



# PACK 119



## CUB SCOUT NEWS

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### OCTOBER PACK MEETING



Pack 119's 2005/2006 kick off Pack meeting held on Friday, October 28 was a great success. The meeting was attended by 19 Cub Scouts and their parents and featured a Halloween theme. The Pack was entertained by Storyteller Lucille LePage. Cub Scouts enjoyed snacks and pumpkins went home with all in attendance.

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### GO TAKE A HIKE!

Congratulations to Dominic R. and his grandfather for enduring a 5 mile hike (in the snow) with Boy Scout Troop 119 Saturday, October 29 in the Lynn Woods. Dominic earned a patch for his accomplishment which was presented at the November Pack meeting. Way to go Dominic!

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### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This community service food collection activity was a great success. Thank you to Matthew D., Daniel M. Jimmy G., Jay W., Zachary S., Michael D., Derek D., Dominic R., Ian L., Andrew C., Calvin F. and their parents for participating in the event on two Saturdays in November. Several neighborhoods were covered and 775 total food items were collected. The Haven From Hunger was delighted with the donation. Great job Pack 119!



## **NOVEMBER PACK MEETING**



Pack 119's November Pack Meeting took place on Friday, November 18 at Brooksby Farm and featured a hayride and campfire program. It was a joint event with Boy Scout Troop 119. The Pack practiced Christmas songs with the assistance of John Regan. Campfire refreshments included hot chocolate, cider donuts and SMORES. It was cold but the weather cooperated and there was a beautiful moon. Attendance was great with 20 Cub Scouts and their families participating. A good time was had by all!



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## **DECEMBER PACK MEETING**

What a great way to share the Christmas spirit! On Friday, December 9, Pack 119 will meet at the Peabody House at 6:00 PM. Wear your uniform. Den Leaders will assign Cub Scout families what to bring. Dens will bring small gifts to give to each resident and one larger gift for a raffle. The residents of the Peabody House truly look forward to this event every year. They enjoy having Pack 119 come, sing and entertain them for the evening.

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## **JANUARY PACK MEETING**

This meeting will be held on Friday, January 27 at 7:00 PM in the St. John's Lower Rectory. Details are being finalized, however, it promises to be a fun evening.

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## **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")

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## **MUSEUM OF SCIENCE CAMP-IN**

12 Cub Scouts and 12 adults have registered for the Museum of Science overnight trip. The event is Saturday, March 25 @ 4 PM to Sunday, March 26 @ noon. The cost is \$45 per person (including adults). If you have not paid, please get a check to your Den Leader. More details to follow as we get closer.

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## **PACK 119 NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to:

- Anthony S. - November 1
  - Cole C. - December 18
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**\*\*\* NEWS FROM THE DENS \*\*\***

Den 4  Tigers (grade 1)

Leader: Carol D'Iorio

The Tigers met on November 17 for a meeting that included a craft that was led by Domenic R.'s grandmother. They also spent time preparing for the Brooksby Farm campfire and the visit to the Peabody House.

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Den 2  Wolves (grade 2)

Leader: David Full

The Wolf Den has demonstrated their knowledge of many of the requirements of the Bobcat Badge. The Den planned and constructed a banner. Activities at other Den meetings have included playing chess and building/flying paper airplanes. Den 2 has also spent time preparing for the Brooksby Farm campfire and the visit to the Peabody House. On Dec 6, Den 2 has had a meeting that involved painting wooden Christmas tree ornaments.

The next Den meeting is scheduled on December 13, 2005.

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Den 3  Bears (grade 3)

Leader: Josie Wilkinson

The Bear Den has had meeting that included model building and other activities. On Nov 29, the Bears cooked up some tasty candy treats called "peppermint bark" for the residents of the Peabody House. The Bears also have been working on advancement that will be recognized at upcoming Pack meetings.

The next Den meeting is scheduled on December 20, 2005.

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Den/Patrol 1

Webelos I (grades 4)

Leader: Jeannette McGinn

The Webelos have been very busy. There have been a number of Den Meetings and trips. On Oct 28, Patrol 1 visited the Lynn Woods for an educational hike. On Nov 4, they went to Stop & Shop for a behind the scenes tour of the super market. On Nov 10, Veterans Day, the Webelos conducted a flag raising ceremony at St. John's School. On Dec 1, they visited the Saugus Iron Works. On Dec 6, Dan M. & Andrew C. attended a talk at the Peabody Library given by meteorologist Matt Noyes of NECN. In addition to all of this, the Webelos have been working on advancement and preparing for the Dec 9 visit to the Peabody House.

The next Den meeting is scheduled on Friday, December 16.



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 Rick 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](mailto: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. If you have not already done so, please provide your Den Leader or Jeannette McGinn with a check payable "Pack 119".

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## **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.

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## **"BECAUSE EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER"**

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.

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.

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## **INFORMATION FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

Please send information that you 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.

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## **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.

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