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# Pack 1601 Newsletter– April 2009 Edition

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## From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601

**FIRST AND FOREMOST**, I want to thank Tony Hines for stepping up to be Pack 1601's Cubmaster for next year!!! He has been an outstanding asset as a Tiger Assistant Den Leader this year, and will be a phenomenal Cubmaster.

We are coming to the home stretch for the year. This pack meeting is focused on recognizing the boys for their efforts over the last few months since we haven't had a lot of time to give out awards. The next pack meeting in May will be the last for the year and the boys will cross-over to their next ranks. The dens should be working hard to get all the requirements done.

I wanted to personally thank Tom Legg for leading the outstanding Lees Corner Conservation effort, and Larry Connor for organizing the Caps game. Both activities had excellent turn out and I hope all had fun.

The year is winding down fast, but we still have a lot of fun activities for the boys – Andrews AFB Air Show, Cross-over, and the Family Campout!

**Kirk Jester**  
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

## Pack Happenings:

**Lees Corner Fun Fair:** was on March 21 and is always a big hit among the Lees Corner students. A big Scouting THANK YOU to the boys and the parents who helped man the station. Thanks also goes to Keir Froberg for his help in organizing this event. The boys loved to help at this event and others get to see how much fun it is being a Cub Scout.

**Caps Game Family Outing** Once again what a huge success this event was. Quite a number of families took the trip down town to see the Capitals. Everyone kept talking about how much fun they had. AND THEY ACTUALLY WON THIS TIME, 5 – 3 against the Tampa Bay Lightnings. Thank you Larry Connor for organizing this family fun event.



**School Conservation:** Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> the sun came out and it was perfect weather for beautifying the school grounds. Even siblings came out to help. Thank you to all the boys, their parents, and siblings who showed up to get their hands dirty and help at the School Conservation. A big thank you goes to Tom Legg as the lead coordinator and our PTA President Gary Stumpf for supporting and helping out with this event.



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## Den Happenings

**Den 1: Wolves:** The wolves had the highest participation in the conservation cleanup at Lees Corner and did a great job improving the ground. We'd like to thank the dads, moms, and brothers and sisters that came and worked so hard for a good cause - GO WOLFS!

This month the Wolves have been working on knowing your planet, an excellent presentation was given by Micheal's dad John, on recycling, re-using and reducing. This Thursday, Noah's dad Sky, will be leading the den in "Family Fun". The Wolves are very close to completing all their achievements for their wolf badge and are excited about becoming Bears!

**Den 3: Bears:** The Bears had fun getting arrested this last month! Yep, spent some time in the jail where kids get true attitude adjustments ;-). Ok, actually they did do some interesting police work. They finger printed each other, and then made a Plaster-O-Paris mold of foot prints in the dirt. It was noted by the boys that it looked like the criminal was wearing a size 9 and was last seen running from the Bears.



**Den 5: Webelos:** The Webelos took this last weekend to hunker down and tackle a lot of the areas needed to achieve their Webelos badge needed to make rank at next month's cross-over. It was a lot of fun for the boys as they covered a lot to also achieve their Citizenship, Fitness, and Engineering badges. They covered a lot of academics, built different bridges to determine strength through structural designs, put together electrical circuits, built catapults that really worked, and made sure they have the flag ceremonies down pat.

## Upcoming Events 2008

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 16-17	Andrews Air Force Base Air Show
May 19	Next Pack meeting
June 9	Join Scouting Night
June 13	Family Camp Out
July (TBD)	Potomac Nationals
August (TBD)	End of the Summer Family Pool Party

**Andrews AFB Air Show:** For those who love air shows showing the latest and greatest in commercial and military aircraft, this is the show to go to. It is on the May 16-17 weekend out at Andrews AFB and will have all sorts of ground displays and aerial demonstrations. A highlight of the show the Air Force's Thunderbirds – an aerial display that is absolutely incredible. AND, admission is FREE. This is not an organized pack event, but I wanted to ensure folks were aware. If interested please click on the attached link for more information: <http://www.jsoh.org>

**Our Next Pack Meeting:** Our next Pack meeting will be May 19, 7pm, Lees Corner Cafeteria. Hope to see you there! This will be our FINAL pack meeting of the year and will be where the scouts cross-over to the next ranks. Scouts need to be in their scout uniforms –

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no T-Shirts. Cub Scouts that have met their requirements will be advancing to their next rank, so bring your cameras!

**Join Scouting Night** - June 9 is an opportunity to show upcoming first graders and older boys not in Scouts all about the fun activities in Scouting. We will be sending out notices to potential future scouts as well as putting flyers in the school's Wed folders. This is our first chance to show new scouts what we do, and we will work this in with our annual August Pool Party as a follow-on scouting recruitment effort.

**Family Camp Out** - June 13-14 will be at Prince William Forest Park. The whole family is invited out to camp over night and enjoy nature hikes, a campfire and the great outdoors. The cost is approximately \$5/vehicle for parking, but the pack covers all other costs. We have a lot of activities to keep the boys entertained culminating in a camp fire in the evening. Of course, we ensure the kids are sugared up the whole day so they crash hard and sleep well.

## **Pack 1601 Announcements:**

**Summer Cub Scout Camps:** One of the most exciting areas in cub scouting is the ability to go to scouting camps. These camps are completely full of activities and fun throughout the day and night. This is an opportunity for the boys to do exciting things such as archery, BB guns, crafts, and such that earn them many of the badges or belt-loops. It is also an incredible time to make lasting memories with you son if you chose to join them. If your schedule permits please take the opportunities with the professionally run summer camps. See <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/> and click on Camps to find out more information on the summer camps being offered. It's a wonderful experience for the boys have a great time.

**The Pack is looking for** a 4x4 storage area to help house some of the Packs things ... for example the pine wood derby track, rain gutter regatta gutters, several bins with supplies. This could be a spare room in the basement, a storage room, a small area in the garage, or an unused bedroom. If you can help out please contact Kirk Jester at [jesters92@cox.net](mailto:jesters92@cox.net) or 571-309-4800

## **A Note from our Training Coordinator:**

The following is a note from our Pack 1601 Training Coordinator Mohamad Thahir.

If you are involved in any kind of leadership position (den leader, assistant leader, committee member, etc.), it is absolute necessity that you take some training like Youth

Protection Training, New Leader Essentials, etc. These training do not take much time and can be taken at the leisure of a laptop and Internet connection.

## **What Makes A Leader:**

Cub Scout and Webelos Leaders are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, the Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position and Youth Protection training. Webelos leaders are also encouraged to attend their appropriate outdoors course.

Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Troop committee members are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Troop Committee Challenge as their Leader Specific training.

Here is a link to the training site:

[http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view\\_homepage.asp?orgkey=1934](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1934)

Good leaders make the scouting run smoothly. Please invest some time.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mohamad Thahir at [thahirm@yahoo.com](mailto:thahirm@yahoo.com).

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*Affiliation: Pack 1601 is chartered by the Lees Corner Elementary School PTA. Our Charter Organization Executive Officer 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](http://www.pack1601.org).

Any questions about our web site or for additions please email our webmaster Kurt Gustafson at [kgustafson2@gmail.com](mailto:kgustafson2@gmail.com)

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