

Pack 436 News

April 2019

April Pack meeting – iFly, April 3 – We have a completely new and unique Pack meeting opportunity at iFly. For those that signed up, Howie sent out a separate email with information.

Pack Hike – April 7 – This year’s spring Pack hike will be at Blockhouse Point State Park on April 7; the rain date will be April 14. The address for the hike is 14750 River Road. Please arrive and be ready to hike 2:00 p.m.

Spring Family Campout – Save the date! Our spring campout site is booked – we’ll be going back to Washington Monument State Park on May 4-5. We’re anticipating terrific spring weather; so, we’ll plan to do a hike on May 4 with potluck for dinner. Later in the evening, Den leaders will prepare skits and/or songs for the campfire. More details and a sign-up will be sent out in the next few weeks. Note that we may have some special guests, so be sure to attend to find out!

District Pinewood Derby – Good luck to our Pack winners at the upcoming District Pinewood Derby on April 13!

Upcoming Spring & Summer 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; note that some of the events listed are run by the district or otherwise outside of our Pack (e.g., Archery Day, Blue Crabs):

Fishing Day – This is a district event, May 11, 8 am to 12 noon at Black Hills Park. Signup info at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25336>

Service Project – We’re working on a possible project with the Izaak Walton League – stay tuned for plans.

BALOO (adult camper qualification) training - We’re always looking for more adults to be qualified leaders. If you’re interesting to qualify for outdoor camping the next training session is May 17-18 at the Izaak Walton League off Muddy Branch. Registration information is available at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25434>; please let [Eric](#) know if you’re interested.

Pack Boating day – Stay tuned for a day out on the lake at Black Hills Park – likely June 9

Blue Crabs baseball – The Blue Crabs of Southern Maryland baseball team host a Scout Night on Friday June 21; Scouts can see the game and camp out on the field. Cost is \$27 for admission, including dinner and breakfast. Chris Washington will be organizing, so stand by for more info.

Summer Camp – Summer camping is one of the great things that distinguishes Boy Scouting, and it's a great way for the boys to develop an appreciation for the outdoors, all while having a great time. There are several options available:

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 have selected the weekend of August 2-4. Eric Jodts will be in touch with additional information for those families who indicated availability for that weekend. If that's not you, but you are interested in attending, please shoot him an email (jodts@hotmail.com) to get added to the list.

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 \$240 for Scouts and \$80 for adults, if paid by April 12; prices increase closer to the camp dates.

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) to get registered, and more info has been sent via a separate email to our current Webelos and Bear parents. The council also has information at <https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/camp-pmi/>

Summer Day Camp at Madison Fields, Dickerson MD:

June 24- June 28, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day

Held at Madison Fields Farm in Dickerson, MD, this camp offers fishing and swimming along with archery, BB's, sling shots, STEM stations, scout skills, and so much more! Cub Scout day camps are organized by the National Capital Area Council and conducted by volunteers from the local area. Day camps are for registered Cub Scouts entering the 1st-5th grades the following school year. Those entering the 1st grade must be accompanied by an 'adult partner'

during their participation. Each pack must provide 1 adult for every 5 Scouts in addition to any Tiger adults, so you would be asked to take at least 1 day to be the responsible adult.

Registration fee is \$190/Scout until April 28th, adults are free.

People can contact Carolyn Silvey (csilvey@comcast.net) for more information or to get the information packet and forms. Please respond by **April 15**, so we have time to figure out if it will work and get the forms all organized.