
THE PACK RAG

A NEWSLETTER FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 168

SEPTEMBER 2015

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Calendar:

September

- 18th Popcorn sales begin
24th Pack Meeting & Hot Dog Roast, Todd Park Shelter, 6:00 p.m.

October

- 3rd-4th Fall overnight at Baker Park, Near Wilderness
7th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
10th Popcorn Sale Day at Southdale Mall, 11:00am-5:00pm
22nd Pack Meeting, Good Sam Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m. – *Egg Drop* – East Lot
25th Popcorn sales end
31st Rocket Day, Pamela Park 9:00 am

November

- 4th Leaders' Meeting, Edina Grill, 8p.m.
19th Pack Meeting, Good Sam Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm

Welcome Back to a New Program!

Welcome back to another great year of scouting! We hope scouts both new and old can join us at the hot dog roast and other fun fall activities. Dues will be \$65- returning scouts please bring your payment to the hot dog roast.

This summer the Cub Scouts unveiled a new program, changing how scouts advance and earn achievements. Although similar in many ways to the old, the new program is intended to be less complex and more fun, active and purposeful. **Parents please note-** if you are purchasing scout handbooks please validate that they are the new edition reflecting the new program!

In another change, we are in the process of transitioning our advancement tracking from scouttrack.com to **scoutbook.com**. Scoutbook is owned by the Boy Scouts and offers a more user friendly interface with many additional bells and whistles. **Den Leaders and parents should cease tracking advancements in scouttrack-** we

are transferring the data to the new site and will be sending out logins to scoutbook in the coming weeks. Thanks to Tony Skunberg and Justin Dale for implementing this improvement!

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.

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 24th, 6:00-8:00pm.
Location: Todd Park, 4429 Vandervork Ave.
Rain-out information will be communicated by Den leaders if needed.
Short program: Popcorn Colonel will announce our annual popcorn sales fundraiser.

Popcorn Sales –Sept 18 thru Oct 25

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.

Come to the Hot Dog Roast to hear about some of the prizes sellers may win...last year the top sellers got a chance to throw a pie at a Pack leader...

[Download a popcorn order form](#)

Also, don't forget Popcorn Sale Day at **Southdale Mall** on Saturday, October 10, 11am-5pm. See below for your time slot. Your Den leader will coordinate your participation. Southdale sales will benefit the Pack but no prizes can be earned from this sale.

Important Popcorn dates to remember:

- Sat, Oct 10: Southdale Mall Sale, 11am-5pm. *Check with your Den Leader for staffing assignments as some dens may need to be split over multiple time slots.*
- 11:00-12:00pm: Lions & Tigers A
 - 12:00-1:00pm: Lions & Tigers B
 - 1:00-2:00pm: Wolves
 - 2:00-3:00pm: Bears
 - 3:00-4:00pm: Webelos 1
 - 4:00-5:00pm: Webelos 2
- Sat, Oct 26: Individual Popcorn Sale Ends

Fall Overnight at Baker – Oct 3-4

Never camped? Let's change that! 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 Park (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 bring a tent. Our Three Rivers hosts have many fun activities planned for us!

[Sign up HERE!](#)

Fee of \$30/person. Saturday spaghetti dinner and Sunday pancake breakfast is included- please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or food allergies and we will do our best to accommodate.

October Pack Meeting preview:

Egg Drop!

At our October 22nd 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.

Halloween Rocket Day!

What better way to while away the hours before trick or treating than to launch some model rockets in Pack 168's annual rocket exhibition? Bring your own rockets; costumes optional (stay safe- please don't wear anything in the launch area that impairs vision or is a tripping hazard!)

This year 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.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 31st, 9:00am-12:00pm.

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

Pack Calendar Information:

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

Pack Meetings: Thurs, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 10, February 18, March 17, and May 19.

Pinewood Derby: January 30

Blue & Gold Breakfast: Sat, April 23 (tentative).

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 2015-16 Scout year is:

Den Leadership:

- Lion Den – Gil Robles
- Tiger Den – Steve Botts
- Wolf Den – Gil Robles, Brant Haenel
- Bear Den – Rolf Pederson, Ned Mollison
- Webelos I Den – Ned Mollison, Brant Haenel
- WebelosII Den – Ben Pence, Sam VanNorman,

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- 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 – Brant Haenel

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