

# CUB SCOUT PACK 801



## CUBMASTER'S *Column*

As the holiday season settles in, our days grow shorter, our calendars grow fuller, and our homes glow a little brighter. This time of year invites us to pause, reflect, and spend meaningful moments with the people who matter most—our families.

Cub Scouting has always been about family. From the first meeting a Scout attends, parents, siblings, and grandparents are part of the journey. During the holidays, that idea becomes even more important. Whether your family celebrates Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, New Year's, or simply the joy of being together, the heart of the season is the same: connection, gratitude, and kindness.

I encourage each Scout to look for small ways to live the Scout Oath and Law at home during the holidays. Help with chores without being asked. Show respect and patience during busy days. Offer a cheerful smile or kind word to a family member who may be tired or stressed. These simple acts of service and responsibility are just as important as any award we earn.

Families, thank you for all that you do to support our Pack. Your time, energy, and encouragement make Scouting possible, and your example teaches our Scouts lessons that last far beyond the trail or the meeting room. As schedules get busy, remember that it's okay to slow down and enjoy the moments—sharing a meal, telling stories, or just being together.

On behalf of our Pack leadership, I wish you a safe, joyful, and peaceful holiday season. May it be filled with laughter, warmth, and memories that remind us why family and Scouting go hand in hand.

Yours in Scouting,  
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WHAT  
we've been  
up to

## Upcoming Pack Events

**Tuesday, December 16:** Pack Meeting, 6:30pm at Olson Elementary Cafeteria.

**Tuesday, January 13:** Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All parents encouraged to join!

**Tuesday, January 20:** Pack Meeting, 6:30pm at Olson. Be ready to participate in the Derby Car Weigh In and then turn your car in to be held until the derby. No car will be touched or modified after weigh-in is completed.

**Friday, January 23:** Pinewood Derby, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. 6-8 pm. Showcase your car design prowess in four categories: Most Funny, "In-Car-Gnito" (best non-car), Most Realistic, and Most Original. All Cub Scouts will cast their votes for in each category.

**Friday, February 20:** Blue & Gold Dinner, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. 6-8pm.





The big cats had a great time ringing bells together for the Salvation Army. They continue to work on adventures as a family, learning how they can help out at home and also having fun playing games.



**LION**



The Wolf Den had fun finishing up their citizenship requirements. They built models of their homes, community buildings, and put them into a neighborhood. A couple of the Wolves spent time ringing bells for the Salvation Army.



**WOLF**



Our Bear Scouts have been busy finishing up their Bobcat rank and continuing to build their Cub Scouting skills. They also worked on the Critter Care adventure by learning about different animals and what it takes to care for them. The Bears watched a video, compared which animals would be the best fit for their families, and shared their choices through creative artwork. It was a fun and engaging way to learn responsibility and decision-making.

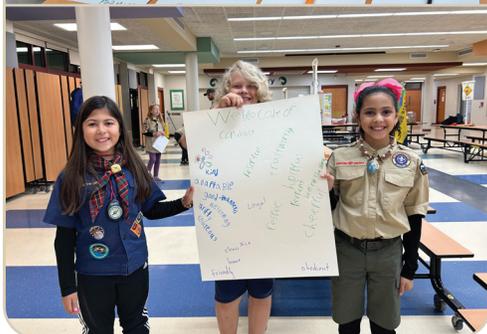


**BEAR**

**WEBELO**



At our last Pack meeting, the Webelos worked on their My Community Adventure. They learned about majority and plurality types of voting and held a snack-lection to vote on meeting snacks. Grapes and seaweed crisps were the winners!



**ARROW  
of light**



After our first big snow, our AOL Scouts gathered to bake pizzas in dutch ovens and prep a green salad for an outdoor feast and sledding outing. Hot apple cider and s'mores kept us warm all afternoon!

Mr. Baine of Troop 628 demonstrated first aid, how to help others when they have been hurt, even bringing manikins for the AOLs to practice their CPR skills on.

