



Pack 585 News

September 26, 2011

Church of the Resurrection

From the Committee Chair...

This 2011-2012 pack year is the 20th year for Cub Scouting at Church of the Resurrection. That in itself is an accomplishment.

But it's not just about counting the years; it's about the boys and their parents making the years count.


At the "Sign up for Scouting" night in August, I experienced that notion once again. I watched the new Tigers work together in a game against the parents. The camaraderie experienced by the boys was fun to watch. And beating their parents gave them some bragging rights! Parents — thank you for being great sports!

As another thought, Scouting is second-nature to a number of us; for others, this is just the beginning. But we're all on the same journey, that of guiding our boys on a worthwhile path in life.

As the year progresses, I hope all of you will believe that the time you and your son(s) spend in Scouting will have been worth it.

Kathy Petr

October Pack Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- October 2 Tiger Den meeting 6:30-7:30 pm at Resurrection 
- October 3 Den meetings 6:30-8:00 pm at Resurrection, in den meeting rooms
(Tigers will meet October 2: 6:30-7:30 pm)
- October 10 Den meetings 6:30-8:00 pm (Tigers 6:30-7:30 pm) Resurrection, in den meeting rooms
- October 14 Pick up "Show-n-Deliver" popcorn 7-9 pm, Petr garage (3128 Applewood)
- October 24 Pack Meeting / **Raingutter Regatta** 7 pm, Gym
- October 25 Start selling popcorn

October Pack Meeting Duties:

- Setup / Cleanup Den 3 (Wolves)
- Flags Den 2 (1st Year Webelos)
- Snacks Den 5 (Bears)
- Song / Skit Den 1 (Tigers)
- Game Raingutter Regatta
(Den 4, 2nd Year Webelos help)



New Scouting year

This year begins the 20th year of Cub Scouts at Church of the Resurrection! Some of us remember the very first year, and some are just beginning to learn all about Scouting. Either way, we look forward to the new year.

Besides this newsletter, you should also receive the pack calendar for the year, the pack roster, and the job list for 2011-2012. We won't share your family information with anyone outside the pack, and we ask that you do the same.

The yearly calendar is subject to change if needed (but rarely needs it), so please double-check the newsletter just in case something has changed. More details will come later in this newsletter about the job list.

Lots of new Scouts

Our pack gained 9 new Scouts this fall! We want to say "thank you" to parents who have confidence in our efforts to provide a quality Scouting program to their sons. We lost a few boys to moving away, etc., so the new count of boys for our pack is **37!** And we may get one more.

Here is the breakdown of the pack numbers —

Grade	Den Number	Den Name	Number of boys
1	1	Tigers	8
2	3	Wolves	10
3	5	Bears	10
4	2	1st Year Webelos	5
5	4	2nd Year Webelos	4

Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts???

We are **CUB SCOUT PACK 585**, consisting of boys in grades 1-5.

The older boys in grades 6 and above, to age 18, are **BOY SCOUTS** and belong to **TROOP 585**.

Both are "chartered" (owned/sponsored) by Church of the Resurrection.

Now what?

Your son has just joined Pack 585, you've been inundated with uniform guidelines, calendars, newsletters, etc. and you're wondering where he goes from here.

First, for all new Scouts in grades 1-5, the first activity is to earn the **BOBCAT** badge. For boys in grades 2-5, the sooner it is earned, the better. Earning this badge indicates the Scout knows the basic Cub Scout material: the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, Handshake, Motto, Salute, and what **WEBELOS** means. All this information can be found in the boys' books.

Next, the boys will work on their rank advancements: 1st graders work on the **TIGER** badge, 2nd graders—**WOLF** badge, 3rd graders—**BEAR** badge, 4th graders—**WEBELOS** badge, and 5th graders continue work towards the **ARROW OF LIGHT**, the highest rank a Cub Scout can earn.

It is our goal to have boys earn their Wolf, Bear, and Webelos badges by the time of the annual Blue and Gold dinner February 26, 2012.

Tigers should be getting their Bobcat badge by Blue and Gold; then they complete the Tiger badge requirements in April.

Last, but not least, 2nd Year Webelos should be awarded the Arrow of Light in March. Our "advancement year" ends in May; boys should plan to finish their various requirements by the.

Don't worry — it will make sense one of these days!

How to succeed in Scouting

Regular attendance at den meetings, den activities, and the monthly pack meeting is by far the most important aspect of advancement. It's also the most fun. The boys have a chance to learn new things, complete advancement requirements, play games, hang out with their friends (some who might be new), and of course, have snacks.

When the leaders plan their meetings, they do so for all the Scouts. When a Scout misses a meeting, it makes advancements a little more difficult for everyone.

That said, we truly believe that school work is of utmost importance and we realize that sometimes a Scout must miss a meeting because of homework or some other situation. As a courtesy, we ask that you contact your Den Leader (or the Assistant) when your child will miss a meeting.

Pack meetings

Families, including younger and older siblings, are always invited — and encouraged — to attend the pack meetings!

