



PACK TRACKS

The Official Newsletter of Cub Scout Pack 95;
see us on the web <http://westford.com/pack95>

September, 2006

Events Calendar (Sept. – Dec. 2006)

DAY - DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MEETING LOCATION
Sun, 17 Sept	5 pm	New Scouts & Parents meeting	Sportsmen's Club
Mon, 18 Sept		Popcorn Kick Off	
Sun, 24 Sept	5 pm	PACK MEETING, Welcome back 45 th Anniversary Party	Sportsmen's Club
Mon, 25 Sept		Show & Sell popcorn orders due	
Thurs, Sept 28	7 pm	Pack Planning meeting	Sportsmen's Club
Thurs, 5 Oct	7:30 pm	Greater Lowell Roundtable	LDS Church Billerica.
Tues, 10 Oct		New Leader Essentials & Youth Protection	
Wed, 11 Oct		Cub Scout Leader specific	
Sun, 15 Oct	3:30 pm	PACK MEETING, Campfire	East Boston Camps?
Sat - Sun, 21-22 Sept		Fall Sleepover	TBA
Thurs, 26 Oct	7 pm	Pack Planning Meeting	Sportsmen's Club
Sat, 28 Oct		BALOO training	
Thurs, 2 Nov	7:30 pm	Greater Lowell Roundtable	LDS Church Billerica.
Sat, 11 Nov		Cub Scout Leader specific & Youth Protection	
Sat, 18 Nov		New Leader Essentials	
Sun, 19 Nov	5 pm	PACK MEETING, Uniform Inspection Community Service Project	Sportsmen's Club
Tues, 28 Nov		Popcorn - order deadline, show & sell returns & prize deadline	
Thurs, 30 Nov	7 pm	Pack Planning Meeting	Sportsmen's Club
Thurs, 7 Dec	7:30 pm	Greater Lowell Roundtable	LDS Church Billerica.
Sat, 9 Dec	AM	Popcorn distribution	
Sun, 10 Dec	5 pm	PACK MEETING, Holiday	Sportsmen's Club
Thurs, 14 Dec	7 pm	Pack Planning Meeting	Sportsmen's Club
Thurs, 21 Dec		Pack Popcorn payment due	

Color-coding system: Blue are pack meetings Red are special events planned by the pack
Brown are pack planning meetings. Black are events offered by the council
Yellow are Popcorn timeline.

Pack Planning meetings are OPEN TO ALL parents and den leaders. Please come join us and help plan fun events. The next one is Thursday, September 28, at 7pm at the Westford Sportsman's Club

Academic and Sports Belt Loops and Pins

Any scout (Tigers to Webelos) can earn the belt loops and pins listed at the end of your Cub Scout book (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos). To find out more details on those available and their requirements, please check out the links here:

<http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/a-s.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/9152/academics-sports.html>

Scouts can work on belt loops and pins at their own pace. Some belt loops will be conducted at the monthly Pack meetings, but a Scout is not restricted to the schedule offered by the pack. Please remember that parents must inform the den leader of activities which their son completes outside the den. Age and rank specific activities MUST be completed within the scouting advancement calendar year which started June 1. Learn new things, and Have fun!

Uniforms Reminder

Class A – official blue or khaki scout shirt with badges, neckerchief & slide, belts, and other accessories. Full Class A uniform is required for all Pack meetings, except Field Day in May.

Class B – Pack 95 T-shirt, may be worn at events that the Pack Leadership team identifies, such as field trips, camp-outs, sporting events, field day. If no announcement is made, Class A is expected.

Recent Events

July - Kimball Outing was enjoyed by all who attended. We had ice cream, played golf, got very wet on the bumper boats and hung out with friends and family on a beautiful sunny day.

August - Day Camp was a blast! ☺ We swam, learned cool stuff, made new friends from other Packs. Some of us even shot water cannons!!!.

August – Spinners Game provided a lot of fun.

Upcoming Events

September New Scouts & Parents Meeting, September 17, 5pm

Be ready to meet and welcome our new scouts. The Webelos IIs will be working on their Leadership skills as they will teach new scouts the basics of Ultimate. New scouts will be presented with their first belt loop at this meeting.

September Pack Meeting, Welcome Back & Party Time, September 24, 5pm

You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream!!! Come to the first Pack meeting of the year and help celebrate our Pack 45th Anniversary. There is also a sport belt-loop to be earned.

