

Pack 59 Newsletter

August 9, 2013

Upcoming Pack Events

- Sun., 25 Aug., 12:30PM
Pack Leader Meeting
Vercelli House, St. William

- Sun., 8 Sept., 1:00-3:00
Pack Meeting
St. Mary's Multi-purpose Room

- Sun., 22 Sept., 12:30PM
Pack Leader Meeting
Vercelli House, St. William

AUGUST PACK UPDATES

Family Camp- Thank you to all the families who came to the Pack's Family Camp last weekend. We had an excellent turnout of 7 scouts and 18 family members. They had a lot of fun swimming, hiking, cooking, and sitting around the campfire.

Pack Leadership- Due to a variety of reasons we find ourselves with several open Pack Leadership positions. The current openings are for a Treasurer, Secretary, and Quartermaster. We will discuss the open positions and ways you can volunteer to help the Pack at our Pack meeting on Sunday, 8 September; but if anyone would like to volunteer now, we would welcome the help.

Fall Fundraising- Previously, Pack 59 sold wreaths for their Fall Fundraiser and Pack 122 sold popcorn. This fall your son will have the choice of selling either wreaths or popcorn; or BOTH if they would like. At the Pack meeting in September we will need a commitment of what you will be selling; at that time we will also discuss the fundraising goals, prizes, and commissions.

Cooperation Cake

Assign every boy in the den to bring one essential ingredient from a simple cake recipe. Mix together, then bake in a 8X11 pan so it cooks quickly. Be sure and talk about how the cake would come out without everyone's cooperation and ingredients! What would happen if someone forgot to bring the eggs?

This Month's Theme: Cooperation

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." -Vince Lombardi

Teamwork can sometimes be frustrating; trying to blend various ideas, plans of action, personalities. This frustration can lead to the thought, 'it would be easier to just do it myself.' However, when you allow yourself the opportunity to work as a team you can often accomplish much more than you would ever be able to do by yourself. A large project can be broken up into smaller pieces and delegated; someone else can propose a different strategy that might work better; you can get help with something you are struggling with.

In Cub Scouts we have a variety of goals that can only be accomplished through cooperation: fundraising, finishing requirements, advancing ranks, recruiting new members, having a full and fun schedule.... So as we begin a new year, with new schedules, new people, new goals and ideas keep in mind the spirit and ideals of cooperation.

National Den Award

A Cub Scout den must:

A. Have at least 50 percent of the den's Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, or Webelos Scouts attend two den meetings and one pack meeting or activity each month of the year.

B. Complete six of the following during the year:

1. Use the denner system within the den.
2. In a Tiger Cub den, use shared leadership and rotate the boy/adult host team.
3. Have 50 percent of the den go on three field trips per year. A field trip may be used in place of a den meeting.
4. As a den, attend a Cub Scout day camp, Cub Scout or Webelos Scout resident camp, or a council family camping event with at least 50 percent of the den membership.
5. Conduct three den projects or activities leading to a Character Connections discussion.
6. As a den, participate in at least one of the Cub Scout Sports programs.
7. As a den, participate in at least one of the Cub Scout Academics programs.
8. Have 50 percent of the den participate in a den conservation/resource project.
9. Have 50 percent of the den participate in at least one den service project.

Once the requirements are completed as stated, the signed National Den Award application is sent to the local council service center where the ribbon can be obtained.



Basketball Belt Loop

1. Explain the rules of basketball to your leader or adult partner.
2. Spend at least 30 minutes practicing basketball skills.
3. Participate in a basketball game.

Basketball Pin

Earn the Basketball belt loop and complete five of the following requirements:

1. Compete in a pack or community basketball tournament.
2. Demonstrate effective passing using the chest pass, bounce pass, over-the-head pass, and baseball pass.
3. Successfully demonstrate the set shot and jump shot shooting styles.
4. Demonstrate skill in the following dribbling techniques: high dribble, low dribble, turnable dribble, change-of-pace dribble, and combination dribble.
5. On three different occasions, practice 10 minutes of individual defensive skills.
6. Explain and demonstrate 10 official basketball signals.
7. Play three shot-improving games with a member of your den or team.
8. Play five games of basketball.
9. Participate in a basketball clinic.
10. Attend a high school, college, or professional basketball game

What do you do when you see an elephant with a basketball?
Get out of the way!

What do you call a pig who plays basketball?
A ball hog!

Why do basketball players like cookies?
Because they can dunk them!

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