PACK 48 NEWS

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Hold These Dates!!

Pack Meetings —

- **May 30th** – Friday Night @ 7:00 p.m. in the Village School Cafetorium
- **June 14th-15th** (Saturday-Sunday — year end camp out @ Turkey Swamp Park)
- **July 25th — Pack Meeting**/Hike & picnic. (Location to be determined)
- **August 23rd (tentative) — Fishing Trip!!! (Stay tuned for details!)**
- **September 26th --** Friday Night @ 7:00 p.m. in the Village School Cafetorium
- **October 31 — Pack Meeting & Halloween Party!!**
- **November 21 --** Friday Night @ 7:00 p.m. in the Village School Cafetorium
- **December 19 --** Friday Night @ 7:00 p.m. in the Village School Cafetorium

Additional Dates

- **July 14-18 —**Cub Scout Fun in the Sun Day Camp (Sign up now!)
- **July 21 — Mets/Phillies Game at the Vet in Philadelphia (7:00 pm.)**
- **July 21-25 —**Cub Scout Fun in the Sun Day Camp
- **August 3-8 —**Cub Scout resident Camp KMSR
- **August 9-10** — Parent/Cub camp out @ Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation

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May s Theme
Lights Camera Action

Everyone wants to get in on the act! What fun it will be for Cub Scouts to spend the month preparing to act in a play, sing a song, present a dance, do a magic trick, or perform a puppet show at the pack meeting. Dens might take a trip to a local television or cable station to see how the pros do it! A variety show at the pack meeting might also include acts featuring parents and siblings. Dens can create posters announcing their shows, make programs, and let everyone know what s coming. Commercials, written and videotaped by dens during their den meetings, could be shown between acts. Popcorn will make a great treat for this pack meeting.

Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month s theme include:

- **Personal Achievement**. Learning a new trick or performing in a skit lets each boy feel that he has accomplished something new.
- **Friendly Service.** Thanking leaders and parents for support and making sure that their help is recognized, show boys how being helpful can affect others.

This theme is designed to promote character development by emphasizing these core values:

- **Respect.** Boys see that in the process of making movies, decisions are made concerning what to show and how people and things will be portrayed. One aspect of entertainment passes respect for various ideas and respect for different cultures.
- **Kindness.** Treating others with kindness in both how they speak of others and how they act to others is an important thing for boys to experience in the friendly environment of the Cub den.

Welcome to New Pack Volunteer Leaders!!

Thanks to Patti, who has volunteered to fill the position of Pack Committee Chairperson. The Pack Committee is responsible for coming up with ideas for Pack Activities and planning Pack Meetings and outings. More volunteers are needed for the committee — and Patti will be contacting you!

Also thanks and welcome to the Pack Committee to Suzanne, who has agreed to assume the position of Activities Coordinator. Our activities and programs are only as good as the parents and kids make them — so Suzanne will be calling you for your input and support.

Sharon has volunteered to be a Wolf Den Leader next year, and to be on the Blue & Gold committeee. Thanks, Sharon.

All other parents interested in serving on the Pack Committee, please contact Patti, Leo, or Kevin.

Still Needed: **Web Master.** We do have a web site, but it has not been updated recently and is not currently being administered. If hosting a web site sounds like fun to you, this is your gig!

2003-04 Events. Volunteers are need to be the Pack coordinator for a summer swim party, Popcorn Sale (and pre-sale), October Halloween activity, Winter skating party, and the 2004 Pine Wood Derby. You ll get lots of assistance from the Pack Committee (we promise). If you are interested, now is the time to claim your event and give yourself plenty of lead time! Contact Suzanne to volunteer.

Pack Meeting in the Woods — June 14-15

Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14th when our Pack will be having its last formal Pack Meeting of the school year — in the woods. Fun! Games! Campfire! Food! (Lots of food!) All cubs in attendance will bridge over to their 2003-04 rank levels. It will be a true blast for everyone. Camping overnight is optional, but please let Leo or Kevin know in advance if you are camping so that we have enough space. (See separate flyer for more information.)

Scout Outing to the Mets/Phillies Game at the Vet — July 21

Mark your calendars now! Mets vs. Phillies. Monday night, July 21st at the Vet in Philly (7:00 p.m.). If we get a large enough group, scouts will be permitted on the field before the game to help present the colors!! Tickets are $22 each (face value). Contact Sharon, or send email to ScoutsGame@aol.com to order tickets. Non-scouts are definitely invited, so spread the word to friends, neighbors, etc. They save on ticket processing charges if they order the tickets through Pack 48, and the Pack gets a rebate back from the Phillies — so everybody wins. Groups who want to sit together should get orders in early, and together, for best seat selection.

Mets/Yankees Tickets — Silent Auction

The Pack has acquired two primo tickets (front row, Mezzanine, infield) for the Mets/Yankees game on June 20th (Sunday night) at Shea Stadium, and we re selling them off to the highest bidder! All proceeds go to the Pack and are tax deductible. Current bid is $220 for the pair. If you, or some rabid Met or Yankee fan you know, would like to top that bid — please have them call Kevin, or send an email.

Dens In the News

This Newsletter will feature news about what s going on in each of the Pack 48 Dens. If your Den has done something special, or if you have a Cub who has qualified for an award or special achievement that you want recognized, please give the information to Kevin.

Den 3 Helps Feed the Hungry

Tigers from Den 3 performed a terrific community service project by preparing meals for HomeFront in Trenton. The meals — pasta with meat and broccoli, along with juice and Parmalat Milk, will be delivered by HomeFront to needy families. What a great thing to do!!

Any other Dens interested in this activity can contact Suzanne for details or send email to barlynfamily@erols.com.

Blue & Gold Was GREAT!

[Pictures not transmitted in electronic version of newsletter]

Overnight Camps -- Summer 2003

Bet you didn t know that our Scout Council runs a beautiful campground.
Well here are the details —

Cub Scout Mini Camp and **Webelos Scout Resident Camp** at Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation (KSMR), located in Branchville, New Jersey, provides a beautiful setting appropriate for a variety of outdoor activities. Scouts can register for camp individually with an adult partner or with their Den or Pack. The 2003 summer program offers a wide range of great outdoor activities designed especially for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. **Boys from the same Pack stay together at the same campsite**. At camp, the Scouts sleep in platform tents on cots or in an Adirondack style lean-to on bunks. All meals are served in the dinning hall.

Boating and fishing: Row and Paddle Boats wait on the camps own Lake Ashroe. The staff is ready to provide individual instruction on proper boating techniques.

Nature: The Nature Staff will acquaint you with a wide variety of birds, insects, reptiles and mammals. Follow the guides and explore the many trails. Learn about the local wildlife around the lake.

Shooting Sports: Become a marksman at the archery and BB gun ranges. Campers will be taught by well qualified staff members who are trained to emphasize shooter safety, give instruction and instill good sportsmanship. (An alternate program may be offered upon parental request)

Crafts: Leather projects, beadwork, and other fun craft projects selected are appropriate to the age level of the campers.

Field Sports: Team and Den competition are the perfect place to learn good sportsmanship. The varied activities include soccer, volleyball, dodge ball and more.

Our Pack Weekend will be **August 9-10.** So hold these dates and sign up NOW!