

Akela Newsletter

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Go! Go! Go!

It's time to start another year in the Scouting Program!! Next week, our dens will be starting their meetings and we will be starting the first fundraiser for the year. The one thing we all need to remember is that we are doing all this work for the boys. We have to remember KISMIF when helping the cub scouts which stands for "Keep It Safe, Make It Fun!".



Boys join Cub Scouting because they want to have fun. For boys, however, fun means a lot more than just having a good time. "Fun" is a boy's code word for the satisfaction he gets from meeting challenges, having friends, feeling good about himself, and feeling he is important to other people. While the boys are having fun and doing things they like to do, they also learn new things, discover and master new skills, gain self-

confidence, and develop strong friendships.

Good luck to all the scouts, leaders, and parents as we start this new year!!

Pack Meeting Changes

The Pack Committee has decided to change the night of the pack meeting to the fourth Thursday of each month. Reasons for this change were to allow the dens to prepare for the theme each month before the pack meeting and to work better with the church's schedule. Our meeting schedule in October through December will be a little different due to holidays. We will have a Costume Party/Bonfire/Hayride on the last Saturday in October as our pack meeting at Kelly Dahm's house. And then on December 3rd, we will meet at the EVUCC Fellowship Hall to have our pack meeting and Christmas Party. Sometime in the spring next year, we will have one of the pack meetings outside at a location to be determined.

Join Scouting Night

On September 8th, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the EVUCC Fellowship Hall, we will be having a registration night for new scouts. Please encourage your scout to wear his activity t-shirt to school on Thursday to help spread the word about our pack. If your scout invites someone and they join Cub Scouts, he will earn the Recruiter patch. One or two den leaders are needed to meet with the new parents and boys. Please let Gary Miller know which den leaders will be attending this event as soon as possible. We also need some parents to help the Assistant Cubmasters with entertaining the boys while we are meeting with their parents.

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Popcorn Fundraiser

Popcorn sales are just around the corner. Volunteers are still needed to be the contact for each Den. Please email Jennifer Powers at spencergraciesmommy@yahoo.com if you are willing to help.



Our Show-N-Sell weekend is SEPTEMBER 9-11th. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Join Scouting Night this week on September 8th at the EVUCC Fellowship Hall. Plus, you can contact Gary Miller at gary.scouts@charter.net to sign up for a time slot. The scouts that participate will get to split the total sales for the weekend. The split amount will count towards the commission split AND towards their sales totals for prizes. Only the scout signed up for the timeslot will get credit. Any orders taken at the Show-N-Sell will have the profits donated to the pack.

You should receive your order form in the mail. If not, please contact Gary Miller to get a form to take orders for popcorn. We will have a Popcorn Kickoff at the September Pack Meeting. **Please remember, money must be collected when the order is placed.**

All order forms and money must be turned in on Sunday, October 16 by 7:00 pm to Gary Miller. This is a firm deadline to allow time to prepare and submit the order.

The popcorn will be available for pick up on the evening of November 4 at the EVUCC Fellowship Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. If you cannot pickup your popcorn, please make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you. We will need parents to help sort the popcorn around 4:00 PM.

Please see the information sheet at the end of the newsletter for further information.

Schmitt Family Spaghetti Dinner

We have been asked to help with the Spaghetti Dinner for the Schmitt Family on September 17th by Pack 42 in Marine and Troop 43 in Highland. The times are 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Marine United Church of Christ. The Schmitt family was involved in our pack several years ago and need our help after they suffered a fire at their home and the loss of their youngest son.

We are asking each member in our pack to provide at least one box of spaghetti for this fundraiser. Also, they are requesting us to donate some desserts for the dinner. If you are willing to provide some goods for this fundraiser, please let me know as soon as possible!!

Pack 42 is a small pack in Marine where one of the Schmitt boys attends the Scouting Program. If anyone is willing to help serve at the dinner or work in the dining room, please let Gary Miller know as soon as possible.

Please deliver the boxes of spaghetti to the Join Scouting Night on September 8th at the EVUCC Fellowship Hall between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Jennifer Powers will be sitting at a table about the popcorn fundraiser and you can leave the spaghetti with her. If you cannot make it on September 8th, work out delivery with Gary Miller before September 11th. Desserts are to be delivered to the home of Lisa Poland on September 16th any time during the day. Her address is: 7 Stone Drive and her phone number is 654-7080.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Dahm or Gary Miller.

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.

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

Contact Us

Kelly Dahm, Cubmaster, 654-7596
Gary Miller, Committee Chair, 792-0180

www.highlandpack43.org

Pack Calendar of Events

September 8 – Join Scouting Night

September 9-11 – Popcorn Blitz Weekend

September 17 – Schmitt Family Spaghetti Dinner

September 22 – Pack Meeting, 7:00 PM, EVUCC

September 23-25 – Mom and Me Campout



Golf 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 Golf Belt Loop

1. Explain the rules of golf to your leader or adult partner. Explain the need for caution concerning golf clubs and golf balls.
2. Spend at least 30 minutes practicing golfing skills.
3. Participate in a round of golf (nine holes).

Requirements for the Golf Pin

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

1. Explain the use of woods and irons. Explain their differences.
2. Explain how par is determined for a hole.
3. Demonstrate the proper grip of the club to your leader, adult partner, or instructor.
4. Spend 30 minutes practicing the swing styles: full swing, approach swing, and putting swing.
5. Spend 30 minutes practicing aim, stance, and the address position.
6. Draw a diagram of a typical golf hole, from tee to green.
7. Demonstrate your knowledge of the use and care of golf equipment clubs, ball, tee, bag, shoes, and gloves.
8. Describe the composition of a regulation golf ball.
9. Take golf lessons.
10. Spend 30 minutes hitting balls on a driving range.
11. Play miniature golf.

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

Pictures from Boat Regatta and Space Derby



2011 SCOUT POPCORN SALES

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

- **Please don't start selling until September 9th!!**
- You may start selling popcorn on September 9th! **PLEASE COLLECT THE MONEY AS YOU TAKE THE ORDERS!** Checks will not be cashed until October 19th.
- **Important Dates**
 - **October 16th, Deadline for turning in orders to Gary**
 - **November 4th, Popcorn Pickup**
- Sales forms **must** be filled out with:
Scout Name
Den Number
Phone Number
Prize Choice
- Parents, please double-check all order totals.
- All popcorn order forms must be submitted to Gary Miller by **7:00 pm, Sunday, October 16th**. (This is a firm deadline to allow us time to prepare and submit the order.)
- If turning orders into your den leader, allow them enough time to meet the above deadline. If you choose to submit your orders directly to us, our contact information is listed at the end of this memo.
- **PLEASE INCLUDE THE MONEY WHEN TURNING IN YOUR ORDER FORM.**
- We will pick up the popcorn on Friday afternoon, November 4th from the warehouse in Wood River. It will be taken to the EVUCC church and sorted for pickup (volunteers are welcome to help sort!)
- **Popcorn orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday night, November 4th at the EVUCC Fellowship Hall. All popcorn must be picked up during this time. If you cannot pick up your order, please make arrangements for someone else to pick it up for you. Please double-check your order at time of pick-up to verify that it is correct.**
- Prizes will be given out at the December pack meeting. Every scout who sells a popcorn item will receive a popcorn patch. If the scout sells more than \$250 he has the ability to earn more cash prizes. Also, the pack will award gift cards to the top seller in each den and the overall top seller.
- Profits from popcorn sales help fund pack events and camp fees for individual scouts.

Thank you in advance for helping make this year's popcorn sale a success.

Contact Information:

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