
Pack 1601 Newsletter– May 2009 Edition



From our Cubmaster

Cub Scouts and families of Pack 1601

This has been a most outstanding year – and it still aint over! This is a time to recognize all the scouts for successfully completing rank requirements during the cross-over. It is also a great time to recognize the leaders and volunteers within the pack who have made this year so successful.

We had an awesome air show this last Saturday at Andrews AFB. My personal favorite was the P-51, A-10, and F-22 doing their demonstrations as well as flying formation. I believe my hearing might return in a couple more days if I'm lucky.

Those who went to the Washington Nationals game last Sunday enjoyed a great game....they lost....but an unusually cool afternoon at the ballpark. But hey, where else can you spend \$23 for three drinks, a soft pretzel, a box of candy, and a popcorn...mmmmmm!

Finally, I wanted to thank the phenomenal den leaders – who really do the leg work getting the boys through their requirements – the committee members who ensure the pack runs, and our PTA charter organization without which we wouldn't exist at Lees Corner – THANK YOU.

Tony Hines is taking over, but it has honestly been an honor being the Cubmaster these last couple of years for Pack 1601. It is an awesome pack, with awesome volunteers making it work, and it has been a pleasure being part of it.

Kirk Jester
Cubmaster, Pack 1601

Awards and A Special Thank You

On April 25th our Cubmaster Kirk was given the **Unit Scouter Award** at the 2009 Annual Scouting Adult Recognition Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Kirk was recognized for his continuing leadership in running Pack 1601, as well as his efforts to improve the Pack's organization and program. The Award was well deserved! As this is Kirk's final Pack Meeting before he and his family move to Colorado, I hope you will join me in saying congratulations, and thank you, for all his work and time on our children's behalf.



Also I want to personally thank Linda for all her hard work and dedication as Den Leader, organizer, newsletter inspector (except this one) and Cubmaster wife. She managed to do all this with ease and style. And a big thank you goes out to Sean and Leah for allowing your parents to volunteer their time to Scouts. We will miss you Kirk, Linda, Sean and Leah.

Pack Happenings:

Tonight's Pack Meeting: This will be our FINAL pack meeting of the year, where the scouts crossover to the next ranks. Scouts need to be in their scout uniforms – no T-Shirts. Cub Scouts that have met their requirements will be advancing to their next rank, so hope you brought your cameras!

Andrews AFB Air Show: Wow! What fun for those who went to the air show this past weekend at Andrews AFB. There were ground displays and lots of looking sky ward for the aerial demonstrations. A highlight of the show was the Air Force's Thunderbirds – whose aerial display was absolutely outstanding.

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Den 1: Wolves: are eagerly looking forward to receiving their Wolf Badge at tonight's Pack Meeting. They've been working hard to complete all of their achievements and have even started working on the electives in their books to earn their gold and silver arrows. The Parents of Den 1 would like to congratulate the following Cub Scouts for earning their Wolf Badge: Austin, Dean, Trey, Iain, Jonathan, Jason, Noah, Ryan, and Kenny! Way to go boys!
As part of the Wolves advancement activity, they



perform a flay ceremony. Nicely done.

Den 3: Bears: have been working hard to get their advancement. Congratulations goes out to the following boys for achieving their Bear patch – Patrick, Callum, Danny, Donny, William L. Chancellor, Michael, Eli, and William W. For their last Den meeting they enjoyed a pizza party and talked about working on their Webelos badge. Several of the scouts are looking forward to summer camp to work on their Webelos advancement.

Upcoming Events 2008

Please mark your calendar for the following events.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
June 9	Join Scouting Night
June 13-14	Family Camp Out
July 13	Potomac Nationals
August 29	End of the Summer Family Pool Party
August 30	Rain date for End of the Summer Pool Party

Our Next Pack Meeting: is next School Year but please see all the fun activities we have planned over the summer.

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 Wednesday 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 campfire in the evening. Please let your Den Leaders know if you plan on attending.

Potomac Nationals Baseball Game: is July 13 with game time at 7:05pm. July 13th is dollar night where tickets and hotdogs are \$1. For more information see their web site: <http://potomac.nationals.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t436>
An email reminder will be sent as the date draws closer.

End of the Summer Family Pool Party: is being planned for Saturday August 29 with a rain date of Sunday August 30. We will gather at the Armfield Farms Pool. The Pack will supply the sausages, hotdogs, hamburgers, etc. for the grill and drinks, while our pack families will supply sides and desserts. As the date approaches there will be more coordination and details.

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.

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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, 571-309-4800 or Keir Froberg at mickbfroberg@yahoo.com 703-801-2041

For all this information and more see our Pack Web site
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