



Pack 55 News

May 2009

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES



BENNETT VALLEY PACK 55 - WWW.PACK55.ORG

MEMORIAL WEEKEND: SERVICE PROJECT

Flag Placement on our Veterans' Graves

**Saturday, May 23rd, 9AM
Santa Rosa Memorial Park
1900 Franklin Avenue**



Scouts and Den Leaders: Please wear your official Scout/Leader uniform. Siblings/Parents welcome. Following, the park will provide our Scouts refreshments.

"Your help is so appreciated. Thanks for your support in this special event. I hope the kids can learn from the experience."

—Jan from Santa Rosa Memorial Park

SPRING RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE

We need to recruit 12 new scouts to earn the Pack recruitment incentive and we are only 4 scouts away from meeting that goal! The Pack incentive is half price off Family Camp Registration(\$17.50 value) for each Scout in the pack (with a paid adult Family Camp registration.)

***Does your Scout have a friend interested in Scouts?
Now is a great time to join!***

New Scouts will receive a discount towards all the things they need to get started in Scouting. The Den recruitment incentive has been met by our new tiger scouts--Each new tiger scout will receive a scout handbook.



CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD

Summertime is a
GREAT TIME
to start on this
award!



TIGER CUBS, WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS, AND

WEBELOS SCOUTS have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boy will receive the pocket flap award, which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap. Leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year.

REQUIREMENTS

All Ranks

Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp.

RANK-SPECIFIC

Tiger Cubs

Complete one requirement in Achievement 5, "Let's Go Outdoors" (Tiger Cub Handbook) and complete three of the outdoor activities listed to the right.

Wolf Cub Scouts

Assemble the "Six Essentials for Going Outdoors" (Wolf Handbook, Elective 23b) and discuss their purpose, and complete four of the outdoor activities listed to the right.

Bear Cub Scouts

Earn the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Award (Bear Handbook, Elective 25h) and complete five of the outdoor activities listed to the right.

Webelos Scouts

Earn the Outdoorsman Activity Badge (Webelos Handbook) and complete six of the outdoor activities listed to the right.

WITH YOUR DEN, PACK, OR FAMILY:

1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.
2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.
3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.
4. Attend a pack overnighter. Be responsible by being prepared for the event.
5. Complete an outdoor service project in your community.
6. Complete a nature/conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.
7. Earn the Summertime Pack Award.
8. Participate in a nature observation activity. Describe or illustrate and display your observations at a den or pack meeting.
9. Participate in an outdoor aquatic activity. This can be an organized swim meet or just a den or pack swim.
10. Participate in an outdoor campfire program. Perform in a skit, sing a song, or take part in a ceremony.
11. Participate in an outdoor sporting event.
12. Participate in an outdoor Scout's Own or other worship service.
13. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules.

The award requirements are detailed in the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award brochure, No. 13-228.



ATTENTION PACK 55 PARENTS!

We need YOU!

Please consider the following areas for the next program year: September 2009- August 2010. WE NEED YOUR HELP! This year's event coordinators bridged to Boy Scouts with their sons and we will be losing Steve next February as he bridges to Boy Scouts with his son. You will be given training and support!

Positions Available:

- **Awards Chair**
- **Treasurer**
- **Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster**
(starting February 2010)
- **Space Derby Chair—October 2009**
- **Pinewood Derby Chair-January 2009**
- **Cubmobile Rally Chair—May 2010**
- **Scout Day at Giants or A's—Spring 2010**
(Pack Coordinator)
- **Human Race-May 2010 (Pack Coordinator)**

**Pack 55 Web Site is
located at: www.pack-55.org
AND www.pack-55.com**

NATIONAL SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD



Attend one activity each month over the summer and earn the National Summertime Activity Award. Two activities are offered each month to choose from, only one each month is required.

June

June 13-14: San Francisco Zoo Overnighter

June 26-28: Family Camp at Camp Navarro

July

July 12: Pack Swim night at Ridgeway, 6:30-8:30pm; **SAVE THIS DATE AND COME!!!!** We will have the place to ourselves...including the waterslides!!! Pack 55 Cub Scout families attend free of charge, thanks to our escrip families! Scouts may bring a friend(s)--\$3/person; \$5/family. Boys who join scouts that night are free, too. Bring your own food and drinks. If you plan on sliding down the slide, avoid wearing swim trunks with metal rivets.

July 27-31: Santa Rosa Twilight Camp

August

August 9th: Family Bowling Night at Double Decker Lanes; Come with your family or on your own. We will combine with other pack families to split the cost of the lanes. Here's the deal: \$39 PER LANE (no limit on number of persons playing) = 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, 12"pepperoni pizza, pitcher of soda. Additional pizza and soda = \$10 extra.

August 21: Our famous Water Bottle Rocket Blast-Off! Mesquite Park, 5:30pm.

PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

CAMP DATES

Give Your Scout a Camp Experience This Summer... Boys Love Camp!

JUNE 20-21, AUGUST 1-2 OR AUGUST 8-9: Webelos Weekends at Camp Noyo--Webelos Dens - pick a weekend to attend "together." Ride the skunk train, cross the 'Indiana Jones' bridge, paddle down a river, and more. \$100 covers registration for both parent and scout, meals, activities and the Skunk Train ride to camp.

JUNE 26-28: Family Camp at Camp Navarro. Bring the whole family or make this a one-on-one weekend with our scout. Extended family welcome, too. Lodging options are available. Meals and activities included for \$35/person (5-and-under are free.)

NOTE: We are close to meeting our pack Spring recruitment incentive. If we reach it, ALL Pack 55 Scouts can attend family camp for 1/2 price with a full price adult registration.

JUNE 28-JULY 2: Cub Scout/Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Navarro—Boys LOVE resident camp! Numerous rank requirements are covered while many, many lifelong memories are made. Scouts attend with a parent or an adult partner. Cub Scout Fee: \$150; Adult Partner Fee: \$60 One adult can partner with up to 2 Cub Scouts or 3 Webelos Scouts.

JULY 27-AUGUST 2ND: Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park-- 3:00-7:40pm. \$80 by May 30th, \$85 by June 30th (if space permits.) This is a "don't miss" in-town camp! Scouts come from all across Sonoma County to attend - register early before it fills up!

OCTOBER 2-4: Webelos Woods at Camp Navarro

Visit the camp page at www.redwoodbsa.org for more information about each camp - view and print registration forms.



DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY

The results are in and Pack 55 Scouts took home **FOUR** great awards! Congratulations!

- Third place race, Tigers - Christopher Soos
- Third place show, Bears - Alfred Rowan
- First place show, Bears - Jared Gullickson
- First place show, Webelos - Craig Lowry

DEN

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