



To Guide and Influence through Character and Honesty

Cubmaster Corner

October lived up to it's theme as a "Circus of Stars"

The month of October was just like a 3-Ring Circus with three cool Cub Scout activities to kick off the new year. We started out with our annual Popcorn sales fundraiser with performances by our star salesmen. We had a circus of activities at the Lions Camp where everyone had a starring role in the Obstacle Course of Doom. The Leesburg Halloween Parade certainly had its share of wild creatures and strange acts! What a tremendous Scouting start to what is sure to be an awesome year.

Are you a collector?

November's theme is Cub Scout Collectors. Many of us collect all sorts of things as a hobby. It can be stamps, coins, baseball cards, or bugs. As a Cub Scout, we are collectors of a different kind. We collect money for our popcorn sales. We collect awards for our hard work. Most importantly, the community collects Goodwill from us. We do the most important collecting as a Cub Scout in November. This past weekend, your den passed out Scouting for Food bags to collect food for Thanksgiving. We will all be out this upcoming weekend to collect the food. This annual pilgrimage through your neighborhood is the perfect example of how we "Do a Good Turn Daily".

We're not quite done collecting yet!!

Food is not our only collection item this month. The pack is supporting the needs of a local Loudoun County based charity in need of hats, coats, and gloves. Once we receive their specific needs, we'll get the message out to everyone so (just as the Cub Scout Promise says) we can "help other people".

Remember that the purpose of collecting is to be able to share it with others.

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

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

John F. Kennedy

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



Cake Bake Contest

IT'S CAKE BAKE TIME! Pack 958 will be hosting a Cake Bake at the December Pack Meeting. We hope that all scouts will participate. Scouts should arrive with their cakes at least 15 minutes before the meeting start time in order to register.

1. This is a Parent-Scout activity.
2. These are the seven categories for judging: ANIMALS, WINTER, MOVIES, TRANSPORTATION, SCOUTING, TOYS, FOOD.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to the best decorated cakes in each category, based on originality of idea, percentage of scout participation and uniqueness of use of decoration. All participants will receive a patch.
4. **EVERYTHING ON THE CAKE MUST BE EDIBLE - NO PLASTIC AND NO CARD-BOARD COVERED WITH ICING.** Some cakes last year had decorations which were not edible which immediately eliminated them from getting a ribbon.
5. Decide on a category, bake, and decorate your cake.
6. Bring your cake to the December 13, 2004 pack meeting.
7. Cakes will be raffled after the judging. Tickets will be sold at the Pack meeting for 50 cents each or three for a dollar. Tickets will be put in a container. Our Cubmaster will go to each cake and draw a winning ticket. Only one cake can be won per scout. If a scout's name has already won a cake, the Cubmaster will draw again.

Please enter and be creative!! If you have questions, please call JoAnne Sulak at 703-443-1189 or Brightly Anderson at 703-779-1010.



Blankets for Soldiers. As a summer activity, a number of Pack 958 scouts made a total of 37 blankets – with a big help from volunteers helping to “sew it all together.” At last month’s pack meeting, Staff Sergeant Joseph Lee and Sergeant Leita Sosin (from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC) gratefully accepted these blankets for use by injured service members returning from overseas. **Keep up the good work Cub Scouts!**

Lions Campout. Thanks to Lynn Cesard for coordinating the family campout at the Lions Youth Camp. Thirty-two of our scouts had a great time. We missed the rest of you. Cici Palme, Karla Davis, and the Webelos fixed a delicious breakfast for everyone. The scouts raced in a rain gutter regatta, did some outdoor cooking, chariot races and other feats of skill, and even played some flag football.

Thanks to Tony Lomelin, Patrick Cesard, Valerie Chandler, Janet Cloninger, Jon Harman, John Palme, Chris Doherty, Robert Hagler, Steve Cloninger, and the rest of the parents who volunteered when needed. The scouts would not have been able to have such a great time without all of the volunteers.

Scout Shirt Available

A former scout is offering 1 blue Cub Scout shirt; size M (10-12) to anyone that might need one. Please contact Jean Bolar (703) 771-4145 or Jeanwburn@aol.com for further information.



Popcorn Wrapup!

Thank-to all scouts for making the Popcorn Sale a success. The Scouts worked hard and sold a lot of popcorn. We met our goal!! We had two Dens that did a great job at their Booth Sale. They are Jean Bolar's Bear Den #2 and Kathy Calhoun's Bear Den #1. We also had 5 Scouts receive the special prize (\$15.00 gift certificate to Leesburg Hobby Shop) from the Pack. They are Sean Doherty, Destyn Harrison-Phillips, Bruce McIntosh, Christopher Stith and Michael Stith. The popcorn will be given to your Den Leaders the week of the November 11. If there are any questions, please contact Rhonda Doherty at 703-669-6269 or rhondadoherty@adelphia.net.

**Congratulations to those scouts, parents and siblings who participated in the October 2004
Lion's Youth Camp**





About Veteran's Day

November 11, is the anniversary of the Armistice which was signed in the Forest of Compiegne by the Allies and the Germans in 1918, ending World War I, after four years of conflict.

At 5 A.M. on Monday, November 11, 1918 the Germans signed the Armistice, an order was issued for all firing to cease; so the hostilities of the First World War ended. This day began with the laying down of arms, blowing of whistles, impromptu parades, closing of places of business. All over the globe there were many demonstrations; no doubt the world has never before witnessed such rejoicing.

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The last paragraph set the tone for future observances:

To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation.

In 1927 Congress issued a resolution requesting President Calvin Coolidge to issue a proclamation calling upon officials to display the Flag of the United States on all government buildings on November 11, and inviting the people to observe the day in schools and churches...But it was not until 1938 that Congress passed a bill that each November 11 "shall be dedicated to the cause of world peace and ...hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day."

That same year President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill making the day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia. For sixteen years the United States formally observed Armistice Day, with impressive ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where the Chief Executive or his representative placed a wreath. In many other communities, the American Legion was in charge of the observance, which included parades and religious services. At 11 A.M. all traffic stopped, in tribute to the dead, then volleys were fired and taps sounded.

After World War II, there were many new veterans who had little or no association with World War I. The word, "armistice," means simply a truce; therefore as years passed, the significance of the name of this holiday changed. Leaders of Veterans' groups decided to try to correct this and make November 11 the time to honor all who had fought in various American wars, not just in World War I.

In Emporia, Kansas, on November 11, 1953, instead of an Armistice Day program, there was a Veterans' Day observance. Ed Rees, of Emporia, was so impressed that he introduced a bill into the House to change the name to Veterans' Day. After this passed, Mr. Rees wrote to all state governors and asked for their approval and cooperation in observing the changed holiday. The name was changed to Veterans' Day by Act of Congress on May 24, 1954. In October of that year, President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so gallantly, and through rededication to the task of promoting an enduring peace. The President referred to the change of name to Veterans' Day in honor of the servicemen of all America's wars.

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