



Cub Scout Pack 40

Cub-o-Gram



Hudson Valley Council

February 2014

Core Value of the Month – Resourcefulness

Using human resources and other resources to their fullest. Cub Scouts will gain the knowledge and the means to meet situations effectively whether they are working on a service project or completing a den activity

Upcoming Events

The Blue & Gold Banquet

Sunday March 9th 2014,

We will Begin at 12:00pm SHARP

Event is from 12:00-3:00

Ramada Conference Center, Fishkill



Contact for this event is Michelle Havas,

Blue & Gold Committee Chair.

Michelle Havas- mhavas3856@aol.com

This is the same day as...

Daylight Saving Time Change. The clocks will move forward one hour March 9th, 2 a.m. Don't be late!

Upcoming Events

THE MARCH PACK MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH AT 7PM
MYERS CORNERS SCHOOL**

THE MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST AT 7PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WAPPINGERS FALLS
ALL PARENTS AND LEADERS ARE WELCOME**

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saturday, March 1.

We are in the Second Division

Lining up at noon on McCafferty Place.

The parade starts at 1pm.

Scouts and Leaders are to dress in their Class A uniforms, but feel free to "accessorize to make them Irish! Green hats, necklaces, etc. are all fun!

Parents are welcome to walk with the pack.

Scouts are encouraged to bring a walking stick.

COME JOIN THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE NEW AMERICAN FLAG FOR MYERS CORNERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



With the help of Myers Corners PTA, The Desert Crawlers secured a new American Flag to fly at Myers Corners Elementary, where the majority of our pack meetings and den meetings are held. A flag that has flown over the Walkway over the Hudson will be presented to the school and members of our Pack. Please come out in your Class A uniform and be a part of this special ceremony.

Sunday, March 16 11:30 Sharp

We will meet in the parking lot on the Poughkeepsie side of the bridge at 11:30 sharp and walk together to the middle of the bridge where the changing of the flags will take place.

<http://walkway.org/visit-walkway>

The Hudson Valley Council is holding a CamporAll on May 17-18 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Cub Scouts are welcome to camp overnight Saturday-Sunday, or just come for the day.

What is the CamporALL? CamporALL is a three-day event where approximately 3,500 - 5,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts, leaders, parents, siblings and families will celebrate what Scouts do. The programs, activities and special events will consist of astronomy, brotherhood and fellowship, camping, climbing walls, fire building, fireworks, geocaching, ham radios, inventions, Native American culture, orienteering, pioneering, rocket launching, reverence, team building, technology, wilderness survival and much, much more. More information here: <http://www.camporall2014.org/>

You can save \$5 by registering before March 15.

We would like to register as a group, but you can register individually.

There will be a sign up at the February pack meeting.



Pack 40 Campout

Saturday April 26th

Camp Tommy of the Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill, NY



This is an event where some of the best Scouting memories are made!

The webelos can arrive on Friday April 25 afternoon and the rest of the pack on the morning of the 26th

The cost per person is \$10.75, with an additional cost for Saturday's night dinner that we eat together as a pack in the dining facility, which is \$8.25 per person.

More details to come!

Contact for this event: Mike Gulbrandsen, 845-489-7250 ecoplanner1@netzero.com

**We are looking for help with planning.
Please contact Mike Gulbrandsen or Brian Colucci if you can assist.**

Rank and Other Special Awards Earned This Month

Congratulations to Kayden Mullins from Bear Den 4 for earning his Bobcat Rank!



Congratulations to the Following Scouts who have earned their Bear Rank!



Bear Den 4: **Jacob Dusavage, Robert Primrose**

Bear Den 5: **Miles Clyde, Eddie DeMatteis, Aidan Farrell, Zack Nurzia, Mason Roy, Aidan Santoro, Jonah Usher.**

Congratulations to Jaydin Montero of the Cobras for earning his Webelos Rank!



Congratulations to Nathan Slisher, Webelos of the Cobras for earning the God and Family Religious Emblem for his Baptist faith.



A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

*To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. *The silver square knot with purple background is worn over the left shirt pocket of the Scout uniform. The medallion is pinned over the square knot for full uniform occasions.* Check Hudson Valley Council (Scout Shop) or your religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets. Also, check Scouting.org for more detailed information.

Congratulations to the Following Scouts who have earned their Arrow of Light!

The highest award in Cub Scouts is earned by Webelos that have been active participants in their Den and are ready to join a Boy Scout troop. Many of the requirements for the Arrow of Light are intended to familiarize the scout with Boy Scouting and show him the next step to take in scouting. A scout earning the Arrow of Light patch has also completed nearly all Joining requirements for Boy Scouts so he has a headstart on his Boy Scout trail. The award patch is worn as a Webelos scout and as a Boy Scout.



Congratulations to the Webelos of the Cobras for earning this award: Liam Bettini, Sean McCarthy, Alexandre Mochon, Tristan Mochon, Jaydin Montero, Chris Praino, and Nathan Slisher

Congratulations to the Webelos of the Flaming Arrows for earning this award:
Brady Baum, Tyler Havas, Christian Hilton, Robert Polidoro, and Alexander Salberg

Congratulations to the following Webelos of the Cobras for earning the Super Achiever award:

Sean McCarthy, Alexandre Mochon, Tristan Mochon, and Nathan Slisner

The Super Achiever award is for Webelos scouts that earn all 20 activity pins before their Arrow of Light ceremony.

In 2012 there was 1 Webelos who earned this award. In 2013 there were 2 Webelos who earned this award. It is GREAT to see that the number of Scouts is increasing each year accomplishing this!!





