

Pack 1191 Happenings

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PACK 1191

Mount Airy, MD

Family Camping Fun! (by Ellie Homce)



Twenty-eight campers pulled into Washington Monument State Park for our annual pack family camping trip on October 10th. Everyone helped set up tents and haul gear, then it was time to collect firewood and explore the rock outcrop by our campsite. Frederick H. and Ethan R. learned how to use a bow saw and they got plenty of practice cutting firewood from a downed cherry tree.

There was time to make and launch paper rockets before dinner, and then we made "caveman stew" in foil pouches. The Scouts also made and baked apple pie in dutch ovens over the hot coals. After dinner, we watched a beautiful sunset, enjoyed flashlight tag and manhunt, and had a wonderful time sitting around the campfire. It was a chilly night so we snuggled into our sleeping bags for a good night's rest.

In the morning we cooked omelets and breakfast burritos, and made our own butter for toast that we cooked over the fire. We hiked up the Appalachian Trail to the top of the mountain to explore the first monument to George Washington (which was covered with stink bugs) and to enjoy the spectacular view of the valley below.



Scouts (and siblings) at the Monument

Doing What Bears Do (by Ginny Titus)

The Bears have had a busy month, learning about what makes America beautiful. We also learned about Tall Tales from the past, stories that have been passed down through the ages. We elected our first denner ever, Trevor M. Our trip to Antietam had to be cancelled due to poor weather, but will be rescheduled soon. Next month, we will be concentrating on our whittling chip!

What's Up with the WEBELOS II Den? (by Ellie Homce)

The second year WEBELOS have had a busy fall. They learned how to identify trees and they counted the rings on an 80-year-old tree while working on the Forester activity badge. For the Handyman badge they learned electrical safety, how to check the oil level in a car, how to check the air pressure in tires, and how to check tire wear. They checked the air in their bike tires too and learned how to adjust their seats. Mr. Homce provided guidance as they rebuilt a cubmobile that will be used in the races next spring.

The Sportsman badge was the latest challenge. To earn this badge, WEBELOS must earn 4 sports beltloops (2 in individual sports and 2 in team sports), learn official signals, and learn about good sportsmanship. They had a lot of fun competing in a WEBELOS Olympics that included running, throwing, jumping, and gymnastics events. Medals will be presented during the Pack meeting in October.

Tidbits:

- ◆ **Errata:** The FSK Stadium reference in Sept. was an error, Scout Night at the Keys was at Harry Grove Stadium
- ◆ Please don't forget to pay your **registration dues**, if you haven't already (\$65/returning scout, \$75/new scout)
- ◆ **Popcorn orders** due: Nov 11th. We will also sell popcorn outside Wal-Mart 21-22 Nov; sign-ups will be online soon
- ◆ **Wanted: Toys, videos, books** for Blue & Gold Banquet cubby bucks activities. POCs: Paul Christensen, Beth May
- ◆ **Pack Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteer Coordinator, Training Coordinator, Assistant Cubmaster, and more...
- ◆ **Pack Happenings submissions** for next issue due: Nov 13th; everyone is welcome to participate!

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

Annual Scouting for Food: Nov 7th and 14th

On November 7th, Cub Scouts across Frederick County will place food collection bags on the mailboxes and doors of houses in their neighborhoods. One week later, the Scouts will collect the food donations and deliver them to local area food banks. This effort is part of a national campaign conducted by the Boy Scouts of America to provide food to less fortunate families throughout the nation.

Our Pack will meet in the American Legion parking lot at 10am on November 7th to kick off the bag distribution activity. We will meet again at the American Legion at 10am on November 14th to launch the bag collection activity, and then bring the collected food donations to Mt. Airy Food Net's pantry at Calvary United Methodist Church on Main Street for weighing and storage. Volunteers will be needed to help at the pantry.

This is a fantastic "Good Turn" for Scouts to perform for their community. In these hard times we have more neighbors than usual who will benefit from Scouting for Food. Don't pass this opportunity by.



Janet M. and son John with some of the 1,322 pounds of Scouting for Food donations collected by Pack 1191 in 2008

WEBELOS I In the News

The Mount Airy Messenger featured Scouts of our WEBELOS I den in an October 21st article about the October 5th Town Council meeting. The WEBELOS I Scouts led the pledge of allegiance at that meeting, and observed part of the meeting, departing before the hour got too late.



Photo by Tonya Lee, Mt. Airy Messenger Staff

WEBELOS I Scouts at Town Council Meeting

New Walkway at Storage Shed

Last spring, a shed was installed in front of the American Legion to provide storage for both Troop 1191 and Pack 1191. The site gets muddy, especially near the entrance used by the pack, so Assistant Cubmaster Tom May joined forces with Mr. Brooke Lee of **Scapes Unlimited** to install a beautiful and functional walkway using pavers donated by Scapes Unlimited. Thank you to Mr. May, Mr. Lee and to American Legion Post 191 which provided financial support for the project.

Uniform Exchange Now at Pack Meetings

We now have a uniform exchange box that will be available at pack meetings (and stored in our storage shed between meetings). If you have a uniform item or other scouting supply item that you don't need, please consider adding it to the box. If you need an item that is in the box, please help yourself!

Upcoming Pack Activities			
11/06/09	7pm	Leaders Meeting	Morris Residence
11/07/09	10am	Scouting for Food Bag Drop-off	Start at American Legion Parking Lot
11/10/09	7:15 pm	Roundtable	Old St. John's School, 114 E 2nd St, Frederick
11/14/09	10am	Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up	End at Calvary United Methodist Church
11/17/09	7pm	Pack Meeting ("Cub Scout Salute")	American Legion Post 191