



PACK 503 NEWS

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EARNING THE ARROW OF LIGHT!

During next month's Pack 503 meeting, 22 of our second-year Webelos will receive Cub Scouts' highest rank – *The Arrow of Light*.



Symbolizing years of dedication to scouting, The Arrow of Light rank is distinguished because it is one of the few Cub Scout badges that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

As these scouts worked towards achieving this rank, they practiced scout skills, earned activity badges, and prepared to make the transition to Boy Scouting.

To that end, they visited various local Boy Scout troops to "scout" out the troops that best fit individual personality and goals.

During December's meeting, as we honor these scouts, some of the boys will "cross over" into one of these troops and others will decide to focus on other

aspects in their lives, such as, sports or education.

In addition to the Arrow of Light badge, each scout will receive a personalized plaque featuring an arrow wrapped in colored stripes. The stripes signify the following achievements:

COLOR	MEANING
Orange	Tiger Cub
Black	One stripe for each year the boy was a Cub Scout (4 possible)
Blue	Bobcat
Red	Wolf
Gold	Gold arrow point earned as a Wolf
Silver	One stripe for each silver arrow point earned as a Wolf
Green	Bear
Gold	Gold arrow point earned as a Bear
Silver	One stripe for each silver arrow point earned as a Bear
Brown	One stripe for each year as a Webelos
White	One stripe for each Webelos activity badge earned (20 possible)
Purple	Religious Award
Lt. Green	World Conservation Award
Yellow	Arrow of Light

Attend December's Pack meeting and help recognize and thank the following scouts, and their leaders and parents for jobs well done!

DEN 1	
Leaders: Beth Emrie, Kim Grillaert and Karen Voyda	
Scout	Parents
James C.	Barb
Daniel E.	Beth & Larry
Ian F.	Judy & Scott
Dylan G.	Kim & Doug
Forrest J.	Lisa & Robert
Mitchell S.	Kim & Jeff
Jeremy V.	Karen & Gary
DEN 5	
Leaders: Richard Brotzman and John Andreoni	
Scout	Parents
Mark A.	Julia & John
Sam B.	Deb & Shane
Michael B.	Irene & Richard
Jack C.	Beth & Neal
Danny C.	Peggy & Dave
Mark D.	Laura & John
John G.	Jane & John
Daniel G.	Karen & Don
Grant G.	Susan & Gary
Tom H.	Kirsten & Ed
Eric K.	Elaine & Doug
Adam L.	Sharon & John
Matt S.	Michelle & Ed
Nic W.	Isabel & John

Dozin' With the Dinos

If you haven't done so already, mark your calendars for the weekend of January 7, 2005, for the "Dozin with the Dinos" extravaganza at The Field Museum.

Join us for a night of family workshops, tour and performances. Explore ancient Egypt by flashlight, prowl an African savannah with man-eating lions and take a stroll through the Royal Palace in Bamun, Africa.

The event includes an evening snack and morning breakfast. Best of all, you'll sleep among some of the museum's most popular exhibitions.

Space is limited to 140 spots that will be filled on a first-come/first-serve basis, so get your forms and money in earlier rather than later. With just two weeks before the deadline, we have received just 30 reservations.

To secure your reservation, please submit all required forms and money to Charlie Souhrada ASAP but no later than Monday, December 6.

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Checks should be made payable to Pack 503. Again, the fees are \$47 for non-Field Museum members/\$40 for Field Museum members.

No refunds will be issued after December 7 (per the Field Museum's policy), so please mark your calendars accordingly.

