

Pack Alert

March 2014



Coming Up

- March 6 - Movie night. Meet with Scouting member from Scotland
- March 13 - No meeting because of Spring Break
- March 20 - Cub Cars weights. Artist Badge.
- March 27 - Cub Car Test Race. Link-up White Tail Beavers

Last Month

During the past month we went skating at Ben Franklin place and enjoyed hot chocolate while working on our skating badge. We started work on the artist badge. And, the crazy season of Cub Cars started with most of the design and cutting done. The month ended with our Group Potluck dinner, which was well attended and raised precious funds for a canoe trailer replacement. Thanks to all those who came. We had a great time.

Kub Kars

The area Kub Kar Rally is a competition where more than a hundred Cubs from the Heritage Area meet to race their Cub Cars. This is a great event where everyone has a great deal of fun. This year, the rally will be held on Saturday, April 5th, from 9:30AM to 2PM at the old Ottawa Technical High School, 440 Albert Street.

It is important that your Cub attend this event. Not only is it a reward for the work that the Cubs have accomplished with their car, the Pack with the highest attendance gets a trophy.

The event costs 10\$ which includes registration and a crest. Cubs should bring a lunch or some money to eat from the canteen provided by Venturers.

We really hope everyone can make it. If you find the cost prohibitive, please let us know. We would not want to have a Cub miss out on any event based on the cost.

Paddling Up

Our 3rd year Cubs will be moving up to our Troop in a "Paddling Up" ceremony, on April 10th. At this meeting, if your Cub is paddling up, you are invited to stay for the ceremony.

From this point on, these Cubs will have access to both the Cub and Scout programs. This means that they can continue to come to Pack meetings, our activities and camp.

It also means that they become members of the Scout Troop and can attend all Troop meetings, activities and camps. The Troop meets on Monday evenings, from 7PM to 9PM, at City View United Church.

This is a great opportunity for our older Cubs to meet with their new leaders and friends in the Troop before the summer break. I will be passing the contact information of 3rd year Cubs to the Troop leadership and I expect you will be getting some news from the Troop, shortly.

Leaders

We are expecting a shortfall in leaders for next year. Currently, we have two confirmed returning leaders for the Pack, next year. This means that as it stands, we would not be able to accommodate more than 12 Cubs, according to rules from Scouts Canada relating to ratio between leaders and Cubs.

Since the registration process for a leader is quite lengthy, we need volunteers to step forward immediately. This lengthy process is required so that the appropriate candidates are vetted thoroughly before they are allowed to work with the youths in our organization.

I know most have great reasons to not become a leader. I ask that you think about the reasons why you should.

Scouting is a movement that provides our youths with life skills that are not found anywhere else. The programme is geared to put the members in touch with all aspects that build a well balanced citizen. It also gives them leadership abilities and an appreciation for the world that surrounds us. It is my strong belief that all youth can benefit from Scouting.

Furthermore, Scouting forms a community for our participants that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Please, seriously consider joining us. You will not regret it.

Scouting starts with you!

Important Dates

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

- No meeting on March Break: Mar. 13th
- Kub Kar Rally: Saturday, Apr. 5th
- Paddling Up: Thursday, Apr. 10th
- Last regular meeting: May 29th
- Spring Camp: June 6-8

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