



CUB SCOUTING

Pack 388 Scout Gazette for April 2010

Upcoming Events

Pack Meeting **Space Derby**

April 20 - 6:30 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church

Responsibilities for the April Meeting

Set-up - Everyone
Flags - Webelos I
Song - Tigers
Skit - Wolves
Clean-up - Bears

Pack Meeting/Picnic

May 15 - 10:00 a.m.
Klemme Reserve

Scouting for Food Bag Pickup

April 24 - 8:45 Klemme Park

Cub Scout Space Derby

Constructing and Operating Rockets

The official space derby kit includes all necessary materials and instructions for building. Decorate the rocket with bright colors. Apply decals furnished in the kit. Space Derby rockets were handed out at the Blue & Gold Banquet. Please see contact Vince or Dede if you did not receive your kit.

Space Derby Rules

All rockets must pass the following inspection to qualify for the race:

- Only basic materials supplied in the kit may be used.
- The rocket body may be no longer than 7 inches, not including the propeller and fins.
- There are no restrictions on the weight or design of the rocket.
- An auto winder will be used on race day. Each ROCKET will be wound the same amount of turns.

Tips for rocket builders:

- Reduce air friction or "drag" by making all surfaces as smooth as possible. A blunt, rounded nose causes less drag than a sharp nose. A good design has all leading edges rounded and trailing edges tapered to reduce the drag.
- Rubber bands should be lubricated before the race. They are the "motor" and must be strong and flexible.
- Use a sharp knife for cutting the grooves for the hanger fitting and fins. A dull knife will crush and splinter the balsa wood.
- When you start to carve, remember that the end with the small hole is the rocket nose.
- A potato peeler is good for carving the shape.

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Wolf Leader

Robert Pilsner

Tiger Leader

Robin Curtis
Craig Polzin

- To help increase the rocket's speed, reduce the wall thickness to a minimum of 1/8 inch. Do not weaken the area around the hanger (carrier) or carve away the nose button circle.
- Do not apply too much paint to the outside unless you sand between each coat.
- Be careful not to get glue on the plastic carrier, especially in the holes through which the monofilament line runs. Glue can interfere with smooth operation.
- Do not glue the front nose/propeller assembly into the front of the space derby. It is pulled off to re-load new rubber bands!
- Do not glue the back dowel onto the rocket. It is pulled off to re-load new rubber bands!
- Make the propeller shaft as short as possible by bending it close to the prop. Cut off the excess wire with wire cutters.
- Test the rocket's balance by hanging it from a string through the hole of the hanger fitting. If the rocket is nose-heavy, carve or sand a little wood off of the end. If it's tail-heavy, remove wood from the tail area.

Tips for Preparing for Flight

- Lubricate the rubber bands before the derby. This prolongs the bands' life and power and will help reduce the possibility of breaking during the competition. They can be soaked overnight in castor oil. Or mix two parts green soap, one part glycerin, and one part water and rub the mixture on the rubber band about an hour before racing.
- Have extra boxes of rubber bands on hand. Remember, it takes three rubber bands to fly each ship properly.
- Experienced rocket racers "warm up" their space ships by gradually winding the rubber band motor to its full capacity—first 50 turns, then 100, then 200, etc. Release the propeller between each winding.

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Committee News

The Committee met and discussed Stratford Heritage Days. The Cub Scouts have had a food booth the last two years and it has been successful. This year, we'll again offer Walking Tacos, Nachos w/cheese, juice and water for sale.

We'll be looking for volunteers to work at the booth. Shifts will be available on Friday evening, all day Saturday and all day Sunday. Older Scouts are also encouraged to help.

With the money we raise, the committee discussed taking a special trip somewhere over the summer. Stay tuned for those details.

- A small hand drill is excellent for winding rubber bands. It also helps speed up the event. Check the ratio of the drill by making one revolution of the crank handle and count the number of times the chuck turns. Most drills average a one-to-four ratio; thus it would take 40 turns of the crank to give 160 winds on the rubber band motor. When using the hand drill winder, it's best for one person to hold the rocket and propeller while another stretches the bands about 12 to 15 inches beyond the rocket tail and turns the rubber bands, he gradually shortens the distance between him and the rocket.

