



Pack 831 Notes & News

Frontier District

Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos

February 2008

Charter is Renewed

In February we will renew our charter. This means we pay our annual registration to national for our boys and leaders as well as an annual insurance premium for the pack. This year we will be registering 33 boys and 14 adults.

We have lost some boys due to normal attrition, but we have a very good group of 26 dedicated scouting families. We are lucky and proud to have each of our families in our pack.

Please remember, if there are boys who you've seen at our events and haven't seen them lately we will always welcome them back to scouts. I have called them several times and made several attempts to encourage their participation, but I can only do so much. I will be sending all scouts who did not renew, a letter explaining that their membership has expired and inviting them one last time to renew and come back, but then I will have to let them go. This is probably the hardest part of my scouting adventure, as I believe every boy can benefit from scouts and I hate to lose even one.

Please know that I think all of your sons are great kids, they have great potential and I am so proud that you take the time to make sure they participate in scouts.

February Dates

Sat. 2nd—District Derby Robinson Mall 10 a.m.-?

Sat. 9th—WWII Military Museum with Troop

Sun. 10th—Scout Sunday St. Andrew's 3 p.m.

Sun. 17th—Den Meeting 6-7:30 p.m.

Sun 24th—Cake Bake 5:30-7:30 p.m.



March Dates

3/2 Sun.—Den Meeting 6-7:30 p.m.

3/9 Sun—Den Meeting 6-7:30 p.m.

3/16 Sun—Den Meeting 6-7:30 p.m.

3/23 Sun.—Happy Easter no meetings

3/29 Sat.—Carnegie Museum Tour 10 a.m.—3 p.m.



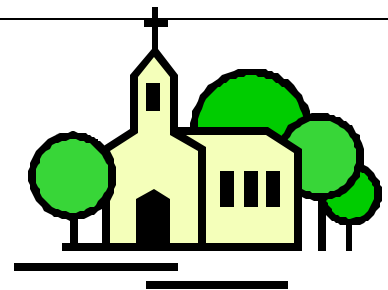
WW2 Military Vehicle Museum— Feb 9th Troop 831 will be meeting at the SS Simon & Jude gravel lot at 1625 Greentree Road, to board a bus leaving at 8:00 a.m. to visit the museum. The cost will be \$20 per person includes lunch. If you want to drive to Hubbard, OH on your own, (approx 1½ hour away), you will only have to pay \$5 per person/ \$3 per child. We have permission to leave our vehicles at SSJ. Please dress for the weather. It's a great museum but there is no heat inside. If you cancel on the bus ride after saying you are going, you will still be responsible for the cost of the bus, unless we can fill the seat. Sign Up NOW!

Scout Sunday Feb. 10th

Scout Sunday Services will be held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Moon. Meet at 2:45, service starts at 3:00. Any boys who will complete their religious awards by March 30th will be recognized. **Everyone is encouraged to attend.** Reception to follow. Anyone who could bring cookies would be great! Class A uniform.

Directions...

Take the Parkway West (I- 279 South) toward airport, take Rt. 60 Airport Expressway toward Moon, take the Coraopolis/Sewickley Exit. At the bottom of the ramp make a Left onto Thorn Run. Go to Beaver Grade Road, make a Left onto Beaver Grade 400 ft on your right. Right by Armstrong's restaurant. Church is at 987 Beaver Grade.



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. 2** is the event and this will be our “meeting” for this week. **NO MEETING ON FEB. 3rd.**

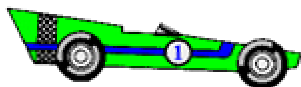
We will send 9 boys to the District Derby!

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.



CARNEGIE MUSEUM DAY

Saturday, Mar. 29 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

All Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Leaders are invited to attend! The day's events include Scouts-only activities with an emphasis on Dinosaurs in Their Time and The Scoop on Poop! Activities fulfill some component of badge requirements and are for uniformed Scouts only. In addition to all of the Scout activities, the entire museum is at your fingertips! Fee

\$10 per participant—includes museum admission, activities, and an embroidered patch for Scouts.

