



## Cub Scout Pack 40

# Cub-o-Gram



Hudson Valley Council

March 2013

### Core Value of the Month – Compassion

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

Everybody has something valuable to offer and nobody likes being left out.  
Help your Cub Scouts be aware of the needs of others.

### Pinewood Derby

We held our annual Pinewood Derby on February 24 at Locust Grove, and I think everyone will agree that it was a GREAT day! Congratulations to all of the boys who participated, and to all the parents who helped the boys learn to build their cars.

I particularly want to thank the parents who volunteered their time to help set up, provide food and drinks, decorate, weigh in the cars, and all the other tasks that needed to be done. Without you this race could never happen. As always, we learn from mistakes that we make and strive to improve for next year. Please feel free to provide feedback (good AND bad) so that we can make the Pinewood Derby even better for the boys next year.



### Upcoming Events

**ICE SKATING** – March 16, 2-4pm, Mid-Hudson Civic Center

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD** – March 24, Stop & Shop Wappingers  
11am-2pm

**HIKING** – March 30, Crow's Nest, Cornwall, NY 9am

**BALOO TRAINING** – April 27

**WEBELOS LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING** – April 27-28

**SPRING CAMPING** – May 4-5

**RENEGADES GAME AND CAMPOUT** – June 29-30

More details to come!

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**THE APRIL PACK MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
FRIDAY, APRIL 26 AT 7PM AT MYERS CORNERS E.S.**

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**PACK LEADERS MEETING WILL BE APRIL 19**

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### Friends of Scouting

At our March Pack Meeting we will have a presentation about the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. Friends of Scouting is the annual fund-raising campaign that provides Scout families, community organizations and local businesses the opportunity to support Scouting in their communities. Please support scouting!

## Scout Summer Camp

The Hudson Valley Council runs several summer camp programs for scouts. There are day camps (at various locations, including our very own Camp Nooteeming (Men of the Woods!)) There are also Cub/Partner Weekends, Webelos Weekends, Family Camping, and even a Twilight Camp for those who can't make it during the day. See the Hudson Valley Council website for more information and registration information.

## Camp Card Program

This year we will be selling Camp Cards. The Camp Card program is designed to give every Scout an opportunity to attend summer camp by earning their own way! Camp Cards are a Boy Scout approved discount card that will allow the purchaser not only help a Scout go to camp, but will also be able to use this card for discounts.

The card can be purchased from the Scout for just \$5.00! 50% of that will stay with the Scout to help pay for summer camp for 2013. We will be selling these cards as individuals and as a unit. More information will be presented at the Pack Meeting.

## Blue and Gold Banquet

Who had a good time at the Blue and Gold Banquet last week? I know I did! It was great to see all the families coming together to celebrate the birthday of Scouting. Thank you to the Blue and Gold Banquet committee for all their work in putting the day together. We also want to take another moment to congratulate the entire Shark Patrol as they bridge to the next step of their Scouting adventure.



## Pack 40 Leadership

Cubmaster	Rob Usher
Tiger Den 6 Leader	Charlotte Newman
Wolf Den 4 Leader	Kate Dusavage
Wolf Den 5 Leader	Meghann Hardesty
Bear Den 1 Leader	Patty Colucci
Bear Den 2 Leader	Tom DiFiore
Bear Den 2 Assistant Leader	Jason Olker
BearDen 2 Assistant Leader	Adam Bartlett
Bear Den 3 Leader	Ron Stolfus
Bear Den 3 Assistant Leader	John Marchesona
Flaming Arrows Patrol Leader	Jason Hilton
Flaming Arrow Asst Ptrl Leader	Michael Havas
Cobra Patrol Leader	Daniel Mochon
Cobra Asst Ptrl Leader	Noel Mochon
Shark Patrol Leader	Ken Maurer
Shark Patrol Asst Ptrl Leader	Christine Maurer

## Pack 40 Committee Members

Chartered Org Rep.	Michael Gulbrandsen
Committee Chair	Brian Colucci
Assistant Committee Chair	John Reitter
Activities Chair	Pat McCarthy
Advancement Coordinator	Patty DiFiore
Pack Trainer	Daniel Mochon
Treasurer	Bob Bettini
Popcorn Kernel	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
<b>Pack Secretary</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>

## Bike Rodeo

We have opened discussions with the Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board to organize a spring Bike Rodeo. This is an event where kids can learn about bike safety, maintenance, and skills. When we held a Bike Rodeo a couple of years ago those present had a great time. We will need parents to help plan and run the event – please let Brian Colucci know if you want to help.

## **Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade**

On Saturday, March 2, Pack 40 was once again very well represented at the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade. The boys had a great time marching through the streets of Wappingers Falls and cheering "We Are Pack 40!" Thanks to everyone who participated.



