PACK 142
CUBMASTER NEWS
October, 2016

Hello,

I hope this message finds you well! The last month has been busy for Pack 142… Thank you to all those who have attended our activities in the last month. Those have included, but are not limited to:

- **September Pack Meeting** – those who attended participated in some fun activities and a campfire with marshmallows!
- **Littleton Back to School nig**ht – Pack 142 presented flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance
- **Apple Picking and Hay Ride @ Stony Hill Farms** – We had more than 50 people attend. We had a great time picking apples and finding our way through the corn maze!
- **Popcorn Show and Sells** – Those who attended have helped us raise $2,185.58. Thank you for all of your support!
- **Lion Den Meetings** – Pack 142 was accepted by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) National Lion Pilot Program and held its first two Lion den meetings!
- **Fall Camping Trip** – More than 60 people attended our Fall camping trip at the Great Divide Campground! Those who attended had a great time!
- **First Responder** – Our Webelo den and AOL den attended a first responder course with Troop 72!
- **Committee Meeting** – Members of our committee and leaders met to plan upcoming events for our pack.
- **Den Meetings** – Each den held at least one den meeting to work towards requirements for their level.

There are a few important upcoming events that I want to make you aware of:

Fall Bobcat Requirement Meeting – October 20, 2016

We will be holding a special Bobcat requirement event for new members of our Wolf, Bear, Webelo and AOL dens in the Littleton School gym on Thursday, October 20, 2016 between 7:00PM and 8:00PM. New scouts in these dens should make every effort to attend this very important meeting so that they are able to obtain the Bobcat badge.

Members of our Lion and Tiger dens are completing their requirements as part of their den meetings and do not need to attend this meeting.

October Pack Meeting – October 27, 2016

Our October pack meeting will be held at the Glacier Hills Association – 7 Forum Court, Morris Plains on Thursday, October 27 between 7:00PM and 8:30PM. Our October pack meeting has a Halloween theme! We have many exciting Halloween activities planned and hope that you can join us! If possible, scouts and their youth guests should come in their Halloween costume!

At our October pack meeting, we are accepting donations to for two important causes:

Used Halloween Costume Donation

Pack 142 is helping Family Promise & Deirdre's House in Morristown to collect pre-loved Halloween costumes that are in good condition. Costumes that we collect will be donated to families in our community that are unable to provide their children with a Halloween costume.

Interfaith Food Pantry Thanksgiving Basket Program

Thank you for your donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry over the summer! Pack 142 donated 53 pounds of food to families in need. This month, we are helping the Interfaith Food Pantry with their annual Thanksgiving Basket program! They will be providing 1,600 Thanksgiving dinners to families in need and have asked if we can help them again. The list of needs that they have provided is as follows:

- Turkey, turkey breast, ham or large chicken
- Stuffing
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Turkey gravy
- Yams - canned & fresh
- Pasta - regular dry
- Canned vegetables (low-salt if possible)
- Regular and hearty soups (low-salt if possible)
- Regular tea bags and coffee
- Parmalat or powered milk, evaporated milk, and soy or almond
- Apple, cranberry, orange, grape or any other 100% juice
- Nuts, mini-marshmallows, pickles, or salad dressing
- Brownie or cake mix and icing
- Canned fruit
- Canned pumpkin

Please bring any items that your family is able to donate to the October Pack meeting. We will have a collection box available. Thank you for all your support!

Fall Hike – November 6, 2016

We invite all pack members and interested guests to attend our fall hike on Sunday, November 6 between 1:00PM and 3:30PM at Wildcat Ridge Hawkwatch! This is a great place to see migrating hawks in the spring and fall as they ride the thermals along the ridge top. The breathtaking view of the Highlands is well worth the walk to the lookout even when the hawks are not moving. The Hawkwatch provides a spectacular vista of the forest and valleys of the Highlands. On a clear day the New York City skyline is visible from this overlook high on the edge of the ridge.

To view all of our upcoming events and den meetings, please visit our website www.pack142.net or TroopTrack. It is important you indicate your attendance to each event by using TroopTrack. If you have forgotten your TroopTrack login or are not sure how to login and RSVP, please email info@pack142.net to let us know and we will help!

Important Notices

Popcorn Orders due at October 27 Pack Meeting

This is a reminder that all popcorn forms and money is due at our October pack meeting! Thank you for all your help and support so far! Those who helped at our show and sell events helped us raise $2,185.58. If you have any questions regarding popcorn, please email popcorn@pack142.net.

