

May 2008

Pack 109 Scouter

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Summer is here!

...at least in terms of our scout year. We've had a fantastic year and you have all grown so much in your learning and skills (not to mention overall height)! There's lots more in store for the summer so read about it below. I hope you can join us for some of the great scout events going on between now and the new scout year.

This is my last newsletter to you all. It's been fun to relay scouting information to you for the last five years. Now it's time for me to retire as my son, Anthony, finishes his last WEBELO year. Den 12 Leader Angela Bertoni will be graciously taking over the duties as newsletter editor and pack communicator. She's got a background in similar things, so she'll be awesome as my replacement. I wish her all the best in the year to come!

And, I wish all the scouts of Pack 109 a wonderful summer!
Becca Levine, Newsletter Editor & Pack Communications

Pack Meetings

There are no Pack meetings scheduled in summer.
Watch for information about Pack meetings in August.

Summer Pack Events

Every month in summer there is something fun for scouts!

- June 8, Pack Picnic at Rotary Park, noon
- July 3, Fourth of July parade (see below for more information)
- July 7, Scout Day at Miller Park (see Scout Events section)
- August (date to be determined), scouts will meet at Ben Franklin for a pack kickball game and help rake bark around the school playground as a community outreach project.

Watch your email for more information about these and other great events!

Memorial Day & Fourth of July parades

Pack 109 is invited to march in the village's Memorial Day Parade on May 26. We line up in the subdivision to the west of the old Piggly Wiggly. Scouts can ride bikes or scooters through the parade if they're decorated. The parade ends behind Best Buy. Scouts and families are then invited to the Knights of Columbus on Water Street for lunch and free ice cream. Please wear uniforms!

Pack 109 will be handing out parade programs at this year's Fourth of July parade, which is actually on July 3. We meet in the Sentry Parking lot and walk the route, which ends on the east side of Menomonee Falls High School. Please wear uniforms!

Meeting times and exact locations will be communicated via email.



Dates to Remember

May 17
- River Rats
- Scout Day at Cabela's
- Fishing Derby at Mill Pond

May 26
Memorial Day parade

May 31-June 1
Scouting at the Zoo

June 8
Pack picnic at Rotary Park

July 3
Fourth of July parade

July 7
Scout Day at Miller Park

August TBD
Raking and kickball at Ben Franklin school

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Spotlight on our Dens (written by Den 8, Shark Patrol)

Devin: At camp I liked making the box cars because it was an experience. I liked the scavenger hunt finding the things around camp. I liked the ceremony for shark patrol because they painted our faces. We cooked fruit snacks on the fire. I liked the flag ceremony. I played a joke on everybody. I liked that my dad was able to come. I liked the food at camp. What I most liked about camp was having fun with my pack!

Austin: Last Friday we went on a scout outing for the weekend. We started with Pizza Hut pizza, a few activities, and a movie. On Saturday we did a scavenger hunt, we built and rode cubmobiles, we did athlete activities, went fishing, caught crayfish, built an aquarium next to the pond for the crayfish, had a fire, flag retirement, new shark patrol ceremony, and watched a movie. My favorite part of the weekend was working on the aquarium. Sunday we packed up early and headed home.

Mitchell: When we went camping, it was really fun. We did a scavenger hunt. We made two cub mobiles and we had an awesome campfire. I cannot wait to go camping again!

Jerin: On Den 8's campout we did a lot of stuff. But one thing we did was they did a scavenger hunt. All the kids got a message in code and they went to go find their own items. It was really fun.

Connor: Over the weekend my den went to a camp out together. We did a scavenger hunt, we watched two movies, and we had a big campfire and a flag retirement ceremony. Some of us from the den made a sand aquarium for snails and crayfish. We made cubmobiles. They are so cool! My favorite part about camping is that we get to have a camp fire and retire flags!

Jacob: We built 2 cubmobiles and then we raced them. When we raced them, 3 people crashed on team 2's cubmobile. Team 1's cubmobile was very sturdy and nobody crashed on it. We started our athlete pin. We did a 50 yard dash, standing long jump, vertical jump, pull-ups, push-ups, sit-ups, and a quarter mile walk or run. At home we had to practice them once a week to get the pin. I liked the codes and scavenger hunt we did. The food was very good. I'm glad my dad is a good cook. We watched awesome movies on a projector screen. I had fun with my shark patrol friends.

Mathew: I like the camp because we got eat beef jerky and I really like beef jerky! I really liked the race with the cubmobile and laughed when I saw my grandpa do it! I liked that we had time to fish even though I didn't catch anything. The scavenger hunt was fun and I had fun building the cubmobile. Most of all I enjoyed spending time with my friends and my grandpa.

Photo: Den 8, Shark Patrol – April Campout, Saying the Pledge of Allegiance



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Camping Corner (coordinator: Sadhna Jain)

Indian Mound Reservation – One-day camp, three-day camp or Tiger Cub Camps are now available for summer. For more information, visit <http://www.milwaukeeboyscouts.org> or talk to your den leader.

