

To Guide and Influence through Character and Honesty



Cub Scouts is a family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth (or 7, 8, 9 and 10 years of age). Cub Scout parents and leaders work together to achieve these ten purposes:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

"Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each one of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

Robert Kennedy

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www.loudoun-net.com/pack958/

Cubmaster Corner

WELCOME TO THE BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET. Our theme tonight is "It's a Scouting Celebration" as we celebrate the 75th birthday of Cub Scouting. Your Blue and Gold Committee has put together a fun-filled evening. Be sure and check out all the cool party decorations on each den's table. We have a special ceremony planned to recognize every Scout who has put in a lot of hard work to advance to their next rank of Tiger, Wolf, or Bear. Keep up the hard work as you complete activities towards Tiger disks or Wolf/Bear arrow points. Don't forget about all of the great Belt Loops and Academic/Athletic pins. Requirements be can be found on the pack's website at www.loudoun-net.com/pack958 at the Web Resources link.

ON YOUR MARK. GET SET. GO. March 5 is our annual Pinewood Derby race. If you and your Scout haven't already started, now is the time to get the saw, sandpaper, and speed-paint out and get your entry ready. Don't forget to include the Scout colors of Blue and Gold in your design. The Pinewood Derby is always a highlight for our Scouts with exciting finishes separated by only "tenths" of seconds. Please adhere to the rules contained in the January newsletter. They can also be found on the Pack's website. This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the best spirits of Scouting by building and racing the cars. We will have trophies and ribbons for both speed and design categories. Good luck to every Scout.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS. Your den leaders and pack committee work hard to deliver informative, hands-on, and fun activities throughout the year. As we look ahead for the remainder of this year, we have several key volunteer needs to continue to keep these Scouting activities going. Tim Stanton is retiring as our **Newsletter Editor** and Jerry Calhoun's contract as our **Pack Committee Chairman** has expired!! The **Day Camp Coordinator** is also a pressing need to fill by the March pack meeting. Please let Jerry or myself know if you are able to contribute your time for any of these three openings. The pack is successful because of outstanding parental contributions. If you haven't had the opportunity to volunteer with your son's den, I strongly encourage you to consider a pack position.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Cloninger

Cubmaster



SCOUTS, START YOUR ENGINES! The Pinewood Derby race will be held at Catoctin Elementary School on Saturday, March 5, 2005. Registration of the cars for the race will be from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Judging and racing will begin promptly at 10:30, and **NO CARS MAY BE REGISTERED AFTER RACING BEGINS**. Please arrive early!! Please review the rules before building your car. The rules are available at the Blue and Gold or they can be downloaded from the pack website, <http://www.loudoun-net.com/pack958> Car kits will also be sold at the Blue and Gold Banquet. The \$5.00 cost covers the kit and helps defray some of the cost of the Pinewood Derby awards. **Note:** decorating your car to celebrate the 75th anniversary of cub scouting fulfills a requirement towards earning the Cub Scout 75th Anniversary award.



LET'S RECHARTER! It's that time of year again to complete our Rechartering paperwork. At the Blue and Gold Banquet, we will be kicking off the rechartering (that is, registering as scouts for another year). There is a scout personal information sheet that needs to be reviewed and updated. There is also the collection of registration fees and dues. Registration fees and dues consist of a BSA registration fee (\$10.00), a Council insurance fee (\$1.00), Pack Dues (\$27.00), and optionally Boys Life (\$10.80). If possible, please complete the paperwork at the Blue & Gold, since the paperwork must be turned in by the March pack meeting.

2005 DAY CAMP – FESTIVAL OF KNIGHTS. The Cub Scout Day Camp is the week after school is out (June 20-24, 2005) and will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds just outside of Leesburg. There are two programs running simultaneously. The Akela program is for the current Tigers and Wolves, and the Webelos program is for the current Bears and Webelos. (The bears will be Webelos by then). I would encourage all to consider the day camp. I know my three sons have really enjoyed it in years past. The camp day usually runs from 9 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. The pack needs to provide one adult walking den leader for each five scouts. Since Day Camp is five days long, this means that on average every scout needs a corresponding adult volunteer for at least one day so give some thought as to what day or days you would like to volunteer for when you sign up your son.

In addition to the walking den leaders, the pack needs a volunteer to be the pack coordinator for each of the programs. The Pack coordinator takes care of the registration for the pack and coordinates the schedule for the walking den leader volunteers. Please contact Jerry Calhoun at 703-779-7921 or jcalhoun206@msn.com for more information or to volunteer.



Help Wanted

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please let Jerry Calhoun or our Cubmaster Steve Cloninger know how you would like to volunteer.

■ **Goshen Resident Camp** - Current Bears and Webelo scouts have the opportunity to spend a fun filled week at the council's Goshen Scout Reservation. (See <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/> select Goshen Scout Reservation from the Camps tab for additional details on Goshen and Camp Ross) The pack has a reservation for the week of July 24-30. We just need a coordinator so the boys can start signing up.

■ **Newsletter Editor** - Our current newsletter editor, Tim Stanton, will be crossing over to Boy Scouts in March. We are looking for a volunteer now to work with Tim on the March newsletter to learn the ropes. Please step forward today so you can talk with Tim.

■ **Pack Committee** - The pack committee puts together the event and activity program for the pack. (We try to spread the work around). We are in need of more volunteers for the committee to help in planning the program and the summer activities. More people will mean more ideas and a better program for the cubs. In addition, our committee chair has a son crossing over to boy scouts in March and will be stepping down in June, so we need an individual to step forward for the committee chair position.

■ **Day Camp Coordinators** - Coordinators for Cub Scout day camp. See other article.