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# THE PACK RAG

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A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

JANUARY 2017

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## Calendar:

### January

- 14<sup>th</sup> Pinewood Derby Workshop, Good Sam Community Room 9am-3pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Pinewood Derby Workshop, Hance Hardware, 1-4pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pinewood Derby Weigh-In, Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 6-8pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Pinewood Derby, Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 1-4pm

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Polar Cubs, Phillippo Scout Reservation, 8:15am-3:15pm, Pizza Party at Edina Davanni's 4:00pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

### March

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

## 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.

## January Preview: Pinewood Derby

It's coming...the classic Cub Scout event, the Pinewood Derby, will take place January 28! We will follow the [rules](#) as set by the Northern Star Council (see link). Awards will be given out for both speed and creative design. You can build for style, speed or both- what's important is that scouts participate in the building process and have fun. Car decals and accessories can be found online and at hobby stores including Hub Hobby, Hobby Lobby and the Scout store.

Completed cars will need to be weighed in and turned in on the evening of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm. **Cars must be weighed in on Friday to be eligible for Saturday's races!**

Also new this year- at the end of the Derby we will hold a heat open to all Pack 168 parents and siblings. Formerly raced cars will be allowed- rerun your vintage prize winning car or create a new one! All family race cars must also be submitted and weighed on Friday.

**Volunteers/Shadows Needed!** We will need help on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> weighing cars, running the derby software, judging cars, tearing down the track afterwards, etc. Come indulge your inner engineer. Sign up [HERE](#).

## Pinewood Derby Workshops

Longtime scout leader and friend of our Pack, Mr. Bill Davies will be leading an open workshop to work on derby cars on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm at Good Samaritan in the lower level Community Room (entrance is on NE corner along lower parking lot). This is a great opportunity to work on your car with friends and have access to a band saw, belt sander, drill press and other tools. Last year the afternoon was busy; it is recommended that you come in the morning if you can. Don't forget your car kit!

To further spread the load, we are also adding a second workshop this year on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 1-4pm at Hance Hardware Store, 903 Hopkins Center, Hopkins, MN. The Hance family have been longtime supporters of Scouting, offering

the use of their facilities and staff to help build derby cars. Scouts bring their car kit and whatever ideas they have for a design; Hance staff will help cut the cars on the band saw, weigh and balance the cars, and even provide a test track. All scouts must be accompanied by an adult, with 10 scouts maximum. Please sign up [HERE](#) if you plan to attend the Hance workshop. Please also consider Hance Hardware when purchasing paint, decals, graphite or any other derby accessories.

## **Polar Cubs February 11th**

Our annual winter favorite, [Polar Cubs](#), takes place February 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15am at the Phillippo Scout Camp in Cannon Falls. Spend the day having fun in the snow-snow tubes, sled chute, tomahawk throwing, playing capture the flag and many other outdoors games. Hot lunch and hot cocoa included. Afterwards at 4:00 we regroup at the party room at the Edina Davanni's for a pizza dinner.

To guarantee a spot please sign up in advance [HERE](#). The cost is \$33 per scout, \$13 per adult for Polar Cubs, and \$8 per person for dinner. Siblings are also invited to sign up!

## **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 (including Polar Cubs). Current balances and account information can be viewed [HERE](#)

## **February Pack Meeting Preview: Articulture**

In February we will be visited by artists from the art education and outreach group [Articulture](#). Together we'll construct art books that Scouts can bring home and use to continue creating.

## **Ski Day at Welch Village**

Hold the date March 4<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. Reduced rate packages will be available but will require us to purchase tickets and rentals as a

group- stay tuned for details. Thanks to Rolf Pederson for organizing.

## **April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 barbeque- any donation is greatly appreciated!

## **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.**

## **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](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 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