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Cub Scout News

CUB SCOUT PACK 791 – CELEBRATING 52 YEARS IN SCOUTING

Blue & Gold 2007

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WELCOME

Welcome to our special guests **Bill Blonkowski** (Carroll District Chairman), **Mike Endres** (Carroll District Commissioner), **Christopher Castillo** (Camp Oest Program Director), **Sarge and his Robotics helpers** (Carroll Community College), and the **representatives from Troops 735, 718, 665, and 380.**

At this year's Blue and Gold Dinner Pack 791 is celebrating the accomplishments of our 31 active scouts. During this ceremony, five of our scouts will be crossing over into Boy Scouts. These scouts have reached the end of their adventures along the Cub Scout trail. After today, they will embark upon the Boy Scout trail. Den Leaders, moms, and dads have worked with them these past years to prepare them to meet this new adventure with the skills and knowledge needed to follow this new trail with confidence.

Congratulations to the following Scouts:

Jack Bitzel has been accepted into **Troop 735** by Steve Huemmer (Scoutmaster) and Alex Bitzel (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader).

Bryan Burrows has been accepted into **Troop 718** by Wesley Cantwell (Assistant Scoutmaster) and Steven Carney (Junior Assistant Scoutmaster).

Sean Floto and Blaine O'Brien have been accepted into **Troop 665** by Ed Fox (Scoutmaster) and Tommy Mazzone (Senior Patrol Leader).

David Ruby has been accepted into **Troop 380** by John Jarkowiec (Scoutmaster) and Brad Maness (Quartermaster).

The Scout Mother

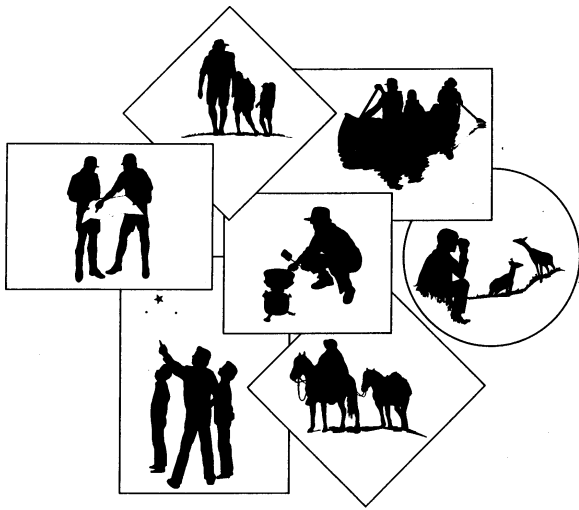
Where has my little baby gone?"
The Cub Scout's Mother asked,
"He went by here awhile ago.
Did you not see him pass?"

He'd gone to be a Tiger Cub
And then a Wolf was he.
He learned to carve the pinewood car,
And sing the songs with glee.

And after that he was a Bear,
And then a Webelos Scout.
He learned the Boy Scout Oath and Law,
And fun in full amount.

Crossed over to be a Boy Scout,
And shown what kindness meant.
His best is what he'd have to be,
Everywhere he went.

-F. Darnall Daley, Jr.



MARK THIS DATE

Wednesday,
February 28, 2007
Pack 791 Committee

Meeting at 7:00 at North Carroll Library. We request leaders attend and encourage parents to attend. This meeting is where pack planning occurs, including policy, trips, fundraisers, etc. Pack 791 is always looking for new ideas. For more information see Will Meyers, Kristine Maenner, Paul D'Agati, or Gary Floto.

March 3, 10, 31, 2007 **Webelos Aquanaut Activity Pin 3:30-5:30** **McDaniel College** Most Webelos will complete Aquanaut requirements in one session. The cost is \$3/scout per session. Scouts must be prepaid and pre-registered by February 16. For more info, call Hank Reinhardt at 410-876-2937.

Sunday, March 4, 2007 **Baltimore Archdiocese Annual Scout Mass** This will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary at 2:00pm. The main celebrant will be Cardinal Keeler. Special patches are available for \$3 and must be preordered, flyers with the order forms will be available at roundtable. For more info, see Paula Smith or contact Marilyn Potter at 410-795-7508.

