
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

JANUARY 2009

Calendar:

January

- 1st Roundtable, CPC, 7:00
- 8th Leaders' Meeting, Good Sam, 7:00 p.m.
- 9th *Cross Country Skiing*, Elm Creek 5-7 p.m.
- 24th Pack Meeting, Good Sam, *Pinewood Derby*

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, 6:00 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.

Condolences

One of the boys in our den, Max Owens, lost his father to cancer this week. Our condolences go out to Max and his family.

***** Cross Country Skiing *****

BUILD A BADGE

Webelos I & II Dens: Learn the basics of Cross Country Skiing at the Elm Creek Park Reserve on Friday, January 9, 2009 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

Ski Rental (\$4.00). Reservations Required (\$4.00).
Elm Creek Park Reserve Telephone (763) 694-7896;
www.threeriversparkdistrict.org

***** SNOW SHOES *****

Webelos I & II Dens: Earn the Naturalist Badge on Snowshoes at the Baker Near Wilderness Settlement on Sunday, January 11, 2009 from 2:30 – 4:30 PM. Reservations Required (\$5.00).
www.threeriversparkdistrict.org



The Race Is On!

Get your car ready for the 2009 Pinewood Derby and to enjoy the races! On Saturday afternoon there will be races galore, and lots of prizes.

Volunteers (please!) are needed to assist, spell the track judges and to help with various details. Contact Marc Fuller at (952) 927-6965 to enlist or for questions. You can also contact Marc via his e-mail at mfish143@lycos.com.

*Thanks to all the parents who have helped
and volunteered so far!*

PINEWOOD DERBY Schedule:

**Thursday, 1/22 and Friday, 1/23 – Workshops
and Final Weigh-In, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Tools to fine-tune for final car registration. **All Scout cars must be turn in by 8:00 PM, Friday** to the Pinewood Derby Committee at Good Sam to race on Saturday; No Exceptions! Once car is checked in, it is not touched again until race time.

Den Leaders: Please provide the Committee with a separate box to store the registered cars for all of the scouts in your Den.

RACE DAY

Saturday, January 24th Race Day, 1:00 PM
Volunteers and Den Leaders please arrive early. Races will begin promptly at 1:00 PM, beginning with Tigers and running in den order until Webelos II are finished.

DERBY CAR TIPS: Keep those axles straight and strong by adding glue when you tap on the wheels. ‘Straight’ wheels add speed to your car, and glue prevents last minute breakdowns due to pre-race wear and tear. Remember lead is toxic to young children, so be careful.

SCOUT RACE RULES: **Please read the Rules included in this email.** They contain very important information regarding the race, entrance requirements and other details.

Please consider helping our Derby Leader, Marc Fuller, with judging, weigh-ins, or the set-up and after race tear-down as rewarding labor on behalf of all the Scouts in Pack 168.

JUDGING: Scouts in each Den will race against each other to determine who has the fastest car. Races between the cars that won each den will determine who has the Fastest Car in Pack 168!

We will also have style judging based upon a team of judges. The winner of the Style award will be the Scout in each den who makes the best-crafted or most creative Pinewood racer that doesn't look like Dad did it for the Scout! The goal is to have the **Scout make the car** to the best of his ability. Judges scoring is final. Ties will be broken with a coin toss.

BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK to RACE DAY

Pack Leadership will be accepting checks for:

- Annual Dues Payment (if not already paid),
- Blue & Gold Banquet reservations, and
- 2009 Polar Cubs reservations.

SCOUT SKI DAY

Sunday, February 1, 2009 is Scout Ski Day at Hyland Ski & Snowboard Area in Bloomington. Please Join the Pack for an Outdoor Meeting! The Pack will informally meet at 10:00 AM to form ski groups, and meet at 1:00 PM for lunch inside the Chalet. Michael Dmowski is HSSA Ski Patrol and the Pack Ski Leader for this event. Contact Mike at his telephone #(952) 920-8322 or mdmowski@comcast.net with any questions.

Don't know how to ski or feel a little "rusty"? Register for Snow Sports Academy by telephone (763) 559-6700 or check www.hylandski.com

Discount Rates for Scouts. LET'S SKI!!!!!!!!!!!!

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 at the Edina City Hall parking lot, and carpool / caravan to the Camp and arrive around at Camp at 8:30 AM to register. Camp 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.

Cost is \$27.00 per Cub Scout, and \$9.00 per adult. Lunch is provided with this fee; What a bargain! Give your check payable to "Northern Star Council" to Cubmaster Ryan Langsev or your Den Leader no later than **Wednesday, February 11, 2009.**

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!

Website:

Our Pack has a website you will want to check out:

www.edinapack168.com.

The website has individual Den information as well as the Pack calendar. Eventually the Pack Rag will be posted there as well.

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.

Call for Co-Leadership in 2009

We have several leadership positions that will be opening up next year in the fall of 2009. These positions include Assistant Cubmaster, two (2) Co-Committee Chairs, Popcorn Colonel and Webmaster. Please consider volunteering now for these positions next fall. By doing this, 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.

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 Lussy, 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 – Gary and Laurie Holmquist, 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: TBD

Scouting for Food: Apr 25th

Clean Up Day at Good Sam: May 9th