



Cub Scout Pack 500 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ♦ **May Pack Meeting**
May 20th, 7pm @ the VFW Hall
- ♦ **Boise Falls Hike**
May 21st, noon @ the parking lot off Hwy 410 near train trestle
- ♦ **Memorial Day Flag Placing**
May 27th, 3pm @ the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery
- ♦ **June Committee Meeting**
June 7th, 7pm @ Clubhouse
- ♦ **Hands Across the Border**
June 11th – 12th, PeaceArch Park Blaine, WA
- ♦ **June Pack Meeting**
June 17th, 7pm @ MacFarland Park
- ♦ **Pack 500 Annual Food Drive Part 1 – Bag Drop-Off**
June 18th, 9am – 11am @ EHS Parking Lot
- ♦ **Scout-Nite w/ the Tacoma Rainiers**
June 24th, 7pm @ Cheney Stadium
- ♦ **Pack 500 Annual Food Drive Part 2 – Bag Pick-Up**
June 25th, 10am – 12:30pm @ EHS Parking Lot
- ♦ **4th of July Parade**
July 4th, time TBD, Cole Street

Monthly Committee/Planning Meetings

The next meeting is April 11th 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.

Mt. Tahoma District Pinewood Derby Championships

Pack 500 was there in full colors and really showed our stuff. Not just in the racing, but a good presentation of good Scouting character. These boys represented the Pack in the event:

- Jackson Zuydhoek**
- Gabriel Hanson**
- Collin West**
- Joziyah Gach**
- Jonathan Gach**

and honored the participants and spectators by presenting the colors for the event. They all did well in the derby, but no trophies this year ☺, but with over 80 cars, a number of us finished in the top 20. Good job, boys!



We also used our new track for the event and received personal

thank you's from the council and Pack 581 for all the help and support we gave for the event. WTG, Pack 500!

Rain Gutter Regatta!

The weather held up and we had a great regatta! The visible electronic challenge ladder was pretty cool and all the boys really liked seeing who was going to be racing who ☺. The field was leveled much better than



past regattas since we all used the new trimaran boat kits. There were still some unique mods

and a few paid off. Congratulate these Cubs for winning the 2011 Rain Gutter Regatta!

- 1st Place – Jonathan Gach-Bear**
- 2nd Place – Joziyah Gach-Bear**
- 3rd Place – Kyle Bell-Tiger**

Mom & Me Camp!!

I think Pack 500 just broke another record!! We had 16 Cubs and 16 “mom’s” attending this camp...wow!!

This years Mom & Me Camp took place at Camp Sheppard and everyone had a great time, despite Mother Nature’s attempt on a rainout<grin>.

The boys earned a number of segments, did some great activities and got some real one-on-one time with their “moms”.

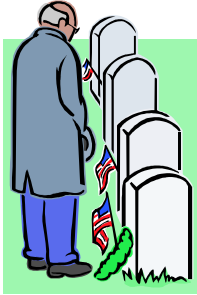


The Cubmaster will be sending out a short survey about their experiences to assist the Committee in determining if we should continue to attend the Mom & Me at Camp Sheppard, or retry the one at Camp Thunderbird.

Memorial Day Flag Placing

Please assist the City of Enumclaw, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, and our VFW Post #1949, by showing up on May 27th at 3pm at the cemetery.

This is one holiday that every parent should discuss with their Cub, so they know why it's celebrated and why Pack 500, honors these men and women at the cemetery.



While we place our nation's flags on the headstone of every veteran interned in the cemetery, Troop 422 will be there to set up the flags that line up the drives within the cemetery.

Please honor our veterans by attend this event.

Cub Scout Games

Unfortunately, this year's Cub Scout "Olympics" were cancelled due to a schedule conflict at the Art Crate Stadium at Bethel High School.



Attempts at rescheduling at other schools fell through too. But don't worry, it'll be back next year!

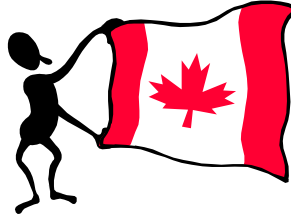
Hands Across the Border

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!!

FREE overnight camping space for trailers, motorhomes, or tents, will be available on June 11th thru June 12th, at the city of Blain's Marina Park. This is a primo camping spot as it happens to be within walking distance to Peach Arch Park. Sign-ups for space will be at the next pack meeting and we need to know by the end of May.



If you can't camp, I highly recommend driving up early Sunday morning to join us as the activities will running all day!

Annual Food Drive

One of our community service projects is coming up and we need Cubs to sign up to ensure it's successful. Our annual Food Drive start on June 18th at 9am at the EHS parking lot. We'll distribute maps to everyone there and we'll drop off our donation bags that morning.

On June 25th, part 2 completes the project as we meet again at the EHS parking lot, but at 10am this time, to pick up all the food donations and delivery them to Plateau Outreach Ministries.



This is a really important service project and we need to make this as successful as possible. All the foods we collect stays within the community and is used by anyone needing them. This is another great example that we can use to teach our Cubs about charity and how we can help others.

Please sign up at the next Pack meeting or call the Cubmaster. Thanks.

Need MORE Help For Our Pirate Day Camp!!!

This is really important. We desperately need some help in planning and organizing our weekend Pirate day camp on July 15th thru July 17th.

The only people committed to help are our current leaders. **We need some non-leaders to help make our Pirate Day Camp a success. Your Cubs will really get a kick out of knowing that their parents had some input on what their friends will experience at camp. It's also a great way to show them that nothing good is really free and sometimes, you need to "step up to the plate" 😊.**



Please come to our kick-off meeting on Thursday, June 19th, 7pm at the Enumclaw Youth Clubhouse. We'll quickly go over what ideas we have for the camp and then figure out how to get those in action.

This is a Pack 500 event and we need the parents of Pack 500 to "step up" and help. Please drop by the meeting as we can use any help, no matter how small, to make this a real success.

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

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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