For permission slips, schedule information, and answers to the most frequently asked questions, please read your Dozin packet handout or visit The Field Museum's website at:

Frequent Q&A's:

http://www.fieldmuseum.org/education/pdfs/overnight_faq.pdf

Parking:

http://www.fieldmuseum.org/education/pdfs/parking_map.pdf

Permission form:

http://www.fieldmuseum.org/education/pdfs/perm_slip.pdf

Things to bring overnight:

http://www.fieldmuseum.org/education/pdfs/things_to_bring.pdf

Dozin' With the Dinos

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 7-8, 2005

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
5:45 p.m.	Check-in	South Entrance
6:30 p.m.	Orientation	Simpson Theatre
7:00 – 7:45 p.m.	Workshops	See Workshop Schedule
8:00 – 8:45 p.m.	Performance by <i>MIKE OFFUT</i> – SCIENCE SAFARI	Simpson Theatre
8:45 – 9:45 p.m.	Snack	Siragusa Center
9:30 – 10:30 p.m.	T-shirt sales	Stanley Field Hall
9:30 – 10:30 p.m.	EXPLORE MUSEUM EXHIBITS and/or STOP BY AN ACTIVITY STATION IN STANLEY FIELD HALL:	
	<i>Scientific Illustration</i>	<i>Next to SUE</i>
	<i>Mummy Masks</i>	<i>Next to Totem Poles</i>
	<i>Egyptian Cartouches</i>	<i>Outside the Mastaba</i>
	<i>Dino Flip-books</i>	<i>Next to SUE</i>
	<i>Museum Highlights Tour</i>	<i>Meet by elephants @ 9:45</i>
10:30 p.m.	Self-guided flashlight tour of Ancient Egypt	Ancient Egypt Exhibit – Main Floor
11:00 – 11:30 p.m.	Bedtime stories with Sue and Danny	Next to SUE
11:00 – 11:30 p.m.	Lights start to go out in sleep areas	
1:00 a.m.	Upper level closes	
1:30 a.m.	Everyone in sleeping bags	
7:00 a.m.	Rise and shine!	
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast begins	Siragusa
8:30 a.m.	Children's store opens	Ground Floor
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Departure – Go home	South Door



POPCORN SALE RECAP

Last month, Pack 503's 2004-05 popcorn fundraising campaign ended with record sales. Thanks to the efforts of our scouts and parents, **THE PACK SOLD \$22,885 IN CORN, NETTING A \$7,275 PROFIT!**

Congratulations to the five scouts who joined the \$1000+ Club (see below) and to Den 6, which achieved the highest sales by den - \$4,370!

Overall, the Pack achieved average sales per scout of \$215 and average sales per scout selling popcorn of \$390.

Proceeds are used to purchase award badges, trophies, and food and to fund Pack activities throughout the year.

By exceeding our goals, the Pack is able to keep membership fees low and offer scouts the best scouting experience possible.

So, THANKS TO EVERYONE – including Ken Kolany, the den coordinators and all the scouts – for your hard work and a job well done!

\$1000+ Club Free Admission to Dozin' with Dinos	\$400+ Club Free Admission to Dozin' with Dinos	\$250+ Club \$25 off Admission to Dozin' with Dinos
<i>Robert S. – Den 12</i>	Joe G. – Den 2	Dylan G. – Den 1
<i>Nathan S. – Den 6</i>	Matthew B. – Den 3	Michael C. – Den 2
<i>Reed K. – Den 8</i>	Matthew F. – Den 3	Mark A. – Den 5
<i>Ford D. – Den 12</i>	Robby N. – Den 3	Mark D. – Den 5
<i>Ian F. – Den 1</i>	Sam B. – Den 5	Adam L. – Den 5
	Grant G. – Den 5	Brennan W. – Den 6
	Nicholas A. – Den 6	Barry R. – Den 8
	Chad P. – Den 6	Paul B. – Den 9
	Chris P. – Den 6	Sasha C. – Den 9
	James R. – Den 6	Brendan F. – Den 9
	Charlie O. – Den 7	Zachary L. – Den 9
	Patrick B. – Den 8	Dominic P. – Den 9
	Joseph F. – Den 8	Connor S. – Den 9
	Trevor L. – Den 9	Ethan W. – Den 9
	Jacob M. – Den 9	Mark E. – Den 12
		Luke F. – Den 12
		Christopher G. – Den 12

Popcorn Incentive Statistics

Here's a quick recap of this year's popcorn fundraising campaign:

- **5 scouts** sold over \$1000 each earning movie passes;
- **10 scouts in Den 6** will receive "Top Selling Den" pins;
- **17 scouts** earned a \$25 credit to Dozin' with the Dinos;
- **20 scouts** earned free admission to Dozin' with the Dinos;
- **45 scouts** will receive certificates for free banana splits at Colonial Café; and
- **59 scouts** will receive "Participation" badges.