The den which is scheduled for Snacks is the same den which is responsible for making sure the kitchen is left clean.

The den which is responsible for Set-up for the pack meetings is the den which is responsible for cleaning up the meeting area. We ask that all boys and their parents of those dens help with this.

ALL BOYS are responsible for picking up after themselves. And ALL are asked to keep snacks at the lunchroom tables.

The den and pack leaders have enough to do without always having to be the last ones to go home. It all goes along with our plan that Scouts are to leave a place AS CLEAN OR CLEANER than they found it. Thank you!

Scouting for Food

Thank you to all who were able to help with this yearly "Good Turn." It was a crazy time for all of us.

(* Several more sacks received later.)

Uniform information

Shirt: It should have the den number, pack number, Council shoulder patch, neckerchief, and tie slide. For correct placement of items on the shirt, check out his Scout book. **Shirts are to be tucked in!**

Pants: Any decent pants or shorts may be worn.

Neckerchief: Roll the long edge over several times to about 6 inches from the tip of the neckerchief. A tight fold prevents gathering around the neck. Place the neckerchief around the neck, **UNDER THE COLLAR**. Hold the neckerchief in place with a tie slide. Below the tie slide, tie a knot to keep the tie slide on.

When to wear it: It is okay to wear the uniform shirt to school on den and pack meeting days.

HINT: do not have the boys wear the neckerchief; they make great food catchers and tie slides are easy to lose!

Uniforms may not be worn for anything that is of a political or commercial nature.

This is it in a nutshell. If you have questions, ask a leader.



Pack meeting etiquette

In Scouting, we try really hard to teach the boys and everyone else proper behavior in Scouting and in life. One such activity is respect for the United States flag, etc.

During our opening and closing flag ceremonies, those in uniform should salute the flag as it passes by. Those not in uniform should place their right hand over their hearts. It's that simple.

Hats should not be worn inside, and should be removed during the Star Spangled Banner anywhere, unless the person is a part of the color guard and wearing an official hat.

Past collection amounts:

2000: 450 lbs	2004: 1,200 lbs	2009: 1,142 lbs
2001: 1,223 lbs	2005: 1,155 lbs	2010: 772 lbs
2002: 1,255 lbs	2006: 1,126 lbs	2011: 802 lbs*
2003: 1,611 lbs	2007: 354 lbs	
2004: 1,200 lbs	2008: 423 lbs	

The popcorn story

Our Scouts, including the Boy Scouts, sell popcorn as the ONLY fundraising during the year to support the unit. It's good popcorn, but we all know it's pricey.

The pack and troop split the profits 50/50 with the boys. Scouts may then use their profits (aka "reserved funds") to help pay for summer camp or any other Scout thing. Boys with enough reserved funds have also used the money to buy new shirts, pay den dues, etc.



This year, the popcorn sale is from October 25 to November 20. We'll explain more at the next pack meeting.

Scouts have the option to do "Show-n-Deliver." Instead of taking orders and delivering the popcorn at a later date, Scouts can order ahead of time an amount of popcorn they think they will sell, and then sell and deliver it at the same time, saving time and car expenses. It does create a little tougher accounting for the pack, but it is well worth it.

It is suggested boys order about 1/2 of what they think they might sell. Whatever is not sold can be used to supply other Scouts, but we don't want to end up with more popcorn than what we take orders for. So please, order wisely.

What happens to the 50% of the profits reserved for the pack? The pack is then able to buy the advancement badges (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light), arrow points, sports and academic belt loops and pins, raingutter regatta boats, pinewood derby cars, and some supplies, etc. It also pays the registration fees for its leaders. The pack will also pay the cost of the religious emblems for the boys who choose to earn them; right now this is \$8 per boy. (The parents are required to purchase the books.) There will be more information in the next newsletter about the religious emblems program.

None of the money collected when you signed up for Scouting, or rechartered last February, stays within the pack. The bottom line then, is, that families who do not sell popcorn do not earn money for summer camp, nor do they earn money to help the pack financially. And that's all the "hard sell" I will do.

Deb Wolters is our "Popcorn Kernel" this year. That's really a fancy title for her as the pack organizer of popcorn sales, isn't it? She will talk more about the popcorn sales.

If any parent(s) would like to help out with this, please let Deb Wolters or Don Petr know.

Pack photo directory

With everyone's cooperation, I will have an area set up at this pack meeting to take photos of all the boys who are in proper uniforms. That way I can create a new pack photo directory to help everyone get to know who the kids are. **Please do not leave this pack meeting without the photo!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We will also be sending out a new roster, etc., when our information is up-to date.



Communication

Our pack primarily uses the monthly **newsletter and emails** to let parents know what is happening. And please do not hesitate to contact your son's Den Leader, or any other leader, if you have questions or concerns.

Last, but not least

Our pack would be nothing without you, the parents. Whether it is in stepping up to be a Den Leader ([thank you Jose & Ellen Osorio-Cortes](#)), bringing snacks, driving for a field trip, or helping in a den meeting, the success or failure of our pack rests on us all.