



# St. Mary's Pack 8 Cub Scouts

## Calendar

*Ron Mysona, Cub Master*

Welcome to Scouting in 2002! The next couple months are full of activities with Scout Sunday, the Blue and Gold, Pinewood Derby, Scout Celebration and end of year campout/advancement ceremonies. Please participate in these, but most importantly work with your cub to complete the requirements for his advancement. Also if you didn't earn the religious medal in time for Scout Sunday, there will be a second ceremony this year in May.

Also parents now is the time to step forward and volunteer to help us out with these activities or more importantly to identify yourself as a Den Leader for next year.

Also in addition to the normal advancement and Den awards you can also earn Belt Loops. If parents are interested in information regarding achievement of these awards, contact John Lint. Awards are available in two areas.

Academics-Art, Chess, Citizenship, Communicating, Computers, Geography, Heritages, Mathematics, Music, Science, Weather, Wildlife Conservation Sports-Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bicycling, Bowling, Fishing, Golf, Gymnastics, Marbles, Physical Fitness, Skating, Skiing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate, and Volleyball.

## Pack Activities

*John Lint, Wolves Den Leader, Bond Calloway, Webelos Den Leader*

Pinewood Derby is just around the corner (March 9). Boys should start working on those cars as soon as possible. Here are some easy tips for making your car the fastest thing on wheels:

**Pack 8 is Great!**

**Wheels:** Smooth the tread - This is accomplished by placing the wheel in a drill using a wheel mandrel (a tool sold at hobby stores), and then lightly sanding the tread with fine (600+) grit sandpaper. Continue sanding for about 10 seconds on each wheel, making sure that the sanding time is the same for all wheels. Take care to keep the tread flat and also don't sand the fine rib pattern of the wheel or you'll be disqualified.

Lift a front wheel - Lifting one front wheel off of the track by angling/bending an axle upwards will provide a speed advantage. But make sure that the center of gravity of the car is behind the center point of the car. Test spin the wheels, and use the poorest spinning wheel as the lifted wheel.

**Axles:** Remove the burr by the nail head (if present) - Place each axle in a drill and use a small file to remove the burr. Polish the axles - Place an axle in a drill, apply some polishing compound (car polish, metal polish, jeweler's rouge, etc.) to a rag, and polish the axles until shiny.

## Den News

### Webelos

The Webelos had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and are back in Action earning Badges. After earning the Readyman Badge and Athlete Badge (Fitness Pin and Belt Loop Included), the Webelos earned the Scientist Badge this last week end. Stay Tuned for more information on February Den Meeting. The Webelos maybe going on a Campout in February! Stay Tuned - Same Bat Channel - Same Bat Time!

### Bear

On Saturday, January 19th, the Bears met at the ballfields at the End of Eisenhower Road for a bike rodeo and a ride along the

Augusta Canal. The weather held off long enough for our Cubs to complete Achievement 14, Ride Right. - Many thanks to all the Bear Parents who made our short outing a big success. Our Cubs are growling along the Bear Path !

### Wolf

The Wolves held a den meeting on January 12th at the St. Anne's Hall. The topics covered were Cooking at Eating (food guide pyramid), Keep Your Body Healthy, and Collections. Each scout made a basic first aid kit. Activities included a demonstration of how germs were spread and the scouts practiced a skit for the upcoming Pack meeting. The Wolves are well on their way to completing the requirements for the Wolf Badge and we have started working on Arrow Point electives.

### Tigers

The Tigers visited Dairy Queen after school and then went on to visit WJBF Newschannel 6. All had a great time learning about television. Thanks to Neisha Cundey for setting up this event. The Tigers are well on their way to earning their Tiger badge. If you missed a meeting please make up that activity.

## Calendar of Events

February 3	Scout Sunday
February 7	Leaders Meeting
February 16	Blue and Gold Dinner (stay Tuned for time and place)
February 28	Leaders meeting
March 9	Pack Pinewood Derby
March 23	District Pinewood derby
March 25	Pack Meeting
April 4	Leader Meeting
April 20	Scout Celebration
April 29	Pack Meeting
May 4	<b>Pack end of year campout</b>

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