



Pack 831 Notes & News

Frontier District

Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos

January 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2010. This year we will mark the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts. There will be several special things to bring attention to scouting over the course of this year. There are several important dates in this newsletter as well as den updates for each den, to let parents know what boys should have completed by the end of January. Please check your list and try to make things up you may have missed.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

The second half of the annual registration will be due by January 24th. Please plan accordingly. We are happy to accept payments for this portion, but they need to begin now to be sure all monies are paid by **Jan. 24.**



Any questions about this, please see Bridget. Remember, all boys who sold \$400 in popcorn, have already Paid Their Way and do not have to pay in January.

Pinewood Registration

All cars must be completed by **Jan. 24th.** Registration will be held from **6-7 p.m.** at 606 Beechwood Ave. Cost of 2nd part of scout registration is due at registration. Completed cars will be weighed and measured to be sure they are within allowed pinewood specifications. All cars will be impounded until the race the following weekend. Please see your Pinewood Guidebook for specific rules and details.

Parent Pinewood Night

Friday, Jan. 29th will be our first Parent Only Pinewood Race. We will be doing the set up then having appetizers and desserts while the adult races are run. All Pack Adults are invited to join us, whether you'll be racing or not. Let's have a fun evening. Details are still being finalized. Committee needed to coordinate this event. After race party being considered.

WOLF DEN PROJECT

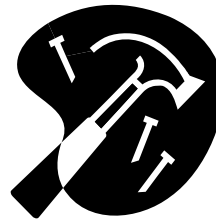


Wolves will be building bird-houses. Boys will learn basic woodworking skills and will complete the project in one day.

Wolf assembly will be on **Jan. 24th.** The time will be **1 p.m. -3 p.m.**

Wolves are asked to bring their wolf books and to go through their books to be sure everything they have done is marked in back as complete. See Wolf update in this newsletter to see what you should have done at this point.

BEAR DEN PROJECT



Bears will be building a treasure box to keep all of their special scout items in. Boys will learn and use the skills to assemble and finish the box. They will also complete several other requirements this day. You don't want to miss it!

Bear assembly will be on **Sun. Jan. 17th. 6-7**

Web 1 Project

Sunday, Jan. 17th Webs 1 Den complete their wood project. Boys will be making nice wooden windchimes and helping with the Pinewood plaques. 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

All wood projects will be done at 606 Beechwood Ave.

- ◆ Please **do your best to attend** your Den Project, it is difficult to make up this activity.
- ◆ Parents **MUST** attend with their sons as boys will be needing some help to complete the project in one day.
- ◆ All Projects and Clinics are **work clothes days. No uniforms please.**
- ◆ **Home Depot aprons** are a great thing to bring.

PINEWOOD DERBY DAY

This year's pinewood race will be on Jan. 30th from 1-4 p.m. Please be sure to eat lunch before the race.

Everyone is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies to the races.

Extended family members are always welcome to come to the race. It is a fun day for everyone. Bring your own cheering section. Everyone is welcome.

Den Updates

At this point in the year the boys should be progressing toward completing their badge requirements. Each den has different activities and requirements. On this page and the next you will see what each den has been working on. If your son has attended all of the meetings, these are the things he should have completed. If you have missed any meetings this is your month to catch up.

Many requirements can be completed at home with minimal effort. Please take a look at your den's information and compare it to what you have marked in your son's book.

Remember to mark all completed items in the back of their book as it is much easier for the leaders to look there than going through the whole book to find the info.

Requirements are most important, but don't forget the electives. Many electives can be completed in the course of a regular family or school year. Give them credit for things you are sure they have done at school or with you as a family.

You are welcome to sign off on things as you complete them with your son. Please be sure to mark them in the back of the book too so we can be sure your son will get credit for all he does this year.



TIGER DEN

Our tigers have been very busy, but also they have not been together in one place very often. I've been trying to keep everyone caught up, but I know there are some things to catch up on. Please let me know if you have any questions.

1F, 1D is due at end of Feb.

2F, 2D

3D, 3Fa & b

4G Radio Station Tour (can make up with me)

5F, 5D, 5G

Boys should also have at least 15 electives completed by this point.

If you need a Tiger Scrapbook, please ask at a Pinewood Clinic and I'll get you one.



WOLF DEN

The wolf requirements take a little more effort in some cases, but can be done relatively quickly. Boys must complete all 12 requirements to earn their wolf badge.

Wolves should have the following done:

Achievements 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12

Read the requirements for each achievement carefully, some are all parts, some are do a-d and 1 more e-h or something like that.

Elective 23b needs done by all boys who attended Day Camp.