## **Spring Camping**

Our annual overnight camping trip has been scheduled for May 4-5, 2012 at Sharpe Reservation located at 436 Van Wyck Lake Rd Fishkill NY 12524. Planning is underway for another awesome weekend of scouting fun! There will be planned activities, den time, free time, and our pack campfire. We need a count of who is coming by the end of this month so sleeping arrangements can be made based on dens, families, and following BSA Youth Protection guidelines. Please remember – No siblings are able to attend.

Sharpe Reservation is cabin style accommodations, so no tents are needed (unless you are camping with the Webelos). There are flush toilets and showers on the premises.

More details will be provided as the date gets closer.

## **Scouting for Food**

"Scouting for Food" is Scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live and work. Scouting for Food is a food collection effort carried out by Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Cub Scouts from our community.

We will be collecting food at Stop & Shop on Route 9 in Wappingers on Sunday, March 24. We will be there from 11am until 2pm, but are limited to only a few boys at a time. A signup sheet will be available at the March pack meeting. Food that is collected will be donated to a local food bank. Please have the boys wear Class A uniforms.



## **Academics and Sports Program**

The Academics and Sports program gives Cub Scouts extra recognition activities to earn. In Academics subjects and Sports, Cub Scouts learn new skills, become better scholars, learn sportsmanship, and have fun. You can get to know a sport or an academic subject that's new to you -- maybe astronomy, chess, computers, science; golf, hiking, tennis, or skateboarding to name a few in the program.

Belt loops and pins are a great way to help fulfill the aims of Scouting—build character, develop citizenship, and encourage mental and physical fitness. Through a variety of subjects, you can stretch your mind and abilities by exploring the wonders of science, learning about the world, and expanding skills in new areas. This is a chance to try something new, do your best, and earn recognition all at the same time.

## Cubmaster Challenge / SCOUTStrong

Do any of you remember what Mr. Usher challenged everyone to at the beginning of the year? He wants to see us all work on our fitness! He challenged us all to keep track of our exercise throughout the year, and to show improvement.

The BSA has partnered with the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Challenge to develop a program designed to help our members add physical activity to our lives, as well as to help us improve our eating habits. This SCOUTStrong challenge is for Scouts and their entire families.

Get started at [www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA](http://www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA)  
Scouts who complete the program can be awarded the BSA/PALA SCOUTStrong award patch!



## Pack Hiking Trip

We are trying to set up a hike to Crow's Nest in Cornwall, N.Y. on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 9:00 A.M. A signup sheet and more information will be at the March Pack meeting.

*Don't forget to make  
your Friends of  
Scouting pledge!*

## The 12 Cub Scouting Core Values:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Citizenship       | 2. Compassion         |
| 3. Cooperation       | 4. Courage            |
| 5. Faith             | 6. Health and Fitness |
| 7. Honesty           | 8. Perseverance       |
| 9. Positive attitude | 10. Resourcefulness   |
| 11. Respect          | 12. Responsibility    |

## Useful Links:

Pack 40: [pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com](http://pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com)

(old site) [pack40mc.shutterfly.com](http://pack40mc.shutterfly.com)

Hudson Valley Council: [www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org](http://www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org)

BSA National Website: [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org)

Scout Parents: [www.scoutparents.org](http://www.scoutparents.org)

Sports and Academics Program (Belt loops and pins):  
[usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/asindex.asp](http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/asindex.asp)

## Flag Ceremony – Board of Education Meeting

Nine of our boys did an awesome job representing the Pack at the March 11 Wappingers Central School Board Meeting. They presented the flags and lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. A replay of the meeting is available at:

<http://wappingersschools.org/domain/95>





# SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at our Pack Meeting,  
Myers Corners Elementary:

*Pack 40's First Annual*

*"POTLUCK OF*



*CULTURES"*

*This event is for Scouts and Pack Parents.*

- Each Scout please bring a food dish to share that represents one of the cultures of your heritage (i.e., French, German, Italian, Lebanese, Irish, Spanish, American Indian, etc.)
- Scouts should help their parents prepare the dish/learn about it as much as they can!
- Try and pick something a bit exotic or non-mainstream if possible, so we can all learn more about your culture.
- Please bring a sign that tells what the name of the dish is and what culture it comes from.
- Also, please make/bring a small flag that represents your culture and a way of displaying it next to the dish.
- Keep in mind the lack of heating/chilling facilities in Myers Corners (we won't have access to a kitchen), so bring a dish that can be safely served, preferably at lukewarm or room temperatures.
- The idea is that people get just a small taste of the dish, so please make your portions small. Keep in mind that we might have a large crowd, so make enough so that everyone can have a tiny taste.
- Please bring serving utensils for your dish and/or pre-portion it.
- A signup sheet will be passed around at the next few Pack 40 gatherings.
- Have fun doing this while finding out more about your ancestry and your Pack 40 family!