

## Pride of the Pack



Nov 2003

### Cubmaster:



Good Evening All,

Our Fall Family camp was a great success. We had 85 people in attendance during our campfire program. Thank you all for coming. Special thanks to those who were volunteered to participate in the belt loop programs and all the cooking and cleaning. Without folks pitching in to lend a hand, we would never be able to have events like this.

Recharter day is December 6<sup>th</sup>. We need all dues and fees and applications turned in to the committee or myself no later than December 5<sup>th</sup> (except for those whom we have made arrangements with). If we do not have these items, your son will not be registered.

Our popcorn sales have been tremendous. Jeanne Craven and family have done an outstanding job this year in support of our fundraiser. Thank her for all of her hard work and long hours making this the best year ever for our pack. All leaders look forward to getting a pie next month. We need someone to organize popcorn sales next year. Please see me.

December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Chesapeake Christmas Parade. **WE HAVE SECURED A TRACTOR AND TRAILER (FLATBED)** to support our float. Plan on decorating the float on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Church parking lot. We will not have any den meetings until after the parade so please keep in touch as more info will follow, as it becomes available.

Calendar changes: 12/12 the Church is not available, leaders, either cancel meetings, meet in homes, or have a field trip (don't forget tour permits from Erika); 12/19 Pack meeting with Wolf skit and Christmas party at the church.

I pray everyone has a very safe, very happy Thanksgiving,

Bobby D.

### Tigers:



Tiger Cubs have been busy this month! We had a great visit to the Fire Department, enjoyed Tiger Day at Camp Pipsico, and joined the rest of the Pack for the camping trip at Northwest River Park. Many thanks to those who worked so hard on the camping trip, we had a blast! Your efforts made the difference, and were greatly appreciated by all.

With the holidays approaching, the Tiger Cubs are conducting a Food Drive, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Southeastern Virginia Food Bank. This is an extremely worthy cause that will help many people have a brighter holiday. Additionally, it is a great opportunity for the Tigers to participate in a valuable service project, by giving back a small portion of that which they are so fortunate to have. We will collect food from the entire Pack, and strongly encourage all Cubs to participate.

Tigers will collect non-perishable food items from other dens at upcoming meetings, through the Pack Meeting on Dec 12. Thanks in advance for the support!

### Wolves:

Hey everyone! Check out the turkey neckerchief slides that the wolves made this month. Thanks to Shawn O'Keefe for this great idea.



Games! Games! Games! No den meeting is complete without them. This month we tried a few games that might have been played in the early Pilgrim days. We had a pumpkin roll relay and found that it is not all that easy to get pumpkins to roll straight using just a stick. (We actually used acorn squash as a substitute.) Last week we made hoop sticks using just a string and a stick. We also played a few word games. How many words can you make from the letters in Mayflower.

Two weeks ago, the Wolves all took turns mixing the ingredients for traditional Johnny Cakes. Mmmm. Good eating. Last week we made some homemade butter out of cream. That took a lot of shaking. (Alas, I heard that the Bears made butter too and upstaged us by bringing in dinner rolls to serve it on.)

During the Fall Family Camp we took a nature hike where we found all kinds of interesting things including a tree stump where we counted 78 rings. That tree was a sapling back when a man named Calvin Coolidge was President of the United States. Later that night the Wolves undoubtedly had the liveliest cheer in the Pack. Together with the Tiger Cubs I think we had the best skit too!

Tom Nimitz, Shawn O'Keefe and Doug Haskett

## Bears:



Wow, have those Bears been busy. Even though November was a short month for scouting these cubs made use of every opportunity to work towards their rank. They have been working hard to entertain their fellow scouts with two skits this month, one for the family campout and one for the Pack meeting tonight. We want to thank all the boy's and their families for coming out on that chilly night to share smore's, fun, and fellowship. We are looking forward to the spring campout already, and are really hoping it will be warm and dry this year!! Speaking of skits, if you look closely you'll see the hard work they put into their props/costumes for tonight's performance.

By working together, the guy's hit a big milestone. You could feel their excitement when the behavior candle burned itself out last week earning the boys a pizza party for December. There will be more info to come on that very soon! Another successful project was the "churning" of real butter. The Bears made a delicious treat using heavy whipping cream and a whole lot of shaking. Everyone was amazed at the transformation and enjoyed the results of their hard work on a soft roll....Mummmm!

## Webelos I:



We have had a busy month! We have been working on finishing up our Fitness badge and also our Outdoorsman badge. We have been helping our new Webelos to earn their Whittling Chip and their Bobcat. We recently divided into two Dens. Paul Boinay is taking one group with mostly new boys in it and John and Sherry Morrison are keeping the other half. We really want to extend a Thank You to Paul for stepping up to take over half of our Webelo 1's. We have grown to an amazing 20 Webelos 1's!! We had a great turn out for the Fall Family Camp out at North West River Park. It was perfect campfire weather and the boys had a great time learning about Baseball from Lee Owens. We appreciate him taking the time to spend with our boys and to help them earn a belt loop and a pin!

## Webelos II:

The Webelos II den have been busy finishing up requirements for their Arrow of Light. We recently took an exciting trip to the Bells Mill Fire Station, and the firefighters there took really special care of us! We got a close-up lesson on the trucks, dispatch, and the stationhouse, not to mention the cool uniforms and tools, including the Jaws of Life! Special thanks to the brave firemen who took the time to teach the Webelos! We also recently completed the Citizen requirement, and the boys learned that the President was a pilot, the Vice-President was born a Cornhusker, that Governor Warner's into public education, and Chesapeake's Mayor William Ward has a close connection with a local principal! We also learned that the flag described in our National Anthem cost \$405.90, that Francis Scott Key saved the "Beans," and the difference between rights and duties. When it comes to being a good Citizen, our Scouts are on the ball! We will also be focusing on preparing to become Boy Scouts! We'll be ready!