

Pack 55 News

March 2009

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES

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PINEWOOD DERBY



RACE RESULTS

Overall Pack Winners

FIRST PLACE - Gage Hallin

SECOND PLACE - Jake Howe

THIRD PLACE - Jason Donica

Divisional Winners

Tigers

- First Place Jeffrey Brown
- Second Place Casey Wagner
- Third Place Christopher Soos

Wolves

- First Place Gage Hallin
- Second Place Jake Howe
- Third Place Garrett Hurd

Bears

- First Place Jason Donica
- Second Place Cody Cornett
- Third Place Paul Rapalo
Jared Gullickson

Webelos

- First Place Gregory Soos
- Second Place Ben Sapers
- Third Place Craig Lowry

Siblings

- First Place Grant Hurd
- Second Place Jennifer Collier
- Third Place Michael Brown

Parents

- First Place Jim Lowry

BEST OF SHOW

There were some very creative, colorful and fun cars this year! The show results were based on the scouts' vote for their favorite cars.

Tigers

- First Place Kyle Willis
- Second Place Will Carter
- Third Place Jesse Collins

Wolves

- First Place Cooper Wills
- Second Place Joey Coero
- Third Place Garrett Hurd

Bears

- First Place Alfred Rowan
- Second Place Cody Cornett
- Third Place Jared Gullickson

Webelos

- First Place Craig Lowry
- Second Place Gregory Soos
- Third Place Ethan Gullickson



Congratulations to all participants in this year's Pinewood Derby! There was a great turnout and it was great fun for all! A lot of hard work went into making the Pinewood Derby happen. Thanks to all who helped out with set up,, clean up, crafts, snacks and to the race organizers and helpers. Special thanks go out to Jim Lowry, our Pinewood Derby Chair for a job well done in putting together this year's event!

The top three finishers of each Division for race and best of show move on to the Pomo District Pinewood Derby, May 16th, Coddington Mall. More info to come!



SCOUTING FOR FOOD



PARTICIPATE AND HELP THOSE IN NEED - MARCH 7-14

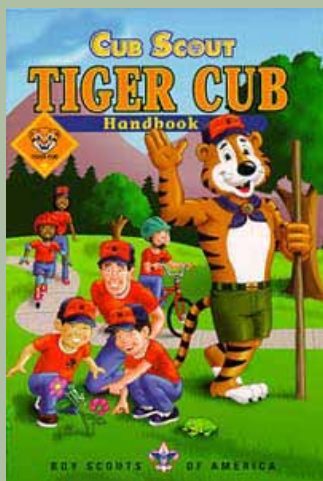
CUB SCOUTS AND BOYS SCOUTS across Sonoma County are participating in this annual Pomo District food drive. Our partner this year is the **Redwood Empire Food Bank** (REFB), Sonoma County's largest hunger relief organization which acquires and distributes food to 60,000 people every month. Over 11 million pounds of food (23,000 meals every day) is distributed through 133 partner agencies and 10 of its own programs. \$4 worth of food is distributed for every \$1 spent – 96.7% of REFB resources go towards feeding the hungry. Your Den is welcome contact REFB for a tour of the facility and/or volunteer for an hour. Contact Miriam Hodgman at 707-523-7900, ext. 23. Visit www.refb.org, to learn more about hunger in your community.

PACK 55 and Scouting for Food: Sonda Anderson, our Scouting for Food coordinator, will provide each den with fliers, bags and a territory to cover. Each den can determine how they would like to collect food whether that be by flier/bag distribution on doorsteps or going door to door asking for donations on the spot.

Food collected can be dropped off at the Longs on 4th Street between noon and 3pm on Saturday, March 14th. Redwood Empire Food Bank has asked our District to have a "Scouting presence" at this food drop-off site. Pack 55 has accepted the call to have some uniformed Scouts and Leaders there from 2-3pm. Contact Bonnie if you or you Scout can come. If your Den misses this drop-off time, Redwood Empire Food Bank can receive your den's collections Monday-Friday, 9-4pm at their facility: 3320 Industrial Drive, across from the Bottle Barn. Questions? Contact Sonda Anderson at 544-5762 or <sonda_a@comcast.net>.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!



TIME TO OPEN UP YOUR SCOUT'S HANDBOOK and review the requirements needed to earn his rank badge. Den Leaders and parents - take a look and make sure your scouts have all of the requirements completed for our special May bridging ceremony held at Camp Watam in Howarth Park.

All Scouts, whether requirements are met or not, do advance to the next level (Tiger to Wolf, Wolf to Bear etc.) however, scouts can not receive and wear his rank badge without completing its requirements (i.e. Tigers complete their Tiger requirements in order to wear the Tiger badge.) Once a rank badge is earned, it is presented to him a pack meeting and pinned onto the Scouts' uniforms upside down until he has done a good deed. Then the badge can be permanently adhered to the uniform right side up.

