

CUB SCOUT PACK 274

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Welcome from the Cubmaster

Welcome back everyone to the 2008-2009 Cub Scout year. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and is ready for an exciting new year in Scouting. This is my fifth year with Pack 274 and it is an especially exciting year for me as my eldest son, Ryan, enters his last year of Cub Scouts as a Webelos II while my youngest son, John, enters his first year as a Tiger Cub.

As some of you may know, the official Cub Scout theme for September is "New Buddies." Scouts can ask new buddies to join Pack 274 to share in the adventure of Scouting: our recruiting night at Greystone is Thursday, September 18th. **Be sure to wear Class A uniforms to school that day so your buddies can ask all about Scouting.** Even our new Tiger Cubs can wear their uniforms!

As new Scouts join our pack, please welcome them and their families to our extended Pack 274 family. What better place to do so than at the Raingutter Regatta scheduled for Saturday, September 20th at the Almaden Cabana Club. After we've all enjoyed the BBQ

provided by the pack, we will welcome our new Scouts and current Scouts will receive recognition for their past accomplishments. Leaders too will be recognized for all that they do for the pack.

Speaking of leaders, I want to ask parents, especially Wolf parents, to speak with Helen Towers, our Pack Committee Chair and volunteer to shadow for important leadership roles on the pack committee as current members prepare to bridge to Boy Scouts with their sons. Scouting at the pack and den level is accomplished through volunteer parents' giving of time, talent, and treasure so their boys may benefit from the time honored Scouting program.

To have a healthy and thriving program for our boys, we need our junior rank families to step up into leadership roles. This is typically Tiger and Wolf families. There are plenty of more-experienced families around to provide support and leadership as well. So, everyone if you are not already volunteering, please consider how you can contribute to the pack.

Check It Out!

Evite - Did you know that you can see all of your Evite invitations at www.Evite.com? All the Evite invitations sent to your email address will be listed for you to review. If not, Sign up, Log In and be sure to click the Remember Me button.

PayPal - Make payments for scout events by using www.Paypal.com. First sign up with PayPal by clicking the SIGN UP NOW button. Once you are ready to make a payment go to www.Paypal.com, login, click the SEND MONEY tab at the top of the page. In the TO field, enter pack_committee_chair@pack274.net. Enter the amount and select the button for Services/Other. Click Continue and PayPal will display a message that pack_committee_chair@pack274.net is a verified member. In the MESSAGE TO RECIPIENT field enter the name of the event you are paying for. In the MESSAGE field, enter the name and den number of your scout. Click the Send Money and voila! you are done. Give it a try!

Membership Information Night

If you have any friends who may be interested in joining cubscouts we'd love to meet them, please tell them about our Information evening in the Graystone Elementary School cafeteria on September 18th at 7pm. We will provide a brief overview of the cub scouts program and have scouts and leaders

on hand to answer questions
 Note: Membership in Pack 274 is not limited to Graystone students; we welcome anyone who is interested in our program. If you or a friend is interested in getting more information prior to the meeting check the website or send an email to

pack_committee_chair@pack274.net.

All Graystone students should wear their Class A uniforms to school on Thursday, September 18th to help represent Pack 274 for recruiting.

Raingutter Regatta

Meet us at the Almaden Cabana Club on September 20th at 6pm to catch up with the Pack about your summer activities and welcome new cubs to the Pack. The pool will be available for den activities from 5 to 6 but it will not be available for open

swim. We will host a Tiger Parents orientation while the scouts and siblings construct and race aluminum foil boats along rain gutter channels. Returning Scouts should wear their Class A uniforms for the pack meeting. The cost for this event is \$5.00

per person to cover the BBQ dinner and cabana rental. Please be sure to RSVP on your Evite invitation ASAP. Also, please pay by PayPal or Credit Card no later than 5pm September 19th.

It's Time to Sell Popcorn

Cub Scouts, get your Class A's on, your pens ready and your best selling voice it's time for popcorn! Pack 274's primary fund raising activity is held in the fall. If we make enough money it will be the only thing we'll sell this year.

