

# PAW PRINTS

## Upcoming Events for Pack 685

### October 2007

26-28 - Fri-Sun - Fall Camporee (Webelos) - Camp Snyder  
27 - Sat - Webelos Haunted Halloween - Camp Snyder

### November 2007

3 - Sat - Scouting for Food Bag Distribution  
4 - Sun - Leaders' Meeting - 6pm  
8 - Thu - District Roundtable - 8pm - TJHS  
10 - Sat - Scouting for Food Pickup  
15 - Thu - Pack Meeting - 7:30pm - OHES  
17 - Sat - NCAC Pow Wow (BALOO)

*OHES: Orange Hunt Elementary School*

*WBC: Westwood Baptist Church*

*TJHS: Thomas Jefferson High School*

*SUMC: Sydenstricker United Methodist Church*

## Cubmaster Corner

What a GREAT start to a GREAT Scouting Year!

We have had an exceedingly successful recruiting season. We had a good plan and we executed it well. By June 1st, after our Webelos II's crossed over to Boy Scouts in March, the Pack stood at 45 Scouts. Historically the Pack membership has been about 50 - 60 Scouts over the last 6 years. We began our recruitment effort with a focused recruitment of new Tigers on 1 June. This effort was successful and we added about 10 new Tigers before the summer camp season. In the August and September months we went all out in our overall recruiting efforts. Our success has been overwhelming. From June through September, we have recruited 42 Scouts (21 of these are new Tigers). Our Pack roster now stands at 87, perhaps an all-time high.

Our membership success can be attributed to a good plan, the hard work of our Recruitment Team (Doug Mann & Dwayne Hanford), and great networking by some of our parents (thanks

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especially to Tracey Flores). I believe there is another reason as well, and that reason is the reputation of Pack 685. I believe that parents bring their sons to an organization that they trust and want to be a part of. Pack 685 is that organization because of its program of activities, its Leaders, and its volunteers. Every Pack 685 family has played a part in our membership success.

We have some big events coming up. Our Popcorn Individual Sales continue. Remember, this is our one fund raiser of the year. With our Pack at nearly double its size of last year we should do very well if all Scouts do their part. Our Webelos have a busy couple of months with the Webelos-Ree this weekend. They will get to see Boy Scouts in action during their Camporee and work on some Activity Badges. In November, they will be visiting Boys Scouts Troops as well. In November, the Pack will be conducting the Scouting for Food event. All Scouts come out and do a good turn for our community! Remember November 12 is Veterans Day - a

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day set aside to honor all those who have served our country through military service. We should be especially thoughtful of this as our nation is at war and our very own Assistant Cubmaster, Dave Shugart, has just recently shipped out for Iraq.

Remember our Pack Meeting for November is a little earlier (15 Nov) than usual because of the Thanksgiving Holidays.

I want to thank all our new Leaders and volunteers who have stepped up. Our Pack wouldn't be what it is without you.

Yours in Scouting,  
Victor Stephenson  
Cubmaster

**PINEWOOD DERBY**

The official date and place of the Pack 685 Pinewood Derby is Saturday, January 19th at Sydnestricker United Methodist Church. (Please note that this is the MLK, Jr. holiday weekend.) Registration is Friday, January 18th. PWD kits will be handed out to the den leaders at the October 25 Pack meeting. Please see your den leader if you have not yet received your kit. Because of the early date of the PWD, get started on your car now!

**FALL CAMPOREE**

Last Minute Reminders for the 2007 Fall Camporee

*Date:* Saturday, October 27 thru Sunday, October 28

*Location:* Camp Snyder, 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket

*Bring:* Scout T-shirt for Saturday's event, Uniform for Saturday night campfire

*Remember:* Personal Water and Sack Lunch - Also see packing list

*Meals:* Saturday Dinner with Troop 1853, Sunday Breakfast with Troop 1849

Contact: Bill Eckert, 703-644-2813, [mbeck223@verizon.net](mailto:mbeck223@verizon.net)

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

This is our opportunity to join approximately 50,000 other Scouts in the National Capital Area Council, each scouting in their own neighborhood, to collect non-perishable food for the needy. It is one of the formal ways that we all work together to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise of "helping other people".

Scouting for Food takes place in two phases. The first will be on November 3rd, 9:30 a.m. when we will distribute food bags to homes in the Orange Hunt neighborhood. The following week on November 10th, 9:30 a.m. we will then pick-up the bags containing donated food.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me either by e-mail at [jornstein@cox.net](mailto:jornstein@cox.net) or by phone at 202-955-5108 (w), 703-912-9011 (h), or 703-966-9672 (c).

**POPCORN SALES**

Many thanks to all the scouts, parents and leaders who participated in the Popcorn Show and Sells. We had a very good turnout and had excellent sales. Scouts get credit toward prize levels for the time they spent at Giant and NFCU. The top 3 sellers also get an extra prize from Pack 685.

I will provide the Den leaders with the amounts each scout earned from the Show and Sells shortly.

But please remember, the majority of our sales comes from the personal sales made to friends and neighbors. Those sales sheets are due to Den leaders on the 13th of November. If each scout sells just \$200 we will have made incredible progress.

