

# Pack 436 News

February 2019

**Pinewood Derby** – The annual Pinewood Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 am-12 noon. In addition to the Den and Pack competition, we will have an “open” division, for siblings to compete. The car kits (one per scout) were distributed to the Den leaders, so get your sandpaper, paints and brushes ready! If you didn't receive one, please contact your Den leader. In addition, we'll be sending some important information about this year's Derby shortly:

- 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) - numbers will be in a separate attachment that will come with the overall rules.
- Test track setup: We'll have the track set up for test runs – Friday evening March 1, about 7-8:30 pm (times to be confirmed as we get a bit closer)

We are also looking for a few more adults to help with the race - please see our SignUpGenius page (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A96-cubscout4>).

**No February Pack Meeting** – We will not have a February Pack meeting other than the Blue & Gold banquet; the next Pack event is the Pinewood Derby.

**Scout Sunday, Feb. 17** – Scout Sunday is held during February in recognition of the contributions of young people and adults in scouting. This year we have organized an activity for the pack, but you can celebrate Scout Sunday in many different ways. For those interested to attend, we'll be at Darnestown Elementary School (with the congregation from Darnestown Presbyterian Church) at 15120 Turkey Foot Road) on Sunday February 17, also attending with Troop 1094 (where many of our Pack 436 alumni are now Boy Scouts). Scouts will need to arrive in FULL uniform, by 10:30 am, as they will be helping the church by being ushers and greeters for the 11 am service. It's also important to note that you do not need to be a Presbyterian to attend – this is a celebration of Scouting and the Scout Law principle of “A Scout Is Reverent,” and Scouts and parents of all faiths are welcome.

The central idea of the event is to practice reverence (in uniform) while participating in a service project reflective of your family's beliefs. This is also a patch opportunity for scouts so if you do participate, please contact Leah Washington ([leah.washington08@gmail.com](mailto:leah.washington08@gmail.com)) so your scout can get his patch at the next pack meeting.

**Adults / Leaders Meeting – Weds. Feb., 20** – We will be holding an adults and leaders meeting to do a mid-year check-in and get prepared for next year. The meeting will be Wednesday, February 20, 7:30-9 pm, at the JLES cafeteria (our usual Pack meeting location). We encourage all of our families to have someone there - your input and feedback into how things are going and where we should be headed are crucially important. We'll also be talking about the Pack's budget, and some key positions we'll need to fill starting next year. If you have some thoughts about how you would like to contribute but are unable to attend, please contact [Eric](#) or [Howie](#).

In addition, our parents/leaders meeting will also include a check-in on Family Scouting under which girls can be eligible to join Cub Scout Packs – we're currently an all-boy Pack, and we'll be discussing whether

we want to continue with that, or open our membership up to girls. If you have any ideas, input, or questions, please feel free to contact Howie or Eric.

**Parent Volunteers** - Thanks to all the parents who have signed up for volunteer roles; if you haven't done so please do, and let Eric ([committeechair@pack436.com](mailto:committeechair@pack436.com)) know if you have an idea but don't see anything that looks like it will fit the bill, or if you have any questions about what's involved. You can find the link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A96-cubscout4>. In particular, we're looking for people to fill a couple positions:

- Webmaster
- As noted above, we also need a few more parents to run our Pinewood Derby

If you have questions, or you're interested in doing something that doesn't appear there, or if you see something you want to help with that is full, please contact Eric at [committeechair@pack436.com](mailto:committeechair@pack436.com).

**Upcoming Spring Events** – We're still working on dates, but we expect to have a number of fun-filled events coming up, so keep an eye on this newsletter and the Pack website for more details:

**University of Scouting** – Our local council runs a 'supplemental training opportunity' for adult Scout leaders; it's held all day Saturday, February 23 in Alexandria, VA (Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road). More information is available at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24188>

**Spring Pack Hike** - Likely to be on a Sunday afternoon in the spring. Stay tuned for more details.

**Spring Family Campout** – Our spring campout site is booked – we'll be going back to Patapsco State Park on May 4-5. More information to come as the date approaches, and we may have some special guests!

**Pack Service Project** – To be scheduled during the spring. Stay tuned for more details.

**District Pinewood Derby** - For those who qualify at our Pack event, the District-level event is scheduled for Saturday April 13.

**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 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), will be attending the Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp PMI, about 3.5 hours away, past Harrisonburg, VA, 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](mailto:evictor@att.net)) to get registered, and stand by for more info via a separate email. The council also has information at <https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/camp-pmi/>