

Pack 436 News

December 2018

December Pack Meeting – The next Pack Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19. The meeting will start promptly at 7:15PM. Please arrive EARLY so we can start on time. ALL SCOUTS should be in FULL UNIFORM.

As everyone could tell from our November meeting, with all our Scouts we need the parents to help us out by ensuring your Scouts understand they are expected to behave respectfully during the meeting

We'll be doing our annual project to prepare care packages for military personnel who have been wounded and are in recovery at the Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda. Please have your boys bring one or more items that you would like to send to our troops. At the end of the newsletter are some suggested items that they have specifically requested.

We ask that scouts sit with their assigned Den, and that parents/siblings sit in the chairs on the side. The Wolves have set up, so please plan to arrive by 7 PM. The Tigers will be performing the opening and closing ceremonies. The Webelos have cleanup, so plan on sticking around about five minutes after the meeting.

Scouting for Food – Thanks to Fabiana Sivila for organizing and to all our Scouts and parents for doing a great job covering the neighborhood in our Scouting for Food drive. Once again, we have helped to make a real difference to people who don't have enough food.

T-shirts – T-shirts have been ordered and are expected to arrive the first week of December. They'll be distributed to the den leaders, who will be handing them out at den meetings.

Popcorn sales – Great job with popcorn! We sold over \$7500 – another good increase in our prior year's sales. Thanks as always to our adult leads – Stacey Buckner and Nicole Ray.

Blue & Gold – Save the date! Mark your calendars for our annual Blue & Gold Banquet, scheduled for the evening of Saturday, February 2, 2019. This is an event for the entire family! Look for an RSVP form and more details in the January newsletter.

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.

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).

Summer Camp –

Camp Snyder (current Wolves & Tigers): For the younger boys (current Wolves and Tigers), Camp Snyder, located near Haymarket, VA, has weekend programs in the summer that are a great introduction to camping for the boys. We will register as a Pack and available dates are July 5-7, July 12-14, July 26-28 (a STEM weekend) or August 2-4.

Camp starts 9 am Friday morning and ends 9 am Sunday. They have platform tents for us and we eat in the dining hall. The 2-night trip is designed to introduce Cub Scouts to week-long Boy Scout summer camps on their own at an older age. It is for registered Cub Scouts only, no friends or siblings, and a parent or guardian is necessary (only one parent needed for multiple scouts in a family). There's more information at the camp's website:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/>

Pricing for the weekend is \$235 for Scouts and \$75 for adults. The Wolf & Tiger den leadership will be working on planning, so stay tuned.

Goshen / Camp PMI (current Webelos & Bears): For the older Scouts (current Bears and Webelos), we're looking at the Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp PMI, about 3.5 hours away, past Harrisonburg, VA, and probably the week of July 21-27. We'll need at least 3 parents there at all times, and one or two more would be ideal, but you wouldn't have to stay the full week.

Prices for the week start at \$375 for Scouts and \$225 for adults (which can be split between 2 if each stays half the week) if paid by April 12; prices increase closer to the camp dates. Contact Eric (evictor@att.net) if you have any questions, and we'll get working on registration shortly. The council also has information at <https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/camp-pmi/>

Upcoming Events – Some brief notes about upcoming events:

- The January Pack meeting will be January 16
- The Blue & Gold banquet (see above) will be the evening of Saturday February 2
- The Pinewood Derby will be the morning of Saturday March 2

Suggested Gift Items:

Umbrellas

Nice Razors (vs. disposable razors)

K-cups (Coffee)

Batteries

Protein Bars/Granola bars

Gatorade

Towels

Kleenex Tissue Boxes

Hand Sanitizers

Lint Rollers

Q-Tips

Loofahs

Chapstick

Body Lotion

Aftershave Lotion

Shaving Cream

Clorox/Wet wipes

Cologne

Cell phone chargers

Puzzle magazines