

Cub Scout Pack 883

Weekly Update

July 26, 2010

Here's this week's update of all of the things going on in our Cub Scouting world.

Website: Most information about our Pack can be found on the website: www.bsapack883.org. Please refer to the website for information about our activities, and please consider using the RSS feed as a way to keep informed of updates to the website without having to check it every day.

Fast Fact: Chewing gum while cutting onions will keep you from crying!

Star Spangled Camporee

- This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Baltimore Area Council is planning an exciting celebration to say "Happy Birthday!" There are two options:
 - Overnight family camping from Friday, October 1 to Sunday, October 3
 - Day trip on Saturday, October 2
- Details: <http://bsapack883.com/wp/2010/07/star-spangled-camporee-2>
- Coordinator: Marc Fischer

Recruiting

- Does your son have friends who might be interested in joining Pack 883? Now is the time to start getting them involved! Bring them with your son to the Summertime Pack Activities! Invite them to the September Pack Meeting! We are recruiting boys at all levels – particularly 1st graders for our new Tiger Cub den.
- For more information: <http://bsapack883.com/wp/join-cub-pack-883>
- Contact: Bill Wolf, Membership Chair, at joinpack883@yahoo.com

Fundraising

- **Martin's Cards**
 - Earn 5% for your son's Scout Account
 - Coordinator: Kelly Thimmesch
 - Mark your calendars – orders for August are due on August 28
 - Details: <http://bsapack883.com/wp/fundraising/martins-cards>
- **Toner Cartridge Recycling**
 - Please consider bringing used toner cartridges from work – the drop box is located at the Church. It is very easy to drop off toner cartridges when you come to a Den or Pack Meeting.
 - Coordinator: Mark Crampton
 - <http://bsapack883.com/wp/fundraising/toner-cartridges>

National Scout Jamboree Bus Trip

- **THIS WEEK** - Thursday, July 29
- **Registration deadline was Tuesday, June 1. There are still a limited number of seats available! It's in the Pack's best interest to fill the bus, so we will waive the late fees if you register before Wednesday.**
- Coordinator: Marc Fischer
- Details: <http://bsapack883.com/wp/2010/04/national-scout-jamboree-bus-trip>

Summertime Pack Activities

- Looking for something to do over the summer? Pack 883 has a full schedule of activities to keep your Cub Scout (and his siblings) busy.
- Helpers are still needed to coordinate many of the events
- Coordinator: Cindy Knies
- Advanced registration is required for all events: www.bsapack883.com/rsvp
- Wear your Pack t-shirt to all Summertime Pack Activities
- Details: <http://bsapack883.com/wp/2010/05/summertime-pack-activities-2>

○ Upcoming Summertime Pack Activities:

○ Academic Belt Loop Day

- Special thanks to all of the adults who helped to make this event possible – Scouts were able to earn five belt loops on the same day!

○ Fishing

- Coordinators: Sean and Jennifer Keeley
- Date: Friday, July 30 – Time: 5:00 PM
- Register By: July 16
- Location: Westminster Community Pond (**Note new location!**)
- Bring your fishing rod and tackle
- Cost: Free

○ Raingutter Regatta

- Coordinator: Doug Hirth
- Date: Saturday, August 7 – Time: 9:00 AM
- Register By: July 24
- Location: St. Joseph Catholic Community
- Cost: Free

○ Water Balloon Battleship

- Coordinator: Cindy Knies
- Date: Saturday, August 14 – Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
- Register By: July 31
- Location: Eldersburg Elementary School – grassy field in front of school
- Wear your bathing suit. Bring sunscreen and drinks for your family – the Pack will provide popsicles.
- Cost: Free

- **Cub Scout Pool Party**
 - Coordinator: Jennie Serio
 - Date: Sunday, August 22 – Time: 1:00 PM (Note new date!)
 - Register By: August 7
 - Location: South Carroll Swim Club
 - Cost: \$7 per person for non-members (children under 3 are free). Cost includes access to the pool. The Pack is providing pizza drinks.
 - Wear your bathing suit. Bring sunscreen. Cub Scouts will complete the swimming belt loop/pin.

- **Cave Exploration**
 - Coordinator: Dean Carroll
 - Date: Saturday, August 28 – Time: 11:30 AM (NOTE NEW DATE!)
 - Register by: August 15
 - Location: Meet at Eldersburg Elementary (front parking lot) to carpool to the cave in Western Maryland
 - Bring a hard hat (bicycle helmet works well), a bag lunch, and a flashlight. This is not really a “cave” per se – it’s a small opening in the side of the mountain about 100’ deep. This is a great trip for younger Scouts and siblings. It’s about ¾ mile hike from the parking area to the cave on a well groomed trail. There are no restroom facilities at the cave itself, but there are restrooms at the park.
 - Cost: Free

Pack T-Shirts

- All Cub Scouts and leaders are issued a Pack t-shirt when they join our Pack
- Additional t-shirts (for family members or as “spares”) can be purchased for \$10 each at the table set up at each Pack Meeting
- Coordinator: Lynn Kalmbach

Sports Legends at Camden Yards and Babe Ruth Museum

- Free admission to Cub Scouts in uniform
- One free adult for every 12 Cub Scouts
- Contact: Whitney Edmonds (410-727-1539 x 3033 or whitneye@baberuthmuseum.com)

Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts

- Details: <http://bsapack883.com/wp/cub-scout-awards/religious-emblems>

100th Anniversary Youth Recognition Medal

- Details: <http://www.baltimorebsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=749&id=74886>
- Questions: Star-SpangledMedal@baltimorebsa.org
- Deadline: September 15, 2010

Positions Needed:

- Scouting runs with the support of our amazing volunteers, and we need every family to step up to do something to keep our Pack running smoothly. A more detailed list of open positions will be sent in the near future, but we are still looking for someone to lead these positions:
 - **Pack Historian**
 - Details: <http://bsapack883.com/wp/2010/02/help-needed-pack-historian>
 - **Graphic Artist for Website**
 - **Assistant Cubmaster – Den Program**
 - **Assistant Cubmaster - Quartermaster**

Campership Program

- The Campership Fund is available to help families defray the cost of the Cub Scout program.
- Details: <http://bsapack883.com/wp/campership-program>

Please call me at (410) 977-2956 if I can be of any additional assistance.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mace", written in a cursive style.