

# PAW PRINTS

## Upcoming Events for Pack 685

### March 2007

8 (Thu) - District Roundtable -

8PM - TJHS

10 (Sat) - District Pinewood Derby

15 (Thu) - Leader's Meeting -

7:30PM - OHES

17 (Sat) - Blue & Gold Banquet - Sydenstricker United Methodist Church

21 Wed - Cub Scout Leader Training \*

31 Mar - 1 Apr Sat - Sun - Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders\*

### April 2007

5 Thu - District Roundtable - 8 pm - TJHS

12 Thu - Leader's Meeting - 7:30 pm

26 Thu - Pack Meeting - 7:30 pm

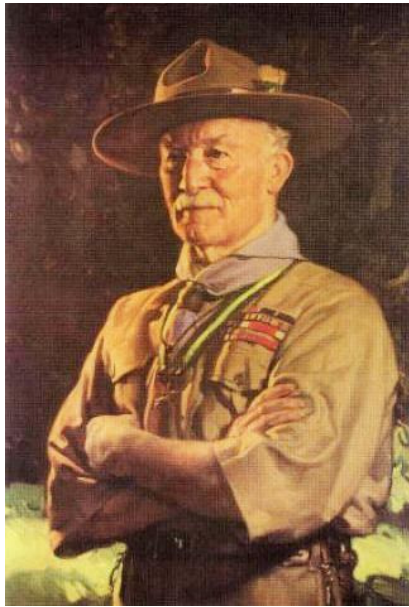
28 Sat - BALOO Training \*

\* *Leader Training - Parents Invited*

*OHES: Orange Hunt Elementary*

*TJHS: Thomas Jefferson HS*

## CUBMASTER CORNER



This is a momentous year for Scouting. Two significant milestones will be celebrated in 2007. First, our Pack Meeting on 22 February falls on the 150th anniversary of the birth of the "Chief Scout of the World," Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell (known later as simply B-P), the founder of the Scout movement. Second, our Webelos Scouts will be attending Summer Camp at Goshen Scout Reservation during the same week that Lord Baden-Powell held his first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island

in Dorset, England, 100 years ago.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement he founded estimates more than 500 million women and men from most countries and cultures in the world will have promised to live by the Scout Promise and Law by 2007, the official centenary year. World Scouting is the largest youth organization in the world, with more than 28 million scouts in 216 countries and territories.

The first World Scout Jamboree took place at Olympia, England in 1920. This year the 21st World Scout Jamboree will be held in England again. During this year it is only fitting that we learn a little about this great man and Scout Leader.

Baden-Powell was born in 1857 the sixth son and eighth of 10 children of an Oxford University professor, who died when B-P was three. The name Stephenson was taken from one of his Godfathers, George Stephenson, the railway pioneer. B-P received a scholarship and was educated at Charterhouse School, where he

first became interested in the arts of scouting and woodcraft through stalking and cooking game while avoiding teachers in the nearby woods. Not an outstanding scholar, he nevertheless gained second place for cavalry in open examination for the Army and was commissioned straight to the 13th Hussars (He subsequently became their Honorary Colonel for 37 years), bypassing the Officer training establishments.

Baden-Powell joined the British Army in 1876, and was posted in India Afghanistan, Africa, and served three years in the British Secret Intelligence Service. He enhanced and honed his military scouting skills amidst the Zulu tribesmen in the early 1880s in the Natal province of South Africa, where his regiment had been posted. A few years later he wrote a small manual, entitled "Aids to Scouting", a summary of lectures he had given on the subject of military scouting, to help train recruits. Using this and other methods he was able to train them to think independently, use their initiative, and survive in the wilderness. In 1899, during the Second Boer War in South Africa, Baden-Powell successfully defended a city in what became known as the Siege of Mafeking. Although wholly outnumbered, the garrison withstood the siege

for 217 days. Much of this is attributable to cunning military deceptions instituted at B-P's behest as commander of the garrison. He was declared a national hero, subsequently was promoted to the rank of Major General at the age of 43, and became the hero of every boy in England. During the siege of Mafeking, B-P's book "Aids to Scouting" was published and reached a far wider readership than the military one for which it was originally intended. After organizing the South African Constabulary (police), he returned to England to take up a post as Inspector General of Cavalry in 1903. B-P found youth leaders and teachers all over the country using his book to teach observation and woodcraft.

He spoke at meetings and rallies and whilst at a Boys' Brigade gathering, he was asked by its Founder, Sir William Smith, to work out a scheme for giving a greater variety in the training of boys in good citizenship.

He rewrote his "Aids to Scouting" and it became the backbone for the Brownsea Island experiment near Poole, England. There B-P tested some of his theories with 22 boys in August 1907. Half of the boys were from private schools, the others from humbler social backgrounds. This trip is now regarded as the founding act of the scouting

movement - the boys were even presented with badges showing the fleur-de-lys, still part of the Scouts' world crest today.

