



Cub Scout Tracks

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Wild West Fall Campout

Can you believe the Fall Family Campout is just around the corner? We encourage every family to participate even if you have never camped before. If you have never been camping and need help knowing what you need or need help acquiring gear please let us know.

We will have fun activities planned for the whole family. The campout theme is "Wild West", and we encourage you to dress the part! Each family is on their own for meals except for Saturday dinner, each den will plan for that together. We have a Cracker Barrel (snacks) planned for Friday night and a dessert PIG-OUT planned for Saturday. For the Pig-Out each family needs to bring a homemade dessert to share.



Our Fall Family Campout is set for the weekend of November 6-8. We will be camping at Purtis Creek State Park. Camping is \$25 per family and anyone over age 13 is \$5 per day at the gate. Maps are available tonight. This is a state park and we need to remember no firearms, no fireworks and no firewater (alcohol).



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If you are new to Pack 161 be sure to visit our website! You will find a link to join our Yahoo Groups. We use this email list to send out up-to-date pack wide communications, so be sure to sign up!

December Pack Meeting

Pack 161 has several traditions for our December Pack meeting.

The first tradition is a Cookie Buffet. Each family brings a plate of cookies to share. The Pack will provide the milk!



The second tradition is a Gift Exchange. Each scout brings a \$10 camping item, wrapped. They will exchange gifts and take one home!

We also hand out the Derby Car kits at the December meeting. That gives families time to get their car in peak racing condition before the Pinewood Derby on January 23.

Mark Your Calendar



October

- 17-18 Cub Fun Day—Camp Wisdom
- 23-25 Parent and Pal—Camp Wisdom

November

- 6-8 Fall Camp Out- Purtis Creek State Park
- 8-15 Popcorn Pickup this week
- 14-15 Webelos Woods- Camp James Ray

December

- 13 Committee Mtg @ 3 p.m. All Parents Invited
- 17 Pack Meeting

January

- 17 Committee Mtg @ 3 p.m. All Parents Invited
- 22 Pinewood Derby weigh in 6-8 p.m.
- 23 Pack Pinewood Derby

SCOUTING DONATIONS

The pack will be collecting new or gently used uniforms, accessories or books that you may have sitting at home collecting dust. These items will be used to help everyone enjoy a great scouting experience.

Currently we have only two blue shirts and one tan shirt for boys and two tan shirts which would fit only adult leaders.

Also we would like to get a parent to volunteer to sew all necessary patches on these uniforms, making them wear ready as soon as a scout mentions that he needs one.

Camping Gear List



What to Bring

- Class A uniform
- Change of clothes, rain gear, jacket, hat
- Toiletries (don't forget the toothbrush)
- Food, drinks and drinking water
- Eating and cooking supplies
- Camp stove and/or charcoal
- Soap, paper towels, trash bags
- Tent, tarp, mattress/cot
- Sleeping bag, blanket, pillow
- Lawn chair
- First Aid Kit
- Lantern, flash light
- Enthusiasm



What NOT to Bring

- Weapons of any kind including BB guns
- Sheath knives
- Fireworks
- Alcoholic beverages
- Bad attitude

(Remember, cub scouts need to carry their Whittling Chip card with them in order to carry a pocket knife.)

WANTED!

Pack 161 just like the Army is looking for a "Few Good Men" (or Women) to aid the pack in a successful 2009-2010 year. With your help we can spread the load amongst many individuals so that no one person is overwhelmed or overburdened by it all. These positions are NOT LIMITED to those who wear a UNIFORM!

The following are some of the positions that Pack 161 has available for the year.

*****Advancement Chair**— Will be responsible for inputting all scouts advancement into our Pack's software system as well as the Council's online system. Also adding new scouts to the system as needed.

*****Pinewood Derby Race Assistants** - Will assist our coordinator so that we may have a successful pinewood derby.

*****Pack Committee Members**- open to all family members of the pack to bring fresh ideas and feedback to the pack committee meeting.

Other positions are also available. Let me know which position you are interested in pursuing.

Thanks,
Kevin Harrison— Cubmaster

Popcorn Pick-UP

Popcorn pickup will be the week of November 8th at the home of Kevin Harrison
2726 Covington Dr
Garland, TX 75040

More information will be following thru email and your den leaders. Please try to pick up your popcorn as soon as possible.