



PACK 119



CUB SCOUT NEWS

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SCOUT COMMUNITY FAIR

On Saturday, Sept 24, 2005, the Aquila District of the Yankee Clipper Council held a community fair at the James St. Park. This was a fair to help promote interest in Scouting for the youth of Peabody, in order to get new Scouts to register. The fair was well attended and the day was a great success.

Some of the activities included:

- Pinewood Derby races
- Rain Gutter Regatta
- Model rocketry and helicopter
- Police K9 Demonstration
- D.A.R.E. customized Mustang
- Med-Flight Helicopter
- Swat Team
- Antique fire truck & 1947 Peabody police cruiser
- Drag Race car
- Mr. Anderson from Troop 119 ran a Scout shop selling Scout handbooks, neckerchiefs, belts and slides to new Scouts.
- Music & more



In attendance from Pack 119 enjoying the fun was Dan M., Matthew D., Simon G., Leo I. & Jacob M.

Many Boy Scout Troops and Packs from around the city of Peabody had booths and displays. Troop 119 showed a typical campsite with personal camping gear. Mr. Early and Morris M. (from Troop 119) and Mr. McGinn (from Pack 119) ran the Pinewood Derby!

Thank you to all members of Troop 119 who participated. Mr. Lynch, Rob A., Kory D., Christopher E., Patrick L., Morris M., Jessie S. were all there to help out. They helped run the races, set-up and broke down the camp site, answered questions, etc.

PARENT MEETING

A successful parent meeting was held on Tuesday, Oct 11, 2005. To date, registrations have been accepted by the Pack for 20 new and returning Cub Scouts. The number of Pack 119 Cub Scouts is up from last year. Remember, if you are enjoying the program, feel free to bring a friend to a future Pack or Den activity to

see if they are interested in joining. We would love to continue to grow Pack 119! A special Thank you goes to David Full for volunteering to be the Wolf Den leader and Carol D'Iorio for volunteering to be the Tiger Den leader. Thanks also to Josie Wilkinson, who had been a Pack 119 Committee Member, for volunteering to be the Bear Den Leader. Carol, David and Josie join veteran Den leader Jeannette McGinn (Webelos Den Leader).

TIGER CUB SAFARI

Congratulations to Derek D. and his mother Rita for braving the elements to participate in the Tiger Cub Safari on Oct 15 at Endicott Park in Danvers. Derek joined Tigers from 37 Packs around Yankee Clipper Council. The rain was heavy and (unfortunately) attendance was light from most Packs. However, those that made it participated in ten activity stations including fire safety, scavenger hunt, snacks & songs, relay races, crafts, dodge ball, trading post, games and tug of war (with mud!).



Derek D. at the Tiger Cub Safari

Each Pack was required to provide two staff members at the Tiger Cub Safari. Special thanks go out from the Pack to Morris M., a First Class Boy Scout from Troop 119, who volunteered his time to be one of the Pack 119 staff members.

DUNGEON ROCK DAY

Some members of the Pack, including at least Calvin F., attended Dungeon Rock Day on Saturday, October 22 in the Lynn Woods. If you attended, please let the Pack know if it is an event in which the Pack should participate next year.

OCTOBER PACK MEETING

Pack 119's 2005/2006 kick off Pack meeting will be held on Friday, October 28 at 7:00 PM in the St. John's Lower Rectory. The meeting will feature a Halloween theme. Activities will include pumpkin decorating. Thanks go out from Pack 119 to those responsible for bringing the supplies and donating the pumpkins. The Pack will be entertained by Storyteller Lucille LePage. It should be a frightening experience!

GO TAKE A HIKE!

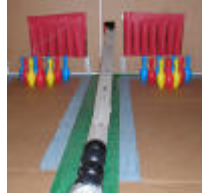
Boy Scout Troop 119 has invited anyone from Pack 119 interested in a hike to join them on Saturday, October 29 from 1 to 4:30 in the Lynn Woods. A handout with more information and directions is available. Please see Jamie O'Brien or Rich Lynch with any questions.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This community service food collection activity typically takes place in November. The Pack is seeking more information from Yankee Clipper Council and will provide information to the Den Leaders when it is available.

