



Cub Scout Pack 40 Cub-o-Gram



Hudson Valley Council

January 2014

Core Value of the Month – Compassion

Being compassionate means being kind and considerate and showing concern for the well-being of others.

Cub Scouts will develop care and concern for the well-being of others by participating in the effort to collect items for charities.

Upcoming Events

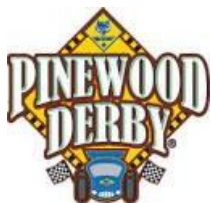
The Pinewood Derby

Saturday February 1st

**Scouts should arrive between 9:00am
and 9:30am.**

**The first race is scheduled to begin at
10:00am!**

Locust Grove, 2683 S. Rd, Poughkeepsie



Contact Brian Colucci for any questions

Brian Colucci: coluccib@optonline.net

Upcoming Events

**THE FEBRUARY PACK MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 7PM
MYERS CORNERS SCHOOL**

**THE FEBRUARY PACK COMMITTEE MEETING WILL
BE HELD ON**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 7PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WAPPINGERS FALLS
ALL PARENTS AND LEADERS ARE WELCOME**

The Blue & Gold Banquet

Sunday March 9th 2014, 12:00-3:00
Ramada Conference Center, Fishkill



Payment required by Saturday Feb 8th.

**Contact for this event is Michelle Havas, Blue &
Gold Committee Chair.**

Michelle Havas- mhavas3856@aol.com

SCOUT SUNDAY OR SCOUT SABBATH IS AN ANNUAL SCOUT ORIENTED RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages Promise to do their "Duty to God".

These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith



Scout Sunday is February 2nd

ATTEND YOUR RELIGIOUS CEREMONY IN UNIFORM

Scout Sabbath is February 8th

A poster for Scout Shabbat. It has a dark blue background with a large yellow Star of David on the left. The text "Scout Shabbat" is written in a large, white, stylized font. Below it, in smaller white text, it says: "For all Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts", "Share a Shabbat with your Scout friends!", "Join us for a family Shabbat service", and "Followed by refreshments". At the bottom left, it says: "For more information or to RSVP call Jill Tanney 845-638-4518 or jillscout@aol.com". At the bottom right, it says: "Friday, February 7, 2014 at 7:30", "Temple Beth El", "415 Viola Road", "Spring Valley, New York". At the very bottom, in small white text, it says: "Please come in Scout uniform. Religious emblems recently earned will be recognized." The poster is framed by yellow and white horizontal stripes at the top and bottom.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
HUDSON VALLEY COUNCIL

***Be sure to let your Den Leader know if you do participate in this day.**

There is a patch award for those that do.

****Contact your faith community to see if Scout ceremonies have been**

Scheduled at a certain time.

LET'S GO SNOW TUBING!



Sat. Feb.8th 10:00 A.M. (get there by 9:30)
Thomas Bull Memorial Park
211 State Rte. 416
Montgomery, N.Y.

Please note: This is a FAMILY EVENT
not an Official Scouting event.

The reason is that the Guide to Safe Scouting requires helmets for sledding for all BSA participants. Unless we do that we can't be covered under the BSA insurance.

ORANGECOUNTYPARKS.COM

\$18 per person for 1 1/2 hours

12 lanes with 2 cable tows

Restaurant with large fireplace

Fire pit at the bottom of the runs

Free ice skating and sledding with your own gear

Just show up and pay at site. No need to contact me.

It's a fun way to get out of your cave. Hope to see everyone there.

Pat McCarthy

PATRICKMCCARTHYT@AOL.COM

COME JOIN THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE NEW AMERICAN FLAG FOR MYERS CORNERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



With the help of Myers Corners PTA, The Desert Crawlers secured a new American Flag to fly at Myers Corners Elementary, where the majority of our pack meetings and den meetings are held. A flag that has flown over the Walkway over the Hudson will be presented to the school and members of our Pack. Please come out in your Class A uniform and be a part of this special ceremony.

Sunday, March 16 11:30 Sharp

We will meet in the parking lot on the Poughkeepsie side of the bridge at 11:30 sharp and walk together to the middle of the bridge where the changing of the flags will take place.

<http://walkway.org/visit-walkway>

To tuck or not to tuck



Tuck everlasting: Scout uniform shirts should always be tucked in, BSA says... Dated October 9th 2013

That was the question on the minds of hundreds of parents who have called the BSA headquarters over the past several months.

Their query: Does the Boy Scouts of America require uniform shirts to be tucked in? The questions are specifically referring to field uniforms (known to some by the unofficial name “Class A”) and not activity uniforms (“Class B”).