Popcorn Awards...

should be available for pickup at Ken Kolany's house – 570 White Oak Drive – after December 6. Please check with your popcorn den coordinator or leader for more information.

Photo of the Month

"Climbing the Wall"



Submitted by:
Craig Mankowski – Den 7



*'Tis the season for giving
that much we do know;
To children whose families
lack jobs or cash flow;*

*So, share your good fortunes
and reap what you sow;
Please give from your hearts
and make needy kids glow.*

*On the 13th of December
take your new toys* to Prairie;
So they can be delivered
via hand carry;*

*Drop your gifts off with Scouts
from 6 to 8 (pm) in the lobby;
Where Santa anxiously awaits
to talk with you, Jane and Bobby;*

*The Marines will then install the
goodies under the tree;
To warm lots of hearts
thanks to Pack 503.*

***THE TOYS SHOULD BE NON-VIOLENT
(NO WEAPON TOYS),
NEWLY PURCHASED, AND
UNWRAPPED.**

For additional information,
contact Gary Grajek at
ggrajek@wowway.com or 961-1020.



The Pinewood Derby – Just 2 Months Away

It's time to get revved up for the annual Pinewood Derby, being held this year on **Thurs., Jan. 20 at Naperville North High School Cafeteria.**

Participation

All scouts, siblings and second year Webelos are invited to participate. The Pack provides one car per scout; spare cars, or cars for siblings, must be purchased separately.

Trophies

All participants will receive a handsome trophy just for racing! Speed trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place for each grade level.

Trophies will be awarded in these categories: Most Creative, Most Futuristic, Most Patriotic and the hotly contested Screamin' Demon.

Race Format

Cars from entrants in the same grade will race against each other, as well as separate open and sibling divisions. Screamin' Demon is the one exception.

Races are designed to allow each participant at least four heats. After several races, your car will be racing with cars of similar speed.

Cars racing the fastest will be in the finals to receive the special speed trophies. A computer, manned by race judges, analyzes the race heats and point totals.

Rules

Cars must comply with the District Pinewood Derby rules as follows:

- ◆ Graphite lubricant may not be used. Use silicone pinewood lubricant from a hobby store. Hardware store lubricants contain components that may damage plastic wheels.
- ◆ You must use four official BSA wheels. A set of four wheels is in each kit. BSA is stamped on the inside of these wheels.
- ◆ The wheels may not be covered. Wheels and axles will be inspected.
- ◆ You must use the axles supplied in the BSA kit.
- ◆ The car's width should not exceed 2 3/4".
- ◆ The car's length should not exceed 7".
- ◆ The car's weight should not exceed 142 grams (approx. 5 ounces).
- ◆ Loose materials – with the exception of wheels – are not allowed on the car.
- ◆ Wheel bearings, washers or bushings are not allowed.
- ◆ The car must be freewheeling, no starting devices.
- ◆ Hobby store kits, pre-made, pre-cut or previous year cars are not allowed.
- ◆ This is scout and parent activity. All scouts may be asked: "how did you build this car? to determine whether they have the slightest clue of how their entry was built.
- ◆ The decisions and interpretation of the above rules by the inspection committee are final.

