



# PACK 119



## CUB SCOUT NEWS

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### MARCH PACK MEETING/PINEWOOD DERBY

The 2006 Pack 119 Pinewood Derby was a huge success. Race night was March 24, 2006 at the St. John's School Gym/Speedway. Prior to the opening ceremony, racers and their parents checked in their cars and made final pre-race adjustments. Prior to the race, a pizza dinner was served and a Cub Scout & Webelos Summer Program video was viewed.



22 Cub Scout & Webelos racers and 9 siblings participated in the event in 5 racing divisions. Each race division included multiple heats. The event was carefully monitored by Mr. Lynch, Mr. O'Brien and several members of Troop 119. Many creatively designed and built cars came zooming down the track as spectators watched and cheered. All participants received well deserved recognition at the end of the night. Some of the fastest times have been posted to the Pack 119 web site.



Thank you to all the parents and the members of Troop 119 that assisted with setting up, running, and cleaning up the Derby. Many hands make light work!!



### PACK 119 WEB SITE

Remember to visit the Pack 119 web site for the most current Pack 119 information.  
<http://cubs.119peabody.org/> (there is no "www")



## MUSEUM OF SCIENCE CAMP-IN

13 Cub Scouts and 13 adults from Pack 119 participated in the Museum of Science overnight trip. Pack 119 joined numerous other Packs from around the region at the event on Saturday evening, March 25 to Sunday late morning, March 26. It was a fun and educational experience. Most of the parents seemed to enjoy the luxurious accommodations on the floor near the steam engine exhibit. It is believed that one or two actually got some sleep!



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## APRIL PACK MEETING

This meeting will be held on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 PM in the St. John's Gym. The Pack meeting theme will be "sports night". The Cub Scouts will be playing some organized games such as volleyball and basketball. Andrew Philips from the Yankee Clipper Council will also make a presentation to parents about the Friends of Scouting program.

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## MAY PACK MEETING CANCELLED

Because the May Pack meeting was scheduled only two weeks from the Blue & Gold Banquet, it has been decided to cancel the May Pack meeting.

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## WEBELOS WOODS

The Pack 119 Webelos will be participating in the Webelos Woods program on Saturday, May 13 at Lone Tree Scout Reservation, Kingston, NH. This program is run by Nanepashemet Lodge #158 of the Order of the Arrow. The day is designed to explain what Boy Scouting is all about and have a fun filled day of adventures.

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## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Peabody Veteran's Council has formally invited Pack 119 to march in the Memorial Day Parade. The Pack will gather at 10:30 AM on Monday, May 29, 2006 at Washington Street and Allens Lane. The Parade concludes in front of City Hall at which time there will be a brief ceremony.

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## BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

The Blue & Gold Banquet will be held on Friday, **June 2** at 6:00 PM in the St. John's Lower Church Hall. **Please note that this is a date change from what was communicated on previous schedules and newsletters.** As the name implies, food will be served at this banquet. Cub Scouts, Webelos & Leaders are free of charge. All other family members will be charged \$7.50. Please fill out the form attached to the end of this newsletter and return it to your Den Leader with a check no later than May 19 so that the Pack can plan properly for the event.

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## SUMMER CUB SCOUT & WEBELOS DAY CAMP & COW

There has been some interest expressed in Cub Scout & Webelos Summer Day Camp at **Camp Nihan** in Saugus and **Cub Overnight Weekend (COW)** at Lone Tree Reservation in Kingston NH. Cub Scout & Webelos Summer Day Camp runs from August 7 to 11. Pack 119 is targeting the July 22 & 23 COW. A promotional video was shown at the March Pack meeting and registration forms were attached to the February-March edition of the CUB SCOUT NEWS. You may also have received some information on these programs in the mail from the Yankee Clipper Council. That information and registration forms for these activities have been posted on the Pack 119 web site. The Day Camp fee is \$120 (\$145 if paid after May 1). The COW fee is \$40 (\$49 if you order a T-shirt). Please contact Jeannette McGinn if there is interest in attending one or both of these events as a group. Note that all four of Pack 119's Webelos have already registered for Scout & Webelos Summer Day Camp at Camp Nihan!

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### PACK 119 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Some Pack 119 summer activities are in the planning stages. More details will be provided. The tentative schedule includes:

- Brooksby overnight camping - June
  - North Shore Spirit Baseball Game - July
  - Cub Overnight Weekend (COW) - July 22 & 23
  - Cub Scout & Webelos Summer Day Camp - August 7 to 11
  - Fishing at Brooksby - August
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### PACK 119 APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- Daniel M. - April 10
  - Tyler P. - April 14
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### "BECAUSE EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER"

A link to the Yankee Clipper Council training calendar is available on the Pack 119 web site.