For a more evenly matched race, wind all rocket motors the same number of turns. For 100-foot launch lines, 150 to 170 winds should be sufficient.

Other Announcements

Welcome two new members - Jacob F & Wyatt C

If any Webelos would like to take the swim test before camp, contact Vince for dates and times.

If anyone needs practice swimming, the YMCA has family swim every Sunday from 4-5:30 for \$1.

Make sure that you have given your money to Fay for Camp.

June 5th - Boy Scout day at Six Flags (\$27 per person admission, \$10.75 per person for picnic, \$1.00 per scout for patch, + variable processing fee) - all tickets must be ordered at one time prior to May 31st.

May 1st & 2nd - Gem Mineral & Fossil Show @ Marshfield Senior High Field House (1401 Becker)

June 5th & 6th - Crystal Lake Scout Reservation Family Fishing Weekend (no fee for fishing, meals \$4 per person, tent camping is free, cabin camping is \$2 per person)

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Scouting for Food

Save the Dates

April 17th & 24th

Meeting time and location will be announced at the March Pack Meeting. In the past, the group has met at Klemme Park and neighborhood assignments are given out then. This is a great volunteer event and takes only a couple of hours on two Saturdays.

Scouting for Food: Food drive held each year to benefit local food shelves. Part of a nation-wide program of the Boy Scouts of America to help feed the hungry.

Other Upcoming Events

Council BALOO training
April 17th - Wausau Homes
Scouting Center

Council Outdoor Leader Skills
training - April 23-25th
Hannah Venture Base

Den News



Tiger (Robin Curtis) - The Tigers picked up garbage at the Stratford School Forest and will be having a cook-out at Klemme Reserve on April 26th.



Wolf (Robert Pilsner) - No Update Available



Bear (Chuck Foley) - The Bears met on April 13th and went through Soil Erosion and picked up garbage at Klemme Reserve.

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Roundtable
May 6th - @ 7:00pm
Colby Lion's Club Hall

Council OWL training
May 7-8th - Phillips Scout
Camp (start at 6:00pm)

Pack Meeting / Picnic
May 15th - @ 10:00am
Klemme Reserve

Memorial Day Parade
May 31st - (Scouts to march
in parade and attend service)

Advancement to next rank
June 5th

Heritage Days
June 10-13th - (Parade and
food booth)

Annual Edgar Scouting Breast
Cancer Walk
August 14-15

Webelos I (Fay Niemann) - No update available

Leaders - if you'd like updates published in the Newsletter, please call me @ 687-2373 or email the information to me at petunia773@msn.com. ~Becky

Samoset Council Upcoming Events

Akela's World Shirt Ordering

Camp shirt order deadline is May 18th (\$12 each + \$4.95 per pack)
Can be ordered with pack number on in quantities of 6 or more.
Pickup at camp when you arrive.
Shirts will also be available for purchase when you arrive based on what is remaining.

2011 Akela's World Camping

If we want to reserve camp sites for next year we can for \$5 fee per person reserving a space (to be paid this year by end of April). All Akela's World camps next year are 3 day (no more 2 day or 4 day)

Period 1: 6/24-27	Period 2: 6/27-30
Period 3: 7/1-4	Period 4: 7/8-11
Period 5: 7/11-14	Period 6: 7/15-18
Period 7: 7/18-21	Period 8: 7/22-25
Period 9: 7/29-8/1	Period 10: 8/1-4
Period 11: 8/5-8	Period 12: 8/8-11

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Spring Work Trek

May 21-23

Crystal Lake Scout Reservation

The Crystal Lake Scout Reservation invites everyone to camp for a weekend of projects to help get camp ready for the upcoming summer. Each year there is a variety of new projects from construction, maintenance, to landscaping. Entire units are welcome to stay in any campsite for free. Anyone who participates in the service will be served three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday for free. This is a great weekend of fellowship and service and also allows you to take part and pride in the great place the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation is.

