

Pack 65 Winter Newsletter 2014

Recruitment Stripe

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts may be awarded, and wear, below the right pocket on their uniforms, the Recruiter Strip, shown to the right.

There are NO formal requirements for these strips. Each Unit establishes the procedure for awarding the strip. Usually, a Recruiter Strip is awarded to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout the first time he is successful in getting a friend, relative, classmate, or other acquaintance to join his unit by filling out an official BSA youth application.

Typically, only ONE strip is awarded to a boy while he is a Cub Scout, and another may be awarded while he is a Boy Scout.



Remind your scout to strive hard to recruit another boy into scouting. This is one of the few patches that can be placed on the uniform in a permanent manner to show that he has worked hard to make the Pack grow. Recruitment from the schools is really important to the scouting program. Thanks to all who make our Pack successful by attending the recruitment efforts.



Special points of interest:

- *Scouting for Food*
February 1
- *Scout Sunday*
February 9
- *District Pinewood Derby*
April 5
- *Mom & Me*
May 3-4
- *Woodfield Beaver Day*
March 31
- *Twilight Camp*
June 10-14

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Scholarships & Camperships

The Old North State Council offers scholarships and Camperships for scouts and their families who may not be able to afford the entire cost of going to camp. First step is to notify your Cubmaster and explain your situation

and the intent of wanting to go to camp. Next is to fill out an application from the council.

The scholarships may come from a local church or other local organization which may pay a portion or all of the camp-

ing event. A Campership will pay for 40-50% of the registration fee for camp. You must prove the need via providing copies of pay stubs and bills to show the need. It is a great opportunity to assist families, but it takes work on the parent's part.

Attendance / Camping List

Attendance is tracked at each meeting and event by the den leaders. Scouts can earn a perfect attendance pin to wear on their uniform, so it is important that they check in and get counted. Our rule of thumb is, if school is closed, no scouts that night. So holidays and weather events like snow may impact our meeting nights.

Many new parents want to know how to prepare for camping. Cub scouts typically do what is called "car camping" which means you can bring lots of supplies. Spare tents and sleeping bags are available just ask around. Boy scouts camp with traditional backpacks. It would be really good to get in

this mindset early and not pack the kitchen sink. One event per month is the goal of the pack except during the really cold months. Water bottle is essential as well as a flashlight. We recommend a headlamp, so your hands are free to unzip your tent and brush your teeth. Get at least a 30 degree sleeping bag, a lower degree is recommended if you are cold natured. Always have a ground tarp to go under your three season tent.

Keep all extra shirts, underwear and wool socks in ziplock bags to keep them dry. Jackets, ponchos, change of clothes and a

sleeping pad are all highly recommended along with a toboggan for your exposed head when in the sleeping bag. Folding chairs are really nice around the campfire ring. Depending on the time of year and your skin, bug repellent, sunscreen and Goldbond powder are really great to have with you.



Webelos Camp

One of the most exciting experiences of Cub Scouting is attending Webelos Camp. This four day event is full of camping, sports, activities and lots programming to keep your scout busy. This event will be June 21-24, 2014 at Camp Woodfield. Each scout should take the BSA swim test before arriving at camp because swimming (Aquanaut) is one of the major activity badges that scouts can work on. The scouts will also work on shooting sports including compound bows and several activity badges. The cost of the camp includes

all meals, t-shirts are extra. We can take payments towards the full cost of the camp in advance to help spread the total cost over several months. Scout bucks can also be used. At least two parents must be present at all times, three is best because of leader's meetings and shower times. Each adult must have taken youth protection prior to attending. Adults will have to pay for their meals, total cost will depend on how many adults attend. By attend-

ing this camp, your scout will have a huge head start on the scouting year. Camp has dedicated paid staff which is dramatically different than Cub-O-Ree.

Leave No Trace

Nothing is much more important than conducting efforts of Leave No Trace. Each time our Pack camps out, we want the campsite to look like we were never there when we have left. Scouts are expected to pick up trash and not use sticks for walking, swords, games or anything else. Teaching our scouts to keep up with their cups and not throw them away after a single sip is critical for future growth. Looking

ahead, each scout should get a mess kit to eat out of at each meal and start preparing to wash their own dishes plus other pots and pans used in preparing the meal.



