

# Pack 436 News

October 2016

**October Pack Meeting** – The next Pack Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start promptly at 7:15PM. Please arrive EARLY so we can start on time. ALL SCOUTS should be in FULL UNIFORM. We ask that scouts sit with their assigned Den, and that parents/siblings sit in the chairs on the side. The Webelos II have set up, so please plan to arrive by 7 PM. The Wolves will be performing the opening and closing ceremonies. The Tigers have cleanup, so plan on sticking around about five minutes after the meeting.

**Dues** – Pack dues for the 2015-2016 year are \$75 for Wolves, Bears, and Webelos and \$55 for Tiger Cubs. If you haven't already done so, please make checks payable to “Pack 436” and give them to your Scout's Den Leader ASAP. *We must have any new Scouts registered before going on the campout so they're covered by insurance.* (We also need a completed application form for the new Scouts - contact Eric at [committeechair@pack436.com](mailto:committeechair@pack436.com) if you need one.) Anyone who cannot afford the dues but would like to continue Scouting can contact [committeechair@pack436.com](mailto:committeechair@pack436.com) to discuss financial aid.

**Fall Family Campout** - Our fall camping is the weekend of Saturday-Sunday 8-9, at Little Bennett Park in Clarksburg. Cost will be \$10/family if you're staying Saturday only, \$20/family if you are staying overnight to camp. Checks are preferred, payable to Pack 436 - please drop them with Eric Victory (14713 Keeneland Circle) or bring them with you to the campout. We will be sharing sites (2 families per site – there's PLENTY of room!). If you're attending, please sign up on the following SignUp Genius link: [sug link]. There's information there about what to bring, as well as below in the newsletter. The Webelos and Wolves will also be putting on a campfire program that's not to be missed!

**Popcorn sales** - Hope your neighborhood popcorn sales are going well. Scouts should have received a popcorn order form. If you have not received one, the form can be downloaded from the NCAC website at the following [link](#) (or Stacey Buckner has them in a box out front of his house). This is our ONLY fundraiser for the year, and not only supports our Pack but also less fortunate families who want to join scouting but cannot afford to do so. Individual popcorn sale forms are due back to Stacey Buckner by October; drop in the box at Stacey's house – 147xx Keeneland Circle. Questions can be addressed to Stacey Buckner, the Popcorn Kernel, at [popcorn@pack436.com](mailto:popcorn@pack436.com) or [stacey\\_buckner@hotmail.com](mailto:stacey_buckner@hotmail.com).

We'll also be doing sales by dens at the Muddy Branch Giant on Sunday, 10/16 from 10 am-4 pm. The times for each den are as follows:

- Webelos and Bear 10 am-12 noon
- Wolves 12-2 pm
- Tigers from 2-4 pm

It is not necessary to have all boys present during the entire shift, so most of the dens will be dividing their coverage - please check with your Scout's den leaders to confirm who will cover what times. If your Scout isn't able to make your den's assigned times, please make every effort to cover another time. Note that time selling at Giant will contribute to the boys' sales for purposes of their awards!

The boys wear their Scout uniforms, both when selling in the neighborhood and at Giant.

If you have any questions, you can contact our Popcorn Kernel, Stacey Buckner, at [popcorn@pack436.com](mailto:popcorn@pack436.com).

**Parent volunteers** – Thank you to all of our parents who have signed up for volunteer roles for the Pack. For those who haven't yet had a chance to sign up, you can find the link at

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050545A5A96-cubscout2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050545A5A96-cubscout2). Thanks in particular to a few who have signed up, including:

- Dan Helgerman and Pete Liacouras - they'll be taking on the Tiger den leadership
- Stefanie Draisen has volunteered to be our Assistant Popcorn Kernel

Here are some of the positions we are currently looking to fill:

- Blue & Gold Banquet: Coordinating all of the efforts to make our annual celebration of the boys' efforts pay off; we have a couple people signed up already, but this is one of our biggest jobs of the year. The banquet is the evening of the first Saturday in February.
- Pinewood Derby: We're looking for several parents to cover everything from the race itself to handling refreshments and the student volunteers who help us out. Morning of the first Saturday in March.
- Outdoors Leader - Camping & Hiking: Schedules and organizes Pack outdoor activities - family camping and hiking, both in spring & fall - including picking dates/locations, informing Pack/parents, and collecting any fees
- Scouting for Food: Coordinates the Pack's supplies and routes for our Scouting for Food dropoff and pickup - they happen first two Saturdays in November (5th & 12th).
- Raingutter Regatta: The Regatta is the main activity at our November Pack meeting - the boys race boats they have made.
- Awards: Goes to the Scout Shop (in Bethesda, near NIH & Natl Military Medical Ctr) before each Pack meeting as needed to buy awards (reimbursed) for the boys who will be getting them at that Pack meeting

**"Rocket Into Scouting" Launch Day** - This year there's a new event for all newly registered Scouts: all the new Scouts will receive a free model

rocket, and there's a Launch Day on Sunday October 9 (yes - same day we'll be returning from Little Bennett), 1-5 pm at Hansen's Farm (intersection of Travilah & Quince Orchard - near Travilah ES). You can register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-9194>, and we'll work on getting more info to our Tiger den leaders.

**Scouting for Food** – The annual Scouting for Food (food drive) will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> (bag drop off) and November 12<sup>th</sup> (bag pick up). This is done as a Den, and your Den Leader will be getting more information in the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for the scouts to participate in a service activity to assist those in need. We look forward to a record collection this year.

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### **Additional Camping Information**

- Where: Little Bennett Campground, 23705 Frederick Rd., Clarksburg (355 just north of the intersection with MD-121). For those familiar with the park, we'll be staying in the A Ring campsites.
- When: Saturday-Sunday October 8-9. The campground allows us to arrive as early as 12 noon; most people tend to arrive starting around 2 pm. For those who arrive in the early/mid afternoon, we'll try to do a hike around the park. On Sunday morning, we need to be checked out by 11 am.
- Cost: \$20 if you're staying overnight, \$10 if staying only for Saturday afternoon dinner. Checks *highly* preferred (to preserve the dwindling sanity of our Committee Chair and Treasurer...) - please make out to "Pack 436". You can drop them at Eric's house - 14713 Keeneland Circle - or bring them with you to the campout.
- Signup info: please go to our SignUpGenius link to indicate if you're attending, and also to sign up to bring something to share for dinner Saturday night:  
[link]
- What to bring: key things to bring with you:
  - Tent

- Sleeping bags
- Change of clothing - including something warm if temps drop
- Toiletries
- Flashlight and/or headlamp
- For meals:
  - A main dish for yourself for dinner
  - A side dish to share (please sign up at the link)
  - Utensils and dishes
  - Breakfast

We look forward to seeing everyone there! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact [Eric](#), [Howie](#), or your Scout's den leader.