Later, he published "Scouting for Boys". Sales of these books were tremendous. Soon boys, on their own initiative, began forming themselves into Scout Troops all over the country. Scouting spread quickly through the British Commonwealth and other countries. Although he could doubtlessly have become Field Marshal, Baden-Powell decided to retire from the Army in 1910 with the rank of

Lieutenant-General on the advice of King Edward VII, who suggested that he could better serve his country by promoting Scouting. He spent the rest of his life doing just that. B-P died in 1941 and is buried in Nyeri, Kenya. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the "Chief Scout of the World".

All of our Scouts need to realize that they are part of a worldwide brotherhood which espouses the highest values of character and citizenship. This brotherhood is now a hundred years old and still growing and they are its future leaders.

I came across an interesting item on the internet. The Boy Scouts in Poole, England are raising money to erect a centenary bronze statue of Lord Baden-Powell on Poole Quay close to the departure point for ferries to Brownsea Island. See link: <http://www.scoutsbadenpowells.org.uk> I would like all of our Scouts to learn a little about the founder of Scouting and then I propose that each Den take up a small donation (maybe \$2-5) from each Scout that we will pool as a Pack and send to England to be part of this worthy effort. I will track the progress of the statue and provide periodic updates. Please plan on collecting the donations by the Blue and Gold Banquet. I will make an announcement about our donation at the Banquet.

Yours in Scouting,

Victor H. Stephenson  
Cubmaster

### 2007 PINEWOOD DERBY

Below are the results of the 2007 Pinewood Derby. Congratulations to all the boys on a job well done!

#### Pack Speed Winners:

1st Place - Drew Krieger  
2nd Place - Brian Stephenson  
3rd Place - Charles Mann

#### Den Speed Winners:

Wolverines -  
1st Place - Austin Becht (D)  
2nd Place - Travis Kmiecik  
3rd Place - Joshua Glover

#### Flaming Arrows -

1st Place - Brian Stephenson  
2nd Place - Coleman Colandene  
3rd Place - Curtis Pilcher

#### Eagles -

1st Place - Drew Krieger (D)  
2nd Place - John Camarella  
3rd Place - Jack Robbins

#### Bear Den 10 -

1st Place - Christopher Doll  
2nd Place - Ethan Brooks  
3rd Place - Eric Sun

#### Bear Den 2 -

1st Place - Charles Mann (D)  
2nd Place - William Guthrie  
3rd Place - Sean DeLoathe

#### Wolf Den 8 -

1st Place - Cole Krieger (D)  
2nd Place - Quinton Veach  
3rd Place - Noah Colin

#### *Den Speed Winners (cont.):*

Wolf Den 5 -  
1st Place - Rowan Hart  
2nd Place - Andrew Edwards  
3rd Place - Peter King

#### Tiger Den 6 -

1st Place - Nick Kreucher (D)  
2nd Place - Max Kreucher  
3rd Place - Martin Trompeta

#### Pack Style Winners:

1st Place - Curtis Pilcher  
2nd Place - Tommy Simmons  
3rd Place - Travis Kmiecik

#### *Pack Style Winners Specialty Categories:*

Best Race Car - Max Kreucher  
Best Military Design - Andrew Edwards  
Most Humorous - Noah Colin  
Most Futuristic - Charles Mann  
Best Scout Spirit - Travis Kmiecik

#### *Den Style Winners:*

Wolverines -  
1st Place - Tommy Simmons (D)  
2nd Place - Travis Kmiecik (D)  
3rd Place - Joshua Glover (D)

#### Flaming Arrows -

1st Place - Curtis Pilcher (D)  
2nd Place - David Eckert  
3rd Place - Matthew Zuegel

#### Eagles -

1st Place - Jack Robbins (D)  
2nd Place - Dylan Peterson  
3rd Place - Kevin Peterson

#### Bear Den 10 -

1st Place - Eric Sun (D)  
2nd Place - Grady Moore  
3rd Place - Alex Alvarado

***Den Style Winners (cont.):***

Bear Den 2 -

1st Place - Charles Mann (D)

2nd Place - Patrick Demay (D)

3rd Place - Sean DeLoatche

Wolf Den 8 -

1st Place - Noah Colin (D)

2nd Place - Quinton Veach (D)

3rd Place - Cole Krieger

Wolf Den 5 -

1st Place - Andrew Edwards (D)

2nd Place - Peter King Car (D)

3rd Place - Rowan Hart

Tiger Den 6 -

1st Place - Max Kreucher (D)

2nd Place - Alexander Brach (D)

3rd Place - Grant Palmer (D)

D - Indicates District Qualifier

**BLUE & GOLD BANQUET**

The Blue & Gold Banquet celebrates the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910, the Cub Scouting Program in 1930, and the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell the founder of the Boy Scouts. This year's Blue & Gold Banquet we will be held on Saturday, 17 March 2007 in the Fellowship Hall of Sydenstricker United Methodist Church.

