



To Guide and Influence through Character and Honesty

Cubmaster Corner

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

"A smiling face is half the meal".

-- Latvian Proverb

We're on the Web! See us at:
www.loudoun-net.com/pack958/

We've completed our Join Scouting Night and I am pleased to report that 17 new Scouts will join Pack 958. Nine Tigers, Four Wolves, Three Bears, and One Webelo will be inducted at our October Pack Meeting. Thanks to all of our scouts and parents who helped recruit by spreading the word during September.

We have many action-packed Scouting activities scheduled throughout October and November. October started with the launch of our Popcorn sales. This weekend is our Annual Family Campout. The Leesburg Halloween Parade is just around the corner and Scouting for Food is in November.

One of the important parts of being a scout is how we represent ourselves in the community as we participate in these activities. I would like to take a few minutes to remind everyone how we should look and act when in our scout uniform.

Look Sharp, Feel Sharp, Be Sharp

As my son Kevin started baseball this fall, the first lesson his coach covered with the team is how to look, think, and act like a baseball player. He could just as easily have substituted the word "Cub Scout" for "baseball player".

- **Look Sharp.** Like a baseball player, our uniform includes a shirt and a hat. Our shirts should be buttoned and tucked in. Your scout cap should be on with the bill of the cap over your forehead, not over your ears or neck!! The neckerchief should be positioned around the shirt collar and secured with a neckerchief slide.

- **Feel Sharp.** When attending Den/Pack meetings or at a Go-See-It, your mind should be focused on the Scout activities. A baseball player is always thinking "What do I do if I get the ball? What do I do if I don't get the ball?" A Cub Scout should be thinking "How can I help our Den with the Activity we're working on? How can I help others if I've already finished my activity?" Two key parts of the Scout Oath are "I promise to do my best" and "To Help other People".

- **Be Sharp.** Be respectful of your Leader and your fellow Cub Scouts. Being a good listener is important. Just like you want someone to listen when you are talking, you should be considerate and listen when another Scout or Leader is talking. It is when everyone is working together and listening to each other that we do our best work as a den (team). That's why the Cub Scout Motto is "Do Your Best".

We are sure to have a lot of fun over the next two months. Let's make sure we also look good and find ways to Do Our Best. I look forward to seeing many of you at our campfire this Saturday night.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Cloninger

Cubmaster



Calling all Parents!!!

Pack 958 is a very active pack with a variety of activities. All of those activities need volunteers to plan and run them. With everyone helping out a little, it doesn't turn out to be too much work for anyone and cubs have a quality program. Below is a list of some of the positions that need to be filled this year. The pack committee positions are the ongoing activities necessary to plan and support the pack activity program and is more behind the scenes. The event positions are for specific activities. Many of the volunteers from last year crossed over to Boy Scouts with their son's last March. Others, such as our newsletter editor, will be crossing over this spring. So there is a continual need for new parents to step forward. Decide how you want to help enhance your son's scouting experience and sign up tonight to fill these positions. If you are reading this after the fact, you can still contact Jerry Calhoun via email at: jcalhoun206@msn.com or by phone at: 703-779-7921 to volunteer. It can't happen without you.

Pack committee Positions:

- **Membership chair** - Keeps pack membership records. Handles rechartering in Feb/March time frame.
- **Activities chair** - Coordinates Pack activities outside of pack meetings
- **Pack Committee vice-chair** - Fill in when committee chairman is not available. Share committee responsibilities.
- **Newsletter Editor** - Prepares the monthly cub letter.
- **At Large Committee Member** - Helps with the committee planning process

Event Positions:

- Cake bake coordinator (December 13 pack meeting)

- Blue and Gold Banquet Committee (February 13)
- Pinewood Derby Concessions committee (March 5)
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- Crossover Picnic committee (June 5)
- Akela Day Camp coordinator (June 20-24 current Tiger & Wolves)
- Webelos Day Camp coordinator (June 20-24 current Bears & Webelos)
- Goshen Resident Camp coordinator (July 24-30 current Bears & Webelos)



Pack 958 October Camping Trip
Lions Youth Camp
October 15-17, 2004

Contact Lynn Cesard at 703-669-3746 or
LynnCesard@Adelphia.net for more information.

Popcorn Update. The fall popcorn fundraiser has begun! You all should be busy selling popcorn. If you need order forms, your den leaders do have extras and additional forms are available. Please follow the safety and selling rules specified in the brochure.

- Always Sell With Another Scout or Parent.
- Never Enter Anyone's House.
- Do Not Carry Large Amounts of Cash.
- Do Not Sell After Dark.

Remember to wear your uniform, smile and introduce yourself. Always say thank-you. Collect the money at the time of the order and ask that checks be made to Pack 958. **All order forms and money are due to your den leader by October 18, 2004.**

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Doherty at (703) 669-6269 or email at rhondadoherty@adelphia.net.