

NOVEMBER

2023 Pack Email



Hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Thank you to those who helped out with Day 1 of **Scouting For Food**.

Make sure you all come out to Day 2 for **Scouting For Food** pickup.

Always check out our website – www.pack685.org

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This email will include information for:

- 1) Scouting for Food (Community Service)
- 2) Pack Meetings
- 3) Adult Volunteers – new programming year
- 4) CY2024 - Membership/Recharter
- 5) POPCORN Fundraising
- 6) Pass down uniform/Previous Pack t-shirts
- 7) Pack Website Photos



1.Scouting For Food - Community Service

Who: All Scouts & Families

What: Join fellow Scouts for two consecutive Saturday community service events to collect food to donate to ECHO.

Wear your Scout uniform and comfortable walking shoes. Prepare water too!

When: Saturday, 11/4 @ 8:30am - Community Food Bag Pick-up

Uniform: Class A (hat, uniform shirt, neckerchief, slide), and comfortable footwear

What to Bring: Water

POC: Denice Hook <dlhook0213@yahoo.com>

2.MEETINGS

Pack Meeting (4th Thursday of every month @ 7:00pm – OHES Cafeteria)

Who: Pack 685 Scouts and Families

What: Monthly Pack meeting to celebrate our new Scouts earning their BOBCAT rank.

When/Where: 11/30 @ 7:00pm

When/Where: 12/14 @ 6:30pm (Holiday Celebration)

When/Where: 1/18/2024 @ 7:00pm (AOL Rank Advancement)

POC: Cubmaster EJ <ejramos04@gmail.com>

3.ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Who: All parents

What: Volunteer for various positions to deliver our Scouting Program

Why: We need your help to plan and organize various activities/events, which will free up our Den Leaders to focus on Den Meetings and delivering the scouting program to your Scout. Consider helping the Pack Committee plan and deliver fun and meaningful programs to our Scouts.

- o Popcorn Kernel (October; to train with Jennifer Eybl)
- o Parents with STEM backgrounds
- o Pack Picnic (5/2024)
- o Summer Activity Coordinator(s): June, July, August event
- o Recruitment Committee member (Start next year August 2024)
- o Pack Committee Chair (Jan 2025)
- o New Member Coordinator/Advancement Chair (Jan 2025)

POC: Sara Root <sara.root97@gmail.com>

Thank you to our new volunteers:

- o WKCA Spring Clean-Up Coordinator (April 2024) - Adam Jones
- o Day Camp Coordinator (Start Feb 2024) - Lindsey Emami

4.MEMBERSHIP DUES/RECHARTER

We are already getting ready to submit our CY2024 Charter/Membership renewal, or "Recharter." Please submit your membership dues to your Den Leader, or Pack Treasurer, Julia Sisler before 10/31/2023.

Paypal via Friends/Family (pack685orangehunt@gmail.com)

Financial Support –

Effective August 1st, 2023 – There is an increase in membership fees:

- Cub Scout \$80 (\$5 increase) – therefore our Pack dues will increase
- Adult Leaders registration \$60 (\$15 increase to provide general liability insurance and enhanced background checks)
- **Scout Life** Subscription \$15

NCAC is providing additional support for registered leaders and families with additional fees. If you require financial assistance, please email Julia Sisler (Julia.a.sisler@gmail.com). She will assist in this process.

5.POPCORN FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY - Fundraising

Who: All Scouts

What: The Popcorn Program is an important part of Scouting. Popcorn sales can generate financial support for our Scouting Program for the entire year!

This year's sale is a total of 16 weeks (late Aug to end of Nov), and you will get an email from me each week to recap the week and let you know what is coming up.

When/Where: Now through 11/30 selling opportunity via Online, Storefront or Wagon Sales (see Popcorn emails from Popcorn Kernel - Jennifer Eybl via Scoutbook).

Why: Participating in the Popcorn Program teaches Scouts the value of earning their way, setting goals, and supporting the unit program budget and each other. This is an essential part of the character development learned through Scouting.

Did you know we have a popcorn page on our website?

How: Text APP to 62771 to download the **Trail's End** App and register your scout.

Council - National Capital Area Council (NCAC)

District - Old Dominion District (ODD)

Unit - Pack 685

Visit <http://www.pack685.org/popcorn-sales.html> for even more information.

POC: The Kernel - Jennifer Eybl <jen.eybl@gmail.com>; PH# 803-397-3752 (please leave a voicemail or text if I don't answer, I typically don't answer unknown numbers)

6.PASS DOWN UNIFORM BITS and PREVIOUS PACK T-SHIRTS

Who: All Scouts & Families

What: In search of uniform bits and previous pack t-shirts, come out to the monthly Pack Meetings and take a look.

Pass down items - hats, uniform shirts and bottoms, neckerchief, slides, hats and handbooks!

Previous pack t-shirts = \$5/t-shirt (limited sizes and colors available)

When: Pack Meetings (before and after)

POC: Jennifer Schneider <jennifer.schneider@mail.com>

7.WEBSITE PHOTOS

Parents - If you DO NOT authorize the use of any photos, taken of yourself and/or my child, during Den or Pack Meetings to be utilized for Cub Scouts Pack 685 promotional materials/website usage as well as local newspaper usage, please let us know.

Send a message to Jenn Schneider <jennifer.schneider@mail.com>

