



Pack 982

Points to Ponder

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- Asst Cubmaster: Karl Higgins
- Den Leaders:
 - Tigers 5: Seth Toback
 - Tigers 6: Jim Blocker
 - Wolf: Doug Tallamy
 - Bear: Ken Allen
 - Webelo I: Dan Palewicz
 - Webelo II: Ralph Carver



Cubmaster Minute

Hello Pack 982!

It's nice to be back in the country and to be able to give input on the newsletter. I'd like to thank Maria for filling in for me while I was gone. Well it's time for the February newsletter and the theme for this month is Resourcefulness.

There are a couple of meanings for this word. The first is being mindful of our resources, to save our resources and try to make the most of what we have. This includes recycling and trying to make the most of our resources to keep our environment pristine for future generations. Another way to think of resourcefulness is coming up with innovative ways to solve a problem. I saw a lot of resourcefulness at the Pinewood Derby. I saw resourceful designs and was really impressed by the caliber of cars that raced. Everyone should be really proud of their efforts in designing and building their cars!

Resourcefulness does mean finding different ways to solve a problem. Did you know that the originator of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell,

was known for being very resourceful? Turn back the clock and you will learn more about the resourcefulness of Baden-Powell. Before he started the Scouting movement, he was in the British military, and even worked as a spy! He had to be very resourceful - he once dressed up as an eccentric British butterfly collector, complete with net! He acted as if he was a harmless, if somewhat strange fellow, and the enemy completely ignored him as he studied and mapped their fortifications! But being resourceful, and a talented artist, he incorporated the intelligence into a drawing of a butterfly and brought back valuable information about the enemy to his side! That is being very resourceful indeed!

I went to a Scout class last year and I learned how to make a stove out of a cardboard box - that is really resourceful. I bet you can think of a bunch of ways to be resourceful, to use what we have to last longer or to work better. I'm always impressed with what Scouts invent. You are all very creative and have great imagina-

tions. That is the beginning of resourcefulness!

This is the last month of Cub Scouts for our Webelo II rank. They will be making the great transition to Boy Scouts at the end of this month. They will be on to bigger and more exciting adventures. As an Assistant Scout Master in the Troop that some of our Scouts will be joining, I look forward to seeing them continue to develop into the fine young men I know they will become. I look forward to new adventures together and camping every month!!

Be sure to attend the biggest event of the Cub Scout year...the Blue and Gold Banquet at the end of this month. You will be impressed with the ceremonies for the Scouts advancement and the sending off of the Webelos II to their new troop.

See you at the Den and Pack Meetings!

Greg Johnson

Cubmaster, Pack 982

Where have all the Volunteers Gone?

On February 25th at the Blue and Gold Banquet, 9 Webelos IIs will say farewell to Pack 982. These 9 boys represent 12 parent volunteers currently holding positions in the Pack! Fortunately, half of those volunteers will still be associated with the Pack since they have younger siblings coming up through the ranks. But who will pick up the duties of those other 6 volunteers that are leaving? Who will step up to let the 6 remaining

take a rest? The success of this Pack depends upon the time and talents of the adult volunteers. We have volunteer opportunities that range from coordinating one of the monthly outings to serving on the Pack Committee. The rewards of being a Scouting volunteer are immeasurable...just look in the eyes of a Scout holding their Pinewood Derby trophy and you will have an idea why we volunteer. And remember, volunteers receive a discount on annual membership fees.



Will **you** step up to make your son's Scouting experience the best it can be?

Please ask Greg, Rob, or Sue for more details on opportunities.

You're Invited

What: Scout Sunday

When: Sunday, February 5

8:15, 9:45 or 11:00AM Services

Where: Leesburg United Methodist Church

Leesburg United Methodist church is the Charter Organization for Pack 982. All Scouts are invited to attend Scout Sunday at LUMC, whether or not you are Protestant. Scouts should be in uniform and will occupy the front pews, form a line in front of the church and introduce themselves,

and perform the Scout Oath. Scouts will also be honored with the Blessing of the Scouts and should plan to remain for the service. This is an opportunity for Scouts to show the community the strength and diversity of our Pack, something celebrated in Boys Scouts of America!

Wolf Howl

This month, the boys shared with each other collections they keep at home...shells, bottle caps, post cards, Lego figures, silly bands, and rocks/minerals.



We have also been about the safe use and function of basic hand tools such as pliers, wrenches, screwdrivers, hammers, etc., and the fasteners they are used for.

With this knowledge, they all built bird houses by following printed instructions. Everyone wore safety glasses and there were no bashed fingers!!