Electives 13, 15 and 19 (2 of these need to be completed all parts)

All Wolves should have completed the Bobcat trail in order to receive that patch and their red vest. Questions—call Asia or MaryBeth or Bridget



BEAR DEN

The Bears have much more choice in their achievements this year. They get to pick and choose a bit.

Bears should have completed 1 requirement from the **For God** Category numbers 1 or 2.

3 For Country—boy should pick 3 from numbers 3-7. Den meetings have worked on 3, 4 & 6.

4 For Family—pick 4 from numbers 8-13. Den meetings will work on 9, 10, 11, & 12.

4 For Self—boys should pick 4 from 14-24. 15, 17, 20, 21 and 22 are all good ones to get started on. We'll be doing 20 at the den project.

This is a break down of the full requirements, boy should be at least half way to goal by this point.



WEBELOS 1 DEN

Boys should be working on the Webelos badge requirements, listed toward the front of the book. They also should be working to complete Activity Pins. At

last report, this den was working on the following pins.

Citizen, Traveler, Scientist, Sportsman, Craftsman, Outdoorsman, and Fitness.

Boys must complete Citizen, Fitness and one other pin to complete pin requirement for Webelos badge. This den has been doing a ton of great work, but if you have missed a meeting or two, this will help to focus your efforts to catch up.

Talk to Vince for specific details on your son.



WEBELOS 2 BLUE COYOTE DEN

Webelos 2 Den is moving right along. Well on their way to the Arrow of Light. Boys have lots of choice as to what pins to earn,

but as a den they have been working on the following:

Geologist, Showman, Athlete, Sportsman, Communicator, Family Member, Handyman, Scientist, and Naturalist are all in the works.

For specifics, please talk to Mike.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT

We are trying to get a group discount for a play in March. City Theatre is doing an encore performance series of all of Sister's Plays. The third show in the series is called *Til Death Do Us Part: Late Night Catechism 3* and runs Tues. Mar. 2 - Sun. Mar. 14

We had a great time at the "Sometimes you feel guilty, because you are", show last year and we'd love to go to this one.

We are even open to inviting our dear spouses to this particular event. Regular cost is \$35 per ticket Tues—Thursday, if we get 10 or more there is some little discount (I think he said it knocks off \$5). Please let Bridget know if you are interested. We need to make reservations right away or we'll miss out on the seats. I would need at least 1/2 of the money by the 24th and the rest by the first week of February to cover my credit card.

We will go to dinner before, but that is optional and we try to pick somewhere that people can be comfortable just getting a drink if they'd rather. I hope you can join us, it will be a great night! Friends welcome.

HELP WANTED!

Most of our volunteer opportunities are very simple. We try to keep the time commitments small and break the jobs into manageable tasks. Being involved in scouting gives you a great way to support your son and have fun too! We have several committees who will need help this year. Most have a plan in place and just need willing volunteers to put things together and coordinate the events.

We have a great group of parents who are always willing to help out when asked. So here is the list for this year. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with any committee(s).

Cake Bake Committee—We need a group of parents to handle the Cake Bake event. This went very well last year and we will be simply improving on the plan this year. We'll need 1 planning/prep meeting and then some coordination at the actual event. This is a great way to have fun and help out. Event Date: Last Sunday in February

Blue & Gold Committee—We need several people to help coordinate food, decorations, and our biggest award ceremony of the year. Most things are already basically planned, these people will finalize the plans and make the event happen. We need a core committee of 2-3 people and then we'll get more volunteers to do the jobs they decide will need doing. These are pretty simple jobs too, focusing on one event for the year. Event Date: April. 18

Summer Camp Coordinator—This person will promote summer camp opportunities, help boys plan for camp, submit registrations and coordinate adult volunteer schedule. No computer needed. Event Date: Third Week of June.

If you would like more information about any position, please call Bridget.

TIGERS IN JANUARY

Tigers will meet on the **3rd at church & 12th at 606 Beechwood Ave.** The primary focus this month should be on their cars and on their scrapbooks.

Boys are encouraged to attend the Pinewood Clinics. Boys should continue to work on electives and be sure to make up anything they have missed up to this point.

Our goal is to finish the Tiger badge in February and begin earning elective beads.



PINEWOOD COMMITTEE NEEDED

Anyone interested in helping make the Pinewood happen is asked to sign up now. We need race crew, refreshment team, adult party planner, set up and tear down. Please let Bridget know if you are interested in helping out.

Special Awards

Here are some ideas for the go getter scout families. If you would like to help your son earn some extra awards this year, here are some ideas. Most of these are on your own. Some will have things that we do as a den that will count toward them, but we will not be focused on these awards specifically. It will be up to you to let us know that you have completed any awards. Some you will need to pay for, others the pack will pay for. Have fun!

