

# Pack 597 Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouting!



Tonight you and your son either begin or resume an adventure - an adventure of learning, sharing and having fun together. Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose. It's a home and neighborhood centered program for boys in grades one through five. It teaches values and life skills in an environment of fun and adventure. This is our first Pack meeting of the new school year. We have an exciting year planned, filled with activities and events for everyone!

Setup - Den 1  
Opening - Den 9  
Closing - Den 7  
Cleanup - Den 8

### Agenda

Opening and Welcome  
Fire and Safety Program  
Pack Leadership Introduction  
Summer Activity Awards  
Tiger Induction  
Pack Volunteer information  
Popcorn Sales Information  
Closing

### Fall Roundup

We are in the middle of Fall Roundup. The Spring and Fall Roundups resulted in **13** new Scouts joining our Pack, bringing the total membership to 54 boys.

### Welcome New Scouts

Name	Rank
Cooper Avery	Tiger
Joseph Casey	Tiger
Liam Cleary	Tiger
Steven Coscino	Tiger
Ethan Falduto	Tiger
Ramsay Johnson	Tiger

Sean Larkin  
Thomas Lombardi  
Samuel Palmer  
Chad Burr  
Austin Cleary  
Bruce Neubauer  
Paul Neubauer

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### Quality Pack Award & Distinguished Unit Award

Pack 597 achieved Quality Unit status for the 2007-08 year. Each boy and leader receives a patch for their uniform to highlight their participation as a member of a Quality Cub Scout Pack. Additionally, the Three Fires Council has a program that further recognizes Quality Packs, if they achieve additional objectives in their program. This year Three Fires Council has informed us that our Pack has been recognized as a Distinguished Unit. Congratulations to all Scouts, Leaders, and families.

### National Summertime Award

Pack 597 achieved the National Summertime Pack Award for the 2008 year. This award is earned by Cub Scout Packs who continue to participate in an active Pack program of activities throughout the summer.

These events cannot happen without our parent volunteers:

- Thanks to Kathi Molloy for Funtastic Air Event in June.
- Thanks to Matt Mannion for Cougars baseball game in July.
- Thanks to Carol Robertson for Summer Day Camp Coordination.
- Thanks to Matt Mannion for August campout.

### Cubmobile Derby

Our Derby was rained out on Sept. 14. We are planning a makeup date for October 5. Please RSVP again for this event.

### October Pack Nite - Hayride

This year's October Pack Nite will occur on Sunday, October 19, 2008. Cost of this event is **\$7.50** per person, which includes a Sunday evening snack. Program will start at 6:15 p.m. and will be held at Knoch Knoll Park in Naperville. **Dinner will NOT be served. Families are on their own for dinner.** Contact your Den Leader or Den Communication Coordinator to sign up. Deadline for signup is October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### Astrovernights - Adler Planetarium Overnight

The Pack is going to Adler Planetarium on **Friday-Saturday, Jan 23-24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. This is an overnight event, starting at Friday 6:30PM with departure at 8:00AM Saturday. Our pack volunteer contact is Amy Herdman. More information will be sent via email. RSVP and payment is required by 12/1/08. **Cost is \$50/person.**

<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/education/astrovernights/index.shtml>

### Pack Community Service Feed My Starving Children

The Pack has reserved a timeslot at Feed My Starving Children on Nov 4 (no school) from 12-2PM. Facility is located on 555 Exchange Drive in Aurora. Scouts will be given M&M containers to fill with change to donate. <http://www.fmcs.org/>

### Religious Awards Program

“The Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop American citizens who have personal values based on religious concepts...” One of the nine purposes of the Cub Scout program is to “encourage spiritual growth”. In cooperation with most organized religions, Scouting provides additional programs for youth to learn and develop a stronger relationship with their God. Scout families of Pack 597 are encouraged to participate in these programs. For any family interested in learning more about these Scouting opportunities, please contact Bill Arends. More information is also available from “Programs of Religious Activities with Youth: at

[http://www.praypub.org/main\\_frameset.htm](http://www.praypub.org/main_frameset.htm).

### Volunteer Positions

Cub Scouting is a family program. All of the leaders in your pack are volunteers who have children in the pack. So what role should you take? There's a job for everyone in Cub Scouting. When you registered your son this year, you volunteered to help with one or two activities. If you want to change your volunteer position, please talk to Kathi Molloy.

