
Pack 1601 Newsletter– March 2010 Edition



From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601:

What a terrific year this has been! And we're not done yet. With so many events coming up before the end of school, I am excited about the opportunities the Scouts are going to have. The Pack swim, the conservation cleanup, Fun Fair, as well as the camping trip to Big Meadows are all on the calendar over the next month or so.

Again, a hearty thank you to everyone on the Blue & Gold committee for hosting such a wonderful event! The bridging Scouts appreciated it, and the Scouts in the audience, I am sure, look forward to their own ceremony.

Tony Hines
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

Upcoming Events 2009

Date	Event
March 21	Cub Run Rec Center Pack Swim (1:00-4:00)
April 11	School Conservation Clean up (1:00-3:00)
April 12	Shadowland Lazer Tag (5:30-8:00)
April 20	April Pack Meeting (7:00)
April 17	Lees Corner Fun Fair (11:00-3:00)
April 23-25	Big Meadows Family Camping

Tonight's Pack Meeting Start time 7:00 pm. At tonight's Pack Meeting there will be a 10-15 minute presentation on "Friends of Scouting." It is an opportunity

for parents to contribute to scouting at the National Level. Donations will go to help kids join scouting, keep the outstanding scouting camps operating, and get the word out about scouting in general. It is a very worthy cause, and for those interested, it is a completely tax deductible contribution.

Blue and Gold Banquet Once again the Blue and Gold dinner was a big success thanks to the hard work put in by many volunteers. The Webelos II really enjoyed the ceremony as they received their Arrow of Light and crossed over to Boy Scouts. Congratulations to all the boys. The Pack will miss you. In the process we lost some great adult volunteers and friends. We hope they look back with fond memories of Pack 1601 and we wish them well. We want to thank the many adult volunteers that helped, Boy Scout Troop 160 and the B&G committee members – Jodi Fraize, Danette Epps, Kevin Linsley, Kurt Gustafson, Tony Hines, Dana Miller, Abby Wyatt, Sheila White, Betsy Legg and Keir Froberg.



Ice Skating We had a great turn out of scouts for the Ice-Skating event this month at the Reston Town Center outdoor Skating Pavilion. The scouts enjoyed skating with their friends and a cup of hot chocolate. This event

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not only helped the boys earn belt loop achievements but was also a fundraiser for the Pack. Thank you Abby Wyatt and Dana Miller for organizing this activity, which is sure to become an annual Pack event.



Caps Game Family Outing Some of the Pack went to see the Caps play on Friday, March 12. It was a dreary night for the Caps and the weather; however those who went had a good time. The game was close with Caps scoring first. Tampa Bay Lightning answered back with 3 unanswered goals. The Caps scored on their second power play to bring the game with in one goal. The Caps pulled their goalie with one minute to play, but could not score. They lost 3-2, however it was

fun to root for the best team in hockey. Thank you Larry Connor for organizing this event.

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

Our Next Pack Meeting

Our next Pack meeting will be April 20 starting at 7:00.

Cub Run Rec Center Pack Swim is a fun activity for the boys after a long snowy winter. This event is at Cub Run Rec Center in Chantilly on Sunday March 21 from 1:00-4:00. The pack will cover the cost of each scout and snacks and Capri-Suns will be provided during swim breaks.

Lees Corner School Conservation Clean Up is planned for April 11 from 1:00-3:00. This is our chance to make the Lees Corner shine. The Conservation Clean up is a Pack activity where we meet at the school to do weeding, planting, mulching, and some general sprucing up of the grounds for our annual school service project. If you have any tools such as wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, brooms, pruning clippers/ sheers, spades, pitch forks, gloves, etc to help with the landscaping and cleaning up please consider bringing them. With a lot of folks helping out it will not take long. Also the den with the greatest percentage of participation gets Cubby.

Shadowland Laser Tag will be April 12 from 5:30-8:00. This Pack event is fun for the whole family. So please join us at Shadowland in Chantilly for multiple games of laser tag, pizza and just some all around fun. The Pack will pay for the laser tag, pizza and drinks. We are asking that each family bring a dessert to share. Try to arrive a few minutes early so forms can be filled out and we can begin the games at 5:30.

Lees Corner Fun Fair At the Lees Corner Fun Fair on April 17 from 11:00-3:00 Pack 1601 will set up the Raingutter Regatta gutters for some fun boat racing. Each den is asked to sign up volunteers to man the Regatta and help provide boats. This let the students who don't participate in scouts see how much fun we have.

Big Meadows Family Camping Pack 1601 is planning a family camping trip to Big Meadows campground on Skyline Drive Friday April 23 through Sun April 25. We want to keep this light and focus on camping, fun and family. There will be no specific achievements or electives. There are 3 hiking trails in

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close proximity to the campground and we plan on organizing some hikes. 2 of the 3 trails have impressive waterfalls at the bottom. You can join us Friday night or Saturday.

Here's a link to the park and campground
<http://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm>
http://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/campground_s.htm

If you plan on joining the camping fun or if you have questions please contact Steve Bracewell at sbracewell@gmail.com

Family Camp Out Mark your calendars for this Family event being planned for June 26th and June 27th. Details to follow.

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

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Affiliation: Pack 1601 is chartered by the Lees Corner Elementary School PTA. Our Charter Organization Executive Officer is PTA President, Jodi Fraize. 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 Website
www.pack1601.org.

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

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