
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

OCTOBER 2014

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Calendar:

October

- 1st Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8 p.m.
4th-5th Fall overnight at Baker, Near Wilderness
10-12th Boy Scout Fall Camporee (Web 1 & 2)
11th Popcorn sale day at Jerry's Foods, 9am-2pm.
23rd Pack Meeting, Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m. – *Egg Drop* – East Lot
25th University of Scouting, Adult training
26th Popcorn sales end

November

- 1st Rocket Day! Pamela Park, 10a.m.
5th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
20th Pack Meeting, Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 7pm

December

- 3rd Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
11th Pack Meeting, Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 7pm

New Scouts

I am very proud to say that we had a record 17 boys join our Pack this month. Welcome and have a great year!

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.

Popcorn Sales –Sept 19 thru Oct 26

Parents, don't let this Cub Scout tradition fade away. 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.

Need another incentive? The top sellers in each den will have the chance to throw a pie at a Pack leader.

[Download a popcorn order form](#)

Also, don't forget Popcorn Sale Day at **Jerry's Foods** on Vernon Ave, Saturday, October 11, 9am-2pm. See below for your time slot. Your Den leader will coordinate your participation. Jerry's sales will benefit the Pack but no prizes can be earned from this sale.

Important Popcorn dates to remember:

- October 11: Jerry's Foods Sale, 9am-2pm. *Check with your Den Leader for staffing assignments as there is a maximum of 4 scouts/4 adults allowed at one time.*
- 9:00-10:00am: Lions & Tigers
 - 10:00-11:00am: Wolves
 - 11:00-noon: Bears
 - noon-1:00pm: Webelos 1
 - 1:00-2:00pm: Webelos 2
- Sat, Oct 26: Individual Popcorn Sale Ends

Fall Overnight at Baker – Oct 4-5

Can't wait to go camping? Here is your chance! The Fall Overnight is a short, but fun excursion for all ages, designed as an introduction to the camping experience. Participants will travel to Baker (Near-Wilderness Settlement) and enjoy a stay at this Three Rivers Park District Campsite. Heated cabins with cots are reserved for those not wanting to pitch a tent. Spaghetti dinner will be served on Saturday night and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. [Sign up HERE!](#) Fee of \$30/person.

Boy Scout Camporee – Oct 10-12

The camporee is a District wide campout for Boy Scouts (grades 6 and higher) at Rum River. Web 1 and Web 2 boys are invited to join for the entire weekend or just for the day. It's up to you.

It's a chance to see what Boy Scout camping is like and to meet the different Troops of Edina. They will also have staff and activities for earning Webelos Pins, such as... outdoorsman, fitness, etc. Let your den leader know if you are interested.

October Pack Meeting preview:

Egg Drop!

At our October 23th 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. Den duties below:

October Pack Meeting duties:

- Room Set up.....Webelos I (arrive 15 min early)
- Greeters/Gathering.....Tigers
- Open/Closing ceremony.....Wolves
- Entertainment/Skit.....Bears
- Clean up.....All Dens
- Off duty.....Lions/Webelos II

Rocket Day!

Pack 168's annual rocket launching exhibition! This year's event will be at Pamela Park, 10AM on November 1st. Bring your rocket and let it fly!

Pack Calendar Information:

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

Pack Meetings: Thurs, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 11, February 19, March 19, and May 21.

Pinewood Derby: Fri-Sat, Jan 30-31(Tentative).

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 2013-14 Scout year is:

Den Leadership:

- Lion Den – Steve Botts
- Tiger Den – Bob Braun, Brett Grendahl
- Wolf Den – Tony Skunberg, Rolf Pederson
- Bear Den – Ned Mollison, Brant Haenel
- Webelos I Den – Ben Pence, Sam VanNorman,
- Webelos 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 – Ben Pence, 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 Klinggraeff
- Rocket Day – Tony Zeuli

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