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Cubmaster's Corner:

I read in the Missoulian the other day that city officials are asking able-bodied citizens to help their less able neighbors keep the sidewalks clear of snow. My response was, "Why would they need to ask?" Since this sort of good deed benefits the neighbor and uncounted pedestrians, if a person had the time and ability, why wouldn't he or she 'Just Do It'?

Then, I think of our Cub Scouts, and I wonder, when they're adults, will they have to be asked to do such things, or will they be more likely than others to help? I think of the boys' faces as they caroled for the elderly, as they brought food for Pantry Partners (121 pounds – great job guys and families!), and I have real hope that these Scouts, like their parents, grandparents, and generations past, would be the first at the neighbor's house, with a shovel and a smile, expecting nothing for their efforts except a good cardio workout.

What we adults do in Scouting, as leaders, parents, grandparents, and mentors, will make important differences in our communities. Including, but not limited to, nice, clear sidewalks.

Yours in Scouting,

Bob Edgar, Cubmaster, Pack 4915

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Pack 15 Pinewood Derby T-shirt Logo Contest!

The Pinewood Derby is fast approaching on March 6 at 7pm in the Florence HS old gym. The Derby will have an open class for Scout families & siblings.

We are calling on all Scout artists out

there to make up a cool new design for our Pack 15 Pinewood Derby T-shirts.

Submit your designs to your den leaders by January 23 (two weeks from now!) so that the den leaders can bring the designs to the January 26 Pack committee meeting. Print out the design on paper to submit it, but if it is created via computer or scanned, be sure to save the file in case it is chosen!

Check out these Pinewood Derby links!

How to build a car: <http://home.simplyweb.net/bosworth/howto.htm>

Montana State Pinewood Derby:

<http://www.montanabsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=14455&orgkey=1783>

More Pinewood Derby Links: <http://usscouts.org/netresources/derby.asp>



Popcorn Thank You Night!

The Popcorn Thank You party was a ball...A BOWLING Ball! The pack met for a fun afternoon of pizza, pins, pop, and awards (couldn't think of a "p" word for awards).

Many of the scouts exceeded the district goal of \$300, and many met or exceeded the Pack goal of \$600! Congratulations to Mitch Edgar (\$2159) for achieving the Pack highest popcorn sales!

Other Pack high sellers: Nate Miller (\$1647), Garrison Bradt (\$1570), Anthony Dulac (\$1351), Chris McBride (\$1014).

Klondike Approaches...

The Bitterroot District's winter event, the Klondike Derby, will be held on February 7 this year. Pack 15 will hold a practice day on January 17th from 10:00-2:00 at the Dry Gulch sledding hill. This will be our Pack meeting for January. Bring your sleds, after practicing the Klondike events, you can stay to sled on your own. Lunch is provided by the pack. The Pack assignments for Klondike practice are as follows:

Den 5a parents will lead stations for mountain ski, obstacle course, and snowshoe relay.

Den 4 parents will lead stations for compass course, sled pull, and inner tube race.

Den 3 parents will prep and cook lunch.

Den 1 parents will serve and clean up lunch.

Den 5e parents will clean up the stations after practice.

Bear's Good Turn for America



Three bears from the Den 5s, Anthony Dulac, Jared Kline, and Christopher McBride qualified for a Good Turn for America badge, by spending time

with residents at Kathy's Assisted Living here in Florence, on December 7, 2008. The kids handed out green and red teddy bears to the eight residents; that was a BIG hit, and brought tears to a few eyes. Games were played, but the folks mostly just wanted to visit with their guests. Also, the residents seemed to really enjoy watching the boys play with a pretty elaborate electric train set that was part of the decorations in their home.

Thanks to these Scouts for giving their time to make the day for some elders in our community!



After caroling, we went to the Lewis and Clark Park in Stevensville for a BBQ picnic. Mother Nature didn't give us any snow for our planned sledding outing, but she sure gave us a great day for a picnic in the park! Several of the families also took the opportunity to visit the model trains which were set up in the basement of the Valley Drug building and then a bunch of us hopped on the horse-drawn wagon through town - caroling as we went! What a great day!

Caroling, (Alas, No Sledding!)

all over? The Cub Scouts who went caroling in Stevensville in December! The boys (along with some of our 'Pink Flamingo den' of little sisters) did a great job of spreading Christmas joy as we caroled for the residents. After our initial performance in the common room, we took to the halls, caroling as we went. We got to visit both the independent living and the assisted care sides of the home and were able to sing for quite a number of the residents. Scouts and residents alike enjoyed the time!

What's blue and gold and Christmas-y



Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Some of the boys from Pack 15 were able to participate in Jonathan Hamilton's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on 10/26/08. It was a great event and a great way encouragement to continue to the highest level of Scouting. Congratulations Jonathan!

Den 4 News

The Webelos Scouts of Den 4 have been busy this year working on their activity pins and their Webelos requirements. One of the activity pins that we have been working on so far this year is the Craftsman pin. We spent one den meeting in the shop working on wooden puzzles. Some boys picked a Falcon pattern, others a dinosaur or a cheetah. The boys got to trace the pattern, cut the design, and even add some special touches with woodburning! It was

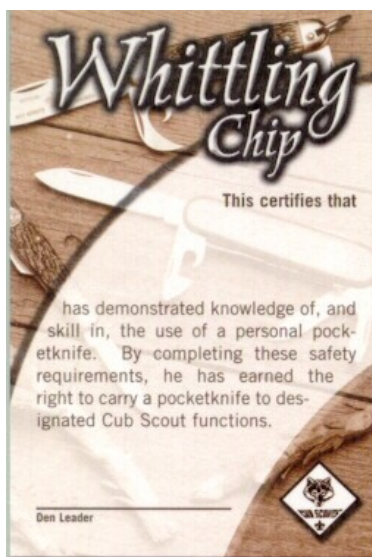
a great night for the boys (and I think the parents might have been having some fun with the tools, too!). We also spent a den meeting in the Cub Scout storage shed, cleaning it out, building shelves, and organizing the materials. This was a Craftsman project, but it was also a service project for the Pack!

At our last den meeting, we began work on our Scholar activity pins by earning the Language and Culture belt loop and the Chess belt loop. We had a guest from India who taught us about India, showed us pictures of some of the amazing places there, taught us some Hindi words (one of the many languages spoken in India) and explained how to play Cricket. (If we have a chance in the spring, we'll have him back to play a Cricket game - the short version, since a match can last a week!)

Bear Whittling Chip Achievement

The two Bear Dens, 5a and 5e got together in December to complete a final project in pursuit of their Whittling Chip cards. The Whittling Chip represents the earned privilege for the Scout to carry and use a pocketknife during approved Scouting events. The scout has to demonstrate knowledge of and practical adherence to safety rules. Each den held separate safety classes before the final joint meeting. The scouts had to demonstrate that they knew the proper care and handling of a knife. They practiced using their knives by working on a project to whittle a bear from a block of balsa wood.

Congratulations to the Bears on this achievement!



Several boys in our den are also part of a group earning their God and Family award, which is one way to meet the Webelos Faith requirement. Since this is a church program, they will receive their medallion at their church (on Scout Sunday) and then we will recognize them at our Pack meeting.

Our goal is to have most of the boys done with the Webelos requirements in time to receive their badges of rank at the Blue and Gold banquet. Then we have lots of additional activity pins to earn for Compass points as we work toward the Arrow of Light (the highest award a Cub Scout can receive).



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Upcoming Events

January

5 Den 4 - Den Meeting

6:00 pm in Mr. Edgar's room

We will be working on the Scholar activity pin, including the chess and language/culture belt loops. Special guests from India. Denner is Nate. Assistant Denner is Neil.

8 District Roundtable

7 pm at Corvallis LDS Church.

8 Awards Deadline

Have ScoutTrack updated and get your segment lists to your den leader before today!

13 Den 3 - Den Meeting

6:00 pm in Mr. Hoff's classroom

13 Den 5e - Den Meeting

6:30 pm at Schroeder's house (300 Gold Court)

17 Klondike Practice

10 am - 2 pm at the Dry Gulch sledding hill

Practice Klondike events, pack awards, sledding on your own after practice is done.

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after practice.

19 Den 4 - Den Meeting

6:00 pm in Mr. Edgar's room

We will open with a Craftsman activity (requirement 3). We will complete Scholar with requirements 4, 9, 10, and 12. We also begin Sportsman with requirements 1, 2, and the Marbles belt loop. Denner is Neil. Assistant Denner is Dawson.

26 Pack Committee Meeting

6:30 pm at Pat's house.

27 Den 5e - Den Meeting

6:30 pm at Schroeder's house (300 Gold Court)

We will continue working on several achievements.

30 Griz Game (tentative)

February

5 District Roundtable

7 pm at Corvallis LDS Church.

7 District Klondike Derby

10 am - 2 pm at Bass Creek

19 Blue & Gold Banquet - American ABCs

6:00 pm in the Florence Old Gym.

Celebrate our annual birthday party for Cub Scouts!

25 Pack Committee Meeting

6:30 pm at Pat's house.

March

5 District Roundtable

7 pm at Corvallis LDS Church.

6 Pinewood Derby

Happy Birthday!

Upcoming Quarter Birthdays

Bridger Dragoo-Jan. 5

Brandon Stevens-Jan. 11

Trevor Nei-Jan. 25

Anthony Dulac-Feb. 15

Jared Kline-March 29

Zachary Schroeder-April 1

6:30 pm in Florence's Old Gym.

25 Pack Committee Meeting

6:30 pm at Pat's house.

April

2 District Roundtable

7 pm at Corvallis LDS Church.

16 Pack Meeting - Jurassic Pack

7:00 pm in the Florence Old Gym.

22 Pack Committee Meeting

6:30 pm at Pat's house.

25 Earth Day Service Project