



# Cub Scout Pack 500 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ♦ **April Pack Meeting**  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm @ VFW Hall
- ♦ **Rain Gutter Regatta**  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2pm – 3:30pm @ MacFarland Park,
- ♦ **Mom & Me Camp**  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>, Camp Sheppard
- ♦ **May Committee Meeting**  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Basement of the Enumclaw Youth Clubhouse
- ♦ **May Pack Meeting**  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ the VFW Hall
- ♦ **Cub Scout Olympics**  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 3:30pm @ Bethel High School, Spanaway
- ♦ **Hands Across the Border**  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, PeaceArch Park Blaine, WA
- ♦ **Pack 500 Annual Food Drive Part 1 – Bag Drop-Off**  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 11am @ EHS Parking Lot
- ♦ **Scout-Nite w/ the Tacoma Rainiers**  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Cheney Stadium
- ♦ **Pack 500 Annual Food Drive Part 2 – Bag Pick-Up**  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 12:30pm @ EHS Parking Lot

## Monthly Committee/Planning Meetings

The next meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Enumclaw Youth Clubhouse. Monthly planning meetings are typically the first Monday of each month during the school year (September - June), with exceptions for holidays, such as Labor Day. The meetings are open to everyone in the Pack, and an ideal place to not only get information but to share your

ideas and feedback, and get involved by volunteering to help with one or more activities or open positions.



The next scheduled planning meeting is published in each issue of the Pack Newsletter. Minutes from the meeting will also be distributed by email, as will a copy of this newsletter.

## A Fun Pinewood Derby Weekend!

Starting on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, we kicked off the Derby weekend with a showing of the classic movie “Down and Derby”. With an attendance of over ½ the pack and some parents, we indulged ourselves with pop and popcorn. Needless to say, we were psyched on the Derby that was to take place two days later.

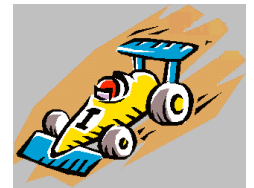
The Derby was a huge success and thanks really go out to Ross Dunning, Traver West, and Rodger Miller for running the event for the Pack. More thanks go to every parent as we had plenty of food for the tailgate festivities prior to the race and a huge turnout too.

Let’s congratulate these racers for a great event:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jackson Zuydhoek
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Gabriel Hanson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Collin West
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Joziah Gach
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Jared Hechter
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Wyatt Ward

The top three racers get Pack 500 trophies, but the top five get to represent Pack 500 at the Mt. Tahoma Districts Pinewood Derby Championships on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Good luck, boys!

We also had some ribbons to award for some superb creativity:



- ♦ Best Paint Job – Micah Wilson
- ♦ Most Patriotic – Gabriel Hanson
- ♦ Most Scout-Like – Mason Alcorn
- ♦ Most Humorous – Tyler Longtine
- ♦ Favorite Designs  
Kyle Bell  
Jared Hechter  
Ezra Brenner
- ♦ Best Workmanship Done by a Scout – Joziah Gach
- ♦ Best Use of Imagination – Jared Hechter
- ♦ Best Car but Not a Car – Kyle Bell
- ♦ Best of Show – Micah Wilson
- ♦ Judges Favorite – Jakey Porter

## The Force Was With Us!!

This being my THIRD Camp-In, I can honestly say that it was the best so far:-) We had 23 Cubs and parents signed up and all had a blast! We got ourselves checked in and



quickly took over the center...just kidding, hehe.

The Cubs really took to the robotics workshop

where we learned about robots and how to program our own robot to make it do things.....like give a hi-five or even burp.

We got lucky (but some say not, hehe) and got to sleep next to the live snake display. The Cubmaster also got to enjoy a lady who snored throughout the entire night ;-)

The Hubble Space Telescope IMAX movie was really cool and we all really got into the laser show in the laserium. But if you ask any of the 12 Cubs there what the best part was, they'll all say the Star Wars exhibit!

