



PACK 473 NEWS (pack473.com)

October 23, 2017

Tonight is our fourth den meeting of the school year. I would like to welcome any new families we have meeting with for the first time tonight. Welcome to Pack 473!

The uniform for tonight 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 for the Tigers (1st Grade), Wolf (2nd Grade) and Bear (3rd Grade) dens. The Lions (kindergarten) are meeting at the 1911 Store & Post Office (12471 Mandarin Road) at 5:30 pm. Weather permitting the Webelos dens (4th & 5th grades) will be meeting at the Jokisch's house (3073 Amellia Drive, 32257) starting at 6:00 pm. **Tonight is also the deadline to pay for Cuboree and the Yorktown trip.** Here are some quick notes for tonight followed by information about upcoming events:

- **Amazon.com:** I included this link in our last newsletter and so far we have earned just over \$3! Don't laugh, while that doesn't seem like much that was from only 3 orders through the link. We are approaching the Christmas buying season and if everyone used that link for their shopping it could really make a difference for the pack. 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. 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 (typically the pack receives about 1%). You can bookmark the link, use it throughout the year, and we'll receive funding all year long.



- https://www.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&tag=pack473-20

- **Popcorn:** Our Popcorn Kernel, Patrick Linfors, sent out an email last week with lots of popcorn information. **In summary, tonight (October 23) is the deadline to turn in your popcorn orders.**





- **Popcorn – Take 2:** Thank you to all the scouts and their families who took the time to sell popcorn at Tijuana Flats this past Saturday.

- **St. Augustine Ghost Walk (10/21):** Despite the rain we had 32 attendees take part in the Ghost Walk through the streets of historic St. Augustine! As with last year and all previous years, no ghost were seen but we did hear some interesting tales.



- **Uniforms (Field Uniform aka “Class A” or “Dress” Uniform):** I’ve been receiving a few questions regarding uniforms and what you need to buy.
 - **Background:** First, different packs operate differently so if you transferred from another pack you may be used to a different policy. In our pack, the t-shirt that hopefully everyone has is considered the Activity Uniform or “Class B”. This is the uniform that your son wears to most den meetings and other “active” events. The “Class A” is the more traditional dress blue or tan uniform that most people associate with cub scouting. We typically wear this to pack meetings, banquets, church services and other suitable events. For den events like field trips, we typically let the den leader choose the uniform they deem suitable.
 - **What you need:**
 - Lions wear a pack t-shirt or the BSA Lion t-shirt (they don’t wear the class “A”).
 - Tigers through Bears wear the BSA blue dress shirt and either blue pants/shorts or jeans (St. Joseph’s school uniform pants are fine).
 - Webelos I & II wear the blue or a tan shirt (with olive pants/shorts).
 - You will also need the cub scout belt and the proper neckerchief and clasp for your son’s rank (Tiger – orange,

Wolf – yellow, Bear – blue, Webelos – plaid). Additionally, you will need the world crest emblem as well as the Council and Pack sleeve patches (more on that in the next paragraph). In our pack the hat and official socks are optional.

- **How do you get it?:** As for purchasing the uniform, you can purchase your uniform at the **Jacksonville Scout Shop (521 S. Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205, Ph: 904.384.9256)**. The shop staff are incredibly helpful and will get you exactly what you need. Just tell them your sons grade/rank and that you are with Pack 473. If for financial reasons, you are unable to purchase a uniform, please contact Bill Hobensack (bill@hobensack.com). No boy will be turned away from Pack 473 for financial reasons.



LION
(Kindergarten)

TIGER
(1st Grade)

WOLF
(2nd Grade)

BEAR
(3rd Grade)

WEBELOS I & II
(4th & 5th Grade
blue shirt is also acceptable)

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/>

- **Cub Scout Hike Club (11/4) at 9:00 am at Cary State Forest:** For details, use the following link: <https://www.nfscouting.org/chc-cary>
- **Den Meeting (11/6) at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria:** Our fifth den meeting of the school year. Last meeting before Cuboree.
- **Cuboree (11/10-11/12):** Only 18 days until Cuboree! I will be sending out much more information regarding Cuboree later this week including a call for volunteers. For now, here is a link to the family planning guide provided by our District.



<https://www.nfscouting.org/files/16026/River-Bend-Cub-Family-Guide>

It is a great source of information (particularly to our new families) and will answer most of the question you may have with regard to what to pack/bring (page 9). Please consult the health and safety rules including the banning of open toe or back shoes. The guide also includes a general schedule of events (page 10). Here are some items to bring that I would add or emphasize include:

- A tent (an absolute must) – if you want any suggestions please let me know. Make sure to practice setting up your tent BEFORE you leave for Cuboree!
- A waterproof tarp to put under your tent
- Portable chairs
- An old rug/mat to put in front of your tent
- Unscented ant/bug spray
- Dustpan/hand broom
- Rain jacket/poncho
- A daypack with plenty of snacks/water
- Class A (dress) & B (t-shirt) uniforms. Class A is for the church service on Sunday morning, your scout will be wearing their pack t-shirt most of the weekend.
- Lanterns/glowsticks/flashlights/Batteries (when it gets dark, it gets DARK down there)
- Some bath towels
- Trash bags
- Soap
- Camera

- Sleeping pad or air mattress,
 - Plenty of extra socks (pack one more pair than you think you need).
 - If you bring food make sure you keep it in an airtight container because of the bugs - (don't worry they really aren't that bad but I have seen ants eat through a tent to get to food).
 - Also, there are showers available should you feel the need. We will have power hookups available for things like phone chargers or air mattress pumps but leave the air conditioner and 60" TV at home.
- **Den Meeting (11/20) at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria:** Our sixth den meeting of the school year.
 - **Cub Scout Hike Club (12/2) at 9:00 am at the Jacksonville Riverwalk:** For details, use the following link: <https://www.nfcscouting.org/chc-riverwalk>
 - **Pack Meeting & Scout Cake Bake (12/4) at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria:** More details to come. Pinewood Derby kits will be handed out starting this night.
 - **USS Yorktown (12/8-12/10):** We have 65 people signed up! I will send out more details closer to the event.
 - **Den Meeting (12/11) at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria:** The last den meeting of 2017!

