

CUB SCOUT PACK 801



CUBMASTER'S *Column*

Happy Holidays Pack 801!!

During this time of year, when we seem surrounded by materialism and busyness, I like to meditate on all of my blessings: family, health, and opportunities. But what really makes my life rich and meaningful are the friends that I have from school, church, activities and YOU! Every time I sub at school, help at church, or come to a Pack event, my bucket is filled by all of the interactions with people who share the same spaces I exist in.

Thank you for being a part of my small world. I hope that your holidays are filled with joy and smiles. Find one way, or maybe more, that you and your scout can give back, whether it's ringing bells, giving a homemade gift, or simply making a point to spend time with someone special. I promise it will make a lasting impression, on them and you as well.

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Upcoming Pack Events

Tuesday, December 12: Pack Meeting, 6:30pm at Olson's cafeteria.

Sunday, January 7: Pack Committee Meeting. All parents welcome. Zoom link sent via email.

Tuesday, January 16: Pack Meeting, 6:30pm at Olson. Pinewood Derby car weigh in. All derby cars will be weighed and must meet the 5 oz limit before being held safely until the race.

Friday, January 26: Pack 801 Pinewood Derby, 6pm, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd, Madison. All Scouts and family members who wish to enter a car can race.

We need parent volunteers to MC the race and help with executing the heats and to help set up the track and prep for the event. For those

interested in set up, stop by Good Shepherd at 3:30pm the day of the race. Please contact Jenn to lend a hand.

Sunday, February 4: Pack Committee Meeting. All parents welcome. Zoom link will be sent via email.

Friday, February 16: Blue & Gold Dinner at 6pm at Good Shepherd Church in Madison. We will gather to celebrate the Arrow of Lights, our oldest Scouts, graduating from Cub Scouts and crossing over into Scouts of America. This time of year is also the birthday of Scouting in the U.S. Come share a meal in support of our AOs as they move on to new adventures.



Some of our Tiger den rang bells for the Salvation Army and talked about giving to others. This month focused on healthy eating and learning about different food groups.

With our Lioness, we enjoyed avocados, carrots, tried limequats, and made owl snacks with protein, grains, fruits and vegetables.

Joy Taylor-Wade,
Tiger Den Leader



TIGER

BEAR



The Bears are gearing up for the Pinewood Derby. We've brainstormed our designs and cut them out. Next up: refining through sanding in preparation for painting. We'll be honing our skills with hand tools as part of the Baloo the Builder adventure.

Special mention to Noah and Calvin, our newest Bears who have learned all the tenets of the Bobcat Badge forward and backward. Quite impressive!

One final shout-out to Henry of Troop 628, our new Den Chief. His skill in rallying the scouts, leading games, and overall willingness to lend a hand is so helpful!

Lindsay Smith & Damon Smith,
Bear Den Leaders



The Wolves finished up two elective adventures: Cubs Who Care and Finding Your Way. We learned all about maps and how maps use symbols to share important information, such as which playground would be best to visit with a friend in a wheel chair. The Wolves got to create maps of their neighborhoods and had fun designing compass roses and map legends.

Beth Perk,
Wolf Den Leader



WOLF

ARROW of light



The Arrows of Light have had another busy, yet exciting month. The scouts learned all about the patrol method to complete the Scouting adventure, including creating a patrol name, emblem, and a cheer. It was a spirited discussion, which really highlighted how these budding leaders are growing and working on valuable skills, including knowing when to lead and when to follow, when to speak and when to listen.

We tackled the Into the Woods elective adventure, learning about trees and plants in the area, the types and parts of a tree, items that are made from wood, and learning how rings tell more than just the age of the tree, they can its life story and growth.

The scouts then headed outside to identify various trees around Epic. The Arrows of Light are looking forward to joining Troop 940 for an evening, along with completing remaining requirements and some social get togethers during the next couple of months before the Blue & Gold ceremony in February.

Mark Pingel,
Arrow of Light Den Leader