CLIPPERTOWN CONSTRUCTION DERBY

Information was distributed to the Den Leaders regarding the 5th annual Clipper Town Construction Derby which takes place on Saturday, Nov 5 2005 at Beverly High School field house. Please let Jeannette McGinn know by Oct 28 if your Den wants to be involved in the derby so she can register the Pack properly in advance. This can also be done by individual Scouts participating on a mixed (Cubs of all ages) construction team. Teams can have up to 8 Cub Scouts. Some level of planning is required so the construction team can bring plans and construction materials. Creating a construction plan would be a great den meeting activity!



NOVEMBER PACK MEETING

Pack 119's November Pack Meeting will take place on Friday, November 18 2005 at Brooksby Farm and will feature a hayride and campfire program. This will be a joint event with Boy Scout Troop 119. Please meet in the Brooksby Farm parking lot at 7:00 PM. Remember to dress for the weather.

PACK MEETING SCHEDULE

Please be sure to take home a 2005 / 2006 Pack Meeting schedule. Remember to visit the Pack 119 web site for the most current Pack 119 information

<http://cubs.119peabody.org/> (there is no "www")

PACK MEETING STRUCTUE

Most Pack meetings will require participation by the various Dens to conduct certain aspects of the meeting. For example, a Den will be asked to take care of, an opening ceremony, refreshments etc. You should know about these requests well in advance of the Pack meeting so any required preparation can take place at a Den meeting (ex: rehearse a song or skit). Please come prepared to do your part!

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & BATTLESHIP COVE CAMP-INS

There was considerable interest at the parent meeting in either the Museum of Science or Battleship Cove overnight trips. Jeannette has researched these activities. The top date options are based on known conflict dates for many St. John's families. Both of these overnights give priority to Wolf, Bear & Webelos Cub Scouts meaning Tiger Cubs can only participate if there is space available after November 14, 2005 (this is a Yankee Clipper Council rule). Pack 119 must make a decision on which activity we want to do by November 6 so that the Pack can register properly. These are very popular activities and, therefore, there is no guarantee Pack 119 will get our first choice of dates. Please decide within each Den how many Families are interested in these activities and the preferred dates. The Den Leader must then provide that information to Jeannette McGinn so that the Pack can register on time. The following is a summary:

Museum of Science

- Cost: \$45 per person (including adults)
- Dates:
 - Saturday, January 7 @ 4 PM to Sunday, January 8 @ noon
 - Saturday, March 25 @ 4 PM to Sunday, March 26 @ noon

Battleship Cove

- Cost: \$50 per person (including adults)
- Dates:
 - Saturday, April 29* - Sunday, April 30*
 - Saturday, May 6* - Sunday, May 7*

* note that these are both first communion weekends which could represent a problem for the Wolf Den

PACK 119 SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- Ian L. - September 12
 - James M. - September 16
 - Jay W. - September 21
 - Matthew D. - September 30
 - Nicholas B. - October 26
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DEN NUMBERS

Please note the Den numbers are:

- Den 4 - Tigers (grade 1)
 - Den 2 - Wolves (grade 2)
 - Den 3 - Bears (grade 3)
 - Den/Patrol 1 - Webelos I (grades 4)
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***** NEWS FROM THE DENS *****

Den 4  Tigers (grade 1)

Leader: Carol D'Iorio

The Pack's newest members are getting organized. All parents seem willing to chip in on the effort.

The Tiger Den has had their first Den meeting at which they made friendship bracelets.

Den 2  Wolves (grade 2)

Leader: David Full

The Wolf Den has set their Den meeting schedule for Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 in the St. John's Lower Rectory.

The next Den meeting is scheduled on Nov 1, 2005.



Den 3 Bears (grade 3)

Leader: Josie Wilkinson

The Bear Den has set their Den meeting schedule for Tuesday afternoons and is working with the Parish Center to set the meeting location.

