



# Pack 831 Notes & News

Frontier District

Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos

March 2011

## Badge Wrap Up

Now is the time to be finishing up all of our requirements to earn badges. Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos trails should be completed by the end of March. Arrow points and Electives can be worked on over the summer, while also beginning to work toward your next level of scouting.

The Sports & Academic Belt loop Program information can be found online at:

<http://www.geocities.com/~pack215/home.htm> This is a fun program to work on in the summer. There is a book available as well for \$3.50. Just let me know if you would like one.

Please be sure to turn in all completed items to your den leaders.

## 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.

**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: Sunday 4/17.

**Cubmobile Committee**—We need help coordinating practices and teams for the Cubmobile on April 9. Cars need repaired.

**Scouting for Food Chair**—We need someone to coordinate the Scouting for Food program to be held at Giant Eagle on April 2-3?

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

## March & April Dates

3/12 Sat.—Maple Sugar Festival 11 a.m.

3/20 Sun.—Den Meeting 6-7 p.m.

3/27 Sun.—Den Meeting 6-7 p.m.

4/2-3 Scouting for Food?

4/3 Sun.—Make up day for Cubs TBA

4/9 Sat.—District Cubmobile Race 10—2 p.m.

4/17 Sun.—Blue & Gold Dinner 5-8 p.m.

# HEROES

## Day Camp

Day Camp will be held **June 28-30** at Settlers Cabin Park. Cost will be split between Pack and families. Early Registration Discount must be in by Mar. 27th. Cost is \$45/boy. **All money is due by Mar. 27th to qualify for discounted rate.** After March cost is \$50 and after April 26th cost is \$60.

Pack will pay \$35 for all boys who **Paid Their Way with Popcorn** no matter when you sign up. Questions? Please ask Bridget.

We will have sign ups in April for parents to submit days they are able to join us at camp. Every family is asked to cover at least one day at camp. We will also ask for snacks during the week of camp and drivers.

We had 32 boys to camp last year. That was great! We had 95% participation. It was a great time! Let's work for 100% participation this year.

We love having parents at camp for the whole week. Any parents who can spend the whole week will receive a day camp t-shirt free! Numbers are limited and must be ordered early. Please let me know if you would like to join us for the week.

## Spring Round Up

This year we will **NOT** be holding an official Spring Round Up.

Anyone with a sibling in Kindergarten is welcome to join at our special summer rate. All boys ages 6-10 are welcome to join our Pack. Our special summer rate of only \$15 will register boys from April—September.

Registration includes a Cub Scout handbook and allows attendance for the whole family to our great summer program.

If you have a friend or brother who would like to participate as a scout this summer, please just let Bridget know. We will hold our regular big Round Up in the Fall.

## Maple Sugar Festival

On **Saturday, March 12th** we'll be visiting Round Hill Farm in Elizabeth for the Maple Sugar Festival. There will be demonstrations of how maple syrup is made, tasting opportunities and fun for all. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn something neat and to have a fun family outing. We may provide lunch after tour.

The farm is a working farm and we will also be able to tour the farm to see what's happening in the spring. It might even be time to see some lambs, if we are lucky.

**Directions:** Take new 376 toward Pittsburgh, Take 51S exit, go approx. 17 miles to Round Hill Road, Make a Left onto Round Hill Road, bear to the Right to stay on Round Hill Road, follow to parking lot and meet at farm end of lot at **11 a.m. 651 Round Hill Road, Elizabeth.**

## Cubmobile Races

The District Cubmobile Races will be held at Settler's Cabin Park Wave Pool on Sat. April 9th. All cubs are welcome to participate. Boys must sign up to be on a team. Teams can be 2-4 boys, with Tigers needing a minimum of 3. Sign up by Mar. 27th.

Our pack has 3 refurbished cars that will need some work to be ready to race. We need some boys and some adults to help coordinate some practices and the teams.

Boys must attend at least 2 practices to race. More practice is better. I hope there will be at least 4 practices. Boys must wear a **bicycle helmet** to practice and to race. Boys also need **jeans, sneakers** and cub **class B** tees or sweatshirts for race day. (Need long sleeves and gloves for down hill portion).

