



Pack 831 Notes & News

Frontier District

Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos

August/Sept 2009

Fall Round Up & Renewal

All scouts are invited to attend our Fall Round Up Nights on Sunday, Aug. 30th from 6-8 and Tues. Sept. 1st from 6:30-8 p.m. We are asking all current scouts to wear Class A's and to bring two dozen cookies to share. All leaders are asked to let Bridget know which night(s) you can help out.

New scouts can sign up for scouting at the Carnegie Elementary Open House on Thursday, Sept. 10th, 6-8 p.m. if they miss the Round Up Night. Have a friend join and earn a special new recruiter patch. All current scouts are asked to PLEASE WEAR YOUR CLASS A's to the Carnegie Elem. Open House and your Round Up Night.

There will be something for everyone to help with at the Round Up.

Remember your \$25 renewal is due Aug. 30th and Class B Tee's can be ordered.

Invite your friends to join us. Show them how much fun scouts can be!

Rain Gutter Regatta

Oct. 11th we will hold our annual Rain Gutter Regatta. Event will be held at the VanDorn/Wilcox "Estate". All supplies will be provided.

Rules will be distributed with the boats. No power tools will be permitted. Boys are permitted to bring stickers, spray paint or markers that they would like to use to decorate the boats. They should be prepared to share any items they bring. Krylon brand paint is the recommended paint.



Boat assembly will begin at 4:00, followed by burgers & dogs, and then the race. Everyone is asked to bring a side, dessert or snack to share.

Cubs Kick off Another Ideal Year of Scouting!

Pack 831 held two planning meetings this summer to set the schedule and finalize details for the 2008-2009 year of scouting.

Leaders and Parents have put together a great year of programming for the Cubs. Each month will have one outing or major event, along with regular den meetings. Based on the Popcorn Sale, the schedule will be finalized in November.

Our current projected cost for each boy is \$150. This can be raised by hitting the individual popcorn goal of \$400 in sales per boy.

Working together we can make a great year for the boys and families of our pack.

Parent/Leader Training to be held Oct. 17th

Training for parents and leaders will be held at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute on Oct. 17th. New Leader Essentials will begin at 8 a.m. and will be followed on Saturday by Cub Specific Training. Each training lasts approx. 2 1/2 hrs. If you would like to know more about scouts or being a leader these are the classes for you.

The more adults we have trained, the better our pack will be. Our boys deserve trained leaders.

Cost of the training is only \$10, if you fill out a leader application we'll pay it for you. If you don't want to be a registered leader, but just want to better understand the program, sign up and we'll get you registered for the Parent and Leader Training on Oct. 17th.



Finance Review

YEAR IN REVIEW 2008-2009

INCOME 2008-2009	Income	Expenses
Awards		(778.37)
Blue & Gold	134.00	(484.73)
Bowling		(160.00)
Boys Life	13.00	
Camping Fees	341.00	(673.52)
Charter renewal		(424.00)
Copies		(130.02)
Cubmobile		(96.36)
District Day Camp	1315.00	(1662.50)
Insurance		(37.00)
Misc adjustment	(60.75)	
Trolley Museum		(76.00)
OEV	20.00	
Parade		(15.76)
Pinewood	227.00	(768.33)
Popcorn	25725.20	(17959.71)
Regatta	45.00	(187.69)
Registration	1035.00	(66.30)
NSF		(972.00)
Round Up		(55.05)
Supplies for dens		(268.41)
Swim party	82.00	(237.48)
Training Adults		(294.05)
Uniforms & books	1176.00	(1634.95)
Misc Items (rubber band guns)	127.00	(108.00)
Totals for year	30179.45	(27090.23)

balance carried forward 3,686.75
 income minus expenses= 3,089.22
 end balance 6,775.97

Summer Events still to pay for:
 August Swim Day
 Round Up
 Summer Awards Cost

In August the pack treasury was audited for the past year. Everything came out just fine and all money is properly accounted for.

This chart shows where the money came from, where it went and what it is budgeted for during the summer. In August there was a bank balance of \$6,775.97. After all of the summer expenses are deducted there will be a new total presented at the Regatta in October. We are happy to have a nice bit of money left to start the new year after all summer expenses are paid.

