

# Pack 55 News

March 2011

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES

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## CUBMOBILE RALLY!



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

YULUPA SCHOOL BLACKTOP

Arrive at 5:30pm for check-in, a safety check & den photos. Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase: \$1.00 per slice / \$1.00 per drink.

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.

Contact Nancy Smith (therunninSmith at gmail.com) to volunteer! A lot of help will be needed for this fun event: running or assisting with a station, helping with refreshments, check-in, safety checks, set-up or take down.



## CREEK CLEANUP SERVICE PROJECT!

This continues to be a Pack 55 favorite! Families are more than welcome to come.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 9-10AM

MEET AT THE STRAWBERRY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Santa Rosa's Creek Stewardship program will provide the gloves, trash bags and picker-uppers.

Attire: Pack 55 (Class B) T-shirt if you have one or your Scout uniform (without neckerchief); rainboots if you want to walk in the creek; some like long sleeves due to branches etc. Contact Dave Willis for details: davewillis777 at yahoo.com.

PARTICIPATION QUALIFIES FOR ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEAVE NO TRACE BADGE.



# THE CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

*Is your Leader / Scout uniform correct and complete?*

*Wearing uniforms* has been a method of the Scouting movement from the beginning. Decades of experience show uniforming to have many benefits, including these:

- **Equality.** The uniform represents a democratic ideal of equality. Boys from various cultures and different economic levels wear the same uniform and cooperate as equals.
- **Identification.** The uniform identifies a boy as a member of the Cub Scouts. Badges on the uniform tell other members that he belongs to their den, pack, and council. The uniform itself identifies a good citizen to the entire community.
- **Achievement.** The uniform displays badges and other awards so the accomplishments of each Cub Scout can be immediately recognized.
- **Commitment.** Wearing a uniform is a constant reminder to each Cub Scout of his commitment to the ideals and purposes of Cub Scouting: duty to God, loyalty to country, and helpfulness to others.

For these reasons, among others, all parents should emphasize to their Scouts the importance of wearing the correct and complete uniform on all suitable occasions and leaders should lead by example and wear their uniform correct and complete as well. Perform a uniform inspection on your uniform. Does it display all of the standard insignia? Set a goal to have your uniform complete by our April Pack Meeting.

For correct placement, refer to the Scout handbook, Leader handbook or go to: <http://www.scoutstuff.org/BSASupply/images/pdfs/34282.pdf> or Google "official placement of insignia. Insignia is available at the Santa Rosa Scout Store. Our 2010 Quality Unit Award and 40 year Unit Veteran Bar emblems will be distributed to you soon!

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## Basic Uniform Guidelines

### All Scouts and Leaders:

- Redwood Empire Council emblem: directly below the left sleeve shoulder seam.
- Purple world crest: centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and top of the pocket.
- Pack 55 numerals—directly below and touching the 40 year unit veteran bar
- Den numeral or Webelos patrol patch: centered immediately below and touching the U.S. flag on the right uniform sleeve.
- 2010 Quality Unit Award: centered on the right sleeve 4 inches below the shoulder seam.
- 40-year Veteran Unit Bar emblem: worn directly below the council patch, above and touching the Pack 55 numerals.

### Leaders only:

- Trained emblem: below the badge of office on the left sleeve
- Badge of Office (den leader, cub master etc.): centered directly below and touch the pack numeral on the left sleeve.



## Best Wishes Cubmaster Blair!

As our Cubmaster, Brad Blair, moves on with his son Peyton to Boy Scouts, we want to wish him all the best and a big **THANK YOU** for all of his time and efforts on behalf of Pack 55. In addition to his den and pack leadership, Brad has put in countless hours building Pinewood Derby tracks and our bridging ceremony bridge,

planning and executing meetings, activities and events, and being a great role model for our boys, not to mention entertaining us at Pack Meetings!

**Thank you Brad, we'll miss you!**

# ARROW OF LIGHT AWARDS 2011



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR **WEBELOS II SCOUTS** otherwise known as the "Killer Rabbits" who have earned the highest award in Cub Scouting—the Arrow of Light Award. We wish them well as they are bridging to Boy Scouts. Congratulations to Jace Filippetti who earned his Bobcat Badge and moves on to Boy Scouts with the rest of the Killer Rabbits. Thank you to their leaders during their Cub Scouting experience: Brad Blair and Joelle Rapalo.

WILL ANDERSON	PEYTON BLAIR
BRIAN DAY	JASON DONICA
JARED GULLICKSON	ZACHARY HEJL
ROMAN MONTS	MARCUS NAVARRA
PAUL RAPALO	ALFRED ROWAN



AS WE BID ADIEU TO our Webelos, we bid adieu to many active Pack parents. Parents certainly make the pack go. We have the following needs: **Pack 55 T-shirt and Uniform Bank Coordinator, Pack 55 Recruitment and**

**Registration** (a role for 1 person or for 2 to share.) A step by step guide has been developed for each of these roles. Ask Bonnie or check them out on our website. We need someone to step up and step forward by APRIL 2011 to **create & distribute our spring recruitment fliers at Yulupa**. Enjoy creating fliers? Exciting about Scouting. Please inquire!

**Cubmobile Rally** and our **Spring Campout** are coming up, too. Stay tuned for details on these volunteer opportunities.



## BELT LOOP OF THE MONTH



### CUB SCOUT ACADEMICS - PET CARE

#### PET CARE BELT LOOP

##### Complete these three requirements:

- Care for your pet for two weeks. Make a list of the tasks that you did to take care of your pet.
- Read a book, explore the Internet (with your parent's or adult partner's permission), or acquire a pamphlet about your pet. List three new interesting facts that you learned about your pet.
- Make a poster about your pet. Share your poster with your den, pack, or family.

#### PET CARE PIN

##### Earn the Pet Care belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

- With an adult, develop a plan for someone to care for your pet if you were to be away for one week.
- Train your pet to do a trick or follow a simple command.
- Describe how your pet communicates with you and other animals.
- Observe or play with your pet for 15 minutes each day for one week. Keep a chart that shows your pet's mood on each day.
- Make a drawing of the cage or bed your pet requires. Describe the important parts of it.
- Visit an animal shelter. Explain the reasons why pets are in the animal shelter to your den or family.
- Visit a pet store. Make a list of the different animals in the store and the kinds of foods they eat.
- Talk to a veterinarian about his or her career. Share what you learned with your den or family.
- Tell three ways that animals can help people.
- Do a service project for an animal shelter, exercise an elderly person's pet, or help a friend with the care of his or her pet.
- Find out about the pets of U.S. presidents while they lived at the White House. Tell your den about one president and his pet(s).

# PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

## CALENDAR (Updated Monthly)

### MARCH

- 15 Pack Meeting, Strawberry MPR, 6:30pm
- 29 Committee meeting, Strawberry library, 6:45pm

### APRIL

- 7 District Roundtable
- 9 Creek Cleanup - Strawberry Creek 9-10am
- 9-10 Popcorn Show & Sell - Bennett Valley Starbucks
- 12 Pack Meeting, Strawberry MPR, 6:30pm
- 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

## DEN

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## 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