Problem is there hasn’t been an official policy in the past. The requirement was that the uniform-wearer must be “neat in appearance.” Most packs, troops, and crews interpreted that to mean tucking the shirts in, but a few didn’t.

Now we’ve got our final answer. Read the BSA’s official stance after the jump:

Effective Oct. 1, 2013, the official stance on the Boy Scouts of America’s uniform policy is that shirts are to be worn tucked in, regardless of whether the wearer is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer or Adult Scouter. All Sea Scout uniforms are designed to be tucked in except youth dress whites and youth dress blues.

In the past, guidelines have simply stated the uniform wearer should be neat in appearance. Neatness includes tucking in the shirt. This update will appear in related resources, such as the uniform inspection sheets, as they are revised and printed.

So there you have it: Tuck those uniform shirts in. Though the official stance is new, the practice is old as the BSA itself. Any time you see a Scout wearing a uniform in an official BSA-printed publication, his shirt is tucked in. Just look through the *Boy Scout Handbook*, *Scouting* or *Boys’ Life* magazines, a BSA Supply catalog, or any merit badge pamphlet, and you’ll see exclusively tucked-in shirts.

Equally important is what’s not being said here. The BSA doesn’t tell you to wear the field uniform at all times. Many units that conduct a service project or take a weekend backpacking trip will leave the field uniform shirt on the hanger at home. But that’s up to you (and your Scouts) to decide.

**Congratulations to Pack 40's Webelos who did
AMAZING at the.....**



**45th ANNUAL
DUTCHESS DISTRICT
ESKIMO RUN**

**Cobras-Gold trail 1st place
Atomic Tacos-Blue Trail 2nd place
Flaming Arrows-Gold trail-4th place
Desert Crawlers-Blue Trail 7th place**

It was a very proud day for our pack!!!

Rank and Other Special Awards Earned This Month

Congratulations to all of the "**Atomic Taco's**" who have earned their Webelos Rank Badge!!
Mikey Marchesona, Tanner Eirish, Jason Meyers, Thomas Noschese, Patrick Panzarino, Aaron Gregory, Evan Stoltzfus and Ryan O'Keeffe.

Congratulations to all of the "**Desert Crawlers**" who have earned their Webelos Rank Badge!!
Joshua Bartlett, Dominic Colucci, Thomas Difiore, Nicholas Difiore, Andrew Gulbrandsen, Timothy Olker





A REPORT FROM OUR DESERT CRAWLERS

January was all about the Eskimo Run. We spent hours working together to build, paint and repurpose all sorts of materials that our parents donated to make a sled that looked like a true desert crawler to represent our den. Mr. Bartlett created a really fun quiz show to practice our knowledge of all the topics we expected to see at the Eskimo Run and it taught us about collaborating and taking turns being a spokesperson. We had fun, learned a lot, and practiced our skit with the help of our leaders. At home our parents helped us practice our assigned topics. Mr. Gulbrandsen tracked down some really cool looking and warm hats to show some more Desert Crawler Spirit. When the day came for our very first Dutchess District Eskimo Run we showed up with all the right gear and clothing and scout spirit! We saw our fellow Pack 40 dens along the trails and cheered them on as well. We conquered the dreaded steps before station 2 as it had just began snowing and conquered it with teamwork and a positive attitude and a whole lot of Desert Crawler muscle! At the end of the day we performed our skit and were thrilled to take home a 7th place ribbon for the Blue Trail!



A REPORT FROM OUR ATOMIC TACOS:

After three fun filled den meetings at the Noschese's home, the Atomic Tacos finished building and painting their Eskimo Run sled in preparation for the 45th Annual Eskimo Run that was held on January 18th. I speak for all of the Atomic Taco parents when I say that we couldn't be more proud of the teamwork, leadership and good sportsmanship that our scouts displayed during the Eskimo Run event! It was clear that all of their hard work and dedication paid off when John Borchert called the Atomic Tacos on the stage to receive the ribbon for coming in SECOND place!!! You might ask yourself, how would the Atomic Tacos celebrate the great job they did in the Eskimo Run? With a Taco Dinner party of course! Great Job ATOMIC TACOS!!!!

The scouts have also completed the last requirement (show how to hoist and lower the U.S. flag) that was needed for them to all earn their citizen activity badge! With the completion of the citizen badge, ALL of our Atomic Tacos have earned their WEBELOS rank badge!

