

Akela Newsletter

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Popcorn Fundraiser

Yes, it's back!! You thought you were done, but now it's time to pick up the popcorn and deliver it to all the buyers and those who support the Scouting Program. Starting at 6:00 p.m. on November 4th, you can pick up your popcorn orders at the EVUCC Fellowship Hall. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP.

If you can't pick up your order on Friday night, please make arrangements with someone else to pick up your order.

Veteran's Flags

Our pack along with Pack 40 will be placing flags on veteran's graves this Saturday, November 5th, starting at 9:00 a.m. We will start at the Catholic Cemetery and then go to the Highland Cemetery. You may want to wear boots to this service project since the grass will be wet. This project should only take a couple of hours at the most. For more information, please contact Kelly Dahm at kellydahm@yahoo.com.

Glik Park Clean Up

At the last committee meeting, it was decided that the Pack would participate in the Adopt-A-Park program. This means that we agreed to help clean up the park once a quarter. Our first cleanup will follow placing the Veteran's flags this Saturday, November 5th. Please be sure to wear boots and gloves and bring some garbage bags. This project should only take about an hour if we have enough people to help. For more information, please contact Kelly Dahm at kellydahm@yahoo.com.

Pack ReChartering

According to the Council's policies, our pack must recharter every year before the middle of December. This process involves confirming all the scouts and leaders in the pack, plus collecting registration fees and Boy's Life subscription fees before the end of October. The fees for next year are \$15 per leader and scout and \$12 for the Boy's Life subscription. If you registered last month and paid the \$20 registration fee and/or Boy's Life fee of \$16, you are already registered for next year. If you have enough money in your scout account, you can pay your fees with the account; otherwise, a check will need to be written to Pack 43 for the fees. Fees must be paid by November 15th and you can give the payment to Eric Augustin or Gary Miller.

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Scouting for Food

Every November, the Scouting program takes time to help others and collects food for the pantries in the area. On Saturday, November 12th at 9:00 a.m., we will meet at the EVUCC Parking Lot to go out and place tags on the doors in Highland. We have an assigned area to cover and need all the help we can get from those in our Pack. This should only take a few hours in the morning.

Then on Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m., we will gather again at the EVUCC Parking Lot to go back out and collect all the food and then deliver it to the Food Pantry here in Highland. Once again, this will take a few hours in the morning if we have enough help.

On the weekend of November 11 – 13th, we will also be having food collection booths at Walmart, Super Valu, and Tru Buy. We need people to sign up for two hour shifts all weekend and help collect food from patrons at these stores. The schedule for the stores is as follows:

Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Walmart, Super Valu, and Tru Buy
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Super Valu and Tru Buy
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Walmart, Super Valu and Tru Buy

We need parents to work with their scouts during this weekend. The other packs, troops, and Girl Scouts will also be helping to man the booths at the stores during the weekend. If you want to help, please contact Kelly Dahm at kellydahm@yahoo.com

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 will be setting up dates to watch the videos in the future for these classes.

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.

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

Contact Us

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Pack Calendar of Events

November 1 – District Round Table

November 4 – Popcorn Pickup

November 5 – Veteran Flags

November 5 – Glik Park Cleanup

November 10 – Pack Committee Meeting

November 12 – Scouting for Food

November 19 – Scouting for Food

November/December Pack Meeting

Our next Pack Meeting will be held on December 2nd at 2:00 p.m. We will be having a special guest at this meeting, so be sure to bring your camera. Once we get passed the holiday season, we will get back to our normal schedule of the pack meeting on the 4th Thursday night of the month. Leaders, just a reminder that the next Award Deadline is November 23rd.



Computer 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 Computer Belt Loop

1. Explain these parts of a personal computer: central processing unit (CPU), monitor, keyboard, mouse, modem, and printer.
2. Demonstrate how to start up and shut down a personal computer properly.
3. Use your computer to prepare and print a document.

Requirements for the Computer Pin

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

1. Use a computer to prepare a report on a subject of interest to you. Share it with your den.
2. Make a list of 10 devices that can be found in the home that use a computer chip to function.
3. Use a computer to maintain a balance sheet of your earnings or allowance for four weeks.
4. Use a spreadsheet program to organize some information.
5. Use an illustration, drawing, or painting program to create a picture.
6. Use a computer to prepare a thank-you letter to someone.
7. With your parent's or adult partner's permission, log on to the Internet. Visit the Boy Scouts of America Web site:(<http://www.scouting.org>).
8. Discuss personal safety rules you should pay attention to while using the Internet.
9. Practice a new computer game for two weeks. Demonstrate an improvement in your scores.
10. With your parent's or adult partner's permission, correspond with a friend via e-mail. Have at least five e-mail replies from your friend.
11. Visit a local business or government agency that uses a mainframe computer to handle its business. Explain how computers save the company time and money in carrying out its work.

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