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### \*\*\* NEWS FROM THE DENS \*\*\*



Den 4

Tigers (grade 1)

Leader: Carol D'Iorio

The Tigers are having a great year!

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Den 2

Wolves (grade 2)

Leader: David Full

The Wolves took advantage of the nice weather we had on the past Den Meetings. The Wolves did bicycle riding, Frisbee throwing, and also built and painted models of the solar system.

At May and June Den meetings, the Wolves are looking at a musical instruments, First Aid, & non-motorized Go-Karts. The Wolves hope to have the first Go-Kart assembled in time to show off at the April Pack meeting.



### Den 3 Bears (grade 3)

Leader: Josie Wilkinson

The Bears are very proud of our results and our sibling's results at the Pine Wood Derby. We have completed 10 of our 12 achievements thus far, and are well on our way to our advancement to Webelos. Last meeting, we planted sunflowers, pumpkins and watermelons. In about 90 days, we should have the best-looking gardens in Peabody!

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### Den/Patrol 1 Webelos I (grades 4)

Leader: Jeannette McGinn

The Webelos have been working on their Craftsman Activity Badge building a Catapult and Desk organizer out of wood. They worked on their Handyman Activity Badge by raking and sweeping around the SJS playground area and parking lot for a clean up project. Remaining Patrol 1 activities prior to the Blue & Gold Banquet include:

- Friday, May 5 - Den Meeting Lower Church Hall, to complete the Craftsman activity
- Friday, May 12 - Channel 5 tour (more information to follow)
- Saturday, May 13 - Webelos Woods (see related story above)
- Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Last Den Meeting / end of the year party



### Webelos II (grades 5)

Second year Webelos will cross over into Boy Scouts in February 2007!

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## ADVANCEMENT

Thank you to all the Den Leaders for keeping Mr. Lynch up to date on the achievements of the members of your Dens. Advancement is an important part of the Cub Scout program. Please keep up the good work! Information can be provided to Rich by email (preferred) at [Rich.Lynch@MonotypeImaging.com](mailto:Rich.Lynch@MonotypeImaging.com) or by calling him at 978/531-1206.

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## MONEY MATTERS

We are pleased to report that 100% of 2005-2006 dues, museum of science overnight fees and bowl-a-thon pledges have been collected by Pack 119. Thank you to all Pack 119 families!

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## SOMEONE ELSE SUDDENLY DIES\*

All of the members of Pack 119 were deeply saddened to learn this week of the sudden and unexpected death of one of our Pack's most active members, known to us all by the affectionate name of Someone Else. As we approach the many activities of the months ahead, we must reflect, all of us, upon this very sobering and distressing news.

The untimely passing of Someone Else creates a loss that will be very difficult for the Pack to fill. The reason for this, of course, is that Else has been a very active and faithful member of the Pack for many years, and for everyone of those years, Someone always did far more than a normal person's share of Pack work. Whenever a position of leadership and responsibility had to be filled, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration and results. "I'm sorry I don't have the time to help, but I'm sure you'll find Someone Else" was the often heard answer. Whenever there was a job to do, a Den to lead, a meeting to run, or a Pack Committee post to fill, we often found ourselves saying, "I have to pass this time, perhaps Someone Else can do it."

Someone Else was a wonderful person, but one person can only do so much, and everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now that Someone Else is gone, we wonder what we are going to do. Since we can't depend on Someone Else to do everything for us any longer, then all of us together must do the work necessary to meet the needs of Pack 119.

(\*Adapted from a letter from Rev. Andrew Demotses Pastor, St. Vasilios Church to his parish. )

Pack 119 is very grateful to all those that have volunteered their time to make 2005-2006 a successful year. Please consider committing now to one of the many necessary adult leadership roles that must be filled to keep the Pack going strong in 2006-2007. If you have questions &/or are ready to "step forward", please contact Jeannette McGinn or Jamie O'Brien.

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## INFORMATION FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS & PICTURES

Please send information to would like to appear in future newsletters to [PeteMcGinn@comcast.net](mailto:PeteMcGinn@comcast.net) or provide it to Jeannette McGinn in advance of upcoming Pack meetings. Please take pictures (digital preferred) at Den and Pack activities. Please provide pictures to Pete McGinn over the course of the year as they will be needed for the Blue & Gold banquet.

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## BLUE & GOLD BANQUET RESPONSE FORM

Date: Friday, June 2 at 6:00 PM

Place: St. John's Lower Church Hall

Cub Scout or Webelos Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Family Members attending Free of Charge\*: \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Cub Scout, Webelos & Pack 119 Leaders)

Number of Family Members attending @ \$7.50: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due for your Family: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Pack 119

Please return this form and your check to your Den Leader by May 19