Belt Loops of the Month

Academic

Nutrition Belt Loop

1. Make a poster of foods that are good for you. Share your poster with your den.
2. Explain the difference between a fruit and a vegetable. Eat one of each.
3. Help prepare and eat a healthy meal of foods that are included in a food pyramid.



Sports

Marbles Belt Loop

1. Explain the rules of Ringer or another marble game to your leader or adult partner.
2. Spend at least 30 minutes practicing skills to play the game of ringer or another marble game.
3. Participate in a game of marbles.

Build that Character

Resourcefulness

Being mindful of our resources and how we use or consume them and developing creative ways to solve problems.

Be the example..

If you don't recycle in your home, start a recycling program. Encourage your children to participate by having them toss their recyclables

into the bins and pull them to the curb each week. Involve your children in developing a creative way to solve a problem at school or at home.

See the example...

Look for ways your son demonstrates resourcefulness...recycling, turning off lights, conserving water...or even demonstrating good time management getting homework

and chores done on time without reminding. If you can employ one of their ideas to solve a problem, praise their creativity and ingenuity!



Tiger Beat

January was again a busy month for the Tigers. Den 6 added a new member to their ranks. Welcome Drew! All the kids have earned their Bobcat badge and those that did not receive the award at the church lock-in got it in January. Both Dens spent much of the month racing towards the finish line on the Tiger Trail! Almost everyone is in good shape to receive their Tiger badge at the Blue and Gold Banquet. We knocked off one last "Go See It" by watching a local basketball game at

Tuscarora High School. Go Huskies! But the big excitement of the month was the Pinewood Derby. All twelve Tigers entered their cars with unbridled enthusiasm. Among the Tigers first, second and third place went to Drew Meaden, Jimmie Domingue and Evan Hardy, respectively. Drew Meaden also won third place for speed among the entire pack and the Judge's Favorite award. Not bad for only being a Tiger for 10 Days! Tiger, Simon Toback, won the Scouts Favorite Award for his Star Wars

Lego Imperial V-wing Fighter car. Great job to all! Now even with a milder winter, the Tigers are looking forward to Spring and getting back outside!



Race to the Finish!

The Pinewood Derby held on Saturday January 28th at the Balls Bluff Elementary School was a huge success for Pack 982. There was a great turn out from the members of all dens along with dozens of family members. The whole gym was abuzz with excitement. Scouts and parents were registering their cars, adding last minute weights at the pit stop while other scouts watched *Down and Derby* and *Cars 2* and munched on snacks from the snack table. Even with all the energy in the room our scouts were on their best behavior while sitting in the bleachers and along side the track. Scout leaders were everywhere at once, checking on vehicles, setting up the track and computer, attending the pit stop and snack table and keeping the Derby on track. The Webelos II kicked off the day by starting their races at 1:00 pm. The competition among this cohort of Scouts was particularly fierce and could be summed up by the name of one memorable car "Last Chance". From the Webelos down to the Tigers, the cars were fast, cool, funny, shiny and slick. The last and largest group to race were the friend and family members who were just as excited about the race as the kids. This year racers had the added bonus of being able to sit in their very own bleacher section at the foot of the track to cheer their cars across the finish line. The overall Pack winner was Webelo Benham Palewicz and Bears Den Chief Colin Runholt took first in the Friends and Family race. The whole day ran very smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Rob Wyks for being an awesome Master of Ceremonies, to Sue Breen for being the track computer whiz and to all the other Scouters who spent time organizing and running a great event for all. Also a special thanks to all the parents who help support their Scout through all the cutting, filing, sanding and painting. Can't wait until next year! If you would like to race again, the District will be holding their competition on Saturday, March 17th. Details will be forthcoming as we receive them.





Ten Purposes of Cub Scouting

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship and Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

PACK 982

We're on the web at:
<http://pack982.org>

Calendar of Events

February 2012

- 02/02 Den Meeting
- 02/16 Den Meeting...Wear Uniform to School
- 02/25 Blue and Gold Ceremony

March 2012

- 03/01 Den Meeting
- 03/15 Den Meeting...Wear Uniform to School

April 2012

- 04/07 Community Pick-up
- 04/12 Den Meeting
- 04/19 Den Meeting...Wear Uniform to School

Final Notes and Last Minute Reminders:

Blue & Gold Ceremony:

Reminder that the Blue & Gold Ceremony will be held at BBES on February 25th. Please be sure to notify your Den Leaders of the belt loops and badges your son has earned this year if you haven't already. And yes...we still could use volunteers to help during the event! **Please contact Sue Breen if you can help us make this event a success for your Scout!**