It truly was amazing. I never realized the detail they prop creators went to when I saw the lightsaber displays....very, very cool. I even had a unique experience at the Darth Vader display as I noticed that his chestplate had three lines written in Hebrew and the lady that ran the exhibit never noticed that and had no idea about this. While she examined the writing, I googled it and found that the words mean "His deeds will not be forgiven until he merits." Very cool, but what really intrigues me is to know WHO and WHY they were put there. I guess I need to do some more googling to find out, hehe.

But all in all, a great weekend and I can't wait for next year's Camp-In!

### Hoist Yer Sails an' Man 'de Bilge Pumps, me harty's!!

Our Rain Gutter Regatta is coming up fast!! On May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2pm at MacFarland Park, we'll be racing our boats! As the name implies, we'll be racing them in rain gutters, Woohoo!



This year, Cubs will be building boats from a new kit offered by the BSA, a trimaran kit. This will be a new experience for everyone, but it also puts everyone on the same page where a Cub's "sailing" skill (their straw blowing) will be the major factor in the race ☺.

So check in with your Den Leaders to pick up your new trimaran kits!

### Mom & Me Camp!!

I think Pack 500 just broke another record!! We have 16 Cubs and 16 "mom's" attending this camp...wow!!

This year's Mom & Me Camp takes place on May 14<sup>th</sup> thru May 15<sup>th</sup> at Camp Sheppard, just up the road from us ☺. This camp is a great way for Cubs and their moms (or any other adult female) to enjoy some Cub Scouting activities one-on-one and to meet and get to know the other moms too.



This year, we'll be attending the Chief Seattle's Mom & Me Camp to see what experiences they can offer. There is a whole list of activities that take place and should be tons of fun!

### Cub Scout Games

How fast are you? How far can you throw a baseball? Can you do more push-ups than other Cubs? If you want to find out, attend the Cub Scout Games (we can't call it the Cub Scout Olympics due to some silly copyright issue) on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am to 3:30pm at the Art Crate Field at Bethel High School in Spanaway.



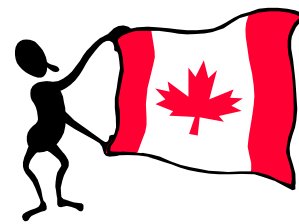
The cost is \$15 per Cub, but the Pack pays the full registration fee. So consider signing up by May 20th and show your stuff!

### Hands Across the Border

This is the "Not to be Missed" event of the year!! 2010 was the 1st time in three years that the event was finally

allowed to take place thanks to relaxed security policies.

This year it's back again and you can expect even more than the



10,000 to 15,000 American and Canadian scouts to converge at Peace Arch

Park on the Canadian and U.S. border on June 12th!!

Overnight camping space for trailers, motorhomes, or tents, will be available on June 11<sup>th</sup> thru June 12<sup>th</sup>, for Pack 500 at the city of Blain's marina. This is a primo camping spot as it happens to be within walking distance of the park. Sign-ups for space will be at the next pack meeting. If you can't camp, I highly recommend driving up early Sunday morning to join us as the activities will be running all day!

### Need Assistance for our Weekend Day Camp!!

This is really important. We desperately need some help in planning and organizing our weekend day camp on July 15<sup>th</sup> thru July 17<sup>th</sup>. **If we don't have a committee formed by the end of April, we may have to cancel the camp...or if we still decide to do it, it won't be done as nearly as good as it really should be.**

The Planning Committee has been tossing around a couple of themes, but we need some input...YOUR input. Please contact the Cubmaster if you can help to make this day camp the best one ever!!

### Photos for Pack Meetings

The Cubmaster's usual call for photos is still in effect. So send them to him so we can keep our slideshows going. Thanks!

## Do We Have Your Info?

And, do you have ours? It's important we are getting information to you reliably. If you're not hearing from us, please provide your Den Leader and the **Cubmaster, Ray Gach**, with updated contact information!

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## Open Volunteer Positions

Please contact the Cubmaster if you can assist your Cub's Pack by volunteering for one of these positions. An hour or two a month is all it takes ☺ to make YOUR Pack, the BEST Pack on the Plateau!  
Thanks!

- ◆ Assistant Cubmaster
- ◆ Pack Trainer
- ◆ Outings Chair
- ◆ Public Relations Chair
- ◆ Re-Registration Chair