Sunday, March 4, 2007 **Harlem Globetrotters** Scouts will receive a special ticket price of \$11.50 and \$13.50 for the 1:00

game, \$13.50 for the 6:00 game. The ticket price includes admission to the Globetrotter University which is held one and a half hours before the game time. Special patches are also included in the ticket price.

Saturday, March 11, 2007 **Tiger Fun Day at Gamber Hall, 12-4:00** This event is open to all Tiger Cubs and their friends or siblings at a cost of \$4/each. There will be about 12 stations to challenge their skills while having fun. Info will be mailed to all registered Tiger Cubs at the end of January. There is also a need for adult and Boy Scout volunteers, please call Theresa Swain 410-795-7687 for more info.

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 **District Roundtable** This is our local connection to Baltimore Area Council, you can also learn about district activities and exchange ideas with other packs. Roundtable is held at Carroll County Agricultural Center at 7pm.

Saturday, March 24, 2007 **Gettysburg Hike** There is more information about this activity in this newsletter.

Saturday, April 14, 2007 **District Pinewood Derby** This will be held at the National Guard Armory in Westminster. More details will follow as they become available. For more info, contact Brian Betz at manymice@gmail.com or Scott Buckley at sbuckley93@msn.com.

Saturday, April 21, 2007 **Pack Skate** This will be held at Magic Elm Skating Rink in Hanover, PA from 4-7. This is a joint event with Pack 790. The cost is \$10/family. Scouts have the opportunity to earn the skating belt loop. Please see Kristine Maenner for more info.

May 18-20, 2007 **Webelos Woods Camporee** held at Freedom Park in Sykesville. More info will be coming soon.

July 6-8, 2007 **Wild, Wild West Adventure** Don't miss out on Camp Oest this year. They are busy planning a great summer program for cubs. Look for some familiar faces as Boy Scouts AJ Chase and Tony Smith are serving on the camp staff this summer. Internet registration will be available this year. Please see Paul D'Agati for more info.

July 16-20, 2007 Go to Ancient Egypt (without leaving Carroll County)! It's time to plan for another exciting year of **day camp!** There will be more information next month and registration will be due at the Blue and Gold Banquet. We also need a coordinator to collect fees and registration. Please see Carol Chase for more info.

July or August 2007 Family Camping This event is currently in the planning stages. More information will be provided as it becomes available. If you have any questions please see Kelly Meyers.

Tiger Badge



Tiger Cubs earn the

Tiger Cub Totem when he learns the Tiger Cub motto, Cub Scout sign, and Cub Scout salute. This is a plastic tiger paw with space for four strands for totem beads that he wears on his right pocket. A boy earns totem beads by working on the five Tiger Cub achievements. Each achievement has three parts. The boy earns a white bead for each required family activity; an orange bead for each required den activity; and a black bead for each required Go See It activity. The boy then earns the Tiger Cub Badge when he has completed all 15 parts of the five achievements.

The following scouts have earned their Tiger badge:

Den 4

- Garrett Laderer**
- Benjamin Kane**
- Alexander Ritter**
- Benjamin Ritter**
- Adam Sheely**
- Charles Wise**

After earning his Tiger Badge, a Tiger Cub may start receiving his **Tiger Track Beads**. For every 10 electives

that are completed the Tiger Cub earns 1 Tiger Track Bead.

Thereafter, for every 10 electives that are completed the Wolf Cub receives a **Silver Arrow Point**.

Wolf Badge



Scouts earn their Wolf Badge after completing 49 items in 12 different sections of their book. For each 4 requirements that are completed, the boys earn a yellow bead to be worn on their "Progress Toward Rank" emblem. They also earn gold and silver arrow points as they complete additional items in the elective section of their book. **The following scouts have earned their Wolf badge:**

Den 1

- Devon Freeman**
- Stephen Meyers**
- Jack Purcell**
- Christopher Smith**

After earning his Wolf Badge, a Wolf Cub may start receiving his **Arrow Points**. For the first 10 electives that are completed the Wolf Cub earns a **Gold Arrow Point**.



Bear Badge



The Bear Badge is earned after a Bear Scout completes the requirements in 12 achievements. For each 4 requirements that are completed, the boys earn a red bead to be worn on their "Progress Toward Rank" emblem. The achievements are centered on the themes of God, Country, Self and Family. After completing the requirements for the Bear Badge, Bear Scouts can earn gold and silver arrow points by completing additional requirements.

