

To Guide and Influence through Character and Honesty



**Happy Holidays from the
Pack 958 Committee &
Leaders**

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

Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons, and you will find that it is to the soul what the water bath is to the body.

Martin Luther

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www.loudoun-net.com/pack958/

Cubmaster Corner

Pack 958 is an Honor Unit!!!

Just as we celebrate individual awards at our monthly pack meetings, this month's pack meeting is a celebration of everyone's hard work over the past year. Every Scout, Leader, and Parent made a contribution to meeting the requirements of the Honor Unit award by your involvement in Scouting for Food, selling Popcorn, attending Leader training, and joining the fun at Cub Day Camp or Goshen. What a great way to close out 2004 by earning a cool patch to wear on our uniform.

Holiday Food Fare – More than just eating good food.

December's theme of Holiday Food Fare is not just about eating until you are stuffed. Just like we try new experiences as a Scout, we should be aware of how each of the several religious holidays this month is celebrated. Whether they are old traditions or a new twist, I encourage each Scout to spend a few minutes talking with his parents or adult partner about how others will be celebrating the holidays.

Are there any Wolves or Bears out there?

With the Blue and Gold dinner just around the corner, hopefully every Wolf and Bear is well on their way to completing the requirements to complete your rank. Take a few minutes over the hectic holiday break to see what achievements your Scout needs to complete. Just like a Christmas tradition, the Pack has a really neat tradition to recognize our new Wolves and Bears at the Blue and Gold Dinner.

Have a fun and safe Holiday.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Cloninger

Cubmaster



Scouts Brighten the Holidays!

Our scouts did a great job in this year's Scouting For Food Project. We had over 50 scouts and swarms of parents and siblings out distributing over 1600 flyers and collecting food. This year, Pack 958 collected 3,143 pounds of food for the Community Holiday Coalition. That's almost double our previous records.

Overall, scouts in Loudoun County collected almost 79,000 pounds of food. Our scouts, parents and siblings helped in a real and positive way to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need in our community. GREAT JOB SCOUTS!!!

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Events



January 2005

10 - Pack Meeting (7:00 pm @ Catoctin Elementary)

February 2005

13 - Blue & Gold (Pack Meeting @ Loudoun County High School)

19 - University of Scouting

March 2005

5 - Pinewood Derby (NEED COORDINATOR)

13 - Cub Scout Leader Training

14 - Pack Meeting (7:00 pm @ Catoctin Elementary)
(**Webelos II Crossover to Boy Scouts**)

April 2005

2 - Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (WLOT)

18 - Pack Meeting (7:00 pm @ Catoctin Elementary)

May 2005

9 - Pack Meeting (7:00 pm @ Catoctin Elementary)

June 2005

5 - Pack Picnic & Crossover (NEED COORDINATOR)

20-24 - Day Camp (alternate week: June 27-July 1)
(NEED COORDINATOR)

July 2005

24-30 - Goshen Resident Camp for Webelos (NEED COORDINATOR)

Volunteers Needed

The pack has a lot of activities for the cubs. It takes volunteers to make the activities happen. A lot of the parents have already volunteered. If you haven't yet, now is the time. Below are many of the activities that still need volunteers. Please let Jerry Calhoun, 703-779-7921 email: jcalhoun206@msn.com or Jon Harman, email: JHarman@Shirleycontracting.com and let them know what you wish to volunteer to help the Pack.

- **Event Positions:**

- Blue and Gold Banquet Coordinator (February 13)
- Pinewood Derby Concessions committee (March 5)
- Pinewood Derby coordinator (March 5)
- 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)

In addition to the event volunteers needed, there are many pack committee positions that need to be filled. Several people on the pack committee have sons that will be graduating out of the pack and crossing over to Boy Scouts in March. Among these are our Newsletter Editor and our Committee Chairman. We need volunteers to step forward and fill the positions below. Please contact Jerry Calhoun if you have any questions, or are willing to volunteer. Phone number is: 703-779-7921 and email is: jcalhoun206@msn.com.

- **Pack Committee Positions:**

- **Membership chair** - Keeps pack membership records. Handles rechartering in February/March time frame
- **Activities chair** - Coordinates Pack activities outside of pack meetings
- **Pack Committee Chair** - Coordinate Pack committee planning
- **Newsletter Editor** - Prepares the monthly cub letter
- **At Large Committee Member** - Helps with the committee planning process

