



Cub Scout Pack 40

Cub-o-Gram



Hudson Valley Council

November 2013

Core Value of the Month – Citizenship

Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state and national communities.
Cub Scouts develop good citizenship when they are learning about respecting the flag and providing service to the community.

Training Available

Are you interested in helping the pack, but not sure if you are qualified? BSA offers **online training for leaders and parents** (www.MyScouting.org). Cub Scout Leaders, Cubmasters and Pack Committee Members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.

Additional “live” training is available from our council. hudsonvalleyscouting.org

Collection of Candy for Our Troops

A Local Girl Scout Troop has asked that Pack 40 join them in collecting candy for Our Troops.

Please bring any candy donations to the December Pack Meeting.

Any candy or chocolate is acceptable

Upcoming Events

**THE DECEMBER PACK MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH AT 7PM**

**THE DECEMBER PACK COMMITTEE MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 7PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WAPPINGERS FALLS.
ALL PARENTS AND LEADERS ARE WELCOME**

Come Cheer on the Webelos at.....



45th ANNUAL DUTCHESS DISTRICT ESKIMO RUN

DATE: Saturday, January 18, 2013
Check-in Starts: 8:30AM, **Opening** 9:30AM
BAD WEATHER DATE: Saturday, Jan, 25th **PLACE:** James Baird State Park, Freedom Plains, New York

The Eskimo Run is a Webelos Scout competitive activity. It is designed to test the Scouts' proficiency in the Webelos skills and provide a day of fun and excitement for them. They will be asked to answer questions and demonstrate their skills while pushing, pulling and carrying the sled that they made through the trails of the Eskimo Run. It is an amazing day for the boys. Dress warmly!

The Pack Needs Your Help

Sign-Up now for:

The Blue & Gold Committee

The Blue & Gold Event will be held on
Sunday March 9th 2014



It is a celebration of Our Scouts and the Birthday of Scouting. We also focus on the graduating Webelos moving onto Boy Scouts. It is a fun and exciting afternoon shared with family and friends.

Contact us to learn how you can get involved in planning this Pack Event.

Blue & Gold Committee Chair:

Michelle Havas- mhavas3856@aol.com

Co-Chairs:

Cynthia Salberg- Xanthia711@aol.com

Jen Hilton- jenhilton@optonline.net

The Pinewood Derby Committee

The Pinewood Derby Event will be held on
Saturday February 1st.

It is an event that your Scout will remember for the rest of their life. They will create and race their own cars!



Thank you to Don Murphy!

"I wanted to devise a wholesome, constructive activity that would foster a closer father-son relationship and promote craftsmanship and good sportsmanship through competition."

Don Murphy,

Founder of the Pinewood Derby in 1953

Manhattan Beach, CA Cub Scout Pack 280C

Little has changed in the derby since 1953. During that time an estimated 43 million sons and fathers (mostly) have participated. And today's generation of Cub Scouts, moms and dads share the same fun, thrills, and rewarding moments.

Reference: <http://www.abc-pinewood-derby.com/pinewood-derby-history.php>

Contact Brian Colucci to learn how you can get involved in planning this pack event.

Brian Colucci: coluccib@optonline.net



A REPORT FROM OUR DESERT CRAWLERS

The Desert Crawlers have been learning a lot as we work on the Webelos badge for Citizenship. Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor came to our den meeting at the beginning of the month to share what it is like to be a law maker for NY State. He also told us about his time in the US Marines and what it was like to jump out of a helicopter.

Some of our members completed their outdoorsman badge during a campout with Boy Scout Troop 25 at Lake Frederick on the West Point grounds following the Black Knight's football game. They built fires, learned about fire safety, helped with meals, whip and fused rope and had a whole lot of fun hanging out with boy scouts!

The Desert Crawlers also built some bridges while working on their Engineering badge.



A REPORT FROM THE ATOMIC TACOS

This is the first update from the Atomic Taco's this year and we'd like to share some of the fun activities we've been working on so far. We've had a super busy start to our Webelos year! In August we had our first campout as first year Webelos! Needless to say the boys had a blast at the campout! The afternoon of the campout all of the "Tacos" earned Aquanaut as their very first activity badge!

