



BALOO'S BEACON

Cub Scout Pack 61 • Flemington, New Jersey
September 2008



Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a fun, safe, and relaxing summer. In our family the Scouting summer was filled with a week-long summer camp for two of our boys and our oldest son serving as a Ranger at the BSA's Philmont High Adventure Base in New Mexico. Rob also spent a week at Philmont as a volunteer geologist. It's hard to believe that school has started again. We have lots of fun activities planned for the Cub Scout pack this year. *Good Scouting!*

Rob Sheneman, Asst. Cubmaster

IMPORTANT NEWS

NEW MEMBER RECRUITING NIGHT

Thursday, Sept. 11th, 7:00 PM

Robert Hunter School

We still need some leader volunteers to help facilitate registration and the organization of dens. In particular, we need help with the "Welcome Table," with Tigers and Bear registration, and with set-up and clean-up. Please plan to attend, and bring your son along to help. Information is available on the pack web site.



LEADER MEETING

Monday, Sept. 15th, 7:30PM American Legion

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The focus of this meeting will be to welcome our new leaders, finalize den assignments, final planning for the fall events, and news about leader training. Please be sure your den is represented at this meeting.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

PACK MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 18th, 7:00PM, American Legion

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Come and welcome all our new Cub Scout families! **We still need dens to help with the opening ceremony, song, skit and cheer.** Please contact me ASAP to make arrangements.

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN DINNER

Thursday, Sept. 25th, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Our own Cubmaster, Doug Niece, will be honored along with Henry and Paul Kuhl at the annual Distinguished Citizen Dinner. This annual fundraising event supports the Central New Jersey Council and usually honors a business person or political leader. Doug Niece will receive this special honor in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the youth of Hunterdon County as Cubmaster, church school teacher, and community volunteer. Please join us for this special evening. The normal ticket price for this event is \$150 per person, but we have made arrangements with the Council for registered Pack 61 leaders to attend for \$35.00 (make note on your registration form). If you are able to make the full contribution of \$150, please do so. A registration form is available on the "Documents" tab of the pack web site (www.cubpack61.org).



FAMILY BIKE HIKE

Sunday, Sept. 28th, Bull's Island State Park, 1:00-5:00 PM

Join the Pack 61 family for a fall classic – a gentle ride along the Delaware & Raritan Canal between Bull's Island and Frenchtown. Refreshments will be served at the park after the ride. Everyone must wear bicycle helmets. An event flyer is available on the "Documents" tab of the pack web site (www.cubpack61.org). Alex Sutera is coordinating this event. If you have questions, please contact him at 237-0920 or alsut68@gmail.com

FALL FAMILY CAMPOUT

Oct. 4-5th, Washington Crossing Historic Park

Join us for a historic and fun-filled fall family campout. We will have guided tours of the historic park, games and activities and our famous Saturday evening campfire! Registration forms and event information are available on the "Documents" tab of the pack web site (www.cubpack61.org). The event contact is Robert Smith at rasmith@luxuryresorts.com or 973-865-1475. ***Registrations are due by Friday, Sept. 26th.***

POPCORN SALE

October 4th - November 1st

Our annual popcorn sale fundraiser runs from Oct. 4th to Nov. 1st. Mrs. Reed is again leading this year's effort. Sale forms and information will be distributed at the September meetings.

MORALES PARK CLEAN-UP

Saturday, November 1st, 9:00 am

Cub Scout and Boy Scout units from the Flemington area help with trail maintenance, brush cutting and other activities at the township nature preserve. Breakfast and snacks are provided by the Morales Park Committee. This is a great conservation-related service project opportunity.

SCOUTS TO THE RESCUE

Saturday, November 1st, Lawrenceville

The Mercer Area District is once again sponsoring Scouts to the Rescue, a day-long emergency preparedness event. This event, held at the Dempster Fire Training Center, includes demonstrations on first-aid, fire prevention, and

emergency preparedness. Webelos scouts can complete significant portions of their Readyman badge at this event. Information is available at <http://www.mercerarea-bsa.org/rescue2008/index.html>.



ZOOM... Pinewood Derby Rules!



Pack 61 toured the Capitol Building and the White House in November 2007



"Ahoy, there mateys!" Pirates board a ship at the winter campout.