



PACK 473 NEWS (pack473.com)

September 10th, 2018

Tonight is our first pack meeting of the school year and our annual Ice Cream Social. Despite technically being a pack meeting, the uniform is Class “B” – Pack T-Shirt (if you don’t have a pack t-shirt yet, just come as is) and the meeting begins at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. The meeting plan is simple, we will start with some brief announcements followed by the presentation of the Bobcat Badge to our new scouts who earned it at our last meeting – then Ice Cream! We will have Raingutter Regatta kits available for pickup tonight. Here are some quick notes:

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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)

- **Congratulations** to the following twenty-four scouts who will be receiving their Bobcat Badge tonight!

Tiger (1st Grade): John Dunkleberger, Ryan Foley, Brock Klipp, Lex Larson, Yohance Lazarte, Grant Maushart, Easton Taft, Mark Thompson, Emma Makofske & Daniel Santa Barbara

Wolf (2nd Grade): Ina Ascher, Emily Caplan, Journey Conrad, Grayson Gallo, Kevin Hammonds, Noah Perez & Tyler Wilber

Bear (3rd Grade): Daniel Santa Barbara

Webelos I (4th Grade): Abigale Evans, Lilian Hale, Madolyn Robey & Callie Suter

Webelos II (5th Grade): Seth Clothier & Chloe Torretijo

If your scout attended the first den meeting on 8/27 and you believe they earned their Bobcat but aren't listed below, please let me know ASAP (Lions, kindergarteners don't earn Bobcat until next year).

- **Scout Behavior:** I would like to see an improvement in our scouts' behavior before, during and after meetings with regards to horseplay, talking or otherwise being disruptive while others are speaking during meetings. I partially blame some of the issues at our first den meeting on the number of scouts in attendance and the excitement of our first night. I have asked the leaders to do their best to keep their den's in line, however they need the help and support of Parents in this endeavor.

- **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. 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>

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):** Tonight's meeting 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
- **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 8th** 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). 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 29th.



PACK 473: 2018 Raingutter Regatta Rules September 16th 2018 (First Races at 12:30 PM)

Entry fee:

- One canned good to be donated to the Mandarin Food Bank

Boat design:

- The boat must be built using the Pack supplied BSA catamaran kit.
- No attaching of the sail to the hull. Glue is permitted to attach the sail to the mast only. You can also trim the sail or shape it anyway you want.
- No boats from previous years are to be used. The scouts need to make a new boat every year.
- You can only use the parts in the official BSA kit. Remember that the heavier it is the slower it will be.
- The boat cannot be longer than 7 inches in length.
- Feel free to decorate the boat as the scout chooses (don't use water based paint!).

Judging:

- The race will be conducted under double-elimination rules.
- First, Second, and Third Place Trophies will be awarded at our next meeting.
- All decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules resides with the race organizers.

For the race:

- Hands must be behind the scouts' backs or in their pockets at all times. There will be a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for scouts pushing their boats with their hands and they will be disqualified. Leaders/helpers will be available during the race to pick up any boats that have fallen over or get irrecoverably stuck.
- Hats must be off for the race. The bill on the scouts' hats can push the boat, giving an unfair advantage.
- No straws can be used to blow the sails. All natural ability only.



Race Times

Tigers: 12:30 pm
Webelos II: 1:00 pm
Webelos I: 1:20 pm
Bear: 1:40 pm
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