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Winter Camp for Webelos

Mark your Calendars! The date for this year's winter campout for Fourth and Fifth Grade Webelos is Saturday, February 3 through Sunday, February 4. It will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond where we will have the large, comfy Cadigan Lodge which sleeps 28 people. A single overnight is planned, from Saturday AM until Sunday noon...

Lots of outdoor winter fun is expected: sliding, skiing, hiking, campfires, etc. This is a great opportunity for those wishing to earn their Outdoorsman pin and get credit towards the Arrow of Light Award and other Webelos advancement.

Parents (not necessarily Dads) are expected to accompany their scout. Items for each person to bring will be a sack lunch for Saturday, Foil dinner for Saturday night, sleeping bag and camping equipment, personal gear (no electronics), scout book and items pertinent to a winter event in the woods.

We will need help and donations for other stuff like firewood, electric griddles, water containers, entertainment schedule, etc. We anticipate a food and supplies budget of \$3 to \$5 per person to be collected at campsite.

For more information, call your Den Leader. A head count is needed, so please make your plans now and let him/her know.

Each year Pack 13 participates in the Scouting for Food drive. This is a nationwide scout activity designed to collect donated food for the needy in local communities. One of the important values learned in scouting is to help the community and people in need, and this activity allows our scouts a valuable hands-on experience. Last year we collected thousands of items to support local food banks.

Traditionally, Scouting for Food has been held in the fall, in November. Although this project is the largest food drive in the country, its tendency was to coincide with activities sponsored by other agencies and organizations centered around the Thanksgiving and December holidays.

This year, Scouting for Food will be held in February, when many food banks are in particular need due to the harsh weather and the "after holiday let-down of donations."

We will distribute flyers to homes on Saturday, February 3. These flyers contain directions for the homeowner to place selected food items in a shopping bag on their front doorstep the following week. The following Saturday morning, February 10, we will collect the bags of donated food that were placed outside by participating homes.

Dens will be assigned geographic areas for collection and den leaders will need adults to help transport scouts on both days. Have your cub wear his uniform. Your den leader, or preferably a den parent who has volunteered to help, will set up a meeting time and place for each Saturday. It usually takes less than an hour and the boys have a blast!

The food will be delivered by the dens to the Cumberland Congregational Church Parish Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the 10th. All of the food will be sorted, counted, and boxed, and any help at the Parish Hall will be appreciated. Please be sure to let your den leader know how you can help with this effort.

Donna Bauer and Nancy Foran will be coordinating this effort this year. Please call them if you have any questions.

Blue and Gold Banquet

This year's Blue and Gold Banquet will be held Thursday, February 29, 1995 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mabel Wilson School cafeteria. This is our regular Pack meeting night, but note the early 6:00 start time.

Cub Scouts all over the United States honor the beginnings of Boy Scouting with this annual event. On February 8, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 86th anniversary. Since the Blue & Gold Banquet celebrates the birthday of Scouting, each boy should wear his full Scout Uniform, including hat and award pins, if he has them.

All family members are encouraged to attend. Scouting is a family activity and we are fortunate this year to have secured a large place to allow family attendance.

Our Tiger cubs are also being invited. Let's welcome them to this gala pack meeting and show them the excitement of scouting.

Helen Cheney is the coordinator for this event; if you have any questions, or can offer assistance, please give her a call.

We encourage the boys to earn their Wolf, Bear, or Webelos badge so that it may be presented on this night.

Also - be sure to bring some of your den's recent activities for the display tables. Everyone enjoys seeing what's going on in Pack 13!

As in past years, each den will be responsible for coordinating its own meal. Feel free to go with pot luck, pizza, sandwiches, fried chicken, etc. All families should bring their food in it's "ready-to-serve state" as we will not have the use of the school's kitchen equipment. Be sure to bring necessary serving spoons!

The Pack will provide all paper goods (plates, cups, utensils, napkins and place mats), drinks (lemonade or punch), and coffee and cake for dessert.

