

Cub Scouts Pack 94 Newsletter

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"Don't Panic."

~ Douglas Adams: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

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Contacts and Questions

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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*"But when fall comes, kicking summer out on its treacherous a** as it always does one day sometime after the midpoint of September, it stays awhile like an old friend that you have missed. It settles in the way an old friend will settle into your favorite chair and take out his pipe and light it and then fill the afternoon with stories of places he has been and things he has done since last he saw you."*

~ Stephen King, 'Salem's Lot

EVENTS PAGE

September Events

September 13th-15th:

RSR Family Campout
2600 Winterbottom Rd, Morris
Fri: 5:30pm to Sun: 10:00am

September 15th:

Rocket Launch and Picnic
St. Stephens Deacon & Martyr
17500 84th Ave, Tinley Park
12:00pm to 3:00pm

*Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages

September 21st:

Hiking Club
I&M Canal : 25302 W. Story St, Channahon
10:00am

September 26th:

Committee Meeting
Marley Church
12625 W. 187th St, Mokena
7:00pm

October Events

October 10th:

End of Popcorn Sales
Please make sure your den leaders have your order forms to be turned in

October 12th-13th

Cantigny Overnight
1S151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL
Sat 7:00pm to Sun 8:30am

October 20th:

Pack Night
Costume Contest and Pack 94 Patch Contest
VFW Post 9545
323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox
5:30pm

October 24th:

Committee Meeting
Marley Church
12625 W. 187th St, Mokena
7:00pm

October 26th:

Hiking Club
Messenger Marsh
South Bell Rd, Homer Glen
10:00am

November Events

November 3rd:

Scouting for Food bag drop off
12:00pm
Locations differ per den – more information will be provided by your den leaders

November 10th:

Scouting for Food bag pick-up and sorting
12:00pm
Pick up bags where you dropped them off
Lincoln-Way West High School
21701 Gougar Rd, New Lenox (gym)

November 16th:

Hiking Club
MEGA HIKE – Multiple locations
Swallow Cliffs 11918 S. LaGrange Rd, Palos Park
10:00am
Lunch
Tomahawk Slough – Wolf Rd Woods parking lot
9800 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs
Little Red Schoolhouse
9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs

November 17th:

Pack Night and Turkey Shoot
Marley Church
12625 W. 187th Street, Mokena
5:30pm

November 21st:

Committee Meeting
Marley Church
12625 W. 187th St, Mokena
7:00pm

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN-UP FOR EVENTS.

www.pack94.com

Hiking Club News:

Pack 94 has its very own hiking club. We hike every month rain, snow, sun, wind, or anything else Mother Nature chooses to throw at us....except thunder and lightning storms or blizzards. Real blizzards that close down our destinations. We hike one Saturday a month and in case the weather does not cooperate, we have decided to have a make up day that Sunday. Saturday hikes begin at 10:00am and Sunday hikes would start at 1:00pm since a Scout is reverent.

Why hike with Pack 94? Besides tiring out your Scout and their siblings, besides being out in nature every month, or besides being with some of the best Scouts in the whole world...We keep track of every mile they hike with us. After 5 miles they will earn the hiking club patch, every 10 miles after they will earn a 10 mile rocker (small X patch) that goes around their hiking club patch, after 15 miles they will earn their hiking staff, if they can hike 15 miles during their rank they will get a medallion of that rank to go onto their hiking staff. Plus they will find sticks and yes, they love finding sticks. We will also be learning about certain plants and wildlife while on our hikes.

Pack 94 has a no bullying policy. In cases in which a Scout has been behaving badly on the hike we will no longer count his miles if actions need to be taken. Please remind your Scout to keep their hands to themselves, that their hiking staffs are not weapons or lightsabers, and the other peoples personal property is not for everyone. This includes other Scouts hats which is the number one target when and if things go badly. Our Scouts are kids and we will give multiple warnings before any miles are deducted. Let's all work hard to have fun on our hikes.

Want to have a say? Join the Committee.

The Pack relies on parent participation to run a successful program for our scouts. The Pack Committee is a group of adult volunteers who plan the pack program and individual activities as well as managing such things as record keeping, finance, leadership recruitment, fundraising and registration. The Pack Committee meets monthly and meetings are open to any interested parent. Please see the Pack Calendar for the next meeting date. If you would like to hear more about any of the open positions listed below, please feel free to reach out to any leader or committee member.

Fundraiser

Newsletter Editor

Pinterest Page Manager

Membership and Training Assistant

New positions will be opening up at the end of the year. Please consider helping out if you can. The more people helping leaves more time for everyone to enjoy the Scouting experience with their child.

Additional information on each position is available on www.pack94.com/open-positions

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR.

This will be the last full newsletter for Pack 94. Work constraints as well as all the other positions I fill within the Pack have made it impossible to continue the newsletter. I will try to send out something but it will not be as fabulous.