### We are still in need of volunteers.

#### Pack Activity Positions Open

- Hayride Coordinator - Sunday Oct19th
- Holiday Party Coordinator and helpers Sunday Dec 14th 2008
- FOS Coordinator - Feb 2009
- Blue and Gold Coordinator – Feb 8, 2009
- March Pack Night Coordinator - 2009
- May Graduation setup/take down- 2009
- Show and Sell Coordinator for next year, but should shadow now
- Pack Popcorn Kernel for next year, but should shadow now

#### Pack Positions Open

- Assistant Cubmasters
- Pack Popcorn Kernel
- Popcorn Show and Sell Coordinator
- Membership Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

### Pack Handbook

The Pack provides one handbook per new family which will include useful information such as a list of all of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the Pack leaders and members, financial information, derby information, calendar, etc. Please pick yours up tonight. Each handbook is labeled with your family's name.

The pack handbook is posted on our Pack web site →

<http://www.packsonline.com/II/597/>

### Pack Budget

Compared to other youth programs, Cub Scouting is a bargain. But it's not free. It takes a lot of money to run your son's den and the Pack for 12 months. Expenses include Council registration fees and insurance, subscriptions to Boy's Life, awards and recognitions, outings, program materials, equipment and leader training. These expenses are met in four ways: registration fees, activity fees, fund-raising projects and direct payment.

**Registration fees.** This the \$50 (or \$35) you pay when you join the pack. The Pack retains only part (\$24/scout) of the registration fee. The Pack registration fee, Scout registration fee, Scout and Leader insurance and Boy's Life subscription (if applicable) are paid to the Council.

**Activity Fees.** Optional Events are designed to be self-supporting, so only the boys who attend are charged an activity fee.

**Fund-raising projects.** The pack has one fund-raising event per year: Popcorn sales. The Pack receives 31% of each dollar of popcorn sold. All pack proceeds net of expenses are credited to the Scout Accounts, an individual fund maintained by the Pack for each Scout that they can use to pay registration fees and their participation in optional Pack activities.

**Direct Payment:** The final option available is to write a check to pay for the Scout's expenses not covered by, or in lieu of, popcorn sales. Our Pack has a Final Pack Account Budget for the 2008-09 year in your handbook.

### Popcorn Fundraising

Last year's popcorn fundraising was very successful. One benefit of the Popcorn Fundraising activity is that the Boy Scout Council is able to fund many of its programs from money received as part of the Popcorn fundraising drive. These programs include the Scout camps, the Scout Shop, the local scout executives, training programs and special events. The Council spends \$120/Scout on these programs in addition to the money spent by our Pack. The Council also receives 32% of each dollar of popcorn sold, minus the Trails End prize expenses.

Dave & Susie Krason are leading this year's Popcorn Fundraising Drive, serving as the Pack Popcorn Kernels. Popcorn sales materials have been sent directly to the Scouts and are also available tonight at the front table. Popcorn will be available for direct sales by the Scouts after October 6th. Final Sales Order Forms will be due on October 26th. Final collection of all money must be completed by November 16th.

The Pack will hold the Show -n- Sells this year at many locations in and around southern Naperville. We will hold these Show & Sells on September 19-21 and September 26-28. Kim Mannion is our Show n- Sell Coordinator this year. Please see her tonight to sign up for time slots for selling popcorn if you have not already.

Each scout can sign up for at least two 2-hour time-slots. All of the money collected over the entire sales effort will be evenly distributed so that there are no "good" and "bad" time-slots. Each location will have a designated opener and closer as indicated by the sign-up sheet and will be responsible for the popcorn and funds. Only 3-4 boys will work each time-slot and there must be two adults present at all times (there will be two selling locations at each store). Parents must remain with their children at the Show & Sell store locations. Dropping off Scouts is not acceptable.

2008-09 Events Calendar

Oct 5	Cubmobile
Oct 19	Pack Hayride
Nov 4	Pack Community Service FMSC Package food
Nov 18	Raingutter Checkin
Nov 21	Raingutter Regatta
Dec 14	Pack Holiday Party
Jan 22, 2009	Pinewood Derby Checkin
Jan23-24	Pack Overnight Adler Planetarium
Jan 25	Pinewood Derby Event
Feb 8	Blue & Gold
Mar	Pack - Wall Climbing
Apr 17	Pack Nite - TBD
May	Pack Graduation

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