

Cub Scout Pack 28 News

News for Pack 28 Scouts and Their Families

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Welcome to the New Scouting Year!!

We sure are Happy to see you all at our first Pack Meeting!

We welcome all family members of our Cub Scouts! Indeed, Cub Scouting is a family activity. We want to emphasize that families are welcome at all Pack Meetings. These are fun gatherings where we not only do fun things with the boys, but also recognize the boys' achievements and accomplishments. It is important that his family is part of that. We also invite any of his friends, grandparents, and other people that care about him to come. I also ask that you review his scout book to become familiar with the achievements that have to do with faith and family. Make it a point to do these together, and enjoy the opportunity to grow together.

Popcorn Season is Here!

Today your son is receiving his popcorn sale information. The popcorn sale starts on September 29th - that's one week from this coming Saturday. In the spirit of fairness, no Cub or Boy Scout can sell popcorn before September 29th. So please use the next week and a half to practice, and then 'turn 'em loose' on the 29th.

The popcorn sale is the only fund raiser our pack has for the entire year. All of our programs are funded by this one sale! But that's not all. This popcorn sale makes a direct difference to you and your son too! As a pack, we receive 25 cents of every dollar of popcorn sold by our cub scouts. As in the past, we will have a prize incentive program based upon the amount of sales. We will also be continuing the commission program that lets everyone participate in supporting our pack. Simply put, the proceeds from the first \$180.00 of popcorn will go toward the pack program. Sales at that level will fund the pack activities that we have planned for the year. If a scout sells more than \$180.00 worth of popcorn, he will receive the full 25% of the sales over \$180.00 to use toward camp and other scout related costs. If a scout chooses not to sell popcorn, the committee is asking for a \$45.00 contribution in lieu of participating in the popcorn sale. Should your scout sell some popcorn, but less than \$180.00, the committee is

asking for a direct contribution of 25% of the amount between what they sold and \$180.00.

The pack committee does not intend this as a charge that will prevent your son from being in scouting if there is a hardship in selling and in paying a contribution of money instead of selling. Any family that is not able to participate in either method of supporting the pack should contact our Treasurer Steve Adams or our Committee Chairperson Stephanie Fleming. They will make sure that your situation is understood and your privacy respected. The purpose of the program is not to have an "assessment", but rather to let all members of the pack know what level of support it takes to provide the program we do for our kids, and also provide the options for all of our families to support that program. Remember, 25% of every dollar over \$180.00 in sales is returned to your son's scout account for camp, scout events and costs, and in the future, for registration fees as well. And the money you earn this year remains in his account into next year if he doesn't need it all for this year's costs. So helping you son to have a great popcorn sale could mean never shelling out another cash payment for scouts! But it's up to you and your son... your efforts support both the pack and HIM directly! And you, his parents, receive the benefit of not having to come up with camp fees out of your normal family budget in exchange for supporting his efforts in selling popcorn.

There is also a District sponsored popcorn kick-off at Skate City on Thursday, September 27th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. All scouts and family members are invited.

October's Theme is: Down on the Farm!

Dens will be doing activities around this theme. Our next pack meeting will be a culmination of these activities and be a special event based around our theme.

Our Next Meeting...

Our October Pack Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16th in the St. Joseph School Gym. The meeting will begin with the opening ceremony at 6:30. The October meeting is also when popcorn orders can be turned in. I look forward to seeing everyone "Down on the Farm".

Don't forget that all the Pack News can also be found on the Internet at www.pack28.com

Upcoming Events:

POPCORN SALE Starts	Sept. 29
Leaders/Parents Meeting teleconference @ 9:10	Oct. 4
District Round Table at Bethany	Oct. 9
Pack Meeting, 6:30 @ St. Joe's	Oct. 16
Popcorn Sale Ends	Oct. 19
Cub Scout Leader Training, Cameron	Oct. 20
Leader/Parents Meeting teleconference @ 9:10	Nov. 1
Webelos Woods	Nov. 3 & 4
Popcorn Pickup for Distribution	Nov. 10
District Roundtable at Bethany	Nov. 8
Pack Meeting at St. Joe's Gym After Vet's Day Ceremony	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 27
Leader/Parent Meeting teleconference @ 9:10	Dec. 6
6th Annual Chili Cook-Off at Camp Phillips	Dec. 8
Pack Meeting/Christmas Party @ the Elks Lodge	Dec. 11
Merry Christmas!!!	Dec. 25