

Pack 436 News

January 2016 – Happy New Year!

January Pack Meeting – The next Pack meeting will be Wednesday, January 20th at Jones Lane ES starting PROMPTLY at 7:15PM. We will have a fun-filled evening.

Webelos II have set-up (please arrive by 7PM). Webelos I / Bears have opening and closing ceremonies. Tigers have clean up.

Blue and Gold Banquet – Save the Date! The annual Blue and Gold Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 6:00-8:30 pm at JLES in the All Purpose Room.

The Blue and Gold Committee has a fun-filled, exciting and patriotic evening planned for you! There will be games, awards, and some very special guests. Also a reminder that the structure will be a bit different than we have had in previous years - specifically we won't be awarding the rank awards at the Blue & Gold - we'll be doing that at the Court of Honor at the March Pack meeting.

In order to put on such a special event, the committee needs a little help from the Pack:

- **RSVP Form:** The Blue and Gold RSVP form is [here](#). This is a true family event - aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. are welcome as well. Please fill it out, and drop the order form along with payment at Robin Kaufman's house by **Monday February 1**. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Robin.

Pinewood Derby – The annual Pinewood Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th, 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) will be distributed at the January Pack meeting, so get your sandpaper, paints and brushes ready! Stand by for more details in next month's newsletter.

We are also looking for a few more adults to help with the race - please see our SignUpGenius page (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545a5a96-cubscout1>).

February - no Pack meeting – There will be no Pack meeting in February. We'll be back on schedule in March, with the Pinewood Derby, and the Pack meeting on our usual 3rd Wednesday (March 18th). We will however, have a parents & leaders midyear check-in and planning meeting during February - date TBD.

Summer Camp:

- **Goshen:** For the current Webelos I and Bear dens (i.e., the boys who will be Webelos I or II by the summer), they are eligible to attend the 1-week overnight summer camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation in Southwestern Virginia. Our date is still TBD, but they're typically from late June through late July/early August. Please starting thinking about whether your Scout will attend; we'll also need a parent to coordinate the week, and we will need to have at least two parents onsite at all times while the boys are there.
- **Snyder:** For the younger boys (current Tigers), Camp Snyder, located near Haymarket, VA, has weekend programs in the summer that are a great introduction to camping for the boys. Booking is more flexible with these, but start thinking about whether you might want to attend. We recommend a one-to-one Scout-to-adult ratio for this. We're also looking for an adult to coordinate this.