



PATHFINDER

Deep River Hike



Scouts and siblings take a break during a recent hike

Come join the Scouts on Saturday, November 1st for a morning hike at Deep River County Park. The park is located off of Route 30, 2 miles East of Southlake Mall.

The cost is \$4 per person - this includes parking and patch. You do not need to register in advance. Registration starts at

8am and the hike starts at 9am. Each hiker must fill out the required medical form.

The form can be downloaded from the 2nd page of the flyer on the council website at www.calumetcouncil.org or, you can fill a form out at the hike.

Skit Night, November 19th

Prepare your skit now

November's Pack meeting is skit night. So start working on your skit ideas now! A selection of Skits can be found on the web at the following site: www.scoutorama.com/skit.

In order to prevent repeating a skit, email the CubMaster at cubmaster@542scouts.org to register your skit.

Popcorn Pickup November 8th

Don't forget to pickup your popcorn orders at the Cornerstone Center on Saturday, November 8th.

Pickup is between 11:00AM and 2:00PM.

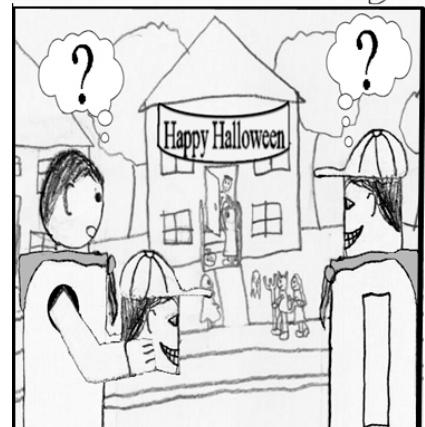
Make a Wood Project

There are many wood projects available for Cubs Scouts. Talk to your Akela (parent or den leader) and tell them you want to do a wood project.

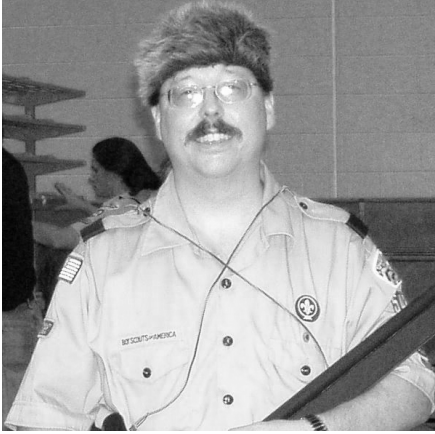
There are many cool wood projects you can make - a birdhouse, a toolbox, a beanbag toss game, or even a wooden bench.

If you want to make something with plywood, your parent or den leader can contact Mr. Michel (jnk99@sbcglobal.net) to get free scrap pieces about 2ft x 4-5ft. These can be cut up to make lots of different things. Your scout handbooks contain lots of ideas or you can even come up with ideas of your own.

Cubbie Comics



This is the first in a series of columns in which the Pathfinder will interview the leaders of Cub Scout Pack 542. We start the series with an interview of our Cubmaster, Curt Anglin.



What was your boyhood scouting experience?

I was never a scout. My family and I camped a lot and spent a great deal of time in the outdoors so my original "scouting" education came from that.

My dad taught us many of the things that my boys are now learning in scouting. Except for how to start a fire with all natural materials which is something I'm still attempting to figure out today.

So, what got you involved in scouting?

I got into scouting the same way most of us did. I remember that fateful day six years ago. A brightly-colored flyer came home from school in my son's backpack. My wife showed it to me and we both agreed that he should try scouts and see if he liked it.

After the first couple of months of den and pack meetings, I started to

realize that this scouting thing might be just as much fun for the parents as it is for the boys. But I also realized that the only way to make it really fun for ME was to jump in and start helping out.

It's a little mentioned fact that those who help out get to help pick what to do. If you want to know what I think is interesting, just look at the last couple of years worth of pack meetings.

It's more fun than I thought adult leaders were supposed to have. I had been looking for a volunteer activity for several years and when I found this one it fit just like a glove. I felt like God had meant for me to do this.

As Cubmaster, what are your duties?

My primary duty is to plan the monthly pack meetings. I get a lot of help from the other committee members in the form of ideas and hands-on preparation.

I also get involved in some of the administrative aspects of the pack, but I get a lot of help from the committee with these responsibilities too. I'm also in charge of recruiting scouts so I set up a classroom visit with the 1st & 2nd graders each fall to invite them to join the pack.

My favorite part is working on the pack meetings. They're a perfect opportunity to introduce the boys to things I think will interest them. It's also a good excuse to build props and make some cool gizmos.

After all, we're doing it for the boys, right?

Upcoming Events

Deep River County Park Hike

Saturday, November 1, 2008. The cost is \$4 per person

November Pack Night

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 6:30 PM at STM Gym.

Dens should provide juice boxes for the boys in their den.

Den 7 will be in charge of the flag ceremony along with the setup of the gym, snack table and post-meeting breakdown. Den 7 parents should plan to arrive a half hour before and stay a half hour after the meeting.

Upcoming Calendar

November 1, 2008

Deep River County Park hike.

November 6, 2008

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

November 7, 2008

Pack Committee Meeting. 7:00-8:30PM. Munster Town Hall. (Conf. Room A)

November 8, 2008

Popcorn pickup. 11:00AM-2:00PM at Cornerstone Center.

November 10, 2008

Leader/Parents Meeting. 7:00-8:00PM. STM Coat Room.

November 19, 2008

November Pack Night. 6:30PM at STM Gym. Skit night.



Cubbie's Corner

I hope that you liked tonight's pack meeting. I love planes and automobiles. My Great Aunt Lizzy is a famous car, but my Uncle mumbles that she's just a tin can.

I don't know about you but I love working on scout projects! Right now, I'm working on a toolbox with the plywood that Mr. Anglin gave us from September Pack Night. I'm bringing the toolbox to October Pack Night so you can all see what cool stuff you can do with wood. I made it from a plan that's in the scout handbook. You could make one too!

My dog Pal and I helped Mr. Anglin and Mr. Michel build the flight simulator for tonight's meeting from scrap plywood and free cardboard. We're basically recycling junk to make something cool and useful. Now that's being green!