

Pack 1191 Happenings

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PACK 1191



Mount Airy, MD

A New Year, New Faces



Photos by Adam May

New Tigers Gabriel, Curtis and Ryan and prospective new Bear Kyle get a feel for cubmobiles during Join Scouting Night.

September 19th was Join Scouting Night across Frederick County. Five boys and their families participated with Cub Scout Pack 1191 in this event at Twin Ridge Elementary School. It was a fun and meaningful experience, thanks to the hard work of all the leaders involved. Three new Tiger scouts submitted applications to join our pack.

Prior to Join Scouting Night, our pack's Wolf Den welcomed three new scouts. Additional scouts are expected to join our pack in the near future.

Fundraising Help

Kirsten Meehan, who was already helping the pack as a Committee member, has agreed to be our Fundraising Chair. She is working with our Popcorn Kernels to coordinate the popcorn sale at Safeway (which will be in December), and she will also help with other fundraisers, including Mt. Airy Fall Fest in October and the pizza sale in December.

Wow! What a Website!

If you haven't seen it yet, you should! Our new website at www.pack1191.org is visually striking, information-rich, and easy to navigate.

At our website, you'll find our pack's **Calendar** and leader **Contact Information**. You will also find descriptions of our **Events**, and a **Parent Information** section that contains our **Parent Guidebook** and detailed information about each rank. In addition, each Den has its own webpage with Den-specific information, and Paul and Beth have pages for our own messages (**Cubmaster's Corner** and **Committee News**).

Kudos to our new webmaster, **Dave Titus**, for creating this fabulous website (leveraging the extensive content that had been developed by **Rick Dye**) and for providing us with the means for making updates.

Tidbits:

- ◆ The annual popcorn sale is upon us! Order forms will be distributed at the Sept. 25th Pack Meeting, and will be due in November. Our Popcorn "Kernels" this year are **Anne Braccia** and **Linda Nash**.
- ◆ The annual registration fee for returning scouts in Pack 1191 is still \$65; please give your payment to your Den Leader.
- ◆ If you move out of the area and want to join a pack at your new location, let your Den Leader know and we will transfer your registration, which will reduce the fee you will owe to the new pack.
- ◆ Need a uniform? Used ones may be available from Rick Dye or St. James Thrift Shop in Mt. Airy.

Upcoming Pack Activities

09/28/07	7:30 pm	Leaders Meeting	Christensen House
09/29/07 – 09/30/07	3:00 pm	Pack Overnight Camp-out	Washington Monument State Park
10/06/07	9am – 5pm	Pack 1191 at Mt. Airy Fall Fest	Downtown Mt. Airy
10/07/07	10am – 5pm	Pack 1191 at Mt. Airy Fall Fest	Downtown Mt. Airy
10/23/07	7:00 pm	Pack Meeting ("Down on the Farm")	American Legion Post 191

This edition of Pack 1191 Happenings can also be found at www.pack1191.org, on the Committee News webpage.

A Home and Neighborhood-Based Program*

The Cub Scout program of the Boy Scouts of America stresses the relationship of the family to the Scouting program and importance of the family in the development of the Cub Scout age boy. The Cub Scout program of the Boy Scouts of America is unique among the various Cub programs in the World Scouting movement. Our method is based on activities a boy could do around his own home or in his immediate neighborhood.

Boys up to the age of 9 are influenced by people in his home more than by any others. Parents, or others there, have had the greatest power in his life since he was born and he reacts mostly to them. The importance of peer pressure will typically not start to take over until around age 10, as he makes close friends and it will grow through the early teens when the peers replace the parents as the main force in his life.

The life of a six-to-ten year old is centered on his home. He is just learning how to form close friends and explore new places. He still looks to mom and dad for approval, support and advice. Typically, he doesn't start reaching out to other adults away from his home until the middle school years. Those Cub Scout years are recognized as an opportunity window for parents to exercise the greatest influence on their sons. Fathers who wait until their sons are in Boy Scouts to become involved are often rudely disappointed - by then, the boys are usually looking elsewhere for guidance and inspiration. Much of Cub Scouting involves lots of short activities where a boy and his parents do things together. These activities: getting ready for a Tiger meeting, building a Pine Wood Derby Car, working on achievements and electives - automatically involve TALKING. They TALK, they listen to each other, they plan, and they express their hopes, their concerns, and their jokes. They learn to respect each others moods and styles. They create special communication channels that remain vital and valuable for all their lives.

Each Tiger Track Bead and Arrow Point on his shirt is a sign that says "We spent hours doing neat things together!"

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