



Year-End Summary Newsletter

Pack 46

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Notes from the Cubmaster

Managing a Cub Scout pack is a tricky business, and it requires a lot of people working together to create the kind of experiences for our Scouts that they will remember their entire lifetime. That's why the Pack Committee is such an important part of what they do. Now I know that it is a somewhat risky proposition to start thanking people by name, because you inevitably miss someone, but I want to introduce you to and recognize the efforts of the people who make this pack go.

First, the den leaders have done an amazing job of running the dens. I cannot say enough about the work they do, the dedication they show and the positive energy they bring to their dens. Next, Brian Swanson has taken the position of Pack Committee Chair and has done an excellent job of keeping us all on track and doing what we need to do to make the pack work. Sandy Haug has agreed to help with the Cubmaster responsibilities and brings deep experience and solid practicality to the position. The Kroll family, Carrie and Andy, have served as Treasurer and Camping Coordinator, respectively, diligently managing the pack's resources and one of the most important activities Scouting offers. Anne Bauers coordinates the intake of new Scouts into the Pack, and we had a record year last year in recruiting. Last but certainly not least, Emily Pernu has managed

all of the advancements and awards, bringing again long experience and diligence to the task, and Emily Resar is stepping into the role going forward. And of course we should welcome and thank Val Johnson for managing the newsletter and Henry Peske for his work with the website.

Jason Burgmaier (actually a big chunk of the whole Burgmaier family) and Dennis Pernu did a fantastic job of coordinating the Pinewood Derby. Stephanie Belseth (again, more properly, the family) organized and ran an engaging and fun Blue & Gold. Steve Eberly (again, the Eberly family) helped us with the wreath sales, where we made the money we need to not have to also do the popcorn and other Council-sponsored fund raisers.

A simple example of this is the last Pack Committee meeting we had. We are trying to figure out how to address the change in the city policy where we could now be charged for holding our den meetings at the city's community centers. This is potentially a big deal, and in the middle of our discussion of it, we received an "out of left field" potential solution. Rather than get sidetracked, the Committee worked together to evaluate this option. We don't yet have a final solution to this issue, but I am confident that the collective wisdom and experience of the group can help us find the best solution.

It is truly a pleasure to work with these people and also with you, the families of the pack. Thank you for all you do for your

Scouts. I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Treasurer Report

Financially the Pack is thriving! We had a great wreath sale, which bolstered our account. We have a few more events upcoming, but will be in great standing at the end of the year. See the chart on the last page for the Pack's financial report for the time 9/1/15-present.

2015 Wreath Sale

Once again this year the pack used a wreath sale to accomplish the majority of our fund raising. The selling took place in October, with the wreaths being delivered in early November. Several pack leaders and parents helped sort out the over 500 items on a Thursday night (thanks!) with pick up the following Saturday. In the end the pack sold \$11,000 worth of wreathes this year which netted the pack about \$4,300 in funding. This represented a 40% increase over last year's fund raising – way to go Pack! Wolf Scout Joe Hecker (Den 6) was the top seller with over \$1100 in sales.

There were several lessons learned this year which will be applied this fall, please feel free to provide any additional feedback on the sale.

Steve Eberly - 2015 wreath sale coordinator.

Den 1

Tigers

We are a Den of eight Scouts formed from Windom Spanish Immersion, and the boys all knew each other prior to the scouting season, which made meetings lively right from the start. The highlights for the Scouts were the field trips that we took together. We visited Seward Friendship Coop and learned about the different areas of a supermarket and found some new foods that we had not seen before! In January we attended an Augsburg College men's basketball game and had pre-game talk from one of the coaches. As a Den we gathered supplies to make "hygiene kits" for Our Saviour's Housing shelter in MPLS. The Scouts assembled 81 kits that contained soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Scouts that were available met at the shelter to donate the kits and get a tour of the facility. We last visited MPLS Fire Station 28 and had great talk and tour. It ended on a high note for the Scouts as a fire call came in with five minutes



left in our visit. The crew raced out of the Station and we were left to pack up and leave on our own!

Way to go Den 1!

Outside of our field trips, the Den has taken hikes along Minnehaha creek, invented games and made up skits. It has been a great year so far, and Den 1 is looking forward to life as a Wolf Den next year!



Den 2 - Wolves

Den 2 started out with a lot of wolves this year, so many that we split into 2 new wolf dens. We learned a lot this year - camp preparedness, doing good deeds for our families/communities and even people we don't know, as well as how to keep ourselves healthy and safe. We've packed food at Feed My Starving Children, built bird houses, experienced nature, made pinewood derby cars and even wrote a skit. It's been a busy year with lots of learning and lots to be proud of! Way to go Den 2!



PINE WOOD DERBY 2016



Den 3 Webelos

Nice Work Den 3!

The Webelos I learned a great deal about team work this year. These are the highlights: They collaborated on their own stop motion animation movie for the Movie Making Adventure. They learned about the team work that goes into running the Emergency Department at Fairview Southdale Hospital. They also designed and put together a mini golf hole and worked together to successfully cook a meal, plan and take a hike, and lead Den 6 in a fitness course.