Don't forget this is free for the whole Unit, just come and help camp get ready for 2010. Please signup online so we can properly prepare.

- [More Information](#)
- [Register Online](#)
- [Map to Camp](#)
- [Crystal Lake Construction](#)
- [Wishlist](#)

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Samoset Camping Survey

Recently, Samoset Council formed a camping committee to oversee all of the year-round camping programs. Outdoor camping opportunities are often the main reason youth join Scouting. The committee is currently developing a long range plan for our programs/camps and would like some feedback from leaders and parents.

Please visit our website to complete this online survey. Results from this survey will help us develop a long range plan as we continue to improve our camping programs.

<http://clsr.samoset.org>

Thanks for your help, ensuing Samoset Council remains the place, Where Camping is King!

Todd Sann

Council Camping Chair

Scott Domino

Council Camping Director

Outdoor Leader Skills

Outdoor skills are critical to the success of the Scouting program, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills will provide leaders with the basic outdoor skills information needed to start a program right.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity Scout coaches. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in *The Boy Scout Handbook*. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

Course Details:

This course is for ALL registered adult leaders who have not yet completed their training.

From Scoutmaster to Committee members, your training is a very valuable source to your unit and to yourself.

April 23-25, 2010

Hanna Venture Base

Check in Begins at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 23rd and the course will end at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, April 25th

Course fee is \$23.00

[Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Flyer/Registration Form](#)

[Register Online \(Preferred Method\)](#)

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Experience the History of Scouting!

It is hard to believe that just one hundred years ago, when a Scout earned the Signaling merit badge, that Scout most likely lived in a home with no telephone and probably no electricity. It was a time when there were no power tools, no Home Depots to shop, no TV, no radio, and no cell phones. Scouts of that period were very likely taught to be self-sufficient and were able to build their own furniture, which was actually used. Their neighborhoods were different, too. Everyone knew one another. There were few gas stations, and instead of mega grocery stores, there were only locally run grocery stores, pharmacies, and general stores.

One hundred years later, our world is quite different. Four vintage merit badges are available to help a Scout understand how these two worlds are different but, in many ways, the same. The 2010 Historical Merit Badge program offers Signaling (introduced in 1910), Carpentry (introduced in 1911), Pathfinding (introduced in 1911), and Tracking (Stalking; introduced in 1911). Scouts of 2010 may earn these badges during 2010 using the same requirements as in 1910 and 1911. Original merit badge pamphlets may be found at www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges.aspx, along with interesting narratives about each historical merit badge and that explain the language used in 1910 and how it can be translated into today's terms.

Our council is currently recruiting counselors for these four badges. Contact your district advancement to find one in your town.

Launching the BSA Centennial Silver Dollar

Since the law was signed in the fall of 2008 authorizing the minting of 350,000 silver dollar coins in recognition of the BSA's 100th Anniversary, there has been almost nonstop interest in when the coins would be available, and how to order one. Now, the time is here!

Starting March 23rd the United States Mint will make available for sale the BSA Centennial Silver Dollar. Proceeds from the coin surcharges will benefit the BSA National Foundation in efforts to bring Scouting into underserved communities. If every coin is sold, \$3.5 million will be generated for this very worthy cause. Are you ready to get yours? Beginning at noon ET, coins can be ordered through the U.S. Mint at www.usmint.gov or at 1-800-USA-MINT. For the first thirty days, the proof coin will be offered at \$39.95 and the uncirculated coin will be offered at \$33.95, after which the prices will be \$43.95 and \$35.95, respectively.

Be sure to visit the coin webpage on the 100 Years of Scouting website. There, you'll find information about the coin, its honorary chairman Judge William S. Sessions, and promotional tools you can use at the local level.

We expect this limited quantity of coins to sell fast! What a beautiful keepsake to commemorate our historic 100th Anniversary, while furthering our ability to extend Scouting to every eligible youth in the nation. [Learn More](#)

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