



# Cub Scout Pack 46

Minneapolis MN 

## NEWSLETTER – November 2017

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### UPDATE FROM THE CUBMASTER

Pack 46 is off to a great Scouting year! We had a large number of new Scouts join this year, and our Pack has grown to 99 Scouts! It is wonderful to see so many Scouts enjoying the program. We started our season off with the opening cookout and rocket launch which turned out great, despite the hot and humid conditions. In October, we went on our first overnight camping trip of the year. It was a wet day, but dried out for the overnight. We had 70 campers, and many more that came down to Phillippo Scout Reservation for the daytime activities and campfire.



In November, the Scouts tried to build structures that were able to support a marshmallow out of nothing but spaghetti, tape and string. It was great to see how creative the different teams got! There were some tall towers, and epic collapses!

Coming up in December we will have our Arrow of Light crossing over ceremony where our oldest Cub Scouts will join the Boy Scouts. It is a great ceremony and I encourage all to attend. It will be held at 4pm on December 17th at St. Thomas the Apostle.



In January we hit Lake Harriet for Cubs on the Ice, and we will perform a service project in February at Feed My Starving Children.



Thanks for being part of Pack 46, and let me know if you have suggestions, comments for future events!

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## 2017 WREATH SALE

### Astounding facts:

- Over 1000 individual items (200 cases) sold, sorted and delivered
- 2 scouts with over \$1000 in gross sales
- 10 scouts between \$500 and \$999
- Biggest selling Den (\$) = Den 6
- Largest number of scouts participating in a den = Lions
- 86 total scouts/families participated
- 25 cases of garlands delivered late by the supplier (sorry!)
- 5 pairs of brothers that split at least some of their sales evenly
- Largest number of one item sold = 241 classic wreaths
- Lowest selling wreath-like thing = 47 cranberry splash sprays



Thanks to all the scouts (parents) for once again killin' it during 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 63% this year vs. 2016 (...its own 30% increase over 2015...) which while it part due to the fact that our pack has grown by ~50%, will do wonders for pack finances and allow us to continue to offer high quality programming this year and in the future. Once again the selling took place in October, with the wreaths being delivered just before Thanksgiving. The new last year format where a few pack leaders and parents helped pick orders (out of this year's over 1000 items) during the pack meeting in the St Thomas parking lot went really well. Everyone that sold 5 wreaths received a limited addition carabiner mug. Overall pack and den sales leaders will be recognized at a future 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 as I will be moving on to the Boy Scouts with my Webelo son Mason.

Steve Eberly, 2017 wreath sale coordinator



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## NEWS FROM THE DENS

### Den 1

In the first month and a half of scouting Den 1 has worked thru Bear Necessities, Paws for Action, and Fur Feathers and Ferns adventures. Some highlights include setting up tents outside the church, touring the Edina Police Department, and teaching each other about extinct and endangered animals. It's exciting to have 12 returning scouts and even more exciting to have 3 new scouts! We're getting ready to do some fishing, carving and building in the weeks ahead.

### Dens 2 and 6

Dens 2 and 6 have been active this fall. We discussed the importance of being good stewards of our environment while on a nature hike, where we saw many types of wildlife in their natural habitats. We have also been discussing how to take care of our bodies through physical exercise and healthy eating. The scouts tested their strength and endurance as they rotated through an exercise circuit of jumping jacks, sit-ups, push-ups, jumping rope, and several other exercises. Also, we learned the proper way to build a campfire during an evening camp gathering and then cooked a healthy "hobo meal" over the campfire.

### Den 3

Tiger Den 3 has been busy this fall! First we have been getting to know each other. We have 12 scouts who go to school at Burroughs, Kenny and Windom. We meet on Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. So far, we've earned our Bobcat Badge, and worked on these adventures, My Tiger Jungle, Games Tigers Play and Team Tiger. When we get together, we have enough energy to blast a rocket into space.

### Den 4 and 9

Dens 4 and 9 have been very busy this fall earning their belt loops! We went on a nature walk in Theodore Wirth Park as part of Paws on the Path and saw some new things including turkeys in trees! The Scouts performed skits for the other Wolves as part of their Howl at the Moon adventure, and we also learned how to tie knots as part of the Call of the Wild!

### Den 5

Bears have been on fire this year. The whole den worked hard this month to earn their Bear Claw adventure loop. This adventure starts with knife safety, and after passing a test the Scouts earned their whittling chip. From there, they learned practical uses for their knives, such as opening boxes, opening cans, and using other multi-purpose tools commonly found on the knives. They finished off the adventure with an amazing display of carving talent, working on both wood and soap, as they put their new-found safety and carving skills to work.



**Den 7**

Den 7 Tigers went to the Roberts Bird Sanctuary for a nature hike and also went to see the Gophers men's basketball game this week. The boys formed the "high five tunnel" before the game and had a photo on the court afterwards!



**Den 8**

"Arrow of Light" have been working hard during weekly meetings with the Boy Scouts, camping and doing nature hikes, all while practicing up on their fundamentals and getting ready to Cross Over in December. Hoping everyone can join us on December 17th!



**Den 10**

Lion den 10 is working on the Mountain Lion adventure. We learned about the 6 essentials and made personal first aid kits. They'll be well prepared for the pack hike!