



Cub Scout Pack 40 Cub-o-Gram



Hudson Valley Council

February 2015

Core Value of the Month – Resourcefulness

Using human resources and other resources to their fullest. Cub Scouts will gain the knowledge and the means to meet situations effectively whether they are working on a service project or completing a den activity.

Pack Committee Meeting --Friday February 20th 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street in Wappingers Falls



Consider Joining Our Pack Committee

As our Second Year Webelos Patrols move on to Boy Scouts next month, (The Atomic Tacos and the Desert Crawlers), we will be losing **many** active pack families. **In order to keep events and pack planning moving in the right direction we need your help.**

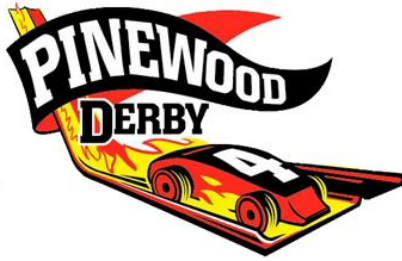
Please talk to one of the current pack leaders if you are interested in helping make Our Pack Go!

All Pack 40 Committee members are also BSA-registered adults with the Pack. As a registered and actively engaged adult, you can have a tremendous impact on the Pack program and have a lot of fun too! BSA regulations require "two-deep" leadership for all Scouting activities, which is at least one trained adult (preferably but not always a Pack leader) and one other adult. More trained, registered adults and leaders will give us more flexibility. **As an active Committee member, you will also have a say in how the Pack is managed.** All adult registrants in the BSA are required to first complete an online course called "Youth Protection Training" which is offered by the BSA (approximately thirty minutes). You must also consent to undergo a background check by the BSA. Upon completion of those requirements, you are registered. Additional online training explaining all of the duties is available and should be taken as soon as possible.

January Pack Meeting --Friday February 27th 7:00pm

Myers Corners Elementary School

***Scouts are encouraged to bring a water bottle to Pack Meetings.**



What a great day we all had at the Pinewood Derby! Thank you to all that helped make this an amazing day that our Scouts will remember forever!!

Upcoming Events

SCOUT SUNDAY OR SCOUT SABBATH IS AN ANNUAL SCOUT ORIENTED RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages Promise to do their "Duty to God".

These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith

Scout Sunday is February 8th



ATTEND YOUR RELIGIOUS CEREMONY IN UNIFORM

Scout Sabbath is February 14th

***Be sure to let your Den Leader know if you do participate in this day.**

There is a patch award for those that do.

****Contact your faith community to see if Scout ceremonies have been scheduled at a certain time.**

West Point Ice Hockey Scout Night -- Feb 28th 7:00pm Game Time

Center Ice Bleacher seats are \$15

If you are interested in coming please e-mail Ed Sayago ASAP at esayago71@hotmail.com

Please join us for the annual:

**Cub Scout Pack 40
Blue & Gold Banquet**

“Pack 40 at the Movies”



Sunday March 1, 2015

1-4PM

Ramada Conference Center, Fishkill, NY

This event is for all Pack 40 scouts and families to join in and celebrate the birthday of scouting, along with the Arrow of Light Ceremony and Webelos bridging ceremony.

***If you have not already signed up and paid for this event please
contact Christina Noschese at cnoche8@aol.com.**

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7 – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Include with your payment the following information:

- 1. Scout Name and Den**
(if more than one Scout, please list all the names along with the Den they are in)
- 2. Number of Adults Attending**
- 3. Number of Siblings /Non-Scout Children Attending**
- 4. Note if a Gluten Free Meal is required**

Please make checks payable to **Pack 40**

\$19.00 for adults (and children older than 10) \$9.00 for scouts and children 10 and under

Cub Scout Pack 40 Day Trip to HOWE CAVERNS

Saturday March 21st 2015-- Leave time is 9:00AM.

It is a two hour drive each way, plus a 90 minute tour of caverns.

There will be a sign up sheet set up at the next pack meeting for anyone interested in going.

Pricing and further details to come.

Trip coordinator and contact for this event is

Jason olker doughb127@aol.com

Save The Date!

Locust Grove Service Project
Saturday April 18th 10:00-1:00



Our Pinewood Derby event was excellent this year!
In return for Locust Grove letting us use their amazing facility for free,
Pack 40 in turn provides a service to them.

This year we will be painting the fence in front of Locust Grove. They will provide us with paint and brushes. All we need are the Scouts and their family members to come out and help.

Please wear Class B or Casual Clothing that you don't mind getting paint on.

Locust Grove is a National Historic Landmark estate. It is located at 2683 S Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. For more information on Locust Grove ... <http://www.lgny.org/>

Den Leaders: please discuss this important Pack event with your dens and let me know of the families that will be attending.

Contact for this event is Christine Maurer cmaurerc@optonline.net

Save The Date!



Saturday May 2nd-Sunday May 3rd
Camp Tommy of the Sharpe Reservation
436 Van Wyck Lake Rd Fishkill NY 12524.



****More details will come, but here are some key things to know now ****

No siblings are able to attend, this is a Scout only event.

Please plan to arrive on Saturday May 2nd at 9:00am.

