

# Pack 1191 Happenings

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PACK 1191



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## Pinewood Derby

Our Pinewood Derby was lots of fun for everyone, thanks to Derby Master **Bill Malloid** and the many other leaders and parents who worked to make it a success, and thanks to all of those who made cars for racing (and baked goods for eating)! We had 57 cars race in 5 classes: Tiger, Cub (Wolf and Bear), WEBELOS (first-year and second-year), Family and Leader. The fastest three cars from each scout class will compete in Super Derby on March 13th. Competing will be Tigers: **Colin M.**, **Matthew K.**, and **Nick T.**; Cubs: **Nathaniel D.**, **Carson B.**, **Trevor M.**; and WEBELOS: **Peter H.**, **Ryan C.**, **Bryce M.**

Other awards were presented to: **Kyle W.** (Best Tiger), **Stefin B.** (Most Colorful), **Adam M.** (Scouts' Choice), **Matthew T.** (Judges' Choice), **Billy T.** (Most Original), **Jarek R.** (Best "Power Up" Theme), **Patrick C.** (Most Patriotic), **Evan G.** (Most Aerodynamic), **Michael C.** (Fastest Looking), Wolf **Jacob B.** (Most Powerful Looking), WEBELOS I **Jacob B.** (Most Realistic), **Michael C.** (Most Elaborate). The fastest cars in the Family class were raced by **Erik G.**, **Sam J.**, and **Natalie B.**, and **David, Don,** and **Ellie Homce** had the fastest Leader cars.



Photo by Dave Titus

## 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 literature of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), 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 weekend of February, with a theme that follows the BSA calendar. This year, our banquet theme is "Happy Birthday BSA" in honor of BSA's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are fortunate to be able to celebrate with members of our extended families, friends and special guests from our community, while enjoying good food and good fun.

\*Historical facts cited from: [www.geocities.com](http://www.geocities.com)

## 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 on March 16th to see our second-year WEBELOS "graduate" from Cub Scouts.



### Tidbits:

- ◆ **Pack Volunteer Opportunities:** Committee Chair, Training Coordinator, Asst. Cubmaster, more... (POC: Beth May)
- ◆ **Pack Happenings submissions** for next issue due: Mar 12th; everyone is welcome to participate!

## Spotlight on: **COBRA Den** (by Dave Conboy)

In January the WEBELOS I scouts (Cobras) spent a weekend at Walkersville Watershed. During the campout the scouts discovered two "treasures" using a GeoCache hand-held GPS system. During the trip the Cobras also visited a Boy Scout campsite, and learned about the structure of a Boy Scout Troop and how Boy Scouts set up their campsites.



Photo provided by Dave Conboy

In January and February the Cobras honed their Craftsman skills. They were given planks of wood, and using the wood, along with tape measures, jig saws, electric drills, and hand tools, they made their own tool boxes. To earn their Craftsman badge they also made models using erector sets, wooden plaques with their own themes, marshmallow shooters, and other items.



Photo by Dave Conboy

The Cobras are currently working on their Engineering pin, and were recently pleased to be visited by an engineer with the State of Maryland (**Stefin B.'s uncle**) who taught the boys about civil engineering. As part of the requirements, the Cobras are currently preparing floor plans of their homes.

This weekend, the Cobras will spend the night at the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore. The overnight is an opportunity for the Cobras to have fun while learning about and doing science. The Cobras will participate in three hands-on workshops that examine some science myths and test them for accuracy. They will also see a Planetarium show and an IMAX film.

In March, the Cobras are scheduled to visit the U.S. Capitol (sponsored by Senator Mikulski thanks to the yeoman efforts of **Steve Nash**), and we also will go on another camping trip.

## Scout Specials in the DC Area

Did you know that the following companies (and others) have scout programs?

- ✓ National Museum of Crime & Punishment  
(<http://www.crimemuseum.org/groups.html>)
- ✓ National Building Museum  
(<http://www.nbm.org/families-kids/scouts-and-youth-groups/cub-scout-programs.html>)
- ✓ National Aquarium in Baltimore  
(<http://www.aqua.org/scouts.html>)
- ✓ Nature Center on the Go  
(<http://www.naturecenteronthego.com/page0004.htm>)
- ✓ Timberline Four Seasons Resort  
(<http://www.timberlinerresort.com/index.php/groups>)
- ✓ Whitewater Challengers  
(<http://www.whitewaterchallengers.com/lehigh/lehigh-boyscouts.asp>)

Check out the information at the websites linked above and visit the "Things To Do - Places To Go" section of the National Capital Area Council's website ([www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org)) for updates to this list.

### Upcoming Pack Activities

03/05/10	7:00 pm	Leaders Meeting	Rose Residence (TBC)
03/09/10	7:15 pm	Roundtable	Old St. John's School
03/12/10	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Super Derby Registration	St. Timothy's Catholic Church, Walkersville
03/13/10	12pm	Super Derby	St. Timothy's Catholic Church, Walkersville
03/16/10	7:00 pm	Pack Meeting – Arrow of Light	Winding Trails Boy Scout Camp