
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

JANUARY 2015

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Calendar:

January

- 7th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
10th Pinewood Derby Workshop, Good Sam
Community Room 9am-3pm
17-19 Ely Trip – Webelos 1 den
30th Pine Wood Derby Weigh In, Good Sam
Fellowship Hall, Time 6-8pm
31st Pine Wood Derby, GSUMC gym, 1-3pm

February

- 4th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
14-16 Ely Trip – Webelos 2 den
19th Pack Meeting, Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 7pm
28th Polar Cubs

March

- 4th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
7th Pack 168 Ski day at Welch Village
19th Pack Meeting, Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 7pm

April

- 8th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
12th Mustang District Pinewood Derby
25th Blue & Gold Breakfast, 9am

May

- 6th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
16-17th Spring Overnight Campout
21st Pack Meeting, Hot dog roast, 6pm

June

- 3rd Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8pm
19-21st Kiwanis 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.

January Pack Meeting preview:

The Pinewood Derby! The premier event of the year is fast approaching. *Car kits will be handed out at the December Pack meeting, please contact your Den leader for a kit. Official rules are posted [HERE](#).*

Completed cars will need to be weighed-in on Friday, January 30, between 6pm and 8pm at the Good Sam gym. Cars must be weighed in on Friday to be eligible for Saturday races!

Race day is Saturday, January 31, starting at 1pm in the Good Sam Gym. Plan to bring the entire family and spend the afternoon watching the excitement!

Remember, speed matters – but prizes will also be awarded for the most creative designs.

Pine Wood Derby workshops:

Want to work on your Derby car? Mr. Bill Davies will host an open workshop for Pack 168 and Pack 68. It will be Saturday, Jan 10 from 9am-3pm. It will be held at Good Sam Community Room. That's the smaller room on the lower level, NE corner. Mr. Davies will have a band saw, belt sander and drill press among his tools.

Can't make it to Mr. Davies' workshop? I have been told that Hance Hardware in Hopkins is VERY friendly to Cub Scouts and their Derby cars. They have a "secret" room for Scouts to work on their cars with tools and advice from Hance Hardware. 903 Hopkins Center, Hopkins MN 55343 - phone (952) 938-7367

Polar Cubs

Plan to attend this annual favorite! Polar Cubs is a winter day-camp for those of you looking for a fun-filled day of snow activities. After a full day of fort building, tubing and more, we close the day at Fireside Pizza in Richfield with a group dinner. Pack 168 is planning to attend Polar Cubs on Saturday, February 28, 9am-3pm, at Phillippo Scout Camp near Cannon Falls, MN. Advanced registration with the Pack guarantees your spot and can be done either online [HERE](#), or in person at the Pinewood Derby (PWD). The cost is \$32 per scout, \$12 per adult for Polar Cubs, and \$7 per person for dinner.

Scout Ski Day

March 7, our Pack will take to the slopes for a day of skiing and snowboarding at Welch Village. Beginners and experts should all be excited to have a great day with skiing Scouts. Rolf Pederson will be organizing our group. To receive our reduced rate, we must purchase all of our tickets and rentals as a group. Therefore, Rolf must have your payment and know your lift ticket and rental needs before 9am that Saturday. Lifts open at 9am.

Reduced group rate lift ticket - \$35
Ski or snowboard rental - \$15
Helmet rental - \$5
Lesson package - \$49 (lift ticket, rental equip, 2hr lesson)
Lessons require 48 hr notice

[Scout Ski Day sign up](#)

Spring Camping - May 16-17th

We will be camping this spring at Mille Lacs Kathio State Park which is a jewel of the state park system. We have reserved camper cabins, walk in tent sites, and drive in camping sites for the pack. Activities will include naturalist programs, fishing and hiking. We will also visit the [Mille Lacs Indian Museum](#) in Onamia which has a huge diorama and puts on a presentation that explains how the Ojibwe lived in the area with different structures depending on the season. Sign up early to get your preferred campsite [HERE!](#)

Pack Calendar Information:

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

Pack Meetings: Thurs, February 19, March 19, and May 21.

Pinewood Derby: Fri-Sat, Jan 30-31.

Blue & Gold Breakfast: Sat, April 25.

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.** Only "shadows" are needed at this time. 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.

Adult Leadership

The Leadership Roster for Edina Cub Scout Pack 168 of the 2014-15 Scout year is:

Den Leadership:

- Lion Den – Steve Botts
- Tiger Den – Bob Braun, Gil Robles, Brant Haenel
- Wolf Den – Tony Skunberg, Rolf Pederson
- Bear Den – Ned Mollison, Brant Haenel
- Webeloes I Den – Ben Pence, Sam VanNorman,
- Webeloes II Den – Gardiner Van Ness, Rob Rankin, Laura Anderson

Pack Leadership:

- Cubmaster – Jim Niemeier
- Asst. Cubmaster – Ben Pence
- Committee Chair – Tony Zeuli, Joel Nordin
- Treasurer – Tony Zeuli
- Webmaster/Communications Chair – Justin Dale
- Advancements – Kris Mollison

Programmatic Leadership:

- Popcorn Kernel – Greg Ansems
- Camping Coordinator-Joel Nordin – Tony Skunberg
- ***Service Chair – Needed**
- Blue & Gold Dinner – Jennifer Haenel, Liz Bergren. ***Shadows Needed**
- Pinewood Derby Committee – Greg Skaggs, Rolf Pederson, Henning Von Klingraeff
- Rocket Day – Tony Zeuli – Brant Haenel

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