

Cub Scout Pack 120 - Notes for November!

Pow Wow

5 Adult Leaders attended the Heart of America Council "Pow Wow" at Truman High School on Saturday, November 2. This was an all day, jam-packed training event that is held once a year, attended by over 500 registered adult Scouters throughout (mainly) the Midwest. We rotated through 6 different specified "classes" throughout the day learning things like "Cub Grub", StoryTelling, Webelos Outdoor Skills, Pack Meeting Pizzazz, Crafts, Games, and many more. None of us were in the same classes together – so you can look forward to some exciting activities in den meetings in the months to come!

Attending Adults: Mike Wildschuetz, Mike Boyd, Jerry Howard, Dawn Smith, Belinda Johnson

Congratulations on a SUPER SUCCESSFUL Popcorn Fundraiser!

Our Pack sold approx. **\$5,243.00** worth of popcorn – with 22 boys participating!
How does that translate to money right here in our pack?

Of that amount –

- **\$3,565** goes back to the council to pay for the popcorn itself and to assist the council with things like resources, operating costs and camp scholarships.
- **\$1,677** stays right HERE in Odessa with our Pack – to defray costs like advancements, leader training, and other expenses.
- **Fun Fact:** Did you know that advancement recognition items cost approximately **\$103.00 PER BOY** from Tiger to Webelos??? When parents ask "Why do we do Fund Raising anyway...?" - that's a big reason why!

Let's Talk About Uniforms...

The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. There are many reasons for this. One reason stands out above all the rest. We wear the uniform because it is a means of identifying ourselves openly with the principles to which we are committed-character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness.

The fact that youth and adult members of Scouting wear a uniform doesn't mean that we're all alike. We come from different ethnic and racial backgrounds. We have our own religious beliefs and political views. We are each individuals with our own family traditions and loyalties. So the uniform is not intended to hide our individuality. But it is a way we give each other strength and support. It is a bond that ties us together in spite of our differences. It is a way of making visible our commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and to helping other people.

The Scouting movement is built on positive values. As we wear the uniform, we are openly identifying ourselves with those values where everyone can see us. We stand together, not alone, in encouraging others to live by those same principles. Boys and adults alike should take pride in belonging to such a movement and wear the uniform as it is intended.

If you know a boy or adult who would really like to join Scouting and the uniform cost is an issue - talk to one of the leaders in the Pack or myself, we will work with them to get the full uniform assembled. To that end - if any parent is ever out garage-sale-ing and sees old Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniforms for sale - **PLEASE** buy them! We will reimburse you for the cost or you can donate it to the Pack - so we can begin to build a "Uniform Closet" for unexpected needs in the future.

A couple of reminders about proper wearing of uniforms:

- **The Cub Scout and adult leader uniforms** are suitable for and should be worn at all Scouting meetings and activities unless otherwise designated by your leader (for example if your den is planning to complete an exceptionally messy craft!)
- If you are unsure about the **placement of advancements, patches & pins** - please check your Scout Handbook or talk with a leader to verify. In general - "advancements" and council-wide identification patches & pins go on the Uniform. Activity patches (like day camp, popcorn sales, pinewood derby, etc) should be sewn on either a "brag vest", wall hanging, patch blanket, or other suitable piece.
- **Hats need to be removed** while you are indoors - be sure to have your name written on the inside of your hat with a permanent marker so it doesn't get lost. Pack number is a good idea also - especially when you take it to camp!

Start Thinking About Summer Camping Opportunities!

- **Day Camp** will be held at the same place as last year - Odessa Hills - on June 2,3,4 of 2003. The cost is \$45 per boy and the theme this year is "Adventures of CubMan". *Day Camp is open to all ages Tiger through Webelos.*
- **Bear Camp** dates will be determined in a "draw" - Bear Camp is two days & 1 night at Camp Naish. (Last year was \$40 per boy). *More information will be given as we receive it.*
- **Webelos Camp** dates will be determined in a "draw" - Webelos Camp is three days & two nights at Camp Naish. (Cost is around \$85 per boy). *More info coming...*

Round Table

Round Table is held the first Tuesday of each month in Lexington from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. It is an opportunity for adults in Scouting to get together with other scouters in their District to communicate about activities within the district. It's also another training opportunity each month. Attending at least four Round Tables in a year is a requirement for any of the Adult Scouting "Knots". We've also found that carpooling together is a great opportunity for a monthly planning session on our way there without having to devote another meeting night each month for a scheduled committee meeting.

We would LOVE to have more adults (registered or not) join us for Round Table! We meet at McDonalds at 6:30 on Round Table nights and go to Lexington together. The December Round Table will be a LOT of fun – please consider joining us! For more information please talk to Howard (230-4056) or Belinda (230-1698 or 582-2391)

Boys Life "Say Yes to Reading" Program Deadline: December 15, 2002

Entrants write a one-page report on "The Best Book I Read This Year". Books can be fiction or non-fiction. Reports are entered in three categories:

- 8 years old & under
- 9 and 10 year olds
- 11 years and older.

All entrants receive a free Pedro Patch. The top three winners (from all entries nationwide) receive a Leatherman Multi-Tool, copies of Codemaster Books 1 & 2, Codemaster pin-and-patch set, and their names announced in Boys Life.

Don't forget – you can see pictures from our Pack events at www.odessa120.com