
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

OCTOBER 2016

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Calendar:

October

- 27th Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall,
7:00pm- *Egg Drop* @ East Lot
- 25th Wreath Sales End
- 30th Popcorn Sales End

November

- 2nd Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm
- 5th Rocket Day, Pamela Park, 1-3pm
- 17th Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall,
7:00pm

December

- 7th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm
- 15th 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.

October Pack Meeting preview: Egg Drop and Candy Election

At our October 27th meeting, we will hold one of our most popular events – the Egg Drop!! See if your egg can survive the fall from atop the 100ft Edina Fire Dept's Ladder Truck parked in the East Lot of Good Sam. Edina

Firefighters and your carefully packaged egg will be carried to the top, but can your egg survive the long trip back down?!

Package your raw egg carefully using these guidelines:

- No larger than 1 cubic foot
- No parachutes
- No breakable or dangerous materials.

Meeting begins at 7pm in GSUM Fellowship Hall.

With Election Day nearing we will celebrate democracy with our own candy election. Kit Kat vs. Twix..who will win?

Popcorn Sales –Sept 23 thru Oct 30

Our annual popcorn fundraiser is one of the key sources of funding for Pack and Den activities. Selling popcorn is a great way for your Scout to learn people skills, become more confident and meet more of your neighbors. 35% of your Scouts sales will go directly to his den funds. Another 35% goes to support the national Cub Scouts. That's 70% for Scouts.

Scouts who get out and sell will also have a chance to earn many great prizes...

[Download a popcorn order form](#)

Wreath Sales Pilot Fundraiser thru Oct 25

After years of discussion, this fall we will run a trial wreath fundraiser in tandem with our traditional popcorn fundraiser. Participation is completely voluntary, but there is a large incentive to try it out! For this trial run, **100%** of the net wreath sale proceeds generated by a scout will go to an individual account, to be used by that scout to pay for his own scout activities such as camping trips, Polar Cubs, dogsledding in the Boundary Waters, etc. Give it a try! Many thanks to Gil Robles for spearheading this effort.

Wreath sales end on 10/25. Please bring your forms to the October Pack Meeting on the 27th. All sales are prepaid-please make sure to fill out the forms completely. Wreaths will be delivered to Gil "Wreathmaster" Robles' house on 11/19. Scouts can then deliver the wreaths right before Thanksgiving break. Please contact Gil Robles or Ben Pence for order forms.

Rocket Day! (Note Date Change to Nov. 5th)

What better way to celebrate Guy Fawkes Day than to launch some model rockets in Pack 168's annual rocket exhibition?

Rocket Day is open to all but with the following extra safety rules for new/younger scouts:

- Scouts and adults new to model rocketry should watch a brief demonstration at the beginning of the event.
- Lion and Tiger Scouts must launch rockets only with an adult present and holding the launch controller, and only the adult is permitted to remove the safety key from the controller.

Pro Tips from Rocketeer Brant Haenel:

Growing up, I never did the rocket thing. So I learned this activity is a fun kid/parent thing without overboard effort. And it goes like this:

Get rocket supplies. You now have another reason to go to HUB hobby.

Get a rocket kit. Yep, there are varying complexities. First timers may want to consider an ARF (almost ready to fly) kit, which are more simple/faster to assemble. Or you can always go more complex--just know the more complex require more time/effort/patience to build. You only need one kit, but you're welcome to bring multiple rockets to rocket day.

Get engines and ignitors. Look closely at your rocket kit. On the package it will tell you which engine(s) is needed for your rocket. Note there are all different kinds/sizes and you'll want to get this match right. And usually engines are packaged with ignitors too (if not, you'll want to get ignitors separately). Every time the rocket is launched you need an engine and ignitor--I'd recommend showing up with at least 3 or 4 engines/ignitors, but you're welcome to get more.

Do I need anything else? Get paint and glue if your kit requires needs it (and you don't have it at home already). Get wadding if the spirit moves you--the Pack usually has

some and we're happy to share. You do not need to buy launch pads/equipment--the Scouts have those.

Build rocket. Head home and get started.

Rockets require time to build. The more complex the kit, the more time needed to build. A weekend or two before rocket day, spread out all the supplies with your Scout, read the kit instructions and talk about how it all goes together. Best to have the scouts do as much of the assembling as they can.

Launch rocket.

Show up to rocket day on November 5th, between 1 and 3pm at Pamela park. Bring finished rocket, engines and ignitors. At the start of the day we'll go over how to launch and safety procedures. Might be a good idea to talk about safety first with your scout on the way to the event. We'll all take turns launching rockets, chasing rockets, watching other rockets. Pretty cool even for this grown-up.

Other pro tips to consider.

The most powerful engines go the highest. But highest = greatest risk for losing your rocket.

Rockets with parachutes are really cool.

Dress well for rocket day. You'll want to stay warm, and have the right clothes to run after rockets.

Date/Time: Saturday, November 5th, 1-3pm.

Location: Pamela Park , 4301 W. 58th St.

November Pack Meeting Preview: Minnesota Zoomobile

On November 17th, the Minnesota Zoo is coming to us! We will be treated to a showing of a variety of animals as part of an "All Things Connected" presentation. The Zoomobile naturalist will lead the scouts through a process of discovery to recognize the relationships that connect all life on earth.

December Pack Meeting Preview: Winter Carnival

December 15th is the day of reckoning- top popcorn sellers from each den will redeem their prize- pieing a leader of their choice with a delicious cream pie (plus choice of toppings). Afterwards, the Bear den will host a carnival of their own devising- thanks Bears!

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 – 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