We had a very active month in September where the Webelos earned both their Fitness and Forester badges. October was another fun filled month for the Atomic Tacos. We traveled to the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum where the kids spent the entire day learning about wildlife, plants and our environment. Our next activity in October was creating our Atomic Taco's Den Flag. The Tacos and parents had a ton of fun laying out the design and adding their own personal touches. Our last event in October was the Haunted Harvest Fest!

The Atomic Tacos learned all about maps and timetables in our first meeting in November where they completed the remaining requirements for Traveler. They demonstrated the skills they learned by mapping out and calculating how much it would cost to take a trip to Disney! Several of the Atomic Taco's teamed up with the Wolves to clean up the Memorial Mile of our rail trail. The kids filled two large trash bags with the litter that they found along the trail and they also cleaned up the Veteran's Memorial. I am so proud of all of the boys who participated in this activity to honor our Veterans! Is there a better day than Veteran's day to start learning the requirements for the citizen badge? We didn't think so either! The Tacos all now understand why they should respect our flag and they also learned and demonstrated how to properly fold and display it. Our first citizen meeting ended with a fun-filled game of jeopardy where the boys did an amazing job demonstrating everything they have learned! We will be going to the Wappingers Town Hall to meet the town supervisor for our next Den Meeting. The town supervisor was kind enough to invite us to sit in on the town zoning board meeting that will be taking place on the same night. We're going to wrap up November with all of the Atomic Tacos participating in the pancake breakfast fundraiser to support our Veterans!



A REPORT FROM OUR WOLF DEN

"Our pack 40 Wolves have been growing by leaps and bounds, now totaling 8 scouts! We welcome Jacob Stolfi, Avry Rowe, Robert Ceru, and David Villareal into our folds! They hit the ground running, earning their Bobcat badges with such an eager "scoutiness", they should be very proud! We rallied all the wolves for a big service project: clearing trash from the rail trail leading up to the pack 40 veteran's memorial and the memorial itself. We had a great turn out and picked up a TON of trash with the help of some Webelos from the Atomic Taco's. We were very surprised on just how much was collected! The collected trash will be brought with the wolves on our visit to ReCommunity recycling center. Our trip will show the boys how trash is processed and recycled while learning other important things scouts can do to help our planet. Completing Wolf Achievement 7(Your Living World) gave us a great avenue to incorporate Leave No Trace and we will be working on our Poster for the upcoming pack meeting, so keep an eye out!



***Den Leaders, if you have any special recognition or “Den Reports” you would like noted in future Cub-o-Gram’s please send information to Christine Maurer cmaurerc@optonline.net**

Information would be needed the week before each Pack Meeting.

Pack Leadership

Cubmaster	Rob Usher
Assistant Cubmaster	Ken Maurer
Webelos II Den Leaders	Jason Hilton Daniel Mochon
Webelos II Asst. Leaders	Michael Havas Noel Mochon
Webelos I Den Leaders	Patty Colucci Tom DiFiore Ron Stoltzfus
Webelos I Asst. Leaders	Adam Bartlett John Marchesona Jason Olker
Bear Den Leaders	Kate Dusavage Meghann Hardesty
Bear Asst. Den Leader	Susan DeMatteis
Wolf Den Leader	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
Tiger Den Leader	TO BE FILLED
Lion Cub Leader	TO BE FILLED

Pack Committee

Chartered Organization Representative	Michael Gulbrandsen
Committee Chair	Brian Colucci
Assistant Committee Chair	John Reitter
Secretary	TO BE FILLED
Treasurer	Bob Bettini
Activity Chair	Pat McCarthy
Advancement Chair	Carrie Eirish
Pack Trainer	Daniel Mochon
Website/Publicity	Christine Maurer
Popcorn Kernel	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
Assistant Popcorn Kernel	Ken Maurer
Assistant Popcorn Kernel	Regina Bartlett

Useful Links:

Pack 40: pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com

(This is our Pack Website, which includes our event calendar to keep you updated on events and meetings)

Sports and Academics Program (Belt loops and pins):
<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/a-sindex.asp>

(These are extra awards all Cub Scouts have the opportunity to earn. As a parent you can search this site with your Scout to find out requirements for each one. Once your Scout has completed any of these, print out the completed forms and present to your Den leader.)

Hudson Valley Council: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BSA National Website: www.Scouting.org

Scout Parents: www.scoutparents.org