One family from each den (not the den leaders, they do enough already!) should be assigned to stay afterwards to help clean up.

Den leaders should be contacting everyone now about their responsibilities for this special evening. Parents, please let your den leader know the total number from your family that plan to attend; den leaders need to turn in a head count by February 10.

We are looking forward to a fun evening and hope to see everyone there!

Friends of Scouting

We plan to have a presentation at the Blue & Gold Banquet from the Pine Tree Council about the Friends of Scouting program. Our local council has experienced sharp reductions in funding from the United Way in recent years, and the Friends of Scouting program is a means which allows us to contribute directly to our local Scouting organization.

In past years, the response from Pack 13 to this presentation has been incredible! Please plan to continue your generous support.

Scout Sunday & Scout Sabbath

February 4, 1996 has been designated as Scout Sunday, and February 10 has been designated as Scout Sabbath. Cubs are encouraged to attend religious services as groups wearing their uniforms. Additional ideas are to have scouts serve as ushers, participate in taking the collection, serve refreshments during a social hour, describe their religious awards and the requirements to earn them, etc.

Congratulation to Crossing-Over Webelos Scouts!

The crossing-over ceremony for Webelos Scouts who graduating from Cub Scouting and joined Boy Scouts was held at the Troop 58 meeting on Monday, January 8. Attending were Scott Booth, Camden Bucsko, Matt Shorey, Dan Wyatt, Joshua Carrier, Tom D' Alessandro, Simon Lindquist, Chris Pelletier, Joshua Robinson, Steve Burnell, Steve Full, Joseph Lloyd, and Tom Loring. Also, Bryce Suydam has completed the requirements of Cub Scouting.

We would like to offer congratulations to each of these scouts for an excellent Cub Scouting career and wish them the best of luck in Boy Scouts.

Troop activities coming up through May include a winter campout, hiking the Freedom Trail in Boston, a whitewater rafting trip, climbing Mount Katahdin, a water-sports weekend, and balance-beam jousting.

Hot Shots

For several years running, we've had an annual early-release Wednesday outing to Hot Shots. Miniature golf and bank shot basketball, as well as their new exciting laser tag game, batting cages and arcade games, there is a special play area for children under 4' tall.

Would you like to coordinate the date, time and place for this year? Please call if you would like to contribute to a fun and exciting experience for our cubs.

Cub Scouts and siblings would be welcome to come with a responsible adult, whether it be a parent, or a den leader.

Derby Bake Sale

On the day of the race, each participant is being asked to bring bake sale items. These are to be wrapped individually and we will sell them for a quarter an item. Some ideas are fruit, cookies, donuts, crackers. Drinks will also be for sale. Free coffee and tea will be available for the parents! (The bake sale is intended to slightly defray the costs of the trophies, as well as to provide snacks for the participants during the morning.)

Fun Pack Weekend Date Set

The Fun-Pack Weekend will be Saturday July 27 through Sunday July 28. This is a single-overnight for all cub scouts and a parent at Camp Hinds. Typically, the schedule includes approximately 429 events (or so it seems) and your cubs will earn many credits in their cub scout books.

Events and activities include archery, swimming, leather crafts, boating, canoeing, BB range, camp food, nature activities, and a humongous campfire with entertainment.

This event is an annual big hit, and we have paid for and reserved 30 spaces at Tenney Campsite (the best). The cost is \$21 per person which includes meals. Please sign up right away to reserve your place. Thanks to Milt Calder for offering to coordinate this fun event; please call him for more details.

Pinewood Derby!

Pack 13's Annual Pinewood Derby, the last word in Speed, Entertainment and Pageantry, will be held Saturday, March 9th! Our technologically perfect track, electronic place sensors and computerized timing and scoring system make for a fair, fun-filled and fabulous Derby. As introduced last year, there will again be a Parents Race, and, time and demand permitting, a Parent-Son Race!

