

Pack 436 News

March 2016

Pinewood Derby - The annual Pinewood Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th, 8:30 am-12 noon. In addition to the Den and Pack competition, we will have an “open” division, for siblings to compete. The rules for this year’s Derby are attached. 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, please note the following important information about this year's Derby:

- **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 numbers in the attached "rules" document.
- **Woodcarving opportunity:** Gerard Mulford has a bandsaw and has graciously offered to make it available – Saturday March 5th, 5-6 pm, at his house – 12505 Hialeah Way.
- **Test track setup:** We'll have the track set up for test runs - Friday March 11th at JLES, 7-8:30 pm.
- **Projector needed:** We’re looking for a projector to display the race results on race day. If you have a projector you could loan on Saturday, we’d greatly appreciate it – please contact [Adela](#) if you have one.

One last point on the Derby – the race is possible only thanks to the efforts of our race committee, and we encourage everyone to be supportive and appreciative to them for their hard work to bring our Scouts this great time.

March Pack Meeting - Our March Pack meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 7:15-8:15 pm. Our Tiger den will be putting on a great magic show, and our other dens will be doing skits - come ready to take video! The meeting starts promptly at 7:15 pm, and the Tiger will conduct the opening and closing flag ceremonies; the Webelos I and Bears will have setup and the Webelos II will have cleanup.

Blue & Gold - one more big THANKS! to Robin Kaufman and our whole crew who put on another great Blue & Gold banquet.

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 in some **very critical** roles whose sons will be aging out and moving along from Cub Scouts, so we'll have some key positions to fill, including:

- Cubmaster
- Treasurer
- Webmaster
- Popcorn Kernel
- Camping & hiking coordinator
- Raingutter Regatta

If you're interested in any of these, or others (see our SignUpGenius page - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545a5a96-cubscout1> - for a fairly full list), please contact [Eric](#).

Upcoming Spring Events - Mark your calendars for the following events:

Spring Hike:

Who: All scouts, parents and siblings are welcome

Location: The C&O Canal

Meeting Time: Sunday, April 10th at 1:30 PM sharp

Meeting Place: Parking lot at the end of Pennyfield Lock Road

Driving Directions: From Travilah Road turn right onto River Road, then take the next left onto Pennyfield Lock Road, follow it to the end

Hike Route: West from Pennyfield Lock to Violettes Lock and back

Hike Distance: A total of about 5.2 miles, very flat (some can turn back early if needed)

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

District Pinewood Derby - For those who qualify at our Pack event (the winner from each den), the District-level event appears to currently be scheduled for Saturday, April 9, at the Germantown LDS Church, 9 am-12 noon.

Archery Day and Cub-O-Ree will be held on Saturday, April 16 at Hanson's Farm in N. Potomac. (This is a district-organized event.)

April Pack Meeting - Arrow of Light - April 20, at Fairhaven Methodist Church (outdoors, weather permitting)

Spring Family Camping - April 23-24, at Little Bennett Park

Summer Camp - It's not too soon to start thinking about summer camp:

Goshen: For the current Webelos I and Bear Scouts, the boys are eligible to attend the Goshen Scout Reservation. This is an all-around great week for the boys and a culminating event for their time in Cub Scouts. Our week for Goshen is July 24-30; contact [Aaron Bishop](#) for more information.

Snyder: For the younger dens (Tigers in our case), Camp Snyder, in Haymarket, VA, offers a weekend summer camp experience that's a great introduction. The following dates are available:

July 8 - 10

July 15 - 17

July 22 - 24

July 29 - 31