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# Pack 1601 Newsletter– February 2009 Edition

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**District Pine Wood Derby** was held Saturday, February 21. Our Pack was represented by:

Tigers: Tanner Dalley – 1<sup>st</sup> Place!  
Wolves: Iain Froberg – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place!  
Bears: Michael Munayer – So close!  
Webelos I: Alex Armintrout – So close!  
Webelos II: Ben Chestnut – 1<sup>st</sup> Place!

All the boys had a great time and Pack 1601 really rocked this year!

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## From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601

This is a final farewell to our WEBELOS II. Everyone of them earned the top award of Cub Scouts – the Arrow of Light – CONGRATULATIONS!!! Of the eight scouts, six have decided to continue onto Boy Scouts. I personally want to thank all of you for your dedication and leadership to Pack 1601!

Michael Bartenwerfer – Troop 1530  
Tristan Bibler – Troop 160  
Benjamin Chestnut – Troop 158  
Connor Clendenin  
Issac Iyengar – Troop 160  
Benjamin Jones – Troop 158  
Theodore Mulvey – Troop 160  
Giuseppe Rossi

Also, a special thanks to the Blue and Gold Committee for a phenomenal night:

Claudia Carr - Blue & Gold Chair  
Jason Armintrout  
Jodi Fraize  
Colleen Hawley  
Linda Jester  
Dana Miller  
Kurt Gustafson

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

## Upcoming Events 2008

Date	Event
March 27	Caps Game Family Outing
March 17	Pack Meeting 7:00 pm
March 21	Fun Fair
March/Apr-TBD	School Conservation



Webelo II: Benjamin Chestnut taking 1<sup>st</sup> place!!

**Blue and Gold** We celebrated Scouting's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, as well as honoring those Webelos IIs who have achieved the Arrow of Light. We will also said good bye to the Webelos IIs as they cross over into Boy Scouts. A phenomenal production was put on by Troop 160 for the Arrow of Light and the Crossover. It was the first time I've ever experienced the Pack being quiet for 40 minutes straight!

**How the B&G began:** In 1933 "Cub Leaders' Round Table" suggested Parent / Cub dinners. Soon thereafter, Pack 1 of Michigan City started a tradition of pot-lucks where the dads were to bring utensils made of wood; whittled by the Cub with his dad. In the 1930s father / son 'bean dinners' and 'Cub family dinners' began to become commonplace. Finally, in 1943 the name "Blue and Gold Banquet" first appeared in BSA literature, and became synonymous with "celebrating the birthday of Scouting."

Today, the Blue and Gold banquet is one of the highlights of the program year. It brings together the Pack's families for a dinner and an evening of fun. The meal is important, but even more important is the warm, congenial atmosphere created as families enjoy each other's company.

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**Pine Wood Derby** Wow! What a wild ride the Pine Wood Derby was this year. All the cars were awesome, very fast and unique. Everyone had a great time racing their cars. Congratulations to the winners of each Den and to all the boys. A huge Cub Scout thank you goes out to all who helped with the set and tear down. Special thanks to Kurt Gustafson, Jose Castillo, Dave Haug, and Mike Clark for all your help with this event.



Wolves: Ryan and Michael very proud of their cars.



Pack Winners from each den

**Laser Tag** Everyone who was able to make it out the Shadowland Laser Tag had a great time! We had code names such as Killer, Sparkz, Yoda, R2D2, IceCream, and Yo. Pizza and drinks kept the players—kids and adults—energized round after round. Thank you, Keir, for organizing this fun event.

**Our Next Pack Meeting** Our next Pack meeting will be March 17, 7pm, Lees Corner Cafeteria.

Hope to see you there! Since this is St. Patrick Day, you might want to wear something green! (Scouts still need to be in their regular uniform shirts).

## **Den Happenings**

**Den 1: Wolves** Den 1 has been working hard at its den meetings and the scouts have been making good progress toward their wolf badges. Our late January den meeting was led by Kenny's dad, Ken, and he did a great job teaching the scouts all about tools and how they work. All the boys got to use a saw and also had a chance to hold and look at a variety of tools as well as see a few that were very unusual.

Our first February den meeting was led by Austin's dad, Jerome, and covered Achievement 1, Feats of Skill. The boys were able to get a bunch of items signed off and had a lot of fun at the same time.

On Monday our den suited up and grabbed their lasers at Shadowlands. Our entire den came with many of their family members and it appeared to not a few observers that the best shots in the pack came out of the Wolves's den.

I'd like to thank Ryan's dad, Steve, and Austin's dad, Jerome, for stepping up and volunteering to help lead our den!

**Den 3: Bears** Den 3 has had Cubby for this month and he has many exciting experiences going around the Den, here is a picture of him on the ropes at LA Boxing. He still has his stuffings. Also, Eli Rothleder took part in the Cub Scout Chess tournament on the week end of February 14th.



**Den 5: Webelos 1** On Saturday, February 7, both the Webelos I and Webelos II dens joined together to have a Webelos Outdoor Activity Day. We gathered at a camp site at Lake Fairfax Park. We worked towards Outdoorsman, Forester, and Naturalist. A big Thank

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You needs to be said for the Boy Scouts from Troops 158, and 160 who joined us to help teach the boys and to promote 'Scout Spirit!' We cooked lunch and dinner over coals and fires and ended with a fire ceremony. Despite all of the activities, I believe the boys would say that the best part of the day, however, was the really large fort-like rock formation that they enjoyed playing on whenever they could get a break.



**Den 8: Webelos 2** The Webelos II Den 8 has been working together to finish up their last requirements for Arrow of Light. Each of the scouts has been finishing up individual activities in order to get himself ready for Boy Scouts. Each scout has been attending Boy Scout Troop meetings to do their Scoutmaster Conferences and decide which Troop they want to join. In our den meeting we finished up Readyman, and worked towards Artist (a big Thank You to Ms. Holson who stopped by to talk to the boys about careers in the art field).



## Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

**Lees Corner Fun Fair** is on March 21. The school has again asked the Cub Scouts to set up and run the Rain Gutter for the Rain Gutter Regatta races. We will need several Scouts and their parents to volunteer to man the station. Please contact Keir Froberg at [mickbfroberg@yahoo.com](mailto:mickbfroberg@yahoo.com) if you can help out. The boys love to help at this event and others get to see how much fun it is being a Cub Scout.

**Caps Game Family Outing** Wow the tickets for the Caps Game Family Outing have already sold out. This is such a fun event no wonder.

.Please let Larry Connor know if you have any questions. Contact Larry at [lconnor@mapl.net](mailto:lconnor@mapl.net).

**School Conservation** is being planned in March. We gather at the school to do weeding, planting, mulching and some general sprucing up of the grounds for our annual school service project. More details to come. If you have any questions contact Tom Legg 703 901 9663.

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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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