

PACK 262 NEWSLETTER

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"The Great Cake Challenge"



Let the bidding begin! Thank you for participating in the Cake Challenge. The proceeds from tonight's bake sale will go to the "Friends of Scouting" program.

RELIGIOUS BOOKLETS

Religious booklets for earning Religious Medals have been distributed. The Scouts must complete their activity books with their family by March 12, 2009 (March Pack Night), in order to receive their Light of Christ or Parvuli Dei medal at the 10:30 am Scout mass scheduled for April 26, 2009. All scouts completing a religious booklet must be on hand for March Pack Night in order for Father Dick to interview as part of earning their Religious Medal (also Pinewood Derby weigh in!).

PACK RECHARTER

January Pack Night (01/08/09): **Pack and Council fees are due.** We will have scout registration forms for parents to fill out. Registration and dues for our pack go from January to January. The 2009 dues for each scout are \$10 for Council Fees and \$0 for Pack. Traditionally, Pack Fees have been \$10, but this amount is being waived by the Pack this year as an extra reward for two consecutive years of bountiful popcorn sales efforts by the scouts. Congratulations scouts on all your hard work and effort. If you are interested in receiving BOYS LIFE, it is an additional \$12.

PACK OUTING-Sledding

When is the last time your breath was taken away because you going so fast, and your face was renewed with fresh air and cold snow at the same time? Well, it's time for the Scout 262 annual sledding event, which will be held at Whitnall Park on Saturday, January 31 starting at 11:00 AM. We can start with sledding on our own sleds right away, and then rent several toboggans at noon. The hill is part of the Winter Sports Area, just north of Ross Lodge on 6750 S 92nd St in

Greendale. Bring your entire family for a good time. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided. Thanks to Joe S. for coordinating this outing!

PACK OUTING-Wave Soccer Game

Check your calendars and see if you and your family can join us in a Pack Outing: Milwaukee Wave Soccer game on Saturday, March 15, 2009, at 2:00pm. For \$15 you will receive an \$18 ticket and a clinic that allows each scout to earn their soccer belt loop. Family members get the same price. Number of tickets needed for each scout and money for the tickets is due by February 25th. Please send through school via Taylour I. 7th Grade. Thanks to Marianne I. for coordinating this outing!

PINEWOOD DERBY

Pinewood derby cars have been distributed. Cars must be completed by March Pack Night. Rules for Pinewood Derby 2009 are available on our website homepage, www.scoutpack262.org. Thanks to Greg I. for coordinating this event.

March 12, 2009: Pinewood Derby cars must be complete
March 14, 2009: Pinewood Derby race at 10:00am.

BLUE AND GOLD DINNER

February Pack Night (02/12/09) we will have our Blue and Gold Dinner. **Pack Night will start at 6:00pm.** The evening will include the Arrow of Light ceremony and a meal. There will be sign up sheets at January's Pack Night to get the number of people that will attend this event so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. Thanks to Lisa G. for coordinating this event.

THE SPIRIT STICK

The Spirit Stick is at every Pack Night, used as a symbol to energize our scout spirit. Each den will have an opportunity to take it to a den meeting and decorate the stick. Please remember to bring it back for Pack Night. Tigers took the Spirit stick home in October. Webelos II took the Spirit Stick home in December. Wolves will take the Spirit Stick home in January. Bears will take the Spirit Stick home in February. Webelos I will take the Spirit Stick home in March.

Family Season Tickets to Pack Night!!

We want Pack Night to be fun for the whole family. Let's all play, laugh and learn together. Scouts, siblings, and parents mark your calendars PACK NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

Pack Meeting Dates:

February 12, 2009 "American ABC's" (Arrow of Light)
Blue & Gold Dinner @ 6:00
March 12, 2009 "Pinewood Derby Weigh-In"
April 2, 2009 "A Camping We Will Go"
May 14, 2009 "When I Grow Up"

Other Important Dates:

January 24, 2009 Cub-O-Ree 2009
January 31, 2009 Sledding @ Whitnall Park
March 14, 2009 10:00am Pinewood Derby Race
March 15, 2009 2:00pm Wave Soccer Game
April tbd, 2009 Easter Pancake Breakfast 9am-12
April 26, 2009 10:30am Scout Mass
May 2, 2009 BALOO Training
May tbd, 2009 Webelos Cross Over Picnic with
Pack 26 and Troup 26 6:00pm
May 28, 2009 7:00pm Parent Planning Meeting
June tbd, 2009 Rocket Launch
June tbd, 2009 Summer Family Camp
July tbd, 2009 Brewers Game
July tbd, 2009 Webelos Day at Camp Long Lake
August tbd, 2009 Family Picnic
Sept 18-20, 2009 Swamp Fox

HELP!

We need parent help, only a few remain. I have been grateful over the years for the many parents that have asked how they can help scouts and they take on responsibilities such as den leaders, outings and activity organizers. The work gets done, kids learn, have fun and we are able to have a great scouting program. Below I have listed immediate pack needs we have for this year They include both leadership positions as well as help with short term, simple things like planning outings and events. **Tonight, please talk to me and volunteer to do something on the list**, if you have questions just ask me.

Thank you, Mike M.

- 3. Pack Round Table Representative:** Attend the Potawatomi Council Round Table Meetings (typically the first Wednesday night of the month) and our Pack Committee Meetings (typically the first Thursday night of the month). Share valuable information back and forth. Meeting dates are on the pack calendar.

- 14. August Family Picnic:** Plan and organize.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ We want to remind all of our Scouts that we will be following the Scout Dress Code this year. (Class A: Scout shirt and neckerchief/slide with school uniform

blue pants or shorts.) Please wear the uniform to school on Pack and Den meeting days as well as at the meetings. You may wear our Pack 262 class B tee shirt at certain activities as designated by den leaders.

- ❖ **Pack Night Chair Set-Up / Take-down:** This year we are going to arrange chairs for Pack Night in a half circle arrangement allowing the scouts and kids to be closer to the action. To do this we will share set-up / take-down responsibilities among all the den families other than Tigers. We ask the set-up / take-down den families to arrive 15 minutes before Pack Night to move tables and set-up chairs then after the meeting, rearrange the tables and chairs for the school lunch program.
 - January: Wolfs
 - February: Blue and Gold Dinner everyone help clean up
 - March: Webelos I
 - April: Bears
 - May: Wolfs
- ❖ **Trail Trekker Hikes** may be done by scouts with their family, den or pack. Scouts who complete the requirements for each hike receive a patch that may be displayed on their red vest. For more information go to our website www.scoutpack262.org and click on [Trail Trekker Hikes](#) on the left navigation bar.
- ❖ **Pray the Rosary Patch Series** may be done by scouts with their family or den. Scouts who complete the requirements receive a patch that may be displayed on their red vest. For more information go to our website www.scoutpack262.org and click on [Religious Awards](#) on the left navigation bar.

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"American ABCs Blue and Gold Dinner"



Don't miss next month's Pack Night: Thursday, February 12, 2009 @ 6:00pm. **All scout families and grandparents are invited.**