The Pinewood Derby Show will be held the morning of the race. This is a time when Cub Scouts may enter a show car for judging. This may be either their race car, or another car that need not meet the race criteria. The cars will be judged for different awards, including S sleekest, Fanci est, Most Colorful, Most Creative, Most Detailed, Most Novel, Best of Show (one each Wolf, Bear, 4th-grade Webelos, 5th-grade Webelos), Best Design and Most Creative.

This year the pack has again purchased a derby car kit for every Cub Scout in the pack. Please pick up and sign out a car tonight if you think your son will be participating. Parents may purchase a subsidized car kit for themselves for \$1.00, and additional cars will be available to anyone for \$2.00 each. Rules pamphlets are available with each Derby Kit tonight. You may also wish to purchase at \$1.35 a booklet, called the Pinewood Derby Guidebook, on building and racing Derby cars at the Council Trading Post. Be forewarned, however, that some designs therein may not conform to official specifications.

The district publishes rules for the District Pinewood Derby Race which will be held around March 23. Our top five racers are invited to go to that event, as well as the Best of Show Car, so we follow their rules for our Derby.

There will be a registration deadline time the morning of the race which must be strictly adhered to.

Leaders might want to consider holding derby car workshops at the den level, to get full den participation. (If your den does not include an experienced derby parent, we might be able to help you find one.)

If you have any questions or offers of assistance, please call Dan Bates at 781-4276

From the Treasurer

We are pleased to report that Pack 13 is in sound financial shape as we begin the 1996 calendar year, and would like to thank all who paid their dues and registration fees promptly.

However, we still have a few members who have not yet paid their \$10 pack dues or the \$7.00 national registration fee. Everyone must pay dues in September (except Tigers), and this is the only time local pack dues are collected.

Please look over your records and help me clear the accounts by mailing a check for the outstanding amount to Steve Carrier, 19 Country Charm Road, Cumberland Center, 04021. If you are not sure of payment, please call him at 829-4356.

As in the past, financial constraints should not exclude any boy from Scouting; if you need financial assistance for scout activities, please contact the Committee Chairman or the Treasurer.

Rechartering and Re-registration

Pack 13 Recharts in February of each year. Your son's Boy Scout of America registration will expire on 2/28/95. In previous years, we would be scrambling to collect the new registration fees at this time in order to meet the deadline.

However, due to the *excellent* foresight and planning of the existing Pack Leadership, we collected the \$7.00 for registration and optional \$7.80 for Boy's Life Magazine along with the \$10 Pack Dues and pro-rated new-cub registrations last September, and we now have these funds for you cub on account, ready to go. Neat, Huh?

We will renew registrations for all active cub scouts next month. If any important information has changed since September (such as address, telephone, birth date, etc.), please let us know. Also, if you are not receiving Boy's Life Magazine and would like to start, send in the \$7.80 and we can sign you up.

At this time, much of the existing Pack Committee leadership will be vacating their positions THIS MONTH as their cubs move on to Boy Scouts. In order to plan a smooth transition, we need to fill the leadership positions right away!!!

Please consider your commitment to your sons and to Pack 13, and contact Tom and I if you are interested in the benefits of this rewarding experience!

Bill Wyatt

Adult Membership Drive - Pack 13 Needs You!

In order to maintain the excellent program that Pack 13 offers to your sons, we need to replenish the supply of adult leaders each year.

Typically, the changeover in leadership has occurred at the end of the school year. Unfortunately, this results in a "green" leadership at a very critical time - at Fall Startup. It also allowed the old and new leaders to grow apart over the summer months, making the transfer of knowledge all the more difficult.

To allow an easier transition, we decided to have the adult changeover coincide with the February Re-registration. This allows the new leadership to "shadow" their counterparts for the first half of the year, and to have the old leadership on hand for assistance and guidance through the remainder of the year.

