



# Pack 436 News

September 2020

**Thank You & Welcome:** For the first time in many years, Pack 436 will be without the leadership of Eric Victory as Committee Chair. Thank you, Eric, for the innumerable contributions you have made to our Pack and Cub Scouting!

The Pack is in good hands for this year! Our new Committee Chair is Howie Draisen, who previously served so capably as Cubmaster. Our new Cubmaster is Bryan Mulholland, who was most recently the Wolf Den Leader. Thank you, gentlemen!

**Scouting This Fall:** We all recognize that Scouting this fall will be different from past years. While we hope to offer in-person activities outdoors, we recognize that every family has a unique situation and differing levels of comfort regarding in-person gatherings. Please look for a Pack Survey in the next few days, to help the Pack plan what type of activities families are willing to participate in, and what they would prefer to do virtually (if possible) or postpone. NCAC has directed all units to follow local health guidance, and the Pack will be adhering to group size limits and mask and social distancing requirements, and using a pre-screen questionnaire.

As the surveys are returned, Den Leaders will be in touch regarding their plans for the fall. We want to take advantage of the daylight and warmer weather in the next few weeks while we can, if families are comfortable with outdoor, small group events.

The Pack has purchased a group Zoom license. Any Den wishing to hold meetings virtually will have that option available to them.

**Pack Meetings:** We will not be holding full Pack meetings this fall and winter. We hope that some larger get-togethers will be possible in the spring.

**Recruiting:** While we do not have Back-to-School Night to actively recruit new Scouts, we will be sending out announcements and flyers about joining Scouting through online channels. If you have any connections to online communities that may be helpful, please contact Howie. If your children have friends interested in Scouting, please encourage them! **Join Scouting Night** will be all-virtual this year, and held on **September 16 at 7:00 pm**. If you know of any potential new Scouts, please forward this link to their families to join us for the zoom call:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88093336436?pwd=MVdPc3hMa1A1V0xOS2hhanhTRDJTUT09>

Adults who are interested in helping out, please let Howie know.

**Popcorn Sales:** At this week's Parent Meeting, the consensus was to sell popcorn using online sales only, not sending Scouts door-to-door. Our Popcorn Kernel, Fabiana Sivila, is working on flyers and announcements that can be shared on social media.

**Looking Ahead:** Many leadership positions within the Pack are currently filled by families with 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be graduating out next spring. If you are interested in becoming more involved, this year is a great time to shadow or assist these jobs, so next year's transition goes smoothly. Openings will include: Pack Treasurer, Communications (Newsletter), Hiking Coordinator, Camping Coordinator, Blue & Gold Banquet (we hope this can happen!), and Pinewood Derby (which will happen in some format – the District ran a successful Championship virtually this summer).

If you are interested in, or have questions about, any of these positions, Howie can put you in touch with the right people.

**Awards:** We went quite a long time without recognizing the Scouts for all their hard work this past year. With appropriate safety guideline, we'd like to acknowledge all the great work the Scouts did (mostly in the first part of the year) with a small achievement and rank award ceremony at Aberdeen park this Sunday (August 30<sup>th</sup>) at the pavilion by the playground. We say small, because we will do it with one rank at a time instead of having the whole pack there at once. We're just trying to keep the numbers down for safety. Masks and physical distancing will also be required for the event. The Scouts will get their awards and their new neckerchiefs as they advance to their next rank. The schedule will be as follows:

Lions: 2:00

Tigers: 2:30

Wolves: 3:00

Bears: 3:30

Webelos 1: 4:00

Webelos 2: 4:30 - several boys bridging to Boy Scouts!

We hope everyone can make it , but if you can't or don't feel comfortable, we'll make sure your Scout gets their awards.

**Stay Safe, Everyone! Here's to a Great Cub Scout Year!**