



Pack 55 News

April 2011

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES

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CUBMOBILE RALLY!

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH, 5:30 - 7:30PM

YULUPA SCHOOL BLACKTOP - RAIN OR SHINE!

Arrive no later than 5:30pm for check-in, a safety check & den photos. Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase by 5:00pm - \$1.00 per slice / \$1.00 per drink. So check in early! Racing will begin promptly at 5:45pm.

Build or revise your Den Cubmobile well in advance to verify roadworthiness. Customize it as your Den sees fit! Having a pushbar comes highly recommended!

Each Den will "race" as a team, swapping pushers for drivers and helping each other navigate the obstacles and solve the physical challenges and mental puzzles. Everyone will be a winner and awards will be presented at our May Bridging Ceremony.

Bike helmets, long pants and closed-toed shoes for participants (drivers and pushers) are mandatory. Scouts can bring their Class A shirt for their group picture, then use their t-shirt for the races. (some events may be messy!)

This a great event, don't miss out!



CONGRATULATIONS PACK 55!



On earning this years **"Heavy Weight"** award during the 'Scouting for Food' drive in March. This is the second year in a row that Pack 55 has earned the Heavyweight award! Pack 55 collected a grand total of **2,539 pounds of food** during Scouting for Food 2011 - over 600 pounds more than last year. Over 1 ton of food! No other Scout packs or troops collected over 1,000 pounds. The scouts, leaders, and parent volunteers did a tremendous job. With the food that our pack collected, The Redwood Empire Food Bank will be able to provide the food necessary for more than 1,500 meals. The "Heavy Weight" award is presented to the pack or troop that collects the most food poundage during the Scouting for Food drive. The award is an annual award that Pack 55 will hold for one year, and next year we will have the opportunity to defend our title!



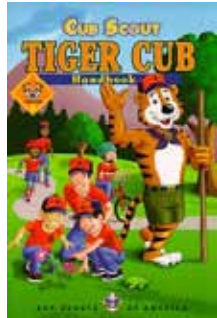
**WAY TO GO
PACK 55!**

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Rank Advancement!

Check your Rank Requirements

TIME TO OPEN UP YOUR SCOUT'S HANDBOOK and review the requirements needed to earn his rank badge. Den Leaders and parents - take a look and make sure your scouts have all of the requirements completed for our bridging ceremony.



All Scouts, whether requirements are met or not, do advance to the next level (Tiger to Wolf, Wolf to Bear etc.) however, scouts can not receive and wear his rank badge without completing its requirements (i.e. Tigers complete their Tiger requirements in order to wear the Tiger badge.) Once a rank badge is earned, it is presented to him a pack meeting and pinned onto the Scouts' uniforms upside down until he has done a good deed. Then the badge can be permanently adhered to the uniform right side up.

Each scout can also earn extra awards for completing electives after his rank requirements are completed: Tiger track beads are earned at the Tiger level; gold and silver arrowpoints are earned at the Wolf and Bear level. Check your handbook for details. Have further questions about advancement? Discuss them with your den leader or visit: <http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/intro.asp>

Pack 55 Bridging Ceremony

Tuesday, May 24, 2011 - 6:00pm

Our annual Bridging/Rank Advancement ceremony will be held on May 24th at Camp Wa Tam in Howarth Park. (see map below). This takes the place of our May pack meeting and a chance for the boys to earn their next rank in scouting! Families, grandparents, all are welcome. The kids also get to enjoy a special "treat" to celebrate their advancement!



CAMP!

Don't forget to be sure to put at least one scout CAMP into your summer plans. Camps put the **OUT** in **scOUTing!** Attending with fellow Pack families is particularly fun. Start talking up the summer at your den meetings!

Family Camp at Camp Navarro
May 27-29 (Saturday-Monday AM) *and*
June 17-19 (Friday-Sunday AM)

Cub Scout Resident Camp / Camp Navarro
June 24-28 (Friday-Tuesday AM)

Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park
July 25-29 (2:30pm-7:30ish)

Webelos Weekend at Camp Noyo
Weekend 1: July 30-31 (Saturday AM-Sunday)

Twilight Camp in Windsor
June 20-24 (2:30pm-7:30ish)

Webelos Weekend at Camp Noyo
Weekend 2: August 6-7 (Saturday AM-Sunday)

PACK OVERNIGHTER!



