

Pack 55 News

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NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES

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E-SCRIP UPDATE!



Tiger Den e-Scrip Challenge

Deadline to register is April 1st. Winning den to be announced at the April Pack Meeting. Sign up online or at your den meetings - get grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to sign up too! Den leaders have the sign up sheets. This is our "no cost to you" spring fundraiser. When EVERY FAMILY registers, it truly pays...over \$100 a month to pay for awards, events and more! Thank you for your participation.

Register or add Pack 55 to your supporter list at www.escrip.com or at an upcoming den meeting. Your den leader will supply the form. Registered under a school or other group? No problem! With eScrip you can support up to 3 groups at one time. Questions? Contact Bonnie.

eScrip ID name: Cub Scouts- Pack 55
eScrip ID number: 149415337

Register your Safeway club card number! Credit/Debit/Macy's cards are great, but Safeway ROCKS when it comes to contributions. Don't know your Safeway Club Card number?

Call 1-877-SAFEWAY or pick up a new card at Safeway. If you have several Safeway cards, call 1-877-SAFEWAY to have them "linked" to one account or be sure to register each card.

Of course, if you aren't a Safeway shopper, registering a Safeway Card will do nothing. Instead, register and use your debit/credit card at merchants like Oliver's and Round Table Pizza.



CREEK CLEANUP SERVICE PROJECT!

This continues to be a Pack 55 favorite!
Families are more than welcome to come.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, 9-10AM

MEET AT THE STRAWBERRY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Santa Rosa's Creek Stewardship program will provide the gloves, trash bags and picker-uppers.

Attire: Pack 55 (Class B) T-shirt if you have one or your Scout uniform (without neckerchief); rain-boots if you want to walk in the creek; some like longsleeves due to branches etc.

PARTICIPATION QUALIFIES FOR ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEAVE NO TRACE BADGE.

IT'S CUBOREE & CAMPOREE TIME!



The Pomo District invites you to their annual Camporee and Cuboree. This years theme is: SCOUTING THRU THE YEARS in honor of the Centennial celebration. Both the Cuboree and Camporee take place at beautiful Lake Sonoma and great fun and activities abound!

Plan early, pre-registrations are a must. Register by April 16th. Download all forms and info at: www.redwoodbsa.org

For more information please contact Ron Martin
[rj.martin at sbcglobal.net](mailto:rj.martin@sbcglobal.net)

CUBOREE - TIGER, WOLF AND BEAR CUBS

May 1st - 8:30am to 3:45pm

Lake Sonoma

Cost: \$9 per person



Activities Include:

Memory game
Flag folding
Tool identification
Folklore match
Cub Scout trivia
Knot-tying relay
Island Rescue
Foot racer & MORE!
Plus a hot dog lunch!

CAMPOREE - WEBELOS AND BOY SCOUTS

April 30th, May 1st and 2nd

Lake Sonoma

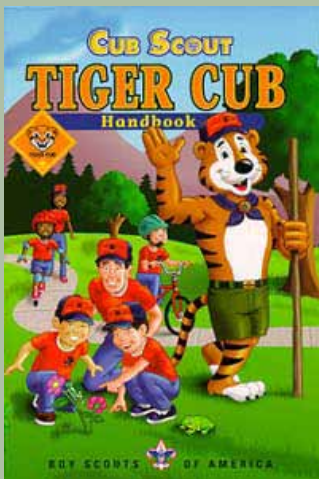
Cost: \$10 per person



Activities Include:

Archery
Air Rifle
Confidence Course
Signaling
Fire Building
Scout Jeopardy
First Aid
Compass course & MORE!
Plus it's a fun camp-out!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR - ADVANCEMENT!



TIME TO OPEN UP YOUR SCOUT'S HANDBOOK and review the requirements needed to earn his rank badge. Den Leaders and parents - take a look and make sure your scouts have all of the requirements completed for our special May bridging ceremony held at Camp Watam in Howarth Park.

All Scouts, whether requirements are met or not, do advance to the next level (Tiger to Wolf, Wolf to Bear etc.) however, scouts can not receive and wear his rank badge without completing its requirements (i.e. Tigers complete their Tiger requirements in order to wear the Tiger badge.) Once a rank badge is earned, it is presented to him a pack meeting and pinned onto the Scouts' uniforms upside down until he has done a good deed. Then the badge can be permanently adhered to the uniform right side up.

