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# Pack 1601 Newsletter– December 2008 Edition

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## From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601

The months just keep flying by! Again, I want to thank everyone for the outstanding efforts over the last four months – popcorn, scouting for food, raingutter regatta, etc. The next two months are going to be HUGE! We have the Pinewood Derby at the January Pack meeting followed by the Blue and Gold Banquet (B&G) in February. The PWD is where the scouts pit their skill against all others – may the best car win! The B&G is where we celebrate Scouting's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, as well as honor those Webelos IIs who have achieved the Arrow of Light. We also say good bye to the Webelos IIs as they cross over into Boy Scouts.

For those who are staying in the local area, as well as those who are traveling, have a great holiday season and please be safe!

**Kirk Jester**  
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

## Upcoming Events 2008

Date	Event
January 23	Pinewood Derby Races
February 20	Blue and Gold Banquet
March 1	Caps Game Family Outing
March 17	Pack Meeting 7:00 pm

**Adult Volunteers** Our pack runs on Adult volunteers, so it is critical everyone help out as much as they can. As people rotate in and out of the Pack we have a constant need for new volunteers. Several of the

positions have been filled, and we thank folks for stepping up. However, the boys and the Pack still need your help. We have several more important positions to fill:

Some of the remaining positions to fill include:

- Recruiting & Join Scouting Coordinator
- Assistant Cubmaster
- Wolf Den Leader

We also need a tremendous amount of help on all the activities we have coming up: Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold, etc.

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

**Tonight's Pack Meeting** At tonight's Pack Meeting we will be having a Uniform Inspection (Uniform for the scouts is Class A - Blue/Tan shirts with neckerchief and belt), hand out the Pinewood Derby Kits, recognize top leaders in the popcorn sales, and a special Tiger Welcome Ceremony.

**Our Next Pack Meeting** Our next Pack meeting will be the Pinewood Derby races, Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm-9pm, Lees Corner Cafeteria. Weigh-in will start at 5:30pm with races starting at 6:00pm sharp. Rules will be forthcoming via email. So, start working on those cars once you have the kit!

**Popcorn Sales** At tonight's Pack meeting we will be recognizing top sellers. Congratulations to all the top sellers and all the boys who sold popcorn. There is popcorn left to sell. We have extra - 15 pack Butter, Butter Light and Kettle Corn. This would make a great Holiday present. Please contact Mike with any questions at [scharschool@yahoo.com](mailto:scharschool@yahoo.com) or [popcorncol@yahoo.com](mailto:popcorncol@yahoo.com) or on his cell phone at 703-964-7436.

**Training** The Pack's policy is that one parent from each family take the Youth Protection on-line course. *Youth Protection requirements have changed as of June 2008 and MUST be taken every two (2) years. If you have taken this class in the past it might be time to take it again.* Please visit the Capital Area Boy Scouts web site at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org) and look under the Training menu. This online training takes less than a half hour. When you have completed it, please send Mohammad Thahir an email (Pack Training Coordinator) at: [thahirm@yahoo.com](mailto:thahirm@yahoo.com) Thank You!

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**Raingutter Regatta** Everyone can agree that all the Cub Scouts and their parents had a great time at the Raingutter Regatta last month. Good news - no one hyperventilated.



## **Den Happenings**

**Den 1: Wolves** Den 1's Wolves have been busy the last two months! They've traveled from our sun to the far reaches of our solar system learning about the planets as they earned their astronomy belt loop! It only took a little over an hour to make our trip, so our den is more than likely the fastest den in the pack. All the scouts also were able to look through a telescope into the night sky thanks to our Cubmaster Kirk Jester, who was kind enough to provide it for us. Den 1 was also very successful in its Scouting for Food drive. The Wolves were able to collect 150 bags of food for surrounding needy families! Way To Go Wolves! The scouts would also like to thank all the parents that helped in making their effort so successful! Our den would like to congratulate Ryan, Kevin, and

Austin on receiving their Bobcat Badge at the November Pack Meeting! Great Job Scouts! The wolves would also like to congratulate Austin for winning our den's Raingutter Regatta! The competition was fierce, with gusts of wind reaching gale force proportions. The boys are now gearing up for the next challenge - the Pinewood Derby! We continue to work toward the Wolf Badge and the boys are right on schedule. We recently learned all about the American flag, and the Virginia State flag, how to display them, and how to fold them. At our last den meeting Dean's dad, Mike Schar taught the boys about keeping their body healthy. Each of the scouts made a health chart that they will keep for the next two weeks and then bring back to our next den meeting. They also learned basic first aid and how to prevent the spread of colds! Thanks for a great den meeting Mr. Schar!



## **Upcoming Events**

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

**Pinewood Derby** is on the calendar for January. This event is fun for the whole family. The boys race their very

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own build derby cars. We are looking for a few good men and women to help out with this event. If you would like to lead or just help, please contact either Kirk Jester [jesters92@cox.net](mailto:jesters92@cox.net) or Keir Froberg [mickbfroberg@yahoo.com](mailto:mickbfroberg@yahoo.com).

**Caps Game Family Outing** is being planned for the beginning of March (March 1<sup>st</sup>). More details to come. If you have any questions contact Larry Connor at [lconnor@mapl.net](mailto:lconnor@mapl.net).

**Blue and Gold Banquet** is planned for February 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you would like to help out please contact Claudia Carr [cmbcarr@yahoo.com](mailto:cmbcarr@yahoo.com) (Blue & Gold Chair), Kirk Jester [jesters92@cox.net](mailto:jesters92@cox.net) or Keir Froberg [mickbfroberg@yahoo.com](mailto:mickbfroberg@yahoo.com).

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For all this information and more see our Pack Web site [www.pack1601.org](http://www.pack1601.org).

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