
Pack 1601 Newsletter– May 2008 Edition



From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601

Wow! It is hard to believe another year has absolutely flown by! Some of the highlights include the popcorn sales event in the fall which enables many of the fun activities we do as a pack. This was followed by our nighttime hay ride and bonfire event at Cox Farm. Also, we experienced the Raingutter Regatta for the first time in a couple of years. Everyone enjoyed that wet evening, and nobody passed out due to hyperventilation. Next came Scouting For Food, which helped many needy people in the local area. We then dove right into getting the pinewood derby kits in December with the Pinewood Derby in January. Let me tell you, there were many parents hopping to meet that timeline – me included! We then had a most awesome Blue & Gold Banquet to celebrate Scouting's 98th birthday, and see the Webelo IIs crossover to the Boy Scouts. In March was the Conservation Clean-up which really made Lees Corner shine. In April we enjoyed Laser Tag where Linda and Keir were the number one sharp shooters! This was followed by swimming at Cub Run in early May. WHAT A YEAR!

But, it's not over yet! This month we have the May Pack meeting for the rank advancement and crossover. This is an outstanding ending to the formal part of the scouting year. We then have the phenomenal Family Camp Out on 21 June, followed by a trip to the ball park to watch the Nationals play on 21 July. Finally, just before the first formal Pack meeting for next year, we have the End of Summer Family Pool Party on 24 August.

I want to thank each and every one of you who made all this happen. We have many volunteers who put a lot of time and effort into making this pack run and run smoothly, my hat is off to you. We still need volunteers, so please sign up and help out, it doesn't take much and it is incredibly rewarding – plus your son's think it is really cool to see Mom or Dad involved or leading some fun

event. Next year promises to be even better! Have a great summer.

Kirk Jester
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

Upcoming Events 2008

Date	Event
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 Webelo IIs 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 Jester or Keir Froberg if you are interested

Tonight's Pack Meeting

At tonight's Pack Meeting there will be doing our rank advancement and crossover. Hope you have your cameras!

Also at tonight's Pack Meeting please let your Den leader or Michael Clendenin know if you are planning on going to the Family Camp on June 21. We are in our final stages of planning and will need the number attending in order for food preparations.

Our Next Pack Meeting

Our next Pack meeting will be in September. Hope everyone enjoyed their year in Scouting. See you at the fun activities we have planned over the summer.

Training

The Pack's policy is that one parent from each family take

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the Youth Protection on-line course. Please visit the Capital Area Boy Scouts web site at 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 Thank You!

Den Happenings

Cub Run Rec Center Swim Our Water Fun Day was Saturday, May 3. Many boys and their families showed up through out the day to cool off and just have some great fun with their friends at the pool.



Den 1: Tigers



Several boys and their dads enjoyed an afternoon racing down slides at Cub Run a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, the weather hasn't cooperated with plans for the Walney Park Go See It but the boys have still enjoyed the chance to meet and share their personal collections. Pokemon and Star Wars cards are collected by several boys. Other

collections included transformers and fuzzy balls. Many of the kids are getting prepared to camp out this June!

Den 8: Webelos I

The Webelos have been on the move!

Back in April, we assisted with a Chesapeake Bay conservation project. We planted trees along a stream bed in Maryland to help improve the health of that stream by reducing erosion and pollution from farm fertilizers. Healthy streams will help to improve the bay.

On May 14, the den met at the Eleanor C Lawrence Park and helped to clean up and rebuild one of their American Indian exhibits in advance of their special scout programs this weekend.

This last weekend, May 17-18, the den went on their spring den campout at Pohick Bay Regional park. We fished, played in the mud, and worked towards the outdoors Webelos activity badges. This time around we did cooking in a cardboard oven for dinner to show that method of food preparation.

During April and May we have been working on the Webelos Activities for Athlete, Engineer, Fitness, Forrester, Naturalist, Outdoorsman, Scholar, and (of course) the Webelos rank badge. It brings me great pleasure to state that we will have 8 of the 9 registered scouts in the den earn their Webelos badge. Now we can begin to focus on the Arrow of Light.

Some Events through Out the Year

Pinewood Derby



This year's Pinewood Derby got off to a fast start due to

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the superb efforts of the Pinewood Derby Committee! Special thanks go to Dan Dreyfus, Kirk Jester, Jorge Izquierdo, Giuseppe Rossi, Mike Clark and Larry Spaine. 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.

Lee's Corner Fun Fair Raingutter Regatta



Our Pack again volunteered to help at Lee's Corner Elementary Fun Fair by setting up our Raingutter 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.

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 Carr, Kurt Gustafson, Beth Hargett, Colleen Hawley, Betsy Legg, Mary Copas, Jeanette Castillo, and Elizabeth Rocket. 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

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

Recruitment Night The Pack is planning a recruiting event for our June 10th Pack meeting. We will invite rising 1st through 4th grade boys to attend with their parents. Flyers will

go out in the Wednesday folders as well as personal invitations to rising 1st graders announcing the event.

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 Clendenin at michaelclendenin@cox.net.

At tonight meeting please let your Den leader or Michael Clendenin know if you are planning on going to the Family Camp on June 21. The Family Camp Out Committee are in their final stages of planning and will need a number attending in order for food preparations.

July Camping

Den 8 is currently in the planning stages for a camping trip in July out near Luray caverns. We will be doing den camping for 2 days, tubing in the nearby river, and having a whole lot of fun.

We are looking to try and make this a joint camping trip between what will then be the Webelos I and II dens.

Cub World - Webelos Advancement

August 15 - 19 the Pack 1601 Webelos will be going to the "Webelos Week" at Camp Snyder. This is open to the current Webelos as well as the Bears/Rising Webelos dens.

Registration must be done individually by the parents online. Only a parent/guardian may register their boy for this activity. Information on Camp Snyder, and their Cub World activities can be found using the following link to the National Capital Area website: <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=18976&orgkey=1933>

Potomac Nationals Dollar Night The Pack's July activity will be an outing to the Potomac Nationals July 21st 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. Look for an email in July.

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! 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 in an upcoming August email.

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Affiliation: Pack 1601 is chartered by the Lees Corner Elementary School PTA. Our Charter Organization Representative is PTA President, Gary Stumpf. We truly appreciate the support of the Lees Corner PTA and Lees Corner Principal, Clay Sande.

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

