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# THE PACK RAG

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A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

SEPTEMBER 2016

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## Calendar:

### September

- 22<sup>nd</sup> School Night for Scouting, 6:00-7:00pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Popcorn Sales Begin  
29<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Roast, Pamela Park Shelter, 6:00pm

### October

- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Baker Park Fall Overnight  
5<sup>th</sup> Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Group Popcorn Sales, Jerry's  
27<sup>th</sup> Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm- *Egg Drop* @ East Lot  
29<sup>th</sup> Rocket Day  
30<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Sales End

### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8:00pm  
17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Greetings from the Cubmaster

Break out the fabric glue- it's time for another great year of scouting! Fall will be full of activities, and I especially hope you can make it to our first Pack meeting/ hot dog roast on Sept. 29th.

Cub Scouting has a laundry list of aims and objectives, but a short list might include: building character, learning good

citizenship, and developing personal fitness. Our challenge as leaders and parents is to create venues to make that happen, intermixed with lots of fun and adventure that keeps scouts motivated and excited. Whether we're dogsledding in the Boundary Waters or building cars for the Pinewood Derby, the goal is partly to have fun, but also to learn and grow!

I want to encourage both existing and incoming parents to share your ideas and skills with the Pack- we never will turn away a volunteer (see below for the list of open leadership positions!) and parents are always welcome to come to our monthly leader meetings, where we plan upcoming activities.

Dues will be the same as last year- \$65. **Returning scout families please bring payment (cash/check/credit card) to Treasurer Joel Nordin at the hot dog roast or at one of the following Pack meetings.**

Thanks for being a part of Pack 168- now let's go scouting!

-Ben Pence, Cubmaster Pack 168

## Tell a Friend About Scouts- Fall Recruitment



If you know any boys entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, please let them know about Cub Scouts! School Night for Scouting (SNFS) will be on September 22, 6:00-

7:00pm, in the Normandale Elementary main foyer. This year's theme is superheroes- all scouts who come and register at SNFS will get their own superhero cape! As an added bonus, new scouts who come to the first Pack meeting will also get a glow-in-the-dark Frisbee (think Captain America shield). *Please pass the word and help our pack continue to grow.*

## **September Pack Meeting – Hot Dog Roast at Pamela Park.**

Pack 168 holds an annual hot dog roast to kick off the scouting year. This is a great opportunity to get to know all the other members of our Pack and your Den in an informal setting. This is a family event – so the more the merrier! Plan to bring dogs or brats to grill and roasting sticks if you have them. Buns also.

Assignments:

Tigers – Fruit

Wolves – Veggies

Bears – Desserts, Opening / Closing

Webelos 1 – Chips / Munchies

Webelos 2 – Beverages

Date/Time: Thursday, September 29th, 6:00-8:00pm.

Location: Pamela Park Shelter

Short program: Popcorn Colonel Greg Ansems will announce our annual popcorn sales fundraiser. Gil Robles will unveil our pilot wreath fundraising program.

## **Cub Scout Handbook Exchange**

Some families like to hang on to their old scout handbooks and others...not so much! At the hot dog roast this year we will have a table where families can donate old and gently used handbooks to be reused by other scouts. Families can exchange one handbook for another, or instead give a suggested \$5 donation to the Pack in exchange for a book. Supplies will be limited. **Current editions (with the wood-paneled covers) only please!**

## **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...to be unveiled at our hot dog roast!

### **Download a popcorn order form**

## **Group Popcorn Sales at Jerry's– Oct 8, 9am-3pm**

Save the date-on October 8<sup>th</sup> we will hold group popcorn sales at Jerry's supermarket in Edina. Group popcorn revenues go to the pack and are used to support Pack programming throughout the year

### **Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Group Sales Schedule**

Location: Jerry's Supermarket, 5125 Vernon Ave S,  
*Check with your den leader for final staffing assignments as some dens may need to be split over multiple time slots:*

9:00-10:00am: Webelos 2

10:00-11:00am: Webelos 1

11:00am-12:00pm: Bears

12:00-1:00pm: Wolves A

1:00-2:00pm: Wolves B

2:00-3:00pm: Lions and Tigers

## **Wreath Sales Pilot Fundraiser**

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! More details to be unveiled at the Hot Dog Roast. Many thanks to Gil Robles for spearheading this effort.

## **Fall Overnight at Baker Park- Oct 1-2**

We continue our tradition of holding our fall overnight at [Baker Park Reserve \(Near Wilderness Settlement Group Site\)](#). Featuring beautiful facilities and activities run by Three Rivers Park District, this trip is a hit with both new and experienced campers of all ages. This year's activities include geocaching, and a climbing wall for grades K-2; and a climbing wall and a 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century Life of the *Voyageurs* experience for grades 3-5. Bring a tent or stay

in one of the many heated cabins- this is the perfect introduction to camping!

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## 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. Hopefully our own political process will be a little...sweeter?

## 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 (note corrected date)

**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](http://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](mailto: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 – Needed**
- 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