

Pack Alert

May 2013



Summary

The month of April was very busy. The Pack participated in the annual Area Kub Kar Rally. It was a lot of fun for the participants and one member of our Pack, Emile Papineau, won the second overall prize.

The Pack also went out for a visit at the Paramedic Headquarters, where we learned about the responsibilities facing paramedics. This visit was well timed since we worked on the First Aid badge this year.

Also, new Cubs joined the pack when Beavers became Tenderpads during the Swim Up ceremony. As well, some of our Cubs went up to Scouts during the Paddle Up ceremony.

And May promises to be even more exciting...

Cyclist Evening

On Thursday, May 2nd, Cubs are asked to bring their bicycles and cycling helmets to the meeting. That night, we will be working on our cyclist badge. Please, bring the bicycles to the school recess area.

Parent Meeting

On Thursday, May 9th, we will host a parent meeting at the same time as the regular meeting. We ask that at least one parent of each family attend the meeting.

Park Clean Up

On Saturday, May 11th, the Cub Pack will gather to clean up Red Pine Park. We will meet in front of Century Public School at 1PM. This activity will continue until 3PM. Cubs are to wear clothes appropriate for the weather and activity. They should wear their necker with a knot (no woggles).

Rockets

The Pack will be flying model rockets during the month of May. This activity is very appreciated by the Cubs. However, it is not scheduled in our budget and participants must pay 17\$ to cover the costs of purchasing the components.

During the regular meeting on May 16th, those who wish to participate will get to build their own rocket, which they get to keep afterwards. This is a very busy meeting and we appreciate parents that can stay to help with the assembly.

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Pack will meet at Hogs Back Park to fly the rockets. Regular times and full uniform apply. Each Cub will get two rocket flights.

Spring Camp

The Cub Pack will be camping from Friday, June 7th to Sunday, June 9th, 2013, at Voyageur Provincial Park. A car pool will depart from Emerald Plaza on Friday, at 6PM. Return to Emerald Plaza is expected at 2:30PM, on Sunday. Transportation to and from the Park is the responsibility of the parents.

We hope that all Cubs can attend. It is also possible for some parents to accompany us if they have the necessary pre-requisites. Please refer to the 'Child and Youth Safety' section of this newsletter for further details.

The fees for camp are \$45 per Cub (\$35 for second Cub in a family) and \$25 per accompanying parent. Subsidies are available if necessary. Payment for the camp must be submitted no later than Thursday, May 23rd.

The equipment list for the camp will be distributed at the beginning of May. There will be an opportunity to review the list and answer questions about the camp during the parent meeting on May 9th.

General Burns Family Fun Day

On Saturday, May 25th, the General Burns Community Association is putting together a Family Fun Day, from 12PM to 3PM. In the past years, this event included clowns, slides, refreshments, hot dogs, etc. During this event, a number of leaders from our Group will be organizing stations.

We encourage everyone to attend this day since it is a lot of fun. Cubs are encouraged to wear their uniform to promote our Pack and Scouting. However, this is not a Pack event and parents remain responsible for the safety and well-being of their family.

Child and Youth Safety

Parents planning to accompany our Pack at Spring Camp, or any overnight activity, must first sign the "Code of Conduct" and attend the "Child and Youth Safety" (CYS) presentation.

All parents are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this training. Once completed, it is not required again, for the time your youth is with Scouts Canada.

On Sunday, May 26th, CYS training will be provided from 7PM to 9PM, in the Friendship Room of City View United Church, located at 6 Epworth Ave.

This is the last opportunity, this year, to obtain CYS training from our Group. Parents that have not attended a CYS training session will not be able to accompany the Pack to Spring Camp.

Year End Party and Investiture

On Thursday, May 30th, the Pack will gather for an outdoor party, to mark the end of the Cub year. Families are invited to share this celebration with us, and bring nut-free goodies.

Since the Tenderpads have join Cubs, they have been learning about the ways of the Pack. On that night, we will take the opportunity to invest them. Parents should bring their camera to capture this special event. In preparation for investiture, Parents can help Tenderpads by making sure they can remember the Cub Promise, Law and Motto.

We are finalizing the details for that night and will provide more details, later.

Early Bird Registration

Early registration for the Scouting year 2013-2014 is now available and makes it possible to save money over the prices that will be in effect in the fall. For returning members, there are printed pre-filled forms which can be used to facilitate the process. These forms will be distributed at the beginning of May.

The fee schedule for the 115th Group

- early registration (May-Aug 2013): \$185 per member
- regular registration (from Sep 2013): \$200 per member

Important Dates

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

- Park Cleanup: Saturday, May 11th (1-3PM)
- General Burns Family Day: Saturday, May 25th (12-3PM)
- Last regular meeting: Thursday, May 30th
- Spring Camp: June 7th to June 9th
- Fall Camp: Oct 4th to Oct 6th

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