Our biggest expense will be the summer awards, as we had so many great things accomplished over the summer, which is wonderful, but it will be rather expensive to provide all of the belt loops, and other awards that were earned. We will have a well decorated bunch of boys at the September Pack Meeting.

HELP WANTED

We have several new boys who will be earning their bobcat early in the year. I make vests for the boys to put all of their patches on. I would like help in September cutting out a bunch of vests so I can sew them in time for the Pack Meeting in Sept. Please let me know if you are available on Sept. 9th from 9-11 a.m. to help out. I just need people to help cut out the vests. No sewing experience is needed. Sewing volunteers needed too.



Class B HOODIES!!!

This year we are going to offer a royal blue Class B tee shirt and a hoodie. Class B shirts are ordered one time per year. In order to meet the minimums we can only order once. If you would like any extra t-shirts or to order a Pack hoodie sweatshirt for your son or family, please let me know right away.



These are great for all outdoor events, as well as for siblings who will be attending outings. It's nice to have everyone looking like they are part of the group.

Tee-shirts cost \$6 for youth S-L, and adult S-XL, larger sizes are available at an additional cost. Hoodies will be embroidered and will be great for camping. Price is \$25. New orders will be placed based on number of orders.

Popcorn Incentives

Fill it Up! Award—Fill one order form with orders and you'll get a special **marshmallow blaster**, a patch and certificate from Trails End. Fill a second sheet and get \$50 off camp!

Earn a Marshmallow Blaster—Go to the SHOOTEREE!!! Spend a day at Camp Guyasuta using your blaster, shooting bbs, archery, slingshots and more! Oct. 17th.

Pay Your Way by selling **\$400** in popcorn to waive your 2nd registration payment in January. Save \$25.

\$1500 will get a bonus \$50 gift card to Coleman or Wal-Mart.

\$2500 will earn 6% of his gross sales toward a college scholarship.

Parent Meeting

All parents are asked to attend a **very important parent meeting** on **Oct. 11th**, at the regatta. We will be explain the committee needs for the year and finalize the plans for the upcoming activities.

This meeting will be held at the Raingutter Regatta during free racing. Please plan to attend. We will also answer any questions new parents might have as they are making their way along the cub path.

CURRENT SCOUT RENEWAL

All current scouts should attend the Round Up night on Aug. 30th to renew their membership. Cost is \$25/boy to renew. If you have your book, be sure to mention it and save \$5 on your membership. Please remember to wear your CLASS A to the Open House. Parents Class B's please.

HELP WANTED

We need lots of help with our annual membership drive. Our Round Ups will be held on Aug. 30th & Sept. 1st. Please come help us! We need help with registration, uniforms, and dens. We also need help with cookies.

Renew Your Membership

Anyone who still needs to renew their Cub Membership, can do so after the den meeting on Sept. 13th. Please remember, you must have a current membership to participate in the Raingutter Regatta or to receive any awards at the next Pack Meeting. If you are having any trouble renewing your membership, please just let Bridget know and she'll work out something with you. Thank you.

Show & Sell Program Finally Here!

This year we will be offering a special chance to earn extra money for camp and to boost your popcorn sales numbers. We will have popcorn in Sept. to sell at Walmart and Giant Eagle on Cochran Road & in Bridgeville to help boost our Pack popcorn numbers. More details in popcorn info.

Hickory Apple Festival Oct. 3 & 4

Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Company will host the 26th annual Hickory Apple Festival October 3rd - 4th, 2009. The Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Company is located approximately 25 miles southwest of Pittsburgh in Washington County.

There is fun for everyone in the family: two days of great live music, exceptional arts and crafts, and lots of activities for kids and adults. Look for antique machines and vehicles, cornmeal grinding, chainsaw sculpting, spinning, weaving, quilting, pie eating, apple bobbing, a moonwalk, a baby farm animal petting zoo, face and hair painting, clowns, balloon animals, a boy scout encampment, and much more.

Don't forget the delicious homemade food, apple pies, dumplings, apple crisp, fresh apples, cider, caramel and candy apples, apple butter, apple syrup, apple pizza, and other apple items.

