



The Cub Gazette

Pack 26

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Important Dates:

Worcester IceCats	Jan. 18 4:05P
Pinewood Derby Practice Day	Jan. 17 9A- 2A
Pinewood Derby Race Day	Jan. 24 9A - 12A
February Pack Meet- ing	Feb. 2 6:45 - 8:00
Valentines Day Luncheon	Feb. 7 12p - 2P
Blue and Gold Ban- quet	Mar. 1

Cub Scouts get Ready for the Pinewood Derby!!!

Have you started making your car yet? If not.....Get Going!!!! The Pinewood Derby Race is less than three weeks away. The weigh in and practice day is scheduled on Saturday, January 17, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Race Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 a.m. sharp! Tiger cubs will race first.



Here are a couple of car building tips:

- Make sure that your car weighs exactly 5 oz
- File off any burs on the nail heads. Spin each nail with a drill - use fine sand paper to sand and polish the nail shaft -

finish with some polishing compound.

- Spin the wheels with a "wheel spinner" and sand off any rough spots - please keep the wheel surfaces flat.
- Make sure the wheels are properly aligned on the car.
- Once the car is built use dry graphite to lube the wheels. Then spin the wheels, spin the wheels and spin them again. If done correctly your wheels should spin for a long time - 20 seconds or more!



Blue and Gold Banquet....History of Scouting!!!

The Blue and Gold Banquet is scheduled for March 1st at the Windham Westborough Hotel. All scouts and parents are invited. During the Blue and Gold we will honor those boys who will earn the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. Many of these boys will "cross over" into Boy Scouts during a special ceremony. We will also be awarding major advancements, Pinewood

Derby Trophies and recognizing our Adult Leaders. Each Den will entertain us with either a skit or a song that is based on some of the important historical dates in Cub Scouting. This is sure to be a great evening for Pack 26!!!



Tonight's Meeting:

- Hand out Holiday sale Awards
- Important Announcements/Advancements
- Pass out Worcester Ice Cats tickets
- Valentines Day Luncheon sign up



Valentines Day Luncheon - Scheduled for Feb. 7

Pack 26 will host it's 5th annual Valentines Day Luncheon for Seniors on Saturday, February 7 from 12:00 - 2:00. Cub Scouts participate in the lunch by waiting tables and taking lunch orders. Parent help by filling the orders. We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's lunch. Please sign up to let me know if you can help. Southborough Seniors really enjoy the luncheon. It is a great way for the boys to interact with the elderly. All scouts who participate will be eligible to earn this year's community service patch.



Photos From the Valentine's Day Luncheon 2003



Worcester IceCats - January 18 @ 4:05p.m.



Scout Night with the Worcester IceCats is scheduled for Sunday, January 18 at 4:05 p.m. The IceCats will be playing against the Albany River Rats. This is sure to be an exciting game. Tickets are \$7:00 each. Tickets will be passed out at tonight's meeting for all of those who signed up who signed up. If you have not signed up and wish to attend please let me know. I do have a few extra tickets and may be able to get more if needed.

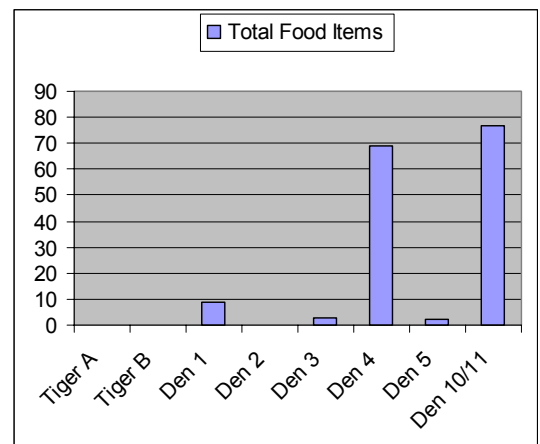


Tonight's Pack Meeting:

Tonight the scouts will receive the Holiday Sale awards. We will be handing out Worcester Ice Cats Tickets. There will be several announcements regarding upcoming events. We will also spend some time planning for our den skits at the Blue and Gold banquet.

Food Pantry

Den 10/11 has taken the lead by collecting 78 food items. Together we have collected 160 food items this year. Please remember to bring food items at every pack meeting. Thanks for your support!!





Upcoming Pack Events

We have add a busy pack year to date. Over the last few months we camped at Nobscott, hiked to Purgatory Chasm, Sold Christmas Wreaths and Hanukah candles and collected food for the Southborough Food Pantry. Pack meetings have included a demonstration from Troop 1 and a Holiday craft night. There is much to look forward to in 2004. Upcoming events include the Pinewood Derby, the Valentines Day Luncheon, the Blue and Gold Banquet, the March Bowling Party, a sleep over on the USS Massachusetts, Canoeing, Earth

Day, Pawtucket Red Sox and more. If you have other ideas for pack events, outings, day trips or guest speakers at pack meetings please let me know. I look forward to the balance of the pack year!!

Leadership Meeting, Feb 15

A leadership meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mathews Church. All Den Leaders, Pack Leaders and interested parents are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the first half of the year and to make specific plans for the balance of the year. Topics will include:

- The Blue and Gold Banquet
- The annual pack bowling/skating or other party
- The American Heritage Award
- Possible Guest Speakers for Pack Meetings
- Possible Earth Day Service Projects

Holiday Cards for Veterans

The veterans at the West Roxbury VA Hospital were very appreciative of the Holiday Cards that Scouts made for them during the craft night in December. The cards were dropped off at the spinal injury unit of the VA hospital. A big thank you to all of the Cub scouts who made cards.

February Pack Meeting

Please note that the February pack meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at St. Matthew's Church instead of the Parish Center. We will return to are normal meeting place at the Parish Center on the April 5th 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 to the Pinewood Derby Team:

Larry Branson, Coordinator

Jeff Bessette

Lauri Nahabedian

Ron McHugh

Lisa Keefe

Thank you Valentines Day Luncheon Team:

Christina Lentz, Coordinator
William and Charlotte Conway

Cathy St. Andre

Diane Egizi

If you would like to help out with either of these events please let me know at the pack meeting this evening.

Important Info to Remember

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Next Pack Meeting: February 2

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