



Cub Scout Pack 46
Minneapolis MN 

NEWSLETTER – February 2018

UPDATE FROM THE CUBMASTER

The Scouting year is moving along great with Pack 46! Since our last newsletter (available on our website MinneapolisCubScouts.com), we have done the following as a Pack:

- * Held an Arrow of Light / Crossing Over Ceremony where we graduated six Cub Scouts to become Boy Scouts. It was a nice service and great to see the Scouts excited to become Boy Scouts.
- * In January we took advantage of a sunny and warm day to head onto Lake Harriet for a rotation of ice fishing, broomball, snow soccer, tug-of-war, and capture the flag. The Scouts had a great time, and we even caught (a) fish! It was a great warm up for Polar Cubs.
- * On Super Bowl Sunday Pack 46 headed down to Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls for a day of outdoor games and activities. The temperature was below zero so the Scouts again earned a bonus "Polar Subs" patch, along with the standard Polar Cubs one. Everyone had a great time playing mushroom ball, building Lego race cars, and learning about how animals store food over the winter months, but the feedback was that the kick-sleds (a new addition this year) were the biggest hit! They were fun - even for the adults!
- * Our Pack activity in February was a service project at Feed My Starving Children. We had about 140 volunteers who packed enough meals to feed 130 children in Haiti for a year. It was wonderful to see the Scouts, and their families, take such pride in their work. I hope our Pack can do more of these types of projects in the future.

Coming up in March is the ever-favorite Pinewood Derby race. Hopefully the Scouts are thinking about the cars that they want to build this year. It is always fun to see all the creative designs that families bring to the race.

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



Some shots from "Cubs on the Ice" event



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Polar Cubs Event



Summer Camp Announcement!

Start getting excited about summer camp! Mark your calendars: camp dates are June 15-17 at Stearns (<http://camp.northernstarbsa.org/stearns-scout-camp>). To reserve a spot, pay \$15 (payable to Pack 46) to Ben Rasmussen ([129 W. 48th St, Minneapolis, MN 55419](#)). Final payment for camp is on May 1. Costs are \$135 for youth and \$90 for adult. This includes 2 nights of camping, all meals and activities provided. Camp is for current Lions to Bears (Webelos have a different camp). Camp activities include climbing, swimming, archery, bb guns, STEM/Robotics, and boating.



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NEWS FROM THE DENS

Den 1 - Bears

Den 1 continues to tackle some tough adventures. The boys learned about Minnesota fishing regulations and fishing tackle, practiced casting in the church basement, and built their own ice fishing poles during the "A Bear Goes Fishing". Next, the Bear Claws adventure required that we discuss knife safety, earn Whittling Chips, and carve fun objects from soap. And lastly, the boys all enjoyed learning about simple machines, illustrating a Rube Goldberg machine, and building exploding stick bombs in "Make it Move." The year has been a lot of fun! And there's still more fun to come!



Dens 2 and 6 – Webelos



Dens 2 and 6 have continued to stay busy this winter. In December we made fleece tie pillows for children at Gillette Children's Hospital. The pillows were a great way to reach out to hospitalized children during the holidays. We divided into stations, with each station assigned to complete one step of the process for making the pillows. We had cutters, tiers and stuffers all working together as a team. During another one of our den meetings we got to put our engineering and creativity skills to the test while we built catapults from household items, such as spoons, Popsicle sticks,

clothes pins, and binder clips. We then had a contest to see which catapult designs were able to launch projectiles the furthest.



Den 3 – Tigers

Den 3 toured the Seward Friendship Coop earlier this month to learn about healthy foods for our Tiger Bites adventure.





Den 5 – Bears



The Den 5 Bears have been hard at work discovering the power of Forensics to find clues and solve crimes. They worked some chemistry magic to find unknown substances and even tracked down the bad guy using shoe prints. We capped off this adventure - and started the Paws of Action adventure - with an awesome trip to the Edina police department. The Scouts were all ears as they heard about police dogs in action, saw actual 911 calls from the dispatcher, walked through the tiny holding cells, and climbed on the SWAT vehicle.

