

Cub Scouts Pack 94 Newsletter

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“Adults follow paths. Children explore. Adults are content to walk the same way, hundreds of times, or thousands; perhaps it never occurs to adults to step off the paths, to creep beneath rhododendrons, to find the spaces between fences. I was a child, which meant that I knew a dozen different ways of getting out of our property and into the lane, ways that would not involve walking down our drive.”

~ Neil Gaiman: *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*

February Events

February 2nd: Hiking Club

Little Red School House Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs
10:00am

February 11th: Dine and Donate

Buffalo Wild Wings
414 Nelson Rd, New Lenox, IL

February 13th: Dine and Donate

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414 Nelson Rd, New Lenox, IL

February 15th: Dine and Donate

Buffalo Wild Wings
414 Nelson Rd, New Lenox, IL

February 24th: Blue and Gold Banquet

Silver Lake Country Club
14700 South 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, IL
12:00 – 4:00pm

February 28th: Committee Meeting

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

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

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Buffalo Wild Wings Dine and Donate for Cub Scouts Pack 94

“Your body is not a temple, it's an amusement park. Enjoy the ride.” ~ Anthony Bourdain: Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly

Buffalo Wild Wings in New Lenox is helping us raise money with their dine and donate program. Please dine or encourage friends and family to dine in at Buffalo Wild Wings this month. They, we, everyone should bring in a copy of the certificate that will help support our pack. Please come out on February 11th, February 13th, and/or February 15th to eat and be merry. All food sales will bring in 15% to our Pack. All alcohol sales will help you smile and wipe the work day away but does not contribute to our Pack.

Pack 94 does not condone this message on alcohol consumption and is the sole fault of the newsletter editor.

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Blue and Gold Banquet and Webelos Scout Bridging Ceremony

February 28, 2019 12:00pm to 4:00pm

“No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way.” ~ Robert Baden-Powell

The Blue and Gold banquet within our pack celebrates the leaders and parents who volunteer to make Cub Scouts fantastic. More importantly we celebrate the accumulation of all the effort our Webelos Scouts have worked so very hard for with the presentation of their Arrow of Light.

After the Scouts receive their Arrow of Light they build the bridge from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and take their final walk across; from Pack 94 into the open arms of their new Boy Scout Troops.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Toxic Gummy Bear Scouts and parents and the Warrior Robot Scouts and parents for everything they have done to make Pack 94 what it is today. Most of these boys joined Pack 94 as Tigers but these boys are no longer the first graders they were when they entered our Pack. They have grown to be some of the most amazing boys our Pack has to offer and they will be missed.

Please take some time and congratulate Rick Conklin, Joshua DeMik, Tyler Doran, Lucas Gamble, Steven Hunter, Elijah James, Aidan Krier, Vince Reiner, Mitchell Sladcik, Garren So, Brian Stefanelli, Shane Swinder, Liam Viebach, and Drew Villalobos as they earn Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light.

Pack 94 is lucky to have a choice of different Boy Scout Troops we get to work with and the Scouts get to pick from. Our Webelos get a chance to hang out, camp, hike, and get to know the Troops in our area. After speaking with some of our Webelos, this is one of the hardest parts of the cross over.

These troops offer so many opportunities to our Scouts that it is hard to choose between the four different troops. New Lenox has Troop 12, Troop 44, Troop 49, and Troop 755, all of which offer so many opportunities to our Scouts.

Boy Scout Troop No. 12 is lucky to be receiving some of our amazing boys. Elijah James, Vince Reiner, and Liam Viebach have chosen to join with these Scouts as they advance through their next phase of scouts and grow into the future leaders and men.

Boy Scout Troop No. 44 is lucky to be receiving even more of our amazing boys. Joshua DeMik, Lucas Gamble, Aidan Krier, Mitchell Sladcik, Brian Stefanelli, Shane Swider, and Drew Villalobos have chosen to be with these Scouts as they advance through their next phase of scouts and grow into the future leaders and men.

