
Pack 1601 Newsletter– October 2008 Edition



From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601

Wow! The month has flown by and we've done a lot of things – I have a freezer full of applesauce, and the community is buying popcorn like it is going out of style. A personal BIG thanks to those who have been able to support the Pack popcorn sales events at Giant and Lowes. Hopefully, you all are out selling popcorn in your neighborhoods, parents are taking orders at their offices, and friends and families are buying popcorn. This is such a critical effort for the pack to do all the fun things we do, as well as support the community and District scouting efforts.

We have a lot of fun activities planned for the next couple of months. We have our Pumpkin Contest this Pack meeting, the Raingutter Regatta during our November 18th Pack Meeting, and Scouting for Food early in November benefiting many who are less fortunate than us in our own community.

Thanks for making such an outstanding start to a fun packed year!

Kirk Jester
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

Upcoming Events 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 8	Scouting for Food bag drop <u>off</u>
November 9	Scouting for Food bag pick <u>up</u>
November 14	Popcorn forms and prize selection due
November 18	Pack Meeting and Raingutter Regatta
November 22	Saturday Star Party

Adult Volunteers

Parents,

Our pack runs on Adult volunteers, so it is critical everyone help out as much as they can. As people rotate in and out of the Pack we have a constant need for new volunteers. Several of the positions have been filled, and we thank folks for stepping up. However, the boys and the Pack still need your help. We have several more important positions to fill:

Some of the remaining positions to fill include:

- Recruiting & Join Scouting Coordinator
- Assistant Cubmaster
- Assistant Wolf Den Leader

We also need a tremendous amount of help on all the activities we have coming up: Raingutter Regatta, Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold, etc.

Contact either Kirk Jester or Keir Froberg if you are interested

Tonight's Pack Meeting

At tonight's Pack Meeting we will be having a Pumpkin carving/painting contest for all the scouts. The scouts will be judging the funniest, scariest, and most scoutish. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for each category! For new scouts, we need your pack registration forms if you have not turned them in yet – there will be forms at tonight's Pack meeting. We will be giving out the Raingutter Regatta kits for the November races! We will also be telling you about the Scouting for Food program happening in November.

T-shirts are in so if you don't already have one, make sure to pick one up. We also have adults, siblings, etc T-shirts available for \$10 each.

Our Next Pack Meeting

Our next Pack meeting will be November 18th. We will have our Raingutter Regatta, Bobcat Badge awards and a special Tiger Welcome Ceremony.

Popcorn Sales Popcorn sales are still going strong. Mike Schar is this year's popcorn kernel. Please contact him with any questions at scharschool@yahoo.com or popcorncol@yahoo.com or on his cell phone at 703-964-7436. We have had much success at our Popcorn booths, but we still need you and your scout to sell to neighbors, friends and family. Final orders are due into Mike no later than November 14th. Mike will be sending out regular e-mails that will include this information.

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Training The Pack's policy is that one parent from each family take the Youth Protection on-line course. Please visit the Capital Area Boy Scouts web site at www.boyscouts-ncac.org and look under the Training menu.

This online training takes less than a half hour. When you have completed it, please send Mohammad Thahir an email (Pack Training Coordinator) at: thahirm@yahoo.com Thank You!

Apple Picking The Pack had a great time apple picking on September 28th. The boys and their families met at Lees Corner and then everyone drove out to Hartland Orchards. They had a picnic lunch, picked and ate lots of apples. It was a lot of fun.



Den Happenings

Bears: The Bears visited the NOAA National Weather Service's Baltimore/Washington Weather Forecast Office to work on their Weather Academic Belt Loop and Pin. The Bears took a tour of the facility, participated in weather balloon launch and a very "cool" wind tunnel. All the boys had a great time.



Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

Scouting for Food The Pack will distribute bags for the food drive and then walk back around the neighborhoods to collect the filled bags. The event is planned for early November 8 drop off and November 9 pickup. All the food will be donated to area food banks, which will help out many local families. More information to come from your Den Leaders, and if you have any questions contact Joe Sherrier at jsherrier@cox.net.

Raingutter Regatta We're going to do a Raingutter Regatta during our November 18th pack meeting. Scouts will construct and race their own boats to victory! We'll handout kits at tonight's pack meeting. If your scout did not receive a Raingutter Regatta kit please contact your Den Leader.

Saturday Star Party This is a Pack and family event planned for November 22. Details to follow. See website for information on the Star Party
<http://www.nasm.si.edu/events/eventDetail.cfm?eventID=847>

Pinewood Derby is on the calendar for January. This event is fun for the whole family. The boys race their very own build derby cars. We are looking for a few good men and women to help out with this event. If you would like to lead or just help, please contact either Kirk Jester jesters92@cox.net or Keir Froberg

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Caps Game Family Outing is being planned for sometime in January. Details are being worked.

Blue and Gold Banquet is planned for February. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you would like to help out please contact either Kirk Jester jesters92@cox.net or Keir Froberg mickbfroberg@yahoo.com.

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Affiliation: Pack 1601 is chartered by the Lees Corner Elementary

School PTA. Our Charter Organization Representative is PTA President, Gary Stumpf. We truly appreciate the support of the Lees Corner PTA and Lees Corner Principal, Clay Sande.

For all this information and more see our Pack Web site www.pack1601.org.

Any questions or additions please email Kurt Gustafson at kgustafson2@gmail.com

What has your Den been up to? Show and Tell by sending your pictures and comments for the next Newsletter to Betsy: elizabeth_legg@yahoo.com

