

Cub Scouts Pack 94

Newsletter

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"There is no real ending. It's just the place where you stop the story." ~ Frank Herbert

*"End? No, the journey doesn't end here."
~ J.R.R. Tolkien*

Contacts and Questions

"I know how you feel," I said. "You run into something you totally don't get, and it's scary as hell. But once you learn something about it, it gets easier to handle. Knowledge counters fear. It always has." ~ Jim Butcher, Dead Beat

If you have a question about something and cannot find the answer, please e-mail your question to pillywiggins76@msn.com and we will try to answer your questions or send the e-mail on to someone who can. Please allow 5 days for a response.

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May Events

May 4th - May 5th: Spring Campout

Camp Sullivan
14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest
3:00pm to 10:00am

May 5th: Loyalty Day Parade

United Methodist Church of New Lenox
339 New Lenox, Rd, New Lenox
12:15pm

May 12th: Hiking Club

Messenger Woods Nature Preserve
13800 W. Bruce Rd, Homer Glen
1:00pm

May 16th: Parent Planning Meeting

Beggars Pizza
650 W. Maple St, New Lenox
6:30pm

May 19th: Pack Night and CROSSOVER EVENT

VFW
323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox
5:30pm

May 23rd: Committee Meeting

VFW
323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox
7:00pm

For Sign-ups, please use this link as it connects with all events:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0DC5CAD9FACCFD67&cs=09B7BADA8FBC8B6C7B7E64745BB29BC9&sortby=enddate>

Please check our website for more information and sign-up links. www.Pack94.com

Thoughts, Experiences, Opinions, and Fellowship:

Notes from Events Passed

*“Every memory we have changes slightly each time we think about it. We add stuff we learn in other places, or we forget stuff that doesn't seem important anymore. Or you think you remember something, like from your childhood, but actually you've just seen so many pictures of it, and your parents have told you about it, so you think you remember it, but you don't. A memory is a process. Instead of a thing. Like a story we tell ourselves that changes from the standpoint we're looking at it.” ~ Katherine Howe, *The Appearance of Annie Van Sinderen**

Dozin' with the Dinos:

Pack 94 had a great time at the Field Museum overnight. Highlights included: dissecting an owl pellet, learning from field experts about different plants and animals, lots of hands on activities including touching a young Tyrannosaurus rex skull (Norm) and an actual saber tooth from a saber tooth tiger, story time about the Lions of Tsavo, an awesome movie about the most famous T-Rex SUE, and exploring the museum by flashlight. Pack 94 slept in the African Animals section and overall had a fantastic adventure!

World Conservation Award: Field Work Day

Bears Den 3 worked hard this year and earned the World Conservation Award. Many of the requirements that they needed to complete for their Bear Badge transferred over towards this award. All except one thing; they had to work on a conservation project. Den 3 worked hand in hand with the Forest Preserve District of Will County. This den participated in two events through the Forest Preserve District in order to accommodate all the scouts who wished to work towards this award. The Forest Preserve District and volunteers were phenomenal with these scouts. The scouts were able to participate in every aspect of these events. They were given the tools they needed to remove invasive plants from our forest and trails. These tools included loppers, hand saws, pruning shears and their favorite FIRE. Yes, the scouts were able to add the brush they removed to the fire themselves. These guys worked hard and enjoyed the feeling of equality with the other volunteers. In the future, any den or patrol looking to do some conservation volunteer work should contact the Forest Preserve District of Will County. Some of our families from that den will be looking into future opportunities to do on their own.

If you or your den enjoyed an activity or event with our Pack or with their dens we would love to hear about it. Please e-mail the editor to have your opinion added to the newsletter. pillywiggins76@msn.com



May Pack Night, Crossover, and Ice Cream Social

“Experience is more than just the summation of events catalogued into our life; it is the seasoning that flavors personalities, giving them depth and complexity where otherwise absent. The big events we experience can define how we see ourselves.”

~ Drew Hayes, *Pears and Perils*

All the hard work our boys have put in this year will be honored at the May Pack Night. This event we will watch our Scouts cross over into their new ranks. Lions will become Tigers; Tigers will become Wolves; Wolves will become Bears; Bears will become Webelos; and our Webelos 1's will become our Webelos 2's. With the crossover we gain two new patrols for our Webelos rank. Bears Den 3 will transition into the Ravenous Hot Shot Patrol and Bears Den 5 will transition into the Sith Roast Patrol.

All the hard work our Den Leaders and Assistant Den leaders, as well as our committee members, have done to prepare our boys for this night will be well worth their efforts once the pride of accomplishment passes their faces.

We are so proud of these Scouts this year.

We will also be saying good bye to some of our hard working committee members. These people have spent the last 4 years or longer working hard to make our Pack wonderful.

What could possibly be better than that.....ice cream of course, delicious ice cream with chocolate sauce and sprinkles.

There are so many more good memories to be made and adventures to be had and this is just one more in their Cub Scout career.

Cub Scouts First Summertime Book Club

“When I was your age, television was called books.”

~ William Goldman, *The Princess Bride*

We are very proud to announce that we will be starting our very first summer reading program within our Pack. June, July, and August we will be meeting once a month to discuss the book we have chosen. We will have a short discussion and we will read a couple of short books by the same author or within the same genre.

They will earn patches and work towards their National Summertime Award which requires that they participate in one activity a month with our Pack over the summer.

We will try to select books that will appeal to all our Scouts but there may be books that parent will need to read with their child based on their reading level. I will give the age ranges for each book but I will guarantee that the content will be appropriate for all.

