



Cubmaster's Corner

Ron Mysona, *Cub Master*

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and I know I especially enjoyed the caroling at the VA hospital. A great job by Oneta Fioravanti again to set-up this visit and plan out the craft activity.

We are about midway through the scout year so parents please take some time and understand where your cub is on their progress. We want to have 100% advancement and we have great den leaders, but in the end the parent and scout are the key to getting the most out of scouting. Speaking about getting the most out of scouting now is the ideal time to pursue a religious medal. These are separate books that your den leader can provide you. The boys have really enjoyed this program in the past and I think you will find it worthwhile.

We have a lot going on in the next two months with the campout, Scout Sunday, Scout week (including the 10,000 mile walk), preparation for the Pinewood Derby and of course the Blue and Gold celebration. The scout week activities are downtown, but will be at the Civic Center rather than at Riverwalk. The 10,000 mile walk is an old Augusta scout tradition that has been brought back. It will be about a 4 hour walk that includes stops at various historic spots. The theme for Pack 8's Blue and Gold Dinner this year is Uncle Sam. Let's make this the best Blue and Gold ever. After all, this will be the first one in the new cafeteria! We need your participation so please mark your calendars.

Also this is the time of the year when we recognize outstanding leadership in scouting. If your den leader or some other aspect of Pack 8 is outstanding, pick-up a form from the scout office and nominate one of our leaders for an award. If you can't get to the scout office let me know and I will fill out the paperwork. A lot of folks put in lots of hours behind the scene. Please ensure they get some recognition.

I appreciate all your support and we have several things in the works to make things even better.

St. Mary's Pack 8 Cub Scouts

Thank You!

A big thank you to **The Yardsmith** who supplied a tractor with front end loader and numerous tools for the clean-up of the old Catholic Social Services house. Also a big thank you to **Bowles Construction** who supplied the dump truck for this clean-up effort.

Popcorn Results

Pack 8 sold \$14,276 worth of popcorn making Pack 8 the highest selling unit for the Georgia-Carolina District. Congratulations to John Lint for leading such a successful drive. John has asked for someone to volunteer to be the Asst. Popcorn Kernel next year. He wants someone to work with him and 'learn the trade' to enable John to have a smooth transition to his successor.

Den News

Bear

The Bear Den met on Saturday, January 11th, to celebrate the theme for the month, Strike Up the Band. We worked on two craft projects: making a wooden xylophone and a piano neckerchief slide. We hope to show off our projects at the Pack meeting. We also worked on achievements by playing a game of music charades, played a music instrument game, and talked about music instruments. Everyone had a great time and all made progress towards completing their Bear rank. We even had time to practice a skit for this month's Pack meeting.

Wolf

The Wolves have been having a howling good time! We met at the park and learned about our flag. We learned how to display it and how to fold it. We also completed a bike rodeo. At our last meeting we learned about first aid. We know what to do if someone gets cut or is injured. We also learned about emergency numbers. The best part though is we have some new skits to do at the campout.

Tiger

The Tigers next Den Meeting will be Saturday January 25th. We will be working on our Pinewood derby cars. The time and place will be announced.

Camping News

January 18 - 19:

Pack 8 will be camping at Camp Linwood Hayne. We will meet there about 1:00 PM Saturday. The Pack will provide Sat dinner and Sun breakfast. Several of our WEBELOS will be moving up to Boy Scouts and this will be their final camping trip with Pack 8. If you are attending please send the sign-up form to Ron Mysona so we know the numbers for meals.

April 26 - 27

The end of year pack camping trip will be at the Plant Vogtle Recreation Center. If you have not been camping with the Cub Scouts because you don't want to rough it this is the one to attend. At the Vogtle Recreation we park at the campsite, each campsite has electrical outlets, nice flush restrooms with hot showers and a large covered pavilion.

Scout Sunday

Our Parish celebration of Scout Sunday will be February 2 at the 6:00 PM Mass. We will meet about 20 minutes before Mass in the Narthex. The scouts will be ushering, doing the collection and bringing the gifts.

The Scouting Religious Medals (Light of Christ & Parvuli Dei) will be awarded at a Mass for all Cub Scouts in the Augusta Deanery later in the Spring. More details to come later but St. Mary on the Hill is this year's host.

Scout Week

The 2003 Scouting Show will be at the Augusta Civic Center. Pack 8 is planning a booth on building bat houses as effective mosquito control. On February 8th at 2:30 until 5:00 there will be Cub Scout booths set up in the Augusta Civic center followed by the Augusta Lynx Hockey Match at 7:30. The Lynx tickets are \$8 for second level and include a patch. If you would like to attend send a note to [Paul Burwinkel](mailto:Paul.Burwinkel@pack8.com) at admin@pack8.com with the number of tickets you want to purchase by Feb 1.

Pinewood Derby

The Pack 8 Pinewood derby is Saturday March 1. All Cub Scouts should be busy building their cars. The Pinewood Derby will be held in St Mary's School Cafeteria

and will begin with the Tigers at 9:00, Wolves at 10:00, Bears at 11:00 and the WEBELOS at 12:00. On the night before the race the race track will be setup from 7:00 until 9:00 for anyone who wants to take some test runs for tuning the car. The scales and measuring blocks will be available so you can verify you car meets the specifications. Adult volunteers are needed to help with with several parts of the race. On Saturday, February 22nd we will assemble the race track and make repairs and improvements. At the Pack race on March 1 people will be needed to weigh and measure the cars. The District Race on March 15 will also be at St. Mary's and volunteers will again be needed. If you can help out drop [Ray Marks](mailto:RayMarks@pinewood@pack8.com) a note at pinewood@pack8.com.

Calendar of Events

January 14	Pack Meeting
January 18/19	Campout to Linwood Hayne
January 24	Rechartering due
January 30	Leaders Meeting
February 2	Scout Sunday
February 8	10,000 Mile hike /scout week celebration/Lynx Game
February 15	Blue and Gold Dinner
February 27	Leaders meeting
March 1	Pack Pinewood Derby
March 11	Pack Meeting
March 15	District Pinewood derby
April 3	Leader Meeting
April 15	Pack Meeting
April 24	Leaders meeting
April 26/27	Pack end of year campout

January 18 / 19, 2003 Campout Sign up form

Name: _____

Number attending for dinner Sat 1/18: _____

Number attending for breakfast Sun 1/19: _____

Please return this January 14th at the Pack meeting or no later than Wednesday January 15 to:

Ron Mysona via bookbag mail to Jonathan Mysona – 2A

Or e-mail to [Ron Mysona](mailto:RonMysona@pack8.com) at cubmaster@pack8.com