As I said, this is the hardest part of the crossing and a few of our boys are still considering their options. You have to appreciate those who take their time and not jump in without considering all the rocks at the bottom. We know that Garren So and Steven Hunter will make the best decision for themselves; and we will await their decision at the Blue and Gold ceremony.

We here at Pack 94, the parents, the Leaders and the committee are so very proud of our departing Webelos.

“Children are a precious gift, but they belong to no one but themselves. They are only lent us a little while.” ~ Jim Butcher: Proven Guilty



Want to have a say? Join the Committee

“The scariest moment is always just before you start.” ~ Stephen King: On writing

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

Assistant Cub Master – our Cub Master will be here for just one more year. His scout crosses over February 2020 and he will be leaving at the same time. Our Assistant Cub Master will take his place and a new Assistant Cub Master will come forward to help you out. You will be the face the kids will see and look up to.

Committee Chair – our current Committee Chair will be leaving October 2019. Yes 2019! The committee chair runs the committee meetings and is our representative to the council. You would be the behind the scenes person.

Treasurer – Our Treasurer is leaving in February 2020. You would be in charge of the allocation of funds. How much more fun could you ask for? If you sign up now you would be able to work with our current Treasurer and realize it’s not as scary as it sounds.

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.

Registration – Our registration chair will be stepping down in October 2019. The registration chair organizes the paperwork for all incoming scouts and is one of the first people our families interact with.

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Dozing with the Dinos

Dozing with the Dino’s Overnight is scheduled for March 29th. Please submit payment no later than March 2nd if you wish to attend. \$65.00 per person, participants must be willing to stay the full length of the event. More information to come.

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If you ask you shall receive. Big Thank You!!

“I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks.” ~ William Shakespeare: Twelfth Night, Or, What You Will

Events Chair – our current Events Coordinator will be stepping down next year and we have a new volunteer to fill her position. Please give a big thanks to Sheri Buergele who has volunteered to fill this very important position. You can find her hanging out with her Tiger Scout.

Web Master – our current Web Master will be leaving at the end of this year and we have a new volunteer who will be taking her spot. Please give a big thanks to Jim Carpenter who has volunteered to keep our website up and running. You can find him as the Den Leader for the Wolves Den 10 or hanging out with his Bear Scout or Lion Scout.

Secretary – our current Secretary will be stepping down and we have a new Secretary to fill this position. Please give a big thank you to Jennifer Bromann-Bender for taking over this important position. You can find her as the Den Leader for Nuclear Narwhals or hanging out with her Wolf Scout.

Pinewood Derby, thank you, thank you, thank you!!

“We need not to be let alone. We need to be really bothered once in a while.” ~ Ray Bradbury: Fahrenheit 451

Jim Carpenter, Nikki Carpenter, and the rest of the Wolves who helped put on our Annual Pinewood Derby would like to thank all of our parent volunteers that helped out at not only the derby but also the test and tune, set up and break down. They would like to give a large shout out to Sean and Camille Jensen for hosting our workshop this year. We could keep going on about all the help we were able to get and how much we really appreciated your hard work.

Thank you everyone!!

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New to Scouting

We would like to welcome three new scouts to the pack. Welcome Eric Ward to Den #10 and the twins Casey and Michael Cremieux to Den #4. Please make them feel welcome and help with giving the family information and assistance to make the beginning of their scouting a success.

Leader Training

We still have a few leaders that haven't completed their training. Please, please, please finish the required training ASAP. It is important to the pack and the children that as a leader you are properly training by the BSA. If an individual has any questions about training please don't hesitate to contact Michael Hofsommer at (708)932-0844 or justlikedopey@gmail.com.

Baloo/Owl Training is being held again this year at the Rainbow Council Reservation of June 2nd and 3rd. The pack needs individuals to have this training for all overnight and camping events; due to the fact that not all personnel can attend every event the more people that we have trained the better. Again, if anyone is interested in the training please contact Michael and he will direct where to get signed up.

