

Pack 436 News

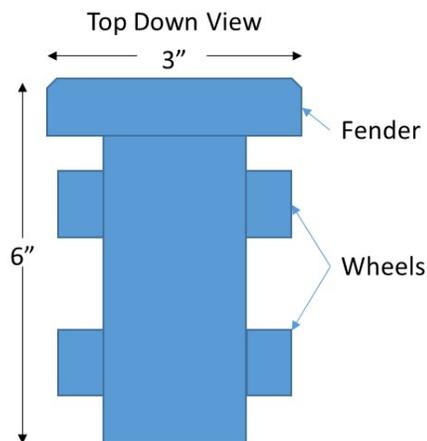
January 2020



JANUARY PACK MEETING: Our next Pack Meeting will be on **Thursday**, January 16 at 7:15 p.m. and will run slightly longer until 8:15 p.m. – this is a change from our usual day due to a conflict for the 4th and 5th grade. This is our highly-anticipated Lego Pinewood Derby! **Each Scout will need to come to the race with his or her car built and ready to race.** The race will take place on a special Lego track that is admittedly imperfect in construction. Because of that, make sure your Scout builds a robust car that can handle a couple of bumps in its voyage down the track.

We could use a few parents to help set up the track at 6:30 p.m. We also still need help checking in cars and prepping for the races. If you can help, please let Howie know (hdraisen@hotmail.com).

The cars cannot be bigger than 3 inches wide by 6 inches long by 2 inches tall and they must carry 8 quarters as cargo; please go ahead and load up the cargo prior to check-in. It is also recommended to incorporate a fender in front of the wheels that is wider than the wheel base. An illustration of this appears below. Please make sure to arrive by 7:15 to get your Scout's car checked in on time.



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

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET: Our annual Blue & Gold Banquet is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, February 1, 2020 in the cafeteria at Quince Orchard HS, from 6-8 p.m. The Bears have opening flags, so please arrive by 5:45. This is an event for the entire family, featuring dinner from Buca di Beppo and Chik-fil-A, and entertainment from Mad Science! ***Full details including payment info and our new Google form to RSVP can be found at the end of the newsletter.***

FEBRUARY PACK MEETING: There is no February Pack meeting because of our Blue & Gold Banquet and semi-annual planning meeting – the planning meeting will be held Wednesday, February 19 from 7:30-9 p.m., at Jones Lane ES.

THANK YOU: To Brian and Shelly Greenfest for our Pack t-shirts. If you have not gotten your shirt yet, please contact your den leader. Also, if you made it to the last Pack meeting, you saw an amazing number of items that were brought in and distributed along with thank you notes from our Scouts to military personnel recovering at Walter Reed. Thank you all for your generosity.

WEBELOS OUTING TO THE UMD OBSERVATORY: Reminder to all Webelos Parents to please RSVP via Scoutbook for the private group tour of the University of Maryland observatory on Monday, January 20 (which is MLK day and an MCPS holiday). Our tour will begin at 7 p.m. in College Park; it will last about an hour and then there will be a public session lasting about an hour after that so we should be done by about 9 p.m. We may need to carpool due to limited parking; those details to follow.

PINEWOOD DERBY: The Pinewood Derby will be Saturday, Feb. 29 (Happy Leap Year!) in the JLES all-purpose room, beginning at 8 a.m. for registration. Racing will hopefully be underway by 8:30 a.m. In addition to the den races, there will be an “open” division for siblings. The track will be available for test runs the evening of Friday, February 28, time to be announced. The car kits will be distributed to the Den Leaders at the January Pack meeting, and we’ll publish rules for the cars by early February.

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. We need help for the following:

- Lego Pinewood Derby: Howie needs a couple of adults to help run the Lego Pinewood Derby at our January Pack meeting (January 16).

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- All parents are invited to our semi-annual planning meeting on February 19, 7:30-9 pm at Jones Lane ES. This is our semi-annual meeting to plan to Pack calendar for the remainder of the Scouting year, as well as to discuss what we're doing well, what can be improved, and where we should be heading as a unit.
- The Pinewood Derby is the morning of Saturday, February 29. The track will be available for test runs the evening of Friday, February 28.
- Save the date for the March Pack meeting - a special outing to the National Cryptologic Museum in Annapolis Junction, MD, on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 12 – 2 p.m.
- And our spring family campout will be April 24-25 at Antietam National Battlefield.

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).

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, for 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) if you have any questions, and we'll get working on registration shortly. Council has information at <https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/camp-pmi/>



Pack 436 Invites All Scouts and Their Families to

The 2020 Blue & Gold Banquet

It's the biggest event of the Cub Scouting year, where families come together to share food and fellowship. The evening will include a **full dinner, dessert, and entertainment** for everyone.

We would like to have ALL our scouts present and in **full uniform**. Bring your entire family!

When: **Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 6-8 p.m.**
The Opening Flag Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. will be led by the Bears –
all Bears please arrive by 5:45 p.m.

Where: Quince Orchard High School cafeteria, 15800 Quince Orchard Rd, Gaithersburg

RSVP: By Sunday, January 19 so we can place our food/beverage order.
Please use Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/Hdy1vW2epuLu4WsaA>
Please RSVP both acceptances and regrets!

Cost: Free for active Pack 436 Scouts and their siblings. \$10/adult to help cover food costs

Payment: By check (payable to “Pack 436” and brought to the January Pack meeting) **OR**
By PayPal to pack436cubscout@gmail.com – **please send “to a friend”** so the Pack doesn’t pay fees on the transaction

Questions: Carolyn Silvey, csilvey@comcast.net, 240-687-3531 (cell)

We are looking forward to a GREAT evening!!