This year, in addition to "Show and Sell" events and "take-orders" (in-person sales), we are providing families with the ability to sell popcorn online! Orders can be delivered anywhere in the United States and your scout will receive credit for the sale!

We provided popcorn take-order forms at our September pack meeting and sent an email to families with details on online ordering on October 1, 2016. If you did not receive a "take-order" form or details on how your child can sell online, please email popcorn@pack142.net and we will provide you with the information you need.

Our Pack 142 Popcorn Kernel this year is Yohanny Nguyen. Yohanny and her family have worked very hard to support our Pack in many ways over the last few years, I am grateful for all the work that they have put into planning this year's Popcorn fundraising events!

Annual Pack Dues

Our annual dues are $130 and are payable in September of each year (fees are pro-rated for members that join throughout the year). **If you are yet to submit your dues for this year, please do so at our October 27 pack meeting.** Pack 142 is a not-for-profit pack and all dues go towards materials that we use to run our programs. There are occasions where there are additional fees to attend certain activities. This is only when the pack is charged a fee, such as admittance to a zoo, bowling, roller skating, etc. If there is an additional fee involved, we always make that clear during event registration so families know what to expect.

Every Scout should be given an opportunity to take part in Scouting. This Family Assistance Program has been established so that Scout families will find Scouting within reach. If your family needs financial assistance, please email info@pack142.net or phone me on 973-437-6163.

Lion Program

Pack 142 is a proud participant of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) National Lion Pilot program that has been designed for Kindergarten boys!

If you know of any families that may be interested in this program, please have hem visit www.pack142.net/lion or email info@pack142.net for more information.

Recruiting

We are looking forward to welcoming some new families and visitors that are interested in finding out more about Pack 142 to any of our events. You are welcome to invite any friends and families with boys that are Cub Scout age (grades K-5). Please be sure to RSVP to let us know you are coming and how many guests to expect.

If one or more friends of your Cub Scout join our pack, your Cub Scout and all new friends that they recruit will receive a "My Best Friend is a Scout" patch. Your Cub Scout will also be presented with a "Recruiter" patch.

Important: To ensure your scout obtains their recruiter patch, visit www.pack142.net/info and complete the Recruiting Badge Form that is located under October, 2016. The form can be submitted at our October 2016 pack meeting or it can be scanned and emailed to info@pack142.net.

Social Media

Pack 142 is on Facebook and ShutterFly and would love to have you connect with us! Please use the following links to access our accounts and to connect with us:
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/CubPack142
ShutterFly: https://pack142parsippany.shutterfly.com/

TroopTrack

Pack 142 use a system called "TroopTrack" to provide scouts and parents with the following and much more:

- A way to receive information from Pack 142 and communicate with pack leaders and members.
- Easy access to advancement information.
- A central place to view and manage upcoming events and registration.
- A way to view financial information and add money to an online account.

If you are not sure how to access TroopTrack or have forgotten your TroopTrack login, please email info@pack142.net to let us know!

To ensure you receive email from Pack 142, please ensure you add the following email addresses/domains to your allowed SPAM/safe list:

- list-server@trooptrack.com
- trooptrack.com
- info@pack142.net
- pack142.net

Pack 142 Calendar

Our Calendar of events is available via TroopTrack: https://pack142.trooptrack.com/plan or by visiting www.pack142.net/calendar.

Please ensure you use TroopTrack to RSVP to all events so that we are able to ensure there are enough materials for all participants.

We have many exciting events planned this year and I am looking forward to working with you and our community to provide a great cub scouting program for kids in our community!

Parent Volunteers

We are always looking for parent volunteers! Please let me know if you are able to dedicate a small amount of your time to help organize any of our upcoming events or community service projects!

Please join leaders and our pack committee members at our monthly committee meeting! This is where we work together to plan upcoming pack activities and events. We invite all parents, committee members and leaders to participate in these very important meetings! Our committee meeting schedule can be viewed by visiting www.pack142.net or TroopTrack.

Cubmaster and Committee Chair Vacation

For those who don't know, my wife, Stephanie is our Committee Chair. Stephanie and I will be on vacation from Monday, October 17 through Saturday, October 23. All emails that are sent to info@pack142.net will be forwarded to our committee members during our absence, but it is possible you will receive a delayed response. All calls to 973-437-6163 will be forwarded to voicemail and returned shortly after our vacation. Thank you for your understanding!

If you have any questions regarding Pack 142 or our programs, please be sure to email info@pack142.net or phone me on 973-437-6163. Thank you for being part of Pack 142!

Yours in scouting,

Troy Adams
Cubmaster – Pack 142