

Pack 436 News

March 2020



MARCH PACK MEETING: Save the date for the March Pack meeting - a special outing to the National Cryptologic Museum in Annapolis Junction, MD (adjacent to Ft. Meade), on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 12 – 2 p.m. They have a fun scavenger hunt program set up for us.

Please follow the directions below to get there. Don't try to use GPS as they will likely lead you to some unhappy guards at the NSA.

1. Take MD 295 North (Balto/Wash Pkwy) OR I-95 North to Rt. 32 East/Ft Meade.
2. Exit onto Canine Road (Exit 10A).
3. Bear left and then turn left at the light (onto Colony Seven Road). Road construction on Canine and Colony Seven Roads. Please take extra care. Bear left along the exit ramp taking care as east and west traffic merges.
4. Follow the detour signs through the construction. The road will wind around and lead you to museum parking lot.

THANK YOU: To Eric Victory, Howie Draisen, Jeff and Carolyn Silvey, Michael Seonarain, Pete Liacouras, Larry Gilliam, Bryan Mulholland, Stefanie Draisen, Dan and Adrienne Helgerman, Kristen Hellewell and our SSL volunteers for a wonderful Pinewood Derby.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Pinewood Derby participants and winners! Our Pack Grand Champions were Ronan Mulholland (1st), Xander Liacouras (2nd) and Sebastian Liacouras (3rd). The Den winners, who will be competing in the District Pinewood Derby, are Easton Richards (Tigers), Ronan Mulholland (Wolves), Grant Kuehn (Bears), Xander Liacouras (Webelos 1), and Ryan Draisen (Webelos 2). Also participating at Districts will be our Best Appearance Winner, Max Silverman, with his Ghostbusters car.

SOUSA AWARDS: Our Pack has two winners of the Seneca Outstanding Unit Scouter Award (SOUSA) this year: Stacey Buckner and Carolyn Silvey. Congratulations to them both! The SOUSA and other Seneca District Awards will be handed out at the annual recognition dinner on March 24. You're welcome and invited to attend the event to honor our awardees and thank them for their service to the Pack; registration is at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-31237>.

BSA RESTRUCTURING: As many of you have likely read or heard, the BSA has recently taken the difficult decision to file for bankruptcy protection as a result of litigation involving past abuse. This has been done in order to ensure that BSA will be able to address the needs of past abuse victims as well as to ensure that the organization can continue to operate. At this point, every indication we have received from the national and council organizations is that Scouting will continue in its current form, and that the local councils have not filed for bankruptcy. As we understand it, there is not any

current litigation filed against our council, which is (like all councils) financially separate from the national BSA. This is a good time to reinforce that our Pack leadership continues to ensure that we fully implement the BSA's policies to ensure youth protection, including completing Youth Protection Training and criminal background checks for all our registered leaders, and 2-deep leadership to ensure that Scouts are never alone with an adult. If you have any questions about what all this means, don't hesitate to contact Eric or Howie, and the BSA also has information available at www.BSArestructuring.org.

SPRING HIKE: Our Pack Hike this spring will be in late March or early April at the Underground Rail Trail at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park in Sandy Spring (<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/woodlawn-manor-cultural-park/underground-railroad-experience-trail-hikes/>). More details to follow!

SPRING FAMILY CAMPOUT: Mark your calendars! Pack 436 will camp at Antietam National Battlefield the weekend of April 25-26. The battleground – located in the Cumberland Valley of western Maryland – has a rich history and is the site of the bloodiest one-day battle in American history. Recreational activities include 15 miles of historic hiking trails – including the popular Final Attack Trails – park ranger programs, biking the battlefield tour road, and more. Signup and details will be provided in March.

SAVE THE DATE: The Arrow of Light ceremony for our Webelos 2 den will be held in April. Date to follow as soon as possible.

UPCOMING DISTRICT & COUNCIL EVENTS:

- **Lion / Tiger 500:** For our Lion and Tiger Scouts, just in case you don't get enough excitement at our Pinewood Derby, you can also attend the District's "Lion / Tiger 500"! The race is Saturday March 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Epworth Methodist Church in Gaithersburg. The cost is \$5 per Scout and you can register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-31236>. The Lion & Tiger den leaders also have more info.
- **Archery Day:** The Seneca District will be holding an Archery Day on Saturday April 25 (the same day as our Pack campout; if you want to do both, you should make it to Antietam in plenty of time if you get an early archery slot) from 12:30-4 p.m. at the Izaak Walton League at 7821 Snouffer School Rd, Gaithersburg. The cost is \$5 if paid in advance, or \$7 onsite; registration is at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-31238#>
- **BALOO training:** The Pack is required to have properly trained adults with us when we go camping; if you'd be willing to take the training, the Pack will reimburse the cost. The next "BALOO" session is the evening of May 6 (7:30-9:30 p.m.), and May 15-16 (5:30 p.m. Fri to 5:30 p.m. Sat). Contact Eric or Howie if you would be interested, or you can register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-28590>.

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 for 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/>

Day Camp: If the overnight camps won't work for your family this year, there are several day camp options. General information on NCAC day camps, is available at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/>

Seneca District's Camp runs June 22-26 at Bretton Woods Recreation Center in Germantown; details at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-34395>; if you're interested in coordinating attendance for our Pack, contact Eric for some more details.

There are two separate weeks of camp offered in Frederick County, at Thurmont Sportsman's Club in Thurmont either June 29-July 3 or July 20-24. See <https://scoutingevent.com/082-34394> for details and their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/483073195678812/>) for updates. If you're interested in this option, the Washington family highly recommends it.