
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

FEBRUARY 2009

Calendar:

February

- 1st Scout Ski Day, Hyland Hills, Bloomington
- 5th Roundtable, CPC, 7:00
- 12th Leaders' Meeting, Good Sam, 7:30 p.m.
- 22nd Polar Cubs, Phillippo Scout Camp, 7:00 a.m.

March

- 5th Roundtable, CPC, 7:00
- 12th Leaders' Meeting, Good Sam, 7:30 p.m.
- 26th Blue and Gold Banquet, CPC, 6:30 p.m.

April

- 2nd Roundtable, CPC, 7:00
- 9th Leaders' Meeting, Good Sam, 7:30 p.m.
- 23rd Arrow of Light, Good Sam, 7:00 p.m.

May

- 7th Roundtable, CPC, 7:00
- 9th Clean Up Day, Good Sam
- 14th Leaders' Meeting, Good Sam, 7:30 p.m.
- 28th Raingutter Regatta, Good Sam, 7:00 p.m.

Pinewood Derby



Thank You!

Thanks to Marc Fuller for organizing and coordinating a great Pinewood Derby that was held on Race Day, January 24, 2009.

Thanks also to Jim Wohlford and the many other volunteers for your fine efforts in support of Marc and the Scouts. The race results, presentation and track operations were spectacular and fun for all to watch!

Every den had great cars – our judges had a difficult time picking out style award winners. Congratulations to each of our Scouts who participated and won races!

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered!

SCOUT SKI DAY

Sunday, February 1, 2009 was Scout Ski Day at Hyland Ski & Snowboard Area in Bloomington. Thanks goes to Michael Dmowski as HSSA Ski Patrol and the Pack Ski Leader for this event. The weather was perfect and the 15+ Scouts and either parents who attended had great fun!

2009 Polar Cub Scout Camp!!!!

Plan to attend the day-long winter camp outing called Polar Cubs. This is a must attend Pack-wide outing for those of you who enjoy snow-tubing, broomball, obstacle courses, and many other snow activities!

The 2009 Polar Cubs is held at Phillippo Scout Reservation ("Camp") near Cannon Falls, MN. We will meet at **7:00 AM on Sunday morning, February 22, 2009 in Edina City Hall parking lot**, carpool / caravan to Camp with estimated arrival at 8:30 AM to register, and activities start at 9:00 AM. Huge Hot Lunch is served at the Lodge for parents and scouts around 12:00 / Noon, with activities resumed in afternoon until 3:00 PM close.

All Tiger Cubs must be accompanied by an adult, all other scouts require an 8 scout / 1 adult ratio. But we strongly recommend this as a Parent – Scout Outing. See www.northernstarbsa.org for details.

WARNING:

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THE 'CRAZY YEHTI' AT THE 2009 POLAR CUBS CAMP!

Bring your Health Form. All Parents must provide completed health forms prior to participating. Forms will be available on Sunday if you cannot find the form previously provided.

Dress Appropriately. We may informally meet at a pizza place or somewhere afterwards.

The Pack will register all Scouts and parents who have previously provided checks or money.

Any additional Scouts and parents who wish to join the Pack on Sunday, February 22, 2009 may do so by registering at the Northern Star Council office on Glenwood Avenue in Golden Valley.

Check the Northern Star Council website for more information regarding Polar Cub activities.

Thursday March 26th Pack Meeting **The Blue & Gold Banquet**

The Cub Scouts of America organization was initially formed began on February 10, 1930. In celebration of its 79th birthday, the Blue & Gold Banquet will be held during our March Pack meeting at Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) on **6:30 PM March 26, 2009**. All family members for each scout are invited! In addition to a meal, there will be the "Scout Baked Cake" Auction, Charitable Auction of donated items, Advancements, and skits.

Signing Up For The Banquet

Banquet costs are \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Please send your checks to:

Michelle Swanson
6500 Shawnee Circle
Edina, MN 55439

Make sure you note how many people will be attending on your check. Please get your checks in as soon as possible so we can get an accurate headcount.

Scout Baked Cake Silent Auction

All Scouts are asked to **donate a creative cake delight** to be sold to the highest bidding Scout.