This is a fun day. Recommend you pack a drink and some snacks or lunch. We will hope to be done earlier than 2, but can't guarantee it. Food will be available on site. If you have time restraints please let our cubmobile coordinator know and we will try to make it work for your son. Bring your cameras and plan for fun.



**Visit our website at [www.Pack831.org](http://www.Pack831.org)**

Here is the Scouting for Food Scorecard. If you would like to collect items from your friends and family these are the items we are looking for and the point values each has. Our goal is to collect 200 points for each boy this year. **It's not too late. Food can be turned in until April 17th.**

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## 2009 SCOUTING FOR FOOD SCOUTING DIVISION SCORECARD



DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ PACK \_\_\_\_\_ TROOP \_\_\_\_\_ CREW \_\_\_\_\_

Please record your organization's Scouting for Food collection by completing the following table:

NEEDED ITEMS	NUMBER OF ITEMS	UNIT VALUE **	TOTALS
Cereal (low sugar, high bran & fiber)	_____	X 7 =	_____
Peanut Butter	_____	X 6 =	_____
Diapers (baby or adults)	_____	X 6 =	_____
Laundry Detergent	_____	X 5 =	_____
Canned Tuna or Salmon (in water)	_____	X 5 =	_____
Canned Meats	_____	X 5 =	_____
Fruit or Vegetable Juice (100%)	_____	X 4 =	_____
Hand Soap/Toiletries	_____	X 4 =	_____
Canned Stews	_____	X 3 =	_____
Canned Beans (all types)	_____	X 3 =	_____
Household Items	_____	X 2 =	_____
Packaged Meals (8oz. and over)	_____	X 2 =	_____
Canned Fruit (in juice only)	_____	X 2 =	_____
Canned Vegetable (low salt)	_____	X 2 =	_____
Regular Size Cans	_____	X 1 =	_____
Miscellaneous	_____	X * =	_____

\* Please use your own estimate

TOTAL UNITS \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please use your own estimate. A unit of food is equivalent to a can of food with a value of one dollar.

\*\* Extra units are awarded to most needed items.

Food collections were delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach or list participants on the back of this report. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 patch per participant.

Number of Scouting for Food patches awarded \_\_\_\_\_

### REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR DISTRICT COORDINATOR AT THE MAY ROUNDTABLE.  
 Please report your unit's service hours at: [goodturnforamerica.org](http://goodturnforamerica.org)

## Scouting for Food

We will be setting up times to collect food at Giant Eagle on either Cochran Rd. or in Bridgeville this year to help the local food shelters. All boys are welcome to collect in their neighborhoods as well if they like. We get plenty from Giant Eagle to meet our goals if people sign up to help. If each boy could do 1 hour each week-end we would be covered and do our part in this annual food drive.

We need someone to coordinate this event. Job requires confirming times with Giant Eagle and signing up boys to cover the collection times. We will provide shopping lists for people telling them the most needed items and then collect the items as they come out of the store.

Coordinator should handle or arrange for set up and tear down for each day, as well as putting the list together for the boys who will help and when.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this job. Everyone is encouraged to help with Scouting for Food in some way as this counts toward community service requirements at each level.

**Make up  
Requirements  
April 3rd!**

# “Dinner in a Bag” Program

Pack 831, in cooperation with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Food Pantry invites you to share Easter Dinner, with our friends and neighbors, from the food pantry.

You are asked to fill a bag with the following non-perishable items and bring it to the meeting on **March 28th**.

### Items Needed:

- Canned Fruit**
- Instant Potatoes**
- Canned Corn**
- Canned Green Beans**
- Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup**
  
- Jell-o**
- Graham cracker crust**
- Canned pie filling** (apple, cherry, etc. ) If pumpkin, please include can of evaporated milk.
- Bag of Easter Candy (optional)**

The Cub Scouts and Food Pantry thank you for helping those in need. Have a very Happy Easter. God bless you.



## **BLUE & GOLD BANQUET**

This is our annual celebration of a great year of scouting success. Everyone is invited to attend and to help make it a memorable event for our boys.