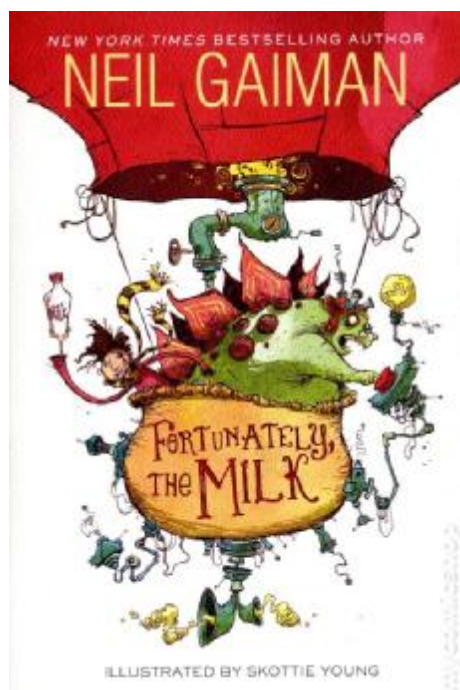
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Summer Book Club

The first annual summer book club took place over the 2019 summer. It was led by our Webelos Scout Tyler Hofsommer, who did a phenomenal job. Below are the recaps Tyler wrote for each book.

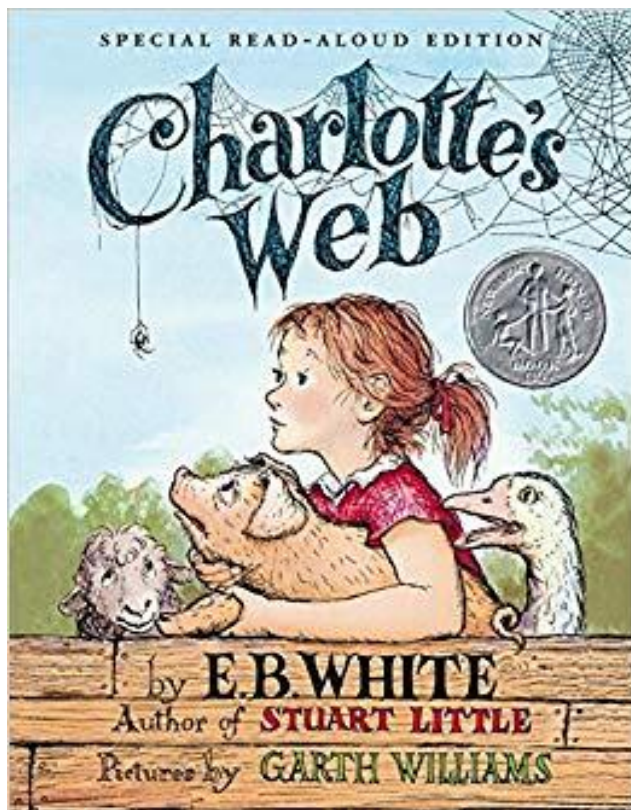
Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman
Summary by Tyler Hofsommer

The story has a simple plot, a dad goes to get his kids milk for the breakfast. But on his way back home he gets abducted by aliens and escapes through an exit that also is a hole through time. The dad is then stranded in an ocean and is saved/captured by pirates. He is then forced to walk the plank but is saved by a talking stegosaurus who then acts as his partner to get the milk back to his kids. The stegosaurus owns a hot air balloon which is also a time machine, but the stegosaurus calls it a "Floaty Ball Person Carrier". Around the middle of the book they encounter an early human village which gives them a jewel they need to use their time machine. But the reason they were presented with the jewel was because they had previously time traveled there and told the early humans that when a human and a stegosaurus come in a floaty ball person carrier you may not sacrifice them, instead give them the jewel. They later encounter vampires and talking police dinosaurs. In the end the dad and the stegosaurus are cornered by all the people/aliens they met throughout the book. The dad remembers earlier in the story when the stegosaurus told him if two things from two different times touch each other two things would happen, one being that the universe might cease to exist. So he opened a small hole in time just big enough for him to grab the other bottle of milk from the past. He then threatened to touch the two different bottles of milk together, which distracted the aliens and allowed the talking space police dinosaurs to arrest them. When the dad gets back home with the milk he tries to explain why it took so long to his kids, who do not believe his stories. The dad does a great job at making an adventure out of something so boring and simple as getting milk for his kids for breakfast. That's the reason the book is named Fortunately, the Milk.



Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
Summary by Tyler Hofsommer

The book is a story about friendship, growing up, and different people's perspectives of nature. The book is based around characters such as Fern, Mrs. Arable, Mr. Arable, John, Mr. Zuckerman, Mrs. Zuckerman, Lurvy, Wilbur (the pig), Templeton (the rat), and Charlotte (the wonderful spider that changed Wilbur's life and opinion on spiders), all from the 1950's. One evening in spring, a bunch of pigs were born. Fern's dad was going to kill that one pig that was too weak to survive, until Fern thought it was so unfair she ran outside and convinced not only her mother and father into not killing the animal, but to care for it for a short period of time. Then they handed over the pig to Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman (and Lurvy, their assistant) to take care of the pig for his lifetime (which was going to be shorter than poor Wilbur thought). Wilbur got bored once and then asked lots of animals in the barn if they would be his friend to play with him. All of the animals said no and it hurt Wilbur's feelings so bad he cried himself almost to sleep when a voice said "Hello, I will be your friend in the morning." When Wilbur awoke the next morning he was ready to meet his brand new friend. That very same day Wilbur's perspective on spiders completely changed. The same week or so Wilbur was told about the myth that was going around like a regular myth that he was going to be turned into bacon and pork chops. Then Charlotte changed Wilbur's life. To save Wilbur, Charlotte wrote words that made people think Wilbur was "Some Pig". By the story being about friendship, I meant Charlotte and Wilbur because even when Charlotte wasn't there, she still motivated Wilbur his entire life. And by growing up, I meant how Wilbur, Charlotte, and Fern all went through serious difficulties through life. And lastly, by the story being about people's perspectives I was talking about how Fern could hear things almost everybody else couldn't and how Wilbur's perspective about spiders changed.



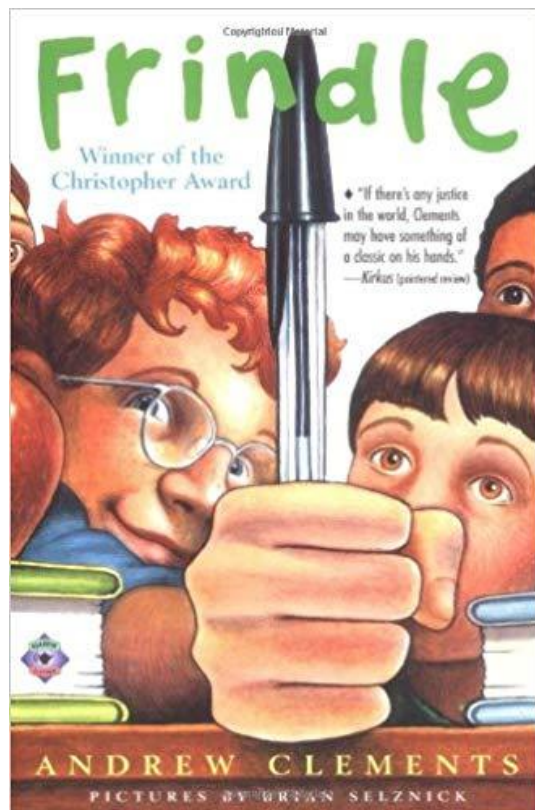
Scouts Summer Pick
Frindle by Andrew Clements
Summary by Tyler Hofsommer

Personal note from Tyler:

I would recommend this book to many MANY people. Frindle is one of my favorite books. My third grade class read it together and I read it again this summer. Frindle was two great lessons: stand for what you believe in and one person, girl, boy, or kid can make a big difference.

Summary:

Frindle is a story about friendship (Nick Allen's friends), growing up (how Nick Allen's word makes him wealthy over time), and how one kid makes a big difference. Nick Allen is the main character, along with Mrs. Granger, and Nick's parents. A "frindle" in the book is a pen. The word's origin comes from when Nick's friend Janet dropped a pen and instead of referring to the pen as a "pen" he referred to it as a "frindle". Nick told some of his friends about the word and they made a promise to never use the word pen again. Then and there the word began to spread. Mrs. Granger is Nick's fifth grade language arts teacher. Mrs. Granger loves the dictionary and is very strict when it comes to using a dictionary, for example: when instead of calling a pen a "pen" Nick and his friends started calling pens frindles, Mrs. Granger gave them detention. Eventually, The Westfield Gazette (their own town newspaper) heard of what was happening at Nick's school they got on the spot to just how far this "Frindle" thing was going. When the people of Westfield read the paper the town learned about Nick's new word. Then the nationwide news heard of the story and interviewed Nick at his house. The story spread around the country and then to the other countries of the world. Frindle became a worldwide word, a real word that people use. Then frindle merchandise hit the market and the word frindle made Nick rich. Nick's frindle word made him very wealthy and was the best idea he ever had.



Joliet Slammers Summer Event Recap

Pack 94 had enjoyed a great game at the Joliet Slammers overnight on August 3, 2019. The Joliet Slammers were victorious over the Schaumburg Boomers with a score of 3 to 2. The night was Pokémon Go Themed with Pokémon Characters both on and off the field. There were pictures with players and the opportunity to run the bases after the game! Pack 94 set-up tents in the infield and overall had fun running on the really soft "grass". We watched Disney's Incredibles 2 on the Big Screen while enjoying popcorn and marveled at the number of trains which pass by the stadium at night. A great time was had by all who attended!



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