

# PACK 262 NEWSLETTER

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## "American ABC's Blue & Gold Dinner"

Tonight's annual Blue and Gold Banquet is one of the highlights of the program year. It brings together our Pack's families and special guests for a dinner and an evening of fun. The meal is important, but even more important is the warm, congenial atmosphere created as families enjoy each others company. Thanks to Lisa G. for coordinating our Blue & Gold Dinner.

### RELIGIOUS BOOKLETS

Keep working on the Religious booklets for Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei medals. The Scouts must complete their activity books with their family by March 12, 2009 (March Pack Night), in order to receive their Religious 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 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 Sunday, 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 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send through school via Tylour 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. Thanks to Marianne I. for coordinating this outing!

### March Pack Night

March Pack Night (3/12) Pinewood Derby cars must be complete and ready for weigh in. We will also have a speaker from the Boy Scout Council at Pack Night to discuss the "Friends of Scouting" program. Contributions to this program help offset some costs to run different Scout Programs. The proceeds from our January's bake sale go to the "Friends of Scouting" program.

### Whitnall Sledding Outing

Thanks to Joe S. for a great sledding outing. Even the weather cooperated!

### Easter Pancake Breakfast

Easter Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, March 29, 2009. Scouts are encouraged to help serve at this event with a parent between 9am-noon. This counts toward Community Service for the Scouts.

### Bears & Webelos I

Looking for something fun to do this summer. Sign up for Webelos Day at Camp Long Lake 2009 on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, and spend the day with Boy Scouts. Advance cost \$15 per youth or adult (minimum 2 adults required), includes 2 meals.

### PINEWOOD DERBY

Scouts have received their Pinewood derby car materials and information needed for building the cars. Rules for Pinewood Derby 2009 are available on our website homepage ([www.scoutpack262.org](http://www.scoutpack262.org)). The pack scale will be available to pre-weigh your Pinewood Derby cars on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am. Bring your car and loose weight so you can determine how much weight to add to your car. Then at March Pack Night do any final weight or chassis adjustments. The completed cars will be "compounded" at March Pack Night (3/12). Please sign up to volunteer to help weigh-in and/or with the race. Thanks to Greg I. for coordinating this event.  
3/08/2009: Pinewood Derby cars Pre Weigh 9-11am  
3/12/2009: Pinewood Derby cars must be complete.  
3/14/2009: Pinewood Derby race at 10:00am.  
Bring a nonperishable food donation for race admission.

### 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. 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:

March 12, 2009 "Pinewood Derby Weigh-In"  
Friends of Scouting  
Religious Medal Booklets Due  
& Interview w/Father Dick  
Pinewood Derby Weigh-In  
April 2, 2009 "A Camping We Will Go"  
May 14, 2009 "When I Grow Up"

### Other Important Dates:

March 8, 2009 9-11am Pinewood Cars Pre Weigh  
March 14, 2009 10:00am Pinewood Derby Race  
Family admission will be a donation of nonperishable food that will be donated to a food pantry.  
March 15, 2009 2:00pm Wave Soccer Game  
March 29, 2009 Easter Pancake Breakfast 9am-12  
April 26, 2009 10:30am Scout Mass  
May 2, 2009 BALOO Training  
May 19, 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 22, 2009 Webelos Day at Camp Long Lake  
July tbd, 2009 Brewers Game  
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.
  - March: Webelos I
  - April: Bears
  - May: Wolves
- ❖ **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](http://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](http://www.scoutpack262.org) and click on [Religious Awards](#) on the left navigation bar.

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### Stay up to Date with the Pack

- Pack Calendar
- Pack Newsletters in PDF format
- Den Leaders list your calendar, events and stuff on your den page
- Upcoming Pack Event
- Pack Pictures
- Parents Guide to Scouting in PDF Format
- Trail Trekker information
- Religious Award information
- Online Cub Scout games
- Links for Cub Scout requirements, songs, skits, jokes, resources and the online scout store

## "Pinewood Derby Weigh-In"



Don't miss next month's Pack Night:  
Thursday, March 12, 2009 @ 6:30pm.  
**Reminder:** Bring your completed pinewood derby car.