



# BALOO'S BEACON

Cub Scout Pack 61 • Flemington, New Jersey

June 2006



## *Have a Safe Summer!*

It's hard to believe that another Cub Scouting year has passed and the end of school is fast approaching. I hope you and your son have enjoyed Cub Scouting as much as I have this year. The pack has several events planned during the summer including our annual picnic this Saturday, a trip to Steamtown National Historic Site in July and a trip to the Somerset Patriots in August. In addition, the Central New Jersey Council is offering a variety of Cub Scout Summer Camp opportunities. Please take advantage of these activities to keep your son interested in Scouting during the summer. The entire Pack leadership team hopes that, above all, you and your family have a safe and fun-filled summer. *Good Scouting!*

Rob Sheneman, Asst. Cubmaster

### PACK LEADERS MEETING

**Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, American Legion**

The focus of this meeting will be planning for next year's Cub Scout program. Please make sure that someone from your den attends to contribute ideas and suggestions for our program and activities.

### PACK PICNIC

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Mine Brook Park, 1:00-4:00.**

The picnic will again feature a PIG ROAST by our Committee Chairman – Bill Tackett – and our annual Raingutter Regatta boat race. Details will be posted on the website soon. Each den will be expected to provide some side dishes and help plan a game or activity. For more information, contact Cara Schenck (mcnschenck@patmedia.net) or Barb Lippert (rblippert@patmedia.net).



**Cost:** \$21 - Adults

\$19 - Seniors (62 and over)

\$15 – Children, ages 6-16

Free – Children, 5 and under

**NOTE:** Anyone with a national park pass receives a \$6 discount on above prices.

### Proposed Schedule:

9:00am - 9:15am: Arrive Steamtown

9:30am: Turntable Demonstration

10:45am: Tour of restoration and repair facility (more for adults, older kids; technical)

Anytime in the am: Jr. Ranger self-guided tours (Ages 6 to 8 and 9 to 12).

Scouts will receive a certificate and Jr. Ranger Badges upon completion

Anytime in the am: The short train ride is also available if people choose, as long as they are back in time for the trip to Moscow, PA.

11:45am - 12:45pm: LUNCH (pack your own)

1:00 pm - 3:30pm: Train ride to Moscow, PA and back

3:30 - ?: Any stuff you missed in the AM and return to Flemington.

If you have questions, please contact Andy Rosengarden at [amrosen@hotmail.com](mailto:amrosen@hotmail.com). The registration form is available on the pack website.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE – JULY 6<sup>th</sup>**

### STEAMTOWN TRIP

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Destination of train excursion:** Moscow, PA

**Cost:** (includes excursion to Moscow, PA and access to museum and facilities)



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

*Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>,  
7:05 pm*

Pack 61 is going to see the Somerset Patriots play the Atlantic City Surf. This summer evening game will be followed by fireworks! Tickets are \$8.00 each and scout patches are \$1.00. **The registration deadline is July 15th.**



## CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP:



The Central New Jersey Council offers a number of summer camp opportunities for Cub Scouts. Each registered Cub Scout family should have received a camp flyer from the Council by

mail. If not, please look at the Calendar tab on the pack website ([www.cubpack61.org](http://www.cubpack61.org)) for more information. You can also get summer camp information at the Council website (<http://www.cnjcsa.org/camping.shtml>).

Cub Day Camp is offered at the Round Valley Youth Center in Lebanon, so it's very close. Cub-Parent Weekends and Cub Scout Mini-Resident Camps are a great way to introduce your son to our Council's summer camp, Kittatiny Mountain Scout Reservation, in Branchville. These camps are offered at various times during the summer. I encourage Den Leaders to see if there are boys in your den planning to attend a summer camp. It's much more fun to attend camp with some of your friends and fellow Cub Scouts.



## SPRING FAMILY CAMPOUT

Cub Pack 61 gathered at Voorhees State Park on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for their regular Spring Family Campout. The weather this time was beautiful – and rather breezy. Cub Scouts and their families enjoyed lots of outdoor time for hikes, fishing and games. Dens spent time working on outdoor-related advancement activities and similar projects. Each participant also had the opportunity to make their own tie-dyed Pack 61 T-shirt.

In the evening the group enjoyed a campfire filled with songs, skits and stories by Mr. Sheneman and Mr. Rosengarden. The campfire was closed with a very moving American flag retirement ceremony.

After the campfire and snacks, many Cub Scouts and their families enjoyed a visit to the New Jersey Astronomical Association's observatory. There they got to see several planets and other celestial bodies "up close."

Thanks to everyone who helped make this campout a great success!

