

Pack 118 Committee Meeting
Minutes - Monday, April 13, 2009
Roundtable Pizza, Springs Road, 7:00 pm

Attendees: Jeremy Lowe, Ed Keenan, and Kathryn Mitchell

Cub Master's Report:

1. The Webelos' II Bridging Ceremony held on March 24, 2009 at Post 550 was well-executed. A few suggestions for next year's ceremony consisted of (a) moving the ceremony from the stage onto the floor for enhanced viewing and (b) providing a better explanation regarding the purpose of the Webelos II Bridging Ceremony, prior to the event.
2. Twelve cub scouts and ten adults attended the Lynch Canyon Hike (3 miles) on March 29, 2009. The hike afforded the cub scouts opportunities to practice "Leave No Trace Behind" guidelines, stroll along exciting trails, climb across rocks and gates, observe animals (turkeys & cows), and to take in a view of the open scenery.
3. Little League Flag Ceremony on April 4, 2009 will be attended by our Bears and Boy Scouts.
4. The new den meeting place, Post 550, is working well for our pack; therefore, we'll stay at this location. The number of cub scouts attending den/pack meetings is temporarily lower due to the baseball season.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Pack 118 has \$1,459 in the First Bank account as of March 13, 2009. Checks for VALCORE (\$350) and Earth Day (\$250) should be received by the end of the month. There are no outstanding checks or expenses.
2. Ed Keenan (Treasurer) is looking into moving our bank account from First Bank to Wells Fargo to forgo paying current banking fees.
3. The Pack account at the Scout Store is \$6.00 as of February 13, 2009.
4. A suggestion was made to add a "line item" to our budget to include the purchase of "Cub Scout" handbooks distributed at our annual June graduation.
5. The Committee discussed the prospects of increasing our annual \$35 cub scout fee to \$50. Currently, our pack receives only **\$11/per cub scout** out of each **\$35** annual cub scout fee received. This money is used to purchase cub scout handbooks (cost: \$8) and badges/belt buckles (cost: \$3+). The committee explored the advantages and disadvantages of increasing the annual fee and agreed to re-visit this issue before September.

Den Leader's Reports

1. Wolves Den (4) is close to completing all Wolves requirements and anticipates receiving their badges at the April 2009 Pack meeting. Their goal is to award badges to all Wolves at the same time (vs. individually).
2. The Tiger's Den leader recently moved; Jeremy Lowe will work with Mike Featherstone and Ed Keenan to reorganize the den.

Upcoming Events

1. Earth Day at Farmer's Market (Vallejo), Saturday, April 18, 2009. Cub Scout's den volunteer schedule is as follows: 9:00 – 10:30 am (Wolves 4), 10:30 – 11:40 am (Wolves 3), 11:40 am – 1:00 pm (Beavers).
2. April Pack Meeting theme is "Air Show"
3. Bears attending Camporee at Lake Berryessa with Boy Scouts, May 17 -19, 2009.
4. Day Camp kicks off the 1st week of August 2009. Sign up by May 15, 2009.
5. Mt. Diablo Hike tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009.
6. "Rock Climbing" in Concord tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009. Kathryn Mitchell will research activity.

Other Business

1. **A Budget Planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2009, 6:30 – 8:00 pm for ALL leaders and interested parents. We'll prepare a comprehensive budget and a calendar of events for the entire cub scout 2009-2010 year.**
2. The sale of Pack 118 t-shirts continues until 75 orders are made in order to receive the discount price. Thus far, 52 orders have been placed.
3. During the summer, the pack schedules at least 2 activities monthly. Individual dens will choose whether or not to hold den meetings.
4. In June 2009, "Join the Tigers" flyers will be distributed to kindergarten classes to establish a new tigers den.
5. A request to receive cub scouts ID registration cards was made. Kathryn will contact James Road-Dyer for cards.