



PATHFINDER

Arrow of Light Recipients



Fred Beckman, Michael O'Shea, Joey Topor and Jacob Powers all earned the Arrow of Light.

Pack 542 would like to congratulate Scouts Fred Beckman, Michael O'Shea, Jacob Powers and Joey Topor on earning the Arrow of Light Award.

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. Recipients must work on outdoor skills, physical fitness and learn about citizenship and working with others.

These Scouts are now able to bridge into Boy Scouts.

In addition, Fred

Beckman, Michael O'Shea and Jacob Powers will receive the council-specific Super Achiever Award which is awarded to Webelos scouts who earn all

twenty activity pins before the Arrow of Light ceremony.

Learning of this award only two

months before the Arrow of Light was to be awarded, the boys worked late into the evenings and on weekends to become Super Achievers.



March Pack Night Space Derby

Our March Pack Night will feature a Space Derby.

Derby kits will be handed out at the Blue and Gold Banquet.

March Pack Night will be Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 in the Gym. Den 6 has the flag ceremony and clean up.

Yukon Freeze Out

The district is hosting "One Freezing Fun Day for Cub Scouts" on Saturday, February 28 at Wicker Park.

Scouts should bring 1 can of (not creamy) soup, a TO GO mug for hot chocolate (which is available all day), and extra socks, gloves and hats. 8:15AM check in, 9AM opening and 1:00PM Sled Race.

Susanne Seydel is coordinating the pack registrations for the Yukon Derby. The cost is \$5 per scout, \$3 per adult. The cost includes lunch and a patch for the scouts. Please have your dens register with Susanne as soon as possible. All checks should be made out to "Pack 542". The money can be sent through school in an envelope marked with the following:

Susanne Seydel
c/o Christopher Tomajko-Seydel
Grade 2
Mr. Konkoly's class

Please contact Susanne at tomajkos@aol.com if you have any questions

This month's Pathfinder interview can be considered an "exit" interview for Fred Beckman, who as leader of Den 6 for the past 4 years, completes his work as Den Leader with tonight's Arrow of Light Ceremony.



What were your childhood scouting experiences?

I was a cub scout in St. Thomas More's Pack 542 for two years, 1967 and 1968. Cubbie had just been made about 1965 and I was surprised that he was still here

attending the monthly pack meetings all these years.

Scouting was similar then as now. The Wolf and Bear Handbook were similar to today's handbook. I particularly enjoyed wearing my scout uniform to school instead of my St. Thomas More school uniform each Wednesday. I couldn't wait to earn my first gold arrow.

Do you have any advice for future den leaders?

It is helpful to reserve den meeting locations and dates for the entire year in early September with school days off and holidays considered. Schedule for outdoor achievements in early fall or late spring and indoor activities in the winter, then hammer out the details one achievement at a time.

Take advantage of early Saturday morning den meetings. Sport and homework conflicts are avoided while minimizing family-time interference.

Never underestimate the Boy Scouts of America's goodwill when requesting a favor. People are remarkably generous.

Potawatomi Hike

Join the Pack for the Potawatomi Hike at Indiana Dunes on Saturday, March 28. Cubmaster Curt Anglin will lead our Pack in the hike. You can choose either a 5 mile or 10 mile hike.

Last year's hike included views of a frozen Lake Michigan!

Registration



begins at 8AM. The hike starts at 9AM. If you want the patch, the fee is \$6, no advance registration necessary. Otherwise, admission is free.

Directions: Take I-94 to the 49 exit North. Continue North 2 miles until you reach the park. Hike begins at the City West Shelter.

Upcoming Calendar

February 28, 2009

Yukon Freeze Out. Wicker Park. 9AM-1PM

March 6, 2009

Pack Committee meeting. Town Hall 7PM.

March 9, 2009

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

March 15, 2009

Bishop's Ceremony. St. Maria Goretti parish. Time TBA

March 18, 2009

March Pack Night. 6:30PM in the Gym. Space Derby.

March 28, 2009

Potawatomi Hike. Indiana Dunes, 8:30AM.



Cubbie's Corner

Congratulations and best of luck to this year's Arrow of Light recipients.

Did you know that the Arrow of Light award was created in 1971? Recipients of the award are ready to cross over to Boy Scouts.

As Boy Scouts, the Arrow of Light award is the only Cub Scout award that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

The Arrow of Light award is worn on the left pocket flap of the blue Cub Scout uniform or below the left pocket of the tan Boy Scout uniform.

Did you know that the seven rays from the sun on the Arrow of Light patch symbolize the seven values a Cub Scout needs to grow into a successful young man?

These are Love (Red), Courage (Orange), Wisdom (Yellow), Self Control (Green), Hope (Blue), Justice (Purple) and Faith (White).