Each scout can also earn extra awards for completing electives after his rank requirements are completed: Tiger track beads are earned at the Tiger level; gold and silver arrowpoints are earned at the Wolf and Bear level. Check your handbook for details. Have further questions about advancement? Discuss them with your den leader or visit: <http://www.us Scouts.org/advance/cubscout/intro.asp>

ARROW OF LIGHT AWARDS 2009



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WEBELOS II/LIGHTNING SCOUTS who have earned the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light Award. We wish them well as they are bridging to Boy Scouts. Thank you to their various leaders during their Cub Scouting experience: Bonnie Day, Robin McHale, Andrea Wills and Bob Bradbury.

JONATHAN DAY

RICHIE EACHUS

ETHAN GULLICKSON

ANDREW HEJL

CRAIG LOWRY

DUNCAN MCLARTY

COLIN MCHALE

SAN FRANCISCO ZOO OVERNIGHTER!

June 13-14, 2009

Over 40 have signed up and our maximum is 60.

We are now accepting payments to hold your spot: \$50/child and \$60/adult.

Check to "Pack 55." Submit to Allison Hejl or Bonnie Day.



BELT LOOP OF THE MONTH



CUB SCOUT ACADEMICS - CITIZENSHIP

The requirements listed below are taken from the **Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide** (34299B) 2006 Printing. Webelos Scouts that earn the Citizenship Belt Loop while a Webelos Scout also satisfy part of requirement 8 for the Citizen Activity Badge, which is required for the Webelos Badge.

CITIZENSHIP BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Develop a list of jobs you can do around the home. Chart your progress for one week.
- Make a poster showing things that you can do to be a good citizen. (bring to a Pack meeting to display)
- Participate in a family, den, or school service project.

CITIZENSHIP PIN

Earn the Citizenship belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

- Interview someone who has become a naturalized citizen. Give a report of your interview to your den or family.
- Write a letter to your newspaper about an issue that concerns you.
- Create a collage about America.
- Conduct a home safety or energy audit and inspect your home. Talk with your parent or adult partner about correcting any problems you find.
- Visit your local site of government. Interview someone who is involved with the governmental process.
- Visit a courtroom and talk with someone who works there.
- Go to the polls with your parents when they vote. Talk to them about their choices.
- Take part in a parade with your den or pack.
- List ways you can recycle various materials and conserve and protect the environment.
- Attend a community event or visit a landmark in your community.

PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

CALENDAR (Updated Monthly)

MARCH THEME: WHEN I GROW UP

- 7-14 Scouting for Food (SFF), bag drop-off/pick-up by den
- 14 Scouting for Food, donation drop off: Longs Drugs
4th St./Farmer's Lane: 12-3pm
- 14 Pack 55 mans the Longs SFF drop off point: 2-3pm
- 19 Committee Meeting, 7pm - Sonda Anderson's
- 31 Awards deadline for April Pack Meeting

APRIL THEME: JURASSIC PARK

- 7 Pack Meeting, 6:30pm, Strawberry MPR
- 14 Pomo Roundtable, 7pm
- 16 Committee Meeting, 7pm - Sonda Anderson's
- 18 Creek clean-up service project, 9-10am
Strawberry School playground
- 18 Leader Training Day
- 24-26 Camporee for Webelos
- 25 Cuboree for Tiger, Wolves and Bears
- 28 Awards deadline for May Bridging Ceremony

MAY THEME: LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS

- 1 CUBmobile Rally
- TBD Pack Meeting/Bridging Ceremony at Camp Watam
- 12 Pomo Roundtable, 7pm
- 16 District Pinewood Derby, Coddington Mall
- 21 Committee Meeting, 7pm - Sonda Anderson's
- 23 Annual Memorial Day Flag Placement Service Project

JUNE

- 13-14 San Francisco Zoo Pack Overnighter

CAMP DATES!

JUNE 26-28: Family Camp at Camp Navarro---yes, the entire family can come for the fun.

JUNE 28-JULY 2: Cub Scout/Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Navarro---Many requirements are completed. GREAT experience and fun, too!

JULY 27-AUGUST 2ND: Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park--SAVE these dates!!! Highly recommended; lots of requirements completed...and it's a lot of fun, too!

AUGUST 1/2 AND AUGUST 8/9: Webelos Weekends at Camp Noyo--Webelos Dens should decide which weekend they would like to attend "together"

OCTOBER 2-4: Webelos Woods at Camp Navarro
Visit the camp page at www.redwoodbsa.org for details

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WEBELOS I

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