



The Cub Gazette

Pack 26

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Important Dates:

Earth Day Clean Up - Community Service	April 24 9am
St. Matthew's Church	
Battleship Cove	April 30
May Pack Meeting - State Police K9 Unit or other Guest	May 3rd
Pawtucket RedSox - McCoy Stadium	May 21 7:05 p.m.
June Pack Meeting - Pack Graduation - Ice Cream Party	June 7
Cub Scout Recruitment Night	Jun 9 or 10 TBD
Canoe Trip/Picnic - Old North Bridge, Concord	Jun 12

Scouts and Leaders Recognized at Blue and Gold!

Pack 26 celebrated a night of recognition and fun at our annual Blue and Gold Banquet, held on Monday, March 1st, at the Windham Hotel. Nine Webelo Scouts received the highest award in Cub Scout-

ing, the Arrow of Light, during an important ceremony. We were proud to witness all nine scouts continue the Scouting Trail as they crossed over into either Boy Scout Troop 1 or Troop 92 in Southborough. In addition to recognizing these boys we also recognized several Cubs who advanced in rank to become new Wolf, Bear and Webelo Scouts. Our Adult Leaders and parents were not forgotten as many were recognized for their service and dedication to the boys of Pack 26. The commitment that our leaders give to Pack 26 is so important and we witnessed their efforts as we watched our sons advance at the Blue and gold Banquet.



Skits, Skits and More Skits - History of Cub Scouts!

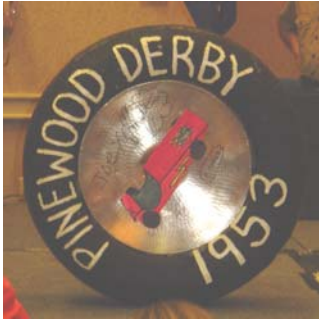
The Cub Scouts worked very hard on preparing and presenting skits that focused on important dates in Cub Scout history. The skits were all great and the boys had a lot of fun presenting them during the Blue and Gold Banquet! These skits take a lot of ef-



fort to pull together. A big thank you to all of the Den Leaders and parent volunteers who helped the boys to prepare the for the skits. **Great Job!!!**

Tonight's Meeting:

- Details for Battleship Cove
- Important Announcements/Advancements
- Self Defense/Martial Arts Presentation
- Earth Day Clean Up Sign up Sheet
- Pawtucket Redsox Sign Up
- Website challenge



History of the PW Derby... History of the Pinewood Derby... History of the.....

The boys from Den 3 made this prop from an old tire for the Blue and Banquet. The 4 boys belted out a song that taught us the history of the Pinewood Derby!!

Victory at PW Derby!!!

Pack 26 Cub Scouts raced their Pinewood Derby cars on a brand new aluminum track this year and the competition was fierce! The boys all had fun showing off and racing their cars on Saturday, January 17. Our First, Second and Third place winners went on to compete in the Knox Trail Council competition which was held on Saturday, March 27. Over 93 cars raced during the council event and the winning car crossed the finish line in 2.7 seconds. The boys from Pack 26 did not win this event but certainly enjoyed representing Southborough and meeting Cub Scouts from the neighboring towns in our council. Pack 26 PW Derby awards were presented at the Blue and Gold Banquet on March 1st.



Valentines Day Luncheon...Bingo!!!!

Pack 26 served lunch to over 40 guests at our 5th annual Valentines Day Luncheon for Southborough Seniors. I can not tell you how excited the Seniors get when we call to schedule this event. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to organize the luncheon. This is a great way for our boys to give something back to our community. This is one of the most important lessons the scout can learn!



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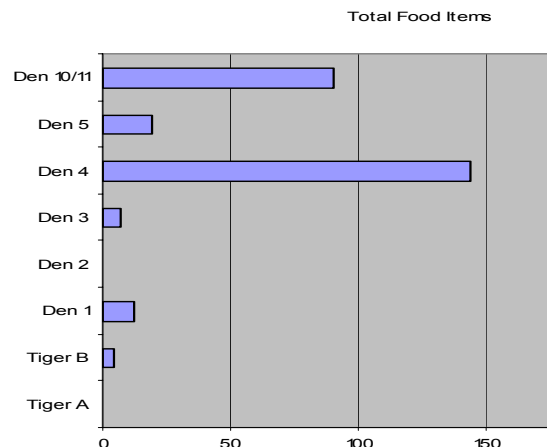
Tonight, Sensei Greg Riddle, from World Class Karate will discuss some of the guiding principles of Karate and teach the boys a few things about self defense. Greg Riddle is a former Eagle Scout from Troop 11 in Acton, Massachusetts.

Tigers first PW Derby!!!



Food Pantry

Den 4 has a clear lead and with Den 10/11 gone they will be tough to beat. Please remember our monthly food drive. This is another way for our boys to learn about community service!!!





Battleship Cove Trip - April 30!!!

The battleship cove sleep over is scheduled for April 30. We have 156 Cub Scouts and parents who are signed up to attend. Important information regarding the trip has been sent to you by email and posted on the Pack 26 web site under pack news.