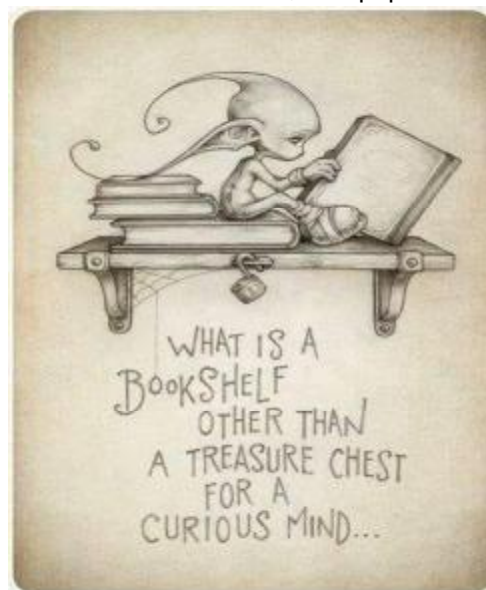
Our book for June will be:

Fortunately the Milk by Neil Gaiman

Age Range 8-12, 128 pages

New Lenox Public Library has 3 copies and can also be reserved through inter library loan

Amazon and Barnes & Noble: \$6.99 paperback



Want to have a say? Join the Committee or Participate in the Parent Planning Meeting at Beggars Pizza.

"It may help to understand human affairs to be clear that most of the great triumphs and tragedies of history are caused, not by people being fundamentally good or fundamentally bad, but by people being fundamentally people."

~ Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman, Good Omens

Come join us for pizza and help plan the upcoming scout year. If you think an overnight at an aquarium would be great or if you think sleeping in an abandon haunted house would be fun, come and pitch your ideas May 16th. Not all ideas will be possible (no haunted houses) but we will work hard to plan a fantastic year.

We have a number of committee positions that are open and a few that need to be filled as soon as possible.

Fundraiser:

We have NO fundraiser. Everyone is pitching in right now to help out but we really need one as soon as possible. You would help organize remote sales, call businesses for sponsors, those types of things.

Popcorn Kernel:

Our Popcorn Kernel has transitioned into a new role on our committee which leaves this position open. The committee position is in charge of our annual popcorn sale. You would organize remote sales, order popcorn, collect orders from our Scouts, and distribute all the ordered popcorn to our Den Leaders.

In a perfect world our Fundraising Chair and our Popcorn Kernel would be the same person however dividing these positions up lightens the load. This would be a great fit for a Father and Mother duo looking to help out with our Pack.

Assistant Cub Master:

We will need a new Assistant Cub Master to help and follow our current Cub Master and our current Assistant Cub Master. Our Cub Master will be leaving in February of 2020 and Our Assistant Cub Master will step up and take over his duties. We would like to have an Assistant ready for the transition in February. Hopefully you would be willing to step into the Cub Master position in 2021 when our current Assistant Cub Master will be crossing over into Boy Scouts. You would be the face of the Pack and the leader our boys interacts with.

Pinterest Page Master:

Did you know Pack 94 has its own Pinterest page? Well we do and it's awesome. We are looking for someone to bring fresh ideas to our page and grow our followers. If you are interested in doing this please e-mail: pillywiggins76@msn.com

Assistant Newsletter Editor:

As you can see this newsletter has been delivered to you late this month. From time to time my real job gets crazy busy and I work between 50 and 70 hours in a week. Not great when I have newsletter deadlines. Anyone who would like to assist will be greatly appreciated. You can even pick your own quotes and pictures.

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Hiking Club News

"He was mastered by the sheer surging of life, the tidal wave of being, the perfect joy of each separate muscle, joint, and sinew in that it was everything that was not death, that it was aglow and rampant, expressing itself in movement, flying exultantly under the stars." ~ Jack London, The Call of the Wild

Our Hiking club marks our accomplishments with patches and rockers. Hike 5 miles with us and earn a hiking club patch, after that, every 10 miles earns a mile rocker to go around the patch. After the first 15 miles your scout will earn their own hiking stick. Hike 15 miles during any rank and get a rank medallion for their hiking stick.

Anyone that hikes with us regularly will also tell you how they will find exciting new sticks, rocks, scat and other extremely exciting things. Come out and join us and have your Scout hike until their legs fall off (usually within the first 15 minutes).

The hiking club begins in September and ends in August.

Please join us on our upcoming hikes:

Sunday May 12, 2019 (Mothers Day): 1:00pm:
Messenger Woods Nature Preserve
13800 W. Bruce Road, Homer Glen, IL

Saturday June 1, 2019: 10:00am
Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve
27064 Dutton Rd, Beecher

Sunday July 14, 2019: 1:00pm
Salt Creek Park Forest Preserve
18W200 Elizabeth Drive, Wood Dale

Saturday August 24, 2019: 10:00am
Lake Renwich Preserve
230 W. Renwick Rd, Plainfield

Upcoming Events in June and July

June:

June 1st: Hiking Club
Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve
27064 Dutton Rd, Beecher
10:00am

June 12th: Movie in the Park
New Lenox Commons
8:30pm

June 15th: Cub Scout Book Club
Date subject to change
New Lenox Commons
10:00am

June 27th: Committee Meeting
VFW
323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox, IL
7:00pm

July:

July 14th: Hiking Club
Salt Creek Park Forest Preserve
18W200 Elizabeth Drive, Wood Dale

July 20th: Cub Scout Book Club
Date subject to change
New Lenox Commons
10:00am

July 25th: Committee Meeting
VFW
323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox, IL
7:00pm

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