



# Cub Scout Pack 361 Ellicott City, Maryland

## Fall 2009 Newsletter

### Welcome to the 2009-2010 Cub Scouting Year!

We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to another exciting year in Cub Scouts.

We had a number of summer activities and participation was good. We had many boys earn the summertime activity pin while enjoying Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Oest, Fishing Tournament, Pool Party and Den activities. Summertime pin awards will be presented at a future Pack meeting.

Please welcome our new Tigers who will be led by our new den leaders, Todd Betler and Barry Firebaugh. So far, we have six boys signed up for that den and expect more to join at Back to School Night.

If you have any questions, please direct them to your den leaders.

### Welcome Back and Welcome New Families!



**It's Time!** ~ Dues for the 2009-2010 Scouting year are due to the Treasurer by **September 20, 2009**. This year's dues are \$50 for returning Scouts and \$70 for new Scouts. Please mail your checks payable to

"Pack 361" to Sheila Anderson, 3868 Woodville Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042. If you have questions, please email Sheila at [treasurer@pack361.org](mailto:treasurer@pack361.org).

### Pulling Together



All Cub Scout packs are run by volunteers and Pack 361 is no exception. We are very fortunate to have a great group of parents who step up and help wherever needed. As time passes by, families graduate out of the pack so we are left with vacancies. At the picnic you will have an opportunity to put your name to a small job so that the work can be spread among all the families in the Pack.

We are asking every family to do a job at the Pack level. There are events like the Pool Party that take place once a year so the volunteer commitment to lead them is minimal. You can join the Outdoor Activities or Pinewood Derby Committees so that you can help with an event without being in charge. Other volunteer jobs are for a longer term, but we offer shadowing and training for anyone who wants to learn the job. Also, Boy Scouts of America offers a lot of training opportunities and written material to help adult volunteers do their jobs.

On page 2 is the list of the jobs for which you can volunteer right now or at the picnic on September 20. Some positions are available right now while others will need to be filled after the March 2010 Blue and Gold Dinner.

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## Awards and Achievements

An exciting part of Scouting is receiving awards and advancing in rank. There are a lot of fun activities and steps towards achieving them. There are rank achievements and electives, sports and academic belt loops and pins, patches for participation in many of the pack and district events, religious medals, Webelos pins, etc. Feel free to ask your den leader for details.

Some rank achievements and awards are completed during den meetings and field trips. Others are fulfilled at home. All rank level achievements are typically achieved by and presented at our annual Blue and Gold celebration (in March). Temporary beads and achievement tracking are done at the den level.

Each den has a designated person who keeps a record of progress. A single report by that person is sent to our Awards Chairperson, **Amita Roy**. It is

due one week prior to the pack meeting. Amita combines the five den orders, purchases the items at the Scout Shop and prepares for presentation at the Pack meeting. Any unclaimed awards are given to the den leaders for presentation at the den meetings. In the event that the store is temporarily out-of-stock or reports are not made in time, they will carry over to the following month.

**Please note that Amita will only accept requests from the designated awards person in the den. No individual requests will be honored.**

The belt loops and pins can be awarded any time throughout the Cub Scout years. There are times (especially Webelos years) that the requirements are met a second time. We ask that submissions be made only once and strive to learn different areas of interest.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Job	Volunteers Needed
Auction Committee	Need 1 rep from each den
Annual Pool Party	1 or 2 people
Award & Advancement	1 person
Candy Bar Sales 3/2010	1 person
C.L.E.S. Liaison 3/2010	1 person
Family Campout— Registration	1 person
Fundraising Chairperson	1 person
Klondike Derby	1 person
Pack T-Shirts	1 person
Pack Trainer 3/2010	1 person
Pinewood Derby Cafe	3 people
Rocket Derby	1 or 2 people
Scouting for Food	1 person
Swap Box	1 person

## Youth Protection Program

Child abuse is an increasingly serious, widespread problem in our society, affecting every ethnic group, socioeconomic level, and geographic area. The significance of this problem is revealed by the nearly 3 million cases of child abuse reported each year in the U.S. The Boy Scouts of America has developed Youth Protection training to prepare its leadership to help children who have been, or are being, abused. **Every adult leader in the Pack is required to take Youth Protection training in person or online.** The training is good for three years. <http://www.scouting.org/myscouting> (create an account by clicking on the link on the right side of the page). One of the rules from BSA we must follow closely is that there must be at least two adults present at all activities. BSA requires that the two adults not be related to each other.

The training program includes information for parents as well as the video *It Happened to Me*. The pack has a VHS and a DVD version of this video presentation. If you would like to borrow it, please contact Anna Katz at [CommitteeChair@pack361.org](mailto:CommitteeChair@pack361.org).