Camp Long Lake – Summer camps are now available for scouts at Camp Long Lake. Visit www.pacbsa.org/cll for more information or talk to your den leader. Online registration may be available. Sign up as a den or individual.

WEBELOS Day at Camp Long Lake – June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30 or August 6 or 13. Cost is \$14 per youth or adult (\$24 at the door) and includes two meals. This camp allows older cubs to see the excitement of Boy Scouting in action. This is a great way for WEBELOS to see what Boy Scouts do and how they do it. One adult per child is required. Please register through your den.

All campers must bring a completed health form with them to any and all camps.

Recycling

Is your den being green? Carry over March and April's recycling theme by donating your Boys' Life magazines to your local dentist or doctor's offices. (Of course, make sure you read them first!) Use your empty popcorn tins to keep your scouting memorabilia in. Hold a den aluminum drive and recycle aluminum cans. The money you collect can go toward a den outing. Collect used eyeglasses and drop them off at Sears Grand on Appleton Avenue. Save your used athletic shoes and drop them off at Wal-Mart on Appleton Avenue for the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program. Plant a garden and let your scouts watch it grow over the summer. Let them take care of it and harvest the food that grows. There are lots of ways to stay green this summer. See what your den can do!

Pack Picnic, June 8 at Rotary Park

Come one, come all to the Cub Scout "Carnival" Pack Picnic! Our annual Pack Picnic is June 8 from 12pm to 2pm at Rotary Park. We'll be grilling out and there will be tons of fun activities and prizes!! Families are assigned food and drink items based on rank.

Tiger families – each bring 1 dozen of a dessert (cookies, brownies, bars, etc.)

Wolf families – each bring 6 to 8 bottles of water (this may change based on leftover Blue & Gold supplies. Watch your email.)

Bear families – each bring an 8 to 10 pack of juice boxes (this may change based on leftover Blue & Gold supplies. Watch your email.)

WEBELOS 1 families – each bring a non-mayo based salad such as fruit, pasta or Jell-O

WEBELOS 2 families – each bring 1 bag of potato chips, Doritos, pretzels, etc.

PLEASE RSVP by May 30 to your den leader to help determine the rest of the food.

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Scout Events & Outings (Coordinator: Jim Miller)

Reminder that scouts should wear their uniforms to all scout events

Scout day at Cabela's! May 17 at 9:30am in Richfield off of Highway 41/45. Scouts are invited to attend this all-day adventure at Cabela's that will include GPS Geocaching, tent raising, topography and map reading, metal detecting, knot tying and fishing line casting. Prizes will be awarded! Let your den leader know if you want to go!

2008 Fishing Derby! Saturday, May 17 from 9am - 1pm at the Mill Pond Shelter (on the west side of Mill Pond - just off Main St. by Associated Bank). Yes, it's the same weekend as River Rats and the Scout Day at Cabela's, but for those of who are staying in town, can have some fun in Menomonee Falls. The Derby, sponsored by the Optimist Club, starts with a Fishing Clinic from 9am - 12 noon. The catch & release contest starts at 11am and runs until 1pm. There are free t-shirts for all participants, trophies awarded by age group for most fish caught, biggest fish and casting. Participants register the day of the derby and it is FREE!!! All participants must bring their own equipment, however, bait will be provided on site (also free). Children under 9 must be accompanied by parent and the derby is for kids 3 - 16 years old.

Scout Night at Miller Park! Mark your calendars for Scout Night with the Brewers on July 7 as they battle the Colorado Rockies at 7:05pm. 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 (Loge outfield seats). See Jim Miller before May 16.

Scouting at the Zoo! May 31 and June 1 bring your scouts to the Milwaukee County Zoo. Come one day or both! The zoo will feature exhibit judging, a Saturday morning parade, a hot dog cookout, and "after hours" programs on Saturday evening. Especially for scouts, there will be races in cubmobiles, raingutter regatta and pinewood derby. Bring your vehicles! Discounted tickets are available for any packs that put out a display for at least one of the two days.

Home Depot "Know-How" Clinics for kids! Every first Saturday of the month, Home Depot of Menomonee Falls offers a kid's clinic. Kids will construct a handy item out of wood. The next clinic will be held on June 7 and scouts will make a wooden catamaran. The clinic is free and no advanced registration is necessary! Just show up and do!

YMCA Camp Minikani Equestrian Center! Scout programs are available at this wonderful horse camp. A British-certified riding instructor will teach kids (and adults) how to ride. Call 628-9163 for more information.

Scout advancements at the Scout Heritage Museum! Located at 330 S. 84th St., this museum offers programs to advance scouts within their ranks. Earn badges as a Tiger, Wolf, Bear and WEBELO. Call (414) 443-2874 to schedule your den visit!

Applause, please!

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