

Pack Alert

December 2013



Summary

Last month, for the occasion of Remembrance Day, the Pack visited the Canadian War Museum. The Pack also gathered at Mud Lake for a beautiful Saturday afternoon hike.

In the month of November, we focused our meetings on working on the recycling and computer badges.

Also, we are very fortunate to have invested two new leaders. Welcome to Dawn (Jacala) and Sean (Bagheera).

Visit at Museum of Nature

On Thursday, Dec. 5th, the Pack will meet at the Museum of Nature for a visit, from 6:30PM to 8PM. This visit is needed to complete some badge requirements. Cubs should wear full uniform.

Cubs are to be dropped off and picked up at the Museum. Please, arrive on time since late arrivals affect everyone.

We need to let the museum know many people are coming, please let JP Fiset know if your Cub can make it.

Indoor Shoes

Now that winter is upon us, Cubs should wear winter boots to the meetings, in case we go out. Cubs should also bring indoor shoes for the gymnasium. It is not safe to play games in the gymnasium without the appropriate footwear.

Badges

Many meetings are planned to perform badge work. However, Cubs are also encouraged to work on badges on their own. Many badges can be completed as some requirements are met in the course of everyday life. Check out the Cub Book, or http://wiki.scouts.ca/en/Cub_badges to see if there is a badge your cub might not know they have already earned. To get the badge, a Cub should come and tell one of the leaders (generally Rikki Tiki Tavi) prior to the meeting.

While all the badge requirements can be found online, the Cub Book (available at the Cub Shop for just \$9.99) is an excellent source of information about the program, and full of great projects that your Cub can work on in their spare time. I fondly remember my days as a cub when I would read through the book, at bedtime, every night looking for things I could try and figuring out which badges I could work on next. I can't imagine doing that online; the urge to play Minecraft would be too strong. ;-)

The pack is using an online program to track each Cub's progress through the badge program. ScoutsTracker (<http://scoutstracker.ca/cubs/>) is available for your use as well. With it you can

see all the badges, awards and stars that your Cub has earned, as well as let us know when your Cub is ready to be tested for newly completed requirements. If you are interested in using this site, and do not already have your account setup, contact John Lyons at jlyons65@gmail.com to gain access.

Christmas Break

The last Pack meeting in 2013 will be on December 19th. The Pack will meet again on January 9th, 2014, at Century Public School.

If you are looking for gift ideas for your favourite Cub, may we suggest a couple of things? Campfire blanket, synthetic fibre socks or long underwear might be appreciated and useful.

Raffle Prizes

As a fundraising event, we are again putting together a raffle for the winter. We are currently looking for prizes to include in the raffle. If you can help us in finding sponsors for goods or services that can be included in our raffle, it would be greatly appreciated.

Important Dates

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

- Visit at Museum of Nature: Thursday, Dec. 5th
- Last meeting of 2013: Thursday, Dec. 19th
- First meeting of 2014: Thursday, Jan. 9th
- Polar Day: Saturday, Jan. 25th
- Winter Camp: Jan. 31st to Feb. 2nd

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