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# Pack 1601 Newsletter– November 2011 Edition

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## From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601:

I wish to thank all the scouts who have worked hard to sell popcorn. Your efforts not only won you some awesome prizes, but also continue to allow us to fund our various activities, and fund scouting on the regional and national level as well. A big thanks to popcorn Kernel Kevin Linsley for running the effort!

I'm also proud of the scouts and parents who participated in Scouting for Food. We supplied the local food bank with a grand total of 4,413 pounds of food! This effort goes an incredibly long way in helping hundreds in need just in our local area. I particularly want to thank Danette Epps for chairing Scouting for Food. Again, thank you Danette, scouts and parents for doing so much to help the needy.

I also want to wish everyone a safe and filling Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Tony Hines**  
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
December 20	Pack Meeting / Uniform Inspection
January 20	Pinewood Derby Races (Snow date: January 27)
February 20	Laser Tag
February 24	Blue & Gold Banquet

In addition to the above Pack-wide events, check with your den leader for upcoming den-level events.

## Tonight's Pack Meeting

We hope all of your boats are ready for the big Raingutter Regatta. By the time the night is through, we'll see who the sailors are among us – or at least whose lungs can generate the biggest wind gusts. After feasting on pizza, drinks and desert, the races will commence. Good luck to all the boys!

## Next Pack Meeting

Our next Pack meeting will be Tuesday, December 20 at 7pm. There will be a uniform inspection (the Class A blue shirts with neckerchief, hat, and belt). We'll also hand out the Pinewood Derby kits, recognize top sellers in the popcorn effort, and have a special Tiger welcome ceremony.

**Popcorn Sales** The popcorn forms should have been turned in by November 15 to popcorn Kernel Kevin Linsley. He'll have the popcorn available for you to pick up at his house (3632 Great Laurel Lane) starting December 4, at which time you'll distribute it to your customers. If you have any questions please contact Kevin at [klinsley@cox.net](mailto:klinsley@cox.net) or 703.464.9066. Congratulations to all the boys and parents for your hard work!

And a special thanks for Kevin Linsley for heading up the effort this year as well as last. We'll need a new popcorn Kernel for next year, so please consider taking over from Kevin. Contact him and/or Incoming Pack Committee Chair Patrick Chisholm (contact info on back) if you're interested.

**The Pinewood Derby** is set for January 20. Perhaps the most anticipated event of the year, it's fun for the whole family. The scouts craft their own race cars in an effort to be the speediest or snazziest. We're in need of additional volunteers, including a chair for the event. If you're interested, please contact Patrick Chisholm.

**The Blue and Gold Banquet** is the annual event to celebrate scouting's anniversary, during which the Arrow of Light ceremony is held for Webelos II's who can then move on to Boy Scouts. It takes place during the February Pack meeting, set for Friday, Feb. 24. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event as well.

## Den Happenings

### Scouting for Food

This past Saturday the Pack distributed bags throughout area neighborhoods for the food drive and on Sunday collected the filled bags. Thanks to all the scouts and par-

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ents who came out to help in this very worthy cause – and to the hundreds of area families who donated food. It went to local food banks, which will help many needy families. Thank you, Danette Epps, for leading this effort.

Tigers collected 72 bags, Wolves 110 bags, Bears 134 bags, Webelos I 64 bags, and Webelos II 133 bags, for a total of 4,413 pounds of food. We were blessed with good weather this year and the boys had fun!



Wolf scouts Parker and Braeden scout for food last weekend.



Tiger scout Keller shows off the results of a hard day's work of Scouting for Food.

**Training** The Pack's policy is that one parent from

each family take the Youth Protection online course. Youth Protection requirements must be taken every two years. If you have taken this online class in the past it may be time to take it again. Please visit the Capital Area Boy Scouts website at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org) and look under the Training menu. The online training takes less than a half hour.

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***Affiliation:** Pack 1601 is chartered by the Lees Corner Elementary School PTA. Our Charter Organization Executive Officer is PTA President, Liz Persell. We truly appreciate the support of the Lees Corner PTA and Lees Corner Principal, Bob D'Amato.*

Note: due to technical difficulties we have not been able to update the Pack website ([www.pack1601.org](http://www.pack1601.org)), but we anticipate that to be resolved soon.

What has your Den been up to? Show and tell by sending your photos and comments to Newsletter Editor and Pack Secretary Marina Presnar: [marinapresnar@gmail.com](mailto:marinapresnar@gmail.com)



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Health/Fitness • Honesty • Perseverance • Positive Attitude •  
Resourcefulness • Respect • Responsibility*

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