

# Pack 1601 Newsletter– April 2008 Edition



## From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601

We have had a lot of fun activities these past several months with the Pine Wood Derby, Blue and Gold, Lees Corner Fun Fair Raingutter Regatta, Conservation Clean up and this past weekend Laser Tag. Wow did we really do all those activities? A big "Thank You" goes to all those that made these events possible!

It was a lot of work and a lot of fun but we have made Lees Corner shine with our Conservation Cleanup efforts in March. This is always a way we can give back to Lees Corner and help make the school look great. Thank you to all who came out and got your hands dirty.

Laser Tag was a blast for everyone. We rented the place out and had a ball. Keir Froberg and Linda Jester were #1 marksman, and have been very modest with that honor... ha! It was definitely fun for all.

We only have a few more months to go and our scouting year is over! Although the year is winding down, we still have many exciting activities. Friends of Scouting this April, and in May we are doing Crossover of all the scouts – a great way to end the year! See, Upcoming Events to get all the details.

**Kirk**  
**Cubmaster, Pack 1601**

## Upcoming Events 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 3	Cub Run Rec Center Swimming
May 20	Pack Meeting
June 10	Pack Recruiting Meeting

June 21	Family Camp Out
July 21	Potomac Nationals
August 24	End of the Summer Family Pool Party

## Adult Volunteers

Parents,

Our pack lost several Adult volunteers in February when our Webelos became Boy Scouts at the Blue and Gold Banquet. The boys and the Pack need your help. We have several important Pack Committee positions to fill:

Some of the remaining committee positions to fill include:

- Popcorn Kernel- 2008
- Pinewood Derby Lead
- Recruiting & Join Scouting Coordinator
- Assistant Cubmaster
- Fall Cookout Coordinator

**Contact either Kirk or Keir if you are interested**

## Tonight's Pack Meeting

At tonight's Pack Meeting there will be a 10-15 min. presentation on "Friends of Scouting." It is an opportunity for parents to contribute to scouting at the National Level. Donations will go to helping kids join scouting, keep the outstanding scouting camps operating, and get the word out about scouting in general. It is a worthy cause, and for those interested, it is a completely tax deductible contribution.

## Our Next Pack Meeting

Our Next Pack Meeting will be held at Lees Corner Elementary at 7pm on May 20. All our Cub Scouts that have met their requirements will be advancing, so bring your cameras! Hope to see all of you then.

## Training

The Pack's policy is that one parent from each family take the Youth Protection on-line course. Please visit the Capital Area Boy Scouts web site at [www.boy Scouts-nac.org](http://www.boy Scouts-nac.org) and look under the Training menu.

This online training takes less than a half hour.

When you have completed it, please send Mohammad an email (Pack Training Coordinator) at: [thahirm@yahoo.com](mailto:thahirm@yahoo.com) Thank You!

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## Den Happenings

### Pinewood Derby



This year's Pinewood Derby got off to a fast start due to the superb efforts of the Pinewood Derby Committee! Special thanks go to Dan, Kirk, Jorge, Giuseppe, Mike and Larry. The scouts and their families had a great time and the cars were spectacular! The competition amongst the scouts was intense, but good sportsmanship was exhibited by all. A special congratulation goes to the following boys who won their den competition and went on to represent Pack 1601 at the District races:

Tigers: Iain  
Wolves: Eli  
Bears: Stephen  
Webelos I: Michael  
Webelos II: Andres

**Blue and Gold** This past February's Blue and Gold dinner was a big success thanks to the hard work put in by many volunteers. The Pack would like to thank Claudia, Kurt, Beth, Colleen, Betsy, Mary, Jeanette, and Elizabeth. As a Pack we lost some great adult volunteers and friends. We also sent a group of great scouts on to 3 great Boy Scout Troops. We wish them all well and hope they look back with fond memories on Pack 1601.

