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THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

MARCH 2009

Calendar:

March

- 5th Roundtable, CPC, 7:00 p.m.
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 p.m.
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, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
14th Leaders' Meeting, Good Sam, 7:30 p.m.
16-17th Baker Near Wilderness Camp Out
28th *Raingutter Regatta*, Good Sam, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday March 26th Pack Meeting The Blue & Gold Banquet

The Cub Scouts of America organization was initially formed 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) at **6:00 PM on 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 for seating and food preparation.

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!

Polar Cub Fun

What a Blast we had! With over 22 scouts from Pack 168 and their parent in attendance for our fifth consecutive year of Polar Cubs, we had a nice crowd of boys and parents for a day of fun sponsored by the Northern Star Council. Plenty of snow and new activities made the Sunday afternoon of fun and frolic possibly the best Polar Cubs event yet!

We will present patches at the Blue & Gold Banquet to all Scouts who attended Polar Cubs.

March Duty Grid

Webelos I	Setup and Flag Presentation
Wolves	☆ Skit/Song/Presentation ☆
Webelos I	Closing & Retire flags
All	Cleanup

PLEASE HELP OUT WITH CLEAN-UP

* * * **SCOUTING FOR FOOD** * * *

Saturday, April 25, 2009 will be the annual Scouting For Food (SFF) drive. This is an excellent opportunity for Scouts to help others who are less fortunate in an important charitable event. Pack 168 efforts to canvas, distribute, and collect bags of food donations will be dropped off at a collection site and transported to the St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP) which is

a local food shelf. Check out STEP at www.stepslp.org Sound like something you are willing and able to handle? Please contact our Scouting For Food Leader Greg Kuznecoff at gregging@earthlink.net THANKS!



May 9th Pack Service Project

Good Sam Spring Cleanup – Sat. 9-11AM

Help say "Thanks" to Good Sam for allowing us to utilize their newly-remodeled building for meetings, etc., by participating in the annual clean up project. Be sure to bring your rakes, gloves, trash bags, etc.

The Scouts of Pack 168 and Pack 68 carry out this service project every May. Although it is a scout service project, we need to ensure adequate adult supervision. *This is not a drop-off event!* Plan to participate instead of dropping off your Scout. The work goes faster and is much more fun when there is a balance of kids and adults.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 9, 2009 to put your 'Thank You' to Good Sam in action!

PACK WEB

As a communications resource, the Pack has established its own website. You can find the Pack calendar, this Pack Rag and your individual den activities calendar at the website. 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,

One (1) Co-Committee Chairs,

Popcorn Colonel, and

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