September – November, Popcorn Fundraiser

Popcorn sales are our ONLY fundraising event of the year. Popcorn helps the pack GO!And pay for awards, books, neckerchiefs, pack meetings, leader training, food, entertainment, and more. These expenses are budgeted at almost \$7000 this year, or more than \$100 per family. Every Scout should be able to participate at some level. There will be immediate recognition prizes for the boys, from \$10 gift certificates if you fill a sheet, to a Den bowling or pizza party for the Den that sells the most popcorn. Trail's End will still be providing the prizes at the end of the selling period. Ask your den leader for tips on selling, and if you have any ideas, contact the Pop Corn Kernel, Peter Orford. peteorf@comcast.net

The Kernel would like to remind you of a few details:

- Order forms are due to your Den Leaders by Tuesday November 28th and make sure you specify a prize for your sell level.
- Special prizes for each sale level ☺.
- Pop corn pick up date is December 9. The Kernel will need volunteers to drive to Haverhill to pick up the pop corn. They will coordinate with your den leaders for delivery time. The money is due to the Pack on Dec. 21, i.e., the Thursday before Christmas. The Kernel will work hard through the Holiday vacation to get the money to the council before Dec. 29, in order to obtain our bonus. If you are traveling please make arrangement to pay early!

October Pack Meeting, Camp Fire, October 15, 3:30pm

Spend an afternoon camp fire with us as we will be working on nature and/or mapping electives. Family and siblings are encouraged to attend as in all Pack meetings.

October Fall Sleepover, October 21 - 22

More details coming soon. Sign up early as space is limited. Sign ups at the September 24th meeting

November Pack Meeting, Uniform Inspection, November 19, 5pm

Look smart; take pride in your uniform. We'll also be working on our holiday community service project after the inspection. And let's not forget Pinewood Derby!!! Cars will be distributed with a pre-assigned number.

Den News and Views

Attention all dens: We are sure that you all have done many interested things. Please drop a note to Phuong Vu dpuv2001@yahoo.com so that she can include you in the newsletter.

Other News

- Recruitment: get your Cub Scout to talk to his friends about joining Cub Scouts, there is a Recruiter
- Religious awards: If your son is considering pursuing the religious award for your faith, now is the time to begin. Most awards take 4-6 months to complete. **Please contact ----- (our religious awards coordinator position is OPEN)**, or our Cubmaster Kevin Crossley 692-6456 crossleykevin@yahoo.com
- Leader Registration: new CORI forms require photograph of government issued ID. Please come to the next planning meeting or coordinate with Jan to have your ID sent to the Council
- Please note that "Youth Protection" training is mandatory for all leaders and has to be renewed every two years. You can also do the "Youth Protection" training online at www.yccbsa.org Council has training opportunities available throughout the year – please see the website.
- Attention Tiger, Wolf & Bear dens: If you would like a boy scout to be Den Chief, please contact Chet Pawlowski. Chetp123@msn.com This is a great way to introduce your cubs to Boy Scouting.
- Thanks and congrats to the leaders who have completed their trainings to help the pack go!
- Do you like to read? How about a badge for doing what you enjoy?
<http://boyslife.org/contests/reading/index.html>
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HEY!

*We saw you taking photos at the last meeting! Send the good ones to Jan Kohnstam
We want fresh content for the web pages!*

And Den leaders...

If you have a project, or a meeting plan that you are using towards achieving an activity badge or advancement, please send that too! Don't forget that all den & pack projects need to be reported to the Good Turn for America website. Email Jan for details on how to do this

Opportunities to help the Pack GO!

Thank you all for volunteering to take on various jobs within our Pack. Our Pack is looking for volunteers, with zero to more years of experience, who would like to be part of a great team and willing to have fun. Flexible hours, "your own" office, telecommuting is also one of the perks, and the monetary reward is priceless. ☺ Let's all "help the pack go". Through your involvement with the Pack, you are not only helping your own son gain more from the program, but you are giving your own unique perspective to the whole Cub Scout family.

Please volunteer to help with one of the following positions or with one-off-events such as the Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold, & Graduation, please contact either Kevin or Jan to discuss these opportunities. Please remember, we are ALWAYS transition planning as this is a volunteer organization!

Other key contacts:

Secretary - vacant

Treasurer – Lisa Cole, **need new by Dec 2006** _____

Webmaster – Trevor Cusworth

Advancement (Awards) Chair – Terry Cusworth, **assistant** _____

Membership Chair – Sally Rigione, **assistant** _____

Popcorn Sales Chairs – Peter Orford, **assistant** _____

Publicity Chair (internal newsletter) – Phuong Vu

Media Relations Chair (external newspapers) vacant _____

Outings Coordinators: vacant _____, **vacant** _____,

Religious Awards Coordinator currently vacant for 2006 _____,

Pinewood Derby, activity coordinator: vacant _____

Blue & Gold and Graduation Food Coordinator: vacant _____

Belt loops coordinator: vacant _____

Service Project coordinators vacant _____, **vacant** _____,

Contacts

For further information please contact one of our committee leaders:

Cub master – Kevin Crossley crossleykevin@yahoo.com

Pack Committee Chair – Jan Kohnstam kohnstamn@comcast.net

Assistant Cub masters – Doug Grant, Laura Milley, Vaughn Rigione, Melinda Raboin

Vacant for 2007 _____, **2007** _____, **2007** _____,

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