The following scouts have earned their Bear badge:

Den 6

**Caleb Loudermilk
Noah Maenner
Matthew Stern
Brian Victor**

After earning his Bear Badge, a Bear Cub may start receiving his **Arrow Points**. For the first 10 electives that are completed the Bear Cub earns a **Gold Arrow Point**. Thereafter, for every 10 electives that are completed the Bear Cub receives a **Silver Arrow Point**.

Webelos Badge

Webelos earn Activity Pins by completing a certain number of requirements in a particular category such as artist or naturalist. Webelos must earn certain activity badges in order to earn their Webelos Badge, Compass Points and the Arrow of Light. When Webelos are presented with their first activity badge, they also receive their Webelos Colors. The colors are the red, yellow, and green ribbons worn on the right shoulder of the Webelos uniform.

The following scouts have earned their Webelos badge:



**Dragons (Den 2)
Timothy Bowersox
Harrison Boyle
Ben Caples
Ben Chase
Tyler D'Agati
Gunnar Eichler
Thomas Medairy
Danny Schenning
Bradley Stitcher**

Webelos Compass & Points

The Webelos Compass Emblem is earned upon the completion of an additional 4 Webelos Activity Pins (for a total of 7). The Compass points are then awarded for each additional 4 Activity Pins.



Heavy Shoulder Award

This certificate is presented to the Webelos Scout who has earned every activity pin that there is to earn! We call it the Heavy Shoulder Award, because with all those pins on their colors, their shoulder sags from all that metal! There is no requirement to earn this award and it is not an

official BSA award. Pack 791 chooses to present this to scouts in recognition of their commitment to cub scouting. It requires a great deal of work and effort to complete the requirements for every activity pin.

The following scouts earned the Heavy Shoulder Award:

Cobras (Den 5)

**Jack Bitzel
Bryan Burrows
Sean Floto
Blaine O'Brien
David Ruby**

Great job Scouts!! Your advancements are proof of your hard work and success as Scouts.

Arrow of Light Award



The Arrow of Light is the highest award a boy can earn in Cub Scouting. It is the only award (other than the Religious Knot) that your son can carry forward to wear on his Boy Scout uniform when he graduates today. The sign of the arrow over the sun directs the Webelos Scout along the path of Boy Scouting and the seven rays of light remind the Scout to do his best every day of the week.

The following scouts earned their Arrow of Light Award this month:

Cobras (Den 5)

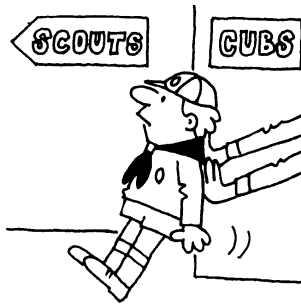
Jack Bitzel

Bryan Burrows

Sean Floto

Blaine O'Brien

David Ruby



adventure as Boy
Scouts!!

Good Luck to all of
these boys in their



Gettysburg Hike

Hello everyone. I've been volunteered to manage the Pack 791 event for March. Luckily I've been given the ability to arrange a historical walk at Gettysburg, something that I have a personal passion for. I've chosen Saturday the 24th of March. This can be a good opportunity to invite your family and friends to take advantage of one of the great historical parks in the country. All are welcome.

Here is the tentative agenda:

I would like everyone to meet at the entrance of the Visitor Center no later than 9:00 AM. (I will send every family a map incase you are late you can play catch up). Gettysburg is approximately 40 minutes from Hampstead Elementary School. At this time of year parking should be prevalent at both the Visitor's Center and the adjacent Cyclorama parking lot.

There is no cost.

The walk is mapped out by the Boy Scouts of America and is called the "Johnny Reb Trail". It is approximately 3.5 Miles long and lasts 3 to 4 hours long depending on how fast we move and how attentive everyone is. It has a written narrative that allows the participants to understand land navigation, topography, coordination of group movement, communication and the first hand feel of what it might have been like to be at the bloodiest battle of the Civil War. The walk takes place on Culp's hill and the surrounding hills and glades that accounted for 3 continuous days of violent and often hand to hand fighting. This is an often overlooked portion of the battlefield that arguably was the pivotal turning point of the battle that decided the fate of the Confederacy.

I recommend good hiking shoes or boots with good wool socks. Watch for cold temperatures as March is always unpredictable. Bring plenty to drink, walking snacks and a lunch that you can carry in a day pack. We can picnic at a number of spots along the way.

One thing that the local [Gettysburg](#) chapters of the BSA ask is that [since](#) this is "Hallowed Ground", Cub Scouts should show reverence and respect for the area and what took place there. The National Park Service also asks that Cannons and monuments not be climbed on. I recommend cameras as there are plenty of photographic opportunities.

If anyone wishes to I can take [them](#) over to Devil's Den, Round Top and Little Round Top afterwards for some additional hiking and perspectives as to what happened at the other end of the battlefield. Just let me know.



I guarantee you will all be tired when you get home and the kids will sleep well.

Thank you, David Victor, for coordinating this trip!

For the new Boy Scouts (and anyone who wants a laugh)

Camping Hints...

When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side vacant.

Get even with a bear who raided your food bag by kicking his favorite stump apart and eating all the ants.

A hot rock placed in your sleeping bag will keep your feet warm. A hot enchilada works almost as well, but the cheese sticks between your toes.

The best backpacks are named for national parks or mountain ranges. Steer clear of those named for landfills.

While the Swiss Army Knife has been popular for years, the Swiss Navy Knife has remained largely unheralded. Its single blade functions as a tiny canoe paddle.

Modern rain suits made of fabrics that "breathe" enable campers to stay dry in a downpour. Rain suits that sneeze, cough, and belch, however, have been proven to add absolutely nothing to the wilderness experience.

Lint from your navel makes a handy fire starter. Warning: Remove lint from navel before applying the match.

You'll never be lost if you remember that moss always grows on the north side of your compass.

You can duplicate the warmth of a down-filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag with several geese.

When camping, always wear a long-sleeved shirt. It gives you something to wipe your nose on.

Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping. Shine a flashlight into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.

A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.

A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.

In emergency situations, you can survive in the wilderness by shooting small game with a slingshot made from the elastic waistband of your underwear.

The guitar of the noisy teenager at the next campsite makes excellent kindling.

The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the eagle.

It's entirely possible to spend your whole vacation on a winding mountain road behind a large motor home.

Bear bells provide an element of safety for hikers in grizzly country. The tricky part is getting them on the bears.

Thank You!!!

The following local businesses have helped with the Pack 791 Blue & Gold either by buying a patron ad, donating a raffle item, or purchasing items for our B&G.

Peking Tokyo - patron ad
Genovas - donation
Greenmount Station - donation
Greenmount Bowling - donation
Freestyle Hair & Body Spa - patron ad
Floto Homes - patron ad
Snickerdoodle - cake @ cost
Weis - donation
Wal-Mart - donation
Mainstream Recruiting - patron ad
Atlantic Business Systems - balloons for banquet
Airbonne & distributor Polly Victor - donation
Best Care Assisted Living - patron ad
William Meyers Design Associates - patron ad
Ruby's Photography - donation

Thanks to all the families & den's of pack 791 for purchasing patron ad's & items for the B&G raffle. Thanks to Polly Victor for donating the supplies to make party bags. Thanks to Polly & Sherry Ruby for helping put the bag's together.

Thanks to Jean Stern for all her fundraising efforts and soliciting of local businesses to help raise funds for B&G and supporting our pack.

Raffle Items:

Grill kit & carrying case : donated by Floto Family
5 lb Hershey's chocolate bar : donated by Bitzel Family
Basket of various kitchen goodies : various donatins from Bitzel, Floto & Stern families
Pamper Mom : donations from Weis & Bitzel & Floto families
Airbonne gift basket : donated by Polly Victor
Sports Basket : donated by Den 1
Camping Basket ; donated by Den 2
Games Basket : donated by Den 4
\$25.00 Gift certificate's to Lowe's Cinema, \$10.00 Genova's gift certificate : donated by Den 5
\$15.00 Gift certificate to Blockbuster, Flushed Away video, & snacks: donated by Den 5

Toys : Donated by Den 6

Night Out in Hampstead: \$25.00 gift certificate to Greenmount Station & 4 free bowling passes

Remember the raffle helps offset the cost & overall expenses of Blue &Gold, so support our pack and by raffle tickets.