



PATHFINDER

Committee Volunteers Needed

The Pack Committee is critical to the successful planning and execution of our entire program. As of February 2009, our Religious Awards coordinator will be crossing over to Boy Scouts. In February 2010 the Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, and Treasurer will also be crossing over. We are taking nominations for Cubmaster from all dens.

These positions are essential to the working of our program. These positions require only a few hours a month.

Upcoming Events

Pinewood Car Building Clinic

A car-building clinic will be held on Saturday, January 10th from 9-Noon at the Cornerstone Center.

Learn the basics of pinewood car building. Or just show up and use the tools. If you have tools such as dremels and drills please feel free to bring them - but remember to label them with your name. Volunteers are requested to help. Contact Cubmaster Curt Anglin at cubmaster@542scouts.org for info or to volunteer.

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday is tentatively set for February 1st at 10:00 am Mass. This date and time is subject to change as it depends on Father Mike's mass schedule.

Boys will receive their religious awards. There is a coffee and doughnuts reception afterward in the Cafeteria.

Pinewood Derby

It's time to get ready for the annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby! This year's Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, January 24th in the STM Gym.

The pinewood derby is a racing event for Scouts who, with the help of their parents, build their own cars from wood and race them against other scouts on our derby track. The wood, wheels and axles will be provided to the scouts.

A Pinewood Car Building Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 10th at the Cornerstone Center. The Clinic shall provide tips and tools so bring your pinewood block and prepare to make your car.

Prizes are awarded for the fastest cars and for the Best Design, which is voted on by the Scouts.

A full set of the Pinewood Derby rules, along with the car number assignment for each Scout, will be provided.

Pre-race weigh-in.

Beat the Saturday morning rush by coming to the weigh-in Friday night, January 23rd, from 7-8PM at the Gym.

Cars will be inspected. Cars that pass inspection can avoid a Saturday morning inspection by being impounded at the Gym until the Race. Volunteers are needed. Contact Cubmaster Curt Anglin at cubmaster@542scouts.org for more information.

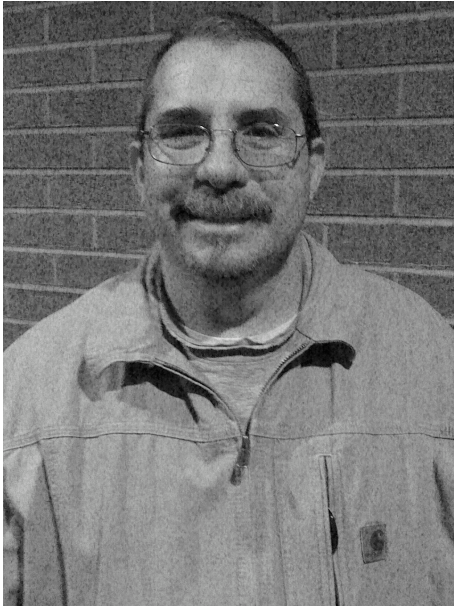
Other cars

Sibling and non-scout cars are also welcome to compete.



Derby winners pose with Cubbie

This month, Pathfinder interviews Jim Michel, Assistant Cubmaster for the Pack.



What were your childhood scouting experiences?

I was a scout when I was a boy and really enjoyed it. I wanted to experience the same things with my own son, Matthew. *What do you enjoy about scouting now with your son?*

I enjoyed the Pinewood Derby, and the projects that we did at den meetings. I really like seeing my own son's enjoyment when we work on his Pinewood Derby cars, and spending time together at the outdoor Pack activities

Pinewood Derby Notes

Flag Ceremony

Den 4 will be in charge of the flag ceremony for the Pinewood Derby.

Beat the Cubmaster Race

Back by popular demand, we will be having our Beat The Cubmaster Race again this year. Dads and Moms, get your most fiendish pinewood designs ready to beat the best the Cubmaster has to offer - the undefeated Father Time car from last year!

Pit Stop Concessions

The Pit Stop Concession stand shall be open for business once again this year. All proceeds go to the Pack.

As assistant Cubmaster, what are your duties?

Usually, I help Mr. Anglin set up the pack nights, and come up with ideas for different things for the boys to do. We usually are building something for the boys to ride on, or play on. Last year, I helped with Cubbie's movie.

We built the hover crafts, tunnels, flight simulator, the time machine, Santa's sleigh, now this year the Polar Express Train. I built these things with Curt Anglin, and Joe Peters from ideas from the committee.

Most of the ideas come from Mr. Anglin or Mr. Peters, and then we figure out how to build everything. The hovercraft idea came from the PBS series Science Geeks. Most of the time we just brainstorm and try different things until we get the results we're looking for. Yes, we always have fun. Especially when I did the movie last year. It was a blast riding with Charlton Heston in the chariot races.

Cub Scout Christmas Song Competition Winner

New York - The 2008 International Cub Scout Christmas Carol Composition Competition was won by Monsieur LeCanopenaire with a fresh, new song that clearly set it above all other competitors

The only negative reviews of this new tune came in its performance. Critics thought that it would be better performed by a high, tinny voice rather than being marred by the bad French accent of M. LeCanopenaire.

Before this year's competition M. LeCanopenaire was unknown to the song writing community. When asked of his sudden rise to stardom he replied, "It is time for people to start recognizing the true talent of Monsieur LeCanopenaire!"



M. LeCanopenaire

Upcoming Calendar

January 9, 2009

Pack Committee Meeting. 7-8:30PM. Munster Town Hall.

January 10, 2009

Pinewood Derby car building clinic. 9-Noon at the Cornerstone Center.

January 12, 2009

Den Leader Meeting. 7:15PM STM Coat Room.

January 23, 2009

Pinewood Derby weigh-in. 7-8PM in the Gym.

January 24, 2009

Pinewood Derby in the Gym. Weigh-in starts at 8:30AM. Races begin at 9AM.

February 1, 2009

Scout Sunday mass. 10AM. Reception follows in the Cafeteria.

February 22, 2009

Blue & Gold Banquet. STM Gym.



Cubbie's Corner

I had hoped to serenade you at Pack Night with a Christmas Carol that I recently wrote, but I seem to have misplaced the song sheet. Maybe my trusty dog, Pal 9000, accidentally ran off with it. Pal can be a silly dog sometimes.

I'm excited about our upcoming Pinewood Derby. Did you know that the Pinewood Derby originated in 1953? Designed by Cubmaster Don Murphy of Manhattan Beach, California Pack 280 for his son who was too young to participate in the popular Soap Box Derby races.

Based on the same gravity-powered concept as the full-size Soap Box Derby, the Pinewood Derby became an instant success and has grown to what it has become today.