



St. Mike's Cub Scouts - Pack 132

April 2015 Newsletter

Thanks to the generosity of our scout families and the hard work of our wreath-selling boys, eight families in need received Easter boxes full of hams, vegetables, potatoes and Easter candy. You ensured an Easter meal where those families could focus on the holiest day of the year, rather than worrying about how to pay for their feast.

Thank you very much, Pack 132. You should be proud of yourselves.

APRIL PACK MEETING

Thursday, April 30, 7:00 p.m. St. Mike's Social Hall.
– Banana Hammers to Banana Boats. We will explore Science and Campfire Desserts!

This month's pack meeting will blow your mind. But we hope it won't blow up the social hall. Mad Science is coming to Pack 132 for the first time in several years. Will there be smoke? Will there be explosions? Will there be a banana hammer? You won't find out unless you join us for this amazing presentation.

Also, don't feed your kids dessert before the meeting, because we'll be getting them excited for this year's camping season with every den's favorite campfire dessert – Bananna Boats. **WET WIPES WILL BE PROVIDED!**

Hosted by your fourth grade Webelos.



PACK PICNIC

Thursday, May 28, 6:00 p.m. Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp, Houlton, WI.

Universally agreed to be the most beautiful pack meeting of the year, our Pack Picnic at Fred C. Anderson brings games, food and fun together for an end of year blow out! Bring your whole family.

This year we're adding a massive tug-o-war contest to the ever popular sack races and balloon fight... oops, I mean Balloon Toss. We hope the kids bring other active/outdoor equipment like footballs and Frisbees as well.

We'll be joined by the Troop 132 Boy Scouts who'll be cooking the hot dogs. We're asking each family to bring a salad, side dish or dessert big enough to serve 12 people. The pack will provide the hot dogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, milk and ice water.

After dinner we hike up to friendship rock for the final awards ceremony of the year. We hope everyone will come together for this big night.

CAMP KIWANIS (Current Bears and Wolves)

May 15 to 17. Kiwanis Scout Camp, Marine on St. Croix.

CAMP AKELA (Current Tigers, Wolves & Bears only)

June 19-21(current Bears will stay for splatball guns, tomahawks and crazy extra fun at Webelos Outpost, coming home on Monday morning, June 22.) Phillipa Scout Reservation – 30654 - 32nd Avenue Way, Cannon Falls, MN.

CAMP NAVAJO (Current 4th Grade Webelos only) August 5-8, Tomahawk Scout Reservation, Birchwood WI.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We'd like to send a big "Thank You!" to Bob Stanislaw, who has agreed to serve as Cubmaster, Tracy Tourville who has agreed to serve as treasurer and Jason Doll, who has agreed to serve as Assistant Bear Den Leader. We are very grateful for their service to our boys.

We are still in great need of current parents to step up and fill the shoes of our departing Webelos II parent leaders. We are in particular need for volunteers to fill those roles printed in **red** below. Please reply to this e-mail or directly contact any current leader to let us know where your talents will fit best.

We need to plan for next year's great scout year, which means it's time for all parents to choose what leadership role they will fill next year. We are an entirely parent-run organization where an hour or two per month generates an entire year of growth and fun for your boys.

Many hands make light work, so please let us know promptly which of the roles below will be a good fit for you in the coming year.

We'll be sending an updated list of filled roles and needs in the coming week. Please contact us soon.

Pack 132 Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

Pack Chair: Schedule facilities for meetings, conduct monthly Leader Meetings, re-charter Pack in March and manage BSA paperwork.

Cubmaster: Host monthly Pack activities & be the face of The Pack. Attend monthly Leader Meetings and attend most Pack activities.

Fundraising Coordinator: Coordinates Fall Wreath & Poinsettia Sale, send out e-mails to Pack and compiles the Scouts orders. Sends orders to Gertens for delivery to wreath & poinsettia garages. Prepares final report for sale by all Scouts and the Pack. Coordinates sales at church 3 different weekends. Oversee three deliveries in November & December (4 hrs a delivery). Collect all money for wreath sales & prepares bank report for Treasurer. Attend Leader Meetings August – December.

Activities Coordinator: Keep Pack informed of Scouting activities. Communicate via e-mail and at Pack meetings. Coordinate yearly Pack outings such as: Roller Skating, Tubing & Swimming. Attend Leader & Pack meetings

Training Coordinator: Keep track & record Adult Leader Training. Coordinate training, will coordinate Adult Awards for training council office. Attend every other monthly Leader Meeting.

Newsletter Coordinator: Create monthly newsletter for Pack & e-mail to Pack. Attend monthly Leader meeting to obtain newsletter material.

Advancement Chair: Record & procure monthly Scout Awards at Scout Store for Awards. Attend monthly Leader & Pack Meetings.

Recruitment Chair: Conduct meetings in September each year to sign up new Scouts. Visit SCCS to recruit Scouts, create bulletin announcements for school & church. Attend August & September Leader Meetings.

Computer Director: Maintain Packmaster Software for the Pack. Run Pack reports & maintain user access. Operate computer program for pinewood derby. Attend monthly Leader Meetings.

Camping Coordinator: Coordinate Camp activities & reservations with Council office. Collect Health Forms for all participants. Attend monthly Leader meetings and Pack meetings during sign up.

Treasurer: Manage Pack finances. Prepare annual budget. Attend monthly Leader Meetings

Religious Awards Coordinator: Coordinate Cub Scout religious awards. Schedule Scout Sunday & Church Tour with church staff. Attend monthly Leader & Pack meetings thru December.

Den Leader (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light (this is what we're calling 5th grade boys next year)) Coordinate all efforts for Scouts to earn rank Badge. Conduct at least one Den meeting per month, September – May, Host 2 pack meetings per year (except Tiger Den Leader.)

LEADER BOARD....

Training:

A trained leader is a prepared leader. Cub Scouts and you will benefit from the outstanding training programs offered by the Northern Star Council. In addition to rank specific Den Leader training, the Council offers courses on Weather, First Aid, Camping, Outdoor Skills, Leadership and much more. Every Den should have a parent trained in these areas, BALOO (Basic-Adult-Leader-Outdoor-Orientation) training and Shooting Sports. Many classes, including Leader Training, can be found online and will take less than 30 minutes to complete. To do the online training, visit www.northernstarbsa.org, select “online training”.

Leader Meetings:

7:00 p.m. in the St. Mike’s Parish Office Conference Room on the following date:
May 4.

CAMPING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Pack Committee is pleased to offer a Camp Scholarship Program. We believe all Scouts should have the opportunity to enjoy the best part of Cub Scouts - Cub Scout Camp! Any Scout in good standing with the Pack is eligible. If finances are in the way of you and your Scout enjoying camp with

the Scouts, please contact Paul Dinzeo @ 651-351-9482 for more information about this program.

All calls will be kept confidential.