

HAPPY NEW YEAR PACK 55!

# Pack 55 News

January 2012

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES



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## PINEWOOD DERBY 2012!



**GET READY TO START YOUR ENGINES AT THIS FUN EVENT!**

### It's Pinewood Derby Time!

Time to race your custom-built car in the Strawberry MPR!

Scouts should have received their Pinewood kits and should be working on their cars. This is a fun family project!

Please read the rules before building your car - the official rules and guidelines are posted on the Pack 55 web site ([www.pack-55.com](http://www.pack-55.com)). For building ideas, hints and tips, search on-line. Pinewood derby information ABOUND! If you have an unused kit from a previous year, please use it or return it for others to use.

Remember, parents and siblings can build a car and race too! Additional kits can be purchased at the scout store.

**Registration: Friday, February 9th  
6:00pm-7:30pm -Strawberry MPR**

All racers must register their car the night before the big race. Come in uniform and get your picture taken with your car!

**Race Day: Saturday, February 10th  
9:00am-12:00 Noon - Strawberry MPR**

Remember to come in uniform!

Come have fun on race day! In addition to the excitement of the races, there will be refreshments and a craft table for siblings. Families, friends, grandparents all welcome!

## PINEWOOD DERBY WORKSHOP!

**When: Saturday, January 22**

**1:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Strawberry School Picnic Benches**

Need some help and assistance with your Pinewood Derby Car? Come to our workshop for help, hints and tricks of the trade! Wear old clothes and come ready with a design in mind and ready to build your car. Please bring: your pinewood car, some sandpaper and glue. Any questions, please call cubmaster Robert 543-8121.

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# 2012 BLUE & GOLD DINNER!

An evening to celebrate the birthday of Scouting in the USA!

- > **Friday, February 24th**
- > **6pm-7:30pm**
- > **Strawberry MPR**
- > **MPR open at 5:30 for set-up**
- > **Dinner Tickets - \$8.00 per person**
- > **RSVP by February 20th**

Pack families, relatives and friends are welcome to attend. Please RSVP your headcount and purchase tickets through your den leader by no later than February 20th.

All you can eat Pasta menu with pasta marinara and pesto, meatballs, garlic bread, salad and drinks. Dens provide their own decorated cakes for dessert.

**Don't miss out on this great annual event!**



Our annual Blue and Gold Dinner will upon us soon and it's never too soon to start your Den's preparations. This year's theme is **Scouts & Sports** - all those great sports every scout loves and more! Each Den will pick an sport to represent and decorate their tables accordingly, and create a magnificent cake for our annual cake contest!

## Dens - Get ready for the fun!

- Pick a sport & learn a few things about it.
- Decorate your table to represent your sport.
- Decorate a cake for our annual cake contest.
- Come up with a fun cheer!

# CAMP!

If you are one to start your summer plans early, 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! Check back for the official dates or visit [www.redwoodbsa.org](http://www.redwoodbsa.org)

### Family Camp at Camp Navarro

May 26-28 (Saturday-Monday AM) *and*  
June 8-10 (Friday-Sunday AM)

### Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Navarro

June 26-26 (Friday-Tuesday AM)

### Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park or Windsor

July Dates TBA (2:30pm-7:30ish)

### Webelos Weekend at Camp Noyo

Weekend 1: July Dates TBA (Saturday AM-Sunday)

### Pack 55 Campout at Spring Lake

Saturday May 12-Sun May 13, 2012  
12-Noon to 12-Noon

### Webelos Weekend at Camp Noyo

Weekend 2: Aug. Dates TBA (Saturday AM-Sunday)

# FAIR SHARE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Scouting continues to grow and thrive within our council for many reasons, not the least of which is funding. The Redwood Empire Council serves the following Northern Coastal California counties: Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte.

The Friends of Scouting campaign, now called "Fair Share" is an extensive annual campaign conducted annually among the parents of Scouts and volunteer leaders. It raises dollars to support the Redwood Empire Council budget. Friends of Scouting accounts for 38% of the income for the council and is used to support programs, training, facilities, camps, staff, communications and much more.

Each year the Redwood Empire Council spends over \$150 per registered youth member, above and beyond national registration fee and local unit expenses, to maintain the needed support for the Scouting program to be offered to the community.

We will be asking for donations at our Blue & Gold Dinner in February and we urge each Pack 55 family to donate what they can in order to keep scouting going strong in our community.



## BELT LOOP OF THE MONTH

### CUB SCOUT ACADEMICS: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

#### WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BELT LOOP

##### Complete these three requirements:

- Explain what natural resources are and why it's important to protect and conserve them.
- Make a poster that shows and explains the food chain. Describe to your den what happens if the food chain becomes broken or damaged.
- Learn about an endangered species. Make a report to your den that includes a picture, how the species came to be endangered, and what is being done to save it.

#### WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PIN

##### Earn the Wildlife Conservation belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

- Visit a wildlife sanctuary, nature center, or fish hatchery.
- Collect and read five newspaper or magazine articles that discuss conservation of wildlife and report to your family or den what you learn.
- Learn about five animals that use camouflage to protect themselves.
- Make a birdbath and keep a record for one week of the different birds that visit it.
- Make a collage of animals that are in the same class: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals.
- Make a plaster cast of an animal track. Show it to your den.
- Visit with a person who works in wildlife conservation, such as a park ranger, biologist, range manager, geologist, horticulturist, zookeeper, fishery technician, or conservation officer.
- Visit a state park or national park.
- Participate in an environmental service project that helps maintain habitat for wildlife, such as cleaning up an area or planting trees.

# PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

## CALENDAR (Updated Monthly)

### JANUARY

- 4 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm
- 6 District Roundtable
- 10 Pack Meeting, Strawberry MPR, 6:30pm
- 22 Pinewood Derby Workshop, 1-3pm, Strawberry School
- 31 Awards Deadline for February Pack Meeting

### FEBRUARY

- 7 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm
- 9 District Roundtable
- 9 Pinewood Derby Check-In 6-7:30pm
- 10 Pinewood Derby 9am-12pm
- 20 RSVP Deadline for the Blue & Gold Dinner
- 24 Blue & Gold Dinner
- 28 Awards deadline for March pack meeting

### MARCH

- 5 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm
- 7 District Roundtable
- 13 Pack Meeting, Strawberry MPR, 6:30pm
- 24 Scouting for Food Bag drop-off
- 27 Awards deadline for April pack meeting
- 31 Scouting for Food Bag pick-up

### APRIL

- 3 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm
- 4 District Roundtable
- 10 Pack Meeting, Strawberry MPR, 6:30pm
- 13 Cubmobile Rally
- 30 Awards deadline for May Pack Meeting

## 2011-2012 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

*Save these dates!*

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|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| February 9-10 | Pinewood Derby!   Strawberry MPR    |
| February 24   | Blue & Gold Dinner   Strawberry MPR |
| March 24-31   | Scouting for Food                   |
| April 13      | Cubmobile Rally                     |
| May 12-13     | Pack Spring Campout   Spring Lake   |
| May 18-20     | Webelos Camporee                    |
| May 26        | Memorial Day Flag Service Project   |
| May 26-28     | Family Camp at Camp Navarro         |
| June 8-10     | Family Camp at Camp Navarro         |
| June 22-26    | Cub Scout Resident Camp             |

## DEN

## DEN LEADERS

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