
Pack 1601 Newsletter– January 2010 Edition



From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601:

Well another Pinewood Derby has arrived! February 20th will be the District PWD event and each 1st place person in each Den gets to represent the Pack at the District races. I hope everyone can come out and cheer them on. Times for each rank will be sent out when we get them.

Next month is the Blue & Gold. It will be a fun filled event, and we hope everyone can come and join in. Also, on April 12, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, we will be doing Laser Tag at Shadowland again. This is a fun time for all and everyone is invited.

I do want to thank the Pinewood Derby Committee (Pit Crew) for helping prepare for a phenomenal night of racing:

Kurt Gustafson	Dave Haug
Jose Castillo	Keir Froberg
Kevin Linsley	Abby Wyatt
Bill Warne	Mike Clark

Tony Hines
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

Upcoming Events 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 15	6:00 pm - Pinewood Derby Races (Snow date is January 22)
February 19	Blue and Gold Banquet
February 20	District Pine Wood Derby
March 12	Caps game (Family event)

Tonight's Pack Meeting weigh –in your Derby car starting at 6:00 meeting starts at 7:00

At tonight's Pack meeting we will have weigh-ins for the Pine

Wood Derby. Good luck to all the boys and their parents. May the best car win!

Pine Wood Derby

Just in a couple of days Friday January 15 is the very exciting Pine Wood Derby Races. Snow date is January 22. Pizza and drinks will be provided by the Pack and we are asking Pack Families to bring a dessert to share. Good luck to all the boys.

The race will be run in a series of heats, and these depend on having all of the boys there and ready to race at the appropriate times.

Tigers	6:00 p.m.
Wolves	6:20 p.m.
Bears	6:50 p.m.
Webelos 1	7:10 p.m.
Webelos 2	7:30 p.m.
Pack Run-Off	7:50 p.m.

Not only will we be giving out prizes for the fastest cars in each den as well as overall for the Pack, there will also be a Best Lookin' prize for a car in each den.



A picture of the winning cars from last years PWD.

Our Next Pack Meeting

Our next Pack meeting will be the Blue and Gold Ceremony February 19. We will be celebrating Scouting's 100th birthday, as well as honoring 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

Popcorn Sales Thanks to all the Scouts for their hard work selling popcorn! I'd like to congratulate our top sellers Dean S. MacEgan F. and Danny B. Great job guys! They sold just under \$900 each. In total, Pack

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1601 sold over \$13,000 worth of popcorn and collected almost \$1300 in donations

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

Blue and Gold Banquet February 20

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.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you would like to help out please contact either Tony Hines paj_h@yahoo.com or Dana Miller miller703@verizon.net or Keir Froberg mickbfroberg@yahoo.com.

Caps Game Family Outing is Sunday March 12. The game is against the Tampa Bay Lightings. Game time is 7:00pm. This event is for the whole family. If you are interested in tickets for please contact Larry Connor at lconnor@mapl.net.

Den Happenings

Den 3 WEBELO ! All the boys are working on the Communication pin requirements and did push-ups, and sit-ups for the Fitness pin requirements.

At our last den meeting Callum showed us all kinds of stuff about boxing. He showed us the equipment like the gloves, head and waist guards, and how to wrap your hands so that you don't get hurt. He also showed some of the boxing moves or jabbing moves. We played the emotion game where we had to act out an emotion like

happiness. We talked about 'leave no trace' and we drew pictures of what that meant. It means when you are hiking you don't leave anything behind.

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 and look under the Training menu. This online training takes less than a half hour.

When you have completed it, please send Elizabeth Rocket at mulvliz@yahoo.com and email.

Pack Website: Check out our very own Pack 1601 website www.pack1601.org. Kurt Gustafson is our web master, thank you Kurt. Lots of great Pack information including pictures of past events, newsletters and calendar of events.

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For all this information and more see our Pack Website www.pack1601.org.

Any questions about our web site or for additions please email our webmaster Kurt Gustafson at kgustafson2@gmail.com

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

