
Pack 1601 Newsletter– January 2012 Edition



From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601:

Another Pinewood Derby has arrived! The action takes place this Friday starting at 6pm.

I also want to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of Youth Protection Training, especially in the wake of the Penn State allegations. BSA highly recommends that all parents take the short online course, in order to gain basic principles in youth protection. It's just good knowledge to have, for scouting or any other endeavor involving children. Go to myscouting.org or www.boyscouts-ncac.org, create an account, click on Training at the top, then E-learning at the left. It only takes about 25 minutes.

Meantime, good luck to all in the Derby. Gentlemen, start your gravity engines!

Tony Hines
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 17	Derby weigh-in start 5:30 Pack Meeting starts at 7:00
January 20	Pinewood Derby Races 6:00 start (Snow date January 27)
February 4	District Chess Tournament
February 11	District Pinewood Derby for 1601 winners
February 20	Shadowlands Laser Tag (5:30-8:00)
February 24	Blue and Gold Banquet and Pack Meeting (Snow date March 2nd)

Tonight's Pack Meeting

Weigh-in starts at 5:30 and Pack meeting starts 7:00pm.

Pinewood Derby is this Friday January 20 with a **start time of 6:00**. Snow date is January 27. This family event is a pack favorite. The boys will be racing their very own-built derby cars and the competition is furious. Pizza and drinks will be provided by the Pack and we asking Pack families to bring a dessert to share.

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. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your schedule race time.

Tigers	6:00 p.m.
Wolves	6:30 p.m.
Bears	7:00 p.m.
Webelos 1	7:20 p.m.
Webelos 2	8:00 p.m.
Pack Run-Off	8:20 p.m.

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



Kurt Gustafson held a Pinewood Derby workshop where the boys and parents were able to saw, cut, and sand their cars for the big race.

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events:

Blue and Gold Banquet will be February 24 with a snow date of March 2nd.

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How 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, for the blue and gold colors representing Cub Scouts and became synonymous with "celebrating the birthday of Scouting."



The Wolves hold out their arms during the uniform inspection at last month's Pack Meeting.

Shadowland Laser Tag will be February 20 from 5:30-8:00. This event is fun for the whole family. Join us at Shadowland in Chantilly for multiple games of laser tag, pizza and all around fun. We will be collecting a fee for three games and food per scout, plus a smaller fee for each additional scout in the family or a sibling/friend. Adults can play for free. We ask that each family bring a dessert to share. Please arrive at 5:30 pm so forms can be filled out in time to begin the games at 6:00.

Does Your Company Have An Employee Volunteer Program?

Many companies – especially large ones – have employee volunteer programs where the company donates funds to the organization for which the employee volunteers. Each hour you volunteer for various Pack subcommittees, events, and other activities raises much-needed funds for the Pack. Two Pack families already are enrolled in such a program, but more participation would be wonderful. Please find out if your company has such a program!



Den leader Ken Yung tells Tigers about the Food Pyramid at the last den meeting. (Photo: Chris Guarraia.)

Youth Protection Training

The Boy Scouts of America and Pack 1601 highly recommends that at least one parent from each family to take the Youth Protection Training online. For Pack Leaders and Pack Committee members, youth Protection requirements must be taken every two years. If you have taken this course in the past it might be time to take it again. Please visit www.myscouting.org, or the Capital Area Boy Scouts website at www.boyscouts-nacac.org, register if you haven't already done so, and look under the Training menu. This online training takes less than a half hour.

Pack Website: Check out our very own Pack 1601 website www.pack1601.org. Kurt Gustafson and Patrick Chisholm jointly run the site. It has lots of great Pack information including pictures of past events, newsletters and the very important 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, Liz Persell. We truly appreciate the support of the Lees Corner PTA and Lees Corner Principal, Bob D'Amato.

What has your Den been up to? Send your pictures and comments for the next Newsletter to Marina: marinapresnar@gmail.com