

*To Guide and Influence through Character and Honesty*



## Cubmaster Corner

### We have a lot of new faces this year

Congratulations to everyone on a great recruiting year for our pack. Thanks to your hard work, and some coordination from Jen Rivinius, we recruited 32 new scouts!! Our new scouting friends include 17 Tigers, 3 Wolves, 7 Bears, 2 Web I's, and 3 Web II's. I'm also pleased to inform you that as a result of the successful recruiting, everyone in the pack receives a free pinewood derby car. We will distribute all cars by the November pack meeting. A big thank you to all of our Den Leaders since everyone returned as a leader this year. Welcome to Kevin McCrory and Michelle Schmitz as new Tiger leaders and John Palme as a new Webelos Leader. We will introduce all our new scouting friends to the fun activities and traditions of our pack. Speaking of traditions, be sure and read about the Halloween parade in the newsletter.

### Don't forget about the many awards your scout can earn

As we work with our sons to complete achievements towards their rank, don't forget about many of the other awards they can complete along the way. Included are Belt loops, Activity pins, and special awards including the 75th anniversary Cub Scout award. Each of these awards is available to all scouts regardless of rank. Check out our pack website at <http://www.loudoun-net.com/pack958/> and select the Links topic for more info on Belt Loops and several other awards. Additional info for special awards can be found at <http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/specialops.html>.

### One final thought

A few dedicated scouts and their families braved less than favorable weather last weekend and held our annual Family Campout. Although I was unable to join you all, along with 95% of the other families who elected for the drier shelter of their home in Leesburg, I appreciate the enthusiasm our die-hards displayed. I spoke with many of you and received as many emails on weather (pun intended) we should proceed. Since Scouting is all about exposing our sons to new experiences, friendship, and community involvement, I encourage each parent to find a way to channel your good ideas and energy by assisting your son's den at a Den Meeting or volunteering for one of the many opportunities available for our monthly pack activities.

I can't wait to see many of you at the Halloween parade.

*Yours in Scouting,*

**Steve Cloninger**

*Cubmaster*

**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

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*"Shoot for the moon.  
Even if you miss, you  
will land amongst the  
stars."*

— Jill McLemore

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**We're on the Web! See us at:**  
[www.loudoun-net.com/pack958/](http://www.loudoun-net.com/pack958/)

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## The Leesburg Halloween Parade is right around the corner

The pack will again participate in the annual Leesburg Halloween parade on Monday, October 31. We have secured a float and now it is up to our scouts to design a very spooky ride. All scouts are encouraged to dress up in full Halloween costume and either ride on or walk along side the float passing out candy. Scouts should bring a large bag of candy to pass out. Parents are welcome to assist with "chaperoning" the float during the parade. Meet at Ida Lee Park at 5:30PM as the parade starts at 6PM and will last for about an hour. The parade is also designed to be a community service event by soliciting food donations for the needy. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for donation to Interfaith Relief. Collection bins will be at Ida Lee field and along the parade route down King Street.

## Popcorn!

A reminder for the popcorn salesmen in the Pack:



**Orders and the money you have collected are due to your Den Leader by October 17th. (tonight!)**

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

## From the Scouts...

### Balls Bluff Hike

"Bear Den 1 hiked at Balls Bluff Battlefield. We learned about the Union and Confederate soldiers. They crossed the Potomac River. We took our picture with a Union soldier."

— *Kevin Cloninger*



## Die-Hard Campers!

A few of the more daring families braved the weather and made the Annual Family Camping Trip a reality.

The boys did a lot of outdoor cooking (thanks to Valerie Chandler) including a pancake breakfast, hard-boiled eggs in paper cups on the fire, baked bananas with chocolate and a foil package dinner with meat, potatoes, carrots and onions.

The wood was plentiful and our lumberjacks Jon, Ken and Craig split, sawed and worked up a sweat to create an awesome backdrop for ghost stories, skits, jokes and songs.

Hats off to our new Tiger Scout Aaron Walsh and his dad Ken who are die hard campers! Thanks also to Kim Jones for the pics!

