

Pack 1191 Happenings

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PACK 1191



Mount Airy, MD

Pinewood Derby: Fast and Fun

After much sawing, sanding, painting, and wheel turning, our pack's Pinewood Derby cars raced down the custom track to the sound of a roaring motor (recorded) and lots of cheers. Thirty-two scouts, four leaders, and four family members competed cars with names like *Orange Pencil*, *Dragula*, *Timmy's Terror*, *Puppy Patrol*, *Cheesemobile*, and *Sponge Keith*. Only some won awards or ribbons, but every one crossed the finish line - which is an accomplishment by itself! The cars were fueled by enthusiasm (and gravity) and the people were fueled by pizza and the best ever cupcakes, cookies, and brownies.



Thank you to the many volunteers who worked hard to make this a successful event, especially Tom May, who coordinated the event as this year's Derby Master. Thank you also to everyone who made and raced a car, and to all the family members who cheered them on!

Arrow of Light Next Month



The Arrow of Light ceremony honors a Scout's achievements on his journey through Cub Scouts, from Tiger Cubs through Webelos. We hope that everyone attends this ceremonious event at Winding Trails to see our second-year Webelos graduate to Boy Scouts. (Directions to Winding Trails can be found on the pack's website.)

Webelos-I Meet with Mayor Johnson

(by Jay Johnson)

The mayor accepted an invitation from the first-year Webelos to speak to the boys about his job and the responsibilities he has. The visit was to gain information for the boys towards their citizenship requirement for the Webelos badge. After speaking to the boys about civic duty, planning commissions, developing plans for the future of Mt. Airy, and some of his social responsibilities, the mayor was open to questions. The boys learned that nothing is to be taken for granted and that everyone has a responsibility to their community.

The most interesting thing for the boys was the discussion about the fire last fall. The mayor took us through a timeline of events, including plans for the future of Mt. Airy. It was easy to see how passionate the mayor is about our town, and how everyone involved with the fire and recovery is committed to rebuilding and making Mt. Airy a better place to live. The Den leaders (Tim and Jay) were really proud of how well behaved and attentive the boys were, asking good questions, and how they talked about it after the mayor left.

A Stitch in Time...

If you have patches that need to be sewn onto your uniform or red vest, Lea Ann Dye can help you! There's probably no one with more experience sewing scout patches, and all Lea Ann asks for in return is a small donation (in an amount of your choice) to the pack.



Lea Ann Dye sewing at the Pinewood Derby



Blue and Gold: Celebrating BSA's 98th*

It all began in 1933 when parent/cub dinners were suggested at a Leaders' Round Table meeting. Soon thereafter, Pack 1 of Michigan City started a tradition of pot-luck dinners with utensils made of wood that had been whittled by scouts with their dads. In the 1930s, father/son "Bean Dinners" and "Cub Family Dinners" became commonplace. Finally, in 1943 the name "Blue and Gold Banquet" appeared in BSA literature, and has become synonymous with Cub Scout celebrations of the birth of Scouting, which is considered to be February 8, 1910 (see article on right).

The "Blue and Gold" name refers to Cub Scout colors. Blue stands for truth and loyalty and the sky above; gold stands for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer.

Blue and Gold banquets are held throughout the month of February by packs all across the country. Pack 1191 traditionally holds its Blue and Gold Banquet on the last Sunday of February each year, with a theme that follows the BSA calendar. We invite our families and friends, and various special guests from our community to enjoy good food and good fun while enjoying each other's company.

*Historical facts in this article are from www.geocities.com.

The Birth of Scouting in America

The birth of Scouting in America is attributed to millionaire Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce, who first encountered Scouting when visiting London in August of 1909. One afternoon, the city was enshrouded in pea-soup fog. Boyce lost his bearings in the murk and was approached by a boy of about twelve carrying a lantern who offered to guide him to the address he was seeking. When Boyce produced a shilling, the boy replied, "No, sir, I am a scout. Scouts do not accept tips for good turns."

Boyce subsequently visited the Scout headquarters in London and came back to America with a keen interest in Scouting (which had been founded in England by Lord Baden-Powell). Boyce filed incorporation papers for the Boy Scouts of America in the District of Columbia on February 8, 1910. 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:

- ◆ Thanks to **Cheri McClanahan** for volunteering to be our Summer Camp Coordinator!
- ◆ **Volunteer Opportunity:** Training Coordinator; if interested, please contact Beth May (301-802-0463)
- ◆ **Pinewood Derby photos** are available by email or on CD: contact Beth May (301-802-0463)

Upcoming Pack Activities			
02/29/08 (Fri.)	7pm – 9pm	Super Derby Pre Check-In	Monocacy Valley Church 9861 Old National Pike Ijamsville, MD 21754
03/01/08 (Sat.)	9am – 12pm 12:30pm – ~5pm	Super Derby Final Check-In Super Derby Races	
03/14/08 (Fri.)	7:00 pm	Leader's Meeting	
03/26/08 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	Pack Meeting – Arrow of Light ("Litter to Glitter")	Winding Trails Boy Scout Camp
03/28/08 (Fri.)	7:30 pm	Leaders Meeting	Christensen House