

Pack 1191 Happenings

Beth May, Committee Chair

John Rose, Cubmaster

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PACK 1191

Mount Airy, MD

Bears Tying Knots (by Ginny Titus)

The Bears recently spent some time learning how to tie knots. We had the help of some parents and our new Denner, Chris Frome. We hope to use these skills one day!



Photo provided by Ginny Titus

Bears practice knot tying at a recent Den meeting

What does the Committee Chair Do?

The Committee Chair helps plan pack activities and ensures that the other leaders have the resources they need to keep the pack running. Specifically, the Committee Chair plans and runs Leaders Meetings (once per month), is responsible along with the Chartered Organization Representative to approve new leaders, and may help with leader recruitment.

The Committee Chair might make announcements at pack meetings or just provide information for others to announce. The Committee Chair might also make a presentation at Join Scouting Night, or coordinate presentations by others for that event.

Our pack is fortunate in that we have a lot of active leaders and parents to help with all of our activities, making the Committee Chair's job that much easier *and* enjoyable!

BSA turns 100 Years Old!

Next month we will celebrate the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America at our annual Blue and Gold Banquet. The birth of Scouting in America is attributed to millionaire Chicago publisher W. D. Boyce, who first encountered Scouting when visiting London in 1909. One day, Boyce lost his way in the fog and was assisted by a boy carrying a lantern. When Boyce offered the boy some money in gratitude for his help, the boy replied, "No, sir, I am a scout. Scouts do not accept tips for good turns."

Boyce visited Scout headquarters in London and then returned to America with a keen interest in Scouting. In February, 1910, Boyce filed incorporation papers for the Boy Scouts of America in Washington, D.C. The purpose, he said, "shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are in common use by Boy Scouts."



Tidbits:

- ◆ **TOYS, VIDEOS, BOOKS WANTED!** If you have gently used but unwanted items, please donate them for our Blue and Gold Banquet cubby bucks activities. (Contact Tom May or Beth May for drop-off or pick-up.)
- ◆ **PHOTOS WANTED!** Beth May is looking for photos to include in a slide show to be shown at our banquet (301-802-0463).
- ◆ **HELP WANTED!** For Blue and Gold Banquet planning, cooking, decorating and cubby bucks activities. Contact Beth May.

Last Month's "Pies"

Last month, Pack 1191 scouts threw whipped cream "pies" at leaders' faces, as part of our annual fundraising incentive.



Asst. Cubmaster Keith Field comments on the action as Asst. Bear Leader Stewart Burlew waits for "more pie"



Asst. Cubmaster Keith Field and Cubmaster John Rose both get plenty of pie

Haiti Relief

The Scout Oath provides clear direction for all of us in times of calm and crisis. The National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America is committed to assisting the support efforts for those who have been affected by the earthquake in Haiti, and encourages donations to the American Red Cross International Relief Fund (donations can be made online).

Next Month's Cakes

A fun and delicious tradition at our Blue and Gold Banquet is the cake contest. Scouts are invited to bake and decorate cakes with their families and bring them to the banquet. Ribbons will be awarded in several categories, including: Tallest (as determined by tape measure upon entry), Best Tiger theme, Best banquet theme (Happy Birthday BSA), Yummiest looking, Most colorful, Scouts' Choice and Judges' Choice. The rules of the competition are on the back of the banquet flyer, and will also be available on the pack's website. Winning cakes will be sold at auction and the other cakes will be served as dessert.



Scout Night at the Keys

It may be cold now, but it's not too early to think about baseball and the annual Scout Night at the Keys event. This year's event at the Frederick Keys' Harry Grove Stadium is Saturday, June 26.

Scouts can get a special group admission price, will participate in a pre-game parade and receive a Scouting Night Patch. After the game, there will be fireworks, and then scouts and their families will pitch their tents in the outfield and watch a movie on the big screen from their tents and camp chairs.

Last year the outfield was COVERED with tents and the turf provided a soft, cushy surface for sleeping. It was a blast. Mark the date and plan to join us! For more information, ask your Den Leader, or see the Promotions Schedule on the Keys' website (www.frederickkeys.com).

Upcoming Pack Activities			
01/29/10 (Fri)	7:00 pm	Blue & Gold Banquet Planning	May residence
02/05/10 (Fri)	7:00 pm	Leaders Meeting	May residence
02/07/10 (Sun)		Scout Sunday	area churches
02/09/10 (Tue)	7:15 pm	Roundtable	Old St. John's School
02/13/10 (Sat)		Scout Sabbath	area synagogues
02/27/10 (Sat)	4:45 pm – 8 pm	Pack Meeting – Blue & Gold Banquet ("Happy Birthday BSA")	American Legion Post 191