
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

SEPTEMBER 2017

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Calendar:

September

- 6th Leaders' Meeting, Town Hall Station, 8 pm
13th Wear Your Uniform to School Day
19th School Night for Scouting, Normandale
Elementary Cafeteria, 6:00-7:00pm
21st Hot Dog Roast, Countryside Park, 6:00pm
30th-1st Baker Park Fall Overnight

October

- 30th-1st Baker Park Fall Overnight
4th Leaders' Meeting, Town Hall Station, 8 pm
26th Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall,
7:00pm- *Egg Drop* @ East Lot

November

- 1st Leaders' Meeting, Town Hall Station, 8 pm
11th Rocket Day (Tentative)
16th Pack Meeting Good Sam Fellowship Hall,
7:00pm

Greetings from the Cubmaster

Welcome families new and old to a new season of Scouting with Pack 168!

Why are we here? What's the point of it all? There are 10 purposes of Cub Scouting:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

That's a lot! For us that means favorite activities like the Pinewood Derby will continue along with new adventures indoors and outdoors. We will have fun; we will learn and grow in STEM and art and citizenship and myriad other ways!

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 \$100 this year. **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

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.

Wear Your Uniform to School Day- Sep 13th

Since recruitment this year has been impacted by the school construction, we thought we would try something new to get the word out about Scouting- Sep 13th will be Wear Your Uniform to School Day at Normandale. Wear your Scout shirt to show your friends the great badges and activities you've been working on and let them know they can join us as well at School Night For Scouting on Sep. 19th!

Tell a Friend About Scouts- Fall Recruitment

If you know any boys entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade, please let them know about Cub Scouts!

New scouts can register at any time by going to <http://www.adventureiscalling.org/join/Pack-3168> and clicking the Register Now! button. Please note that **only new scouts need to register**, and that the website only charges a portion of the \$100 total annual dues (we will collect the remainder at a later date).

New families can also register and/or ask questions in person at the region-wide School Night for Scouting (SNFS) on September 19, 6:00-7:00pm, in the Normandale Elementary cafeteria. New Scouts who come to register will get a nifty Cub Scout t-shirt at one of the first Pack meetings. *Please pass the word and help our pack continue to grow.*

September Pack Meeting – Hot Dog Roast.

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 21st, 6:00-8:00pm.

Location: Countryside Park Shelter

Short program: Welcome new and returning Scouts and kick off wreath fundraising

Wreath Sales Kick Off

After a great trial last year, we are going all-in with wreaths as our sole fall fundraiser this year. We will kick off with information distributed at the Hot Dog Roast and fundraise through October.

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.

Scouts who get out and sell will also have a chance to earn some great prizes...to be unveiled at our hot dog roast!

Fall Overnight at Baker Park- Sep 30-Oct 1st

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. Bring a tent or stay in one of the many heated cabins- this is the perfect introduction to camping!

Stay tuned for the sign-up sheet and more info.

October Pack Meeting preview: 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?!

Look for more detail in the next Pack Rag.

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- Leaders Needed**
- **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, Ned Mollison (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