Here are the basics:

Arrive at Battleship Cove between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30.

Bring the following items:

Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Personal Toiletry Items, Towel and

spending money for snacks or souvenirs.

All meals will be provided

The following information has been sent by email:

Overnight Program - confirmation and Information.

Overnight Group Leader Information (the Den Leaders will be our Group Leaders however all parents should review this information.)

Menus, Directions, Ship Maps and optional dog tag order information.

Pawtucket RedSox - May 21



Come on down to McCoy Stadium on Friday, May 21 at 7:05 p.m. for the sixth annual Scout Night, with the Pawtucket Red Sox. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun and great baseball. Please sign up this evening for this event. Tickets are

\$6.00 each and optional PawSox patches are available for an additional \$5.00.

June Canoe Trip/Picnic - June 12

We are planning a family canoe trip and picnic on the Concord River at the Old North Bridge for Saturday June 12. Please sign up this evening for this event. We will be renting canoes from the Southbridge Boat House in Concord. For liability reasons - all scouts must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for this trip. The trip will include a 1 1/2 to 2 hour round trip paddle and a picnic lunch at the old north bridge. The canoe rental cost is \$10.00/hour. Canoes can hold 2 - 4 people each. We are estimating that we will be renting the canoes for 3 - 4 hours. We are trying to make special arrangements for a guided tour of the Historic Old North Bridge - More to follow.

Earth Day Clean Up - April 24

Pack 26 will be participating in the Earth Day town clean up on Saturday, April 24. We will meet at St. Matthew's Church at 9:00 a.m. and clean up the area around the church. Coffee, Juice and Donuts will be provided by Pack 26. Participation in this community service project will qualify you boy to earn the Pack 26 Community Service Patch. Community Service Patches will be awarded at the June pack meeting

A Note of Appreciation

I would like to extend a special thank you to the following people who have taken an extra step forward to help out.

Thank you Mike Goliber-such for researching and helping to organize a Pack 26 Canoe Trip.

Thank you Joe Baptiste who provided all of the AV and sound equipment for the Blue and Gold Banquet.



Old North Bridge, Concord MA

Important Info to Remember

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Next Pack Meeting: May 3

Pack 26 Website:

<http://webpages.charter.net/pack26>



Cub Adventure Day Camp Sign Up Now!!!!

All of you should have received sign up sheets for the Cub Adventure Day Camp. This is a great opportunity for the boys to have a lot of fun and learn some of the great outdoor activities that Scouting has to offer. Six weeks of camp are being offered and each week has a different theme:

Week 1 July 6-9 Just for Webelos

Week 2 July 12-16 Ahoy Maties Pirate Adventure

Week 3: July 19-23 Swingin' Safari

Week 4 July 26-30 Razzamatazz Rainforest

Week 5: Aug 2-6 Icy Artic

Week 6: Aug 9-13 We'll be Comin' Round the Mountain

Cub scouts are picked up (7:55) and dropped off (4:40) at the Southborough Library Parking Lot.

See the flyer for fees and registration information.

Pack 26 Website - Calling for Volunteers!

The Pack 26 website is in need of upgrading. Pack 1 recently launched a new website at their Blue and Gold Banquet.. I met with leaders from Pack 1 and learned that they developed their new site by including boys from each den as well as adult volunteers. Each Den on the Pack 1 website has their own page - developed by the scouts. **What a great idea!!!**

We are looking for an adult who may have experience in this area to head up a team of parent volunteers and scouts to develop a new Pack 26 website. This would be a great experience for the boys and a fun and rewarding experience for the adult volunteers. Members from Pack 1 have offered to help with outlines etc. Please contact me if you are interested in leading this team. The goal would be to launch our new website at our next Blue and Gold which happens to be our 35th anniversary as a pack.

Pack 26 Website: <http://webpages.charter.net/pack26/>

Pack 1 Website: www.southboroughpack1.org

Open Leadership Positions

As we look forward to the next pack year we should start to think about how we can strengthen Pack 26. The best way to do this is with committed adult leaders. Pack 26 has operated for the last several years with out a "working" committee chairperson and without "working" Assistant Cubmaster's. This must change if our pack is going to grow and be successful. Thankfully, we have been blessed with great Den Leaders and Adult Leaders who have taken on additional responsibilities to keep our pack running. The single and most important reason for scouting is to build character and integrity within our youth. We need you to help us reach this goal which is so important in our world today. If you are a Tiger, Wolf or Bear Cub Parent please consider filling one of the following open positions. We will work together as a team to assure that these roles are not too burdensome. The reward of working with our boys is great. I challenge you to become a leader. We need your help!

Open Positions

Assistant Cubmaster (2)

Role - Assist in running Pack 26 by helping to plan pack meetings and events. Work with leadership from Pack 26 and Pack 1 to help coordinate joint pack activities. Help our two packs to learn from each other. Help in the recruiting effort of new scouts and leaders.

Web Master

Role - Maintain and update the pack 26 website the Pack 26 website. Help keep pack information up to date.