One adult for every five Scouts admitted free. Please let me know if you have a museum membership. Sign up by March 1st to attend.

TIGERS IN FEBRUARY



Tigers should be wrapping up their tiger achievements this month. They should have their Tiger requirements all done by the end of this month. Scrapbooks are due on the 16th of March.

Boys should continue to work on electives as they will begin earning beads in March. We will also begin working on the Bobcat Trail in February.

Please remember to turn in your work.

SNOWBOARD & SKI DAY

The 3rd Annual Snowboard & Ski Day is just around the corner and it will be totally awesome! The folks at Mystic Mountain have been bending over backwards accommodate our needs by adding staff and equipment to make our day better. We just received word of a bonus – they are increasing our discount at the Hungry Moose Café to 15%!

Lots of NEW information is listed on the website <http://ski.306-bsa.org>. For your convenience we are attaching a copy of the announcements to this e-mail. Please take time to review this information – especially if your group will have tubers, x-country skiers or snow shoes.

Also attached is a copy of the revised unit registration form which now asks for arrival time. The full package of forms (which includes rental forms, medical releases and unit rosters) can be [downloaded](#) from the website. Advance registration is NOT required; you have the option of pre-registering before February 15 –or– just walking in.

Day Camp

Time to sign up for Cub Day Camp **June 16-20** at Settlers Cabin Park. Cost will be split between Pack and families. **Early Registration Discount must be in by Feb. 24th Cost is \$60/boy, the Pack will pay \$30 and the parents will pay \$30.** All money is due by March 26th to qualify for discounted rate. After March 23rd cost is \$65 and after April 26th cost is \$70. Pack will pay \$30, no matter when you sign up. Anyone interested in attending is asked to sign up by Feb. 24th to reserve a spot at the discounted rate. Questions? Please ask Bridget.

Visit our website at www.Pack831.org

Cake Bake



Our annual Cake Bake is a celebration of Scouting. This is a chance to have lots of fun with your scout while you make a creative treat together. Please see the official rules and information included in this newsletter.

Awards will be earned by everyone. 4 special awards will be presented:

- Celebration Theme
- Cub Scout Theme
- Most original design
- People's Choice Award

See the rules for all details. **Event will be held Feb. 24th location to be announced.**

HELP WANTED!

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.

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: 2nd Sunday in April.

Summer Camp Coordinator— **Thank you Tracie!** 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.

Turn in Progress

Be sure to keep track of items you have completed so you can turn them in to your leaders next month. All items will be recognized in Feb. at the pack meeting if turned in by Feb. 17th.

Home Depot Workshops



Home Depot offers workshops for kids on the first Saturday of each month. These are FREE and lots of fun. The kids get to make a project using wood, glue, hammer and nails. This counts toward some electives and achievements. See your handbook for specifics.

Dates:

Feb. 2	9 a.m.—12 p.m.
Mar. 1	9 a.m.—12 p.m.
April 5	9 a.m.—12 p.m.
May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.

These are not just for scouts, nor are they required activities, but they are fun to do if you have the time or desire. We like to support Home Depot, because if no one goes, then they will discontinue the program.

Lowes does a similar program on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, but you have to be there at 10 a.m. as they all do it together. I've never been to one of theirs, so we'll have to check them out this year.

Feb. 9 & 23	10 a.m.
Mar. 8 & 22	10 a.m.
Apr. 12 & 26	10 a.m.
May 11 & 17	10 a.m.

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Training Dates

Leaders and Volunteers, please mark your calendar for these important dates.

Thurs. **Feb. 7th** PTI, Roundtable Meeting 7-9 p.m. Pack 831 refreshments

Thurs. **Mar. 6th** PTI Roundtable Meeting 7-9 p.m.

Our boys deserve to have trained leadership. Please make the time to attend these events. Thank you.

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