



# PATHFINDER

## Santa Claus is Coming

### Committee Volunteers Needed

The pack committee is critical to the successful planning and execution of our entire program. Since we now only have 5 dens we need 2 committee volunteers from each den.

Our next committee meeting is Friday, December 5 at 7pm at Munster Town Hall. There will be free food!

### Upcoming Events

#### *Missalette Change*

Saturday, November 29, 2008, 9AM. Wolves and First Year Webelos are asked to help change the missalettes at church. The change takes about 45 minutes.

#### *Pack Committee Meeting Wrapping Party*

Friday, December 5, 2008 at 7:00PM at Munster Town Hall. This month's meeting will be a wrapping party. Food and drinks provided.

#### *December Pack Night*

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 6:30 PM at STM Gym.

Den 8 will be in charge of the flag ceremony along with the setup of the gym, snack table and post-meeting breakdown. Den 8 parents should plan to arrive a half hour before and stay a half hour after the meeting.

#### *Scout Sunday*

Scout Sunday is tentatively set for February 1<sup>st</sup> 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 reception afterward.



### *Santa will visit December Pack Meeting*

Santa Claus will be joining the Cubs Scouts at our December pack meeting.

Every Scout shall receive a gift from Santa.

### **Popcorn Sales Results**

We had a great popcorn sale this year! God blessed us with exceptional salesmen and with a receptive audience and we thank Him for it. We've made up for our donation shortfall with a little bit extra left over.

Top 6 sellers (All going to the Roller rink pizza party)

William McComis 9 \$1,108.00

Keith Paprocki jr 9 \$823.00

Joseph Topor 5 \$762.00

Alex Garcia 2 \$693.00

DJ Fesko 6 \$657.00

Reynaldo Rodriguez 9 \$655.00

With over \$10,000 in total sales we more than doubled last year's sales.

We made over \$3,000 in profits with over \$300 going to flood relief.

Our pack was recognized by the Calumet Council as the "most improved" pack in sales.

### **Pinewood Derby**

The Pinewood Derby will be on Saturday, Jan 24th in the STM Gym.

A car-building clinic will be held on Clinic is tentatively set for Saturday, January 10th.

Learn the basics of pinewood car building. Or just show up and use the tools. Volunteers requested to help. Contact Cubmaster Curt Anglin at [cubmaster@542scouts.org](mailto:cubmaster@542scouts.org) for info or to volunteer.

This month, Pathfinder interviews Rey Rodriguez, assistant leader for Den 4 and Committee Chairman for the Pack.



#### *What got you into Scouting?*

I received a flyer in my son's school folder about a week after he started 1st grade. He was new in school so we decided it would be a great way for him to get to meet new friends. So we signed him up. That's what got my foot in the door.

Since the age of 16, I played and coached baseball and basketball. I enjoyed teaching the younger kids what I had already learned. After 7 years of coaching, I had realized I was spending too much time coaching and not enough time with my son. So I had to quit. When the opportunity came around to help out with cub scouts I jumped all over it. It was a chance to be with my son, teach other kids what I know, and learn new things along the way. Now I am able to be with my son and do what I have fun doing. Its the best of both worlds.

#### *What do you enjoy about working with Cub Scouts?*

I enjoy seeing the look of amazement on the scout's faces when they see something they have never seen before. The ear to ear smiles when they do something they never thought they could

do. I wish everyone could be there when the scouts shoot their first BB gun at a target, or when they pick up the bow and arrow for the first time. I enjoy watching the scouts get on stage and do funny skits. Not all of them are comfortable in front of a lot of people, but they overcome those fears and do it.

It's not only the time with the scouts that I enjoy, but the parents I meet. It's a blast. I don't know if the parents know that we have a committee in charge of coordinating activities, coming up with ideas for the pack meetings, and building things for the meetings. I enjoy this almost as much as doing stuff with the scouts. Volunteers throw ideas out there and watch them come to life before your eyes as you work with the other volunteers to design and build props, or organize an event.

Think of it this way, If there is anything you wanted to see or build as a kid that you never got a chance to, like myself, this is the way you can make it possible. What could be more enjoyable than that?

### **International Cub Scout Skit Competition Winner**

New York - The 2008 International Cub Scout Skit Competition was won by Monsieur LeCannopenaire with, what many in attendance believe, is the world's funniest skit.



Before this year's competition M. LeCannopenaire was unknown to the Skit Competition. When asked where he came up with such a fantastic skit he replied, "I like to keep my sources secret. But it's mine! All mine!"

## Upcoming Calendar

### **November 29, 2008**

Missalette Change. 9AM at church. Wolves and Webelos I are asked to help.

### **December 4, 2008**

District Roundtable. 7:15-8:30PM at Methodist Church. Lansing, IL

### **December 5, 2008**

Pack Committee Meeting - present wrapping party. 7:00-8:30PM. Munster Town Hall.

### **December 8, 2008**

Leader/Parents Meeting. 7:15-8:15PM. STM Coat Room.

### **December 17, 2008**

December Pack Night. 6:30PM at STM Gym.



## Cubbie's Corner

I love skit night!! I look forward to our November pack meeting every year so I can see what skits you guys have come up with. It's so much fun to get up on that stage (Thank you, Miss Lorandos for letting us borrow it!) and be silly with your friends in front of the whole pack, especially if you get a good laugh!

My favorite thing is to write my own skits. In fact I've been working on a skit for several years that I thought was really funny. I worked at it and worked at it until every line was perfect and the punch line made me bust a metal seam every time I read it.

I was planning on submitting it to the International Scout Skit Competition this year but just before the competition my skit just disappeared from my desk. Have any of you seen it?

Anyway, I hope you all have fun doing your skits. Break a leg! (That's theater talk for "Good Luck").