

Pack 436 News

May 2019

May Pack meeting – Advancement & Bridging, May 15 – the May Pack meeting will cap off another great year of Cub Scouting! We'll be awarding the boys their rank awards, and also conducting the ceremony in which they'll bridge into the next level (Tigers to Wolves, Wolves to Bears, and Bears to Webelos). We'll also have a few fun activities. If you have family who are local, this will be a nice opportunity to see the boys recognized for their achievements.

Spring Family Campout – For the spring campout, we're going back to Washington Monument State Park on May 4-5. Here's what you need to know:

- Check in to the campsite is at 3:00 PM. At 1 p.m., we plan to hike the Appalachian Trail near the campsite, and then check-in afterwards. If you can't make the hike, you are welcome to go straight to the campsite after 3:00. If you are going on the hike, please give yourself plenty of time to find the trailhead located at the parking lot as indicated on the map below. We'll be leaving on the hike at 1 p.m. sharp.
- What to bring to the potluck dinner: Bring a 'main course' to BBQ on our common fire and beverages for your family only and include plates (paper is ok)/napkins, utensils, cups and hot/cold mugs for your family to use for both dinner and breakfast. Please bring a SIDE DISH to share with other campers.
- The park is located at 6620 Zittlestown Rd, Middletown, MD 21769. Please see the map below for more information on the location and the parking lot location for the Appalachian trail hike.
- See the end of the newsletter for a suggested packing list
- The cost per family is \$10 if staying overnight and \$5 if you're coming for the afternoon and evening only. Paypal is preferred at pack436cubscout@gmail.com. If used, checks are payable to Pack 436. Also please bring \$5 cash to pay for entry into the State Park.
- Please RSVP via Scoutbook if you are attending
- Contact Sanjay Koyani (202.836.2354) if you need more details

We're hoping for terrific spring weather. Later in the evening, Den leaders will prepare skits and/or songs for the campfire. Note that we may have some special guests, so be sure to attend to find out!

Family Scouting decision – Following our discussion over the past couple of months, it looks like we're planning to open membership in the Pack to girls starting in the fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Eric (evictor@att.net) or Howie (hdraisen@hotmail.com).

District Pinewood Derby – Congratulations to our Pack 436 Scouts who competed at the District Pinewood Derby – we had some great results:

- Zachary Liacouras – 1st Place – Tigers
- Xander Liacouras – 1st Place – Bears
- Ryan Draisen – 3rd Place – Webelos I
- Ryan Helgerman – 2nd Place Craftsmanship, 3rd Place (speed) in appearance division



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>

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 – June 9, Black Hills Park – Come out for a paddle at Black Hill Regional Park, on the afternoon of Sunday June 9 at 2 pm. We won’t be doing any sign-up in advance – you’ll get a boat when you’re there. Some key elements to note:

- Because this is an activity on the water and safety is paramount, a parent is required to be in the same boat with each Scout.
- Canoes, row boats, and pedal boats are available to rent first-come first-served to parents with a driver's license. Rental information is on the Black Hills website: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/black-hill-regional-park/black-hill-boats-little-seneca-lake/>; costs are about \$12-14/hour.
- We do want to try to get a tentative count – if you're planning to attend, please contact Dan Helgerman at helgermann@gmail.com. Note that park access is currently only from 355 due to roadwork.

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 please let him know if you're in ***no later than May 10*** (deadline to register is 5/14). As with the campout, Paypal is preferred, or you can get Chris a check to Pack 436.

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 have registered as a Pack for the weekend of August 2-4 with six families so far. Eric Jodts will be in touch with additional information for those families who have registered. If that's not you, but you are interested in attending, please shoot him an email (jodts@hotmail.com) for more information or to get registered.

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>

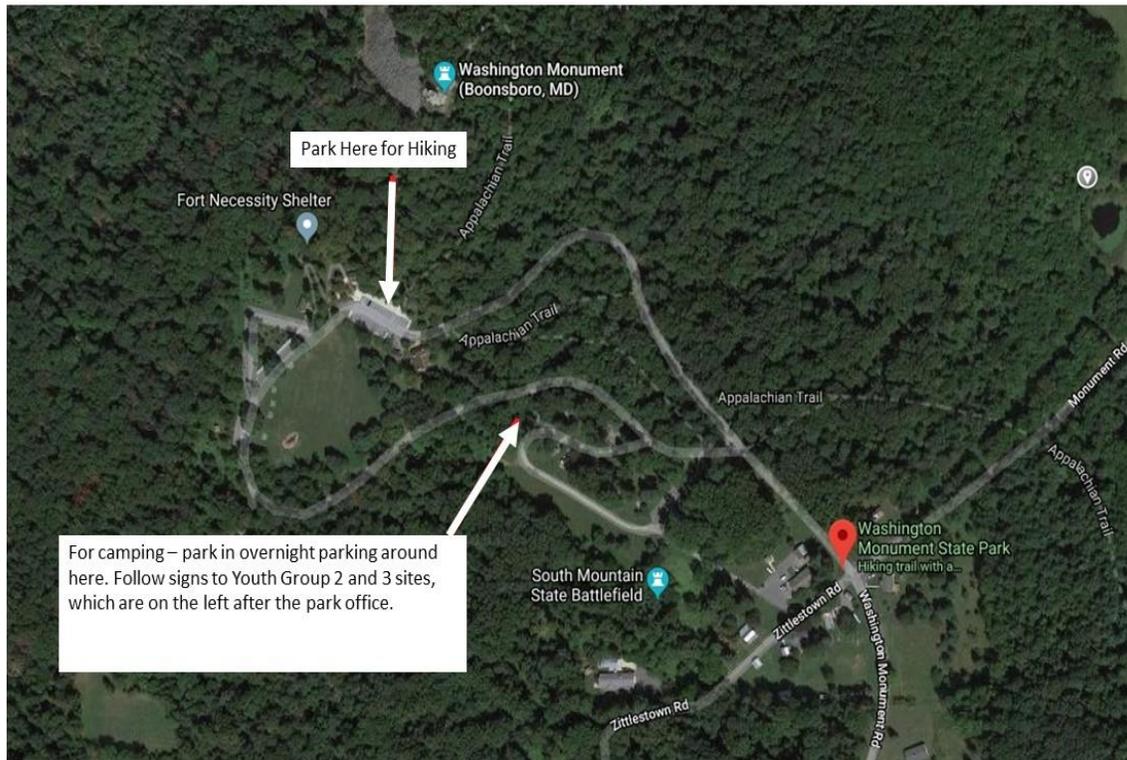
Pricing for the weekend is \$265 for Scouts and \$105 for adults, if paid by May 17; prices increase to \$290/\$130 after that date.

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 \$415 for Scouts and \$265 for adults (which can be split between 2 if each stays half the week) if paid by May 17; prices increase by \$40 after that. 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/>

Map of Washington Monument State Park:



Directions to the park:

- Northbound on I-270 / I-70
- Exit MD-17 towards Myersville at exit 42
- Turn left on Monument Rd and follow to the park

Suggested packing list for spring campout:

- Tent
- Sleeping bags/blankets/pillows
- Change of clothing - including something warm if temps drop
- Rain gear in case it gets wet
- Slip on shoes, for easy trips to the bathroom
- Flashlights/head lamps
- Toiletries, plus towels if you like (there are hot water & showers)
- Eating gear & utensils, cups & napkins
- \$5 for park entry

For meals:

- A main dish for yourself for dinner
- A side dish to share
- Utensils and dishes

- Breakfast

Bikes (optional)