



Pack 471 Newsletter



Serving our Community for 50 Years

Chartered Organization: Lutheran Church of Peace, 47 Century Ave. S., Maplewood, MN 55119

November 2008

Quick Glance Dates

- Nov. 11, Veteran's Day at Carver, 10:15am
- Nov. 11, Pack Meeting, 6:30 LCP
- Nov. 18, Wreath pickup
- Nov. 25, Tiger/Wolf dens FD visit, 630pm
- Dec. 7, Parent meeting, 4pm LCP
- NEW DATE, Dec 9. Pack Meeting, 6:30 LCP
- Dec. 14, Afton Alps ski/tubing day

Online Calendar

<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=8dq2ittkm4ae5htek3n3k59qag@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

Veteran's Day Event at Carver Elementary:

On Nov. 11, Carver Elementary will be holding a Veteran's recognition assembly at 10:15am. Scouts in uniform will be assembling before the opening at the back of the gym. They will be walking in with the flags and saying the Pledge of Allegiance and then returning to their classes. David and Ted will be in attendance and will take uniform shirts from scouts who do not want to wear them the rest of the day at school, to be returned that evening at the pack meeting.

Wreath Fundraiser:

Orders pickup expected on November 18th. If you have questions, call Amanda Weber at (651) 283-2547.

Parent Meeting:

There will be a parent meeting at 4PM on Sunday, December 7th. The parent meeting is a forum for Pack Planning, and all parents are encouraged to attend. We will be previewing the video "It Happened to Me", in addition to the normal meeting agenda.

Polar Cub Camp:

The Pack will be going on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2008. Polar Camp is a one day camp in the snow with winter activities and training. Talk to your den leader or PJ Knight (pjandboysgonescouting@gmail.com) about registration requirements.

Training for leaders:

New leaders are REQUIRED to get BSA approved training appropriate for their position. Opportunities abound. See below for listing. Advancing den leaders may need additional training classes. In order for the Pack to continue to receive the Quality Unit award, all adults must go through their appropriate training.

Resident Cub Camp:

December 1 is the opening time for registration for the 2009 Resident Cub Camp. This is the "summer camp" for ALL ranks of scouts. Although scouts may attend as individuals, it is better to go as a den if possible. Contact your den leader or PJ Knight (pjandboysgonescouting@gmail.com) about registration requirements.

Pinewood Derby Planning:

Many Volunteers are needed to help run the Pinewood Derby in January. Every family participating in the Pinewood Derby needs to volunteer to help run the event. There will be a volunteer signup sheet at the November pack meeting. Please contact Scott Schaller (651- 773-7598) to volunteer to help prepare for and run the Pinewood Derby. Since we are still looking for a Pinewood Derby Concessions Chairperson, please contact either John Hinzman or David Knack to volunteer to help with concessions.

We Need You!

As you know, our Pack is run by family members of Scouts in our Pack. The Pack needs volunteers for the following:

Assistant Cubmaster-Help the Cubmaster as needed. Be ready to fill in for the Cubmaster, if necessary. Participate in pack meetings. Participate in the annual pack program planning conference and pack leaders' meetings.

Registration and Recharter Chair- Help the pack by maintaining registration lists of scouts and keeping recharter (yearly pack registration) up to date with the council (shadow Randy Bruski this year)

Family Friends of Scouting Chair- This fund raising effort is held concurrently with the Blue and Gold Banquet which occurs in February. (training from District provided)

Pinewood Derby Concessions Chair- Plan and implement the concessions fund raiser that occurs on Pinewood Derby race day (January). (shadow with Rita Hinzman)

Pack Secretary - Keep informed of all Cub Scouting literature, materials, records, and forms to help leaders function effectively. Help new den leaders by telling them what resources are available.

Contact John Hinzman or David Knack if you are interested in volunteering.

Afton Alps Scout Ski Days

If we can get together a group of 10 or more, we can get discounted tickets for Afton Alps skiing/snowboarding or tubing. Please contact Ted Jeo (orst86@comcast.net) if interested so that we can put together a ski group. As a separate group, the same dates are open for tubing discounts as well.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Scouting units have been invited to become SA bell ringers during the holiday season. Last year, they had over 100 different scout units volunteer. This year they would like to double that number. If you and/or your unit is interested, please contact the Salvation Army at 651-746-3519 or at www.thesalarmy.org

Friends of Scouting

Each year our Pack participates in the annual fundraising drive known as Friend of Scouting for the Northern Star Council, of which we are a part of. This is a significant fundraising event for Scouts as it currently provides 21.7% of the Northern Star Council's annual budget.

As we head into the new year, many families will spend time contemplating a new family budget. A family has many choices on how it spends money, but when you compare the cost of Scouting to other activities like hockey, basketball, or even music lessons, you can see what a great investment and bargain it truly is.

Remember that our scouts are learning many life long skills that will help them cope, contribute, and prosper. We ask you at this time to please consider including a contribution toward our Friends of Scouting goals in your upcoming budget planning. Any gift will be greatly appreciated regardless of the amount.

Contributions will be collected at the Blue & Gold Dinner in February. The Council does facilitate donating online for those of you who wish to make your donation with your credit or debit card. You can also gain additional information about Friends of Scouting from the Council's website:
<http://northernstarbsa.org/SupportScouting/FOS.aspx>

Training Events

Leader Training:

Got to <http://training.nbsa.org/NewLeaders.aspx> and follow the step by step sequence to determine which training classes you need and where you can go to class.

Riverwood District Round Table Dec. 4:

WEBELOS Den Leader Position Specific Training, 6pm
Pack Committee Training, 6pm
St. Lucas Church, 1195 Manning Ave, Lake Elmo
For a schedule and registration see:

<http://riverwood.nbsa.org/training.htm>

Pack 471 is 50!

A second order of 24 patches was placed and should be arriving soon. Cost is about \$5 per patch. Interested individuals can contact Ted Jeo (orst86@comcast.net). This is not a requirement, although all scouts should consider wearing the "50" bar in one of the two forms.

Upcoming Scout Discounted Events

Reservations Required Info available at

<http://roundtable.northernstarbsa.org/00%2DNon%2DCouncil%20Events/>

Or Email: orst86@comcast.net

Sportsman's Warehouse in Woodbury is offering a 5% discount to individuals that show a BSA ID card!

MN Wild vs. St. Louis, Dec. 3, 7pm
MN Wild vs. Carolina, Dec 23, 7pm
MN Wild vs. LA, Jan. 20, 7pm
Timberwolves vs. New Orleans, Jan. 23 7pm
MN Wild vs. Colorado, Feb. 11, 7pm
Lipizzaner Stallions, Sat. Feb 21 12:15pm
Timberwolves vs. LA, Feb. 22 6pm
(for more info on T-wolves scout nights, contact:

www.timberwolves.com

Harlem Globetrotters, Apr. 10, 5:30pm
Harlem Globetrotters, Apr. 11, 11:30am

Future Pack Meetings:

NEW DATE December 9 630pm LCP, Scout Bingo, Opening Jr. Webelos, Flags Bears

January 13, 630pm LCP, Como Zoo OR Raptor, Opening Wolf, Flags Tiger

February NO REGULAR PACK MEETING. Blue and Gold Banquet, Feb. 22, 4pm LCP, Opening Jr. Webelos, Flags Sr. Webelos

March 10, 630pm MAPLEWOOD COMM CNTR, Opening Bears, Flags Wolves

April 14, 630 LCP, Science Museum, Opening Tigers, Flags Jr. Webelos

May 12, 630 LCP, Tiger Graduation, Opening Bears, Flags Tigers



HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!

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