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# THE PACK RAG

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A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

DECEMBER 2011

## Calendar:

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8pm  
15<sup>th</sup> **Pack Meeting, GSUM Fellowship Hall, 7pm,**  
**Service Project: *The Mitten Tree*. Activity: *The***  
***Reptile Experience!***

### January

- 5<sup>th</sup> Leaders' Meeting, GSUM Scout Room, 7:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Derby car weigh-in, GSUM Gym, 6-8pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Pinewood Derby! GSUM Gym, 1-4pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Try It Day! At the Mpls Ski Club Ski Jump!  
29<sup>th</sup> Scout Ski Day, Highland Hills

### February

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Leaders' Meeting, GSUM Scout Room, 7:30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Pack Meeting, GSUM Fellowship Hall, 7pm,  
*Cubstruction!!*  
26<sup>th</sup> [Polar Cubs, sign up here!](#) Registration Deadline:  
Pinewood Derby on 1/21/2012.

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Leaders' Meeting, GSUM Scout Room, 7:30pm  
15<sup>th</sup> Pack Meeting, GSUM Fellowship Hall, 7pm,  
*theme TBA*

## Popcorn!

Thanks to everyone that sold popcorn this year. Pack total sales were approximately \$8,000, led by the Bear and Wolf Dens. Prizes will be distributed and sales leaders will be announced at the December Pack meeting as well.

Recall, Scouts were entered into raffles for every \$40 and \$100 they sell, and \$600 in sales gets the coveted Zyclone Blaster! **Winners will be drawn at the December Pack meeting.**

## December Pack Meeting:

### *The Mitten Tree:*

Pack 168's annual effort to support Good Samaritan's drive to collect winter gear benefitting underprivileged children at [Stonebridge Community School](#) in South Mpls, where 100% of the student population is on the state's subsidized school lunch program. Let's make a strong collective effort to donate new hats, gloves, scarves or other new or gently used outdoor attire to keep them warm through the cold winter months to come!

### *The Reptile Experience!*

This month's Pack Meeting event will be [The Reptile Experience!](#) Mike Burpee, who currently maintains about 40 animals, including specimens from 5 continents, has been raising reptile species since 1966 and presenting them since 1972. "The Reptile Guy," delivers a "very hands on show" so this will be a must see! Don't miss it! Refreshments will be served including Christmas cookies.

The Pack Meeting will begin at promptly 7pm in GSUM Fellowship Hall to ensure we have enough time for the Reptile Experience.

**Reminder:** The Pack Meeting is a Scouting event for the whole family. Held in part to celebrate your scout's achievements in the past month, please ensure your scout has family or other significant individuals at the meeting in a show of support and congratulations.

### Pack Meeting duties:

- Room Set up.....Wolves (arrive 15 min early)
- Greeters/Gathering.....Webelos I
- Open/Closing ceremony.....Webelos II
- Entertainment/Skit.....Tigers
- Clean up.....All Dens
- Off duty.....Bears

## January Pack Meeting preview:

### Pinewood Derby!

The premier event of the year is fast approaching. ***If you did not get a car kit at the November Pack meeting, please contact your Den leader for a kit.*** Less than two months to refine (or begin) those car designs! Official rules are posted on our [website \(edinapack168.com\)](#) under the Activity Info/Forms link.

Completed cars will need to be weighed-in on Friday, January 20, between 6pm and 8pm at the Good Sam gym and the Pack will take possession of the cars at that time. Cars must be weighed in on Friday to be eligible for Saturday races! Some tools and supplies will be provided there for your finishing touches and weight adjustments on Friday, but you should plan on bringing your own supplies to be safe.

Race day is Saturday, January 21, starting at 1pm in the Good Sam Gym. Plan to bring the entire family and spend the afternoon watching the excitement!

Remember, speed matters – but prizes will also be awarded for the most creative and most 'kid completed' designs.

We plan to close the day out with time for siblings and parents that are itchin' to race their own entries.

## Opportunities

This is our ongoing call for help; your chance to impact all of our boys' experiences in scouting. ***Please see the positions in bold and with an asterisk (\*) under the "Adult Leadership" heading for our greatest needs.*** Only "shadows" are needed at this time. Baby steps! You will only learn about the position this year, with the goal of transitioning into the role for next year. Your engagement is greatly appreciated!

## Many Thanks!

Two generous Wolf Parents, Eric Wellman and Doug McLeod have agreed to shadow the PWD in preparation to lead the races themselves in 2013. Please join us in saying a huge thank you to them! Two additional shadows are still requested.

## 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](http://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.

## Adult Leadership

The Leadership Roster for Edina Cub Scout Pack 168 of the 2011-2012 season is:

Den Leadership:

- Tiger Den – Ben Pence
- Wolf Den – Gardiner Van Ness, Rob Rankin.
- Bear Den – Rolf Pederson, Doug Boettge
- Webelos I – Jim Castle, Dan Kraft, Ed Lutgen, Mike Sebek.
- Webelos II – Tony Pellegrin

Pack Leadership:

- Cubmaster – Stephan Dunning
- Asst. Cubmaster – Jim Niemeier
- Committee Chair – John Christensen
- Treasurer – Tony Zeuli
- **\*Communications Chair – Dan Kraft**
- **\*Advancements – Jim Castle**

Programmatic Leadership:

- **\*Popcorn Kernel – Michelle Kraft**
- Service Chair – NEEDED
- Blue & Gold Dinner – Anne Dunning, Laura Anderson.
- \*Pinewood Derby Committee – Ed Lutgen, Dan Kraft, Pete Magnuson, George Warner, Jim Castle. Shadows: Eric Wellman, Doug McLeod
- Rocket Day – Tony Zeuli

**\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SHADOW POSITION.**  
Please inquire with any Scout leader about how you can help!