When: Sat & Sun, May 7-8, 2011
Where: Spring Lake Park - Group Campground
 5585 Newanga Ave. Santa Rosa

Don't miss our May pack campout in Spring Lake Park!. There will be many activities including fishing, hiking, campfire, games and races and maybe earning a few achievements along with it! Scouts who do not wish to spend the night can just come for the day or evening festivities.

Spring Lake is always a fun place to camp out. Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a night out under the stars! On Sunday morning, Pack 55 will be hosting a yummy pancake breakfast to close the festivities.



ATTENTION PACK 55 PARENTS!

We need YOU!

Please consider the following areas to help our Pack Go.

Positions Available:

- Annual and new scout registration organizer
- Popcorn Kernal - Organize & lead popcorn sales
- Pack T-Shirt order coordinator/purchaser
- Recruitment: Make and distribute fliers & posters to schools
- Plus many hands are needed at all our events, including our upcoming campout and cubmobile rally events.

Contact Bonnie if you think you may be able to help out!



BELT LOOP OF THE MONTH



CUB SCOUT SPORTS - BASEBALL

The requirements listed below are taken from the **Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide** (34299B) 2006 Printing. Webelos Scouts that earn the Baseball Belt Loop while a Webelos Scout also satisfy part of requirement 4 for the Sportsman Activity Badge.

BASEBALL BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Explain the rules of baseball to your leader or adult partner.
- Spend at least 30 minutes practicing baseball skills.
- Participate in a baseball game.

BASEBALL PIN

Earn the Baseball belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

- Participate in a pack or community baseball tournament.
- Demonstrate skill in two of the following throwing techniques: overhand, sidearm, underhand, and the relay throw.
- Demonstrate skill in two of the following catching techniques: fielding a ground ball, fielding a pop-up, catching a line drive.
- Demonstrate correct pitching techniques.
- Demonstrate correct hitting techniques, including bunting.
- Explain the rules of base running. Explain base coaching signals.
- Demonstrate skill in the following sliding techniques: the straight-in slide, the hook slide, and the headfirst slide.
- Play five games of baseball using standard baseball rules.
- Draw a baseball field to scale or set one up for play.
- Attend a high school, college, or professional baseball game.
- Read a book about a baseball player and give a report about him or her to your den or family.

**Don't Forget to
Sign up for
Summer Camps!**

PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

CALENDAR (Updated Monthly)

DEN

DEN LEADERS

APRIL

- 15 Cubmobile Rally
- 26 Committee meeting, Strawberry library, 6:45pm

MAY

- 5 District Roundtable
- 6-8 Webelos Camporee
- 7 Pack Overnighter - Spring Lake
- 24 Rank Advancement Ceremony - Camp Wa Tam
- 28 Memorial Day Flag Service Project
- 27-29 Family Camp at Camp Navarro

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DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY

Be there to cheer our scouts on in the District Pinwood Derby at Coddington Center! A fun day for all, check out all the amazing cars and watch them race!

Saturday May 14th - Coddington Mall
11:30am - 2:30pm - Be There!

2011 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS & CAMP DATES

- April 15 Cubmobile Rally
- May 6-8 Webelos Camporee
- May 7 Pack Overnighter - Spring Lake
- May 24 Rank Advancement - Camp Wa Tam
- May 28 Memorial Day Flag Service Project
- May 27-29 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 17-19 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 20-24 Twilight Camp in Windsor
- June 24-28 Cub Scout Resident Camp
- July 16 Pack 55 Swim night at Ridgeway 6:30-8:30
- July 25-29 Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park
- July 30-31 Webelos Weekend (#1) at Camp Noyo
- August 6 -7 Webelos Weekend (#2) at Camp Noyo

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