

# Pack 436 News

December 2019



**DECEMBER PACK MEETING:** Our next Pack Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 18. The meeting will start promptly at 7:15 p.m. Please arrive EARLY so we can start on time. ALL SCOUTS should be in FULL UNIFORM. 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.

Our Unit Commissioner will be in attendance at this Pack Meeting. Parents, please be sure your Scout is in uniform and ready to show him how well behaved they all can be!

The Bears have flags for this meeting; the Webelos 1 have set-up (please arrive 10 minutes early), and Wolves have clean-up.

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD:** Thank you to Stephanie Draisen 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 be available at the December Pack meeting.

**POPCORN SALES:** Great job with popcorn! We sold over \$12500 worth of popcorn through online and in-person selling – another good increase over last year. Thank you to our Popcorn Kernel, Stacey Buckner, for her many years of service in this role. Thanks also to Fabiana Sivila, our Assistant Kernel.

**BLUE & GOLD BANQUET:** Save the date! Mark your calendars for our annual Blue & Gold Banquet, scheduled for the evening of Saturday, February 1, 2020. This is an event for the entire family, featuring dinner and entertainment! Look for an RSVP form and more details in the January newsletter.

**THANK YOU:** To Michell Fishman for organizing our Pack hike; it was great to explore a new place. To Brian Greenfest for our fabulous Pack t-shirts. To Howie Draisen for an exciting excursion to the Adventure Park.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Everything we do at the Pack is thanks to parents putting it together. We ask that every family contribute to this by volunteering. In the next couple of months, we need help for the following:

- Lego Pinewood Derby: Howie needs a couple of adults to help run the Lego Pinewood Derby held at our January Pack meeting (January 15).

- **Pinewood Derby:** We're looking for 1-2 more parents to cover everything from the race itself to handling refreshments and the student volunteers who help us out. The Derby is the morning of Saturday, February 29.

The Pack jobs sign-up is at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A96-pack5>

### **SUMMER CAMP:**

**Camp Snyder (current Lions, Tigers, & Wolves):** For the younger boys (current Lions, Tigers, and Wolves), Camp Snyder, located near Haymarket, VA, has weekend programs in the summer that are a great introduction to camping for the Scouts. We will register as a Pack and available dates based on leadership availability are July 17-19 or July 30-August 2.

Camp starts 9 a.m. Friday morning and ends 9 a.m. 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 overnight camps that they will get to experience in Boy Scouts as a longer, week-long event. Activities include swimming, archery, slingshots, BB's, boating, campfire skits, and more. 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 17; prices increase as the dates get closer. Contact Howie Draisen with questions ([hdraisen@hotmail.com](mailto:hdraisen@hotmail.com)).

**Goshen / Camp PMI (current Webelos & Bears):** For the older Scouts (current Bears and Webelos), we are going to the Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp PMI, about 3.5 hours away, past Harrisonburg, VA, and probably the week of July 19-25. 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.

Camp PMI provides programming in aquatics, scoutcraft, BB's, archery, ecology and handicraft. They also are situated at the foot of the Viewing Rock Trail, which leads to one of the most amazing views on the Eastern seaboard.

Prices for the week start at \$385 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 Dan Helgerman ([helgermann@gmail.com](mailto:helgermann@gmail.com)) 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:**

- The January Pack meeting will be January 15.
- The Blue & Gold banquet will be the evening of Saturday, February 1.
- The Pinewood Derby will be the morning of Saturday, February 29. The track will be available for test runs the evening of Friday, February 28.

**EARN A STEM NOVA AWARD AT IFLY:** iFly Montgomery is hosting an event on December 15 for Scouts interested in earning their Up and Away Nova Award. Through a collaboration with BSA, iFly offers Scouts a chance to earn a STEM Nova Award and experience firsthand how flying accelerates learning. Visit <https://www.iflyworld.com/programs/boy-scouts/> for more in depth information on the STEM program and partnership with the BSA. For more details or to register your Scout for the Dec 15 event, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bsa-nova-engineering-up-and-away-stem-education-event-tickets-77179186023>

**SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR MILITARY CARE PACKAGES: (BRING TO THE DEC. 18 PACK MEETING, PLEASE)**

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