



Pack News

October 2002

Cubmaster's Corner

It's a Jungle of Fun! This is a particularly apt monthly theme for Cub Scouting. As you've heard me say more than once, "Cub Scouting is FUN with a PURPOSE."

Where does the jungle come into the game? Well, Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell, the

founder of the Scouting Movement, based Cubbing on one of the stories in Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. It was called "Mowgli's Brothers." We know it as "The Story of Akela and Mowgli." A copy of part of the story is in the *Wolf Cub Scout Book*. The story is continued in the *Bear Cub Scout Book*. A part of the story is also in the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.



BSA Cub Scouting has drawn upon the adventure and lore of the Native American, just as Seton's *Native American* lore influenced Boy Scouting; but a strong influence from Kipling's *Jungle Book* still remains. The words "Law of the Pack," "Akela," "Wolf Cub," "Grand Howl," "den," and "pack" all come from *The Jungle Book*. The gold and silver arrows, Webelos, and Arrow of Light are taken from our Native American heritage.

New Flags

Thanks to the generosity of several Pack members we have new flags on order. Bill and Gina Budden, John and Cindy Strohmaier, and Rhonda Mitchell-Taylor made contributions to the Pack Flag Fund. Carol McFaden obtained a U.S. Flag from her employer. Once again, thanks for helping the Pack go!

Trained Leaders

In today's world it is more important than ever before to have ALL leaders trained, not only in crafts and skills, but for the protection of the young people we are responsible for. As leaders, we promise the youth in our units all sorts of fun and program activities. A trained leader is knowledgeable and confident in the role being performed. The knowledge and confidence as a trained leader are quickly sensed by Cub Scouts and are a positive influence on their lives.



To be considered trained, a leader must complete Youth Protection Training (every two years), Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, and position specific training. Two leaders, Holly Yeakle, Tiger Den 3, and Mary Brennan, Webelos Den 2, completed this course of training on October 12th. Tom Jarrett completed position specific training for Assistant Cubmaster and Kevin Miller renewed his youth protection training. Congratulations!

Calendar

Pack Meeting	October 16, 7:00 p.m.
Patuxent District Rendezvous	October 19
Pow Wow (MD Campus)	October 26, 8:00 a.m.
Popcorn Order 2 due	October 28
Webelos Woods Info. Mtg.	October 30 (TBD)
Pow Wow (VA Campus)	November 2, 8:00 a.m.
Pack Conservation Project	November 2
Leaders Meeting	November 6, 7:30 p.m.
Popcorn Delivery 2	November 9
Webelos Woods	November 9-10
Roundtable	November 13, 7:30 p.m.
Distribute Scouting for Food Bags ...	November 14
Collect Scouting for Food Donations ..	November 16
Pack Meeting	November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Scouting for Food

As we approach the holiday season and look forward to the next few months of delicious food, it is important for us to remember those not as fortunate. Many people do not have the means to feed themselves and their children. Scouting for Food can help. This is an opportunity for us to give back to our community and help other people.

This year, the food banks continue to need our help. Sharon Jarrett is our Scouting for Food Chairperson. She will distribute collection information to the Dens later this month. The bags can be distributed on Saturday, November 2nd (we have had our best success when the bags are distributed on Wednesday or Thursday). The food donations need to be collected on Saturday morning, November 9th and delivered to Pointer Ridge Elementary before 10:30 am.

Camping

The weather was great! So was the camping. Mr. Ettinger didn't do his famous rain dance. Several families—Ettingers, Shoaps, Millers, Vanderhoofs, Buddens, Jarretts, Hesslers, Davidsons—stayed overnight and several more participated in the candlefire and cracker barrel on Saturday night. The boys enjoyed fishing, biking, and hiking during the day. Then they performed some outstanding skits and songs at the candlefire.



Help Wanted

In addition to the various committee positions still open the Pack is looking for a crafty person to help with decorations for the Pack Meetings. Please see Kevin Miller if you're able to help.

Webelos Woods

Webelos Woods is an opportunity for Webelos to camp overnight and complete an Arrow of Light requirement as well as work on a number of Activity Badges. Pack 1559's first annual Webelos Woods will be held November 9-10 at Cedarville State Park. There will be an information meeting on October 30th. All Webelos are strongly encouraged to attend!

Popcorn Sale

The Popcorn Sale is in full swing. Anne Davidson is this year's Popcorn Kernel. Please get your popcorn orders into Anne before October 28th. Popcorn will be available for pickup on November 9th. The popcorn must be paid for by December 1st; turnin money to the Pack Treasurer Sharon Jarrett. All prize selections must be given to Anne at that time.



Pack 1559 News

This is a monthly publication that serves to keep members and their parents informed of the activities and administration of Cub Scout Pack 1559. Pack 1559 is chartered to the Pointer Ridge Elementary School PTA, Bowie, MD 20716. The Pack is part of the Patuxent District of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Please address any questions or comments to Kevin Miller at 301-390-7668.

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