

Pack 1191 Happenings

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PACK 1191

Mount Airy, MD

A Ride Into History (by Ellie Homce)

On Sunday October 19th, 26 members of the Pack 1191 family met at Weverton, MD to for a bike excursion on the C&O canal. After a quick check of bikes and helmets and a review of safety signals, we headed up the towpath toward Harpers Ferry.

Along the way, we stopped to learn about the canal and its locks, throw rocks in the river, and climb on boulders. We also saw turtles, fish, trains, kayaks, rock climbers, and an interesting insect that hitched a ride on Mr. Homce.

We went across the footbridge into Harpers Ferry and strolled around the town, learning some history and enjoying the beautiful day. Even with one blown bike tire and one unexpected left turn, it was a spectacular day of family fun. *(Editor's Note: Thanks to Ellie for organizing this event!)*



Bike ride participants review safety rules as they ready to head onto the tree-canopied C&O Canal Tow Path

Annual Scouting for Food: Nov 1 and 8

On November 1st, 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 be meeting in the parking lot of the American Legion at 10am on November 1st to launch the bag distribution activity. We will meet again at the American Legion at 10am on November 8th to launch the bag collection activity, and then deliver collected food donations to the Mount Airy Food Net's pantry.

Items to be collected include non-perishable food items (e.g., canned items, peanut butter, dry pasta, stuffing mix, mashed potatoes mix) and personal hygiene items.

Welcome to the Pack 1191 Family!

We had a good showing at Join Scouting Night at TRES on September 10th, and many families joined our pack during and since that event. To all of our new families: welcome! Welcome especially to our new Tiger Den and Tiger Leader **Amie Rose**, and her assistants **John Rose** and **Katherine Cahill**, and to **Janet Morris**, who helped the Tiger Den get started and is now our new Awards Chair.

Tidbits:

- ◆ Thank you **Cheri McClanahan** for becoming Assistant Fundraising Chair this year!
- ◆ Congratulations (and thank you) to **Dave Conboy** for completing BALOO Training, **Amie and John Rose** for completing New Leader Essentials, and **Paul Christensen** for completing Cubmaster Specific training.
- ◆ Don't forget: **Popcorn Orders** are due on November 1st! Please submit orders to your Den Leaders, Kirsten Meehan, or Cheri McClanahan. Scouts with orders of \$100 or more (for popcorn or the upcoming Gianni's sale) will have the opportunity to throw "pies" in leaders' faces at our December Pack Meeting.
- ◆ If you have gently used but unwanted toys, videos, or books, please donate them to the Pack for our Blue and Gold Banquet cubby bucks activities. (Contact Paul Christensen or Beth May for drop-off or pick-up of items.)

Family Camping Fun by Ellie Homce)

It was raining and the forecast was bleak as we headed to Washington Monument State Park for our family camping trip on September 27th. Fortunately, it was not raining at the park, so we set up our tents and headed out to collect firewood. After some camp crafts and games, we hiked up the Appalachian Trail to the top of the mountain to explore the first monument to George Washington. For dinner, we made "caveman stew" in foil pouches and everyone pitched in to make peach crisp in the dutch oven. The Scouts put on a campfire program and told hilarious jokes. We ended our campfire at 10:00, as the rain finally came, and enjoyed a great night's sleep in tents.

For breakfast, we cooked omelets in bags, made toast over the fire, and shared banana muffins and pumpkin bread. Scouts participated in Cub Scout Olympics featuring events like cup stacking, army guy squirting, and foam javelin throw. After one last hike up to the monument (and a spirited game of war) we headed home to dry out our gear.



Photo taken by Janet Morris

Campers in front of the Washington Monument taking a rest from their hike

Rolling Down the Road (by Ellie Homce)

Nine racers took to the hill on Cottonwood Drive in our annual cubmobile race event on August 19th. The day turned out to be a competition between experienced Webelos I and rookie Wolf Scouts (and one Wolf sibling). The Wolves had a great opening day with Robbie S. and Curtis W. having excellent times. After a slow first race, Zach G. showed huge improvement as he slashed his time by 65%. Posting fantastic times, Webelos Tyler J., Adam M., and Devin S. demonstrated that they are seasoned racers. Ryan C. had the best average time, but Peter H. inched out Ryan for the fastest run of the day. To top off an enjoyable race day, all Scouts and cubmobiles finished without serious injury.

Pack Happenings Back in Print!

As many have noticed, this newsletter was out of print for a few cycles (at the end of last year, and beginning of this year), but it's back, as you can see! Because there was no issue published in September, this issue includes information that is a little older (e.g., from the summer), but still interesting.

This newsletter will continue to be published monthly, and will typically be distributed in hardcopy at Pack Meetings. It is also available on our pack's website (www.pack1191.org), linked from the Committee News page.

All members of our Pack family are welcome to contribute stories, pictures, and information to this Newsletter. Please let your Den Leader or myself know if you have something to contribute to any issue, or would like to see something in particular (that you don't have) included. A big thank you to Ellie Homce for contributing three articles this month!

Upcoming Pack Activities			
11/01/08	10:00 am	Scouting for Food Bag Drop off	American Legion Parking Lot
11/07/08	7:30 pm	Leaders Meeting	Christensen House
11/08/08	10:00 am	Scouting for Food Bag Pick up	American Legion Parking Lot
11/11/08	7:15 pm	Tiger Den Leader Training	Old St. John's School, Frederick
11/18/08	7:00 pm	Pack Meeting: <i>Chariot Races!</i> ("Seeds of Kindness")	American Legion Post 191