



The Cub Gazette

Pack 26

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Important Dates:

Pack 26 Explores Purgatory Chasm in October!!!

On October 3, Approximately 50 Cub Scouts and parents braved the elements and participated in a fun hike through Purgatory Chasm. Lucky for us the rain cleared up just before we started hiking! The boys had fun exploring the many rock formations, learning a little bit about some geology and hearing some of the theories regarding the original formation of the



Chasm itself. Near the end the boys encountered an exciting challenge, passing through a rock formation call "Fat Man's Misery." Some of the boys and parents

were a little nervous but all who tried were able to pass through. We ended the hike with a picnic lunch a the trail head.



Scouting for Food— Nov. 8
Pick up Bags at 8:00A-
Pilgrim Church and 10:00A
Distribute

Call in Preliminary Nov 15
Holiday Sale Num-
bers to Den Leaders

Scouting for Food— Nov. 15
Pick Bags from your
route and return to
Pilgrim Church

Holiday Sale Ends - Nov. 22
Last Day to Call in
Sales

December Pack Dec. 8
Meeting—Hand out
PWD Cars—Craft
Night

January Pack Meet- Jan. 5
ing

Worcester Ice Cats TBD

Pack 26! Pack 26! Pack 26! Marches in Parade

Cubscouts from Pack 26 enthusiastically marched in this years Heritage Day Parade! We were gifted with a beautiful day on October 13. The parade started at St. Anne's Church and ended at the steps of the Library. The boys cheered "Pack 26!!!" through the center of town. This was a

great way to show some Cub scout pride and to start the festivities of Heritage Day!



Tonight's Meeting:

- Holiday Sale Kick Off
- Scouting for Food Info
- Important Announcements/Advancements
- Presentation from Boy Scout Troop I
- Lashing/Knots Demo
- Slide Show Presentation



Battleship Sleep Over - Scheduled for April 30



Pack 26 and Pack 1 in Southborough have planned an overnight sleep over on the USS Massachusetts on Friday, April 30. The cost for the sleep-over is \$25.00/person. We will be arriving at Battleship Cove on Friday between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Dinner and breakfast are included and served on board the ship. Activities on the trip include story tellers, Morse code classes and a living history experience. 70 People from Pack 26 and 74 from Pack 1 are signed up. **All money for this event must be collected by Nov. 1 or you will lose your spot.** It is not too late to add people to the list. Please see me during the meeting if you would like to attend.



Scouting for Food - Nov. 8 Community Service

We are asking for volunteers to participate in this Years Scouting for Food Program. Volunteers are needed to pick up and distribute bags along an assigned route in Southboro. Bags will be picked up at the Pilgrim Church between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8. The bags are to be hung on mail boxes along the assigned route during the day. Bags will then need to be picked up along the same route and delivered to the Pilgrim Church during the day on Saturday, November 15, from 9:00 to 12:00. The All eligible Boy and Girl Scout Troops will be participating in this year's event. Last year the Knox Trail Council collected over 47 Tons of food. The goal this year is 50 Tons. Each scout who participates in the program will be eligible to receive this year's community service patch (awarded in the spring)

Food Pantry

Last year we collected over 750 items for the Southborough food pantry. Den 4 led the pack with over 280 items. Pack 26 collects for the food pantry at every Pack meeting. The Den who leads the

Holiday Sale - Oct. 27 through Nov. 22

Tonight we will distribute Holiday Sale routes to all Cub Scouts. The Holiday will continue through November 22, 2003. All Cub Scouts are required to participate in the sale. Tiger Cubs are not required to but encouraged to also participate. Cub Scouts should be in full uniform when selling and be accompanied by an adult. Please note the following dates:

- Oct. 27 - Sale Begins
- Nov 15—Call den Leaders with Preliminary Numbers
- Nov. 22—Sale Ends, Final Numbers Called into den Leaders
- Nov. 29—Pick up Wreaths and Candles and distribute
- Dec. 8—Choose awards

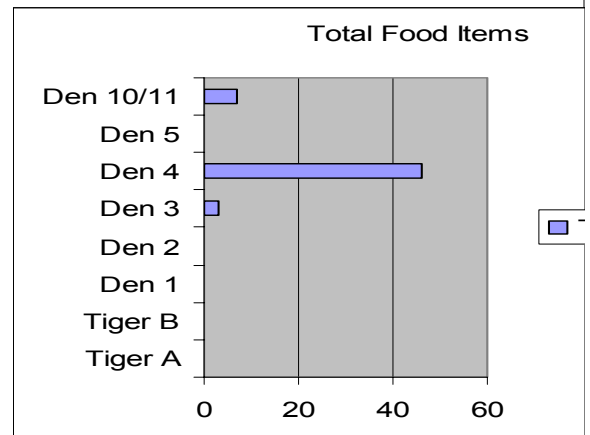
Have Fun Selling!!!!

Uniform Inspection

If time permits a uniform inspection will be conducted during the October Pack Meeting. Cub Scout uniform requirements have been posted on the Pack 26 website. An award will be given to the den that looks the best and is in proper uniform.

Pack 26 Fundraiser:

Tonight is the kick off of our annual Holiday Sale. This is the primary fundraiser for Pack 26. The Holiday sale is critical to our success every year and helps our pack pay for awards, advancements, books, neckerchiefs and supplies. Funds raised also help to pay for the Blue and Gold Banquet and help to reduce the individual costs of major pack events.





Staying Informed!

How does one keep up with all the things going on in Cub Scouts, especially with everything else that happening in our lives?? Sports, school, family - there are many things that command our attention each and every day. There are a few ways, but the most important is coming out to the Pack Meetings, held at St. Matthew's Church. At each Pack Meeting the Scouts will receive the awards they have earned that month, learn about upcoming events, and more importantly, have a chance to sign up for the

many events we organize.

What if you missed a Pack Meeting? All the Den Leaders are encouraged to bring extra copies of the newsletter home to pass out at their next Den Meeting, and the newsletter will always (and sometimes *before* the Pack Meeting) be on the Pack 26 website. With the web site, and this newsletter, there will never be a time when someone can say "Hey, I didn't know about that!!" Of course, as always, everyone can feel free to e-mail or call me at home if there is a question or a concern, that's what I'm here for!!

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several possible volunteer opportunities that are coming up in the next few weeks:

Holiday Sale - We need a volunteer to coordinate Cub Scout Prizes. We will also need volunteers to help unload the wreath truck and help Cub Scouts pick up their wreath orders.

Scouting for Food - We need a few parents to step up and volunteer to help distribute bags on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8:00 to 10:00a.m.

Craft Night - We need a few parents to step up and help prepare for the December pack meeting.

I will be contacting all those who signed up on the volunteer sheets for any of the following later this week to discuss. If you are interested in helping out please call.

Pack Dues—\$25.00

Please make every effort to get dues into me by tonight. If you're a 2nd year Webelo, then your dues are waived; if you just signed up for Scouts this year, then your dues were included in the sign up fee you paid in Sept. If you have any questions whether you owe dues,



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 this year:

Thank you Darcy Hilbert, who helped to plan an organize a very successful camping trip in September.

Thank you Beth Wolfset who has once again coordinated this year's holiday sale.

Beth has run the holiday sale for the last 5 years. This is a huge commitment and is vital to our pack.

Thank you Stephanie Jessiman who has taken on a leadership role in helping to plan this year's Blue and Gold Banquet.

Important Info to Remember

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Next Pack Meeting: Oct. 27

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