
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

MARCH 2018

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Calendar:

April

- 4th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 pm
12th Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Event,
6:00-7:30pm, 18732 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen, MN
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May

- 2nd Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 pm
12th Blue and Gold Breakfast, Good Samaritan
Church, 9:00-10:30am
18-20th Spring Campout at Whitewater State Park
TBD Spring Clean-Up Volunteer Event at Good Sam

June

- 6th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 pm
22-24th Summer Camp at Kiwanis Scout 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.

Girls to Join Pack 168 in 2018

We are very excited to announce Pack 168 will open to girls this year! The fun and adventure of Cub Scouting inspires girls as well as boys, and this change will help Pack 168 be a place where all the family can enjoy Scouting together.

We currently plan to start recruiting and forming girls' dens in August, however we are interested in identifying any girls who want to get an early start and possibly go camping this spring/summer. Please sign up [HERE](#) if you have a girl who is interested in Cub Scouting so we can get in touch. Please also send the sign up link to anyone you know who might have a girl interested in Cub Scouting.

The Northern Star Council has created a [Girls in Scouting website](#) which will be frequently updated with the latest information on the related changes to the Cub Scout program as well as their upcoming program for older girls (similar to Boy Scouts), expected to begin in early 2019.

April Pack Meeting @ FMSC



Time for a Pack volunteer event...at Feed My Starving Children! In lieu of our usual Pack meeting format, in April we will head to FMSC's Shakopee location (18732 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen, MN 55317) on **Thursday, April 12th, 6:00pm-7:30pm** (note that the time is earlier than standard Pack meetings).

FMSC provides meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, shipping them around the world. As volunteers we will work as teams, hand-packing meals for shipment. Friends and family welcomed to come along! Please note the following age requirements: No volunteers under age 5; grades K-2 require a 1:1 adult to youth ratio and grades 3-6 require a 1:3 adult to youth ratio.

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

May Pack Meeting: Blue and Gold Breakfast and Cake Auction

We will close out the season with our new, simplified, Blue and Gold Breakfast with twice the fun and half the hassle!

This year, the Blue and Gold will be at no additional cost, with a breakfast of donuts, croissants, coffee and juice. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our Scouts with an awards ceremony and distribution of neckerchiefs for those Scouts who have advanced to the next rank. Highbrow (or not) entertainment will come in the form of skits performed by Scouts and leaders.

By popular demand, we will continue our traditional Blue and Gold cake auction- Scouts and families can use their creativity and culinary skill to make a cake to be donated to a silent auction running during the Blue and Gold, with proceeds to benefit the Pack. Look for a separate evite coming soon!

Sign up for Spring Camping at Whitewater, May 18-20

Once again we are lucky to score a weekend at the [Whitewater State Park Group Center](#) for our spring overnight. We have the entire group campsite with both cabins (heat and electrical!) and tent sites for both Friday and Saturday nights-you can choose to stay one or both nights. Possible activities include programs with park rangers, fossil hunting, hiking the many nearby trails and fishing, plus lots of fun and games. Cost is \$35 per person.

Sign up [HERE!](#)

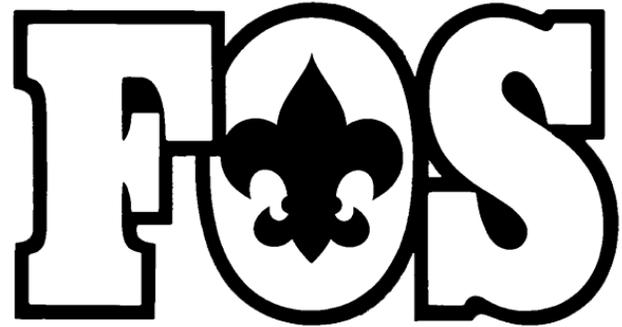
Sign up for Summer Camp at Kiwanis Scout Camp, June 22-24

In June, we return to [Kiwanis Scout Camp](#) for another adventure on the banks of the St. Croix River. The camp packs a summer's worth of activities in one weekend: ponies, 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! \$135 per Scout and \$90 per adult. **Please note that all sign ups must be received by April 30th. After the 30th all registered participants will be locked in and payment will not be refundable.** Please also note that summer camp is for Scouts currently in K-Grade 3- Webelos

families please see your Den leaders for options on Arrow of Light summer camping.

Sign up for summer camp [HERE!](#)

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 donations. If you donate to the Northern Star Council via an online form, please include MUSTANG DISTRICT, PACK 3168 as a comment so that it can be credited to our target. We will also gratefully accept cash or check donations at Pack events the remainder of winter and spring. Thanks for your support of Scouting!

We Need You!

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- Kurt Butz
- **Tiger Den – Scott Peterson (More Leaders Needed)**
- Wolf Den – Gil Robles, Joel Nordin
- Bear Den – Steve Botts, Greg Ansems, Justin Dale

- Webelos I Den – Gil Robles, Brant Haenel
- Webelos II Den – Rolf Pederson, Tony Skunberg

Pack Leadership:

- Cubmaster – Ben Pence
- ***Asst. Cubmaster – Needed**
- Committee Chair – Joel Nordin
- Treasurer – Joel Nordin
- Webmaster/Communications Chair – Justin Dale
- Advancements – Margaret Kinney

Programmatic Leadership:

- ***Camping Coordinator- Needed**
- ***Service Chair – Needed**
- Blue & Gold Banquet – Jennifer Haenel, Shannon Case. ***Shadows Needed**
- **Pinewood Derby Committee –Needed**
- Rocket Day – Brant Haenel

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