February and March will prove to provide more fun for the Atomic Tacos as we have many things already planned. An Engineer/Architect will be joining one of our den meetings to teach the boys several of the requirements needed in the "Engineer" activity badge section. John Borchert will be joining us for another den meeting to teach the boys all about "Geology".

***Den Leaders, if you have any special recognition or “Den Reports” you would like noted in future Cub-o-Gram’s please send information to Christine Maurer
cmaurerc@optonline.net**

Information would be needed the week before each Pack Meeting.

Friends of Scouting



At our January Pack Meeting we will have a presentation about Friends of Scouting. Friends of Scouting is the annual fund-raising campaign that provides Scout families,

community organizations and local businesses the opportunity to support Scouting in their communities. Friends of Scouting helps fund area programs for youth like camporees, and activities like the Haunted Harvest Fest and the Eskimo Run. It also helps fund our council camps, training for adults and youth, recruitment, and administrative costs. Please support scouting!

Scouting for Food

“Scouting for Food” is Scouting’s community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live and work. Scouting for Food is a food collection effort carried out by Scouts from our community. **We are planning a food collection in March and will provide details as soon as possible. We need an adult to coordinate the food drive this year.** If you are interested in learning more about what is involved please contact Brian Colucci at coluccib@optonline.net .



Class-B Shirt Order

We have finally worked out the details for a new Class-B shirt order. The design will be similar to the 45th Anniversary shirt we had a few years ago, with minor changes. The shirt will also be a different color. We are offering not only long and short sleeve tee shirts, but also crew neck or hooded sweatshirts with the same design. **We will take orders and payment from now until the February Pack meeting.** See the order form attached.

Cub Scouts

Pack 40

Class-B Uniform



Please indicate the quantity to be ordered under the desired size

| | Cost each | Youth Small | Youth Med | Youth Large | Adult Small | Adult Med | Adult Large | Adult XL | Adult 2X | Adult 3X | Adult 4X | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 100% Cotton Short Sleeve Tee Shirt | \$16 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 100% Cotton Long Sleeve Tee Shirt | \$19 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 50/50 Crewneck Sweatshirt | \$21 | NA | NA | | | | | | | | | |
| 50/50 Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt | \$25 | NA | NA | | | | | | | | | |

Name: _____

Den: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Receipt

Name: _____

Total Paid: \$ _____

Check ☐ Cash ☐

Pack Leadership

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| Cubmaster | Rob Usher |
| Assistant Cubmaster | Ken Maurer |
| Webelos II Den Leaders | Jason Hilton Daniel Mochon |
| Webelos II Asst. Leaders | Michael Havas Noel Mochon |
| Webelos I Den Leaders | Patty Colucci Tom DiFiore Ron Stoltzfus |
| Webelos I Asst. Leaders | Adam Bartlett John Marchesona Jason Olker |
| Bear Den Leaders | Kate Dusavage Meghann Hardesty |
| Bear Asst. Den Leader | Susan DeMatteis |
| Wolf Den Leader | Andrea O'Neill-Gregory |
| Tiger Den Leader | John Reitter |
| Lion Cub Leader | TO BE FILLED |

Pack Committee

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| Chartered Organization Representative | Michael Gulbrandsen |
| Committee Chair | Brian Colucci |
| Assistant Committee Chair | John Reitter |
| Secretary | TO BE FILLED |
| Treasurer | Bob Bettini |
| Activity Chair | Pat McCarthy |
| Advancement Chair | Carrie Eirish |
| Pack Trainer | Daniel Mochon |
| Website/Publicity | Christine Maurer |
| Popcorn Kernel | Andrea O'Neill-Gregory |
| Assistant Popcorn Kernel | Ken Maurer |
| Assistant Popcorn Kernel | Regina Bartlett |

Useful Links:

Pack 40: pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com

(This is our Pack Website, which includes our event calendar to keep you updated on events and meetings)

Sports and Academics Program (Belt loops and pins):
<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/a-sindex.asp>

(These are extra awards all Cub Scouts have the opportunity to earn. As a parent you can search this site with your Scout to find out requirements for each one. Once your Scout has completed any of these, print out the completed forms and present to your Den leader.)

Hudson Valley Council: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BSA National Website: www.Scouting.org

Scout Parents: www.scoutparents.org

Training Available

Are you interested in helping the pack, but not sure if you are qualified? BSA offers **online training for leaders and parents** (www.MyScouting.org). Cub Scout Leaders, Cubmasters and Pack Committee Members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.

Additional “live” training is available from our council. hudsonvalleyscouting.org