BSA Family Award

A family may earn the "BSA Family Award." (consisting of: [the Award Patch](#), [the Award Pin](#), and the Award Certificate) The experiences family members share as they complete the requirements for the family award will enrich family living and strengthen family relationships. The family will complete, within a 12 month period, five requirements to earn the award. Two of the requirements are mandatory and three may be the family's choice. Families who are registered for several years may earn the award more than once. For each 12-month period that the family completes the necessary requirements, the family may qualify to receive the "BSA Family Award."



Internet Scout Patch:



The U.S. Scouting Service Project encourages Scouts and Scouters from around the world to learn about the Internet and how to use the Internet safely. To get all requirements, visit the website. <http://usscouts.org/internetscoutpatch.asp>

PARENT PAL WEEKEND

This is a tremendous opportunity for you and your son to enjoy a fun-filled weekend in the great outdoors when nature provides the beauty of winter. You and your son will stay in modern equipped homes overlooking Lake Courage at Camp Heritage. Food is provided. Bring your personal gear and enjoy winter and the great program offered. You may choose one of two weekends. It is open to all Cub Scouts who are 10 years of age and younger.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Will include cross-country skiing, ice skating, tobogganing, and snow tubing. The camp will provide most of the equipment. The camp has snow shoes, cross country skis, ice skates, and toboggans. However, please bring any equipment that you may have (no hockey sticks please). Moms enjoy this activity just as much as dads.

If there is no snow on the ground, the program will consist of parent/son log sawing, Frisbee, golf, BB range, archery, one-pitch softball, and hiking, or just enjoying a weekend with your son.

REGISTRATION

The Winter Sports Weekends will begin with registration at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Participants will receive a snack at 9:00 p.m. on Friday. Please avoid arriving after 10:00 p.m. Both sessions will conclude on Sunday morning by 12:00 Noon. Weekend Jan. 22-24th.

COST

The package includes lodging Friday and Saturday night, Friday snack, all meals on Saturday, breakfast Sunday, plus use of the camp's equipment.

The cost for the weekend is \$80 for each parent/son team. An additional parent or registered Scout son is \$50.00. This event is open to registered Scouts only. Some private rooms are available. Dormitory rooms are located in the basement of the homes. Homes include beds, heat, bathrooms, and showers.

You MUST reserve a spot as space is limited.

For More Info. go to:

<http://www.heritagereservation.org/winter/index.php>

Pinewood Derby Clinics

This year we will again offer some hands on opportunities to complete your car with the proper tools, supplies and help provided by experienced derby dads. Clinics will be held at **606 Beechwood Ave.**

These are flexible times to come get your car started, cut, painted, weighted, etc. Plan for at least 2 hours total time to make a car.

Stop in during the times listed, ring the bell and come on in and down to the basement. If we don't answer, we can't hear you.

Come as often as you like or need to.

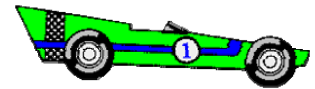
Saturday, **Jan 16** 10-11:30 a.m.

Sunday **Jan. 17** 1-2 p.m. (tentative call to attend)

Sunday **Jan. 17** 7-8 p.m.

Thursday **Jan. 21** 6-7 p.m.

Sunday **Jan. 24** 3-4 p.m.



District Pinewood Derby

This year the District Derby will be held at The Mall at Robinson. More boys will be eligible to attend and everyone is invited to come support our pack.

Saturday, Feb. 6 is the event and this will be our "meeting" for this week. **NO MEETING ON FEB. 7th.**

We will send 9 boys to the District Derby!

Top 2 Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos (we'll do a race off between Web. 1&2 to determine 2 fastest cars) and a new category "Best of show", will all compete at the District level.

Races will be run as follows:

	Registration	Start
Tiger:	9:00	10:00
Wolf	10:05	11:30
Bear	11:35	1:00
Webelos	1:05	2:30
Final Overall	2:35	4:00
Best of Show Judging		12:00 p.m.

Boys competing will be paid for by Pack, anyone else attending who would like a patch, cost is \$4.

Visit our website at www.Pack831.org

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TRADING POST

At Pinewood Derby we will have a mini-Trading Post with some special goodies for the boys or your families. T-shirts, sweat shirts, popcorn, etc.

We will also have a Chinese Auction. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in donating something for the Chinese Auction, please contact Nikki Meyers at 412-331-5697.

Anyone interested in helping put this together, or help with the sales, please let Nikki know. All money collected will go toward the Blue & Gold Banquet or Summer camping.

TO: