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The Newsletter for Pack 1188



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Cubmaster Corner

Happy New scouting Year! I sincerely hope everyone was able to rest over the holiday break and is looking forward to new adventures ahead! Pack 1188 is busy in the winter, with awesome events on tap in January and February! Before we get to that, a big Pack 1188 THANK YOU to all the Wolf Parents and especially Den Leaders, Chad Gorman and Jason and Katie Rinker, who all made sure our Pack Christmas Party was a resounding success!

At the end of January we will have our annual Pinewood Derby! Hopefully you have been helping your Scout(s) and any siblings racing get their cars built! There is still time and please ask for help if you need it! We will be handing out lots of trophies, medals, and patches, so get excited! See the Pinewood Derby section of this newsletter for details. At the Pack Meeting we will have fun presentations of the many aspects of Pinewood Derby car construction and racing. You do NOT want to miss Mr. Dave Fleisig's inspiring stories of "little Timmy Johnson!"

Looking ahead to February, we will have our Arrow of Light ceremony at the February Pack Meeting. During this ceremony we will award our Webelos II scouts cub scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light - the only Cub Scout Award that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. We will also have a very special ceremony where our new Cubmaster is installed! On Saturday, February 24, we will hold our annual Blue & Gold Banquet where we celebrate the birthday of scouting in the USA and send our Webelos II scouts onwards to their Boy Scout

Troops! Blue & Gold is hosted by our Webelos I families, but each den will get to contribute as well! Stay tuned for more details as we get closer!

A few quick administrative items. If you have not paid your annual Pack 1188 dues, please pay online, contact Josh, or plan to them at the Pack Meeting. If your family is experiencing a financial hardship, speak with Josh or myself so we may understand how we may help. Pack 1188 t-shirts and popcorn prizes are planned to be available at the Pinewood Derby. If your scout sold at least one item of popcorn, they will receive a free t-shirt. We will have additional youth and adult t-shirts available for purchase as well!

Lastly, summer camp registration starts at the January Pack Meeting! A \$50 minimum deposit is required for each scout or adult and we provide the option to pay over time between now and April 1st. I cannot encourage you enough to have your scout attend summer camp - ask anyone, scout or parent, who has been and you will get a sense of the experience that creates memories that will last a lifetime!

A lifetime is how long I hope the values of scouting are lived out by our scouts and their families! I am ever grateful for your commitment to your children, each other, and our pack.

OK, one last question...

ARE YOU READY!

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

Please keep our Scouts, their families, and our pack in your prayers.

Step into the Light and be a guiding light to others.

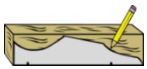
Cubmaster John Rotter





Religious Awards

Please work with your Den Leader or Mr. Jim Sheeran if you have questions! Heads up that Sunday, February 4, is *Scout Sunday*, and while no special activities are planned, Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform to worship services.



Pinewood Derby

Each Scout should have a Pinewood Derby kit. If you do not, please contact your Den Leader. We will also have them at the January Pack Meeting for siblings.

This event is sponsored by our Bear Families. Our theme for this year's event is *Video Games!*

Friday, January 26

6-8 PM at the KoC Hall – Car weigh-in and test run. Make sure your car meets specifications and test it out! If you need to make modifications, we'll help you do that as well!

Saturday, January 27

7:30 AM – LAST CHANCE weigh-in
8:00 AM – Judging (CLOSED EVENT!)
9:00 AM – Sibling Races Start
10:00 AM – Opening Ceremony
All Scouts present to begin racing!
3:00 PM – Awards Ceremony
(May start earlier...)
4:00 PM – Event cleanup
(No Later Than!)
(There will be a snack bar operated throughout the event on Saturday with lunch/snacks available at a nominal cost.)



Annual Dues

If you have not already, we ask you to please pay your dues *at or before the January Pack Meeting*. (Save time and complete online ahead of the Pack Meeting!)

Remember, each family's dues amount is affected by number of Scouts enrolled, popcorn sales, and Boys' Life Magazine subscription preference. Regardless – *NO SCOUT* will ever be turned away if his family is unable to afford Cub Scouts.

Summer Camp!

Starting at the January Pack Meeting we will accept registrations for Summer Camp 2018! We allow families to pay for summer camp over time (Jan-Apr) and to

allow us to offer the early-bird rate to families as well. 2018 dates as follows...

- Lions/Tigers/Wolves-July 13-15, 2018 (at Camp Snyder in Haymarket)
- Bears/Webelos-July 22-28, 2018 (at Camp PMI/Goshen by Lexington, VA)

Camp Snyder is a two-day, two-night program designed specifically for our younger Scouts. They will get to swim, do archery, shoot BB guns, learn about nature, go to campfires, and a myriad of other activities!

Camp PMI is located at Goshen Scout Reservation near Lexington, VA, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. It is a six-day, six-night program designed for Webelos Scouts. In includes all the activities of Camp Snyder in a more austere environment including a lake and more opportunities, including service projects and Mass.

Summer Camp is often the highlight of the year for a Cub Scout! Parents are always welcome to attend with their Scout – please talk to any leader who has attended either camp if you have any questions!



Blue & Gold!

A brief heads up that Saturday, February 24, is our **Pack 1188 Blue & Gold Banquet**. This is our way to celebrate the Birthday of Scouting in America! We will have a cake contest, den pot luck dinner, games, and a special farewell to our Webelos II Scouts as they cross the bridge into *Boy Scouts!* We will also be saying farewell to a number of leaders, too!



News & Updates

The pack keeps you, the parent, updated on news, events and updates via many different ways. We send out emails, we update the Pack website www.pack1188.org and the Pack Facebook site.

The pack website has links, calendars, news, and additional information – *and now the Pack 1188 New Family Guide!*



Hosting Organization

The Knights of Columbus, George Brent Council 5332 is Pack 1188's host organization. They provide the pack and the troop with many opportunities that other scout organizations do not receive.

If you are interested in becoming a Knight, visit www.georgebrent.net or see Tommy Reynolds.

Upcoming Events



PACK 1188
MANASSAS, VA

LEADERSHIP MEETING

February 15 – 7:30 PM
Knights' of Columbus Hall

January

- Pack Meeting – Jan. 16 – 7 PM – KoC Hall – Akela's Workshop!
- Knights Family Breakfast – Jan. 21 – Den 10 assigned
- Pinewood Derby – Jan. 26 – Weigh-in and testing in the evening. Jan. 27 – RACE DAY!

February

- Marywood Bingo – Feb. 1 – 7 PM – Den 10 assigned
- Scout Sunday – Feb. 4
- District Round Table – Feb. 8
- District Pinewood Derby – Feb. 10 at the Manassas Mall
- Pack Leadership Mtg. – Feb. 15
- Knights Family Breakfast – Feb. 18 – Den 6 & 11 assigned
- Pack Meeting – Feb. 20 – 7 PM – KoC Hall – Arrow of Light!
- Blue & Gold Banquet – Feb. 24 – 4 PM – KoC Hall

See the Pack 1188 Calendar for all the events, dates, times, and locations! At the pack website or (soon!) available as an internet calendar on your phone!

LINKS:

Need to get your scout items?

Check out www.ncacbsa.org to get directions to either the Springfield or Haymarket Scout stores or go to www.scoutstuff.org to order your items on-line

Want to learn more about Scouting?

Go to www.scouting.org to learn more about Cub Scouts but you were afraid to ask. This site also has many on-line training tools and resources for scouts, parents, and leaders.





Pack 1188 Akela's Pride Award

This award will be presented monthly to the Pack 1188 Parent or Family that has gone above and beyond in the past month in showing Scout Spirit and in supporting Cub Scout Pack 1188.



Pack 1188 Awesome Akela Award

This award will be presented monthly to the Pack 1188 Leader who has gone above and beyond in the past month in showing Scout Spirit and in supporting Cub Scout Pack 1188.

***OK, so how do I nominate someone?
Good question! Keep reading!***

- Nominations for the Pack 1188 Akela's Pride Award may come from anyone. *Scouts included!*
- Nominations for the Pack 1188 Awesome Akela Award should be from non-leaders, but may be from anyone.
- Nominations should be sent to one or more of the following;
 - Cubmaster cubmaster@pack1188.org
 - Assistant Cubmaster acm@pack1188.org
 - Committee Chair committee@pack1188.org
 - Awards Chair awards@pack1188.org
- Nominations may be submitted ***at any time*** but are requested to be submitted by the end of each month.
- Pack 1188 Akela's Pride Award winner will be chosen by all of pack leadership.
- Pack 1188 Akela's Pride Award winner will receive a special gift selected by Pack Leadership.
- Pack 1188 Awesome Akela Award winner will be chosen by the four individuals above.
- Pack 1188 Awesome Akela Award winner will receive a totem that is passed along to the next month's recipient.
- The awards will be presented at Pack Meetings from September through May each Pack Year.

Why...?

To provide public recognition to those individuals/families who go above and beyond in their support of the pack. To develop a sense of ownership of the success of the pack in both the adults and the Scouts. To provide all the adults and Scouts an opportunity to provide feedback and recognize individuals and families that contribute to the success of the pack. In short – it is a way to foster ***Scout Spirit*** here at Pack 1188!

Pack 1188 is *your* pack – help make it *awesome!*

