

# Pack 585 News

January 28, 2012

Church of the Resurrection

## From the Committee Chair...

This month's newsletter is loaded with important information because February is an important month for Cub Scouts. We have Scout Sunday, re-chartering, Blue and Gold, and camp preparations beginning. Hopefully I have covered about everything you need to know at this point.

Don't forget—if you have questions about what you have read, please contact one of the leaders.

I am writing this on Saturday, after Don told me about how the Pinewood Derby check-in went.

One last thought: if anyone would like to help out the pack as a committee person, please let me know. There really isn't that much work to do -- Scout's honor!

Kathy Petr

February 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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<b>5</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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<b>26</b>	27	28	29			

**February 5 Scout Sunday, 8:30 am Mass (Arrive by 8:10 am)**

February 6 Den meetings  
6:30-8:00 pm (Tigers 6:30-7:30)

February 13 Den meetings  
6:30-8:00 pm (Tigers 6:30-7:30)

**February 26 Blue and Gold Banquet / Pack Meeting 12:30 pm in the Gym**

### February Pack Meeting Duties:

Setup	Den 5 (Bears)
Cleanup	<b>ALL</b>
Flags	Den 4 (2nd Year Webelos)

### Pack Rechartering Is Next Month

Each February, our pack must recharter (re-register) with Boy Scouts of America. This involves work on the leaders part, and money and a decision from the parents. If your son(s) sold popcorn, you can apply the profit to the registration fees.

Each boy must pay \$15 for registration, and the optional Boy's Life is \$12. Kathy Petr will provide popcorn profit to each family.

**We must have all our money and information by the February 6 or 13 den meetings, because everything must be completed and returned to BSA by February 15.**

## Scout Sunday is next week: February 5

Each February, on the first Sunday, we celebrate the birth of Scouting by participating together in the 8:30 am Mass at Resurrection. This takes place next Sunday, February 5. The Girl Scouts in the parish will join with us for this. Many of the Mass liturgical jobs will be done by Scouts or their parents.

Scouts are asked to arrive by 8:10 am and will gather in the church lower level. Scouts will process in shortly before Mass begins and will sit in the far southeast section of pews.

This is always a special occasion for all of us. Especially because the parish will be seeing us as a group, we ask that all Scouts be properly uniformed, including shirts tucked in, neckerchiefs, tie slides, etc.



## Blue and Gold

Our February pack meeting will be on Sunday February 26; it is also our Blue and Gold Banquet. At this time, we will present the rank advancements earned by the boys so far. As we did last year, this will be an afternoon event...we will start at 12:30 pm. Please come early if you can, to help set up. This is a potluck dinner, and each family is asked to bring enough for your family and a little extra based on the following:



Den 4 (2nd Year Webelos): Main Dish and a Dessert

Den 2 (1st Year Webelos): Main Dish and a Side

Den 5 (Bears): Main Dish and a Dessert

Den 3 (Wolves): Main Dish and a Side

Den 1 (Tigers): Main Dish and a Side

Drinks, plates, silverware, cups, napkins, etc. will be provided by the pack. Families with boys in more than one den may bring the second dish from just one of the categories above.

A large food warmer will be available for those who wish to bring their food prior to the 11:00 am Mass. It will be set up in the Gym.

Kids will be asked to go through the food line with their parents. Over the years we have found that this helps a little to prevent running out before everyone has a chance to eat and less food is wasted. Everyone is asked to help clean up! One last request — whatever food you bring, please take home with you. Thank you.

## Friends of Scouting (FOS)



Each year at the Blue and Gold Banquet, we take a few minutes to make a presentation about FOS. Your annual registration fee only covers the national registration fee, which provides liability insurance.

The cost of Scouting for one boy in Quivira Council for just one year is over \$135. United Way, local businesses and foundations, and income from activity fees and popcorn sales account for only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the money necessary to run a quality Scouting program. The other  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the cost of Scouting is paid for by FOS. And that's where we all come in.

We are asking each family to consider donating to FOS. It's tax deductible. And we won't do a "hard sell."

## Advancements

It is the goal of our pack to present the Cub advancements to all boys in grades 1-4 at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. The 2nd Year Webelos will receive the Arrow of Light at the March pack meeting.

Many of the requirements for the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos badges have been completed within the den meetings. Parents, we ask you to take some time to review your son's book to see what yet needs to be done. Encourage and help your son to complete the work. There are just a couple of weeks left to finish the requirements prior to Blue and Gold.



If the advancement is not achieved by Blue and Gold, your son has until June 1 to do so. After June 1, the boys begin working on the next year's badges and may not "go back" to earn badges. If you have questions about any of this, please ask your den leader.

