



NEWSLETTER



March 2020

UPDATE FROM THE CUBMASTER

What a year this has been - and still so much to come! Pack 46 has been having a great time participating in tons of service projects, scouting activities, and new adventures. Just since the last newsletter we have completed a variety of things: bell ringing for the Salvation Army; hiking at Wood Lake Nature Center (where we also recognized our top wreath sellers!), playing games and fishing on Lake Harriet as part of the Cubs on the Ice event, participating in an overnight at Base Camp (minus the promised pizza!), volunteering at Feed My Starving Children (172 of us!), and, most recently, witnessing 23 of our scouts earn their Arrow of Light rank and graduate on to Scouts BSA (fka Boy Scouts). All of this was in addition to the exciting Den meetings and field trips! Pack 46 is alive and strong!

Even after we have done so many memorable activities, there is still more (there is always more in Pack 46!). We have three huge favorite events still to come - Pinewood Derby on March 21st, Blue and Gold banquet on May 1st (where you might get to see your favorite den leader cut in half!), and the closing cookout with the rocket launch.

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!

-Cubmaster Nigel



Cub Scout Pack 46

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NEWS FROM THE DENS

Den 1 – Arrow of Light

Den 1 scouts wrapped up their Cub Scout carriers by taking turns leading each other through their remaining Adventures. They met a community leader, learned about Building a Better World, and the Scouting BSA sign, salute, and handshake. Additionally, the boys prepared for Crossing Over (into the Troop of their choice) by assembling ceremonial arrows to commemorate their achievements in Cub Scouts.



Den 2 – Tigers

It's been a busy time in Tiger Den 2! Most recently the den began the "Sky's the Limit" adventure belt loop. We gathered at Staring Lake Park in Eden Prairie to sled on the wicked fast sledding hill and take in the night sky with an astronomy presentation by BSA board member Thomas Lovett. The clouds held off, it wasn't too cold, and we had a great evening.

Den 2 has also been working on the "Tiger Theater" belt loop. The den and parents got an opportunity to play improv comedy theater games, act out two different readers theater stories, and play different puppet characters. The den has plans to attend The Rainbow Fish at the CTC in March.

As spring starts we will be tackling the "Tiger Bites" and "My Tiger Jungle" required belt loops to earn our tiger ranks. Go you Den 2 Tigers! Go!

Den 3 – Bear

The Bears of Den 3 learned about pocket knife safety, carved soap figurines, and earned their Whittling Chip earlier this year for the Bear Claw adventure. They also attended Scout Night at the Animal Humane Society where they visited with animals, tested their knowledge with animal trivia, and packed dog food for animals in need.





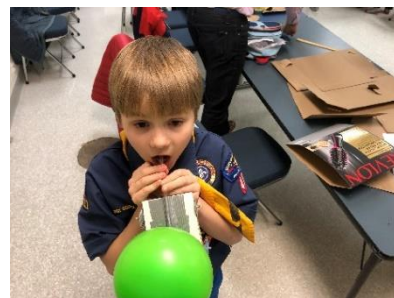
Den 5 – Arrow of Light

Den 5 AOL wrapped up the last adventure in their Cub Scout career with the elective Fix-It badge. All 12 of us crammed into the house to gain an understanding of common systems (electrical, heating, water). After that, each Scout worked through a grab-bag of challenges. With each he needed to assess what tools were needed (from a pile of 50 cluttered across the basement) to how to actually make the fix. The Den exhibited excellent teamwork by coming together and brainstorming how to work through some of the more challenging tasks.

Den 8 – Wolf



Den 8 Wolves continue working their way through a high-energy year. In January the Den completed the "Finding Your Way" adventure. They started with a handful of hands-on lessons in reading maps, map making, and learning how a compass works. Following that, they went off on their own, with each team of Scouts working together to successfully navigate to the neighborhood park using a unique set of cardinal directions. This month they continued working on their Motor Away adventure by building balloon powered cars. The Scouts worked through challenges with gaps between the directions, the example cars, and available materials.



Den 11 – Wolf

Den 11 had an indoor campfire as part of the Howling at the Moon adventure. Scouts built different types of fires, learned jokes and skits, and practiced knot tying skills.





Thanks to those scouts who became “Hydrant Heros” – Your efforts are appreciated!



Looking for a New Newsletter Volunteer!



Pack 46 is looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter duties, as my son just crossed over into Boy Scouts and new volunteer opportunities await in my future! The newsletter is created only three times per year and is an easy way to help out with scouts. You do not need to be tech savvy in order to complete this task (trust me!). The volunteer does not “write” the newsletter - it is more a compilation of information gathered from scout leaders. I am happy to share any templates, pictures, etc. Please let Nigel or myself know if you are interested. Thanks for considering!!

Pictures from Cubs on the Ice



Pictures from Basecamp Overnight





Crossing Over Ceremony

Congratulations to all the scouts who crossed over into Boy Scouts – We will miss you all!

