

Pack 144 Newsletter

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Website: <http://nvpack144.net>

Website Status

We are still the owners of the old domain name (<http://nvpack144.org>), but it is not working and I don't expect it to work anytime soon. We had problems in trying to transfer the domain name from the old registrar to our web host, but it just never quite worked out in our favor.

Therefore....our new website and our new domain name is

<http://nvpack144.net> or

<http://www.nvpack144.net>. Please update any shortcuts, bookmarks, or favorites that you may have saved.

If you have pictures from past events that you would like to post to the Picture section, please burn them to CD and give them to me.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the website, I would love to hear about them! Please email me at webmaster@nvpack144.net.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING!!!

Pack 144 is still recruiting for the **Pack Newsletter Editor** position. Please start thinking about how you can help run this wonderful Pack and keep it running strong!

Newsletter Editor will be vacant after February, 2009.

ONLY 2 ISSUES ARE LEFT UNLESS THE PACK GETS A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

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 right away, but you can also use Microsoft Publisher or Microsoft Word. If you would like to get a copy of the WordPerfect software, let me know.

- Information is gathered from various sources including: Committee Meetings, Roundtable Meetings, the Minsi Trails website, *The Minsi* Newsletter, the North Valley District website, event leaders, etc. Total time each month: about 2-3 hrs.

The newsletter would be entirely your project. Make it simple...make it fancy! Let your creative juices flow! You can format it any way you want! You can follow the current format, or you can create your own!

██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ for helping sort popcorn at the church.

Congratulations to the following top sellers:

██████████ (W). \$1,515
 ██████████ (WII). \$917
 ██████████ (T). \$744
 ██████████ (WII). \$605
 ██████████ (W). \$459

Congratulations to the following top salesman in each Den:

Tigers. ██████████ \$744
 Wolves. ██████████ \$1,515
 Bears. ██████████ \$435
 Webelos I. ██████████ \$351
 Webelos II. ██████████ \$917

And now.....the Den Averages to determine who gets to throw a Pie in my face at the February Cake Auction.

Tigers

Total Sales: \$2,488
 # of Boys. 8
 Den Average. \$311

Wolves

Total Sales. \$3,053
 # of Boys. 7
 Den Average. \$437

Bears

Total Sales. \$2,415
 # of Boys. 10
 Den Average. \$242

Webelos I

Total Sales. \$670
 # of Boys. 3
 Den Average. \$224

Webelos II

Total Sales. \$2,363
 # of Boys. 10
 Den Average. \$237

Looking Back...

Popcorn Sale 2008

A Huge **THANK YOU** to ██████████ ██████████ for running this year's very successful popcorn campaign! A BIG THANK YOU also goes out to those who helped sort Popcorn at the Distribution Center: ██████████ ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████. And another THANK YOU to also ██████████

Come February, all 7 boys in the **WOLF** den get to pie me in the face! Great job boys! (I am hoping for snow that night and the need to cancel the Cake Auction) ☺ Just kidding.



Where do we store the camping gear while the game is going on?
You will be instructed to drop off all gear at the back of the Giant Center complex prior to the start of the game. More information will be given to you for those that sign up.

Looking Ahead...

Scout Sunday



Scout Sunday will be held here, at the church, on Sunday, February 1 at 10:00 AM. For those that are coming, please be here by 9:45 AM so we can all sit together and help hand out bulletins. 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.



Hershey Bears Scout Night & Sleep Over

The 4th Annual Hershey Bears Scout Night & Sleep Over will be held on Saturday night, March 28, 2009. Information Flier is attached.

Money for this event is due to Brian Miller on Thursday, January 29. Any reservation forms turned in after January 31 will NOT be accepted. Price for the Sleep over package is \$41 per person and the price for the Game only package is \$16 per person. Please make all checks payable to: [REDACTED].

Some Questions and Answers: *Who are the Hershey Bears?*

The Hershey Bears are the “minor league” hockey team to the Washington Capitals. They used to be affiliated with the Philadelphia Flyers until the Philadelphia Phantoms came into being in the mid-90's. The Hershey Bears play in the AHL (American Hockey League).

What do we need if we are sleeping over?

The only thing you REALLY need is a Sleeping Bag and a Pillow. Other desirable things might include: Air mattress, Toiletries, Change of clothing, and maybe a blindfold or ear plugs if you intend on a getting a GOOD night's sleep. (Yeah right!) If you have your own ice skates, it might be a good idea to bring them as well as not all sizes are guaranteed for free ice skate rental after the game.

Where do we sleep?

We will be assigned a specific area on the concourse around the arena. This is why an air mattress is highly desirable! :) Sleeping on concrete can't be that comfortable.

Is this a fun event and will the kids enjoy it?

OH YEAH!!!

Can we attend just the game and NOT sleep over?

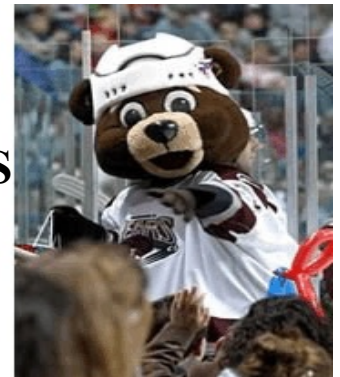
Absolutely! The action at the AHL level is awesome and A LOT cheaper than NHL tickets. Come on out and enjoy the fast-paced hockey action. If you don't enjoy watching hockey on TV, you WILL ENJOY seeing it up close!