## Proper Uniforming

Having the uniform "correct" is important—it is a very visible sign of unity and respect. This will be very important in February for two very public events... Scout Sunday and the Blue and Gold Banquet. If you have questions about what is correct, first check the Scout books. You can also ask your Scout's leader. Here's a list of some of the important uniform details that should be correct:

- ▶ Quivira Council patch in proper place
- ▶ Pack numerals (585); Kathy Petr has the one-piece patches available
- ▶ Den number strip (Den 1, Den 2, etc) present and in proper place
- ▶ Neckerchief worn **UNDER** the collar
- ▶ Neckerchief slide
- ▶ Badges of rank in proper place
- ▶ Progress Towards Rank (Wolf and Bears) in proper place
- ▶ Webelos Colors in proper place
- ▶ Webelos Compass Emblem in proper place
- ▶ Blue shoulder loops for the Webelos khaki shirt
- ▶ Shirt tucked in

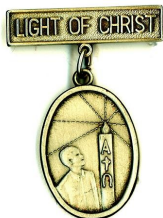
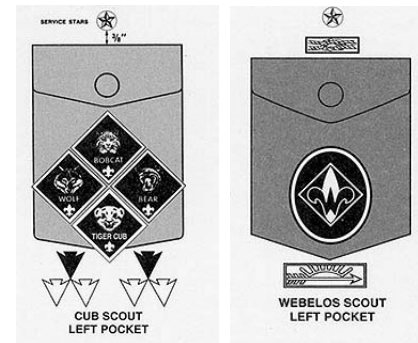


### Right pocket

Webelos Scouts wear the compass points emblem in place of the Progress Towards Ranks badge

### Left pocket

Ranks are worn here



## Religious Emblems

The deadline for turning in applications to Kathy Petr is the first of March. Any boys working on religious emblems for this year should contact Kathy Petr NOW. For the *Light of Christ* and the *Parvuli Dei* emblems, we will need to schedule a time for the boys to visit with Fr. Weldon for mid-March, as he needs to sign each of the boys' applications.



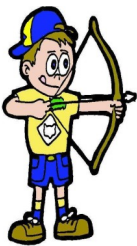
Then on June 10, Bishop Jackels will present the religious emblems to the Scouts at a special 3 pm Mass. Pretty cool!



### Time to Talk About Camping

One very important part of the SCOUTING experience takes place outdoors...and in the summer, that means camping! It's time to begin planning for summer camp. The official camp registrations begin next week—February 1. It sounds early, but some of the camps (Webelos especially) fill up early, so we can't wait too long. These are the available types of camps:

	FWS Date (Fun with Son)	FWS Cost	Webelos Dates	Webelos Cost
Camp Brown	July 14-15	\$35 / youth \$15 / adult	June 7-10 June 14-17 June 21-24	\$85 / youth \$45 / adult
Camp Kanza	June 9-10	\$25 / youth \$25 / adult	June 14-16 June 17-19 June 21-23 June 24-26	\$110/ youth \$75 / adult



#### For this year's Tigers and Wolves: Fun with Son (FWS)

Fun with Son is an overnight campout designed for a Cub Scout and a parent or guardian. They take part in archery, BB guns, handicrafts, and field events. Dinner and breakfast are provided. We check in around 10 on Saturday morning and spend the night, leaving on Sunday morning.

Last year all the dens attended Camp Brown (near Abilene) in Coronado Council. There is also FWS at Camp Kanza (belongs to Quivira Council). Because the price is basically the same at both camps, for this year, it may be preferable to experience Camp Kanza for a change.

Please get together with your den leader to discuss this fun outing. Your registration and fees should be given to your den leaders so we can register the entire group together.

#### For this year's Bears and First Year Webelos: Webelos Camp

Webelos camp is a 3-day, 2-night camp at Camp Kanza OR 4-day, 3-night camp at Camp Brown featuring archery, BB guns, swimming, boating, handicrafts, and field events. Meals are provided. Just like FWS.

While we have not yet chosen which camp to attend, just as last year we are leaning towards Camp Brown due to the cost and the wonderful camp facilities.

(Boy Scout camp on next page.)

### (Camping 2011 continued)

#### **For this year's Second Year Webelos: Boy Scout Camp at QSR**

Boy Scout Camp is a 7-day, 6-night camp where the Scouts can have fun learning Scouting skills needed for advancement and complete several different merit badges. There is everything from archery to swimming, plus campfires and skits. We will go on a weekend campout in April and in May to prepare for it. Cost is \$200 for Scouts, \$100 for adults. The troop is going to Quivira Scout Ranch near Sedan, Kansas, for the week of June 24-30.

#### **Please note:**

If you have a conflict with the dates listed, contact your leader TODAY!

Money is normally due to the Pack (or Troop) the first week of April.

Remember the popcorn sales? Half the profit from the sales is put aside for the boys to use for Scouting things, such as summer camp.

#### **Camperships**

**No boy** should be denied the opportunity to participate in a Scout camping experience due to lack of funds. Quivira Council has available a limited number of camperships to help boys go to camp. There are a number of stringent rules associated with a campership. Among them, all other sources of financial help must be exhausted before applying for camperships. Also, camperships are based on available funds. Deadline is usually March 31 for applications.

If you have a financial situation which would prevent your son from attending camp this summer, please talk to Don Petr, Assistant Cubmaster, about a campership or other sources of funds that are available to our Pack. (It is expected that a boy applying for a campership would have sold popcorn this past year.)

#### **Thanks to Troy Weissbeck**

Our pack was extremely grateful for Troy Weissbeck lending his workshop and time to help Scouts with the Pinewood Derby. The pack leadership has decided to give Troy (and of course his wife) a gift certificate to a restaurant. If you know Troy and run into him, please tell him "THANKS."