Den 5 - Tigers



The first year **Den 5 Tiger Cub Scouts** of Pack 46 are flying from one great adventure to the next. April was filled with the Good Knights Adventure, where all learned the code of the medieval knight, the importance of chivalry, and how similar today's Scout Law is to what we expect from chivalrous knights. With the help of **Webelo Parker Hunt** we completed the adventure making our very own tin-foil knights helmets.



Den 6 - Wolves

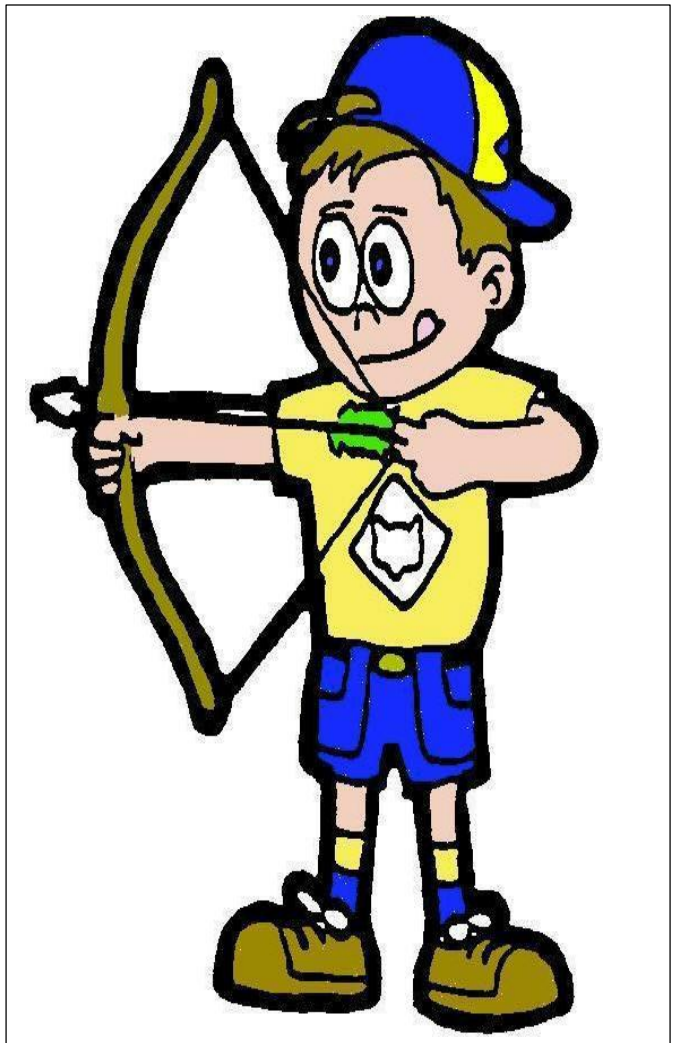
In March, the Wolves of Den 6 volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, a non-profit organization committed to feeding starving and malnourished children around the world. The scouts worked as a team to pack nutrition rich meals and contributed to provide over 21,000 meals that will be shipped to distribution sites throughout the world and feed 58 children for a year.

They also visited Fort Snelling National Cemetery in April to learn more about the cemetery and pay respects to all the veterans who have served our country that are buried there. The scouts learned many facts about



the cemetery as we walked among the gravesites in the various parts of the cemetery.

Great Work Den 6!



Den 8 - Bears

Den 8, the Bears, are a lively group of 8 third grade boys! Throughout the course of the year the boys had a chance to finish 7 adventures to earn their Bear Badge. During the **Bear Claws** adventure the bears learned knife safety and earned their whittling chip. The **Bear Necessities** adventure was all about camp preparedness. **Fur, Feathers, and Ferns** encouraged the boys to get out and enjoy nature and a hike. For the **Grin and Bear It** adventure the boys organized a Cub Scout Carnival and invited the younger Cubs in the Pack to come and enjoy the games they all developed. As part of the **Paws for Action** adventure the bears toured the Edina police station and picked up some safety tips from Officer Zigrang. And for the **Make it Move** adventure the boys learned about simple machines and built a Rube Goldberg machine to raise a flag. The boys learned a lot and had some fun too.



Den 8 setting up a tent



At the Carnival Den 8 put on for the Tigers



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Pack Events...



Cubs On The Ice



Pine Wood Derby – 2016





Camp Preparedness Activities –
May 2016

Earth Day Clean-up



September Beginning Balance	\$4,582.51
Dues	\$4,777.00
Wreath Sale	\$4,513.05
Dues Cup	-\$42.40
Scout Store Deposits*	-\$2,000.00
Recharter fees**	-\$1,600.00
ScoutTrack registration	-\$45.00
Kick-off Event	-\$248.66
AOL/Crossing Over	-\$33.15
Pinewood Derby	-\$876.88
Blue and Gold	-\$1,932.19
Meeting Space	-\$64.67
Balance 4/12/16	\$7,029.61

Wreath Sale detail	
Deposits	\$11,579.00
Mickman's Invoice	-\$6,795.04
Expenses	-\$270.91
Total Raised	\$4,513.05

* Used to purchase advancements and general supplies - Current Balance \$596.14

** Fees paid to district to register Scouts and renew Boy's Life