
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

MARCH 2017

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Calendar:

April

- 5th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm
22nd Blue and Gold Breakfast, 9am
23rd-29th Scouting for Food

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.

We need YOU!



Volunteers Needed!

This time of year is bittersweet as we bid farewell to our Webelos II Scouts as they cross over to Boy Scouts and other great adventures. Not only do we lose great Scouts, but also great parents and family members with years of experience volunteering with our Pack. **This is a clarion call to families of Lions, Tigers and Wolves- we need your talent!** We have many leadership roles which are open or which will be open in the not too distant future, including:

Advancement Chair
Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster
Popcorn Kernel (to shadow next year)
Camping Coordinator

...and if you want to volunteer as something else instead- let us know that too. No experience necessary- we are eager to help you help us. Email edinapack168@gmail.com or talk to any leader if you are interested. Thank you!

Sign Up for 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 barbecue- any donation is greatly appreciated!

[DONATE HERE](#)

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](#)

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.**

Scouting for Food

As one of our Spring volunteer opportunities this year we will participate in the metro-wide [Scouting For Food](#) food drive at the end of April. We will distribute informational door hangers at the Blue and Gold Banquet that Scouts can hang in neighborhoods the week of April 23rd. On April 29th Scouts go back through the neighborhood and pick up bags of donated food for local food shelves- last year over 100,000 pounds of food were gathered by Scouts!

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](#).

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

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 – Needed**

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