

AFTON



LAKELAND

PACK 126

Newsletter

March Theme:
Baloo Skies

March 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 26

Food Harvest

7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church

March 26

Pack Meeting

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Afton-Lakeland Elementary School Cafeteria

April 15

Committee Meeting

5:15 p.m.

St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church

April 21

District Pinewood

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Stillwater

Registration runs from 7:45 – 8:45 a.m. Race starts at 9:00 a.m.

April 23

Pack Meeting

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Afton-Lakeland Elementary School Cafeteria

April 28

Scouting For Food

Community Service

Collections and weigh-in at SCVUMC from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

To view the most current postings of events and schedules, please visit the Pack 126 website:

www.pack126.info

March Pack Meeting

Monday, March 26

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Afton-Lakeland Elementary School Cafeteria

All Scouts are highly encouraged to attend.

Riverwood District

Pinewood Derby

Saturday, April 21

First United Methodist Church on the corner of Greeley and Myrtle Street in Stillwater.

Registration is from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and the races start at 9:00 a.m. It is recommended that the top 10 finishers from each pack participate in the district race, but all Cub Scouts are welcome to enter and participate. Entry fee is \$5.00 per car.

Scouting For Food

Saturday, April 28

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church

Scouting For Food is one of our annual community service projects. Scouts will distribute Scouting For Food bags to our neighborhoods between Mid-April and April 27th. Door bags will be provided by the Pack. On Saturday, April 28th scouts will return to collect contributions and will bring them to SCVUMC for weigh-in and collection. Arrangements have been made to transport our food to the St. Croix Valley Food Shelf, where it will be donated to support people in our local communities. Last year Pack 126 donated over 900 lbs. of food. The scout from Pack 126 who collects and turns in the most weight in food will win a TENT!!

Rechartering

If you have not done so yet, please recharter your Cub Scout for this next year of scouting. Forms are available from your Den Leader.

CUBMASTER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

What a difference a day can make as the seasons change! Cool and snowy yesterday, warm and melting today! This month's theme happens to be "Baloo Skies", with a focus on weather and how it affects our lives. Very fitting with a change in seasons and a new scout year soon upon us.

Speaking of changes, we're also experiencing quite a change and rotation in leadership. A number of great Pack 126 leaders have moved on, and we'll really miss them. Each had contributed to our pack for a number of years, and for that we are truly grateful. Now we need to bring in some new involvement to "help our pack go".

We could really use your help. All of our Pack 126 leaders are scout parents just like you, and all of us at one point in time thought "things are too hectic for me to volunteer". Somehow, with busy jobs and families and careers like anyone else, this group of people has stepped up and committed to lead and coordinate our pack activities.

What a great way to spend more time with our sons through their scouting years. Volunteering also has some great fringes, such as new friendships with others, and a real sense of community service.

Please give it some thought, and see if you can't conjur up a few hours a month to help lead a den or coordinate camp, or possibly serve on a committee for a single event.

Joel Root

Cubmaster, Pack 126

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Sign Up for Camp!

Camp Akela – June 15 - 17

Phillippo Scout Reservation, Cannon Falls, MN
Cost \$85/person

A weekend program for graduating Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Cubs (as of Spring). Camp Akela is a unique opportunity for Cub Scouts and their accompanying adult to spend quality time together working on advancement, enjoying recreational activities and opportunities to learn about camping.

Campers sleep in two person canvas tents that are supplied by the camp. Activities at Camp Akela have included pony rides, archery, bb-gun target shooting, swimming in a pool, boating, crafts, nature, and games.

Food service is included, served in Phillippo's dining hall.

Camp Navajo – June 20 – 23

Tomahawk Scout Reservation, Rice Lake, WI
Cost \$97/person

For Webelos who were in the 4th grade prior to the summer, Navajo Webelos Camp introduces second year Webelos into the basics of Boy Scout camping. Held at Tomahawk Scout Reservation near Rice Lake, Wisconsin, Webelos and Adults live in supplied canvas wall tents on wooden platforms with canvas cots.

Activities include work on Webelos activity badges, nature activities, swimming, boating, climbing, wrist rockets, bb-gun shooting, archery, and sport belt loop activities. A two-to-one ratio is required.

For more information please visit the Northern Star website at:

www.northernstarbsa.org/Camping

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE IS
MONDAY, MARCH 26th PACK MEETING**

Den Leaders

 Tigers	Brad Andreasson (998-0451) Amy Williams (612-875-0640)
 Wolves	Chip Hannigan (436-2659) Mark Friedrich (439-3368) Steve Banken (998-0864)
 Bears	Mark Salmen (436-5842) Tim Ailport (436-3434)
 Webelos I	Mark Johnson (436-6355) Paul Badger (998-0389)
Webelos II	<i>Graduated to Boy Scouts</i>

I want to share a message...

sent to me this past week, from one of our regular *volunteers*, who wished to remain anonymous:

"I'd just gotten home from the Blue & Gold banquet and was reflecting on the enjoyable evening made possible by a group of really terrific people. I started to think about what it means to volunteer. I had watched the pride on the faces of the boys who were graduating from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, knowing that without their dedicated leaders they wouldn't have had that opportunity. A group of younger scouts watched intently as the bridging ceremony took place and I knew that their chance to reach that goal would be made possible by the leaders just beginning that journey with their boys.

I thought about my own reasons for volunteering, and of those shared by friends. First and foremost, I have to admit, it is the hope that my son will remember it for a lifetime and know that I thought his interests were important. A friend told me that even though her budget is tight, her time she can give for free, and sometimes extra hands are in short supply. I've also discovered in volunteering that I often end up spending time with people of similar interests, and friendships have been made.

At times when I am really busy and just don't think I can take on another project, instead of taking on a whole event I just help for a couple of hours with set-up or cleanup. Every committee chair appreciates volunteers who help during "crunch" time.

Scouting is made possible by volunteers. I've seen people do this around big families and busy careers. Some help for an afternoon and don't even realize how much they've contributed to the success of an event like the Blue & Gold. Some pitch in with cleanup afterward to make the job easier for everyone.

Opportunities to volunteer are available. Summer activities such as the Fourth of July parade or the hot dog stand fund-raiser rely on many hands. In addition, there is still a need for a camping coordinator. Or, ask your son's den leader if they could use a hand. You have a chance to make a difference, and you will always find it was time well spent".

I couldn't have said it any better, and couldn't agree more.

Joel Root - CubMaster