

Hudson Valley Council

September 2013

Core Value of the Month - COOPERATION

Being helpful and working together with others toward a common goal. Cooperation is a key element in teamwork.

Cub Scouts will gain a better understanding of the importance of supporting each other as they play games, and learn new skills.

Welcome Back!!

It seems like just a short time ago we were wrapping up the school year and celebrating the end of an awesome year of scouting. Now we begin another year which promises to be even better! We want to welcome any families who are visiting our pack – hopefully you will choose to join us. Welcome back to all of our returning families. Hopefully you enjoyed the summer. I know that many of the boys went to Scout Camp over the summer and got a great start to their new ranks.

We have a lot on our schedule this year – old favorites as well as plans for some new and exciting activities.

In order to make this a successful year we need the help of every family. The more you put into scouting, the more you and the boys will get out of it! You will notice some new leaders this year – we are always looking for more! If you have an idea, or just want to know how to get involved, let one of the leaders know.

Achievements

Did you go to camp and earn awards? Maybe you worked on achievements with your family. Let your Den Leader know what you have earned as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

Dutchess Beltloop Bonanza - September 28 **Popcorn Show and Sell Fundraiser** – September 29th and October 14th

HAUNTED HARVEST FEST— OCTOBER 26, CAMP NOOTEEMING

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING – NOVEMBER 2ND, JOHN JAY HIGH SCHOOL

THE OCTOBER PACK MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT 7PM

THE OCTOBER PACK COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 7PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN WAPPINGERS FALLS.

ALL PARENTS AND LEADERS ARE WELCOME

Popcorn Sales

Selling popcorn is one of the big fund raising activities we conduct each year. The money raised helps pay for our pack program, including advancement badges, awards, and special events. Every scout who sells at least one container receives a patch or a pin, but we urge you to try to sell more! Prizes are awarded for higher sales. Our Popcorn Kernel is Andrea O'Neill-Gregory. She has scheduled Show and Sell events at Stop & Shop on September 29th and the Poughkeepsie Galleria on October 14th (Columbus Day).

**Remember - The Cub Scout helps the pack go!

Help Wanted!

Our pack committee is in need of parents. Remember that we are all volunteers. This is *your* opportunity to help shape the program.

We are looking for:

Secretary – Maintain up-to-date information on membership, leadership, attendance, and the Pack Record Book. Handle correspondence for the pack. Keep notes on business conducted at Pack Committee Meetings.

Den Leaders - Especially Tiger!

Assistant Den Leaders and Committee Members are always needed!

Training Available

Are you interested in helping the pack, but not sure if you are qualified? BSA offers **online training for leaders and parents** (www.MyScouting.org). Cub Scout Leaders, Cubmasters and Pack Committee Members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.

Additional "live" training is available from our council.

We strongly encourage all parents to take the online Fast Start and Youth Protection training available at www.MyScouting.org. This will give you an understanding of the organization of a pack as well as the rules we follow to protect our boys.

An excellent source of training is the University of Scouting, which will be held on November 2nd. This is a great way for new leaders and parents to learn more about scouting.



November 2nd. Details on hudsonvalleyscouting.org

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values

1. Citizenship:

Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.

2. Compassion:

Being **kind** and considerate and showing concern for the well-being of others.

3. Cooperation:

Being **helpful** and working together with others toward a common goal

4. Courage:

Being **brave** and doing what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences.

5. Faith:

Having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in God.

6. Health and Fitness:

Being personally committed to keeping our minds and bodies **clean** and fit.

7. Honesty:

Telling the truth and being worthy of trust.

8. Perseverance:

Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.

9. Positive Attitude:

Being **cheerful** and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations.

10. Resourcefulness:

Using human and other resources to their fullest.

11. Respect:

Showing regard for the worth of something or someone.

12. Responsibility:

Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves.

Event Committees Forming

We are starting to plan our big annual events, like the Blue and Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, end of the year trip/activity, etc. We need parents to help plan and lead these events.

Starting at the October Pack Meeting there will be sign-up sheets for each event. Talk to one of the leaders for more details about how you can help.

Pack Leadership	
Cubmaster	Rob Usher
Assistant Cubmaster	Ken Maurer
Webelos II Den Leaders	Jason Hilton Daniel Mochon
Webelos II Asst. Leaders	Michael Havas Noel Mochon
Webelos I Den Leaders	Patty Colucci Tom DiFiore Ron Stoltzfus
Webelos I Asst. Leaders	Adam Bartlett John Marchesona Jason Olker
Bear Den Leaders	Kate Dusavage Meghann Hardesty
Wolf Den Leader	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
Tiger Den Leader	To be filled
Lion Cub Leader	To be filled
Pack Committee	
Chartered Organization Representative	Michael Gulbrandsen
Committee Chair	Brian Colucci
Assistant Committee Chair	John Reitter
Secretary	To be filled
Treasurer	Bob Bettini
Activity Chair	Pat McCarthy
Advancement Chair	Carrie Eirish
Pack Trainer	Daniel Mochon
Website/Publicity	Christine Maurer
Popcorn Kernel	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
Assistant Popcorn Kernel	Ken Maurer
Assistant Popcorn Kernel	Regina Bartlett

What happens to a Scout?

For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate that:

- RARELY will one be brought before the juvenile court system
- 2 will become Eagle Scouts
- 17 will become future Scout volunteers
- 12 will have their first contact with a church
- 5 will earn their church award
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person
- 85% of student council presidents were Scouts
- 89% of senior class presidents were Scouts
- 80% of junior class presidents were Scouts
- 75% of school publication editors were Scouts
- 71% of football captains were Scouts

Source: USSCOUTS.ORG

Some Famous Eagle Scouts:

- Mike Rowe, From Dirty Jobs on the Discovery Channel.
- Michael Bloomberg; Mayor of New York City.
- <u>Donald Rumsfeld</u>; former United States Secretary of Defense, former representative and ambassador to NATO.
- Stephen Spielberg, Director
- <u>Neil Armstrong</u>; First human to set foot on the Moon. Astronaut, test pilot, and naval aviator; Flew on the Gemini 8 and Apollo 11 missions
- <u>Jason Hilton and Daniel Mochon</u>, Pack 40 Webelos Leaders

Useful Links:

Pack 40: pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com

Hudson Valley Council: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BSA National Website: www.Scouting.org

Scout Parents: www.scoutparents.org

Sports and Academics Program (Belt loops and pins): http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/a-sindex.asp



Go to <u>hudsonvalleyscouting.org</u> to register

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