

Pack 150 Newsletter

February 8, 2018

Upcoming Scout Activities (all activities occur at Donegal Presbyterian Church at 1891 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 unless otherwise noted)

- Thursday, February 8, 2018 – 6:30pm – Den Meetings (Including Lions)
- Thursday, February 15, 2018 – 6:30pm – Committee Meeting
- Saturday, February 17, 2018 – 9:00am Set Up, 11:00am Weigh In – Pinewood Derby at REYS (105 Fairview Street, Mount Joy)
- Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 6:30pm – Den Meetings (Including Lions)
- Thursday, March 1, 2018 – 6:30pm – Den Meetings (NO Lions)
- Thursday, March 8, 2018 – 6:00pm – Blue and Gold Banquet and Mount Joy Mennonite Church, 320 Musser Road, Mount Joy
- Thursday, March 15, 2018 – 6:30pm – Committee Meeting
- Thursday, March 22, 2018 – 6:30pm – Den Meetings (Including Lions)
- Thursday, March 29, 2018 – 6:30pm – Den Meetings (NO Lions)

Pinewood Derby – Volunteers and Café Donations

We are still in need of volunteers and café donations for our Pinewood Derby. Below are links to the sign-up genius forms:

- Volunteers – <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044caba82ea5f94-20181>
- Café Donations – <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044caba82ea5f94-2018>

As a reminder, if you are available to help set up, please feel free to show up at REYS as early as 9am. We will set up from 9am until 11am. At 11am, weigh in will begin and the café will be open. Racing will begin at the completion of the weigh in, which should be approximately noon.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Our annual Blue and Gold Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 8th at 6:00pm. We will be at a new location this year – Mount Joy Mennonite Church.

The Blue and Gold Banquet is a very special pack meeting. We will have dinner, the Scouts will receive their awards/advancements, each den will provide some entertainment (generally in the form of a skit), and we will recognize our Webelos II, who will be leaving our pack and crossing over to Boy Scouts.

If you are interested in helping with this event, please let me (April) know. I could use some help with preparing the food, decorations, set-up the day of the event, and clean up afterwards.

You may sign up for this event either via Scoutbook or the Activity Board. Either way, please indicate your Scout's name and how many additional people are attending. You need to sign up **on or before Thursday, February 22nd**. As of February 22nd, your RSVP and fee becomes non-refundable.

Summer Camp

As Barney shared at last week's pack meeting, the theme for this year's summer camp at Camp Mack is A Pirate's Life! Our pack is planning on attending the sessions that start on June 23rd.

The first option is Day Camp, which will run from Saturday, June 23 – Monday, June 25, 2018. Saturday and Sunday will run from 9am – 4:30pm and will include lunch. Monday will run from 8am – 8pm because of the family night closing program. Activities include archery, BB guns, nature studies, games, crafts, swimming, and boating. Cost is \$125 per Scout and \$60 per adult.

The second option is weekend resident camp, which will be held from Saturday, June 23 – Monday, June 25, 2018. This is a three day and two night adventure! Activities include archery, BB guns, nature studies, games, crafts, swimming, boating, and evening campfires. Check-in will be Saturday morning with the program ending on Monday following the family night closing program. Cost is \$185 per Scout and \$95 per adult.

The third option is weeklong resident camp, which will be held from Saturday, June 23 – Thursday, June 28, 2018. This is a six day and five night super adventure! Weeklong resident camp is especially appropriate for Webelos Scouts so they can get a full week summer camp experience under their belt before becoming Boy Scouts. Check-in will be Saturday morning with the program ending after lunch on Thursday. The family program will be on Monday evening with the other camp sessions. Cost is \$290 per Scout and \$125 per adult.

We need your RSVP and \$25 deposit for summer camp on or before Thursday, March 8, 2018. The \$25 deposit is non-refundable. In order to receive the discounted fee (which is the price quoted above) and a free camp t-shirt, final payment is due on or before Thursday, May 10, 2018. You can sign up via Scoutbook or the activity board.

