



## NEWSLETTER – December 2016

**Lots has been happening the past few months with Pack 46! Read below to find out what has been going on...**

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### 2016 Wreath Sale

Thanks to all the scouts for blowing out the wreath sale this year! The pack uses this sale to accomplish nearly all of our fund raising. I'm happy to report that our sales were up over 30% this year vs. 2015 (....its own 40% increase over 2014...) which will do wonders for pack finances and allow us to sponsor additional programming this year and in the future. Once again the selling took place in October, with the wreaths being delivered a bit later this year just before Thanksgiving. The new format where a few pack leaders and parents helped pick orders out of this years' 600 items during a pack meeting went really well. Overall pack and den sales leaders will be recognized at the January pack event.



There were several lessons learned this year which will be applied in the future - please feel free to provide any additional feedback on the sale. In addition, if you would like to help with this effort in the future be sure to let me know. Also, if parents have photos from the parking lot distribution please forward them to myself.

Steve Eberly, 2016 wreath sale coordinator



## Den 1

Den 1 (Wolves) have had an active start to the Scouting season! We have grown in size to 13 Scouts, all from Windom. They are a tight-knit group that has a lot of fun together! So far this season we have completed the Paws on the Path adventure by preparing to go hiking safely by gathering the Cub Scout Six Essentials, understanding and using the buddy system, and going on a great evening hike around Wood Lake Nature Center. The most exciting part was that the slower pace allowed (maybe required!) the use of their flashlights near the end. Good thing they were ready.



Den 1 also completed the Running with the Pack adventure where the Scouts played balance and agility games and as a group voted on and played a lively wiffle ball complete with a ball. Our final adventure far was Adventures in Scouts learned about the coins, played some coin made rubbings of their



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## Den 3

Den 3, Webelos II, have been working and playing hard to earn their Arrow of Light before moving on to Boy Scouts. They have learned about the World Friendship Fund for Scouting and raised funds for this cause. Den 3 went on monthly camping trips with Troop 46. They first camped near Valley Fair and got to spend a day on the rides. They camped at Camp Courage and assisted Troop 46 in a service project and spent a weekend at the Turkey Campout, doing skits and cooking a Thanksgiving Feast. The Webelos II have learned about Boy Scouting, how to plan an outing







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and explored Geocaching, among the many things they accomplished as they prepared for Boy Scouting.



**Congratulations to Den 3! They will be moving on to Boy Scouts!**



**Arrow of Light Ceremony**





## Den 5

Our second year Den 5 Wolf Scouts are learning how to make a difference in their community as part of the Council Fire adventure. After an exciting brainstorming session, the scouts decided a service project to clean up litter around Southwest High School would make a big impact. They planned and put together a skit to act out their proposal for Pack leadership before getting approval to proceed. We collected more than two dozen bags of trash leaving a huge swath of Linden Hills beautiful and clean!



## Den 6

The Bears of Den 6 have been busy this fall. Recently we were guided by a grandparent of one of our scouts in a soap carving project to earn our Whittling Chip Cards. We learned about knife safety, different types of knives and what they are used for, and different cutting techniques used in whittling. We then made soap carving from bars of soap to demonstrate our carving skills.



We also took a tour of the Edina Police Station to learn about the roles of the police department in our community and how they work to keep us safe. We had a chance to sit in a patrol car as well as see a S.W.A.T. vehicle. We also discussed ways we can stay safe and steps we should take to prepare for an emergency.







## Den 8

Some pictures of the adventures Den 8 has been having...





## Pictures from Pack Events

