



# Pack 55 News

October 2009

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES



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## Space



## Derby!

It's a **SPOOKY** Space Derby!

**Friday, October 30th**

**6-8pm, Strawberry MPR**

Come & race your spaceship across the Strawberry MPR...several times!

**Race Guideline:** No more than 3 rubber bands are allowed inside your spaceship. Lubricated rubber bands will be available onsite if you wish to use them. Assembly help will be available.

**Volunteer opportunities:** Lots of on-site help will be needed! It takes many parents to make this happen for our Scouts: Starting/Finishing Judges, check-in, rubber band winders, set-up, take-down etc. We will show you what to do. Contact Steve Sapers if you would like to pitch in at: [spsapers@comcast.net](mailto:spsapers@comcast.net).

## DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START ON YOUR SPACE DERBY ROCKET?

**Come to our Space Derby Workshop!**

**Sunday, October 25th, 2-4pm**

**At the Strawberry picnic tables near the playground**

**WEAR:** "Work" clothes—uniforms or Pack shirts not required.

### BRING:

- Your space derby kit!! (see your den leader for your kit)
- Any tools/supplies you may want to use. (i.e. sandpaper, a vegetable peeler, pliers, utility knife—we will have some tools and supplies available but it may be more time efficient to have your own on hand.)

**GLUE:** The halves of the body together beforehand

Use Elmers, wood glue or other glue. If you forget, no worries, we will have a few pre-glued available.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Scouts will need to paint their rockets at a later time. We will not be painting at the workshop.
- Refer to / print the Space Derby Assembly tips at: [www.pack-55.org](http://www.pack-55.org)
- Scouts must be accompanied by a parent/adult. (This is not a drop-off activity.)
- Siblings are welcome to build and race this year but they will need a kit. Cost including tax is \$5.00. Ask/email Bonnie. Quantities are limited.

### *Can you help us at the Workshop?*

We have many new Scouts who will need assistance. Contact Steve Sapers, [spsapers@comcast.net](mailto:spsapers@comcast.net)

# ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CREEK CLEAN-UP!

Thank you to all the Scouts and parents who donated their time and energy to help clean up Strawberry Creek! As usual, our Scouts had a great time and learned a lot about our environment and for a great cause: Helping our community. Thanks Everyone!



## POPCORN UPDATE! *From the Kernel...*

### ANNUAL TRAIL'S END POPCORN SALES



Great job Scouts!!! Show and Sell Popcorn was extremely successful. This was our largest one day sales ever, over \$600 in popcorn sold. It was hot but you scouts were on fire selling that popcorn.

There are only a few weeks left for selling popcorn using the form. All money and forms will be due Sunday 25 October 2009. All Den leaders will be responsible for gathering the forms and turning them into Robert Lahaderne. Please make arrangements with Robert (r\_laha@sbcglobal.net) for the pick up/drop off of these materials.

Keep up the good work and don't forget to share you popcorn treats over the internet with your friends and family that are far away. Trails End popcorn has a great website and remember, 70% comes back to Scouting. [www.trails-end.com](http://www.trails-end.com)

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**Fire Safety Month:** Each rank required Scouts to learn more about Fire Safety. As a family or Den consider visiting the Community Safety Fair at the Fire Tower on October 10th. It's free, fun and informative, too! Operate a fire hose, Fire Safety Trailer, Demonstrations of high-angle rescues, hazmat unit, auto extrication, REACH helicopter, SRPD Bicycle Safety, Fire-fighter Dunk Tank, Sparky the Fire Dog, Fire Extinguisher simulation, GIANT Jumpy and MUCH MUCH more! Free BBQ Hot dog lunch for the first 300 in attendance! 2126 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa. Parking at Stony Point Road. 10am - 3pm.

**Jamboree on the Air and Internet:** Drop in anytime either Saturday, October 18, 9am-6pm or 19, 9am-3pm, to communicate with Scouts around the world via amateur radio or internet. Refer to the flier insert in last month's newsletter, go to the events page of [www.redwoodbsa.org](http://www.redwoodbsa.org) or call John Chavez at 326-3000 for more information. Location: Vineyard of Faith, 167 Arata lane, Windsor.

### Did you register for the Capital City March on October 24th?

Let us know! We will hook you up with other Pack 55 families attending. We are still looking for a lead contact, but in the meantime, email Bonnie if you would want to meet up and/or carpool. (The last day to register was October 2nd.)

