

Pack 1191 Happenings

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PACK 1191

Mount Airy, MD

Mount Airy History (by Ginny Titus)

The wolves took a tour of the Mount Airy Historic Museum on January 8th. Mike Eacho of the Historic Society took time from his schedule to give us a tour. The boys (and parents) learned many new details of Mount Airy that we never knew before. Everyone had a great time!



Photo provided by Ginny Titus

Wolf Scouts with Mike Eacho at the Mt. Airy Historic Museum

Great Opportunity to Help our Pack

If you want to help the pack, but don't have much time to spare, the Camp Coordinator role may be a perfect volunteer opportunity for you. It takes relatively little time and effort to gather information about this year's Cub Scout Day Camp (from the web) and disseminate it to the pack, and to coordinate camper registration and payment. If interested, please contact Beth May.

Blue and Gold Banquet History*

In 1933, parent/cub dinners were suggested at a Leaders' Round Table meeting. Then 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 common. 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.

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 February by packs across the country. Pack 1191 traditionally holds its banquet on the last Sunday of February, with a theme that follows the BSA calendar. We invite our families, friends and special guests from our community to enjoy good food and good fun while enjoying each other's company. This year, our banquet is on February 22nd and the theme is "American ABCs". See you there!

**Historical facts here are from www.geocities.com.*

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 Paul Christensen or Beth May for drop-off or pick-up.)
- ◆ **PHOTOS WANTED!** Beth May is looking for photos to include in a slide show for our banquet (301-802-0463).
- ◆ Congratulations (and thank you) to **Ellen Conboy**, **Dave Conboy** and **Ellie Homce** for participating in Cub Scout Leader training at Catoclin Mountain District's Pow Wow this year.

Pies for Throwing

Once again, Pack 1191 scouts enjoyed throwing whipped cream "pies" at leaders' faces at the December pack meeting, as part of our annual fundraising incentive.



Photos by Ginny Titus

Left: Asst. Cubmaster Tom May and Webelos I Den Leader Ellie Homce "enjoyed" many pies. Right: Advancement Chair Janet Morris seems ready for more as Committee Chair Beth May looks on.



Photo by Ginny Titus

Asst. Wolf Den Leader Marcia Gobble about to receive more "pie" from her son

Your Article Here

Just a reminder that everyone in our pack family is welcome to contribute articles and photos to this newsletter. This includes scouts, siblings, and parents, as well as Leaders. If you have something to contribute, or something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please contact Beth May.

Cakes for Eating: Cake Contest

A fun and delicious tradition at our Blue and Gold Banquet is the cake contest. Scouts are invited to bake a cake with their family and bring it 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 (American ABCs), 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.

Engineering Family Day in D.C.

"Discover Engineering Family Day" at the National Building Museum in D.C. is a free annual event. This year, it will be held on Saturday, February 21st, 10am to 4:30pm. The following information is from the web (<http://eweekdcfamilyday.org>):

"The annual Washington DC Engineering Family Day is enjoyed by over six thousand visitors to the National Building Museum every February. The festival features dozens of hands-on activities provided by local engineering chapters and national organizations. Every year at the start of Engineer's Week, the impressive main hall... is taken over by thousands of children of all ages experiencing the excitement of engineering, not to mention slime."



Upcoming Pack Activities

02/06/09	7:30 pm	Leaders Meeting	Christensen House
02/22/09	4:45 pm	Pack Meeting: Blue and Gold Banquet	American Legion Post 191
03/06/09	7:15 pm	Leaders Meeting	Christensen House
03/24/09	7:00 pm	Pack Meeting: <i>Arrow of Light</i> ("When I Grow Up")	Winding Trails Camp