



PACK 473 NEWS (pack473.com)

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tonight is our first den meeting of the school year and we would like to welcome the new families that are joining or are considering joining our pack. The uniform is Class "B" – Pack T-Shirt (unless otherwise directed by your den leader) and the meeting begins at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. We will have Pack T-Shirts and Raingutter Regatta kits available for pickup tonight. If you don't have your Pack T-Shirt yet, just come as is. Here are some quick notes:

- **Participation Weekend:** I would like to thank the Pitts and Mickler families for representing our pack at the Participation Weekend festivities this past weekend!
- **New Payment Option (Paypal):** This year the pack will be accepting Paypal for items like dues, pack t-shirts and camping fees. The payment address is [cubmaster@pack473.com](mailto:cubmaster@pack473.com). When sending the pack funds please always select "sending to a friend" to avoid the pack incurring fees. Also, please add in the notes section what you are paying for and the name of your scout. As always, the pack still accepts checks (payable to "Cub Scout Pack 473") and credit card payments (although there is a 3% surcharge). You can also use your credit card through Paypal although they also charge a surcharge.
- **Amazon.com:** Bookmark the link, use it throughout the year, and Pack 473 will receive funding all year long (about 1% of your purchases):  
<https://amzn.to/2MVZq6S>
- **Family Scouting:** As most of you should know by now, we have opened up the pack to admitting girls this year. Starting now, Cub Scouts is open to girls at the national level although they allow each pack (like ours) to decide how to proceed. Our leadership voted to allow girls in at our May leader meeting. We also had to receive permission from the Parish (our sponsor), which we also received. For years we have allowed sisters of current scouts to attend all of our events and in many regards, nothing will change other than to "officially" welcome these siblings (and other girls) to the Pack. For tonight, the new girl dens will be meeting with our existing boy dens of the same rank. However, as soon as

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Aug. 27:** Den Meeting
- **Sept. 10:** Ice Cream Social
- **Sept. 16:** Raingutter Regatta
- **Sept. 24:** Den Meeting
- **Oct. 8:** Den Meeting  
(Cuboree Registration Due)
- **Oct. 22:** Den Meeting
- **Oct. 29:** Den Meeting  
(Sea World Registration Due)

practicable, we plan on forming independent girl dens by rank. This is obviously dependent upon the number of girls who join the pack as well as volunteer leaders for those dens. However, our turnout at signup night of girls (and boys) far exceeded my initial expectations.

### **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/>

- **Ice Cream Social (9/10 @ 6:30 pm in the cafeteria):** Our next meeting after tonight is our annual ice cream social. This meeting will include a relatively short awards ceremony at the beginning followed by ice cream. Bring the entire family and any friends you think may be interested in the pack! Here is the SignUp Genius link looking for volunteers and ice cream supplies: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4DAEAE2CABFF2-20182](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4DAEAE2CABFF2-20182)
- **Raingutter Regatta (9/16 starting @ 12:30pm in the school courtyard):** The time has been moved up to 12:30 pm from 1:00 pm to avoid conflict with Jaguars/Patriots game (kickoff is 4:25 pm). There is a race entry fee of ONE CANNED GOOD to be donated by the Pack to the Mandarin Food Bank (don't worry if you are driving to the race and realize you forgot the can, we'll still let you race). Kits will be distributed tonight and at the Ice Cream Social. The race will be a double elimination tournament for each den. The rules for the race are attached to this newsletter. Trophies will be given to the 1st/2nd/3rd place finishers in each den. Park by the cafeteria and enter using the courtyard gate to the right of the cafeteria. The race times are as follows:

Tiger: 12:30 pm	Bear: 1:40 pm
Webelos II: 1:00 pm	Wolf: 2:00 pm
Webelos I: 1:20 pm	Lion: 2:20 pm

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your race time for check-in. We will race rain or shine.

- **Den Meeting (9/24) at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria:** This is our second den meeting of the school year.
- **Cuboree (11/2-11/4 at Camp Shands):** 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. The theme this year is "Scoutish Games". 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 our October 8<sup>th</sup>** den meeting. Attached to this newsletter is the Pack's Cuboree registration form. Feel free to fill it out and email me a scanned copy (to [cubmaster@pack473.com](mailto:cubmaster@pack473.com)). The cost is \$35 per attendee (scout, sibling and adults). This includes all of the event fees paid to the Council as well as the Pack supplied meals for the weekend. This 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. 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.*

- **Sea World (12/8-12/9):** Also attached is the pack registration for our Sea World trip. The cost is \$98 per attendee (a parent/guardian is required for all youth). That price includes Saturday night sleeping in the park (Penguin and Beluga Whale areas), Educational program by Sea World staff on Saturday night, Saturday dinner (pizza) and Sunday morning breakfast, Park Admission on



Sunday (12/9). The deadline to register/pay is October 29<sup>th</sup>.