****The webelos arrive on Friday May 1st early evening. Only they will have a 2 night campout.**

- Each den will be preparing or cooking their own meals for Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast. You plan this together within each den.**
- Saturday night dinner will be a pack meal held in the mess hall. All cooking is done for us this night by the staff of Sharpe Reservation. We follow this with a campfire you will never forget!**
- Scouts and parents will be bunking in cabins with screened windows & doors, so no tents are needed (unless you are a Webelos as they stay in tents). Each cabin has lights, outlets and multiple bunk beds.**
- There are flush toilets and showers.**

Contact for this event: Ken Maurer 845-656-8409 ironpatriot@optonline.net

Pack 40 Scouts in Action.....

Cub Scout Pack 40 *represented* at the 46th annual Hudson Valley BSA Council Dutchess District Eskimo Run at James Baird State Park on Saturday January 17th.

All four of our Webelos Patrols that competed placed!

***For the Blue Trail (First Year Webelos) The Ultra Mega Lords came in First Place and the Neon Lizards came in Fourth Place.**

***For the Gold Team (Second Year Webelos) The Atomic Tacos came in First Place and the Desert Crawlers came in 5th Place. They all showed incredible teamwork and spirit and all just had a blast! What a terrific group of scouts!**



A report from our Atomic Tacos:



January has been another super fun month for the Atomic Tacos! As we prepared for the 46th Annual Eskimo Run, we had one den meeting set aside where the scouts were given the opportunity to make any changes that they wanted to their Eskimo Run Sled. With no snow in the forecast, the Tacos decided that the only thing they wanted to change was to make the sled lighter than it was last year. As a team, they decided that they weren't going to carry any unnecessary items and that they were **ONLY** going to have their lunches on the sled. As they traversed the course on race day, this proved to be a **GREAT** idea! I speak for all of the Atomic Taco parents when I say that we couldn't be more proud of the teamwork, leadership, good sportsmanship, and scout spirit that our scouts displayed during the Eskimo Run event! It was clear that all of their hard work and dedication paid off when John Borchert called the Atomic Tacos on stage to receive their ribbons for coming in **FIRST PLACE** on the Gold Trail and **FIRST PLACE** for showing the most Scout Spirit!!!

Our Atomic Tacos celebrate another major achievement this month as they have all now finished the requirements to earn their Arrow of Light. The Arrow of Light is the highest achievement that any Cub Scout can earn.

With less than two months left in their Cub Scout careers, the majority of our Taco's have also now earned the Super Achiever Award. This award is earned by completing all 20 of the Webelos2 activity badges.

In preparation for the Blue and Gold Banquet, the Atomic Tacos will be working hard in our next den meeting as they start making their Shadow boxes to showcase all of their favorite parts of their Cub Scout career!

We are so proud of each and every one of our Atomic Taco Scouts for everything they have accomplished so far this year!!!



Can anyone guess who this is???

A report from our Ultra Mega Lords: The boys have worked hard these past few months and have earned their Webelos Rank! Learning how to properly fold the American Flag, lead a flag ceremony, learning more about their community, proper fitness/nutrition and the importance of being a good citizen were some of the activities they completed. Team work and endurance is what got them through their first Eskimo Run last month. Coming in First Place was a great accomplishment for them and our pack. All of these things have gotten the boys excited to find out what they will be working on next!



If you have any information you would like added to future Cub-o-Gram's please send an e-mail to Christine Maurer.
cmaurerc@optonline.net

Pack Leadership

Cubmaster	Rob Usher
Assistant Cubmaster	Ken Maurer
Webelos II Desert Crawlers Den Leaders	Patty Colucci Tom DiFiore
Webelos II Desert Crawlers Assistant Den Leaders	Adam Bartlett Jason Olker
Desert Crawlers Den Chief	Boy Scout- Dennis Colucci
Webelos II Atomic Tacos Den Leader	Ron Stoltzfus
Webelos II Atomic Tacos Assistant Den Leader	John Marchesona
Webelos I Ultra Mega Lords Den Leader	Ken Maurer
Webelos I Ultra Mega Lords Assistant Den Leaders	Christine Maurer Kate Dusavage
Ultra Mega Lords Den Chief	Boy Scout – Kenneth Maurer
Webelos I Neon Lizards Den Leader	Meghann Hardesty
Webelos I Neon Lizards Den Chief	Boy Scout- Coleman Dusavage
Bear Den 6 Leader	Harry Villareal
Wolf Den 7 Leader	John Reitter
Tiger Den 8 Leader	Carl Schiller Mike Freedman
Lion Den 9 Leader	To Be FILLED- Current Helpers are Michele Paterson Rocio Sharrock

Pack Committee

Chartered Organization Representative	Michael Gulbrandsen
Committee Chair	Brian Colucci
Assistant Committee Chair	John Reitter
Secretary	TO BE FILLED
Treasurer	Genevieve Gulbrandsen
Activity Chair	TO BE FILLED
Advancement Chair	Carrie Eirish
Pack Trainer	TO BE FILLED
Website/Publicity	Christine Maurer

Useful Links:

Pack 40: pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com

(This is our Pack Website, which includes our event calendar to keep you updated on events and meetings)

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

(These are extra awards all Cub Scouts have the opportunity to earn. As a parent you can search this site with your Scout to find out requirements for each one. Once your Scout has completed any of these, print out the completed forms and present to your Den leader.)

Hudson Valley Council: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BSA National Website: www.Scouting.org

Scout Parents: www.scoutparents.org

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. hudsonvalleyscouting.org

The Leave No Trace Award as outlined in our current handbooks is outdated. The program has been revised and there are no longer patches available for the old program. The new program is now called



the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.

Here is a link with what is now required:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards/CubScout.aspx>