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Upcoming Events for Pack 685

November 2007

17 - Sat - NCAC Pow Wow
(BALOO)

December 2007

2 - Sun - Leaders' Meeting -
6pm

7-8 - Fri-Sat - Baltimore
Aquarium sleep over

13 - Thu - District Roundtable -
8pm - TJHS

20 - Thu - Pack Meeting and
Holiday Party - 7:00pm -
OHES

January 2008

18 - Fri - Pinewood Derby
registration

19 - Sat - Pinewood Derby

31 - Thu - Pack Meeting -
7:00pm - OHES

*OHES: Orange Hunt Elementary
School*

WBC: Westwood Baptist Church

*TJHS: Thomas Jefferson High
School*

*SUMC: Sydenstricker United
Methodist Church*

Cubmaster Corner

What a GREAT Bobcat Badge ceremony we had last month. We will have a few more Scouts recognized for this milestone this month as well. Congratulations to all these Scouts! After the announcements and advancements we will jump right into our program for the November Pack Meeting: Reptile Wonders! This should be a lot of fun for our Scouts and the parents too. If you feel something large "slithering" across your foot, don't look down!

Since our last Pack meeting, the Webelos have been very busy. They camped out and visited Boy Scouts Troops and activities at the District Camporee at the end of October. Then on 10 November many of them participated in a Webelos Activity Badge Day with Boy Scout Troop 1853. They got to earn important badges to help them achieve their Arrow of Light award. On the evening of 13 November many attended a Troop Meeting of Troop 1853. Lots of great activities with the Boy Scouts and great Dutch Oven Desserts (especially the

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Mississippi Mud Cake)! All of these activities prepare our Webelos IIs for their eventual crossover to a Boy Scout Troop in March 2008.

The Pack as a whole has been very busy as well. We did a fantastic Good Turn for our community with Scouting for Food. Thanks to all the Scouts and parents who helped to make this event such a success. The Pack participation in the Orange Hunt Elementary School's Veterans Day celebrations was a great way to show our pride and respect for those that guard our freedom. Every Den played their part whether it was posting the national and state colors or leading the Pledge of Allegiance. All three assemblies went off as planned and our Scouts were first rate! Our Popcorn Sales have ended and all I can say is WOW! Our sales total and the large number of high individual sales has been fantastic! Thanks to all for supporting your Pack!

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We are coming into the holiday season but there is still plenty of Scout activity. We will have our sleepover at the National Aquarium in Baltimore on 7-8 December and our Holiday Party Pack Meeting on 20 December.

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

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. 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!

TRAINING

You still have time to register for the Pow Wow, November 17th at Annandale High School. Baloo and various other training will be offered.

See link http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/62173_pow_wow_pirates_of_the_potomac.cfm

The next local training for Youth Protection, New Leader and Leader Specific will be held on January 5, 2008 at Sydnestricker United Methodist Church.

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 have been busy participating in district and pack events just like everyone else. The Old Dominion District Camporee was a fun event. We enjoyed good meals with two different troops, performed a skit at the campfire, played soccer, spent some time at the archery range, worked on some activity pins, and enjoyed the cool, rain-free night in our tents. These past two weekends we have helped out with Scouting for Food. Thanks to Jeremy Ornstein for organizing this.

Troop 1853 hosted the Flaming Arrows for two events this past week. On Saturday, we attended a Webelos Day where parts of five different activity pins were taught and on Tuesday night, we attended their regular troop meeting. Please remember the next den meeting this coming Sunday, 4:00 pm at the Edwards' house to cut Pinewood Derby cars. Bring your blocks and your ideas. See you then.

Dragons:

This month the Dragons have set off to earn their Scholar Activity Badge. They have discussed things they can do because they learned it in school and played chess. Hopefully, all the Dragons will finish up their requirements after Thanksgiving. Most of our scouts have completed the Citizenship and Forester

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Activity badge already this month. Our outing this month was to WEBLOS Day with the Boy Scouts. Our scouts enjoyed being with other WEBLOS and the Boy scouts building a campfire, setting up a tent, checking the oil in a van, and many other things. We are now looking forward to the holidays and want to wish the Pack a happy Thanksgiving.