If you would like your Scout to attend summer camp and you have a financial need, there is financial assistance available. All campership applications are due to the council no later than March 15th. You can find the application and information on their website, or please see Tod or April. If you do not receive the assistance that you need from the council, there are other options available for additional assistance. Again, please see Tod or April.

All adults attending will need to take Youth Protection Training and submit their clearances (State, Child Abuse, and Federal or a waiver if you have lived in PA for at least 10 years). If you do not take the training or submit your clearances, you will not be allowed to stay at camp. If you must leave because of failing to take the training or submitting your clearances, you will not receive a refund.

Additional items that I will need between the RSVP date of March 8th and the final payment date of May 10th include medical forms for all participants (youth and adults) if I do not already have them, whether or not you want to purchase the pack photo for \$8, and if you want any meal vouchers for family members to attend the Monday evening family night (\$8 per person, children under 5 are free).

If you are interested in talking to anyone about summer camp, I would be happy to chat with you. I have done two years of weekend resident camp and this will be my first summer of weeklong resident camp! ☺

Science Factory Museum Sleepover

On Saturday, May 19th, we will be having a sleepover at the Lancaster Science Factory. The cost is \$35 per person and we will need at least 30 participants to hold the overnight visit. Siblings and friends are welcome to attend!

Following is the tentative itinerary:

- 5-6pm – Arrive, check in at the front desk, bring bags from car, free time on the floor
- 6-7pm – Dinner (pizza, salad, clementines, chips/pretzels, juice/water)
- 7-9pm – Demonstrations in the Science Café, completing patch activities, scavenger hunts
- 9-9:30pm – Snack (granola bars/gummy snacks)
- 9:30-10:30pm – Completing patch activities, scavenger hunts
- 10:30-11pm – Get ready for bed
- 11pm – Lights out
- 7am – Wake up
- 7:15am – Breakfast (muffins, donut holes, bagels, English muffins, coffee/juice)
- 7:45-8:15am – Pack up and head out

If anyone is interested in attending but not sleeping over, the museum is willing to include this option and will figure out the price upon request. Please let April know if you are interested in this option.

Please RSVP for this event, either via Scoutbook or the activity board, on or before Thursday, April 26th. After April 26th, your RSVP and fee becomes non-refundable.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign 2018

At our Pinewood Derby, a volunteer from the PA Dutch Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Bob Adams, will very briefly discuss the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign which helps underwrite the cost of Scouting for all involved.

Each year, our Scout families are asked to support some of the hidden costs of Scouting. The PA Dutch Council, which serves more than 5,500 youth, provides numerous benefits to all of our boys and adult volunteers. A few of these benefits include: summer camp opportunities at the two Scout Camps; campership programs; screening of adult volunteers through background checks; a dedicated professional staff; a Scout Service Center; program helps; and training opportunities.

Friends of Scouting provides these benefits to our Scouts as well as numerous at-risk youth throughout Lancaster and Lebanon counties. In past years, parents have contributed gifts ranging from \$10 to \$1,000. The PA Dutch Council annually spends in excess of \$191 per boy.

Following Bob's presentation, we will ask everyone to make an investment in their son's Scouting experience by making a contribution. We urge you to join in this effort to keep the Scout program the dynamic, character building experience it has been for your son and other youth now and over the years. Thank you for your support.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Lancaster Science Factory Sleepover – Saturday, May 19th

Due Dates

- RSVPs and payment due for Scout Night with the Hershey Bears by February 8th.
- Pinewood Derby den basket donations due February 8th.
- RSVPs and payment due for Blue and Gold Banquet by February 22nd.
- RSVPs and \$25 deposit due for Summer Camp by March 8th.
- RSVPs and payment due for Science Factory Sleepover by April 26th.
- Final Summer Camp payment due by May 10th.