
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

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Calendar:

March

- 1st Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm
4th Ski Day at Welch Village
16th Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall,
7:00pm

April

- 5th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm
22nd Blue and Gold Breakfast, 9am
TBD Volunteering Opportunity

May

- 3rd Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm
11th Pack Meeting, Hot Dog Roast 6:00pm
19-21st Whitewater State Park Camping Trip
TBD Spring Cleanup at Good Samaritan

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.

March 4th Ski Day at Welch Village

Yes, it's been downright balmy lately, but is winter done with us yet? In case the answer is no, reserve March 4th for a Pack 168 ski day at Welch Village, organized by resident Skijammer Rolf Pederson! Lifts start at 9AM and for those who sign up for lessons they start at 10AM. As in previous years we have rented out the Vista Room for our group for the entire day. Please join us for some great skiing, and stay as long as you want, lifts close at 10pm!

Please bring a check the day of the event for your total due, made out to Rolf Pederson.

Prices:

Full Day Ski Pass - \$40 (children under 4 ski free)
Rental - \$20
Helmet - \$5.00

This year anyone who wants a lesson must do so directly online with Welch Village. They have multiple options available including packages with ski pass and rentals. Rental form is attached. For people doing lessons, please arrive as close to 9AM as possible, because it takes time to get lift tickets and rentals, lessons start at 10AM sharp! Here is the [link](#).

Something new this year...if people are interested in bringing food to share for lunch, please tell us what you are bringing on the sign up sheet. **For planning purposes please sign up by Wednesday March 1st.** For people arriving after 9:30, please let me know because we will have to make arrangements to get you your lift passes.

Sign up [HERE](#).

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](#)

March Pack Meeting: Nanoscience with the Bakken Museum!

The nanoscale describes things in our universe that are very small, but just how small are we talking? And if these things are so small, why do we concern ourselves with them? Considered to be the cutting edge of STEM research today, nanoscience explores some very little things that may have a very big impact on our lives. Scouts will see and participate in exciting and surprising demonstrations and experiments that encourage them to consider both the power and the potential problems with this frontier of discovery.

April 22nd Preview: Blue and Gold Breakfast

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 they can be awarded their rank badge and we can celebrate their efforts 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 barbecue- any donation is greatly appreciated!

A hot breakfast buffet will be served (yes, we will have bacon!). Siblings, grandparents- all are welcome to attend.

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.**

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](#).

Please note that summer camp is for Scouts currently in K-Grade 3. Current Webelos I's/4th Graders will be planning a separate summer camp later in the summer!

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

Opportunities

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
- 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
- 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 – Alyssa Snyder

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