At this event we will first have a delicious dinner with dessert. This year the banquet will be held at **Bower Hill VFD on April 17th, Doors open at 5 p.m.**

Dinner will be followed by introductions of special guests from the district and church. At that time we will jump in to den recognition and promotions. We hope all boys will have completed their badge requirements, plus several electives so they will be proud of their accomplishments. Please be sure to help your son feel this sense of accomplishment.

We've had a very busy year and the boys have done many good things. Let them know you are proud that they have stuck with the program, and of all the things they have completed. Be sure to remind them that they have so much more fun to look forward to. The summer is sort of the reward for all of their winter work.

We do need help to make the B&G work.

### **We need:**

- Award Helpers
- Set Up Crew
- Hall Decorators
- Check in
- Clean Up crews.
- Food helpers.
- Cake servers.

Several small jobs available will make it all work in the end.

**This year's event will be catered by Papa Gallo's Restaurant in Scott Twp. We must have an accurate count. All families must RSVP by March 28th.**

**Feel free to invite friends and family. There will be a \$5/guest fee that MUST be paid by March 28th.**

Boys should be in their **Class A blue shirt and neckerchief**. Neckerchiefs will be traded for the next level. If you do not have yours to trade, you will need to pay **\$5 to replace** a lost one. All patches should be sewn on in proper places. See book for proper location or ask Bridget.

**Webs 1's** will be promoted to tan shirts. We'll be happy to recycle your blue shirt if you no longer need or want it.

**Vests** are a great way for boys to display their achievements. Please try to get their patches all sewn on before B&G so they can show all they have done. If you need help with sewing we have several people willing to help. There may be a small fee for some work. Just ask Bridget if you need help. If you are interested in helping sew patches for others, please let Bridget know and she'll match people up.

This is a great way to show your boys you are proud of them. Help them SHINE!

# **What will your son do this summer?**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bill Rathbun 412-276-1810  
Craig Bonzo 412-249-8394  
Mike Meyers 412-331-5697

### Bear Leaders

Asia Stewart  
MaryBeth Snyder

### Wolf Leaders

Nikki Meyers 412-331-5697  
Jane Corral

**Tiger Facilitator**—Bridget VanDorn

**Committee Chair**—Vicki Rathbun 412-279-1810

## DEADLINES

Tiger scrapbooks due 3/27  
Sign up for Make Up Day by 3/27  
All Badge requirements done by 4/9  
Cubmobile 4/9  
RSVP for Blue & Gold by 3/27  
Day Camp Sign Up by 3/27  
Project/Badge Make Up Day 4/3  
Day Camp \$ paid by 3/27  
Sign up for SFF by 3/27  
Day Camp paid by 4/17

### **BEST DEN MEETING EVER!**

On March 27th we will hold a very special meeting at St. John's. We have a lot of deadlines to meet that day and as a reward for a job well done and a thank you for meeting the deadlines, we will have a rubber band gun meeting. All boys who participate will get a FREE rubber band gun to take home. Bring a dinner in a bag and get credit for Scouting for Food. Don't miss it!

FROM: CUB SCOUT PACK 831  
St. John's—Carnegie, PA  
606 Beechwood Ave.  
Carnegie, PA 15106

TO:

# March Deadline/Sign Ups

Sign Up for the following: Please complete this form and bring it to Mar. 27th

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Scouting for Food April 2-3 Please sign up on sheet March 27th

Cubmobile Saturday, April 9

Blue & Gold April 17 5-8 p.m.

Immediate family will be paid for by Pack. Guests are welcome and will cost just \$5 per guest. Money due March 27th.

# Immediate Family members attending \_\_\_\_\_

# Guests at \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner choices—Chicken or Fish or kids meal  
Please list how many of each type of dinner.

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Kids Meal \_\_\_\_\_

Day Camp June 28-30, Cost \$45 or \$10 if paid your way \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **WEBELOS 2 ONLY**

Are you joining Troop 831? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed and turned in your Scout Application? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to go to Camp Seph Mack June 26-July 2? \_\_\_\_\_

All boys who are joining Troop 831 will receive a Troop neckerchief, a Scout handbook and Boy Scout pips at the Blue & Gold. The Pack will pay the \$25 registration if you have completed your application and turned it in by March 27th.

Rubber band Gun presented

Total \$ paid \_\_\_\_\_