

February 2008

# Pack 109 Scouter

*Potawatomi Council - Glacier Hills District - Pack 109 - Ben Franklin Elementary  
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## Ready, set, race!

Next month we will be racing pinewood derby cars at Bergstrom Chevrolet. This is a great time of year for our scouts. After you receive your pinewood derby car kit, you can start making it into whatever you want (as long as it fits into our guidelines, of course). Last year we had some very creative cars. One was shaped like a remote control and one was shaped like a pack of gum. Let your imagination rule! More information about the pack meeting and the pinewood derby race are later in this newsletter.

If you have information for this newsletter for next month, please contact me!  
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### **Spotlight on our Dens** *(Written by Siddhant Jain, Den 5, WEBELOS I)*

On January 26, I went to Grace Lutheran Church to visit Troop 67 to work on my outdoorsman pin. Anthony (Levine) and I went there. We learned how to make a two-half hitch knot and a taut line knot. We learned how to cook a dump cake with a Dutch oven. We also got to build a fire. I got to light the fire! Then we had lunch. We had chicken and rice soup, bread, pink lemonade and the dump cake. It was fun learning about how Boy Scouts run.

To have your scout's information published, email 1-2 paragraphs to *Becca Levine, Newsletter Editor, davidnbecca1@yahoo.com*.

### **March Pack Meeting (recycling theme)**

Our March pack meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30pm**. We are going to talk trash! No, not the trash talk you're thinking of...we'll be discussing ways to recycle and having our own recycling drive! See below for more information. Den 10 has opening/closing ceremonies, den 7 has a song or skit and den 11 has setup/cleanup.

### **Recycle Your Worn Athletic Shoes**

Please bring any used athletic shoes you have that may otherwise be thrown away to the March Pack Meeting. We will be collecting and donating them to the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program. Shoes **MUST** have rubber soles and can be any brand in order to be recycled. Please contact Becca Levine if you have questions – 251-4055 or visit <http://www.letmeplay.com/reuseashoe> for more information about where the shoes go.

### **Open Volunteer Positions**

Pack 109 has a few open positions for fall: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Treasurer and Committee Chair. Anyone interested should contact Cubmaster Lyle Friesenhahn.



### Dates to Remember

**March 1 or 22**  
**Salute to Scouting with the Bucks**

**March 6**  
**Leader meeting**

**March 10**  
**Check in your cars for the derby**

**March 11**  
**Pack Meeting**

**March 13**  
**Journal Sentinel Sports Show**

**March 15**  
**Pinewood Derby**

**March 29**  
**Scouting for Food (bag distribution)**

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## *Meetings*

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The next **LEADER MEETING** will be Thursday, March 6 at 7pm at AMF Lanes on Appleton Avenue. **One leader from each den should attend** and as always, all parents are encouraged to come.

The next **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** will be Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm at North Junior High.

## *Pinewood Derby*

This year's pinewood derby races will again be held at Bergstrom Chevrolet (directions to follow) on **Saturday, March 15** beginning at 10:30 am. If you are an adult and want to race a car, the cost is \$10 per car, payable to Pack 109. See Cubmaster Lyle Friesenhahn or Assistant Cubmaster Tom Horwich for a car kit. Check in for all cars will be **March 10 at 6pm at the Ben Franklin Cafeteria**. An email from Mr. Horwich was delivered on February 9 detailing the schedule for check-in. Please refer to that email or contact Mr. Horwich if you need to know when your car can be checked in. Guidelines for building your cars can be found through your den leader.

## *Meet & Greet*

Meet Den 2 Badger Patrol Leader Perry Szuminski!

### **1) What have you enjoyed most about being a den leader?**

I have enjoyed watching the boys grow, learn and have fun while doing different scout activities. It just amazes me how differently the boys viewed things. Their perspective on things is so different from adults.

### **2) What advice do you give incoming leaders who are new to scouting?**

The best advice is: don't be afraid to ask questions or ask for help. We are all in this together. It can be helpful to ask a leader who has gone through the rank you're in for advice on how they handled a particular activity if you are at a loss on how to get it done. Also don't be afraid to ask the parents of the boys for help as well. You would be surprised at how often people are willing to help if you just ask. The goal is to make the scouting experience the best it can be for the boys. The best way to accomplish this is to get all the adults involved.

### **3) What has been your biggest challenge as a leader and how did you overcome it?**

My biggest challenge as a leader was trying to find a balance to my commitment to the boys as their den leader and my responsibilities to the pack as the Membership chair. In the fall it was always a challenge to prepare for den meetings and at the same time complete the work necessary to register new boys coming into the pack. The solution to this challenge was to enlist the assistance of the parents to help plan and run some of the den meetings.

### **4) What kinds of changes do you see in scouts who go from Tigers to WEBELOS?**

I see the boys becoming more mature and responsible. The quality of the crafts they make improve with each passing year. Their ability to focus on something improves with age as well. They become more independent and resourceful.

### **5) Name one particular scouting event or moment you'll never forget.**

The one event that will stay with me is the Arrow of Light ceremony. It is a wonderful ceremony to watch and take part in. I have had the opportunity to do both during my time as a den leader. Since the Arrow of Light is the highest award that a Cub Scout can earn, I was very proud of all the boys in my den that received this award. All of their hard work and dedication to scouting paid off.



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

**Swamp Fox** – Even though Swamp Fox happens in fall, registration is in spring. It is likely that Pack 109 will be attending the three-day campout from September 19-21, but the date hasn't been confirmed yet. Cost for the camp is \$65 for one parent and one scout. Additional youth or parent from the same family is \$20. Money is due to Sadhna Jain by April 10.

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

**Salute to Scouting with the Milwaukee Bucks!** Attend **Saturday, March 1** as the Bucks battle the San Antonio Spurs at 7:30pm or choose the **Saturday, March 22** game against the Cleveland Cavaliers at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$16 or \$13 per person. Any scout who attends will receive either a collectible "Bucks and Scouts Rule" gel band or a Special 24<sup>th</sup> annual Scout patch. See Jim Miller at the February Pack Meeting to purchase tickets. For those scouts who sold a page worth of popcorn, you can attend the **March 9** game against the 76ers for free! Game time is noon. Parent tickets are \$15 each. See Brian Bosch if you want to purchase tickets.

**Journal Sentinel Sports Show!** Scouts get in free to this year's Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show on **Thursday, March 13**. Scouts will enjoy the trout pond, archery range, Ironman Lumberjack Show, nature/conservation activity area and activity stage. One leader is required to attend for each group. Additional leaders and/or chaperones can purchase tickets online for \$6.50 or at the gate for \$8.00. Visit [www.jsonline.com/sportsshow](http://www.jsonline.com/sportsshow) for more information. Register by tonight's Pack Meeting.

**Scout Days with the Milwaukee Wave!** Scouts interested in enjoying a professional soccer game can do so at a discounted price on March 30. Game time is 2pm. A special pre-game clinic is also part of the fun. Cost is \$15 per scout and \$15 per adult. Prices include game tickets and a Wave patch for scouts. Registration must happen before the March pack meeting.

## *Scouting for Food*

March 29 is the first day to volunteer for Scouting for Food. Scouts will meet in the parking lot of Thomas Jefferson Middle School at 8:30am to help distribute bags. Scouts are also needed on April 5 to pick up filled bags and deliver them to the food pantry. It's such a great feeling to be helping others and the job goes faster when more are involved! Let your den leader know now that you want to help.

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