

# Pack 436 News

November 2018

**November Pack Meeting** – The next Pack Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 28 (not our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, which is the day before Thanksgiving). 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. Parents, we need your help in making sure your boys understand that they're expected to behave during the meeting. The Bears 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.

**Scouting for Food** – The annual Scouting for Food (food drive) will be held November 3<sup>th</sup> (tag distribution) and November 10<sup>th</sup> (bag pick up). This is done as a Den, and your Scout's Den Leader has the assigned coverage area for each den. 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.

**T-shirts** – You should have received an email with ordering instructions for the Pack t-shirts. Each Scout get one with his paid registration, and you can order more for \$25. Please see the order form attached to the message, and note that orders are due to the Greenfests by November 4. Payment may be made via check or PayPal link, included on the order form. If paying via PayPal, please send Brian an email ([brian\\_greenfest@hotmail.com](mailto:brian_greenfest@hotmail.com)) or text so that he can reconcile payments with our treasurer.

**"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](#)

**Popcorn sales** – Popcorn order forms were due to Stacey Buckner by October 29. Information on pick-up, delivery and payment:

- **Pickup:** Popcorn pickup will be at the Buckners' house, 14809 Keeneland Circle, the weekend of November 17-18 (specific day/time to come).
- **Collections:** All money is due back to Stacey by November 30.

We had an excellent time with our grocery store sales – the boys sold about \$1150, a noticeable increase from last year. Great job!

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

**Neckerchief slide recall** – Many of you may have seen in the news that the BSA and Consumer Product Safety Commission recently announced the recall of Cub Scout neckerchief slides (Lion, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos, but not Tiger) sold between February and August 2018. The slides had elevated lead levels. The CPSC notice can be found at the following [link](#), and the BSA has information about the recall [here](#), and information on returns/refunds (it's fairly generic) [here](#). Note that the Scout Shop appears to be out of direct replacements, so they'll either take your name or give you a different slide as a replacement.

**Raingutter Regatta** – Thanks to Joe and Evelyn Garland and Howie for putting together a great Raingutter Regatta for our Pack meeting last month! Congratulations to our winners:

- Overall 1st place: Michael Garland
- Overall 2nd place: Kevin Hicks

Den winners--

- Lions den: Micah Draisen
- Tigers den: Kevin Hicks
- Wolves den: Henry Skinner
- Bears den: Michael Garland
- Webelos den: Ryan Draisen

**Pack Hike** – Thanks to Michell Fishman for organizing a great Pack Hike up at Greenbrier State Park – a fun new location for the Pack.

**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.)
- 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)).