

CUB SCOUT

PACK 801



CUBMASTER'S

Column

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the fall break, spend time with family, and reflect on some of the things for which you are thankful. Our November theme was kindness. Our Pack practiced kindness by sponsoring a food drive in partnership with Olson Elementary. We successfully filled and donated three food pantry boxes to the Elver Park Community Center to help our fellow classmates and neighbors! Many of you also had a great time ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Donations collected will help provide shelter, meals, groceries, Christmas gifts, day care, job training, after-school tutoring, summer camps, disaster relief, and humanitarian aid to families around Madison.

As we gather this December, we turn our thoughts to the theme of reverence. A Scout is faithful in their religious beliefs and respects the beliefs of others. Reverence helps us to live in a peaceful community and it helps us to appreciate the diversity around us. Winter is a great reminder of diversity as we experience the first snowfalls of the season. No two snowflakes are the same and they remind us that each of us is beautiful and unique. I challenge each of you to look closely next time you catch a snowflake. The beauty in that one snowflake is like the beauty that each of you have within you to share with others. You are an important part of our community!

Winter blessings,
Cubmaster Joy

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Upcoming Pack Events

Tuesday, December 17: Pack Meeting, 6:30pm at Olson Elementary. Parents and sibs interested in racing a derby car can pick up their kit (\$7 each) if they haven't already.

Wednesday, January 1: First Hike w/Pack 329.

Monday, January 6: Pack Committee Meeting. All parents welcome. Zoom link sent via email.

Tuesday, January 21: Pack Meeting, 6:30pm at Olson. Be ready to participate in the Derby Car Weigh In and then turn your car in to be held until the derby. No car will be touched or modified after weigh-in is completed.

Friday, January 24: Pinewood Derby, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. 6-8 pm.

Showcase your car design prowess in four categories: **Funny, "In-Car-Gnito" (best non-car), Most Realistic, and Most Original.** All Cub Scouts will cast their votes for the best in each category.

Friday, February 21: Blue & Gold Dinner, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. 6-8pm.

Family Talent Survey: You bring unique talents and abilities that can strengthen our Cub Scout community. By tapping into everyone's skills, we create the best experience for our Cubbies.

We'd love for BOTH parents of each Scout to fill out our survey:
forms.gle/NP6YcPspfuunfTz49



The Wolves have started building their model neighborhood in support of their Council Fire requirement. The Wolves talked about how living by the Scout Law can make us better neighbors and what it means to be a kind, courteous, and clean member of the community.

Into January the Scouts will be looking forward to the Pinewood Derby and adding some more buildings to their model.

Nick Nuñez,
Wolf Den Leader



Celebrating our hardworking Scouts who showed incredible dedication and teamwork during this year's popcorn sales—way to make the Pack proud! A special shout out to Joe, our Popcorn Kernel, who went above and beyond in his first year taking on this important role. Thank you!



The Bears are ending the 2024 year on a high note by finishing up their "Bear Strong" and "Paws for Action" requirements. We learned all about our flag's history; what it represents, how to properly handle it, and the different symbols of the United States. We also learned the meaning of volunteering and participated in a service project through bell ringing. We're excited for the new year ahead!

Mike & Stephanie Galli,
Bear Den Leaders



WOLF



WEBELO

The Webelos are spending the weeks leading up to the Pinewood Derby honing their woodworking skills while working toward their Race Time Elective Adventure. So far, they've learned the derby rules and explored how force and friction impact a car's path down the track, putting their knowledge to the test with a fun game of Jeopardy.

Several Webelos also joined Troop 40/140's Pool & Pizza event, where they learned about the exciting opportunities awaiting them in Scouts BSA. They earned their Aquanaut Elective, with special kudos to Ainslee, Hazel, and Jonah for passing their Swim Test with flying colors!

Lindsay Smith & Damon Smith,
Webelo Den Leaders



Volunteer Needs

Pinewood Derby Needs: Arrive at 3 pm to help set up (pizza provided). Stay after to pack up and clean up. One or two parents of younger Cub Scouts are encouraged to arrive at 3 pm to learn the ropes. See *Damon* or *Lindsay* to volunteer.

New Member Coordinator: For Fall 2025. Reach out to Joy for position description.



BEAR



ARROW of light

For their Citizenship Adventure service project, the AoL Den held a bake sale at Henry's house near the UW football game. The Den raised \$131 which was donated to Direct Relief for medical supplies for people affected by Hurricane Helene.

At the December den meeting, scouts reviewed first aid techniques and assembled first aid kits as part of the First Aid Adventure.

Tobias Jacoby,
Arrow of Light Den Leader

Bell Ringing

Our Bell Ringing event was a great success, with Scouts and families stepping up to serve their community and spread holiday cheer. Thank you to everyone who participated—your enthusiasm and dedication truly made a difference!

