

# PAW PRINTS

## Upcoming Events for Pack 685

### November 2006

- 2 (Thu) - Leader's Meeting - OHES  
 4 (Sat) - Scouting for Food Bag Distribution  
 9 (Thu) - District Roundtable - 8PM - TJHS  
 11 (Sat) - Scouting for Food Pick-up  
**16 (Thu) - Pack Meeting - 7:30PM - OHES**  
 18 (Sat) - NCAC Pow Wow

### December 2006

- 7 (Thu) - Leader's Meeting - 7:30PM - OHES  
 14 (Thu) - District Roundtable - 8PM - TJHS  
**21 (Thu) - Pack Meeting - 7:30PM - OHES**

### January 2007

- 4 (Thu) - Leader's Meeting - 7:30PM - OHES  
 6 (Sat) - Cub Scout Leader Training \*  
 11 (Thu) - District Roundtable - 8PM - TJHS  
**18 (Thu) - Pack Meeting - 7:30PM - OHES**

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\* Leader Training - Parents Invited

OHES: Orange Hunt Elementary  
 TJHS: Thomas Jefferson HS

## WEBELOS DAY

Troop 1849 is inviting all Webelos and their parents to "Webelos Day" at Burke Lake Park on Saturday, November 18, from 10 am to 12:30 pm. The schedule of events includes an orientation of the troop's activities, an "Ultimate Frisbee" game (this earns the boys a belt loop and a Sportman requirement), and lunch prepared by the boys. The visit will meet one of the Arrow of Light requirements.

If you are interest in attending please contact Troop 1849 coordinator: Tom Rudebusch, TRL@dwgp.com or their Scoutmaster Jim Frost, jim\_frost@hotmail.com, or Steve Kmiecik and Bob Simmons with the Wolverines.

## DEN REPORTS

### **Flaming Arrows News:**

The Flaming Arrows are off to a great start. Our biggest event so far this fall has been an overnight campout at Bull Run Regional Park. Although the weather leading up to our campout was wet, we enjoyed a cool dry 24 hours in the woods. We were able to complete the requirements for the Outdoorsman Activity Badge, offer the boys some coveted free time, and enjoy s'mores and a skit around the campfire. At our recent den meetings, we have begun to test our athletic skills and learn about being physically and mentally healthy. We have also been working on completing the Leave No Trace Award and tackling the requirements for the Citizen Activity Badge a little at a time. Lastly, thanks for everyone's help with popcorn sales.

### **Bear Den 2 News:**

This month our den welcomed three new scouts. New scouts Sean C, Sean D., and William joined our returning scouts Charlie, Matt, Nicholas, and Patrick to form the new Bear Den 2. At our first den meeting we welcomed the new scouts and

parents through introductions and stories of the Pack's activities through the last year. Our second den meeting was all about Halloween. We made Jack-o-lanterns and bobbed for apples. We told the story of the Headless Horseman and the origin of Halloween. The scouts contributed with their own stories and a little Halloween safety about checking your candy before you eat it. We didn't get out to travel this month, but we will in upcoming months. As always, you can check out our activities past, present, and future at: [www.wolfden2.netpagebuilder.com](http://www.wolfden2.netpagebuilder.com).

### **Wolverines News:**

The Wolverines have really been active this month starting with a hike at Burke Lake where we observed Canadian geese, mallard and some other type of ducks, turtles, grey squirrels, fish, frogs, lizards, and the most exciting (ask the boys) of all.....carpenter bees. The boys then went home a caught and observed the behavior of several types of insects from pill bugs to leaf grasshoppers and spider crickets. They also noted the types of birds that they saw for a week. All this fun and we earned the Naturalist activity too. We then braved a cold rainy day at the Old Dominion District Camporee. The boys had great day visiting with several Boy Scout Troops to learn the differences between troops and the type of activities that they do. Believe it or not

the Wolverines even helped clean the camp kitchens. A special thanks to Troops 1849 and 1853 for inviting us to lunch and dinner and answering all the boys and parents questions. The Wolverines spent several hours with a Boy Scout from Troop 1849 that graciously taught them the Readyman requirements. We ended the month by wrapping up the Sportsman activity with a fun day of bowling. All this and we sold some popcorn also. The Wolverines will start the Communication activity in November.

### **Bear Den 10 News:**

Bear Den 10 has been busy this fall. Each of the boys selected an animal and made a poster with lots of fascinating facts. The animals included a rhinoceros and giant squid. In addition to learning about animals, the Bears worked on building their muscles, with spirited competitions in crab, kangaroo and gorilla relays races.

Earlier this month, Fairfax County Police Officer Susan Stolting gave a short presentation to the Bears about what she does as a police officer and how each of us can help prevent crime. The best part of her talk was her demonstration of the cool flashing lights and loud sirens on her police cruiser!

### **TRAINING**

Pow Wow will be the premier Cub Scout Leader training event of the season. Sponsored by the five Virginia Central Service Area districts, this all-day event will offer approximately 50 different Cub Scout related classes over the course of a day. There will be classes of interest to leaders and parents serving in every position in Cub Scouting. There are no prerequisites. Students will pick their own schedule of up to six classes to insure their time is spent in classes most closely aligned to their cub leader positions and areas of interest. The cost is expected to be about \$25.00 which will include lunch and course materials. The location is TBD. Reserve this date on your calendar now and look for further details in the weeks ahead.

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