

# Pack 436 News

October 2018

**October Pack Meeting** – The next Pack Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 17<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. The boys will be doing the annual running of the legendary Raingutter Regatta – this time with each Scout racing his own boat!

We ask that scouts sit with their assigned Den, and that parents/siblings sit in the chairs on the side. Parents, we need your help in making sure your boys understand that they're expected to behave during the meeting. The Webelos have set up, so please plan to arrive by 7 PM. The Bears will be performing the opening and closing ceremonies. The Tigers have cleanup, so plan on sticking around about five minutes after the meeting.

**Raingutter Regatta** – a few things to note:

We'll have a pre-race practice set up the evening of October 12, 7-8 pm at the JLES cafeteria / all-purpose room (same place as our Pack meetings).

As noted above, this year each Scout will make and race his own boat. For those who are interested in some pointers, try your favorite Scout YouTube channel, or maybe the following: <https://boyslife.org/hobbies-projects/projects/3921/make-the-ultimate-raingutter-regatta-racer/> - this may be helpful those who have never participated.

**Dues** – Pack dues for the 2018-2019 year are \$90 for Wolves, Bears, and Webelos and \$70 for Tigers and Lions. 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 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.

**Popcorn sales** - Hope your neighborhood popcorn sales are going well. Scouts should have received a popcorn order form at the September meeting or from your Scout's Den Leader. 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. Several important points:

- **Forms:** If you have not received one, the form can be downloaded from the NCAC website at the following [link](#) (or contact Stacey Buckner to get one).
- **Due date:** Individual popcorn sale forms are due back to Stacey Buckner by **October 29**; you can drop them off in the box at Stacey's house – 14809 Keeneland Circle – starting a few days before that.

- Collecting money: You can either collect money during your initial sales or once you deliver - final payment will be due promptly after you make all the deliveries.
- Donations: When selling, the boys aren't allowed to ask for a donation, but if someone offers they can accept
- Delivery: Popcorn pick-up will be the weekend of November 17-18, and all money will be due back to Stacey by November 30.

Also, our onsite popcorn selling opportunity this year is split into a few blocks:

- Friday October 5, 6-8 pm, Giant-Kentlands
- Saturday October 6, 12-2 pm, Safeway-Darnestown
- Saturday October 7, 2-4 pm, Ledos-North Potomac (Travilah)

This year we'll be doing an individual sign-up for each Scout (i.e., we're not going to have slots by den). Here's the signup link: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C45AAA82FA3FB6-pack](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C45AAA82FA3FB6-pack). A few notes about sign-up:

- Please only one slot for your Scout until everyone has had a chance to sign up – the District is limiting our slots during each session.
- We'll also need one person at each start and finish to pick up and drop off the popcorn and from and to Stacey.

Please make every effort to attend one of these sessions - the sales at the grocery stores are a big part of the Pack's sales.

For further information please contact Stacey Buckner at [popcornkernel@pack436.com](mailto:popcornkernel@pack436.com).

**Parent Volunteers** – The experiences that we provide our boys as part of Scouting don't just happen by themselves – they require dedicated effort and support from parent volunteers. As with prior years, ***we are asking that all our families volunteer for at least one position or activity within the Pack.*** We have done our best to offer a variety of roles, from those requiring some pretty intensive work focused at a specific time to those with a somewhat less intense commitment running throughout the Scouting year. We have worked to incorporate feedback on the volunteering system worked last year, and we're happy to continue to take suggestions for improvement.

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

- Asst Popcorn Kernel: Works with the Popcorn Kernel on our neighborhood and grocery store sales – compiling orders from the boys, arranging for the grocery store sales, and ensuring the Scouts collect payment. (We have one assistant so far and would like to recruit another.)

- Raingutter Regatta: The Regatta is the main activity at our October Pack meeting - the boys race boats they have made. This year each Scout will be able to make and race his own boat! With all the Scouts, we'll need help corralling them all and running the event.
- 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 (4th & 11th).
- 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.
- Camping: Organizes and runs the Pack's spring campout

You'll note that for the activities requiring multiple people, the sign-up doesn't break down individual tasks - we'll leave it to the group of volunteers to decide how to split up the activities. We'll be doing sign-up again this year via Sign Up Genius. Please visit the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A96-cubscout4>, which shows the positions available (and those already filled). If you have taken a look and have questions about what's available and/or when the activity would happen, or if there's something else you have in mind to volunteer for, please contact Eric Victory ([committeechair@pack436.com](mailto:committeechair@pack436.com)).

**Fall Pack Hike** – Our fall Pack hike will be Sunday, October 28, 1:30 pm on the Red Trail at Greenbrier State Park, 21843 Boonsboro Pike, Boonsboro, MD. We will meet at the parking area at the north end of Greenbrier Lake – to get there, make the first right after entering the pack and take that road to the end; we'll meet at the trailhead near the parking.

**T-shirts** – We'll select the year's Pack t-shirt at the upcoming October Pack meeting.

**"Fall Cuboree Blastoff" Rocket Launch Day** - Calling all Cub Scouts and Packs! Bring your family. Bring your friends. Bring your neighbors.

**Date & Time**: Saturday, November 3rd (1:00-5:00pm) right after the scouts put out their bags and tags for Scouting for Food. Wear your Field Uniform (formerly known as Class A) or Activity Uniform (formerly known as Class B.)

**Place**: Mt Prospect Farm (Hanson's Farm) off Turkey Foot Road in North Potomac. At the intersection of Travilah Rd and Turkey Foot Rd.

Join us for shooting sports (BB shooting, archery, slingshots), a big climbing wall, rocket launching, The Story House book mobile, food, and more!

**Cost**: \$15 per youth (\$12 for early bird online registration before Oct. 22nd.) Where can you go to get so much for so little??

**Register**: Click here for: [Online Registration](#). To pick up your rocket early and build it before the event, print out your registration form and come to the next Roundtable, Thursday Oct. 11 from 7:30-9:00pm (Gaithersburg LDS, 20020 Montgomery Village

Ave., Montgomery Village, MD 20886). But don't worry if you can't come to the Roundtable; there will be a rocket building station at the Cuboree.

**Scouting for Food** – The annual Scouting for Food (food drive) will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> (bag drop off) and November 11<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. Also as noted above we're looking for an adult to run this – please [contact Eric](#) if you have any questions or are interested (signing up via the link would be fine too). 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.