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# THE PACK RAG

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A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

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## Calendar:

### February

28<sup>th</sup> Webelos II Crossing Over Ceremony, Good Samaritan Church Fireplace Room, 5:00 pm

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Ski Day at Welch Village, 9am  
17<sup>th</sup> Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm

### April

6<sup>th</sup> Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Blue and Gold Breakfast, 9 am

### May

4<sup>th</sup> Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 pm  
14-15<sup>th</sup> Spring Overnight Camping Trip  
19<sup>th</sup> Pack Meeting, Hot Dog Roast, 6 pm  
TBD Spring cleanup at Good Samaritan

### June

1<sup>st</sup> Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 pm  
10-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Ski Day at Welch Village

Come out March 12<sup>th</sup> for a fun day of skiing and snowboarding at Welch Village!

Both experienced and beginner skiers will have fun on the slopes, with lesson packages available to new skiers and those needing a refresher course. The Vista Room is reserved for our use for the day. Lift tickets are discounted to \$35 each; snow board/ski rental is \$15 and helmet rental is \$5. Lesson packages for ages 13 and up (includes lift, rental and lesson) are \$49. Lesson packages for ages 6-12 (includes lift, rental, lesson and helmet) are \$65. **Please [register](#) for youth lessons directly on the Welch Village site.** Lessons start at 10:00 a.m., so plan to arrive no later than 9:00 a.m.

Please also sign up all participants on our sign up sheet [here](#) and bring a check payable to Rolf Pederson the day of the event where he will pay for the group. Thanks to Rolf for organizing!

## March Pack Meeting: Robotics with the Green Machine

Edina High School's Robotics Team, The Green Machine, competes annually in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) in hopes of making it to the World Championship. FRC teams have 6 weeks to design, build and program a robot to compete in a different challenge each year. This year alliances of robots must breach their opponents' fortifications, weaken their tower with boulders, and capture the opposing tower!

Members of Green Machine will be at our March Pack meeting to discuss the process of building robots and competing with them, and will demonstrate some of their recent creations.

## Sign Up for the Blue and Gold Breakfast, April 9th!

Saturday April 9th- the Blue and Gold Breakfast is coming early this year! The Blue and Gold is traditionally the date

by which we strive to complete Scouts' rank requirements 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- see below for terrifically fun ways to support the pack...

**Cake Auction:** One of the most fun events of the year, Scouts and families are asked to 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 consider 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! [DONATE HERE](#)

A hot breakfast will be served.

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

## 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 \$1500 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 donation. **If you donate to the Northern Star Council online, please enter PACK 3168 in the comment box.**

## Spring Camping at Stearns Scout Reservation - May 14-15<sup>th</sup>

We will be camping this spring at [Stearns Scout Camp](#). Located south of St. Cloud, Stearns features 1200 acres of campground to explore. We will have two large lodges (heated and with electricity) at our disposal for sleeping and lounging. Of course the hardier among us are welcome to bring their tent and sleep al fresco! Plan on games, hiking, s'mores and good times with friends.

## Summer Camp, June 10-12

Families of Lions thru Bears can kick off a great summer by attending Cub Scout Summer camp with Pack 168 at Camp Kiwanis! Camp Kiwanis is set beautifully on the St. Croix River and offers great activities as well as a bonding experience your scout will never forget! Events include Archery, BB gun, boating on the St. Croix, Obstacle Course, Ponies and MORE. Eligibility is limited to current

Lions thru Bears. The cost is \$127 per Scout and \$87 per adult. Click on this link for more information: [Summer Camp Information](#)

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

**Sign up early to ensure a spot- space is limited.**

**Payment must be given to Joel Nordin, Treasurer before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Cancellations with full refund allowed until May 1<sup>st</sup>; no refunds allowed thereafter.**

## 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](http://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](mailto:edinapack168@gmail.com)

## Adult Leadership

The Leadership Roster for Edina Cub Scout Pack 168 of the 2015-16 Scout year is:

Den Leadership:

- Lion Den – Gil Robles, Joel Nordin
- Tiger Den – Steve Botts, Greg Ansems, Justin Dale
- Wolf Den – Gil Robles, Brant Haenel
- Bear Den – Rolf Pederson, Ned Mollison
- Webelos I Den – Ned Mollison, Brant Haenel
- Webelos II Den – Ben Pence, Sam VanNorman,

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- Tony Skunberg
- **\*Service Chair – Needed**
- Blue & Gold Banquet – Jennifer Haenel, Liz Bergren, 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