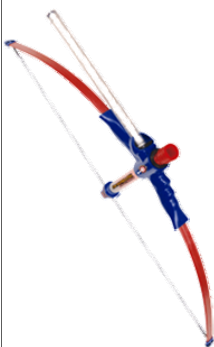
For more information go to <http://www.hickoryapplefest.com/>

Council Shoot-o-ree

All boys who fill up at least one popcorn sheet by Oct. 14th will be able to attend a very special event at Camp GUYASUTA. Boys will receive their own mallowblaster toy and will use that as

their "ticket" to the fun. All boys who earn a mallowblaster are invited to attend a day of shooting sports. BBs, Archery, Slingshot, mallowblasters and more!

Mark the date: Oct. 17, more details to come soon.



Mom's Night Out

We will be trying to have a Mom's Night Out program again this year. Anyone interested in coordinating this monthly outing, should let Bridget know. This is a great chance to get to know some of the other moms in scouts.

Alcosan Open House

Saturday, September 19th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Alcosan will be holding their annual Open House. This is a very big event and a great chance to see exactly what this company does.

This is a great event for the boys. Hands-on Science Activities, bus tours of the 56 acre wastewater treatment facility, exhibits, games, food and special guest appearances. All of this is FREE and open to the public. This will count for requirements in each level and promises to be a great family outing.

Due to the size of this event, we will not do it as a group, but we do encourage everyone, if you are able, to check it out and let us know that you went so you will receive credit.

PAY YOUR WAY TO CAMP!

Another popcorn incentive this year, is that if you fill 2 sheets you can earn a voucher for \$50 off ANY camp in the district. This means you can earn \$50 toward day camp or overnight camp at Heritage. This is an AWESOME deal! Day camp has been at \$60 for the early-bird rate for the past 2-3

years. Imagine going to camp for only \$10! Imagine going for FREE!?! For all boys who fill 2 sheets the pack will pay the extra \$10 for day camp so your son can have a great week for FREE!



Popcorn Blitz

Sundays from 1-3, meet at St. John's by 1 p.m. Wear your Class A uniform, bring a clipboard and a pen. Then we will go to a neighborhood and sell to every house. This is a great way to boost your sales. All sales are shared by the boys on the blitz. Come help us out while you boost your own numbers. Show & Sells will be announced.

2008-2009 Year in Review

We had a great year this year. Here are just some of the things we did this past year.

- Earned National Summertime Pack Award for 2008
- Had Family Swim Event at Scott Pool
- Fall Round Up brought us 8 new boys
- Popcorn Kick Off at Pack Meeting
- Had a fun Fall Day at Guyasuta
- Popcorn Sale—Set new pack record \$20K!!!!
- Six leaders attended University of Scouting
- Had a great Rain Gutter Regatta
- Visited Police Department
- Bear Den made wooden treasure boxes
- Wolf Den made bird houses
- Webelos I Den made wind chimes and helped make the Pinewood plaques
- Webelos II Den made toolboxes from start to finish
- Christmas Party at Bridget & Mike's house
- Held several Pinewood Derby Clinics
- Held our 2nd Parent Pinewood Derby (Mom's still Rock!)
- Pinewood Derby—28 boys raced great cars
- Earned National Quality Unit award for 2008
- Attended Scout Sunday, 3 boys earned medals
- Cake Bake—26 amazing cake entries
- Tigers completed great scrapbooks of their first year in scouts
- Blue & Gold Banquet—catered awards banquet for 112 people
- 100% of our boys completed rank achievements and were promoted.
- Visited Trolley Museum—great day.
- Scouting for Food collected over 100 boxes of food
- Signed up 4 new boys in the Spring
- Our Pack WON the District Cubmobile Race! 3 rebuilt cars and 4 teams.
- Spring Day at Camp Guyasuta
- Memorial Day Parade
- First Bowling with Cubs event
- 22 boys and many dedicated parents attended Day Camp for a week in June
- 26 people camped at Camp Guyasuta in July
- Planned our year in August with a nice crew of parents and kids at Dr.
- Had a Swim Day at Scott Pool

WOW!

What a great Pack Review!

We have added another great year to our pack history. Thank you to everyone who has helped us on our journey. We are looking forward to continued success for our boys and our Pack.

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Fall Fun Dates

August

8/30/09 Round Up & Renewal 6-8 p.m.

September

9/1 Fall Round Up & Renewal 6:30-8

9/13 Den Meeting 6-7:30

9/20 Pack Meeting 6-8

9/27 Den Meeting 6-7:30

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