

# Pack 1601 Newsletter– November 2008 Edition



January 13	Pack Meeting 7:00 pm
January 16	Pinewood Derby Races
February 13	Blue and Gold Banquet

## From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601

I want to thank all the scouts who have worked hard to sale popcorn. Your hard efforts not only won you some awesome prizes, but continue to allow us to reduce, if not eliminate, costs for doing a lot of fun events. We will have a couple more Pack selling efforts to finish off our supplies, but we are definitely coming down the home stretch. A big thanks to Mike Schar and Colleen Hawley for running the effort!

Last month's pumpkin carving contest was absolutely outstanding and a lot of fun for all. For some reason the Cubmaster's pumpkins decided to do their own biological experiments based on decay rates..ooooeeeh, yuk!

I am so VERY proud of the scouts and parents who participated in the Scouting for Food effort! We supplied the local food bank with over 600 bags of food! This effort goes an incredibly long way in helping over 350 people in need just in our local area. Again, I can't thank you enough.

This weekend is the Sky Meadows event for those of you who enjoy star gazing. This is where the kids get to look at all sorts of planets and things (weather permitting). Just remember to bundle up since it will most likely be a nice chilly evening. The event starts at around 4:45 pm.

Again, thanks for making this such an outstanding fun packed year!

**Kirk Jester**  
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

## Upcoming Events 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 22	Star Party at Sky Meadows
December 16	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 awarding the Bobcat badge to those who have earned it, and having our very own raingutter regatta races. Good luck to all the boys.

T-shirts are in so if you don't already have one, make sure to pick one up. We also have adults, siblings, etc T-shirts available for \$10 each.

## Our Next Pack Meeting

Our next Pack meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will have a Uniform Inspection (Uniform for the scouts is Class A (Blue/Tan Shirts w/ neckerchief & belt), hand out the Pinewood Derby Kits, recognize top leaders in the popcorn sales, and a special Tiger Welcome Ceremony.

**Popcorn Sales** Mike is very busy tallying all the popcorn orders and counting all the money. Thank you to all who have turned in their orders, for participating in selling popcorn and going out to the Popcorn booths at Lowes and Giant. If you have not turned in your form and money to Mike please do so as soon as possible. At the December Pack meeting we will be recognizing top sellers. Please contact him with any questions at

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scharschool@yahoo.com or 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!

**Scouting for Food** Wow! Pack 1601 did a phenomenal job with Scouting for Food. 600 bags were collected by 42 scouts. The boys distributed bags for the food drive and then walked back around the neighborhoods to collect the filled bags. All the food was donated to area food banks, which will help over 350 people less fortunate than us within our community. A big Scouting Thank You goes to Joe Sherrier for running this very successful event.



Patrick, Callum, Donny, Danny, William

## Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

**Saturday Star Party** This is a Pack and family event, so please join us for this fun Star Party on November 22! An astronomer of the Albert Einstein Planetarium plus local amateur astronomers set up telescopes for public viewing. We will all meet up at the edge of the parking lot by 4:45. The event will begin there with a short night sky orientation.

Bring:

- Telescope (if you have one)
- Chairs and/or blankets
- Picnic dinner
- Warm clothes

Do NOT bring:

- Light-emitting devices—flashlights, glow sticks, etc.

Please carpool if possible! Parking is very limited. There is a \$4 fee per car (any number of people). Directions: I-66 to exit 23 (takes approximately 45 min). Phone number: 540-592-3556. See website for information <http://www.nasm.si.edu/events/eventDetail.cfm?eventID=847>. We will not cancel this event for inclement weather—it's your call whether or not you want to go. An amateur astronomer will lead a short alternate program in case of clouds or rain.

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



Patrick, William, William, Callum

## Den Happenings

### Bears:

The Bears had a very successful gathering of food. Danny, Donny, Callum, William L., William W., Patrick all had a great time running from house to house both Saturday and Sunday. Our Den meeting on Monday, Nov. 17th we will be learning how to tie knots from Mr. Legg and other activities. Wednesday we are going to Fryng Pan Park to take part in What Makes America Special. Thanks Claudine Munayer for finding this activity.

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**Caps Game Family Outing** is being planned for sometime in January. Details are being worked.

**Blue and Gold Banquet** is planned for February. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you would like to help out please contact either Kirk Jester [jesters92@cox.net](mailto:jesters92@cox.net) or Keir Froberg [mickbfroberg@yahoo.com](mailto:mickbfroberg@yahoo.com).

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*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.*

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

Any questions or additions please email Kurt Gustafson  
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What has your Den been up to? Show and Tell by  
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