



Pack 55 News

May 2010

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES



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MEMORIAL WEEKEND: SERVICE PROJECT



Flag Placement on our Veterans' Graves

Saturday, May 29th
9:00am

Santa Rosa Memorial Park
1900 Franklin Avenue

Scouts and Den Leaders: Please wear your official Scout/Leader uniform. Siblings/ Parents welcome. Following, the park will provide our Scouts refreshments.

"Your help is so appreciated. Thanks for your support in this special event. I hope the kids can learn from the experience." —Jan from Santa Rosa Memorial Park

SPRING RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE

We need to recruit 12 new scouts to earn the Pack recruitment incentive. The pack incentive is a free Family Camp ticket (\$40 value) for each new scout who joins in the months of March, April or May. (Scout must attend with an adult partner). Registrations must be turned in by May 31st to receive the free ticket.

**Does your Scout have a friend interested in Scouts?
Now is a great time to join!**



Each Scout or Parent who recruits 2 or more scouts to join is eligible to receive the Centennial Recruiter Patch!

CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD

Summertime is a
GREAT TIME
to start on
this award!



TIGER CUBS, WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS, AND

WEBELOS SCOUTS have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boy will receive the pocket flap award, which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap. Leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year.

REQUIREMENTS

All Ranks

Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp.

RANK-SPECIFIC

Tiger Cubs

Complete one requirement in Achievement 5, "Let's Go Outdoors" (Tiger Cub Handbook) and complete three of the outdoor activities listed to the right.

Wolf Cub Scouts

Assemble the "Six Essentials for Going Outdoors" (Wolf Handbook, Elective 23b) and discuss their purpose, and complete four of the outdoor activities listed to the right.

Bear Cub Scouts

Earn the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Award (Bear Handbook, Elective 25h) and complete five of the outdoor activities listed to the right.

Webelos Scouts

Earn the Outdoorsman Activity Badge (Webelos Handbook) and complete six of the outdoor activities listed to the right.

WITH YOUR DEN, PACK, OR FAMILY:

1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.
2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.
3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.
4. Attend a pack overnighter. Be responsible by being prepared for the event.
5. Complete an outdoor service project in your community.
6. Complete a nature/conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.
7. Earn the Summertime Pack Award.
8. Participate in a nature observation activity. Describe or illustrate and display your observations at a den or pack meeting.
9. Participate in an outdoor aquatic activity. This can be an organized swim meet or just a den or pack swim.
10. Participate in an outdoor campfire program.
11. Perform in a skit, sing a song, or take part in a ceremony.
12. Participate in an outdoor sporting event.
13. Participate in an outdoor Scout's Own or other worship service.
14. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules.

The award requirements are detailed in the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award brochure, No. 13-228.



ATTENTION PACK 55 PARENTS!

We need YOU!

Please consider the following areas for the next program year: September 2009- August 2010. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Positions Available:

- Awards purchaser/organizer
- Annual and new scout registration organizer & data entry person
- Pack T-Shirt order coordinator/purchaser
- Recruitment: make and distribute fliers & posters to schools
- Overnighter Coordinator (U.S.S. Hornett, etc.)

CONGRATULATIONS PACK 55!

On earning this years "Heavy Weight" award during the 'Scouting for Food' drive in March. Pack 55 collected a grand total of **1,948 pounds of food** during Scouting for Food 2010. Almost 1 ton of food! The scouts, leaders, and parent volunteers did a tremendous job. With the food that our pack collected, The Redwood Empire Food Bank was able to provide the food necessary for 1,522 meals.

The "Heavy Weight" award is presented to the pack or troop that collects the most food poundage during the Scouting for Food drive. The award is an annual award that Pack 555 will hold for one year, and next year we will have the opportunity to defend our title!

WAY TO GO PACK 55!

NATIONAL SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD



Attend one activity each month over the summer and earn the National Summertime Activity Award. One or more activities are offered each month to choose from, only one each month is required.

June

- **June 23:** Pack Hike followed by buy one, get one free Sundaes at Baskin Robbins. 7:30pm. Meeting location TBD.
- **June 18-20:** Pack Family Camp weekend at Camp Navarro
- **June 26-29:** Resident Camp at Camp Navarro

July

- **July 17-18:** Pack campout at Spring Lake or Casini - More info TBD.
- **July 25:** Pack Swim night at Ridgeway, 6:30-8:30pm; **SAVE THIS DATE AND COME!!!!** We will have the place to ourselves...including the waterslides!!! Pack 55 Cub Scout families attend free of charge, thanks to our escrip families! Have a friend interested in scouting? Bring them along! Bring your own food and drinks. If you plan on sliding down the slide, avoid wearing swim trunks with metal rivets.
- **July 26-30:** Santa Rosa Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park

August

- **August 27:** Our famous Water Bottle Rocket Blast-Off! Mesquite Park, Friday evening: 5:30pm. Be ready for some wet and wild fun and our new competitive events for hang-time, distance and accuracy. Bring an empty water bottle or 2-litre soda bottle to join in the fun!

PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

CAMP DATES

Give Your Scout a Camp Experience This Summer... Boys Love Camp!

JULY 31-AUG 1; AUGUST 7-8: Webelos Woods at Camp Noyo-- Webelos Dens - pick a weekend to attend "together." Ride the skunk train, cross the 'Indiana Jones' bridge, paddle down a river, and more. \$100 covers registration for both parent and scout, meals, activities and the Skunk Train ride to camp.

MAY 29-31, JUNE 18-20: Family Camp at Camp Navarro. Bring the whole family or make this a one-on-one weekend with our scout. Extended family welcome, too. Lodging options are available. Meals and activities included for \$35/person (5-and-under are free.)

NOTE: We are close to meeting our pack Spring recruitment incentive. If we reach it, ALL Pack 55 Scouts can attend family camp for 1/2 price with a full price adult registration.

JUNE 26-29: Cub Scout/Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Navarro—Boys LOVE resident camp! Numerous rank requirements are covered while many, many lifelong memories are made. Scouts attend with a parent or an adult partner. Cub Scout Fee: \$150; Adult Partner Fee: \$60 One adult can partner with up to 2 Cub Scouts or 3 Webelos Scouts.

JULY 26-30: Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park-- 3:00-7:40pm. \$80 by May 30th, \$85 by June 30th (if space permits.) This is a "don't miss" in-town camp! Scouts come from all across Sonoma County to attend - register early before it fills up!

Visit the camp page at www.redwoodbsa.org for more information about each camp - view and print registration forms.



DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY

This Saturday, May 15!

Be there to cheer our scouts on in the District Pinewood Derby at Coddington Center! A fun day for all, check out all the amazing cars and watch them race!

***Saturday May 15 - Coddington Mall - 1:00pm
Be There!***

DEN

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