Helpful Hints

- ◆ The cars ride over a strip 1/4" high and 1 3/4" wide. The cars need 3/8" on the bottom to clear the strip. The wheels cannot be mounted too narrow, wide or high so that the car fits on the track and does not scrape on the bottom.
- ◆ The wood block in the official kit is the proper width and the slots should provide the axle locations that meet these clearances, although you are not required to use them. If you install weights on the bottom of the car, insure that they are 3/8" above the race surface.
- ◆ There is no height restriction, but the end of the track where the cars are stopped may cause damage above 2" and to delicate items (especially those placed on top of the car). You have to add material to get a car above 2".
- ◆ You will be disqualified from special trophies if you need to make modifications or repairs to your car after the racing begins.
- ◆ Silicone lubricant will be available at check-in. The silicone pinewood lubricant is available at hobby stores. Hobby stores also have decals, weights and other accessories to customize your car. **Store kit cars are NOT ALLOWED.**
- ◆ Avoid kit cars, axles and wheels at the hobby stores since they may not comply with the official rules.
- ◆ Attention to detail is the key to a sleek, fast car.

Pre-Race Inspection

ALL CARS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED, INSPECTED AND WEIGHED PRIOR TO DERBY DAY!

In an effort to expedite the start of the racing festivities and to allow parents and participants to follow all the action with up-to-the-minute results, we are implementing a new policy that requires all cars be pre-registered, inspected and weighed prior to the Pinewood Derby evening.



Race festivities will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m., with the first race scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

During the race, the Pack 503 Sport Network team will provide the play-by-play commentary and attempt to stump our

scouts with trivia questions.

So, boys, don't forget to review your scout trivia after you fine-tune your Pinewood Derby cars.

All Pinewood Derby questions should be directed to:

Peter Fales
1085 Whirlaway
357-4769
psfales@fales-lorenz.net

Peter Fales, Pinewood Derby chair, and a team of volunteer parents, will conduct these inspections at the Fales' home – 1085 Whirlaway – from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on **Mon. Jan. 17 and Wed. Jan. 19.**

Mr. Fales will then transport the cars to Naperville North on Friday evening (under heightened security, of course) where he'll double check that the cars meet the strict derby guidelines above.

2004-05 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DECEMBER	
FAMILY ACTIVITY	Toys for Tots Collection Date/Time: Mon., Dec. 13 ; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Location: Prairie Elementary School Lobby
PACK MEETING	Arrow of Light Ceremony Date/Time: Thurs., Dec. 16 ; 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Prairie Elementary School Flag Opening – Den 1/Flag Closing – Den 5
JANUARY	
PINEWOOD DERBY	Pre-inspections Dates: Mon., Jan. 17 & Wed., Jan 19 ; Time: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Location: Peter Fales' home; 1085 Whirlaway; Naperville ALL CARS MUST BE INSPECTED & WEIGHED PRIOR TO THE PINEWOOD DERBY EVENING TO PARTICIPATE AND QUALIFY FOR TROPHIES!
PACK MEETING	Pinewood Derby Date/Time: Thurs., Jan. 20 ; 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Location: Naperville North High School Cafeteria Flag Opening – Den 8/Flag Closing – Den 4
PACK OUTING	Dozin' with the Dinos Date/Time: Fri., Jan. 7 – Sat. Jan. 8 ; 5:45 p.m. – 9:30 a.m. The Field Museum, Chicago
FEBRUARY	
PACK MEETING	Blue & Gold Banquet Date/Time: Fri., Feb. 18 ; 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Location: Naperville North High School Cafeteria Flag Opening – Den 9/Flag Closing – Den 3
PACK OUTING	Bowling Date/Time: Sat., Feb. 19 ; 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Location: Fox Bowl, 1101 Butterfield Road, Wheaton, IL
FAMILY ACTIVITY	Scouting for Food Program – PROPOSED Date/Time: TBD Location: TBD
MARCH	
PACK MEETING	The Magic of Scouting Date/Time: Thurs., March 24 ; 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Prairie Elementary School Flag Opening – Den 12/Flag Closing – Den 6
PACK OUTING	Music for Kids – PROPOSED Date/Time: Fri., March 18 ; 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Cost: \$8 for adults; \$5 for students Location: College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL

