
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

JANUARY 2012

Calendar:

January

- 5th Leaders' Meeting, *Edina Grill, 8pm*
20th Derby car weigh-in, GSUM Gym, 6-8pm
21st Pinewood Derby! GSUM Gym, 1-4pm
28th Try It Day! At the Mpls Ski Club Ski Jump!
29th Scout Ski Day, Highland Hills

February

- 2nd Leaders' Meeting, GSUM Scout Room, 7:30pm
16th Pack Meeting, GSUM Fellowship Hall, 7pm,
Cubstruction!!
26th [Polar Cubs, sign up here!](#) Registration Deadline
and Fees due at the Pinewood Derby on
1/21/2012. Sign up online or at the Derby! More
details below.

March

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

The Race Is On!

The premier event of the year is fast approaching! Get your car ready for the 2011 Pinewood Derby and to enjoy the races! On Saturday afternoon, January 21, there will be races galore, and lots of prizes.

PINEWOOD DERBY SCHEDULE:

Friday, 1/20, 6-8pm. GSUM: Racecar refinements and Final Weigh-In.

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. **All cars must be weighed in at 5.0 ounces or less and turned in by 8pm Friday to be eligible for Saturday races. No exceptions.**

Saturday, 1/21, 1-4pm. Good Sam: Race Day!

Volunteers and Den Leaders please arrive early.

Races will begin promptly at 1pm. Plan to bring the entire family and spend the afternoon watching the excitement!

The fastest three cars from each Den will participate in the championship round. Remember, speed matters – but prizes will also be awarded for the most creative ‘kid completed’ designs. We plan to close the day out with

time for siblings and parents that are itchin’ to race their own entries.

DERBY CAR TIP: 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.

PWD RACE RULES: Read the rules [HERE](#), or posted on our website (edinapack168.com) under the **Activity Info/Forms link**. They contain very important information regarding the race, entrance requirements and other details. Non-conforming cars will not be eligible for races.

Try It Day! At the Mpls Ski Club Ski Jump!!!

Overcome your fear of the unknown and try ski jumping on for size for only \$25, on Saturday January 28, 10am-2pm, at the Bush Lake Ski Jumps near Hyland Ski Area in Bloomington! “Try It” Sessions offer a safe and fun experience for you to try out ski jumping on the 10m “bump jump.” [Sign up for the January 28 session online through the Club’s website.](#)

Scout Ski Day at Hyland Ski Area.

Try your hand at skiing or snowboarding on Scout Day at Hyland Ski Area in Bloomington! Get reduced ticket and rental rates on Sunday, January 29, 2012 for all Scouts and their families. Scouts may also enjoy a discounted ski or snowboard lesson if you are new to the sport.

February Pack Meeting preview: Cubstruction!

Cubstruction returns!!! Scouts will again be challenged to use their creative energy to build a mystery creation from a predetermined assortment of materials to be provided. Look for more details in next month’s Pack Rag.

Polar Cub Scout Camp!

Plan to attend this annual favorite! Polar Cubs is a winter day-camp for those of you looking for a fun-filled day of

snow activities. After a full day of fort building, tubing and more, we close the day at Fireside Pizza in Richfield with a group dinner. Pack 168 is planning to attend Polar Cubs on Sunday, February 26, 9am-3pm, at Phillippo Scout Camp near Cannon Falls, MN. Advanced registration with the Pack guarantees your spot and can be done either online [HERE](#), or in person at the Pinewood Derby (PWD). Cost is \$30 per scout, \$10 per adult for Polar Cubs, and \$7 per person for dinner. The deadline for guaranteed registration is the PWD, on January 21.

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!

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.

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!