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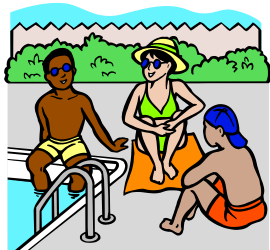
Get Ready, Get Set!

It's just one month away from our new Scouting year! We all have things that need to be done before the year starts. School is starting in just a few weeks, last minute vacations, and we have several activities in the next few weeks for our cub scouts.

Parents, please try to have your scouts attend one of the activities so they can earn their Summertime Award.

Leaders start preparing for the new year and plan your upcoming den meetings.

New scouts, start reviewing the Bobcat requirements and plan on finishing them before our pack meeting in September. Remember, even though we have a lot to do in a few weeks, let's MAKE IT FUN!!



Leather Craft / Swim Party

On August 13th, we will have an event where the scouts can create a leather craft and then enjoy a swim party later in the evening.

The Swim Party will start at 8:00 p.m. at the outdoor swimming pool. All family members are welcomed to attend this event, plus it's a great time to invite a friend to join scouts and see the fun in the Scouting program. The pack will provide drinks for the swim party and we are asking that each family bring a snack to share with the rest of the pack.

The dens are responsible for the leather craft which can be held before the swim party. Please talk to your den leaders and determine what your den will be doing for the project.

Boat Regatta / Space Derby

Scouts, let's get ready to race our boats and rockets!! On August 27th, we will be holding the Boat Regatta and the Space Derby at the EVUCC church starting at 1:00 p.m.



The Boat Regatta will start at 1:00 p.m. with the scouts building and decorating their boats. After that is completed, we will hold the races for the fastest boat. Remember, the scout has to blow the sail of the boat during the races.

The Space Derby will start approximately at 2:30 p.m. following the Boat Regatta. If your scout plans on participating in the Space Derby, they need to build their rocket before they arrive. We need to know how many rockets need to be purchased by August 11th. **Please contact Gary Miller if you would like a rocket kit.**



A snack will be provided during this event. The Wolf Den and the Bear Den are sponsoring this event. If you have any questions, please contact them or Kelly Dahm.

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Parent Participation

If you want to make the Scouting Program great for your scout, please help us in organizing the events in this next year's program. We will have signup sheets at the next few events and the first pack meeting in September. Our goal is to have all the signup sheets completed before the end of September. The signup sheets will create the committee for each activity which will need to meet at least twice before each activity to plan all the details. This committee will also need to send a representative to the Pack Committee at least twice before the event. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Powers, ScoutParent Coordinator.

Leader Training

Leaders, is that time of the year to check your training requirements. All leaders need to have the following trainings completed as soon as possible:

- Youth Protection Training (good for two years)
- This Is Scouting
- Fast Start Leader Training
- Hazardous Weather Training
- Leader Specific Training

If you need any of these trainings, you can take them online at www.myscouting.org or we can organize a couple of nights to watch the videos as a group. If you would like to watch the videos as a group, please contact Gary Miller so he can set up some dates.

If you were a Tiger leader last year, you need to complete the Leader Specific for Wolf and Bear. If you were a Bear leader last year, you need to complete the Webelos Leader Specific and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills.

Leader Specific training can be completed online or you can attend a council training session on August 13th at the First Christian Church in Edwardsville. You will need to register with the council to attend the Edwardsville training. If we have enough leaders interested, Gary Miller can teach the leader specific training.

Please send any training updates with copies of the training cards to Gary Miller as you complete your trainings.

Pack Committee Meeting

This month, we will be meeting on August 18th at the EVUCC building. Please try to attend this meeting, we will be discussing the upcoming registration night on August 25th, starting the den meetings, and the first pack meeting.

Fall Registration Night

On August 25th, we will be having our Fall Registration for new scouts. Time and location to be determined in the next week. We are sending flyers home in the Friday Folders a week before this event. One den leader is needed to meet with the new parents and then we need help in entertaining the new scouts while we talk with the new parents. If you are available to help, please let Jennifer Powers or Gary Miller know as soon as possible

Newsletter Comments or Suggestions

If you have any comments or suggestions about this newsletter, please email them to Gary Miller, gary.scouts@charter.net.

Gateway Grizzlies Ball Game

The Gateway Grizzlies are hosting an event at their stadium where the boys will parade around the field before the game, watch the game, setup tents on the field, watch a movie and camp overnight. It is the night of Aug. 19th and there are still spots available. There are several scouts in Den 4 that will be attending. If you call the Grizzlies office (618-337-3000 x29) and talk to Mike he will try to put you somewhere close to the other scouts from Pack 4043. The tickets are \$21/person and should be loads of fun!

Contact Us

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Science Belt Loop and Pin

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment. Tiger Cubs must work with their parents or adult partners. Parents and partners do not earn loops or pins.

Requirements for the Science Belt Loop

1. Explain the scientific method to your adult partner.
2. Use the scientific method in a simple science project. Explain the results to an adult.
3. Visit a museum, a laboratory, an observatory, a zoo, an aquarium, or other facility that employs scientists. Talk to a scientist about his or her work.

Requirements for the Geography Pin

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

1. Make a simple electric motor that works.
2. Find a stream or other area that shows signs of erosion. Try to discover the cause of the erosion.
3. Plant seeds. Grow a flower, garden vegetable or other plant.
4. Use these simple machines to accomplish tasks: lever, pulley, wheel-and-axle, wedge, inclined plane, and screw.
5. Learn about solids, liquids, and gases using just water. Freeze water until it turns into ice. Then, with an adult heat the ice until it turns back into a liquid and eventually boils and becomes a gas.
6. Build models of two atoms and two molecules, using plastic foam balls or other objects.
7. Make a collection of igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks and label them.
8. Learn about a creature that lives in the ocean. Share what you have learned with your den or family.
9. Label a drawing or diagram of the bones of the human skeleton.
10. Make a model or poster of the solar system. Label the planets and the sun.
11. Do a scientific experiment in front of an audience. Explain your results.

12. Read a book about a science subject that interests you.

When you are finished with the belt loop and pin, please inform your den leader so they can update the system.

Pack Calendar of Events

August 13 – Leather Craft/Swim Party

August 18 – Pack Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM

August 25 – Join Scouting Night

August 27 – Boat Regatta/Space Derby

