

PAW PRINTS

Upcoming Events for Pack 685

April 2007

28 - Sat - BALOO Training
 28 - Sat - Pack Service Project
 (WKCA)

May 2007

3 - Thu - Leader's Meeting -
 7:30 pm
 5-6 - Sat-Sun - Pack Annual
 Campout
 10 - Thu - District Roundtable
 (Program Launch) - 8 pm - TJHS
 12 - Jamboree on the Trail
 (JOTT) Day (Pack Hike/Project)

June 2007

2 - Sat - Cub Scout Leader
 Training
 9 - Sat - Pack Picnic - 4 pm -
 Burke Lake, Shelter A
 14 - Thu - District Roundtable -
 8 pm - TJHS

OHES: Orange Hunt Elementary
 School

WBC: Westwood Baptist Church
 TJHS: Thomas Jefferson High
 School

SUMC: Sydenstricker United
 Methodist Church

Cubmaster Corner

Spring is finally here! Now it's time to put the "outing" back in Scouting!

On 28 April we will be giving back to our Chartered Organization, the Winston Knolls Civic Association. We will be helping with their Spring Cleanup. This is our opportunity to say thank you for their support.

Our next outing is our annual Pack Campout. This is one of the highlights of our Scouting year. It's a family affair so everyone come out and enjoy the great outdoors, some fine camp food, play some games, and songs & skits around the campfire.

On 12 May we will join Scouts all around the world for Jamboree on the Trail. This is a day set aside for Scouts all over the world to hit the trail in the brotherhood of Scouting. We will have a "Leave No Trace" presentation put on by REI, do a small service project, hike a trail, and have some hotdogs. Come be a part of the world Scouting movement.

Cubmaster Corner

All Scouts and Adult Leaders who-participate will receive a special commemorative patch.

Our Webelos reach a significant milestone in their Scouting life at this month's Pack meeting. They have earned their Webelos Badge and are one step away from Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light. Congratulations to the Eagles and Flaming Arrows!

I look forward to sharing all these great Scouting events with you in the coming weeks.

Yours in Scouting,
 VICTOR H. STEPHENSON
 Cubmaster

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT

Please join your fellow members of Pack 685, as we participate in our Spring Service Project. This year our service project will benefit our chartering organization, the Winston Knolls Civic Association (WKCA). Winston Knolls is the next neighborhood down Huntsman toward the Giant.

I strongly encourage all who are available to meet at the open grassy area off of Hanks Place (left off of Huntsman onto Spur then a right onto Hanks Place – grassy area halfway down on the right) at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 28th. This is the date chosen by the civic association for their community clean-up day. The WKCA will be placing a commercial dumpster on Hanks Place for the association's membership to clean out their garage/basement/etc. They will also be organizing groups to clean up various areas in the neighborhood. Here is where we come in! Some potential activities may include:

1) collecting litter along the streambed and immediate surrounding wooded area bounded by Huntsman, Spur, Hanks, Rockefeller, and Arley (trash bags will be provided);

2) providing a few scouts and at least one adult to help people unload junk and place it in the dumpster.

I recommend everyone come prepared with work gloves, and if it has rained, with appropriate footwear. Uniforms are not required. However, I would ask everyone to wear their scout hat so folks know who we are. Please remember, unless otherwise communicated, this service project will take place rain or shine.

In addition to helping out our chartering organization and our neighborhood, this service project will also satisfy pack requirements for the Quality Unit Award and for some individual den requirements. I am estimating we will wrap up the event by around 10:30 a.m.

Let's show Winston Knolls our appreciation for their support through a huge scout turnout! Thank you to everyone in advance!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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PACK PICNIC

Please be sure to join us for food and fun at our annual picnic on Saturday, June 9th, 4:00 PM at Burke Lake Park, Shelter A. We'll have the water balloon-throwing contest, the water bucket relay race, hotdog-eating contest . . . okay, maybe not the last event, but it is sure to be a good time.

The Pack will provide the burgers, dogs, and the fixin's with the appropriate flatware. You will need to bring your own drinks.

Each den will bring the following side dishes:

Tigers #6: Fruit/Salads
Wolves #5: Fruit/Salads
Wolves #8: Side Dish
Bears #2: Side Dish
Bears #10: Side Dish
Webelos #3: Dessert
Webelos #4: Dessert

Please turn your money and your head count in to your Den Leaders no later than June 7th. Cost will be 4 dollars per adult and 2 per child (12 and under).

Questions? Contact Dudley or Dave Shugart 703.913.1127 or zshugart@bestweb.net.

PACK CAMPOUT

The annual pack campout will be held May 5th and 6th at Bull Run Regional Park near Centreville. Please meet at Group Camping Area A at noon on Saturday and bring your own picnic lunch. The pack will provide meals Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Activities are planned for Saturday afternoon and evening.

A suggested packing list was distributed earlier and directions will follow soon, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Reservations and payments are due to Bill Eckert (703-644-2813 or mbeck223@verizon.net) by Saturday, April 28th. The permission slip can be found at the bottom of the flyer – extra copies are available at the pack meeting.

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Do you have any information that you would like to include in the next edition of Paw Prints? Email James Sun at jamessun@mindspring.com.

DEN REPORTS

Wolf Den 8 News:

Den 8 really enjoyed the Blue and Gold Dinner. They were very excited in winning the best table decoration. Den 8 has been enjoying the good weather. We have been working hard on finishing up the requirements for the scouts Wolf Badge. In addition, the scouts worked on the Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop. We went on a Nature hike, where the scouts search and had to identify different types of rocks, trees and animal habitats. In addition, each boy wrote and presented a report on an endangered species. We (parents included) learned about a food chain. The scouts designed and made a poster demonstrating the food chain in the ocean. I plan on bringing it to Ocean Hunt for Earth Day. Finally, the boys have been very busy on earning numerous belt loop awards over the spring break.

Flaming Arrows News:

The Flaming Arrows and their families had an excellent turnout for the Webelos Bridging Ceremony. It is exciting for our boys to now be the oldest scouts in the pack and they are looking forward to their final year. Everyone also enjoyed themselves at the Blue and Gold Banquet too. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, helped with table decorations, and provided a dessert.

The den also continues to work on achievements. Everyone was able to attend the Fairfax County Park program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center in March and earn the Naturalist activity badge. The den meetings in April have focused on working toward completing the requirements for the Craftsman activity badge. The boys have used two types of saws to cut the pieces for two crafts, and used glue and a pneumatic nailer to secure the pieces. The paint schemes were quite colorful and creative. I want to extend my thanks to the Shugarts and Pilchers for offering the shop facilities.

Finally, the big news is that the entire den has earned their Webelos rank tonight. Congratulations to Andy, Brian, Coleman, Curtis, Daniel, David, Kyle, Matthew, and Zachary!

Tiger Den 6 News:

The Tiger den has been busy in April.

We dodged the April showers during our hike to the Fairfax County Fire Station. They boys learned about what firemen/firewomen do and how to become one. They were able to see the fire engines and climb up on them. Each boy had a great time and learned a lot.

Most of the boys only have 1 or 2 more requirements for Tiger. We are planning on accomplishing them in May.