

Pack 597 Newsletter

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Happy Holidays



Holiday Pack Nite

Today, our Pack celebrates the holiday season with crafts, games, and entertainment by Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles for our enjoyment. Special thanks to Melissa Cleary and Kelly Larkin for their great efforts in coordinating this event. Cost is \$8 per Scout, siblings are free.



<http://www.coldbloodedcreatures.com/>

Agenda

12:45 PM Set up - Den 3
1:00 PM Opening - Den 2
Song - Den 4
Cheer - Den 9
1:15 PM Entertainment
2:30 PM Awards
2:45 PM Games and Crafts
3:30 PM Closing - Den 1
3:35PM Clean up - Den 7 & 9



Community Service

There is still time to donate items to Midwest Shelter for Disabled Veterans in Wheaton. Thanks to Suzi Krason for coordinating this community service project for the pack. Please drop off at Suzi Krason home.

<http://www.helpaveteran.org/resources.htm>

Items to Donate:

- Target, Walmart, or Meyers gift cards
- Disposable razors
- Toilet paper
- Non perishable product

Raingutter Regatta

The Raingutter Regatta was boatloads of fun. Special thanks to Jeff & Heather Shura, Steve Groe, Kim Monovich, David Pilling, Tom Casey, and Craig & Shelly Falduto for setting up the course for our derby.

The Pack winners were:

1st: Robbie Jaffray
2nd: Joey Jaffray 3rd:

Scott Krason

Best Design:

1st: Noah Herdman

Astrovernights - Adler Planetarium Overnight

The Pack is going to Adler Planetarium on **Friday-Saturday, Jan 23-24th, 2009**. This is an overnight event, starting on Friday at 6:30PM with departure at 8:00AM Saturday. Our pack volunteer contact is Chris Monovich. More information will be sent

via email. RSVP and payment was required by 12/1/08. **Cost is \$50/person.**
<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/education/astrovernights/index.shtml>

Pinewood Derby

Our January Pack Nite will be held on Sunday, January 25th, 2008 at 3PM. We will hold our annual Pinewood Derby. Race check-in will occur on Tuesday January 20th 7-8PM in the multi-purpose room. Please make a special note of the date. Cars must be checked-in to be eligible to race. Cars will not be returned after qualification. All Rules and Procedures are detailed in the Pack Handbook. Please see your Den Leader for additional information. First year Scout families are encouraged to talk with their Den Leaders before building the cars.

Pinewood Derby Rules

Important rules to remember:

1. Weight must be less than 5.000 ounces.
2. No graphite can be used on race night.
3. No substitution for the body, axles or the wheels. BSA kit parts must be used.
4. The only modification permitted to the wheels is to smooth any burrs on the exterior (flat) surface or on the interior hub (next to the car body).
5. The only modification permitted to the axles (nails) is removal of the burrs near the head and polishing of the body.
6. The front of the body cannot be raised higher than 1/2" above the bottom of the body nor can it be modified to extend past the starting peg.
7. "Add-ons" can be used (fenders, engines, decals, etc.). However, the car

cannot be longer than 7", wider than 2 3/4" or closer to the track than 3/8".

- 8. The cars must be built during the current scout year. No re-use of previous year's cars is permitted. Questions call Matt Mannion (630-922-0388)
- 9. Cars failing inspection will not be allowed to race!

An "emergency repairs table" will be available to work on cars that don't pass inspection. The Pack will provide lead tape for use to bring the car up to its final weight - therefore it is recommended that cars be brought in slightly underweight, as it is much easier to add weight than it is to remove it! We will include non-racing awards: Best Looking Car and Most Creative Design.



Blue and Gold Banquet

The Blue and Gold Banquet will be held at the **White Eagle Club on Sunday, February 9th, 2009**. More information will be sent in pack announcement.

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.

- FOS Coordinator
- Blue and Gold Assistant to help Alicia Burr
- Assistant Cubmaster(s)
- Tiger Assistant Den Leader
- Pinewood Derby - need 1 more volunteer
- Klondike Coordinator

2008-09 Events Calendar

Jan 20, 2009	Pinewood Derby Check-in
Jan 23-24	Pack Overnight Adler Planetarium
Jan 25	Pinewood Derby Event
Jan 31	Klondike
Feb 8	Blue & Gold
Mar	Pack - Wall Climbing
Apr 17	Pack Night - TBD
May	Pack Graduation

Questions or Comments? Call Matt Mannion at 922-0388

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

- Matt Mannion - Cubmaster
- Kathi Molloy - Committee Chair
- Greg Eck - Assistant Cubmaster
- Brian Avery - Assistant Cubmaster
- Debbie Wray - Treasurer
- Amy Herdman - Pack Newsletter
- Kathi Molloy - Registration
- Debbie Jaffray - Pack Communication
- Pradeep Thomas - Pack Webmaster