Each rank has different requirements that must be met, which are increasingly harder, the older the scout becomes. Lastly, an important thing to remember it "Pack it in, Pack it out". Leave with what you brought and don't take anything from nature, so others can enjoy it.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is a Cub Scout car race where 7 inch toy cars are raced down a sloped track. The concept originated with Don Murphy in 1953. Cub Scouts, with the help of Akela, build their own cars from wood, usually from official BSA kits containing a block of pine, plastic wheels and metal axles. Other than the previous basic design rules, the Cub Scout is able to carve and decorate the car as he chooses. Many Cub Scouts also add weights to the final design to bring the car to the maximum allowable weight of 7 oz. Coins,

glue-in lead pieces, and melted lead are common ways to add weight. Cars typically vary from unfinished blocks to whimsical objects, to accurate replicas of actual cars. Graphite is usually the only lubricant allowed on the axles. Lowe's Home Improvement offers clinics on Saturdays in January. Cars are run on a 3 or 4 lane track and the height of the car is only limited by the timing gate (car has to pass through/under it). Pack rules will be sent out in advance. The top three overall finishers will advance to

the Alamance District Pinewood Derby where they compete with the top finishers from packs all over the county on April 5, 2014. This is usually in Holly Hill Mall.



Additional Cub Scout Programs and Patches

There are numerous temporary Patches that can be earned for Cub Scouts. Here is a running list in alphabetical order: BSA Family, Conservation Good Turn, Crime Prevention, Donor Awareness, Emergency Preparedness, Historic Trails, International Activity, Internet Scout, Interpreter's Stripe, Leave No Trace, Outdoor Activities, Physical Fitness, Recruiter Stripe, Religious Emblems, Summertime Activities, US Heritage Silver, & World Conservation.



Pack 65 has worked on many of these over the past years to ensure all scouts had the opportunity to contribute and

hopefully earn some of these patches. Some that we have never done are: Crime Prevention, Historic Trails, Donor Awareness, International Activity, Interpreter's Stripe & Physical Fitness. If you are interested in heading up any of these programs, please let us know. It could be you have a great contact that could conduct the program(s) to aid our scouts in a well rounded scouting program that goes well beyond the rank handbooks.

Pack 65 Trail Trekker Program

About four years ago the Pack started a new program to encourage more hiking and physical fitness. The thought was to have at least one hike per month offered to the Pack. Family hikes are not allowed to be counted towards the mileage count.

Once a scout has attended and successfully completed his first hike, he is awarded the Trail Trekker Patch. An additional Rocker for 5-miles, 10-miles,

20 miles etc... are awarded when each milestone is achieved.

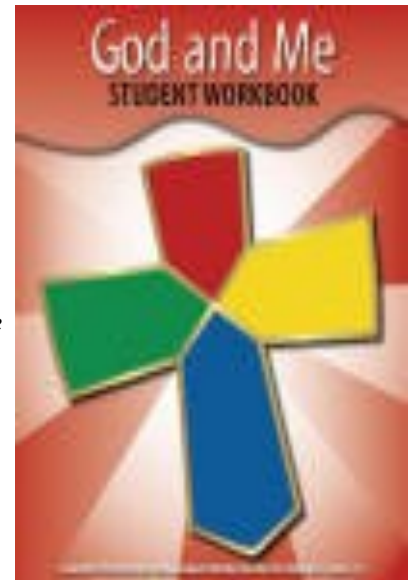
We need a parent to take lead on setting up the hikes and promoting them to the Pack. In times past we have been to Raven Rock State Park, Eno River State Park, Oconeechee, Hanging Rock State Park, Hyco Lake, NC Zoo, and Cedarrock Park for lots of hiking opportunities.



God and Me & God and Family Programs

A big part of scouting is tied to a scout being reverent. During most of our overnight outings, we try to have a small worship service on Sunday mornings, grace should be said at each meal, and most of all be respectful. Several ranks require a scout to embrace this concept of religion a little more by looking deeper into their soul and participating in a program tied to their learning abilities based on age. God & Me (1-3 grades) and God & Family (4-6 grades) are programs endorsed by BSA called PRAY. These publications are provided to engage the scouts and educate them on their choice of religion. Once complete, the purple knot earned by the scout is one of only two awards that can be worn on the Cub Scout & Boy Scout uniforms for their entire scouting career. When looking ahead to when your scout is a leader in another 15+ years from now (fingers crossed), it carries a lot of commitment and weight when seen by other younger scouts. Five dollars for the knot or \$15 for the medal and the knot, the choice is your family's to make.

We will start the God & Family program (5 week program) in January and the God & Me program (4 week program) will begin in January if we have enough interest from the scouts and their families. The plan is to have them finish these programs before the Blue & Gold Banquet so the awards and ranks can all be achieved and presented during this grand event.



Blue & Gold Banquet

In historical fashion, the Blue & Gold Banquet is to honor the birthday of scouting in the United States. The ultimate goal of every scout is to have their rank badge earned by this date.

We invite friends and family to join us at this event. The Parent/Leadership Committee is finalizing the details. Kelly Belcher is the chair of the event this year and we hope to have the event catered at the Old Eli Whitney Fire Station that was recently renovated. We hope to keep the cost down on this event. Awards and rank badges will be provided to all scouts who have achieved them at that time.

The Blue & Gold is a time to recognize the boys, but also to salute the leaders who give their time every Tuesday night for teaching the scouts and work to make sure they put on a great program.

