

Pack 436 News

February 2015

New Chartering Organization - As we have outlined to the parents recently, we have been seeking a new chartering organization, and we're very happy to say that American Legion Post 295 in Germantown has agreed to sponsor us. The Post Commander, Bob Ouellette is a former Scouter and a big supporter of the program, so we're looking forward to a great partnership.

Pinewood Derby - The annual Pinewood Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, roughly 8 am-12 noon. In addition to the Den and Pack competition, we will have an "open" division, for siblings to compete. The car kits (one per scout) were distributed at the January Pack meeting, so get your sandpaper, paints and brushes ready! If you didn't receive one, please contact your den leader (they got the kits). In addition, we have some **important information about this year's Derby - see the attached rules for more details:**

- **Numbers required on cars:** This year, we're asking that all the cars come with their number attached (there are stick-on numbers with the kits) - see the attached rules document for the numbers assigned. Please contact Doug Powe at pinewoodderby@pack436.com ASAP if you don't see your Scout's name on the list; the open division check-in and numbers will be done at the Derby.
- **Pre-set registration / check-in times:** Rather than the mass check-in we have had in prior years, we're going to have assigned check-in times by den - times still being locked down, but send out those before race day.
- **Test track setup:** We'll have the track set up for test runs - we're currently working on a date and will send word when we get it.
- **"Cutting Day":** Paul and company have checked into an option to help out with getting cars cut, and the Woodworkers Club in Rockville (11910-L Parklawn Drive, woodworkersclub.com) could be available - Scouts (and parents) can either go solo, or if there's a big enough group (>15, i.e., at least 2 dens) they could accommodate everyone after hours. Talk to your son's den leader about whether they're planning a group visit, or see the club's website for information on hours.

Blue & Gold - Thanks again to Tara Kavadias, Jaimee Gniadek, Andrea Pasekoff, Robin Kaufman, and Cammie Moncak plus all our sibling volunteers who put on another great Blue & Gold!

No February Pack Meeting - We will not have a February Pack meeting other than the Pinewood Derby; the next Pack event is Blue & Gold.

Adults / Leaders Meeting - Wednesday February 11 - We will be holding an adults and leaders meeting to do a mid-year check-in and get prepared for next year. The meeting will be Wednesday, February 11, 7:30-8:30 pm, at Eric Victory's house - 14713 Keeneland Circle. We encourage all of our families to have someone there - your input and feedback into how things are going and where we should be

headed are crucially important. We'll also be talking about the Pack's budget, and some key positions we'll need to fill starting next year. If you have some thoughts about how you would like to contribute but are unable to attend, please contact [Eric](#) or [Gerard](#).

Call for Volunteers - As always, we rely on parent support and participation to keep the Pack moving. As we approach the end of our Scouting year, we're going to have a number of parents whose sons will be aging out and moving along from Cub Scouts, so we'll have some important positions to fill, including:

- Treasurer
- Camping coordinator
- Facility organizer (we need someone who is trained on the Montgomery County system)

If you're interested in any of these, or others (see our SignUpGenius page - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545a5a96-cubscout> - for a fairly full list), please contact [Eric](#).

March Pack Meeting - Court of Honor - For the first time this year, we'll make our March Pack meeting a Court of Honor to recognize and award the boys' rank achievements (Tiger, Wolf, etc.). Your Scout should be well on his way towards completing his award now; if you're not sure where he stands, you can talk to his Den Leader, or always feel free to contact [Eric](#) or [Gerard](#).

Upcoming Spring Events - We're still working on dates, but we expect to have several fun-filled events coming up, so keep an eye on this newsletter and the Pack website for more details:

Chess Night - It is an informal evening where scouts and siblings get together to play, or learn, chess. Likely to be on a Friday evening in the spring.

Spring Hike - Likely to be held on Sunday afternoon. More details will follow.

Pack Service Project - Likely to be on a Sunday afternoon in the spring. Stay tuned for more details.

Spring Family Camping - We're working on dates in April / May for our semi-annual campout.

Summer Camp - It's not too soon to start thinking about summer camp - for the current Webelos I and Bear dens, the boys are eligible to attend the Goshen Scout Reservation, where we have the week of July 19-25 at Camp PMI. This is a capstone event for the boys' time in Cub Scouts.

For the younger dens (Wolves and Tigers), Camp Snyder, in Haymarket, VA, offers a weekend summer camp experience that's a great introduction. Dates are flexible, and we're still looking for someone to coordinate attendance.