

March 2008

Pack 109 Scouter

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April magic is on the way!

Whew! March is a busy month, but we're halfway through it. Coming up is our pinewood derby on March 15 at Bergstrom Chevrolet and Scouting for Food bag distribution on March 29. We hope you all join us for those fun events!

April calms down a bit with our Scouting for Food bag pick up on April 5 and a magician at our pack meeting on April 15. It will thrill and excite!

If you have information for this newsletter for next month, please contact me!
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Spotlight on our Dens *(Written by Den 4, WEBELOS I)*

I like cave camping. I went cave camping with my den to Eagle Cave. The cave was dark, wet, and cold. We were able to explore and climb through all the tunnels and rocks, we even saw a bat. We ended up camping outside, because it was so wet in the cave. I really had fun! **By Marty Cuellar**

I went to Eagle Cave in April 2007 with my den. As I entered, what I thought would be a dark and spooky cave, to my surprise it was not dark at all. It was filled with lights. It was fun when I was crawling all over the place. We slept outside, because the cave was filled with water. I liked cave camping and you should try it. See you later. **By Brett Perry**

My favorite moment of all in Cub Scouts is swimming with Den 4 at the YMCA. I loved swimming and it helped my body to get healthy. I actually went into a canoe in a large swimming pool. I learned about a lot of safety tips and had tons of fun. Thank you, Cub Scouts, for making me realize that safety and health is important. **By Isaac Repinski**

In April 2007 I went cave camping with Den 4. The best thing I did was when I explored Eagle Cave. I got to crawl way down under rocks into a little room that had bones in it. I went to sleep in it to. **By Noah Schwartz**

My favorite part of Cub Scouting is when I go to scout camp. I like to shoot the bb guns at Camp Long Lake. It was really fun when a branch was in the way and I shot it down and got a bull's eye. **By Nathaniel Guthrie**

At the Glacier Hills Lock-In my favorite activity was the basketball tournament, it was very fun. I also had fun swimming and staying up all night. **By Max Paul**

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

April Pack Meeting *(magic theme)*

Our April pack meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30pm**. Glen Gerard, a local magician, will enlighten the boys with a few tricks up his sleeve. Den 10 has opening/closing ceremonies, den 7 has a song or skit and den 11 has setup/cleanup. (Mistakenly, last month these dens were published as having these duties, when it should've been Den 9, Den 10 and Den 7, respectively.) Apologies!



Dates to Remember

March 22
Salute to Scouting with the Bucks

March 15
Pinewood Derby

March 29
Scouting for Food (bag distribution)

April 5
Scouting for Food (bag pickup)

April 15
Pack meeting

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Meetings

The next **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** will be Wednesday, April 2 at 7pm at North Junior High. The next **LEADER MEETING** will be Thursday, April 3 at 7pm at AMF Lanes on Appleton Avenue. **One leader from each den should attend** and as always, all parents are encouraged to come.

Recruitment Night

Pack 109 will hold its spring recruitment night on Monday, April 14 from 6:30 to 8pm. A slideshow will be presented and WEBELOS may be responsible for putting on a presentation about scouting. Watch for more information via email.

Scouting for Food (contact: Marilyn Owens)

If you've never done Scouting for Food before, this is an excellent way to give back to the community. On March 29, those who are interested in volunteering will meet in the parking lot at Thomas Jefferson Middle School at 8am to be assigned an area. Bags will be distributed to every house in the assigned area so they can be filled with non-perishable food and goods. On April 5, scouts will meet again at TJ and pick up any bags filled by generous givers. They will then be counted and delivered directly to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry. It's such a great feeling to give! The more scouts who attend, the faster and easier it goes! Hope to see you all there for the fun!

Meet & Greet

Meet Den 12 Leader Angela Bertoni!

What is the most rewarding thing about being a den leader?

Besides the obvious reward of spending time with a group of amazing kids, I have also found it to be very rewarding to get to know other parents that want the same things for their children as I do.

What is most challenging about being a den leader?

As a new den leader for the tigers, it was challenging in the very beginning when I wasn't quite sure what it was that I should be doing. It didn't take long to figure it out after a lot of questions, some training, and looking over a book or two. Having a great den leader assistant has certainly kept the challenges down. I enjoy it so much that it is really more fun than anything else.

Name one event or meeting you've had that has been most fun and tell why.

We've been very lucky to have had quite a few fun events and den meetings already, but if I had to pick one it would be our Den-O-Ree. We called it a Den-O-Ree because the Cub-O-Ree was already full so both tiger dens planned our own event. It was the most fun because we were able to get all the tigers and parents together, get to know each other, and also do crafts, songs, games, learn, and go on a police station tour.

Why did you choose to be a den leader?

I was hesitant about it at first because I thought that den leaders were for dads. Once I realized that moms could do it, too, and that there was a need for another leader, I couldn't say no.

What do plan to accomplish as a den leader?

As a den leader, I would like to make scouting fun for our sons, learn and lead by example using the core values of scouting, and overall I'd just like to make a positive contribution to our society by making a small difference in the lives of our youth.



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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)

Reminder that scouts should wear their uniforms to all scout events

HURRY! 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 by tonight's pack meeting.

HURRY! Freestyle Motorcross! Saturday, March 29 at the Bradley Center, 7:30pm. Scout tickets are \$8.75 each and adult tickets are \$19.25 each. Nine riders will participate in a no-holds barred competition, throwing out some of the most awe-inspiring tricks ever seen. See Jim Miller to pay for tickets at tonight's pack meeting.

Scout Night at the Wisconsin Humane Society! Join the staff of the WHS for a fun-filled, two-hour program where you will learn all about companion animals. Make some cool cat toys, learn how to train dogs with our "Bow-Wow Basics" program and even receive a behind-the-scenes tour! Learn about the journey that the animals take to reach Adoption Avenue. Please call (414) 431-6159 or email Dezarae Jones-Hartwig at dhartwig@wihumane.org for information about the next available Scout Night.

Scout Night at Miller Park! Mark your calendars for Scout Night with the Brewers on July 7. Scouts in uniform will get to march around the field before the game and be seen on the DiamondVision (huge TV screen). It's a great way to bring the family to a baseball game. Tickets are \$14 each. See Jim Miller before May 9.

Earth Day at the Wehr! Come to the Wehr Nature Center in Franklin for an afternoon of earthy fun on April 12 from 12-2pm or 2:30-4:30pm. Scouts will enjoy hands-on activities to celebrate Earth Day. Reservations are required. See your den leader to sign up!

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