

Pack 1191 Happenings

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PACK 1191



Mount Airy, MD

Arrow of Light Recap

The Arrow of Light ceremony was held the evening of Wednesday, March 26th at the Winding Trails Boy Scout Camp. The following Saturday, the scouts bridging into Troop 460 participated in that Troop's Bridging Ceremony and overnight camp-out at the same location.

This year, our pack enjoyed good weather, despite thunderstorms earlier in the week (and cold weather the following weekend). Everyone had a part to play in the ceremony, which included some private time for the second-year Webelos in the Arrow of Light teepee (which was created and has been lovingly maintained over the years by the Homce family). The evening concluded with marshmallow toasting and assembly of s'mores (sandwiches of graham crackers, toasted marshmallows, and Hershey's chocolate).

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Arrow of Light pack meeting a success (there were many of you). Thanks especially, though, to the **Homces** for clearing branches from the paths days before the ceremony, bringing and assembling the teepee, and to Don in particular for lighting our way with torches, lanterns, and one of the most impressive campfires I've ever seen!

What are the Bears Doing?

(by Ellie Homce)

Bear Den 12 has been very busy this Spring. In March we had our annual bowling meeting at Mt. Airy Lanes. This year we tried bowling without bumpers and the boys did great. We made fleece blankets for Project Linus, a national program providing hand-made blankets to comfort children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Also in March we went ice skating at Skate Frederick. Though only two Scouts had ever skated before, all the Bears came and stayed for the entire 3-hour session. They demonstrated amazing determination in earning that beltloop!

On April 6th we went on a treasure hunt at the Walkersville Watershed. We hiked through the 200-acre site following clues along the way. We saw animal tracks, the ruins of old buildings, and many Boy Scout projects. We saw a frog in a cistern, salamanders under a rock, and a beaver heading to his lodge. It was an excellent day!

And last week we built electric cars. The Scouts made car frames out of Popsicle sticks and clothespins, added wooden wheels and a motor, put on a battery pack, and off they went!

Next month we hope to make hot air balloons!

Tidbits:

- ◆ Please take note: The Leaders Meeting in May is being moved to May 16 (instead of May 23).
- ◆ Summer Camp registrations still being accepted by **Cheri McClanahan**.

Get Ready to Race!

Next month's pack meeting will be **Cubmobile Races!** This is an annual event for our pack, which we hold on Cottonwood Street, just outside of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company's fire station. The street is closed to all traffic except the cubmobiles, which are raced by Scouts and powered by gravity. Scouts do not need to wear their uniforms, but they do need to wear a bicycle helmet. See you there!



2007 Cubmobile Racers Tyler J. and Devon S.

Scout Night at the Keys

(Reprint from March)

Tickets are now available for Scout Night at the Keys, a fun sleepover event at the Frederick Keys baseball stadium. Ask your Den Leader for more information or visit the Keys' website (see Schedule→Promotions at www.frederickkeys.com).

Log those Volunteer Hours!

(Reprint from March)

If you are on the Pack Committee or even just volunteer to occasionally help out (and/or provide volunteer support to another organization), you may become eligible for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Adults completing at least 100 hours of volunteer service during the year can receive this award. (Kids are also eligible for awards, with different criteria for the minimum number of volunteer hours in a year.)

You can participate in the President's program by logging your volunteer hours directly (online) or via your employer. Go online (www.presidentialserviceawards.gov) for more information, or check with your employer.

Lockheed Martin and other companies award certificates to volunteers. Verizon matches employees' volunteer hours with monetary donations. Some companies also participate in the President's program and will submit the volunteer hours you log as an employee to the President's program on your behalf.

**Upcoming Pack Activities**

04/25/08 (Fri.)	7:30 pm	Leaders Meeting (Plan Cubmobile Races)	Christensen House
05/16/08 (Fri.)	7:30 pm	Leaders Meeting (Plan Bridging)	Christensen House
05/18/08 (Sun.)	1:00 pm	Pack Meeting – Cubmobile Races ("Leaf it to Cubs")	Cottonwood Drive
05/18/08 (Sun.)	6:00 pm	Flag Planting on Veterans' Graves	Prospect Methodist Church
05/31/08 (Sat.)	7 pm	Pack Meeting – Bridging	Winding Trails Boy Scout Camp