Monthly Parents & Leaders Meetings

Beginning this year, we decided it was important to have monthly meetings for the Pack Committee, Leaders, and interested Parents. These will be held generally on the Thursday before the Pack Meetings; see the "Important Dates" for a schedule.

All leaders are expected to attend. As usual, all parents are welcome and we encourage your participation. The next meeting is on Thursday, February 15, at 7PM at the Wilson School.

Please, Anyone? We Need A Bookcase!

Pack 13 has quite a library of Cub Scout books. It is currently in a cardboard box at my house, and therefore not very available to members of the Pack.

We have been allowed some space in a closet at the Mabel Wilson School for our Pack property, and we would like to equip it with a bookcase to contain the Pack library. We would also like to have a file cabinet to hold the various files of cub activities so they are available for general use.

Please search your attics, garages, and friends' houses for a reasonably-sized bookcase and/or file cabinet that you would donate. Transportation can be arranged.

Thanks!

Bill Wyatt

BEAR LEADERS! (And Interested Adults): Get Your Webelos Training Early.

Next year, your Bear Cubs will be looking forward to outdoor activities as Webelos Cub Scouts. Trained Leaders are required for Webelos Camping Activities. Webelos Leader Outdoor Training courses are being scheduled for March and May of 1996.

Be Prepared! Plan Ahead and get trained this year!

Cool Cub News Reporters

Hey Cubs!

Each den should elect a reporter, perhaps monthly, to provide a short article for the Cool Cub News. This is a great opportunity to share ideas, let others know of your progress, announce events and achievements, and more. Articles should be submitted to Bill Wyatt or Bill Smith at least one week before Pack Meetings.

Portland Pirates Games

Pine Tree Council offers discount tickets to selected "Scout Night" games. Tickets are \$5.00 each. February Dates now available are:

Sunday, February 4, 4:00 PM
Pirates vs. Albany
Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 PM
Pirates vs. Syracuse

Tickets must be prepaid by the Pack at the Council Service Center. Call Kathy at 797-5252 for more information.

We need a coordinator for this...

Discount Ski Days

See the insert mailed with last month's *Cool Cub News* for information about discount ski days at three of Maine's ski mountains. Contact Jon Knowles, our Discount Ski-Days Coordinator at 829-5066 for more information or to sign up. All payments must be made in advance.

Badges and Awards

The deadline for den leaders to turn in advancement information about scouts who have earned a badge or award is the Thursday prior to each Pack Meeting.

These Awards and Advancements must be passed in at the monthly leaders and parents meetings (see above) in order to have them available for presentation at the following Pack Meeting.

Pack Meeting Den Assignments

Here is the list of Pack Meeting Responsibilities for each Den. Please be sure to advise Cubmaster Tom D' Alessandro if your den needs to change its schedule.

Set-up	Set up chairs, tables, flags, display table.		
Opening	Lead in colors, lead Pledge of Allegiance, Promise, Law of Pack, Motto.		
Skit	Can be on any relevant topic. For example, use the monthly theme, safety, seasonal, humorous or dramatic. 10 min. maximum.		
Closing	Retire colors, dismiss the dens.		
Clean-up	Re-stack chairs, fold tables, sweep floor.		
Month	Opening & Closing	Skit	Set-up & Clean-up
January	Den 18	Den 1	Den 3
February	Den 19	Den 2	Den 18
March	Den 1	Den 3	Den 19
April	Den 2	Den 57	Den 1
May	Den 3	Den 6	Den 2

Pack Meeting Dates:

January 25	Wilson School 7PM
February 29	Blue and Gold Banquet
March 28	Wilson School 7PM
April 25	Wilson School 7PM
May 23	Ice Cream Social

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings will be held on Thursdays, near the end of each month, generally at the Wilson School. Meetings will start promptly at 7:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM. Check each issue of the Cool Cub News for changes.

Every Cub Scout should attend with a parent or adult. Scouting is a family activity and your son needs your time and support to be successful.

