



PATHFINDER

Friends of Scouting

The Scouts need your help. The Calumet Council is going through some fairly serious financial difficulties. The stock market drop last fall has significantly reduced the council's investment income and has also resulted in reduced donations from our usual sources.

also putting out the word that we can help by increasing our fundraising.

One way we can all help is to donate to Friends of Scouting and encourage others to do likewise. It is estimated that if each family in the council were to donate just \$25 to FOS we could reach financial

May Pack Night Picnic

Get ready to picnic on Wednesday May 27th at Community Park for our final pack night of the year!

There will be games, hot dogs and much more. Also, there will be cubmobile races!

The picnic Pack Night will start at 6:30 PM at the Lions Shelter in Community Park.

Den 2 will be in charge of the flag ceremony.

We will also be reserving the Cornerstone Center in case of inclement weather.

Don't forget to bring your bug spray and flashlights!

Spring Campout at Monastery

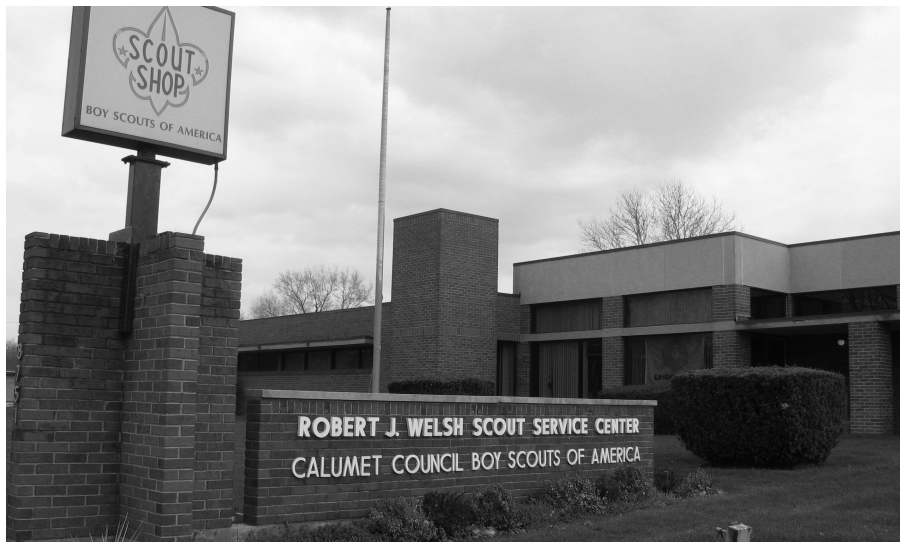
On Saturday, May 16th - Sunday, May 17th the Cub Scouts from Pack 542 will be camping at the Carmelite Monastery. There will be a grotto tour and other activities.

A flyer with more details will be passed out at tonight's meeting.

4th of July Parade

All scouts are invited to come march with the Pack in the Town of Munster's 4th of July Parade.

Each den may make a float for the parade if they wish.



The national organization has put Calumet Council on notice that if they don't get financially stable within one year they will be merged with the Chicago council. This would cause us to lose the council office on Calumet Avenue, Camp Betz, and many of the local council events that we're used to having in Northwest Indiana.

The council is engaging in some aggressive budget cutting, considering sales of council-owned land, and other drastic measures to stabilize themselves. They are

stability. When you consider the ramifications of losing our local council office and scout shop this is a small price to pay. Recently, the Girl Scouts have been forced to close their local office. Those parents who are involved in Girl Scouts can testify to the inconvenience that this has caused.

If anyone needs FOS pledge forms they can be picked up at the council office. We also have FOS forms which could be sent through school if anyone was interested.

Let's do what we can to help keep our council local.

Reenactment at Buckley

Reenactors from all over the Midwest, and some from as far away as Canada, don authentic uniforms and use restored military equipment to portray that most important time period in our history.

Throughout the weekend, the park comes to life with memories of the war years, both military and on the home front. If you are a veteran, history enthusiast, or would just like to learn more about the 1940s era, this is the place for the entire family.

It's wonderful for families and students.

On May 2nd, dens are encouraged to meet at Buckley



Homestead at the main office at 10 am. Directions are as follows: 80/94 east to I-65, I-65 south until IN-2 exit, Exit 240 towards Lowell, turn RIGHT onto E 181st Ave/IN-2, turn left onto Hendricks St, parking lot/main office is on the left. Please contact John or Jennifer Klaich at 219-922-1077 for questions.

Summer Camp

Attend Survival Camp this summer at Calumet Council Cub Scout Day Camp and you will learn the skills needed to survive in many situations that can arise: you could be stranded in a snowbound car, get lost on a hike in the woods, be stranded in the desert, or caught up in a storm of flood.

You will be able to handle yourself in many situations or emergencies.

You will learn about finding food and safe water, constructing shelter, starting fires and preparing a survival kit, and of course Archery and BB gun skills.

Camp runs from Tuesday, July 21 through Friday, July 24 at Crossroads Community Church in Schererville.

Parents are expected to assist one day at camp.

Register with Margaret Caraher at tonight's and get the early registration discount. If you register early tonight, the price is \$60.00.

The regular price is \$70.00 if submitted by June 1. You can send your health form, registration form, check at volunteer days to Margaret Caraher through the school office c/o Ricky Caraher, Mrs. Zabrecki, Room 212.

If you register after June 1 you will have deliver your registration materials to the Council office no later than July 10.

Note that there is a sibling discount of \$5.00 per sibling.

For more information contact Margaret Caraher at 838-2943 or mcaraher@pros.com

Upcoming Calendar

May 11, 2009

Den Leader Meeting. 7:15PM in the Solar Room.

May 16-17, 2009

Carmelite Monastery campout.

May 27, 2009

Pack Night. 6:30PM Community Park.

June 6, 2009

Missalette change at Church. Time TBA. Dens 2,7 & 8. All other dens are invited to join.

June 9, 2009

Flag Retirement Ceremony in the STM school parking lot. Time is TBA.

July 4

Town of Munster Parade.

July 10-12, 2009

Camp Betz weekend.

July 21-24, 2009

Day Camp at Crossroads Community Church.



Cubbie's Corner

Congrats to all of the scouts who crossed over at

this month's Pack Meeting!

We are nearing the end of the scouting year. Next month's pack night, which will be a picnic at Community Park, will be our last pack night of the year. So, don't miss it!

I love picnics. The only thing I don't like about picnics is the chance that it may rain. Being made of tin, I have to be careful not to rust.

Fortunately, my faithful dog PAL 9000 usually remembers to bring along some WD-40, just in case I get a little stiff.

Don't you forget to bring your sunscreen!