



Pack 982

Points to Ponder

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Pack 982 Leaders:

- Cubmaster: Greg Johnson
- 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!

As our Cubmaster, Greg Johnson, is out of the country and unavailable this month to write the Cubmaster Minute, I'm filling in ad-hoc! Each month, we help our Scouts focus their attention on the core value of the month. The core value for January is a Positive Attitude!

A positive attitude is being cheerful and setting our minds to look for the best in all situations. There are plenty of opportunities to exercise a positive attitude in everyday activities...getting ready for school, completing homework, anticipating snow days (smile), and dealing with ordinary conflict in school and at home.

As boys participate in various activities, they will

come to understand that all things change and they can make a difference in how that change affects their lives. A positive outlook will provide hope and excitement for their future. Help them especially this month to find their positive outlook every day.

Now in honor of our devoted and respected Cubmaster Johnson, consider the following. You might be a Cubmaster if...

- ...Most of your wardrobe is olive drab or khaki.
- ...You have holes in the pockets of your jeans from carrying a pocket knife.
- ...You open letters with said pocket knife.
- ...You hoard tent stakes.
- ...You keep a lantern hanging

outside your bathroom door.

...You always have hat hair.

...You roast mini-marshmallows on a paper clip over a candle, then put it on a golden graham with one square of chocolate just to get the flavor.

...You know 365 one-pot meals.

...You have a first-aid kit the size of a duffle bag in your car.

...You wear two pairs of socks to bed.

...Your radio is always tuned to the weather station.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Allegretto



Snaps Needed for the B&G

Webelos II parents... Thank you for responding to our call for your preference of patches for your son. As you know, we would also like to compile a slide show of parents in their youth as well as their Scouts growing up. We **urgently need photos** from you in order to have time to edit, compile, and prepare the production. Please help us ensure a successful event! Your prompt attention is needed if you haven't already responded. If you have, thank you!



Blue and Gold Banquet

The purpose of the Blue and Gold Banquet is to celebrate the Scouting Anniversary Week, thank Pack leaders and other adults who have helped the Pack, and inspire the Leaders, Scouts and their parents.

It is also a time for Scouts to be recognized for their efforts in earning next ranks, badges and belt loops.



Careful planning is necessary for the event to be successful. Please help us make this year's banquet a success. Ask your Den Leader out how you can help.

Volunteers are still needed!

Banquet Date: February 25

Locked Up!

Over forty Scouts and their parents and caregivers attended the Lock-In on December 16th! Scouts made holiday cards and ornaments for patients in the Lansdowne Hospital. The hospital staff are always appreciative of our donations and patients appreciate being remembered

when several holidays are celebrated by many faiths at this time of year. The Lock-In provides an opportunity for the Scouts to pause momentarily and reflect on those who are sick and away from their families. Afterwards, Scouts also polished off an entire garbage bag full of popcorn from

Tally Ho while watching The Smurfs. Many Scouts stayed overnight and enjoyed rolls from Panera, juice and yogurt while cleaning up the morning after. Thanks to all who participated and helped a make this year's Lock-In a success!

Cut It Out!

What you'll do:

- Step 1: Design
- Step 2: Cut
- Step 3: Look through store for electives
- Step 4: Sanding
- Step 5: Weighing
- Step 6: Prime and Prep
- Step 7: Paint and Design
- Step 8: Final Weighing

Where you'll do it:

Pinewood Derby Cutting Day is January 8th at the Woodcraft Store in Leesburg. Woodcraft is located at 512 East Market Street in the Giant/PetSmart Plaza. Saws are blocked for us from 1pm—4pm. Sign up by sending an email to Rob Wyks (rwyks@pwcgov.org) noting the half-hour block you would like to reserve. We set up a one stop shop to learn how to finish your car.

Note:

A scale will be brought to the January 19th meeting for a test weighing.



Belt Loops of the Month

Academic

Family Travel Belt Loop

1. Make a list of things you would take on a three-day trip with your family, then pack these items in a bag or suitcase.
2. With an adult's help, figure out the cost and miles to complete a trip to a place of interest using the family car or public transportation.
3. Research at least five places to visit during a trip to a place of interest. Explain what you learned to your family.



Sports

Ice Skating

1. Explain ways to protect yourself while ice skating, and the need for proper safety equipment.
2. Spend at least thirty minutes practicing the skill of ice skating.
3. Go ice skating with a family member or den for at least three hours. Chart your time.

Build that Character

Positive Attitude

Being cheerful and setting our minds to look for the best in all situations.

Be the example..

Begin each day with a smile on your face. Hug your family before leaving for work or after coming home from work. Share examples of how you faced adversity in ways your child can understand.



See the example...

When your children do their chores or homework without complaining, praise them for their positive attitude. If they face a struggle with a subject in school, classmate, a teacher, friend, or sibling, help them keep a positive attitude about finding resolution. Reinforce that their feelings and the feelings of others matter.

Tiger Beat

The Tigers Scouts were busy again in the month of December. About half of the Scouts attended the Lock-In event where they were presented with their Bobcat badges. These youngsters will need to perform a good turn before they are allowed to sew their Bobcat badge onto their uniforms.

The December Go See It event was another success. The Tigers visited local radio station, WINC FM. There they learned all about how a radio station works to provide entertainment and information. Each Scouts was also able to record what they liked best about the Cub Scouts.

Finally, Pinewood Derby fever is heating up as kids and parents begin planning and building.



Derby Fever

The Pinewood Derby scheduled for January 28th!

The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and successful family activities in Cub Scouting. Pinewood derby cars are small wooden models that boys make with help from their families and then race in competition. The cars are powered by gravity and run down a regulation track. The Pinewood Derby is an annual event in most packs. It can be run indoors or outdoors. Every boy can design and build his own "grand prix" car to enter in the race.

The Scout is able to carve and decorate the car as he chooses. Many Scouts also add weights to the final design to bring the car to the maximum allowable weight. Cars typically vary from unfinished blocks to whimsical objects, to accurate replicas of actual cars. The fastest cars tend to resemble low doorstops, with weight at the rear of the car.

Pack 982 will hold its annual Pinewood Derby race on January 28th at Balls Bluff Elementary School. Family and friends can submit a car for racing as well. No rules...just fit the track. Submit cars for registration during the times below:

- 1:00 PM Webelo I and II
- 1:30 PM Bear
- 2:00 PM Wolf
- 2:30 PM Tiger
- 3:00 PM Family/Friends

The Pack race and awards will follow! Do your best, good luck and most of all, have fun!





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

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

Calendar of Events

January 2012

- 01/15 Den Meeting
- 01/19 Den Meeting...Wear Uniform to School
- 01/28 Pine Wood Derby

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

Final Notes and Last Minute Reminders:

Next Community Service Event:

The next community service event is the Spring Pick-Up on April 7th. Mark your calendars and save the date to emphasize with your child the importance of community service. Thank you!