Each scout can also earn extra awards for completing electives after his rank requirements are completed: Tiger track beads are earned at the Tiger level; gold and silver arrowpoints are earned at the Wolf and Bear level. Check your handbook for details. Have further questions about advancement? Discuss them with your den leader or visit: <http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/intro.asp>

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS): OUR PACK PARTICIPATION DROPPED TO 22% THIS YEAR. PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORT OF OUR DISTRICT AND SCOUT CAMPS THROUGH FOS. OUR DISTRICT IS IN DIRE NEED OF FUNDING. PLEDGE CARDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AND CAN BE TURNED IN THROUGH YOUR DEN LEADER BY MARCH 31ST. REMEMBER THE THEME THIS YEAR IS "100 YEARS, 100% PARTICIPATION."

NOR-CAL JAMBOREE!

DAY PASSES STILL AVAILABLE!

Register before April 9th at 6:00 PM in order to take advantage of our great offer. For \$15 you receive day admission which includes the NorCal Jamboree patch, lunch, and souvenir book. After April 9th at 6:00 PM, the fee will be \$20 at the gate but it does include the NorCal Jamboree patch and the souvenir book. \$1 of the admission will go to the Alameda County Community Food Bank. There will be no internet registration for passes available after 6:00PM April 9th. NOTE: 8,000 are registered for camping! Camping registration is now closed. Our unit contact is Steve Suter: 546-3962; normalsaline at mac.com.

U.S.S. HORNET OVERNIGHTER!

May 14-15, 2010



We will be spending the night on the USS Hornet May 14!!! Families are welcome to attend, but there is a fee for the event. The cost of the overnight program

is \$60 per person regardless of age. This price includes museum admission, flight simulator ride, evening programs, dinner, breakfast, overnight accommodations, and awards. All participants must be at least 5 years of age. Please RSVP with Robb Lahaderne with this trip (r_laha at sbcglobal.net).

More information to come!

**More may be found out about this historic ship at:
www.uss-hornet.org/history/cv12/index.shtml**



BELT LOOP OF THE MONTH



CUB SCOUT ACADEMICS - PHOTOGRAPHY

The requirements listed below are taken from the **Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide**. 2009 Printing.

PHOTOGRAPHY BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Point out the major features of a camera to your den or family and explain the function of each part. Parts could include film, lens, shutter, power on and off, zoom, battery, flash, display panel, case, settings, etc.
- Discuss with your den leader or adult partner, the benefits and contributions photography makes to modern life. Report what you learned to your den or family.
- Using a camera, take at least 10 pictures of your family, pet, or scenery; show these to your den.

PHOTOGRAPHY PIN

Earn the photography belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

- Using pictures, explain what photography is and how it relates to light and picture-taking.
- Look at a book of published photos about a subject that interests you. Find out what makes these photos remarkable and why people want to look at these pictures. Learn whether the photographer used light or angles to make the photos interesting. Discuss what you learned with an adult.
- Explain to an adult what "red eye" is and why it can happen in a picture. Show examples.
- Make a short video of a friend, family member, or pet, and show it to your den or family.
- With an adult's help, use a photo-editing software feature to crop, lighten or darken, and change a photo.
- Make a creative project using at least one photo.
- Take three pictures of the same scene using different lens settings. Show these pictures to your den or family.
- Visit an art exhibit that features photography. Write a list of some of the things you saw and felt during your visit.
- Demonstrate how to use a light meter and manually set the aperture (lens opening) on a camera.
- Print and develop a picture from a film negative.

PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

CALENDAR (Updated Monthly)

DEN

DEN LEADERS

MARCH THEME: TAKE FLIGHT

- 20 Scouting for food
- 20 Trainer's edge training

APRIL THEME: SPRING INTO ACTION

- 8 Committee Meeting, 7pm - Strawberry Library
- 13 Pack Meeting - Strawberry MPR
- 16-18 NorCal Jamboree
- 30-5/2 Webelos Camporee

MAY THEME: IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- 1 Cuboree
- 1-2 Webelos Camporee
- 6 Committee Meeting, 7pm - Strawberry Library
- 8 Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT) / Human Race
- 11 Bridging Ceremony at Camp Wa Tam
- 11 District Pinewood Derby Check-In
- 14-15 Pack Overnighter - USS Hornet
- 15 District Pinewood Derby
- 29-31 Family Camp at Camp Navarro

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2010 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- March 13 & 20 Scouting for Food
- April 16-18 Nor Cal Jamboree
- April 30-May 2 Webelos Camporee
- May 1 Cuboree
- May 8 Human Race/Jamboree on the Trail
- May 11 Bridging Ceremony at Camp Wa Tam
- May 14-15 Pack Overnighter - USS Hornet
- May 15 District Pinewood Derby
- May 29-31 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 18-20 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 26-29 Resident Camp at Camp Navarro
- July 19-23 Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park
- July 31-Aug 1 Webelos Woods at Camp Noyo
- August 7-8 Webelos Woods at Camp Noyo

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