Wolf Den 6:

This month Wolf Den 6 had a great time building pirate ships at home Depot. The Wolves have learned how to follow building instructions step by step and how to safely use a hammer. The pirate ships turned out great and our Wolves can be very proud of their work.

At our last den meeting we learned all about the American flag. What the colors represent and also why there are 50 stars and 13 stripes. We learned when to fly it, how to raise it, how to lower it, how to fold it and how to take care of it. Then we learned about the Virginia state flag as well. At this year's Orange Hunt Veteran's Day Assembly our scouts were part of the presentation of the colors.

We also talked about how to be safe at home and on the street this month. We talked about what to do in case of a house

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fire and how to get out safely. We even saw how a fire escape ladder is used.

Overall we had a very busy and fun month.

Tiger Den 7:

November has been a busy month. We had a den meeting where we did leaf rubbings and learned about the primary color wheel. We played a great "Where's the Rattlesnake" game. We spent a couple of Saturday mornings doing Scouting for Food with the Pack. We hiked through the woods to Hidden Pond for our Den hike. Some of us also went to the Capitals' game for Scout night. We even participated in Orange Hunt's Veteran's Day Assembly - we helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance with the other Tiger Dens.

Tiger Den 1:

The theme for the Den 1 Tigers this month was health and fitness, and they took advantage of a Monday off school to go on a hike. They walked along the Huntsman Lake trails, collected leaves, and stopped at a playground to picnic and play a game of football. At their den meeting they made leaf rubbings, studied the Food Guide Pyramid, and reviewed the rules of hockey. For their Go See It they went to a Washington Capitals hockey game and watched the Caps get beat by

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Tampa Bay. The Tigers' spirits were not in the least bit dampened, however, and they jumped up and down, danced, yelled, and snacked their way through the entire game.

PATCH CONTEST

It's time for the District Pinewood Derby Patch Contest. The winning design will be proudly displayed on hundreds of Scouts and Scouters uniforms. Entries must be received by December 13th at the District Roundtable. Any type of drawing or electronic format will be accepted. Remember the patch must include "Old Dominion District", "NCAC" "Pinewood Derby", fleur-de-lis (representing BSA), and "2008."

There is no limit to color selections or shapes. The contest is open to any registered Scout or Scouter. Email entries to vktrumbetic@a-r-p-i.com (and copy cubmaster@pack685.org) or turn in to Vickie Trumbetic at any District Roundtable. Be sure to include your name, unit type (Pack) and number (685) and rank or position with your entry. The decision of the judges will be final.

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Below is a picture of the 2007 District patch.



LOGO CONTEST

National Logo Contest

In honor of BSA's 100th Anniversary, we want to create a memorable logo that captures the true spirit of Scouting... and, we are calling on Scouts all across the country to help us in the effort! We have launched a national contest to inspire creative thinking and engage Scouts at every level. Every registered Scout is eligible. Entries are due by Nov. 30, 2007. Winners will be chosen in several categories. The overall winner will work with nationally-recognized graphic artist and Eagle Scout, Kit Hinrichs, to format the design for broad use throughout our celebration.

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Recognition

Every participant will receive a patch and certificate from BSA. Winners, chosen from the following categories, will be recognized at a May 2008 BSA National Annual Meeting:

- Overall design
- Best Design by an Eagle Scout
- Best Design by a Venturer
- Best Design by a Boy Scout
- Best Design by a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout

The overall winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to San Francisco, CA to work hand-in-hand with Kit Hinrichs to finalize the 100th Anniversary Celebration logo design.

How to Enter

Sharpen your pencils. Get out your crayons. Warm up your computer mouse. Create a logo design that best captures what YOU believe to be the true spirit of Scouting.

Follow these links for more information and rules:

<http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/content/ContestOfficialRules.aspx>

http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/LogoContest_FactSheet.pdf

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