What's include in the full package?

Ticket to the game, food voucher, FREE parking, Q&A with the coaches, ice skating on the rink after the game, free movie, free popcorn/soda, Scout Patch, and a nice hot breakfast in the morning

Anything not asked or answered here, please feel free to ask me anytime.

**GO
BEARS
GO!**





Philadelphia Phantoms vs. Hershey Bears with Color Guard Presentation

I am also running a trip to the HISTORIC Philadelphia Spectrum on Good Friday, April 10, 2009. (There is no school this day.) This is the final hockey season that the Wachovia Spectrum will be in existence, and possibly the "Philadelphia" Phantoms as you know them today. This is your last chance to see history before the Spectrum is torn down.



*** Those Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts going will have their names put into a hat and I will draw 1 lucky winner from both the Pack and the Troop to help present the colors during the National Anthem in front of the entire crowd. Cost for these seats will be \$10 each, for both Adults and Children. Money is due to [REDACTED] at the end of February.



Father/Son Cake Auction

Fathers and Sons - start thinking about those cake designs! Pack 144 is holding their Father/Son Cake Auction in February on the 26th in place of the normal Pack Meeting. The start time for this event is **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.



half hitches, and a slip knot) and the flag ceremony for the January pack meeting.

Den 6 News (Webelos I)

Webelos Den 6 has started our *Showman* requirements. You can't believe what 3 boys can come up with! We have begun practicing our play and have made one type of puppet. We have also started on our paper mache masks. The boys will also be busy during the Christmas break with at-home activities that need to be finished. See you all in January.

Den 1 News (Webelos II)

The boys were hard at work going over their *Engineer* requirements. They drew house plans of what their house looks like from a "top-down" perspective (walls, windows, doors, electrical outlets, etc.). Last week, teams of 2 built catapults and launched marshmallows. Some went far...and some didn't. That's what being an Engineer is all about—learning what works and what doesn't.

The boys also toured Lehigh Valley Airport in early December to go along with their *Traveler* requirements. They met the K9 dog, got to go through the Police Station at the airport and they got the chance to go through the metal detector. I think only 1 boy had to go through again after removing his Cub Scout Belt Loop-filled belt. Just two more months left before we graduate into a Boy Scout troop. Wow! How time flies!! Pictures from both the Airport tour and the Catapults have been posted to our web site.



Den 7 News (Tigers)

(No news at this time.)

Den 8 News (Wolves)

Den 8 completed the Health Requirements charts, and learned how to put on band-aids. The Scouts also showed off their collections, and we started our review of Tools. The Scouts also took turns cutting a piece of wood the old fashioned way – by an old hand saw. And we talked about Safety.

Den 4 News (Bears)

The boys have been enjoying learning how to use various hand tools, and put gumballs in their gumball machines. In addition, they have been working on their knots (everyone can tie a square knot, 2



Website Updates



- Again, our new Domain name and website is

<http://nvpack144.net>.

- Posted Den 1 pictures of our Airport Tour and our catapult creations.

- Fixed a broken link with the Animated Knots on the Link page.

- [redacted] added a Cubmaster section to the Program Guides section for the Leaders.

- Fixed 2 broken links with the Pack Letterhead under Forms & Documents.

- Replaced all email addresses embedded in all the HTM pages with the new domain name.

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 Ballietsville Inn. Come on out!! (Please no children).

ATTENTION SUMMER CAMP 2008 PARENTS:

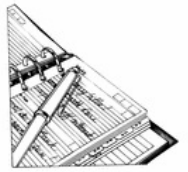
I am hoping that my Christmas Vacation for the next 2 weeks goes as smoothly as possible and allows me time to put together all of the photos I have and that [redacted] gave me from Summer Camp 2008, and make a Video CD for the kids. I also want to showcase this Video CD at the January Pack Meeting when we promote Summer Camp 2009.

THIS IS "LAST CALL" FOR ANY PHOTOS YOU WANT INCLUDED!

If you are interested, please inform me tonight and I will make arrangements of meeting up with you over the weekend or early next week.

Thank you,
[redacted]

Calendar of Events



December

- 25 NO MEETINGS
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January

- 1 NO MEETINGS
- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
- 6 Committee Meeting - 7 PM Ballietsville Inn
- 9-11 Snowbound at Akelaland (Boy Scouts / Webelos only)
- 14 District Roundtable Meeting 7:30 PM LCCC AD113
- 19 NO SCHOOL
- 24 Den 1 Hike on the Ironton Rail Trail
- 29 Pack Meeting
- Money is due to [redacted] for Hershey Bears Scout Night & Sleepover!**
- 30/31 Den 6/Den 1 Academy of Natural Sciences sleep over

February

- 1 Scout Sunday - 10 AM
- 3 Committee Meeting - 7 PM Ballietsville Inn
- 7 Webelos Winter Event
- 11 North Valley District Roundtable Meeting 7:30 PM LCCC AD113
- 13 NO SCHOOL
- 16 NO SCHOOL
- 26 CAKE AUCTION
- 6:30 PM START TIME!**
- Money is due to [redacted] for Hershey Bears / Philadelphia Phantoms hockey game with Color Guard Presentation!**