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# Pack 109 Scouter

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## *It's Regatta Time!*

Did you have fun making a boat? Did you decorate with flair? We'll see all the great boats this evening and watch how the boys race down the rain gutters. This event is held every two years within the Pack and is a good way to bring families and friends together. Good luck to everyone!



We're also nearing Thanksgiving, which is a time when many Americans celebrate the year the Pilgrims arrived from England and shared a common meal with the natives of the land. Did you know that it was President Abraham Lincoln who made Thanksgiving an official U.S. holiday? He did so in 1863.

Next month we'll be enjoying celebrations around the world at our pack meeting. I can't wait!

If you have information for the newsletter, please contact me.

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## *Meet & Greet*

Meet your Den Leader Mary Guthrie of Den 4! Every month, we will spotlight one leader from our Pack so you can get to know him or her!

**What are you a Cub Scout leader?** I enjoy being busy and love doing family activities. I started as an Assistant Scout Leader with my first son back in 1993. So I figured I would try my hand at Leader this time around.



**What is the most fun thing about scouting?** I find the outings the most fun, such as cave camping, scout camping, ice skating and sporting events. The most rewarding parts of scouting are the smiles and thank yous the boys give when an event goes well.

**How has scouting changed the boys in your den as they've grown?** The boys have become more respectful of others and the world around them. I believe that they are at an age where they can understand that scouting is more than badges, outings, and games, but it also involves volunteer work such as Scouting for Food, helping the elderly, Toys for Tots, etc.

**What advice do you give our scouts this year?** Continue to grow within yourself, become the best person you can be whether it is in scouting, school, or just hanging out with friends and family. If you're doing your best, it will make you and everyone else around you happier.

**What is one challenge you face as a leader and how do you overcome it?**

The time it takes to plan meetings and events. I am a single mom who works a very full-time job. I have each family choose a month and plan a meeting and an event for that month. It not only takes some of the pressures off of me, it also brings variety to the den.

### *Dates to Remember*

- *Dec. 5 roundtable discussion*
- *Dec. 6 leader meeting*
- *Dec. 18, 6:30 pack meeting*
- *Dec. 31 Harlem Globetrotters*

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## *December Pack Meeting*

The December meeting will be at 6:30pm on December 18 and will showcase celebrations around the world. We have a diverse group of boys in our pack that celebrate this time of year in many different ways. We'll enjoy a delicious snacks as we talk about how different families celebrate. Wolf Dens are responsible for planning the event. Den 8 will do opening/closing. Den 1 has song/skit. Den 9 has set up/clean up. Food assignments will come from your den leader.

## *Food Pantry Collection at December Meeting*

During the winter season, the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry runs low and in need of food to restock its' shelves. In the spirit of scouts giving back to the community, Pack 109 will be holding its' annual Food Pantry collection of non-perishable food items, paper goods, and health and beauty products at the December Pack meeting. The den that brings in the most items average per scout in the den will receive special recognition. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Pogorzelski at 502-0327 or email her at [cmzepogo@yahoo.com](mailto:cmzepogo@yahoo.com).

## *Spotlight on our Dens*

This is a place where your boys can write their own things about what's going on with their dens every month. It is a requirement in some ranks and a place where scouts can have their writings published. Please email 1-2 paragraphs to Becca Levine, Newsletter Editor, [davidnbeccal@yahoo.com](mailto:davidnbeccal@yahoo.com).



## *McDonald's Nights*

**Tonight is the last night!** Support your Pack by eating at McDonald's on Silver Spring Drive tonight from 4-8pm. A portion of their profits will be given right to our pack.

## *Meetings*

The next **LEADER MEETING** will be held Thursday, December 6 at AMF Lanes on Appleton Avenue. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. **One leader from each den should attend** and all parents are encouraged to come. We will be discussing the January Pack meeting.

The next **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 7pm. This meeting will include both leader specific training and New Leader Essentials, both required for all leaders. If leaders have not completed this yet, this is a great opportunity to

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## *Roundtable Information Continued...*

complete both. The meeting is held at North Junior High School. The training begins at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm. Roundtable is full of program ideas, training opportunities, up-to-date information and much more!

## *Scout Item Recall*

Last month, Pack 109 announced a recall of an item due to excessive amounts of lead in the paint. Cubmaster Friesenhahn will collect all of those that the boys have turned in and will get replacements for everyone in December. Remember to turn yours in!



## *Camping Corner (Coordinator: Sadhna Jain)*



**RIVER RATS** Dates for the 2008 River Rats Campout were not yet in at the time of publication. Sadhna Jain will make an announcement by email or at the pack meeting. This annual event takes place at Camp Long Lake and we will be going as a pack on May 16-18 or June 6-8.

**CUB-O-REE** This one-day adventure will be held on January 12, 2008 at Sussex Hamilton High School. Details are to come, but registration begins soon! See your leader for information.

## *Scout Events (Coordinator: Jim Miller)*

**Harlem Globetrotters Magic As Ever Tour!** Monday, December 31 at 2pm or 6:30pm at the Bradley Center. Scout tickets are \$14 each. Scouts will receive a patch for attending. Enter the doors early and attend the pre-game session at 12:30pm or 5pm. Please pay Jim Miller by December's Pack meeting.

**Potawatomi Area Council's Scout Ski Days!** Scout ski days will be January 20 and February 10, 2008 at Sunburst Ski Hill in Kewaskum. Cost is \$37 per person for a ski lift ticket, lessons and equipment rental; \$34 for a ski lift ticket and lessons; \$45 for snowboarding lift ticket and rental; and \$16 for three hours of tubing. Please pay Jim Miller by December's Pack meeting.



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## ***A Round of Applause!***

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