The next Den meeting is scheduled on Nov 1, 2005.



Den/Patrol 1 Webelos I (grades 4)

Leader: Jeannette McGinn

The Webelos kicked off their year with a Den meeting on Friday, Oct 14. The Webelos decorated three ring binders that they will use to keep track of Webelos activities and advancement in 2005/2006. The Den worked on the first portion of their Fitness Activity Pin requirements. The Den voted and decided to refer to themselves as "The Shooting Star Patrol". The Shooting Stars have come up with ideas for a flag which will be constructed at their next meeting. There are also rumors of a secret handshake, but, of course there are no details as this is a secret.

The Shooting Star Patrol had their second meeting on Oct 21. At this meeting, the Patrol flag was completed, the handshake was finalized and a song was composed.

The Shooting Star Patrol had their third meeting on Oct 28. The theme of the meeting was forestry and took place at the Lynn Woods. Park Ranger Dan provided the Patrol with useful information while taking the group on a hike.

The next Den meeting is scheduled on Friday, Nov 4.



Webelos II (grades 5)

Pack 119's senior member, Tyler I., is participating in the activities of Boy Scout Troop 119 which is also sponsored by St. John's Parish. Troop 119 meets each Wednesday and carries out an active programming that includes camping, community service and a wide range of other activities. For more information on Troop 119, visit: <http://www.119peabody.org/>.

ADVANCEMENT

Advancement and achievement (beltloops etc.) is an important part of the Cub Scout program. Please track progress in your handbook. Please keep Rich Lynch up to date with status so that Cub Scouts can get the recognition they have earned at the Pack Meetings over the course of the year. Information can be provided to Rich by email (preferred) at Rich.Lynch@MonotypeImaging.com or by calling him at 978/531-1206.

Some achievements (beads etc.) are intended to be awarded at Den meetings. Please speak to Rich Lynch if you need any guidance in this area.

DUES

Pack 119's dues are \$60 for the 2005/2006 Scouting year. This will cover Yankee Clipper Council registration, Boy's Life magazine and a significant portion of the expenses of Pack 119. Please provide Jeannette McGinn with a check payable "Pack 119".

EXPENSES

Please provide Jeannette McGinn with receipts for Den and Pack expenses so that you can be reimbursed. These would include things like craft supplies, awards etc. Individual Cub Scout expenses (uniforms, handbooks etc.) are paid by the individual family. Remember that we have limited funds so please be frugal. The Den Leaders will be provided information on how much money is available for the full year.

ADULT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Yankee Clipper Council (YCC) and Aquila District provide a great number of training opportunities. If you are interested in participating in some form of training, visit the YCC web site at: <http://www.yccbsa.org/> . From the "quick links" pull down menu, click on "training" and that will get you to a site that describes the various training available. From there, you can click on [Yankee Clipper Council Training Calendar](#) for a more complete schedule.

Jamie O'Brien and Rich Lynch have gone through extensive Scouting training and can likely answer most of the questions you might have and/or make training suggestions.

New Leader & Cub Scout specific leadership training is scheduled for Saturday, December 3 at TBD location. A Pow-Wow training course is scheduled for Saturday, January 21 at a TBD location.

On-Line Training Modules are also available. To view some of those options go to: <http://www.yccbsa.org/news/index.htm> . Pack 119 would strongly suggest that all adult leaders take " [Cub Scout Leader Fast Start](#) " and " [Youth Protection Training](#) ". They contain valuable information and are not very time consuming.

ADULT APPLICATIONS

All adults volunteering in any capacity with Pack 119 need to complete an application CORI form and provide a copy of their drivers' license so that they are registered with the Pack. Please see Jeannette McGinn to get this accomplished. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

INFORMATION FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Please send information to would like to appear in future newsletters to PeteMcGinn@comcast.net or provide it to Jeannette McGinn in advance of upcoming Pack meetings.

PLEASE TAKE PICTURES

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.