Scoutbooks

We have begun the transition from Troop Track to Scoutbook. The pack is currently continuing to log advancement, events, and financials through troop track through the end of the season with the hope that by the beginning of next season we will all be using Scoutbook. Scoutbook is a direct link between Pack 94 and the BSA. According to the BSA it will soon be a requirement for packs and troops to use Scoutbook for data entry. Each individual parent will have the option of logging into Scoutbook to retrieve information about their sons' achievements, financials, and hopefully information about upcoming events and activities. An email was sent out with an invite. If you can't find the invite or want another email invite to be sent please notify your Den Leader and we will send you one. Scoutbook can also be used as a communication tool for individual dens and the committee.



Spaghetti Dinner Bake Sale

Thank you to all who contributed to the Pinewood Derby Bake Sale! We raised \$200 for Pack 94!

We are planning on an even bigger bake sale for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser! Each Den is asked to contribute at least two baked good items. Please label all items and indicate if there are any nuts. The items can be a full pie, small cake or 24 individual items (think: chocolate covered pretzels, cookies, brownies, oatmeal bars, cupcakes, etc). Please package the items into groups as the goal is to charge \$1.00 per item (or more for a full pie, cake, loaf, etc). Individual serving sizes are to be placed into baggies/ containers with either two large items, four smaller items or one giant item (i.e. 4 smaller chocolate chip cookies in one baggie, one cupcake in a container, two brownie squares in one bag, two chocolate dipped pretzel rods in one bag, etc).

Homemade items are preferred.



Newletter Submissions and Notifications

Most of us in Pack 94 will from time to time want to shout out about important things happening in our lives or with our children. Some of the boys we have in Pack 94 have sisters who are in Girl Scouts and therefore selling cookies, delicious cookie that we all want to buy.

If there is something you would like to appear in the newsletter please submit your requests to: pillywiggins76@msn.com

Not all requests will be honored. We cannot advertise little Billy's birthday party unless you want all of Pack 94 to attend. That's a lot of pizza. You will receive an e-mail back letting you if it will be included in our newsletter and if it will not. Please do not send out angry e-mails if we do not honor the request. They are after all a request.

Our main purpose to this newsletter is to get information out concerning the Pack and our activities and news. Only a small portion will be used for these types of requests.



Hiking Club News

“Not all those who wander are lost.” ~ J.R.R. Tolkien: The Fellowship of the Ring

Outdoors all year round... Everyone does well with some fresh air. Your scout has the opportunity to join Pack 94 on our monthly hikes. If being outside and wearing our scouts out isn't enough incentive than how about earning a hiking patch? Mile markers for every 10 miles hiked? Still not enough? How about their very own hand crafted hiking stick? OK, not really hand crafted but assembled by our very own Hiking Chair. Still not enough? How about hiking stick medallions. See, we have you now...

The hiking club begins in September and ends in August; there is always enough time to earn those medallions for this year.

Please join us on our upcoming hikes:

Saturday February 2, 2019 10:00am: Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center - 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs, IL

Sunday March 3, 2019 1:00pm: Hadley Valley - Gougar Road Access - 18311 Gougar Road, Joliet, IL

Saturday April 13, 2019 10:00am: Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center - 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook, IL

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

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Spaghetti Dinner and Remote Sales Information

We have three remote sales scheduled for our spaghetti dinner. Please check the website to sign-up if you would like your scout to participate. We will be at Big R in Homer Glen on February 2nd and February 9th.

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We will also have one on February 23rd at the Jewel on Laraway in New Lenox.

We all know that this is our largest fundraising event of the year and unfortunately when we have no Fundraising Chair. This is a great example of how important that position is on our committee.

Our spaghetti dinner will be held on March 21, 2019 at the VFW, 323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox, IL. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Please ask your Den Leader for quotas and additional information.

We will need adult and scout volunteers.

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Where the H. E. Double Hockey Sticks is our Dance?!?

“A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.” ~ Douglas Adams: Mostly Harmless

The Mother Scout Dance has NOT been cancelled. It has been postponed to April 27th in order to appropriate more funds through new fund raising efforts. No one wants a dance that's bare boned and boring. How will we ever convince our scouts to take us to another dance if this one is less than what we have expected? Any Scouts crossing over in February will be welcomed to join us in April, we hope to have everything sorted out and a wonderful time can be had by all.

