub Scouting?

Are you willing to help out at any of the following events or event committees?

Popcorn Fundraiser  
Fall Roundup  
Halloween Parade  
Halloween Party  
Bobcat Ceremony  
Christmas Party

Scout Sunday  
Blue & Gold Banquet  
Cub Mobile Race  
Pinewood Derby  
Cake Auction

Spring Trip  
Summer Camp  
Summertime Pack Picnic  
Inner Tubing Trip / Delaware  
River