Scout Made Cake Bake: Tie on those aprons, boys! It's time to Bake Your Favorite Cake! At the B&G Banquet, Scouts have an opportunity to show off their kitchen skills by baking and decorating a birthday cake for the silent auction.

The Bake Your Favorite Cake rules are simple:

- The cake must be entirely edible.
- The Scout must help in baking and decorating the cake.
- The cake needs to be on a disposable tray or plate. (Hint: Aluminum foil on cardboard works great!)

Express yourself with cake mix, frosting, and your imagination! This can be an individual Scout activity or a den activity and is entirely optional. Proceeds from the auction are used to help cover the costs of Pack 168's activities. We're always delighted by the creativity we see in these cakes!

How do I bid on my favorite cake or donated item?

A number will be assigned to each item. Each item will have an auction form for names and bid amount.

How does the "silent" part work?

Once a cake receives a \$15.00 bid, anyone wishing to bid on the cake will receive **one last chance** by marking the cake number, scout's name and their bid amount (must be over \$15.00) on a piece of paper. That bid will be folded and placed in a sack. When bids are closed, the scout with the highest bid above \$15.00 will be awarded the cake.

Charitable Silent Auction

We will once again hold a charitable auction at the B&G Banquet. **Please bring items you or your employer are willing to donate.** You will see professional sports tickets and other prizes!

Volunteers are needed, preferably 1-2 per den. Also, we need Table Centerpiece donations. If you can volunteer or have an idea / source for centerpieces, please contact Michelle Swanson.

At the B&G Banquet, you will also hear from Friends of Scouting (FOS) in which you will be asked to consider making a donation to the Mustang District of the Northern Star Council towards its annual goal of \$1,850. **BRING YOUR CHECKBOOKS.**

Contact Information:

As an additional communication resource, the Pack has its own website. You can find the Pack calendar, Pack Rag and your individual den activities calendar at this website. Please check it out at:

www.edinapack168.com

Please confirm with your Den Leader that he has your correct e-mail address since almost all of Edina Cub Scout Pack 168 information is shared via e-mail.

URGENT CALL FOR- Leadership in 2009/2010

We have several leadership positions that will be opening up next year in the fall of 2009. These positions include the following:

Assistant Cubmaster,
two (2) Co-Committee Chairs,
Popcorn Colonel, and
Webmaster.

Please consider volunteering now for these positions next fall. By doing so, you can have the opportunity to learn what the position entails with this year's Leaders before taking over. Its parents that make the difference in Scouting! Contact Assistant Cubmaster Kevin if interested @ (952) 946-1542

Adult Leadership

The Leadership Roster for Edina Cub Scout Pack 168 of the 2009 – 2009 season is:

Tiger Den 1 – Michael Sebak
Tiger Den 2 – Ed Lutgen and Dan Kraft
Wolf Den 4 – Tony Pellegrin

Bear Den 7 – Richard Jensen, John Will, Barb Owens, Doug Seim

Webelos I – Mark Fuller, Jim Wohlford

Webelos II – Rich Lussky, Faysal Abraham

Cubmaster – Ryan Langsev

Asst. Cubmaster – Kevin Swanson

Co-Committee Chairs – Caroline Carlin, Kathleen Hokemeir-Seim

Treasurer – Tony Zeuli

Websitemaster – Dave Sandberg

Advancements – Jim Castle

Popcorn Colonel – Julie Wohlford

Scouting for Food – Greg Kuznecoff

Good Samaritan liaison – Caroline Carlin

Blue & Gold Dinner – Michelle Swanson

Rocket Day – Tony Zeuli

Ski Day Patrol Leader – Michael Dmowski

Pack Calendar Information:

Mark and Save these dates on your Calendars:

Pack Meetings:

Mitten Tree, Dec 18th, Apr 23rd, May 28th.

Pinewood Derby: Jan 24th,

Blue & Gold Dinner: Mar 26th

Raingutter Regatta: May 28th

Other Activities:

Scout Ski Day: Feb. 1st

Polar Cubs: Feb. 22nd

Baker Near Wilderness Camp: May 16,17th

Scouting for Food: Apr 25th

Clean Up Day at Good Sam: May 9th