This year's theme is Aloha Scouts (Hawaii). We need to get rolling on planning this big event! Any and all who are interested in helping can e-mail Shelly and Tom Colandene at [colandenet@msn.com](mailto:colandenet@msn.com).

**DEN REPORTS****Wolverines:**

Congratulations to the Wolverines in earning the Scientist and Traveler achievements. I hope everyone enjoyed the trip to the Natural History Museum to see a place where scientist work and talk about seeing, the Old Post Office has great views of Washington DC. Don't forget to find out who the School District Superintendent is and what they do as you wrap up the Scholar achievement. The "Heavy Shoulder Award" is within your grasp. We are getting ever so close to finishing our Cub Scouting experience and for those boys that will be bridging over I need to know your plans by this weekend....you know who you are!!

Another super year at the Pinewood Derby by all the boys, your hard work and the support of your parents was tremendous. All the cars were amazing from Father Time by Austin, the Navy Ship by Josh, the PopCorn Express by Travis, and the Cat Munching Dog by Tommy. Again the Wolverines proved to be some tough competition for the Pack with Tommy receiving second place and Travis placing third in the Pack for style. Travis also received the Pack's Most Scout Spirit award. Austin blew the doors off the other Wolverines

racing to first place for speed for the Den. Good luck to Austin (speed), and Tommy and Travis (style) at the District Pinewood Derby on March 10!

Our next and last (hard to believe) meeting is scheduled for March 11. Stay tuned for details but I see an afternoon of knocking things down, eating some round flat Italian food and enjoying our Scouting friends.

**Flaming Arrows:**

Since the New Year, the Flaming Arrows have been working to complete the requirements for the Webelos Badge - most of the boys are now finished. We also gathered in early January to make rough cuts on our Pinewood Derby Cars. Each boy completed their car at home and enjoyed the race a few weeks ago. At the last den meeting on Super Bowl Sunday, we discussed several of the Sportsman Activity Badge requirements, began work on the Traveler Activity Badge, and played several entertaining games of Twister.

Please remember our next activity is on Monday, February 26th at Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale (7701 Royce Street) at 3:30 pm. Please let me know if you are interested in carpooling.

### CAMP GOSHEN

The pack is ready to start accepting reservations for Camp Goshen 2007. A scout is eligible if he is entering the fourth grade in September 2007.

Summer camp is the highlight of many scout's Cub Scout experience, and you certainly do not want to miss the fun! Pack 685 will be attending Camp PMI (one of the two Cub Scout camps at Camp Goshen) from July 29 - 4 Aug 2007.

Parents are welcome to attend. While there is no problem for a scout to attend alone, we welcome parents to camp with us. We have always had strong parent participation and this adds to making a great week for the scouts.

Prices for camp this year are:

Before 27 April: Scout \$240.00, Adult \$160.00  
After 27 April: Scout \$265.00, Adult \$170.00

If you are interested in attending please contact Steve Moree directly at: [s.moree@cox.net](mailto:s.moree@cox.net). He will need a deposit of \$50.00 per camper to hold your reservation. If you sign up and pay your deposit by 10 Mar you will receive a free Goshen Hat. This deposit is non-refundable. Make all checks payable to "Pack 685."

### FRIENDS OF SCOUTING



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SCOUTING**

Dear Pack 685 Parents,

The National Capital Area Council has kicked off its 2007 Friends of Scouting Campaign.

This fund raising program provides the major portion of the finances that operate the camps, train the leaders and provide professional Scouting and administrative support necessary for each Scout in this region - an average of \$205 per member. A large portion of that money is raised in individual donations from families like yours through the annual Friends of Scouting fundraising drive.

There are several ways to contribute to friends of Scouting: you can simply write a check made out to "NCR Friends of Scouting" or specify what date you would like to be billed or you can charge your contribution to a credit card by completing the pledge form. You can even set up a monthly or quarterly charge to complete your pledge over time.

Historically, the Pack averages \$25 from each family. We will accept your donation at the Pack's upcoming events: February Pack Meeting,

Pinewood Derby, and the Blue and Gold Dinner. I will have pledge forms available at each event. Whichever contribution method you choose, please return your pledge or donation to Dave or me by March 31. Please also remember that your gift is tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to the continued success of Scouting in the National Capital Area and to Pack 685.

Sincerely,  
Dudley Shugart

Pack 685 Friends of Scouting  
Coordinator

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