## Candy Bar Sales

Our pack program costs are \$140 per Scout . To keep yearly dues down, encourage boys to earn money for their program and because of the great

success last year, we will once again sell candy bars. It's very easy (no order taking, boys know the product well, low cost, several selling options based on personal beliefs) and it involves all families in the Pack equally.

We are offering parents a choice to opt out from getting the candy bars by paying \$30 per family. If your son wants to sell candy bars, you can pay \$52 and we will buy him a box. Your family can then sell the candy bars for \$1 a piece and keep all the proceeds. We will also be scheduling dates at Dick's Sporting Goods where boys can sell candy bars as a group. Additional information about this fundraiser is coming via email.

**Please check in at the Candy Bar Sales table at the Pack Picnic and let us know if you are selling or opting out.**

Thanks in advance for your support.

*The Pack Committee*



### Let's Swap!

The Swap Box is available at every Pack meeting with items that have been donated by boys who have outgrown them. You can either donate an item or

take an item. It's all free of charge. Please see Lorenna Sehgal to donate or take an item.



Email is our primary means of communication in the pack. If you are not receiving the Pack-wide email or would like to add additional email addresses, please contact

[committeeChair@pack361.org](mailto:committeeChair@pack361.org).

## 2009-2010 Calendar (Subject to Change)

### September 2009

- 19 ----- Family Volunteer Day at Centennial Park
- 20 ----- Pack Meeting and Picnic
- 20 ----- 2009-2010 Candy Bar Participation due
- 20 ----- 2009-2010 Dues are due
- 24 ----- Leader Specific Training

### October 2009

- 3 ----- District Bike Rodeo
- 6 ----- Leader Specific Training
- 20 ----- Pack Meeting, Fire Ring
- 23-25 ----- Webelos-O-Ree

### November 2009

- 15 ----- Cub Scout Fun Day, Port Discovery
- 17 ----- Pack Meeting, Scout Music Night Theme

### December 2009

- 15 ----- Pack Meeting, Good Nutrition

### January 2010

- 19 ----- Pack Meeting, Pack Camp-in
- 30 ----- District Klondike Derby

### February 2010

- 20 ----- Pinewood Derby and Auction

### March 2010

- 6 ----- District Scouting for Food
- 14 ----- Blue & Gold

### April 2010

- 20 ----- Pack Meeting, Police K-9 Unit

### May 2010

- 1 ----- Rocket Derby, Centennial H.S.
- ?? ----- First Presbyterian Clean-up
- 18 ----- Pack Meeting, Bridging Ceremony
- 28 ----- "We Remember"
- ?? ----- Spring Camping Trip

### June 2010

- 21-25 ----- Cub Scout Day Camp
- ?? ----- Frederick Keys Sleepover Night

### July 2010

- 10 ----- Fishing Tournament
- ?? ----- Camp Oest

### August 2010

- 1 ----- Pool Party

## Treasurer's Report

	7/1/08-12/31/08 Actual	2009-2010 Budget	Notes
<b>Income:</b>			
Misc.	28	100	
Fundraising, net of expenses			
Candy Sales, net	1,292	1,200	
Auction	0	1,000	
Pinewood Cafe	0	150	
T-shirt sales	72	0	
Dues	2,085	2,600	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,477</b>	<b>5,050</b>	
<b>Expense:</b>			
Blue & Gold	200	1,100	
Boat Regatta	193	200	
Camping Supplies	116	200	
District Events	0	100	
Neckerchiefs	0	350	
Office Sup, Printing & Postage	107	200	
Pack Meetings	228	200	
Picnic	446	600	
Pinewood Derby	241	400	
Pool Party	158	180	
Rocket Derby	0	300	
Scouting for Food	0	25	
Supplies for Dens	100	100	
T-Shirt Purchase, net	320	200	
Website	71	100	
Webelos-o-Ree	204	125	
Other	50	250	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>4,630</b>	
Rechartering	1,197	1,250	
Awards	331	950	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,962</b>	<b>6,830</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(485)</b>	<b>(1,780)</b>	
Cash Carryover	3,560	3,209	
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>1,429</b>	



During most of the Pack meetings, the boys are required to wear their Class A uniform. For other events like the Picnic and the Campfire, the boys are asked to wear their Pack t-shirts. If you would like to buy a Pack t-shirt, please contact Amita Roy at [Awards@pack361.org](mailto:Awards@pack361.org). The t-shirts are sold at cost (\$8), and the pack makes no money off of them.