A REPORT FROM OUR DESERT CRAWLERS

The Desert Crawlers have been busy completing their Engineer activity badge together with Mr. Colucci's help. They are also working on the Communicator activity badge

In honor of the birthday of Scouting in February a few Desert Crawlers wrote about being a Scout.

Thomas Difiore:

As a scout I like to play catch the bacon. I like playing with my scout friends. I also like playing with my brother. As a scout I also like the Eskimo Run because me and my den work as a team to try and get a ribbon. As a scout I enjoy hiking. I hike every year with my den at least once. My favorite thing to do is go camping because I like telling jokes and listen to the night while I camp. When I camp I like to jump into the water to see what I could find.

Nicholas Difiore:

I love being a scout because of seeing my friends, doing crafts, going camping and hiking, den activities, the Eskimo Run, and working up to more activity badges. My favorite activity is the Eskimo Run. I like this activity the most because our skills get tested, we work as a team, and I get to be with my dad, friends, mom, my brother and den leaders. My favorite time in the Eskimo Run was going up a flight of 40 steps.

Dominic Colucci:

My favorite part of being a scout is doing service projects. I like to help people in need. I love when we have a pinewood derby because you get to make a car out of a block of wood and compete against other cars. I also like doing fun activities with my friends and making new friends at scout activities.

A REPORT FROM OUR ATOMIC TACOS

The Atomic Tacos have had another fun filled month of scouting as they worked on completing their Engineering badge. The Tacos learned about various engineering jobs and how engineers contribute to things we use every single day. The scouts also learned the basics of electricity and created their very own electrical circuits. I believe their favorite part of earning their engineering badge was when they built catapults and had a mini-marshmallow battle!

The Atomic Tacos are looking forward to another fun filled month in March as they will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Blue and Gold Banquet, and earn their Geology badge.

***Den Leaders, if you have any special recognition or "Den Reports" you would like noted in future Cub-o-Gram's please send information to Christine Maurer cmaurerc@optonline.net the week before each Pack Meeting.**

Scouting for Food

"Scouting for Food" is Scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live and work. Scouting for Food is a food collection effort carried out by Scouts from our community. **We are planning a food collection in March and will provide details as soon as possible. We need an adult to coordinate the food drive this year.** If you are interested in learning more about what is involved please contact Brian Colucci at coluccib@optonline.net



Knights of Columbus 2014 Irish Night

2660 East Main St, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

\$30 PER PERSON.

Reservations Required!

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014, 7-11pm.

Best Corn Beef in the Hudson Valley,
Irish Music by Octave Entertainment & Dancing
The Damby Project Irish Step Dancers

For more information Contact: Mike at 845-489-7250

For Reservations, mail check with attendees names to:

Knights of Columbus, 2660 East Main St
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 Attn: Irish Night Chairman

Anti-bully Parent's Workshop

It is estimated that nearly 160,000 students in the United States, from kindergarten through 12th grade, are absent from school each day because of the fear of being bullied.

The Knights of Columbus in Wappingers Falls are doing what they can to tackle the problem locally, planning an Anti-bully Workshop on Thursday March 6 for parents of the surrounding communities. The workshop will meet in the gym at St. Mary's School, 2 Convent Ave, Wappingers Falls, at 7pm; every parent from every school is welcome.

Bullying can take on many forms such as verbal teasing or taunting, physical intimidation, exclusion from activities and public humiliation. Bullying can be done through face-to-face confrontations or come through technological outlets such as the internet and text messages. Parents will learn the signs of bullying. They will receive the facts on Bullying and Cyber-Bullying. It is important that parents also learn the signs of their child being bullied and what they can do."

Michael Gulbrandsen

Knights of Columbus Youth Director

Pack Leadership

Cubmaster	Rob Usher
Assistant Cubmaster	Ken Maurer
Webelos II Den Leaders	Jason Hilton Daniel Mochon
Webelos II Asst. Leaders	Michael Havas Noel Mochon
Webelos I Den Leaders	Patty Colucci Tom DiFiore Ron Stoltzfus
Webelos I Asst. Leaders	Adam Bartlett John Marchesona Jason Olker
Bear Den Leaders	Kate Dusavage Meghann Hardesty
Bear Asst. Den Leader	Susan DeMatteis
Wolf Den Leader	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
Tiger Den Leader	John Reitter
Lion Cub Leader	TO BE FILLED

Pack Committee

Chartered Organization Representative	Michael Gulbrandsen
Committee Chair	Brian Colucci
Assistant Committee Chair	John Reitter
Secretary	TO BE FILLED
Treasurer	Bob Bettini
Activity Chair	Pat McCarthy
Advancement Chair	Carrie Eirish
Pack Trainer	Daniel Mochon
Website/Publicity	Christine Maurer
Popcorn Kernel	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
Assistant Popcorn Kernel	Ken Maurer
Assistant Popcorn Kernel	Regina Bartlett

Useful Links:

Pack 40: pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com

(This is our Pack Website, which includes our event calendar to keep you updated on events and meetings)

Sports and Academics Program (Belt loops and pins):
<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/a-sindex.asp>

(These are extra awards all Cub Scouts have the opportunity to earn. As a parent you can search this site with your Scout to find out requirements for each one. Once your Scout has completed any of these, print out the completed forms and present to your Den leader.)

Hudson Valley Council: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BSA National Website: www.Scouting.org

Scout Parents: www.scoutparents.org

Training Available

Are you interested in helping the pack, but not sure if you are qualified? BSA offers **online training for leaders and parents** (www.MyScouting.org). Cub Scout Leaders, Cubmasters and Pack Committee Members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.

Additional “live” training is available from our council. hudsonvalleyscouting.org