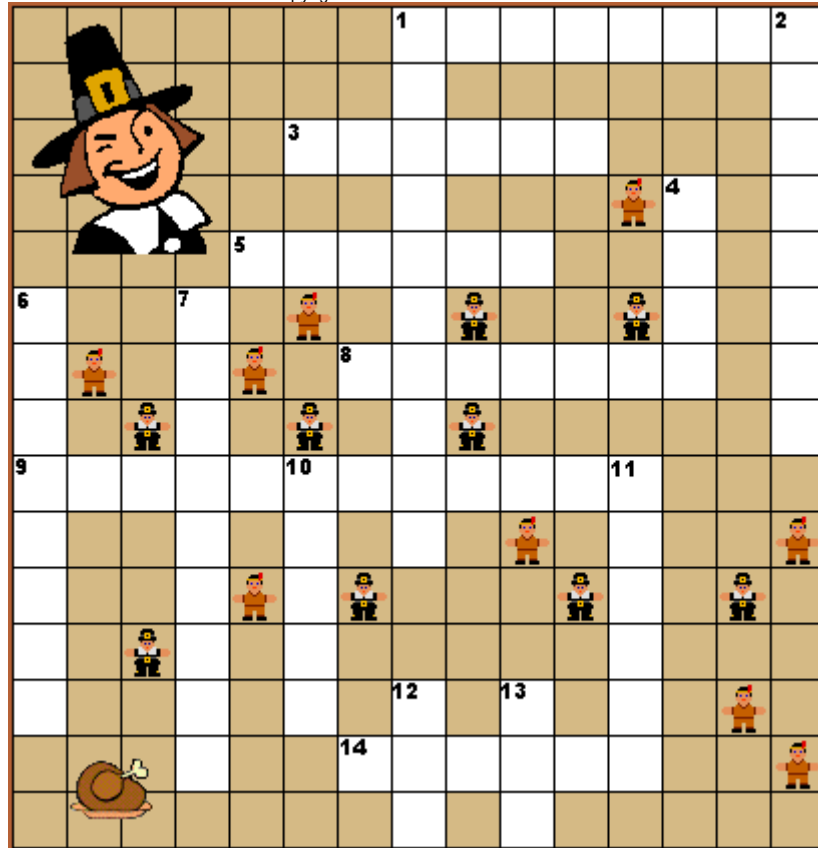
APRIL	
PACK MEETING	<i>Mother Earth: Conservation & Recycling</i> Date/Time: Thurs., April 28 ; 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Prairie Elementary School Flag Opening & Closing– Dens 2, 7 and 10
PACK OUTING	<i>Annual Prairie Elementary Environment Clean Up</i> Date/Time: TBD Location: Prairie Elementary School
FAMILY ACTIVITY	<i>Fermilab Weird Science – PROPOSED</i> Date/Time: TBD Location: Fermilab, Batavia, IL
MAY	
PACK MEETING	<i>Crossing Over & Annual Pack Campfire</i> Date/Time: Thurs., May 26, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: TBD Flag Opening/Closing – Dens 4 & 8/Den 6
PACK OUTING	<i>Memorial Day Parade</i> Date/Time: Mon., May 30, 10:00 a.m. meeting Location: Centennial Beach, Naperville

Pack 503 Website

Don't forget to check out the Pack's website at www.pack503.org. There you'll find up-to-the-minute schedule and Pack information.

American Thanksgiving Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. Who were the first settlers that celebrated Thanksgiving?
3. These are the people you eat Thanksgiving dinner with.
5. What is the most common main dish for Thanksgiving dinner?
8. Who did the pilgrims celebrate Thanksgiving with?
9. What big holiday is celebrated in November?
14. You watch this Thanksgiving morning on TV.

DOWN

1. This pie is orange. [HINT: You see a lot of them at Halloween.]
2. What can you find inside of a Thanksgiving turkey?
4. What is another word for "sweet potatoes?"
6. Dads watch this game on TV after Thanksgiving dinner.
7. This food is red in color.
10. Who is the famous guy who appears at the end of the Thanksgiving parade?
11. What does a turkey say?
12. What animal loves to beg for some of your turkey dinner?
13. What do you do most of on Thanksgiving Day?