# CUB SCOUT SPORTS AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM



New Scouts and Scout Parents, are you wondering how to earn those shiny Belt Loops you see some of our Scouts wearing on their belt? They are earned through the Cub Scouts Academic and Sports Program.

**Sports:** Archery, BB-Gun, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bicycling, Bowling, Fishing, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Skating, Marbles, Physical Fitness, Roller Skating, Snow Ski and Board Sports, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate, Volleyball.

**Academics:** Art, Astronomy, Chess, Citizenship, Collecting, Communicating, Computers, Language and Culture, Geography, Geology, Heritages, Map and Compass, Mathematics, Music, Science, Weather, and Wildlife Conservation.

To view the requirements for a particular area, go to <http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/cubscout/asindex.asp> (Or simply "google" the terms, Cub Scouts Belt Loop requirements). A hard copy version of the requirements is available at the Scout Office or on loan (ask Bonnie). Check out our belt loop and pin "of the month" Soccer!

## ESCRIP UPDATE



**OCTOBER** is the month to renew your **SAFeway CLUB CARD** online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). It only takes one click to

renew to keep those funds comin' in. Thank you, in advance. A **BIG THANK YOU** TO OUR NEW eSCRIP supporters: Dawn Marshall, mother of Blake Marshall in Den 2 and Cassandra Garcia, mother of Zach Tran in Den 2.

**Go Den 2!**

## BELT LOOP OF THE MONTH

### CUB SCOUT SPORTS - SOCCER

The requirements listed below are taken from the **Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide** (34299B) 2006 Printing.

#### SOCCER BELT LOOP

##### Complete these three requirements:

- Explain the rules of soccer to your leader or adult partner.
- Spend at least 30 minutes practicing soccer skills.
- Play a game of soccer.

#### SOCCER PIN

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

- Participate in a pack, school, or community soccer tournament.
- Demonstrate the skills of passing, collecting, shooting, heading, dribbling, and tackling.
- Demonstrate skill in goal keeping.
- Accurately lay out a soccer field for a game.
- Demonstrate five types of fouls and explain why players should avoid them.
- Demonstrate how to juggle the soccer ball and keep it from touching the ground for 30 seconds.
- Play at least two games of Soccer Tennis.
- Spend at least a total of six hours playing soccer. Keep track of your time on a chart.
- Join a soccer team in your community or school.
- Attend a high school, college, or professional soccer game.
- Learn about a U.S. Olympic soccer team and report your information to your den.
- Explain the history of soccer.



# PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

## CALENDAR (Updated Monthly)

### OCTOBER

- 10-11 Baloo Training
- 12 Popcorn show & sell ends
- 13 Pomo Roundtable & New leader essentials
- 18/19 Jamboree on the air
- 20 Awards Deadline for November Pack Meeting
- 22 Committee Meeting, 7pm - location TBD
- 24 Webelos leader outdoor training
- 25 Space Derby Workshop
- 30 Popcorn orders due
- 30 Space Derby! Strawberry MPR

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Pack Meeting, 6:30pm, Strawberry MPR
- 8 Bike Hike to Screamin Mimi's in Sebastopol
- 17 Awards Deadline for December Pack Meeting
- 19 Committee Meeting, 7pm - location TBD
- 21/22 Den popcorn pick-up/delivery
- 21 Service Project at Redwood Empire Food Bank
- 29 Pomo Cub Scout Bowling Day, 10am-Noon

### DECEMBER

- 1 Pack Meeting, 6:30pm, Strawberry MPR
- 15 Holiday Caroling at Parkview Gardens
- 17 Committee Meeting, 7pm - location TBD
- 22 Awards deadline for January pack meeting

## 2009-2010 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

*Save these dates!*

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|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| October 18     | Jamboree on the Air                   |
| October 30     | Space Derby! Strawberry MPR           |
| November 8     | Pack 55 Bike Hike to Screamin' Mimi's |
| November 21    | Service Project at R.E. Food Bank     |
| December 15    | Holiday Caroling at Park View Gardens |
| January 22-23  | Pinewood Derby! Strawberry MPR        |
| January 30     | University of Scouting                |
| February 19    | Blue & Gold Dinner, Strawberry MPR    |
| 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 15         | District Pinewood Derby               |
| May 29-31      | Family Camp at Camp Navarro           |

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