
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

OCTOBER 2017

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Calendar:

October

26th Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall,
7:00pm- *Egg Drop* @ East Lot

November

1st Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 pm
11th Rocket Day, Pamela Park, 1-3pm
16th Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall,
7:00pm- *Science Presentation with Liz Heinecke*

December

6th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 pm
14th 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.

Wreath Fundraising Ends Oct 30th



Press on to the end with wreath fundraising- a key source of funding for Packs and Dens!

Proceeds will primarily go to the Scout's Den to pay for Den activities, with smaller allocations going towards the Pack and the Friends of Scouting fund to pay for Pack and Northern Star Council activities.

Participants will be eligible for these awesome prizes:

Top Seller Grand Prize: LEGO® Star Wars™ Millennium Falcon™ 75105

Top Seller, All Other Dens: Nerf Rival Atlas XVI-1200 Blaster

Runner-Up Seller, All Dens: Midwest Mountaineering Nalgene Water Bottle

....And everyone who participates in wreath sales will be entered into a drawing for 4 tickets to the upcoming Star Wars movie!

Order forms and brochures are available on www.edinapack168.com. **All orders and payments must be turned in to Gil Robles by October 30th.** Orders will be available for pickup and delivery to customers the week of November 15th.

Remember- If you have friends and family living out-of-town who would like wreaths, you can FedEx orders to them via the Holiday Gift program. The prices for the Holiday Gift program are included on the second page of the order form found on the pack website. To place the FedEx order, each order requires a separate Holiday Gift Order form. Each one has its own order number. Each form is to be filled out by the customer and a check is placed in each envelope. These orders will be shipped directly to the recipient. You can pick up the Holiday Gift order forms from Gil Robles' standalone mailbox at 6805 Southdale Rd. (This is for FedEx orders only- standard orders can continue to use the order form passed out at the Hot Dog Roast.)

October Pack Meeting: Egg Drop

At our October 26th 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.

Rocket Day Nov. 11th

A fall tradition- Pack 168's annual model 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 11th, 1-3pm.

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

November Pack Meeting: Science Presentation with Liz Heinecke

Edina scientist, [author](#), and mom Liz Heinecke, aka the [Kitchen Pantry Scientist](#), is coming to give us a presentation of fun, do-at-home science experiments!

“Liz Heinecke has made it her mission to show the world that anyone can be a scientist and that kids from three to ninety-three can have fun playing with science at home.”

Cubs Scouts Opens to Girls in 2018

By now you may have heard the [news](#) that Cub Scouts will be open to Girls beginning in fall 2018! We in the Pack are thrilled by the news that the benefits of Cub Scouting can now be extended to all youth. We are committed to providing fun, safe, and enriching experiences for girls and boys- lots more to come. In the meantime, our Pack meetings are open to all families and siblings.

Pack Calendar Information

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

Pack Meetings: Thurs, Sept 21, Oct 26, Nov 16, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 15, Apr 19, and May 10.

Pinewood Derby: March, date TBD

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 (More Leaders Needed)**

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 – Kurt Butz, Pat Merrigan, Jason Berger
- Rocket Day – Brant Haenel

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