



NEWSLETTER



November 2019

UPDATE FROM THE CUBMASTER

Welcome back to another year of Scouting with Pack 46! We have grown (again!) this year. We welcomed 35 new scouts to the Pack! We are now 119 strong - ten more than last year's record setting year! That is a great reflection on our current families and, most importantly, the leaders. We have new scouts at every rank - not just Lions and Tigers.

This year marks our first at our new "home" of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The transition has gone really well, and it is amazing to have all the dens meeting in the same location on the same night of the week! While we are too big to have every den together, having half the pack each week is a big upgrade from the past. It's enjoyable to see the scouts interacting with other dens during the pack meeting portion of the evening! A big thank you goes out to our new partners at the church.

We started the scouting season with our opening cookout and field games. It was wonderful to catch up with families after the summer and see the scouts excited about being with their den again. Of course, the surplus of desserts always helps the mood!

In October we expanded our fall camping tradition and went for two nights down at Phillippo Scout Reservation. We had a record (another record!) turnout, and all survived a very wet Saturday. In November the scouts did a service project around Bethlehem Lutheran - we raked the neighbors' leaves. It was well received by the homes that requested our services, and I expect that next year we will have even more homes to rake!

While our scouting year has been great so far, we have SO MUCH more planned! We will do more service in December (Salvation Army bell ringing) and February (Feed My Starving Children), and we will get outdoors for fun: a December hike at Wood Lake and the always popular Cubs on the Ice on Lake Harriet in January.



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New this year is the February 7th overnight lock-in at Base Camp. More details will be coming soon, but it will be a night to remember - one way or the other! Following that we still have the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet and the rocket build/launch. So much great scouting is still to come!

A reminder that if you take photos during den meetings, or pack outings, please email them over to me. Often the leaders are too busy to take photos. I love to keep our Facebook page updated with all the cool stuff that Pack 46 is doing! If you are not following our page, you should, and invite the grandparents - they love finding photos of the grandkids!

As always, please let me or any of the other leaders know if you have questions or suggestions for the Pack. Thanks for being an active member!

WREATH SALES

Congratulations Pack 46 for a record wreath sale in 2019! Thank you for your hard work and commitment to funding our pack activities. The prizes for top pack and den sellers will be announced at the December hike!



A few fun facts about the 2019 sale:

- All Scouts in Bear Den 7 participated this year
- A record 99 Scouts earned the selling badge
- If we laid all of the wreaths, swags and garlands end to end it would stretch the height of 6 Washington Monuments!
- Volunteers helped unload, sort and reload over 1150 items weighing 5600 lbs - THANK YOU!

We couldn't do the wreath sale without all of you, so thank you!





ARROW OF LIGHT – SUMMER CAMP

This summer several incoming Webelo II Scouts had the time of their life at the Tomahawk Scout camp. This Scout camp is open only for Scouts entering the 5th grade and lasts three nights / four days. Scouts swam, learned rock climbing, set records on a ninja warrior course, and learned the tricks to starting a fire even in the wet. The staff were absolutely amazing - with insane energy levels, tons of inside jokes they let the kids in on, and all manner of rivalries. Attendees will not soon forget the songs they all sang at meal-time and during their final evening.

Current 4th grade Webelos should block time out for a summer session. While the BSA material doesn't provide a ton of detail, attendees cannot recommend it highly enough.





NEWS FROM THE DENS

Den 1 – Arrow of Light

The Scouts have started nearly all their adventures for the year. They learned how Scouting BSA is different (and the same) as Cub Scouts. They attended two different Troop meetings, and some Cubs even joined a Troop "Turkey Camp Out." Lastly, the Cubs learned about and did some home repairs in the "Fix It" adventure.

Den 2 – Tigers

Den 2 Tigers have been very busy this fall. Together they help each other earn their Bobcat ranks. They learned what it means to live by the scout oath and law. A highlight was our Veteran's Day meeting. It was filled with a great discussion of service and teamwork, team building and improv games, and writing letters to our family and friends in the armed services. We are looking forward to continuing on the Tiger trail as we transition in to the winter season.



Den 3 – Bear

Den 3 completed Baloo the Builder in November by building and finishing boxes with lids. These industrious Bear Scouts used nails, hammers, drills, measuring tapes, and paint brushes to create individual designs.





Den 5 – Arrow of Light

My Very Own Bed

The Arrow of Light Scouts are responsible for planning and leading many of their den activities this year (although adults are still providing a lot of advice to keep things moving smoothly). One of their more intense efforts this year was led by Scouts **Henry** and **Gregory** who introduced the den to the "My Very Own Bed" organization. They also taught the den how to make flannel no-sew blankets for the organization.



Den 8 – Wolf

Power of the Air

For their first field trip of the year, our Den 8 Wolf Scouts visited the Flying Cloud Airport to learn about all the cool things we can do with air besides breathing it!

The boys started with a bit of Bernoulli by blowing across the top of a piece of paper (and also introducing a stall by modifying the paper to lose airflow). That was boring stuff though - they were waiting as best they could before sitting in the cockpit for a photo op and learning about how planes actually work with a close inspection of the tail.

While we couldn't get them in the air, we did the next best thing. After clearing out the hanger by bringing planes to the taxiways, we set up a platform and measured out cones in five-foot increments. The Scouts built and raced three different styles of paper airplanes. The pinnacle of the evening was when each Scout took their best plane and attached a rubber band to truly catapult it from one end of the hanger to the other! The winner went home with a map of all Minnesota's airports.





Den 10 – Bear

The Bears took part in a candy machine project where the Scouts got to build and stain their creations in a color of their choice. Den 10 also took a trip to MnDOT's Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) where the Scouts were able to see a FIRST responder vehicle and take a tour of the control room.



Den 11 – Wolf

As a part of our Council Fire adventure, Den 11 made fleece blankets to donate to the Linus Project.



Pictures from the
Opening Cookout



Pictures from Pack Camping