If you have any questions, please refer to the email I sent out a few days ago to the whole pack, or feel free to contact me directly at [l.ptsrn@yahoo.com](mailto:l.ptsrn@yahoo.com) or (703) 569-6925

The Popcorn Kernel  
Leslie Petersen

**POW WOW**

Come join your fellow Scouters and Scouts at an **OUTSTANDING LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA** for Cub Scout Leaders and Den Chiefs! It's an annual get-together, a hands-on workshop, an idea conference, and a convention destined to increase your Cub Scouting knowledge, improve your Cub Scouting skills, and add to your already enthusiastic attitudes about Cub Scouting.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007  
Location: Annandale High School, Annandale, VA

Baloo, New Leader Essentials and Youth Protection Training among other courses will be offered. See link below for more information.

[http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/62173\\_pow\\_wow\\_pirates\\_of\\_the\\_potomac.cfm](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/62173_pow_wow_pirates_of_the_potomac.cfm)

**PACK CALENDAR**

The 2007-2008 pack calendar has been updated on the pack web site (<http://www.pack685.org>). The information is stored as a Google public calendar which can also be added to your own Google calendar account. Please note that some of the activity dates later in the year are currently marked as tentative.

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The Flaming Arrows are beginning to prepare for the transition to Boy Scouts. Alex Moree is serving as our den chief this year. He sets a good example and is helping teach them several of the Arrow of Light requirements. We are also beginning to attend the first of several events hosted by local Boy Scout troops and will be attending the Old Dominion District Camporee this coming weekend.

During our first few den meetings this fall, we've finished the requirements for Geologist left undone from Camp PMI this summer and taken advantage of the great fall weather to complete the Sportsman activity pin. The boys have enjoyed playing soccer and flag football. Our last outing, cosmic bowling, at Fort Belvoir, was a blast. Thanks to the Stephensons for setting this up.

**Dragons:**

This month the Dragons have worked on the requirements for the Citizenship Activity Badge. The den will have all of their requirements completed by the November Pack Meeting. We have explored citizenship with the history of our flag, learning what it is to be a good citizen, and practicing the role of government through an active campaign to be the November

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Denner. Dragons running for Denner have created their campaigns with posters, internet sites and campaigning in the den meetings. The Dragons will be visiting with the Springfield District Supervisor next week to discuss the local government and laws to finish their citizenship requirements. One last note is a congratulations to Alvaro and Fabrisio for their completion of the Bobcat Trail and their being awarded the Bobcat rank at the October Pack Meeting.

**Bear Den 8:**

Since our last Pack meeting, Bear Den 8 has been taking advantage of the weather by getting the boys outdoors to work on some of the Achievement Tasks for the Bear Badge. In school, the boys have been learning about citizenship and civics, so we thought this would align nicely with the What makes America Special? achievement. We did an outing to Gunston Hall (George Mason's home) where we learned about George Mason and his contributions to America's early government and his role in the push for a Bill of Rights for the US Constitution. The boy's participated in a special Plantation Detectives Tour of Gunston Hall where they learned interesting facts about George Mason and early colonial life, while searching for hidden clues in his home. After the indoors

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tour, the boy's were able to explore Mason's boxwood gardens and experience the real hit of the tour...running up and down the steep hill in front of Gunston Hall.

Continuing with the outdoors theme, we also worked on Sharing Your World with Wildlife by taking an outing to Mason Neck Wildlife Refuge and participating in their EAGLE Program. This included a hike to the Eagle Viewing Blind on Pohick Bay where we met with the Mason Neck Naturalist. The naturalist told the boys all about the Bald Eagles which have been successfully re-introduced to the National Capital Area. While we didn't see any eagles in the air, a couple of the boys are convinced that they spotted an eagle in the trees. The Naturalist explained how the eagles, which are Alaskan eagles, have recently come off of the endangered species list and there are now 30 - 40 eagles in the Wildlife Refuge. Unfortunately on our hike to the blind, none of us brought along our "eagle eyes" because 7 scouts, 8 adults and 3 siblings all managed to walk right past the Eagle Spur Trail Marker! Not a problem - - the extra two miles helped build the anticipation. Future Den meetings will include work on our map reading skills!

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Much thanks to the Den 8 Parents who helped during the Popcorn Sale at the NFCU and helped Dave and me with the outings.

**Wolf Den 11:**

Wolf Den 11 has been working hard this month on their achievements and Bobcat rank. The boys have started health habits charts, talked about healthy food choices, and learned about the Virginia state flag. We had alot of fun earning a music belt loop and dancing to different types of music. We also learned a song about a horse with camel humps! The boys are excited about making collections for next month and seeing what new game they get to play next.

**Tiger Den 7:**

Tiger Den 7 has been busy over the last few weeks. We've been busy working on our Bobcat badges. We went on two Go See It's - The Fairfax Railroad Museum and the West Springfield Police Station Open House and we sold popcorn at Huntsman Giant. We had a Den meeting where we learned about the food pyramid and had snacks from the four food groups. We are well on our way in earning our Tiger badge. It was a busy month for us!

**Tiger Dens 1 and 9:**

Tiger Dens 1 and 9 have been very busy this past month. They went to two Go See Its - the

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Railroad Museum and the Police Station Open House. At their Den meeting they participated in their first flag ceremony, drew pictures of themselves at one of the Go See Its, decorated pumpkins, played games, and earned their Bobcat Badges. In November they are looking forward to a Den hike & picnic and Scout night at a Capitols Hockey Game.

This is the last month the two dens will meet together because Den 9 now has its own leaders: Mike Cozad is the den leader and Geoff Ballou is the assistant leader.

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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](mailto:jamessun@mindspring.com).