
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

APRIL 2017

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Calendar:

April

22nd Blue and Gold Breakfast, 9am

May

2nd Feed My Starving Children 6:00-7:30pm

3rd Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm

11th Pack Meeting, Hot Dog Roast 6:00pm @
Countryside Park

13th Spring Clean Up 9:00am @ Good Samaritan
19-21st Whitewater State Park Camping Trip

June

7th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm

9-11th Cub Scout Summer Camp

Pack 168 Rules of Respect

1. Respect our meeting place or property
2. Respect the people around you.
3. Respect the American Flag and our ceremony.
4. Respect the Akela, leader of meeting.

Parents, please review these rules before all meetings with your children. Also, please step in and reinforce these rules if your children are not following them within the meeting.

Celebrate at the Blue and Gold Breakfast, April 22nd

Save the date and start planning a cake! The Blue and Gold Breakfast is traditionally the date by which we strive to complete Scouts' achievements so we can celebrate their efforts of the past year together. The Blue and Gold also serves as a fundraiser for the Pack- please consider participating in the below events:

Cake Auction: One of the most fun events of the year, Scouts and families can put on their crazy chef hats and create a cake for a silent auction. The cakes are fantastic and bidding is fierce!

Silent Auction: Please start thinking about items big or small to donate for a silent auction benefitting the Pack. Any new, unused items or scout-friendly activities such as gift certificates, sports tickets, camping gear, hosting a barbeque- any donation is greatly appreciated!

[DONATE HERE](#)

Check-in will run from 9:00 to 9:30 with breakfast starting thereafter. A hot breakfast buffet will be served (yes, we will have bacon!). Siblings are very welcome to attend- cost is \$8 per person or maximum \$32 per family.

[SIGN UP TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING](#)

Volunteers are needed to help the Blue and Gold run smoothly- [SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#) - thanks!

Volunteer at Feed my Starving Children, May 2nd

Back by popular demand! In lieu of Scouting for Food, we are going to shift gears and instead volunteer at [Feed My Starving Children](#) on Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:00 pm, 18732 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen, MN 55317. FMSC provides meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, shipping them around the world. As volunteers we will work as teams, hand-packing meals for shipment. Friends and family welcomed to come along! Please note the following age requirements: No volunteers under age 5; grades K-2 require a 1:1 adult to youth ratio and grades 3-6 require a 1:3 adult to youth ratio.

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Hot Dog Roast at Countryside Park May 11th

Join us for food and socializing at the Countryside Park shelter (6240 Tracy Ave) at 6:00pm, May 11th for our final Pack meeting until September! We will "graduate" Scouts to their new ranks and award them their new neckerchiefs. The Wolf den will showcase their nautical expertise along with their lung capacity as they race their boats in the Raingutter Regatta.

Please bring your own hot dogs and buns.

Food Assignments:

Lions (new Tigers) - Fruit

Tigers (new Wolves) – Veggies

Wolves (new Bears) – Desserts

Bears (new Webelos 1) – Chips / Munchies

Webelos 1 (new Webelos 2) – Beverages

Spring Clean Up at Good Sam, May 13th

To say *thanks!* for supporting and hosting our Pack, each year we hold a Spring Clean-up of the Good Samaritan Church grounds. This year we will start at 9:00am, May 13th in the Good Samaritan upper parking lot (you can come/leave as your schedule demands). Please bring gloves, shovels, rakes, or clippers/loppers if you have them.

Friends of Scouting

[Friends of Scouting](#) is an annual effort to raise funds for the BSA to help support the camps and programs which our Scouts enjoy throughout the year. This year our Pack has a \$1900 goal- as an added incentive, we will be given free derby cars if we meet this target! [Click here](#) to see if your company matches donations. **If you donate to the Northern Star Council online, please enter MUSTANG DISTRICT, PACK 3168 in the comment box.**

Reminder: Scout Account Balances Available for Use

For those who participated in the wreath fundraising this fall, individual scout balances (based on the net earnings from wreaths sold) are now available to help pay for Pack

outings. Current balances and account information can be viewed [HERE](#)

Spring Camping at Whitewater State Park May 19th-21st

To get the Whitewater site you need to make reservations almost a year in advance and nab it on the day reservations open; when you see it you'll understand why! We have the entire group campsite with cabins and tent sites for both Friday and Saturday nights- you can choose to stay one or both nights. Possible activities include fossil hunting, hiking the many nearby trails and fishing. Bring your fly rods because the camp sits right on the river. \$30 per person. Sign up [HERE](#).

Summer Camp at Camp Kiwanis June 9-11

In June, we return to Kiwanis Scout Camp for another adventure on the bank of the St. Croix River. Ranger Dave "Da Bear" Denn keeps us wonderfully busy with a full schedule of swimming, archery, bb gun target shooting, climbing wall, woodcraft, plus work on scout requirements. Relax in the evening with a pontoon ride on the St. Croix or explore the banks by canoe! \$130 per Scout and \$90 per adult. Sign up [HERE](#) –**all sign ups must be received by April 28th! After the 28th all registered participants will be locked in and payment will not be refundable.**

Please note that summer camp is for Scouts currently in K-Grade 3.

Pack Calendar Information

Mark and save these dates on your calendars (subject to change):

Pack Meetings: Thurs, Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 15, Feb 16, March 16, and May 11.

Pinewood Derby: Sat., January 28

Blue & Gold Breakfast: Sat, April 22

We Need You!

This is our ongoing call for help; your chance to impact all of our boys' experiences in scouting. ***Please see the positions in bold and with an asterisk (*) under the "Adult Leadership" heading for our greatest needs.*** "Shadows" are always desired, especially for programmatic leadership roles. Baby steps! You will only learn about the position this year, with the goal of transitioning into the role for next year. Your engagement is greatly appreciated!

Contact Information

As an additional communication resource, the Pack has its own website. You can find the Pack calendar, Pack Rag and your individual den activities calendar at this website. Please check it out at: www.edinapack168.com

Please confirm with your Den Leader that s/he has your correct e-mail address since almost all of Edina Cub Scout Pack 168 information is shared via e-mail.

The Cubmaster and Pack Leadership can be contacted at: edinapack168@gmail.com

Adult Leadership

The Leadership Roster for Edina Cub Scout Pack 168 of the 2016-17 Scout year is:

Den Leadership:

- **Lion Den – Scott Peterson (More Leaders Needed)**
- Tiger Den – Gil Robles, Joel Nordin
- Wolf Den – Steve Botts, Greg Ansems, Justin Dale
- Bear Den – Gil Robles, Brant Haenel
- **Webelos I Den – Rolf Pederson, Ned Mollison (More Leaders Needed)**
- Webelos II Den – Ned Mollison, Brant Haenel,

Pack Leadership:

- Cubmaster – Ben Pence
- ***Asst. Cubmaster – Needed**
- Committee Chair – Joel Nordin
- Treasurer – Joel Nordin
- Webmaster/Communications Chair – Justin Dale
- Advancements – Margaret Kinney

Programmatic Leadership:

- Popcorn Kernel – Greg Ansems
- ***Camping Coordinator- Needed**
- ***Service Chair – Needed**
- Blue & Gold Banquet – Jennifer Haenel, Shannon Case. ***Shadows Needed**
- Pinewood Derby Committee – Greg Skaggs, Rolf Pederson, Kurt Butz, Pat Merrigan, Jason Berger
- Rocket Day – Brant Haenel

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Please inquire with any Scout leader about how you can help