Family attendance is encouraged, except that younger children who are likely to be noisy may disrupt the activities that your sons work hard to prepare; please be considerate.

Phone Numbers

Committee Members:

Your Name Here	Committee Member	CALL-NOW
Tom D' Alessandro	Cubmaster	829-2065
Bill Wyatt	Committee Chairman	829-6593
Steve Carrier	Treasurer	829-4356
Christy Bucsko	Committee Member	829-6192
Joe Loring	Chartered Org. Rep.	829-3131

Events & Volunteers

Nancy Foran	Awards	829-6351
Bill Smith	Cool Cub News	829-3382
Margaret Hansel	Tiger Group Coach	829-6136
Joe Loring	Camping Promoter	829-3131
Linda D' Alessandro	Popcorn Chairman	657-5657
Maria Crouch-Lindquist	"	829-4245
Jon Knowles	Discount Ski-Days	829-5066
Helen Cheney	Blue & Gold Banquet	781-8225
Dan Bates & Crew	Pinewood Derby	781-4276
Anyone?	Ice Cream Social	

Den Leaders:

Turner Hansel	Den 1	Wolf	829-6136
Helen Cheney	Den 3	Wolf	781-8225
LEADER NEEDED	Den 5	Webelos-4th	
Kathy Leighton	Den 6	Webelos-4th	829-5639
Christy Bucsko	Den 7	Webelos-5th	829-6192
Ralph Hutchinson	Den 8	Tiger	829-5470
Sara Levite	Den 10	Tiger	829-5635
Leslie Calder	Den 18	Bear	829-6185
& Donna Bauer			829-6054
Henry Kennedy	Den 19	Wolf	829-6979

Important Dates for Leaders & Parents

FEBRUARY

Friday 2 Groundhog Day
 Saturday- 3 Winter Campout at
 Sunday 4 Camp Hinds
 Saturday 3 Scouting for Food #1
 Sunday 4 Scout Sunday
 Saturday 10 Scouting for Food #2
 Scout Sabbath
 Sunday 11 Sugarloaf Ski Day
 Thursday 15 Leaders Meeting, 7pm MWS
 Monday 19 Presidents Day
 Mid-Winter Vacation Week
 Thursday 29 Blue and Gold Banquet

MARCH

Sunday 3 Shawnee Peak Ski Day
 Saturday 9 Pack 13 Pinewood Derby
 Cub Leader Training
 Thursday 21 Leaders Meeting, 7pm MWS
 Saturday 23 District Pinewood Derby
 Thursday 28 Pack Meeting, 7pm MWS
 Sunday 31 Palm Sunday

APRIL

Monday 1 Deadline for \$20 Camping Disc.
 Thursday 4 Passover
 Sunday 7 Easter Sunday
 Thursday 11 Leaders Meeting, 7pm MWS
 Monday 15 Patriots Day / Tax Day
 Spring Vacation Week
 Bowl-A-Thon Weeks (15-28)
 Thursday 25 Pack Meeting, 7pm MWS

MAY

Wednesday 1 Deadline for \$10 Camping Disc.
 Sunday 12 Mother's Day
 Thursday 16 Leaders Meeting, 7pm MWS
 Friday- 17 Webelos Leaders Training
 Saturday 18
 Thursday 23 Pack Meeting, 7pm MWS
 Monday 27 Memorial Day - No School
 Pack 13 Marches in Parade
 Wednesday 29 Full Day of School

JUNE

Monday 10 Last Day of School 0 SnowDays
 (Yea, Right!)
 Friday 14 Flag Day (Attn Bear Cubs)
 Sunday 16 Fathers Day

JULY

Thursday 4 Independence Day
 ?? Day Camp Weeks
 Saturday- 27 Fun Pack Weekend
 Sunday 28 Camp Hinds
 ?? Webelos Camp Week @ Bomazeen

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