We will need some Dads to come and volunteer to run this dance.

Don't read too much into the quote I used. It's just funny and since I was one of the people in charge of running the dance I'm really just poking fun at myself.

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Upcoming Events in March and April

MARCH:

March 3rd: Hiking Club

Hadley Valley – Gougar Road Access
18311 Gougar Rd, Joliet, IL
1:00 pm

March 9th to March 10th: Silverside Submarine Sleepover

USS Silverides Submarine Museum
1349 Bluff St, Muskegon, MI (4 hour drive)
Sat: 4:00 pm to Sun 10:00 am

March 21st: Spaghetti Dinner

VFW 323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox, IL
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

March 24th: Pack Night

Marley Church 12625 W. 187th St, Mokena, IL
5:30 pm

March 28th: Committee Meeting

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

March 29th to March 30th: Dozing with the Dinos Overnight

Chicago Field Museum
1400 S. Lake Shore Dr, Chicago IL
More Info to come

APRIL:

April 6th: Wolves Hockey Game

Allstate Arena
6920 N. Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL
Time: 4:00pm for Stem activities / 6:00pm doors open /
7:00pm game starts

April 13th: Hiking Club

Fullersburg Woods Nature Center
3609 Spring Rd, Oak Brook, IL
10:00 pm

April 28th: Pack Night and Raingutter Regatta

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

April 25th: Committee Meeting

Place: TBD
7:00pm

Contacts and Questions

We all have questions from time to time. 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.

Important Contacts:

We are all important here at Pack 94 but we can't all be Chiefs. Here are the people you should know how to contact:

Cub Master: Bill Kozicki
bk17219@yahoo.com

Committee Chair: George Petecki
george@georgeslandscaping.com

Treasurer: Katie Vuckovich
elimommy9408@gmail.com

Secretary: Jennifer Bromann-Bender
bromannj@hotmail.com

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Eat Wings. Raise Funds.

Help raise money for your favorite non-profit organization.



All families and friends

are invited to participate in the benefit for:

Cub Scouts Pack 94.

Monday February 11th, Wednesday 13th, & Friday 15th

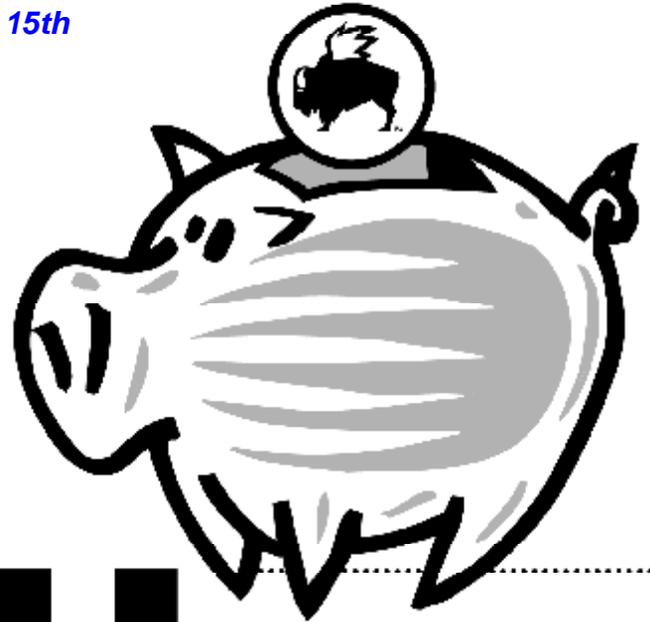
At Buffalo Wild Wings® (414 Nelson Rd.)

for lunch, dinner or a snack.

On these days, 15% of all food purchases accompanied by the certificate below will

be donated to the

Cub Scouts Pack 94.



Cub Scouts Pack 94

Monday February 11th, Wednesday 13th, & Friday 15th.

Present this certificate to your server or cashier at the time of your purchase and 15% of all food purchases* will go to support the

Cub Scouts Pack 94

Only valid at 414 Nelson Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451

Alcohol & discounted item purchases not included