## Lee's Corner Fun Fair Rainutter Regatta



Our Pack again volunteered to help at Lee's Corner Elementary's Fun Fair by setting up our Rainutter Regatta. Each den contributed volunteers to man the game as well as provide sailboats for contestants to sail. Everyone that came through to race had a great time! Thanks to everyone that helped out! Your efforts helped to create a very successful Fun Fair and raise needed funds for your school! The Pack would like to thank Bob Merrick for setting up the rig.

## Conservation Clean Up at Lee's Corner



March 30th was the Packs annual Conservation Clean-up at Lee's Corner and it was a huge success. The Pack had about 45 volunteers working on weeding, trash collection, leaf collection, pruning, and laying mulch. This year we also threw in a twist – we planted over twenty plants, most flowering, which we hope will continue to make Lee's Corner look great for many years to come. Every scout planted something and each of them thought it was the best part of the event! We even

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had a special guest volunteer. Gary, our Pack's Executive Officer and the PTA President came to work along side the scouts and help us with our efforts. We'd like to give a special thank you to Tom for his time and knowledge in helping with the planning and purchasing of the plants for this event.

**Laser Tag** On April 7th the Pack came together for some futuristic fun and pizza at Shadowlands. We had a great turnout with approximately 95 adults and kids playing multiple games. This was the second year that our pack has held this activity and already requests are coming in for a return next year! We'd like to express our thanks to Keir for organizing this event.

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## **Den 1: Tigers**



The Tigers have been busy since January. All the boys enjoyed their first pinewood derby. They each made fantastic cars and the races were extremely close. Special congratulations go to Iain who won both the Tiger den and overall Pack championship races. He went on to represent the Pack at the District races and came in approximately 7<sup>th</sup> in the Tiger division and had a great time!

The boys have been working hard to finish all the requirements to earn their Tiger badge. They had lots of fun playing "tell it like it isn't" and building their own food pyramid out of magazine cut outs. All they have left is one more "Go see it"! The Tigers are also looking forward to presenting the colors at tonight's Pack Meeting.

Several boys and their dads helped run the Raingutter Regatta at the Fun Fair a few weeks ago. And the school grounds look great too. A big thank you to all the Tiger Cubs and their dad's and mom's that volunteered their time at the Conservation Clean Up.

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## **Upcoming Events**

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

The Pack is planning a recruiting event for our June 10th Pack meeting. We will invite rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys to attend with their parents. Flyers will go out in the Wednesday folders as well as personal invitations to rising 1<sup>st</sup> graders announcing the event.

**Cub Run Rec Center Swim** Please join us for a Water Fun Day on Saturday, May 3, from 1-6 pm. Scouts are free and family members are \$4.00. Stay as long as you like, or come later if you have a soccer or baseball game in the early afternoon. Please let your den leader know if, and how many of you will be coming so that we can give the facility an accurate count. No food or drinks will be provided, but they can be purchased from the Rec Center.

**Family Camp Out** Pack 1601's annual family camp-out will be Saturday, June 21, and the best part is school will be out for the summer! We will be camping at the Turkey Run Ridge Campground in Prince William Forrest. This has always proved to be a fun filled event that everyone truly enjoys. If you have any questions or would like to be a member of the committee planning this event please contact Michael at [michaelclendenin@cox.net](mailto:michaelclendenin@cox.net).

**Potomac Nationals Dollar Night** The Pack's July activity will be an outing to the Potomac Nationals July 21<sup>st</sup> game. It will be dollar Monday night. All walk up tickets are just \$1 and hotdogs are also just a buck. Game time is 7:05pm.

**End of the Summer Family Pool Party** The Pack's August activity will be Sunday, August 24th at ArmField Farms Pool. The party will take place from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and we will be cooking out again this year! Like last year, we'll ask family's to either bring a side dish or a desert. This will be a fun time so please mark your calendars. Details to follow.

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What has your Den been up to? Show and Tell by sending your pictures and comments for the next Newsletter to Betsy: [elizabeth\\_legg@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_legg@yahoo.com)

