



NEWSLETTER – February 2017

NEWS – Pack 46 has found a new Cubmaster! Watch for more details to follow in the May newsletter.

Upcoming Events

- March 16th and 17th - Derby Weigh-In
- March 18th (9:00 AM) - **PINEWOOD DERBY**
- April 21st - **BLUE AND GOLD CEREMONY**

May – Camp Preparedness pack meeting & Rockets – More to come on dates and time!

Recap of Pinewood Derby Car Clinic

The Pinewood Derby Clinic was a great success! Many scouts took the opportunity to get started on their pinewood derby cars. With some parent supervision, scouts were able to choose a design, cut out the shape of their car, and get started sanding. The Pinewood Derby is rapidly approaching, so it is time to tune up those cars and get them ready to race. It is going to be a great experience.





Pinewood Derby Update:

1) Weigh-ins

Weigh-ins for the cars are scheduled for:
Thursday, March 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and
Friday, March 17th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The weigh-ins will be held in the gym at St. Thomas the Apostle. You can come anytime during the posted hours to check-in your car and pass inspection. Please note that all cars must meet the Northern Star Council 2017 Pinewood Derby Rules which you can find on the Northern Star Council website. You only need to come to one of the scheduled weigh-ins. Once your car passes inspection it will be impounded until after the Derby. All Masters Class non-scout cars must be checked in during one of the scheduled weigh-ins also.

2) Race Day

The Pinewood Derby starts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18th and should wrap up by 12:00 p.m. The derby will be held in the gym at St. Thomas the Apostle.

There will be awards for the top finishers in each den and the Masters Class, as well as a Grand Prix in which the fastest cars from each den advance to go head-to-head for the ultimate showdown.

Awards will also be given for:

1. The den favorite from each den (plan to vote for your favorite car from your den)
2. Best Not-a-Car (pack-wide voting for your favorite car that doesn't look like a car)
3. Best Mostly Scout-Made Car (voted on by adults)
4. Best Parent-Cub Collaboration (i.e., The Cook Award) (voted on by adults)

3) Volunteers

Last but not least, we need volunteers to help at the scheduled weigh-ins (Thursday and Friday) and track set-up on Friday night. We will be setting up the track Friday evening during weigh-ins. Your help is greatly appreciated. The more volunteers we have, the faster we can get the track set up to race. Please email Jason Burgmaier (jason.burgmaier@stwiplaw.com) if you can help either Thursday or Friday.



Top Sellers Announced!

Overall Top Wreath Sellers for the PACK:

- 1st - Joe Hecker
- 2nd - Henry Niermann
- 3rd - Ethan Ryan

Top Wreath Sellers for each DEN (after the overall top 3 sellers were removed):

- Den 1 - Theo Mendez
- Den 2 - Clark Burdick
- Den 3 - Parker Hunt
- Den 4 - Max Decker
- Den 5 - Elliott Starr
- Den 6 - Mason Eberly
- Den 7 - Harrison Shepard
- Den 8 - Porter Kasak
- Den 9 - Evan Doering

- Thanks again to ALL the scouts for supporting the wreath sale, which is planned to be back again next year. Fundraising chair (Steve Eberly) could use an assistant next year who would eventually be interested in taking over the sale in future years.

SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Blue and Gold Ceremony

What: For those of you new to scouting, this is a highlight of the year for scouts and is a celebration of scouting and of the hard-earned achievements of the year. We'll have good food, entertainment, and fun for all!

When: Friday April 21st, 5:30-8:00 pm

Where: St. Thomas Church hall

Schedule:

- 5:00 Set up (with help by Lion, Tiger, Wolf dens as able) and face painting
- 5:30 Opening remarks / Announcements
- 5:45 Magic Show by Jeffo the Amazing Blind Magician - inspirational as well as entertaining!
- 6:30 Dinner (catered Taco and Enchilada Bar) with Ice Cream Sundae Bar to follow
- 7:30 Advancements / Awards
- 8:00 Final announcements / Take down, clean up (with help by Bear and Webelos dens as able)

If anyone would like to partner in helping this event happen smoothly, I'd love some helpers! Please send an email to Stephanie Belseth at sbelseth@gmail.com, or text her at [612-423-4648](tel:612-423-4648) if you might be able to help with any part of the organizing or orchestrating of this very fun event! THANK YOU!



SEE BELOW FOR A LOOK AT A FEW OF OUR DENS!!!

Den 6 - Bears

The Bears of Den 6 have been busy throughout the winter with various den and pack activities. We got chance to get a little messy creating pine cone bird



feeders and had some great winter activities at the pack meeting on Lake Harriet.



Recently, we participated in Internet safety training in order to earn our Cyber Chip Award. We discussed proper “netiquette” (Internet etiquette) while online and ways we can stay safe while using the Internet.

We also learned about the history of America, the American Flag, and famous Americans who have provided various contributions to our country, from writing the Declaration of Independence, leading our military in wars, inventing airplanes and other useful inventions that have changed our lives, to walking on the moon.





Den 1 – Wolves

Many of Den 1 scouts attended Polar Cubs on a sub-zero day! We had a great time playing outdoor games, "fishing" for ice, learning about how squirrels and other animals store food for the winter, and staying active to stay warm. It was a great day and the scouts, and parents, really enjoyed it.



In our Den meetings we have completed the Call of the Wild adventure where the scouts learned about being prepared for an outdoor event by checking the weather and packing for contingencies. However, the highlight of the past few months had to be the visit by Nathan Hickman (former Pack 46 Cub Scout, now a Boy Scout) who came to teach the scouts all the info necessary for them to earn their Cyber Chip patches - which were awarded that night. The scouts enjoyed learning from a Boy Scout and it was a successful evening all around. Finally, thanks to two Den parents, Den 1 now has its own Den flag that can be proudly displayed at our meetings.

Den 8 – Webelos I

Den 8 has had lots of exciting adventures recently, from learning to make a grocery list, shopping and staying within a budget, to building a fire, preparing and cooking a meal outdoors! The Webelos also learned about what it means to be first responders and give first aid – they even had the chance to visit an emergency room!