Key Dates:

- Popcorn sales start September 23rd
- Completed order forms are due to your den's fundraising volunteer no-later-than Tuesday, October 25th
- Popcorn will be available

for pickup on November 15th and 16th

- Turn in all money collected from popcorn sales by November 30th

Prizes:

There are lots of cool new prizes this year. This year our Pack has set a sales goal of \$200 to \$225-per-scout, on average. Some scouts in past years have even

sold \$500 or more. Prizes are shown on the order form.

Ways to Sell:

1. Go door-to-door and take

- orders with an adult
2. Ask Mom and/or Dad take the order form to work
3. Order online let friends and family know they can go to www.orderpopcorn.com to place their orders. (Note: contact your Den's fundraising committee member to get a special ID for online sales)

For more important information for popcorn sales be sure to check the pack's website.

Great America Nick-Or-Treat Event

Great America will be open weekends in October and celebrating Halloween with the Nick-or-Treat event. It's a fun way to participate in Halloween activities and safe trick-or-treating with the Nickelodeon characters.

October 18th is a special **Scout Day** event. Though the park will be open to the public, there will be a Celebration Picnic for Scouts in the Picnic Grove.

This is not a Pack sponsored event, however a fun activity to do as a family or as a Den. If you already have Season Tickets from last year, you can use it any weekend in

October to attend the Nick-or-Treat events, including the one on Scout Day. If you use your own Season Ticket and wish to participate in the Celebration Picnic from 10:30AM to 1:00PM, you only need to purchase a \$10 meal ticket per person. If you do not have a Season Ticket, you may purchase tickets at \$29 each that will get you Park Admission and access to the Picnic.

Park will be open from 10AM to 5:30PM on October 18th, with Scout festivities from 10:30AM to 1PM in the County Fair Picnic Grove. Food will be served from

noon to 1pm only. All you can eat menu includes hamburgers, green salad, potato salad, soft drinks and ice cream.

If you wish to order tickets for this event, I need to receive your order and payment by October 1st. Please call or email me with any questions.

Gina Freitag at 613-2555 or gfreitag@pacbell.net

For details on the event, visit the Great America website at:

http://www.pgathrills.com/events/event_detail.cfm?event_id=204&ec_id=13

Help Wanted

Blue & Gold Banquet Co-chair

We need a volunteer to work with the current Blue & Gold Banquet Chair who will be aging-up next year. The

Blue & Gold chair, with the help of the committee, organizes this annual event. This is a great event for the boys where their

achievements through the year are recognized, so please consider volunteering.

Pack Information

Check out the Web Site

Have you seen our web site yet? Visit it at <http://www.pack274.net/>. Our full pack calendar is

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posted and several den calendars are on the site. It has detailed information for all events plus, a roster of everyone in the pack, links to online scout manuals and more. Check it out!

Newsletter

Some of the requirements and electives for the scouts can be fulfilled by writing a newsletter article. If your son is excited about an event,

please encourage him to submit something to the newsletter. It will be published the next month. It doesn't have to be long; even a few quotes are great. Send them to the Newsletter Editor.

Don't want to receive this newsletter? Know someone who's not getting it? Please email the Newsletter Editor.

2008-2009 Pack Activities

September

- 9/18 - Recruiting Night
- 9/20 (Saturday) -
Raingutter Regatta
- 9/20 - Popcorn Fundraiser

October

- 10/25-6 - Family Camping
& Pack Meeting

November

- 11/TBD - First Aid Class
(Webelos II, new leaders)
- 11/11 - Veterans Day
Parade, Opt.
- 11/8 - Scouting for Food
Pick-up, Opt.
- 11/20 - Science & Art Fair

December

- 12/11 - Holiday Pack
Meeting

January "

- 1/22 - Pinewood Derby &
Cake Auction to benefit
FOS
- 1/TBD - Optional outdoor
event (Camping
Committee)

February

- 2/8 - Water Rocket Derby
- 2/29 - District Pinewood @
Oakridge, Opt.

March

- 3/12 - Blue and Gold
Banquet
- 3/24 - Arrow of Light
(Webelos only)

April

- 4/18 - District Water
Rocket Derby, Opt.
- 4/18-20 - Council Camporee
(Webelos)
- 4/26 - Cub Cart Rally

May

- 5/2-3 - Spring Campout &
Pack Meeting
- 5/9 - Council Scout-o-rama,
Opt.

June

- 6/2- Graduation