



PACK 473 NEWS (pack473.com)

October 9, 2017

Tonight is our third den meeting of the school year. The uniform is Class "B" (pack t-shirt or for Lions their Lion t-shirt) and the meeting begins at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria (unless otherwise told by your den leader). Tonight we will be handing out the Raingutter Regatta trophies. Here are a few quick items before a listing of upcoming events:

- Thank you again to everyone who donated canned food items. We ended up collecting and donating 63 food items to the Mandarin Food Bank!
- **Our reorder for pack t-shirts has arrived!** We will have them available at tonight's meeting.
- Tonight is the last den meeting before the October 16th signup deadline for both Cuboree and the USS Yorktown trip. If you want to signup after tonight you can drop off your forms and payment at Bill Hobensack's home: 3811 Fairbanks Forest Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32223. By mid-week we will send out to the membership the list of signups for you to double-check.
- **Amazon.com:** Unlike many units, Pack 473 does not receive any direct funds from our three fundraisers (popcorn, camp cards and mulch). Instead, 100% of what your son earns while fundraising goes directly into his account to be used to pay for scout related items like pack dues, our many outings or even summer camp. In order to keep our dues as low as possible, we have setup an Amazon Affiliate link. Simply shop for your everyday items through our Amazon link and the Pack will receive up to 8% of the proceeds at no cost to you. You can bookmark the link, use it throughout the year, and we'll receive funding all year long.



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- **Range Training for Cuboree:** Cuboree is a volunteer run event and as such they require each pack to supply range volunteers. Over the past few years a number of our reliable volunteers have graduated out of Cub Scouts. For anyone interested in volunteering this year there is a **range training class on October 15th at Camp Echockotee in Orange Park**. A flyer with

many more details is attached. The shifts at Cuboree tend to be about 90 minutes long and I would love to get enough trained volunteers so that no volunteer from our pack has to handle more than one shift. Reminder, for our returning volunteers, you have to renew your training every two years.

SELECTED UPCOMING EVENTS

You can see more information on upcoming events on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pack473/>

or at the pack website: <http://pack473.com/calendar/>

- **St. Augustine Ghost Walk (10/21 – date change):** The ghost walk will be on Saturday, October 21st at 7 pm starting in downtown St. Augustine. I will be sending out additional information including a signup genius and final meeting location and pricing information by Wednesday of this week (it should be about \$6 a person).
- **Den Meeting (10/23) at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria:** Our fourth den meeting of the school year.
- **Cub Scout Hike Club (11/4) at 9:00 am at Cary State Forest:** For details, use the following link: <https://www.nfcscouting.org/chc-cary>
- **Den Meeting (11/6) at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria:** Our fifth den meeting of the school year.
- **Cuboree (11/10-11/12):** For those of you who are new, Cuboree is our pack's big fall campout. Last year we sent over 100 people to Cuboree. At Cuboree, several Cub Scout Packs from the Riverbend District gather together at Camp Shands for a weekend of fun. While this trip is a completely optional event, we encourage everyone in the pack to consider joining us for the weekend. Even if you have never been camping, this is the perfect opportunity to get started and begin making some new memories with your scout.

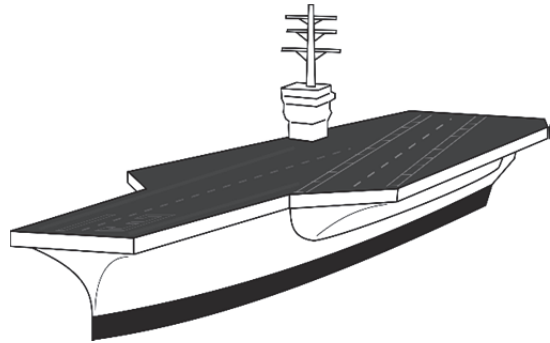


The deadline **for registration/payment is October 16th**. Attached to this newsletter is the Pack's Cuboree registration form. Feel free to fill it out and email me a scanned copy (to bill@hobensack.com). The cost is \$30 per scout or sibling and \$30 for adults. This includes all of the event fees paid to the Council as well as the Pack supplied meals for the weekend. The does not include the Cuboree t-shirt for the scouts. If you would like Cuboree specific t-shirts, there is space on the form to order them at \$10 a shirt. These t-shirts are completely

optional and the Pack should receive them at Cuboree. Please make all checks out to "Pack 473" and turn-in to me or our Pack treasurer Carla Egenberger. As we get closer to the event I will send out tips for the new families including what to bring and other useful information.

One additional note. While Lions (kindergarteners) are also highly encouraged to attend Cuboree, due to BSA shooting policies, they will not be allowed to shoot on the BB or archery ranges. However, they will still participate in all of the other events and the volunteer Cuboree staff will have an alternative activity for our Lions.

- **Den Meeting (11/20) at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria:** Our sixth den meeting of the school year.
- **USS Yorktown (12/8-12/10):** Attached to this newsletter is the information packet for the USS Yorktown trip and registration form. We have reserved 100 slots so there should be plenty of room available for anyone who wants to go. The cost is \$80 per person. That price includes 2 nights of lodging aboard the USS Yorktown, all of your Saturday meals plus Sunday breakfast and a boat trip to Fort Sumter. Unfortunately, they have a hard age limit of 6 to participate (6 by 12/8/2017).



The deadline to register/pay is the same as Cuboree, October 16th. However, if you plan on using popcorn proceeds for this trip or Cuboree, just let Bill Hobensack or Carla Egenberger know and we can make accommodations. **Here are some additional Yorktown tips:**

- It is an approximate 4 hour drive from Jacksonville to Charleston. Our check-in time is 7:30 pm which will necessitate leaving by 3:00-3:30 pm from Jacksonville at the latest. Dinner is NOT served Friday night so you need to eat before boarding the ship.
- Many of you have asked about driving arrangements. Once I get the final list of attendees I will email all of you the list. That way you can potentially car pool with other families.
- You will be sleeping on the ship in the same bunks used by sailors when the ship was active. You will however need to bring your own bedding (pillows, sleeping bag, blankets, etc ...). You want to make sure that you pack lightly as you will need to carry all of your gear from your car to the sleeping areas.