

The Cub Gazette

~ A newsletter for Southborough Cub Scout Pack 26 ~

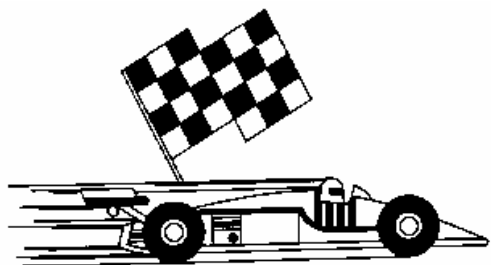
TONIGHT'S MEETING

Holiday/Thank you Cards for Veterans

Tonight we will take some time out of our busy December schedule and try to bring a little holiday cheer to our fellow Americans who are spending their Holiday at the VA Medical Center in West Roxbury MA. Cub scouts will be making Holiday/Thank you cards for our country's veterans.



The boys will also be choosing their awards for selling Christmas wreaths and Chanukah candles and Pinewood kits will be passed out.



The Race is On!!!

Not only are many of us racing to prepare for Christmas (only 22 shopping days left!!!) but we will now be preparing for a different race, the Pinewood Derby!!! Tonight we will be handing out Pinewood Derby kits and official Pinewood Derby rules. The race will

be held at the Pilgrim church in Southborough. Please note these important dates:

Practice Day: Check the weight of your car and practice racing on the track.

January 18 9 - 12 a.m. - Pilgrim Church

Race Day: Official Weigh-in and Race

January 25 9 - 12 a.m. - Pilgrim Church

JANUARY EVENT



Worcester Ice Cats

The Worcester Ice Cats are hosting a Cub Scout night **on Sunday, January 19 at 4:05 p.m.** If you are interested in attending this event please sign up tonight. The cost for this event is 5:00/Person. I will purchase the tickets and hand them out at the next pack meeting.

~ Important info to remember ~

E-mail: dcvitkovich@charter.net

Phone #'s: (774) 239-0032w or 624-9123h

Next Pack Meeting: ****Jan 6****

Pack 26 website:
<http://home.att.net/~tdeschamps>

NOVEMBER EVENT

Higgins Armory

The Higgins Armory sleep over was a big success!!! In preparation, the Cubs made knight helmets during the last pack meeting. Approximately 75 Cubscouts and parents from Pack 26 and Pack 1 participated in the OverKight. The boys learned about Mideaval times as they participated in several different activities including a hands on demonstration of some different types of armor, a scavenger hunt and a shield workshop and a real knighting ceremony. Below are some photos from the last pack meeting and the OverKight!



HELP THE PACK GO

Holiday Sale

The Holiday sales was a big success!!! Together we sold over 1000 wreaths and candles. A big thank you to **Beth Wolfset, Beth El-Massih, Olga Charlatt and Mike and Jane Golibersuch** for organizing and helping with the sale. Tonight we will recognize our top sales people and will take orders from all scouts who qualified for awards/prizes. I would also like to thank all of the parents tonight who helped their sons with covering the sales routes and delivering the product.

Please note that if you are short wreaths that we do have extra. If you have extra wreaths please forward the to Beth Wolfset. Any additional wreaths at the end of the sale will be donated to a local charity.

STAYING INFORMED

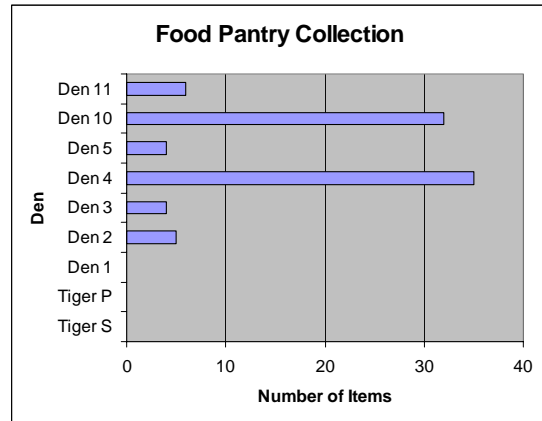
Pack 26 Website

Please note that the Pack 26 Web site has been updated with the latest news and schedule information. This is a great way to stay informed and tuned in to what is happening at Pack 26! If you have digital photos or other announcements that you would like to post on the web site please e-mail them to my attention at dcvitkovich@charter.net

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Food Pantry Collection

Every year Pack 26 collects food for the food pantry in Southborough. The dens participate in a contest to try and collect the most items by the end of the year. The winning den will receive a free pizza party on Pack 26. Food pantry items should be brought to each of the monthly pack meetings. For the month ending in September, Den 4 is leading the pack with 35 items. We collected a total of 86 items during the last two meetings.



Gift Baskets for Seniors

The Southborough Senior Center has informed me that this year there will not be a requirements for gift baskets – they already have too many! They have expressed a big need for help with snow shoveling. They will be sending a list of people in need to my attention. If you would be willing to be on call to help shovel out a driveway or walk during the next snowstorm please sign up tonight. I will coordinate with the senior center to schedule the boys during a storm. This would be a great community service – especially for the older scouts and would qualify the scout to earn the Pack 26 community service patch.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you

Iwould like to extend a special thank you to **Louis Kuchnir** who has offered to take responsibility for coordinating the Cub Advancements starting in February.

I would also like to thank **Karen Fazio** who has handled the advancements for the last several years. Karen has helped the pack tremendously by volunteering her time as both a den leader and the advancement coordinator.

A big thank you to all of those **Webelos parents** who are organizing and planning this years Blue and Gold Banquet.